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It Was a Great Party!

Congratulations to everyone and thank you for making ACT's 50th Anniversary Party on September 23, a wonderful event!

Thank you all for coming and enjoying!!



Thanks to our sponsors (you saw that very long list of generous folks on the program.) And thanks to the hosts, Harvey and Ellen Knell. (And to George Brumder for facilitating the location.)

Thanks to our great electeds: Headliner - Attorney General Rob Bonta, Congresswoman Judy Chu, State Senator Anthony Portantino, Assemblyman Chris Holden and Mayor Victor Gordo. Their words were much appreciated.

Thanks to those who put the event together: Chair - Fred Register; Spectacular Food and Drink Master and Decorations Stylist - Barbara Paul; Chief Fundraiser and List Maker - Bill Hackett; and Make Sure Nothing Falls Through the Cracks Specialist - Cheryl Brickey.

Thanks to the worker bees: Joanne Wendler at reception assisted by Denise Robb, Beth Gertmenian, and Sally Beer. Dan Sheehan at Bar with Bill, Jamie Simpson, Alec Lourenco, Barbara, and Felicia Rusnak. Barbara at Kitchen with Felicia, Beth Elder, Teresa Lamb-Simpson, Mona Field, Susan Kane, and Linda Centell. For Flower arrangements, Veronica Raymond and son Barry. Ann Hunnewell for signs. And Jon Fuhrman for assisting where needed, including setting up and breaking down Anthony's amp system.



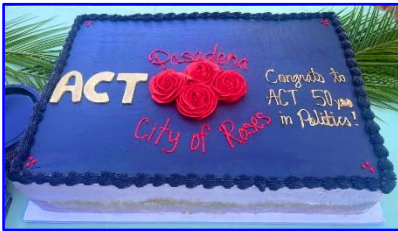
Thanks to the PCC Jazz musicians who delighted us all. Thanks also to our ACT Co-Chair MCs: Cheryl, George and Ann Marie Hickambottom. And to Kathy Patterson and the Arcadia High School Young Democrats who helped wherever they were needed

Thanks for Set up to Barbara, Cheryl, Fred, Joanne, Bill, Jon and Susan. And thanks for Take Down to Fred, Barbara, Jon, Susan, Felicia, Ed Washatka, Linda, Ann Marie, Mona and Tim Wendler.

And very special thanks to Mona for gathering up the leftover - but still delicious - food and then delivering it to the Catholic Worker community. (They were thrilled to receive it!)

Some very good news: Our party gross income was roughly \$58,000! Nice! We will be able to provide more detail in the November *Phoenix*.

So, let's do this again, but maybe after we have had a little rest!



P.S. Our deepest apologies go to any one whose name we have inadvertently left out. Your efforts were appreciated!



Kudos to Co-Chair George Brumder

ACT Co-Chair George Brumder was honored for his long service with the beautiful Arlington Gardens at their annual "Autumn in the Gardens" awards ceremony. The event was Sunday, October 8. More info at arlingtongardenpasadena.org.

Research Committee Calendar

Research Committee Co-Chairs Marilee Marshall and Tim Wendler have announced that the Research Committee will meet via Zoom for endorsement interviews for upcoming races. Dates are as follows:

October 28, Saturday, 8:30 a.m.: Congress – 30th CD

November 4, Saturday, 8:30 a.m.: State Senate – 25th SD; Assembly – 41st AD

Other races including Supervisor and District Attorney schedules to be determined.



Our Next Meeting – Thursday, Nov. 9



The next meeting of the ACT Steering Committee and the Pasadena Arroyo Democratic Club will be on Thursday, November 9 at the home of Marilee Marshall and Bruce Wright, 654 S. Madison Avenue, Pasadena. The program will be discussion and endorsements of the Research Committee report on their interviews for Congressional District 30, state Senate District 25 and Assembly District 41.

Socializing will begin at 7 p.m., with the program and meeting following at 7:30 p.m.

Cheryl Brickey will chair for ACT and Tim Wendler will chair for the Arroyo Democratic Club. All members are welcome and urged to join in.

