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Election Reflections

by John Mancini, Executive Director



It is pretty much impossible to write this *Update* without referencing either the pandemic or the national elections. Both have affected us as Americans, and the pandemic has hobbled our motherland Italy.

Within the Italic Institute we share differing opinions on the election results and what the future holds for us as Italic people and Euro-Americans. For my part, I'm not optimistic, as I have written in previous *Updates* and in my weekly blogs.

Despite a public appeal by our Senior Analyst Rosario Iaconis to President-elect Biden to protect the federal Columbus Day holiday, I believe Columbus Day will be sacrificed by Biden and Speaker Pelosi to keep their revolutionary left wing at bay. It's what is termed "low-hanging fruit"—easily sacrificed.

On the bright side, I believe the Biden victory spared the country post-election anarchy in the streets. Proof of that came when the plywood was removed on countless storefronts in city centers around the country as soon as the media projected a Biden/Harris victory. Clearly, there was not a fear of disgruntled Trump supporters.

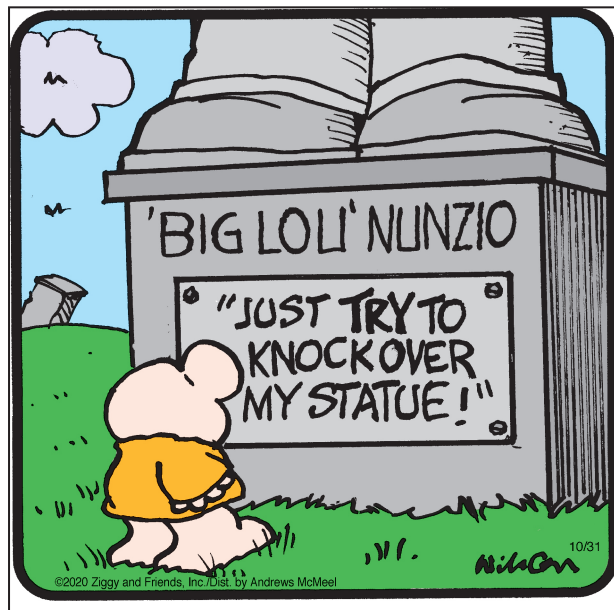
Speaking of Trump, I believe his loss was the result of personal animosity toward him by millions of Euro-Americans who otherwise shared his traditionalism. "Anyone but Trump!" did more to destroy his chance for reelection than unvetted mail-in ballots or sloppy

vote counting. Of course, the media fueled that hatred, as did Trump's egotism. I did a quick poll of my circle of friends and family to arrive at this conclusion. Hate is a strong motivation. Many voters just could not get past his personality and reluctantly voted for Biden. Will there be regrets? We'll see.

Things to Come

Our hopes and dreams are now on a "moderate" Democratic presidency, but we are realistic enough to know that our traditional Euro-centric educational system and cultural values will be on the chopping block. They have been so for the past few years. The "woke" culture will have even more power under the Democrats. The mandatory *Critical Race Theory* classes that

Trump banned from federal agencies will, no doubt, be restored under Biden. His "White Guilt" leftists will continue to blame Western Civilization for all the country's ills, and Biden has promised to study reparations for African Americans and lift Trump's Muslim ban. He has stated that helping the 11 - 20 million illegals will be his top priority in the first 100 days. He has already chosen a rainbow of cabinet members, including a Jewish Cuban-American director of Homeland Security who promises more open borders. Identity politics will subject more corporate boards and institutions to racial quotas.



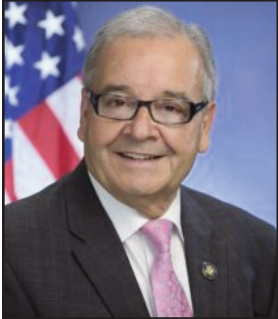
In light of the wholesale trashing of Columbus and America's heroes, this cartoon may be more flattering than insulting.

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In short, the mechanism will be in place for an accelerated growth and empowerment of the non-Euro population. But, be assured that the White elitists who are engineering this historic conversion will still be at the top of the heap. They will be pulling the strings from their ivory towers.

Outstanding Service

There are many unique people among our Italic Institute associates. They distinguish themselves by their unwavering attachment to the Italian legacy and a lifetime of contributions in preserving and promoting it. One such person is Anthony D'Urso of Long Island, NY.



As a husband, father, and grandfather, he epitomizes the Italic family values of piety, sacrifice, and industry. He came to America as an immigrant, studied architecture, made a career in NYC government, and after retirement served as an elected member of the NYS Assembly. On his

off-time he journeyed to Africa, Haiti, and Central America to volunteer his skills and finances to build homes for Habitat for Humanity.