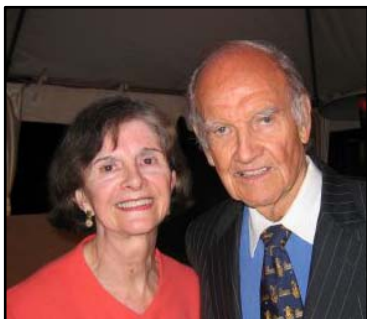


Coming Soon

We are still working on our redesign of our webpage. It will be on a new platform and have a new look! A new just about everything! (Don't worry, we are keeping the good stuff.) We will keep you informed.

Jeanne Register

We are deeply saddened by the death of our dear friend Jeanne Gleason Register on the evening of October 3 at age 86.



Jeanne with George McGovern in 2008

We remember Jeanne as bright, friendly and outgoing, and always compassionate. She was an ACT stalwart, serving as a Co-Chair (more than once) and often working on finding programs for our meetings. We agreed with her husband, Fred Register, when he referred to her as a “beautiful soul.”

Jeanne graduated from Wellesley College with a BA in History. She also earned an MA in Teaching from UMass Boston. She has lived in Altadena for many years, raising her three daughters and teaching history at Mayfield Senior School and heading the school for eleven years. After her retirement, she did the hard work of writing an engaging historical novel, *Acadian Passage*, inspired by her, and her mother’s Acadian ancestors.

Jeanne was an active volunteer and member of the Pasadena community, receiving the Lifetime Service Award from the National Women’s Political Caucus, Greater Pasadena on September 29, 2023.

We extend heartfelt sympathy to Fred and to daughters Delia, Vashti, and Alicia and family and friends. A memorial mass at St Elizabeth

Catholic Church, 1879 N. Lake Avenue, Altadena is scheduled for Saturday, October 28 at 1 p.m. After the services a reception will be held at Blinn House, 160 N. Oakland Avenue, in Pasadena.



Bravo, Jeanette Mann

The dedication of the new Dr. Jeanette Mann Resource Center will take place in the PCC G1 Patio on Wednesday, November 8 at 4 p.m. The Center will provide services and resources to students who are or were in foster care.

The Dedication Ceremony will be followed by a reception. This dedication is in recognition of Jeanette’s longtime work as true champion of and advocate for foster children. Congratulations, Jeanette!



Congrats, Monica

Congratulations to Monica Hubbard who is being honored by the Pasadena Village at its Vintage Celebration on Thursday, October 26 at 5:30 p.m. at the Shakespeare Club. Monica is a founding member of Pasadena Village, a community of older adults from the greater Pasadena area who want to age in place and have joined together to help each other navigate the challenges and opportunities of aging.



Learn more about Pasadena Village here:
www.pasadenavillage.org



Welcome Returning ACT Member:

Connie Woodhead, Pasadena



Political Notes

by Jon Fuhrman

Monday, October 12.

I don't usually write about the politics and diplomacy of the Middle East, or the intractable conflicts between Israel and the Palestinians; I don't really have any particular expertise in that area. But the horrific events of last weekend make it impossible not to. Events will likely overtake my comments, but I do want to offer a few thoughts that haven't been voiced much in media so far.

Everyone asserts that the Hamas invasion represents an historic failure of the Israeli intelligence agencies, much like what we experienced on 9/11. But I'm not sure this was as much a failure to pick up hints or signals of an oncoming operation as it was a failure of imagination. All the Israeli fortifications around the Gaza Strip were designed to prevent incursions by one or two or several terrorists, who would try to go under, around or climb over the barriers. No one – in the intelligence arena, the military, the media, the political arena, in Israel or here in the United States – considered it possible that instead of groups of one or two or a dozen that there would be well-organized groups in the hundreds, using bulldozers to batter down the barriers and pouring through using mopeds, motorcycles, old cars. It appears the assaults were the essence of low tech, attacking at multiple points with hundreds of combatants, but under cover of a high-tech missile bombardment of entirely unimagined breadth and ferocity.

My sense is that the military and intelligence establishment had an image of Hamas, of what they could do and how they could operate. They were seen as pesky gnats, but not really a threat to the homeland. They were suicide bombers, not invaders. They were not an army, not a respectable combat force. That perception led to staffing decisions and deployment decisions and strategy decisions that turned out to have been disastrously inappropriate.

Secondly, as a result of this perceived failure by the military and intelligence leadership, heads are likely to roll. Yet, it has been those very heads who have been the “adults in the room”, who have dissuaded Prime Minister Netanyahu from attacking Iran or indulging in other extreme actions. Without that steadying influence, the Israeli government might well launch operations that could dramatically inflame the region and make things enormously worse.

Third, along those lines, the primary aim of the Hamas terrorists seems not to have been to capture and hold Israeli territory, but rather simply to capture as many hostages, both military and civilian, as possible – old, young, men, women, children, anyone they could find. Hamas undoubtedly knows that the Israeli populace will demand retribution. But those hostages stand in the way. There will be enormous pressure for Israel to drive into the Gaza Strip, to seize control militarily, both to punish Hamas (and the population that shelters it) and to rescue those hostages. But it is likely a fool's errand. The hostages will be hidden away in tunnels and cellars and attics. It is like combing the island of Manhattan for 100 random people. Not only is the effort likely to fail, it will subject Israel to international condemnation for “invading” a territory that is not their own, the hostages notwithstanding. Further, the cost for both Israel and the Gazans will be staggering, with large numbers of military and civilian casualties and huge amounts

of property damage.

Then, as the rescue operation produces only pitiful results, with the likely death of multiple hostages, and as the international community begins to turn away from Israel, the Israeli government is left with increasingly less palatable choices – pull back, with few results to show in the war against Hamas, or to continue endlessly at a huge cost in human life, property, and the country's stature in the international community. Israel cannot be a permanent occupying force in a densely populated area, with well over 2 million residents, who for the most part will be hostile and defiant toward an occupying army. It is a recipe for disaster.

Yet the political pressure within Israel on any Israeli government will be enormous. The government has to be seen as doing something, somehow punishing Hamas for their barbarity, somehow getting the hostages back. Most observers expect the Israelis to form a national unity government, with Prime Minister Netanyahu bringing in leaders of the opposition to form a coalition government. That would

would free the Prime Minister from his dependence on some of the extremist elements now in his Cabinet. I hope that happens, but frankly I'm doubtful. So much of Netanyahu's core agenda depends upon the support of those extreme elements in the smaller parties that helped give him a majority in the Knesset. Without their votes, much of his domestic agenda (including the so-called "reform" of the Supreme Court) would simply disappear. I fear Netanyahu will try to go it alone, to tough it out with his existing government and continue to press his domestic "reform" agenda.

Lastly, the invasion has, at least for a while, squashed President Biden's efforts to find a

compromise whereby Saudi Arabia would recognize Israel, with Israel moderating its policies in the West Bank, and the US providing increased support to both Saudi Arabia and Israel, and with the Saudis significantly increasing oil production (which would reduce the cost of gas domestically – in time for the election – and also put the squeeze on Russia, which derives much of its discretionary income from oil and gas sales, US sanctions notwithstanding). Most observers see Iran as the biggest loser in such an accord, and hence there is considerable speculation (absent any actual evidence) that the timing of the Hamas attack was dictated by Iran with the explicit aim of disrupting these American diplomatic initia-

tives. That initiative, at least for now, is indeed on the back burner. It will be difficult for any Israeli government to soften its policies in the West Bank, even though the situation there is essentially entirely unrelated to that in Gaza. A truly courageous leader could do both – seek retribution in Gaza and simultaneously negotiate a long-term settlement in the West Bank that might empower Palestinians and provide security for both Israel and

the Palestinians. But leaders like that are in short supply.

Israel, however, is not the only place that seems to lack courageous leaders. Look at our own House of Representatives. The chaos is remarkable, something we've never seen before, certainly in the 60 years I've been paying attention to politics. I have no idea how it will get resolved. Of course, the most logical solution would be for 20 or 30 "moderate" or "centrist" GOP members to band together, agree to some sort of modest power-sharing agreement with the Democratic caucus, and form a bipartisan working coalition that could govern the House and move legislation through. I don't think the



Democrats would demand a lot – a leash on a couple of the most flagrant committee chairs (like Jim Jordan and James Comer) and an equal say on the Rules Committee. But the so-called moderates among the GOP caucus have just time after time caved to the will of the extremists among the caucus. They significantly outnumber the Matt Gaetz's in the caucus, but they refuse to flex their muscles.

Absent that, it may take a week or so for the caucus to find an acceptable choice, and my guess is that they will shy away from changing the rule under which Matt Gaetz brought the Motion to Vacate the Chair. Thus, the uncertainty will continue to hang over any future Speaker, and they will be caught between doing the bidding of the extreme elements of the party or finding a middle course and being condemned for working with the Democrats.

The odd thing is that, on the Continuing Resolution that was passed a few weeks ago, there were over 125 Republicans joining 210 Democrats; that's three-quarters of the House. One might think that those specific Congressmembers would be able to come together to run the House, rather than being held hostage by 8 far-right extremists. But then, what do I know about politics!

One good aspect of the horrific news from Israel is that it will put significant pressure on the GOP caucus to find a solution so that the House can get back to work. Also, there is increasing talk of combining aid to Ukraine into the legislation that would authorize additional aid to Israel. It would be politically difficult for many GOP members to oppose such a bill, the Ukrainian aid notwithstanding. So perhaps there's just a little bit of sunshine in this mostly cloudy forecast.

Finally, just a quick note on recent polling, in which the President and Democrats in general don't seem to be doing very well. My recommendation is to ignore the national polling. Look

at the election results, both the special elections in which Democrats have uniformly outperformed their 2022 numbers, and especially at the November election coming up in four weeks. Watch Kentucky, Virginia and Ohio. The most recent poll in Kentucky showed incumbent Democratic Governor Andy Beshear up by 15% over his GOP opponent. If a Democrat is ahead by 15% in bright red Kentucky, the national polling showing Trump even or ahead of Biden just can't be right. I'm as confident as ever that we're going to have a dramatic victory in November 2024.

~ Jon Fuhrman



Critical Postcarding Jobs!

Several States Have Very Important Elections in November



We have postcards ready to write to encourage likely Democrats to register to vote. We also have postcards to already registered Democrats urging/reminding them to vote.

We'll supply you with the postcards and addresses that you can get done before the October 30 mailing deadline.

Call or email us: Karen Rowinsky
karen@karenrowinsky.com - 626-483-1135

Katie Dempster

kdcjic@earthlink.net - 323-363-2602



Special Thanks to Sustaining Members

Greg Harrison & Nichole Mihara

Bill & Jill Hawkins

David & Jacqueline Jacobs

Gail Price

**From
25th District
State Senator
Anthony
Portantino**



Dear ACT Members,

I am very excited to report that after a five-year effort, the Governor has signed a bill to help more autistic children get the care they need. Governors Brown and Newsom had vetoed bills in the past due to significant opposition from insurance companies and the one provider that had a monopoly on the mandated coverage. Over the past two years, the Governor made his team available to work with my team and the advocates to find a path forward. Yesterday, we succeeded as the bill was signed. Countless children will get the help they need because of this effort. I was pleased that a leading autism expert living in South Pasadena brought the issue to my attention, and we were able to get it through the system.

The Governor also signed a bill to allow historic venues like the Rose Bowl and Hollywood Bowl to recapture some local sales tax dollars for capital improvements. Mayor Gordo championed the bill and it was signed into law yesterday, too! It will give venues struggling with the new economic model a lifeline through an additional revenue source.

Having the Governor sign SB 2 two weeks ago was also welcome news. SB 2 is California's response to the Supreme Court action on concealed weapons permits. I was honored to have authored the bill that was sponsored by the Attorney General and the Governor. It will make California safer by better defining who should and shouldn't get a permit to carry and it limits the places a permit holder can carry the gun. I was also pleased that the Governor signed a bill that

forces gun stores to take back weapons when a customer wants to get the gun out of the house. It also prohibits gun stores from offering raffles and giveaways to recruit new customers. I was pleased that the bill was partly inspired by local activists in Burbank. In all it was a good legislative year as I had 15 bills signed into law.

ACT lost a dear friend and amazing human being, Jeanne Register. I join with the ACT family in sending love and respect to Fred and Jeanne's family. My favorite "Jeanne" story occurred at the UDH well over 15 years ago when she mentored this young politician on an important, nuanced use of words and their impacts. Jeanne was helping to raise money by working at the merchandising booth at the HQ. I was making light conversation with her and began by saying something like – "It's nice to see you manning the merchandise table." Jeanne quickly pointed out that she was "staffing the table and not manning anything." She was polite but clear. It made an impression on me, as it should, and I have never made that insensitive mistake in nomenclature again.

God bless you, Jeanne!

Fondly,

~ Anthony

Senator Anthony Portantino represents California's 25th State Senate District, which stretches along the 210 Freeway from Sunland/Tujunga to Upland. He proudly represents the Rose Bowl, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Griffith Park, Warner Brothers, Disney, Caltech and the Claremont Colleges.



**From
41st District
Assemblymember
Chris Holden**



Dear ACT Friends,

We are already off to a productive start this month! The Legislature wrapped up session and in the last week of September, Governor Newsom flew to Los Angeles to sign my bill, Assembly Bill 1228, which raises the minimum wage to \$20 per hour for fast food workers in our State, making it the highest paid and first in the nation. We fought hard for this bill. Through months of lobbying, negotiations, amendments, and consistency, we managed to land on a deal that improves the quality of the industry and sets a new standard for workers. I am moved by the number of people whose lives will improve because of my legislation. Let us continue to fight and improve!

This summer's theme has been worker's justice. National headlines are buzzing with news about major industry strikes as workers in the healthcare, automotive, and entertainment businesses demand a more fair and sensible work standard.

As a leader, it is important to take what we pass in the Legislature and connect with those who work on the ground. That is why I spent my first week back in the district alongside Kaiser Permanente strikers and in the picket line with UAW workers. I believe in showing up for the people and with the people, and I will keep doing so until their conditions improve.

The Governor has until October 14th to either sign or veto the several bills that my team and I have gotten passed by both houses and sent off to his desk. I appreciate all of the support and hard work that went into getting my legislation to

this point and I look forward to keeping you up to date in the next Phoenix. Let's close out the year strong.

For updates on my administration follow my accounts at [@asmchrisholden](#) on Instagram and [@chrisholdennews](#) on Twitter.

Sincerely, ~ Chris R. Holden

Assemblyman Holden represents some 420,000 people in the foothills communities of Altadena, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Monrovia, Sierra Madre, San Dimas, La Verne, Claremont, and Upland.

He can be reached via his website at:

www.asm.ca.-gov/

[Holden](#) and fill out the form.



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UDH Oktoberfest '23

The Pasadena Area United Democratic Headquarters (UDH) **BIG Oktoberfest Fundraiser will be Sunday, October 22, 2-4 p.m.** It will again be at the Armenian Cultural Center, 740 E. Washington Blvd, Pasadena.

YOU are invited for a fun afternoon of community, beer, brats, and politics. Underwriters include the ACT, Congresswoman Judy Chu, Assemblyman Chris Holden, Steve Madison ...AND YOU?

Sponsor levels are \$1,000 (you and 6 tickets), \$500 (you and 4 tickets), \$250 (you and 3 tickets) and \$100 (you and 2 tickets). General admission is \$50 and student admission is \$35. And remember, your sponsor contribution will underwrite our 2024 Pasadena Area United Democratic Headquarters and all our 2024 activities. What better cause is there than that?

To sponsor or get tickets go to [https://secure-actblue.com/donate/oktober2023](https://secure.actblue.com/donate/oktober2023) OR mail your check to PO Box 92404, Pasadena, CA 91109. For info contact pasadenaudh@gmail.com.

See you on Sunday, October 22!!



My Two Cents

By Ron Garber



I thought long and hard about this month's column and the next three paragraphs are a rollercoaster ride, the first rising and 2nd & 3rd falling. The first paragraph should please everyone, but the 2nd & 3rd might cause some consternation for some.

Three very good friends of ACT/ADC & UDH are seeking higher office and I'm proud to say they have my personal endorsement. Adam Schiff will make a fine U.S. Senator, Anthony Portantino will represent us well in the House, and Chris Holden will make a fine addition to a County Board of Supervisors that will have transitioned over many decades to be a unanimous Democratic (big D) body. I'll proudly vote for Adam and Chris and lament that I can't vote for Anthony as I am not a resident of that Congressional District.

If Adam and Anthony succeed, the State of California and the Burbank Congressional District will remain in the Democratic column. Should they fail, it's my belief that the two victors will be Katie Porter and Laura Friedman, both outstanding Democrats who I suspect would cast their votes on the floor of their respective legislative bodies 99% of the time in the same manner as their opponents would have. Both are female and younger than their opponents which would give them more opportunity to build seniority - an important commodity in legislating. As mentioned, if Chris wins, the Supervisors will become 100% Democratic (again big D) but should he fail, the board would still be 80% Dems.

Where am I going with this? Next year's general election figures to be the closest contested race ever for the Presidency, Senate and the House

and it's not inconceivable (I know I used a double negative, but it fits) that the margin of representation in both houses of Congress could be just one Senator and one Representative. Because of California's wacky primary system, two of the 3 races mentioned above could end with two Democrats opposing each other in both the primary and general elections. As much as a quarter of billion dollars could be spent on 3 races that for all intents and purposes will not change the calculus that goes into the makeup of Congress and the direction of the County Board of Supervisors. There are a half dozen contested Congressional Districts in Southern California and two Senate Races in bordering states that are also up for grabs. If at least some of the funding and the time of volunteers that are slated for our 3 races were somehow more productively used for the close Senate and House races it could foretell a better outcome. Remember, you're not just voting for a Senator and a Representative, you're voting for a Speaker of the House and a Senate Majority Leader and everything that comes with that, like Women's reproductive rights, funding for Ukraine, and even democracy. I wish our friends well, but am more concerned with the bigger picture. Consider redirecting some of or all of your contributions, both financial and time.

~ Ron out



Letter from Virginia



September 24, 2023

Hi Jon and ACT members -

My daughter and I really enjoyed the celebration yesterday. Thank you and the rest of the team for all the work in putting on a great party. Such a beautiful venue (and with a new garden and pond!) and fine speakers. I was particularly touched when Attorney General Bonta thanked all the elected officials, pointing out how hard it is to be an elected official these days and how

much they are needed.

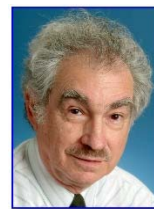
Thanks,

Virginia Kimball



Book Review

By Robert V. Frampton



“Blowback: A Warning to Save Democracy from the Next Trump”
by Miles Taylor.

”Project 2025 – Mandate for Leadership: The Conservative Promise”,
Report by the Heritage Foundation.

In previous reviews, I have reported on five perspectives of the disfunction and chaos in the Trump administration, particularly with respect to Ukraine and the resulting impeachment: (1) by Colonel Alexander Vindman, who was Trump’s NSC director for Russia, Ukraine and Belarus; (2) by Dr. Fiona Hill, who served as Vindman’s boss in the NSC, in her memoir *There is Nothing for You Here*; (3) the view-from-Ukraine perspective of Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch in her memoir *Lessons from the Edge*; (4) by Rep Adam Schiff, from the perspective of the House of Representatives’ impeachment investigation, in *Midnight in Washington*; (5) by Bob Woodward and Robert Costa’s *Peril*, covering the first impeachment trial, Trump’s meetings with the North Korean president, but most importantly, the advent of Covid-19 and Trump’s ordeal in dealing with the pandemic.

In Miles Taylor’s memoir, we follow this discombobulation from the perspective of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Taylor was first recruited into the DHS department by DHS Secretary (and later White House Chief of

Staff) retired General John F. Kelly, to serve as Kelly's senior advisor in DHS. In 2018, Taylor wrote an op-ed piece in *The New York Times* under the pen-name "Anonymous" that was entitled, "I Am Part of the Resistance Inside the Trump Administration", which drew widespread attention for its criticism of Trump.

Taylor's book covers the string of firings of Cabinet Secretaries and other officials by Trump: Comey from FBI, Dan Coates from NSC, Sessions from Justice, Mattis from Defense, Tillerson from State, General Kelly from Chief of Staff, and later Kirstjen Nielsen from DHS, and finally the day after the election, Mike Esper from Defense. Trump churned through a succession of acting secretaries and deputy secretaries, "since he knew they would be more compliant than those confirmed by the Senate". In fact, Trump's office of personnel developed elaborate schemes for rotating people between top positions in order to avoid congressional authorization, while still technically complying with federal vacancy laws. Taylor quotes Alexander Hamilton, from the Federalist Papers: "The true test of a good government is its aptitude and tendency to produce a good administration". However, Taylor says, "Donald Trump thoroughly dismantled this guardrail [of Hamilton]. He systematically sidelined or eliminated anyone who objected to his agenda or sought to restrain his impulses. By the end of four years, only the sycophants remained."

Taylor writes in his Preface: "Many people who were close to Trump have shared with me, almost unanimously, their belief that the return of Trumpism will be more volatile than its initial rise, which is why we must act without delay. ... As I write this, MAGA operatives are working in Washington to transform their hostile takeover of the Republican Party into sustained multi-decade control over the levers of government." Taylor is referring to, among others, the Heritage Foundation and their Project 2025. The Heritage

Foundation's 920-page plan, *Mandate for Leadership*, has 30 chapters, and will be presented to the next Trump Administration (or another Republican president if Trump is not nominated.) According to the AP, "The idea of Project 2025 is to have the civic infrastructure in place on Day One [January 20, 2025] for the next Republican administration to commandeer, reshape and do away with what Republicans deride as the 'deep state' bureaucracy, in part by firing as many as 50,000 federal workers". The full text of this Project 2025 Report may be downloaded at:

https://thf_media.s3.amazonaws.com/project-2025/2025_MandateForLeadership_FULL.pdf

The Preface of this Heritage Foundation report presents the classical "Us-versus-Them" message. For example, on page 20, it draws the contrast of how it views the two competing political philosophies: "As we approach our nation's 250th anniversary [2026], which will take place during the next presidency, America is now divided between two opposing forces: woke revolutionaries, and those who believe in the ideals of the American revolution. The former believe that America is—and always has been— 'systemically racist' and that it is not worth celebrating and must be fundamentally transformed, largely through a centralized administrative state. The latter believe in America's history and heroes, its principles and promise, and in everyday Americans and the American way of life. They believe in the Constitution and republican government. Conservatives—the Americanists in this battle—must fight for the soul of America, which is very much at stake."

~ Robert V Frampton

Next Month: *The Russo-Ukrainian War: The Return of History*, by Serhii Plokhyy, who is native Ukrainian and Director of the Ukrainian Research Institute at Harvard University. He is author of *The Gates of Europe: A History of Ukraine*. This book covers the period from the

invasion of Crimea in Feb 2014 and the invasion of Ukraine in Feb 2022 through Feb 2023. The reference to “The Return of History” is a negation of the thesis of Francis Fukuyama’s essay, *The End of History*, namely, that, with the ascendancy of Western liberal democracy—which occurred after the Cold War (1945–1991) and the dissolution of the Soviet Union (1991)—humanity has reached “not just ... the passing of a particular period of post-war history, but the *end of history* as such: that is, the end-point of mankind’s ideological evolution and the universalization of Western liberal democracy as the final form of human government.” A New World Order. Needless to say, the Russian invasion of Ukraine has shown that this idealization of the triumph of liberal democracy was both naïve and an illusion.



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Trump's Plan To Rule as a King

Brynn Tannehill, The New Republic.

If Donald Trump returns to the White House in 2024, said Brynn Tannehill, he plans to become an “elected king who has authority over everything but can be prosecuted for nothing.” This is not just speculation: His advisers have revealed detailed plans for basing a second Trump administration on the “unitary executive theory,” a radical, right-wing strategy to vastly expand the power of the presidency. First, Trump would seize control of the Department of Justice and FBI — which would no longer operate “independently” — and fire everyone involved in prosecuting him. He’d then order prosecutors to go after his enemies. Trump’s aides are planning to reclassify and fire 50,000 career civil servants, so they can be replaced with MAGA loyalists and religious crusaders who will block or limit access to abortion, abortion pills, contraception, and gender transitions. He will also end aid to Ukraine and withdraw the U.S. from NATO. ... “We collectively cannot grasp how bad a second term will be.”



Jack Scott Building Dedicated

The PCC Board of Trustees approved the renaming of the “C” Building at Pasadena City College as the Jack Scott Building in honor of Dr. Jack Scott for his service, advocacy and legacy at PCC and in education. Scott was PCC Superintendent-President from 1987-1995; State Assemblyman, 1996-2000; State Senator, 2000-2008; and Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, 2008-2012. And he was and is an ACT member!

The dedication ceremony was held in front of the Jack Scott Building at the PCC mirror pools on October 12. Congratulations, Jack!



Calendar

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- October 28 Saturday 8:30 a.m. Research Committee interviews 30th CD candidates via Zoom.
- November 4 Saturday 8:30 a.m. Research Committee interviews 25th SD and 41st AD candidates via Zoom.
- November 9 Thursday 7 p.m. ACT Steering/ADC Meeting at the home of Marilee Marshall & Bruce Wright, 654 S. Madison Ave., Pasa. 7 p.m. for socializing; meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.



November *Phoenix* Deadline

The deadline for copy for the November *Phoenix* will be Monday, November 13. Send items for publication to Chuck at hains27@sbcglobal.net and Sally at sally.beer125@gmail.com. (Chuck will continue to contact regular contributors with a deadline reminder.)



Have you moved recently?

You can update your voter registration information by re-registering online at LA-VOTE.GOV or calling (800) 815-2666, option 2.



Your Photo in *The Phoenix*

Please share a photo (of you) at an interesting place – whether near or far - with *Phoenix* readers. Send it to Chuck at hains27@sbcglobal.net for inclusion in an upcoming issue.



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ACT and ADC Membership Dues for 2023

Have you renewed your membership for 2023?? Dues categories are listed below. Note that you can join both ACT and ADC at bargain rates. If you have yet to renew, please send your check with the form below or renew online at our website. (Many thanks to those generous members who have paid up. We love you!)



Please contact Executive Director Jon Fuhrman if you have any questions about your membership at jon_fuhrman@outlook.com or 626 864-5255.

I'd like to join both groups for one low price! (Checks payable to ACT/ADC)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$40 Single | <input type="checkbox"/> \$70 Single Sustaining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Each additional member per household | <input type="checkbox"/> \$90 Double Sustaining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Student or limited income | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150 Patron |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> \$275 Benefactor |

I'd like to join ACT (Checks payable to ACT)

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Single | <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Single Sustaining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Each additional member per household | <input type="checkbox"/> \$85 Double Sustaining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Student or limited income | <input type="checkbox"/> \$125 Patron |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Gift Membership (NEW!) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$275 Benefactor |

I'd like to join the Arroyo Democratic Club (Checks payable to ADC)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Single | <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Single Sustaining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Each additional member per household | <input type="checkbox"/> \$85 Double Sustaining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Student or limited income | <input type="checkbox"/> \$125 Patron |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> \$275 Benefactor |

Extra Contribution

- \$ _____ Political Account (for endorsed candidates and issues)
- \$ _____ Operating Account (for organizational costs) \$ _____ **Total enclosed**

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Information you provide will be available to other members and endorsed candidates upon request.