One of Tony's singular accomplishments was done under the auspices of the Sons of Italy's Cellini Lodge in New Hyde Park, NY. Inspired by his membership in our Italic Institute and our first gala in 1988 at the Waldorf Astoria, themed "Explorers Day," Tony persuaded the brothers and sisters of Cellini to fund a monument to the four greatest Italian explorers. The lodge joined in wholeheartedly and that monument stands at Village Hall in New Hyde Park. It is, no doubt, the only "Columbus" monument that also celebrates John Cabot, Amerigo Vespucci, and Giovanni da Verrazzano — *Team America*, as we call them.



Tony's contributions to the Italic Institute included securing grants for our early *Aurora Youth Program* and assisting us in our quest to restore *La Casa Italiana* at Columbia — an impossible task, as we now know.



It was a great honor for Institute co-founder John Mancini and Institute Governor George Ricci to meet with Tony D'Urso last month to present him with our *Italic Vanguard Medal*.

He has few equals.

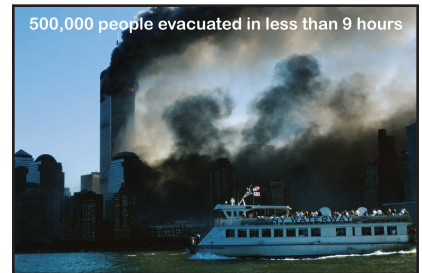
In Memoriam



The recent passing of entrepreneur Arthur Imperatore, 95, of New Jersey, was not national news, even though his life touched on two major events in America's story.

Imperatore was one of ten children who achieved the American dream with a trucking company he started with four of his brothers in 1947. Transportation was his specialty. In 1981, he purchased a 2-mile stretch of the Hudson River shoreline across from Manhattan, envisioning a mini-city "*in the Greco-Roman tradition*," naming it Port Imperial. It became a maritime commuter hub when he created a fleet of ferries called NY Waterway. Before the pandemic it carried 30,000 commuters per day.

When the destruction of the Twin Towers wreaked havoc on Manhattan on 9/11, it was NY Waterways that ferried half a million traumatized people from lower Manhattan in less than nine hours. In January 2009, it was NY Waterway ferries that sped



to the rescue of 155 survivors of the U.S. Airways jet that had crash-landed in the frigid Hudson River.



The first ferry on the scene was captained

by Brittany Catanzaro (pictured here). She was hailed as a hero for piloting her ferry as the downed plane was pulled downstream by the river current.

Brittany was the first female captain hired by Imperatore. Clearly, more good judgement.



Italy on Our Mind

Our ancestral homeland has been devastated by the China Virus with over 52,000 deaths, almost half in the Lombardy Region. It was where the virus first broke out in Europe due to that region's strong commercial links with China and the high number of immigrant Chinese residing there.

Adding to the plague is a recurring insult by Chinese Communists claiming that the virus began in Italy, not in Wuhan, China. Early on, the Chinese blamed Italian military participants in China's 2019 international military games. Now, with the news that Italian researchers have discovered Covid antibodies in blood samples of Italian cancer patients dating to October, 2019, the Communists are reasserting the accusation. Their inscrutable logic doesn't allow for the proven and more believable Asian origin.

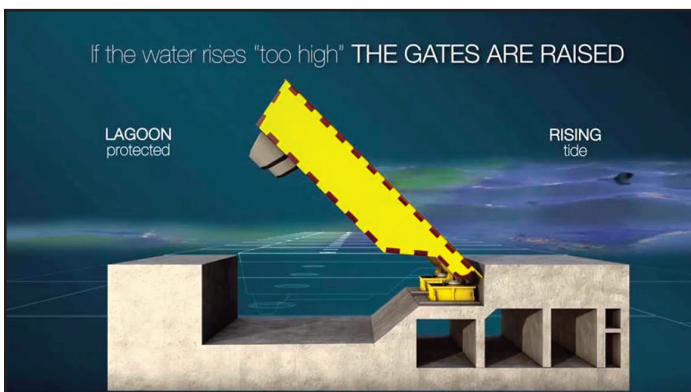
Red China has done irreparable damage to Italy, its population and economy, the question is will Italians wake up to the reality that reliance on China is a deadly embrace?

Problem Solved?



The flooding of Venice has been an annual disaster and the cure, known as the MOSE` Project has been a national embarrassment since it was conceived in 2003. Finally, on October 3rd this year all 78 floodgates were tested during an emergency high tide.

"There wasn't even a puddle in St. Mark's Square," according to one official. The system will be officially complete in late 2021, but the successful test was a credit to Italian engineering.



Instant Bridge

The 2018 collapse of the Morandi Bridge in Genoa killed 43 people and was blamed on poor maintenance

over the years by a private contractor. But in only 15 months, a new bridge was designed, engineered, and built



by Italians. The 3,500 ft span of reinforced concrete (originally an Italian invention) will be constantly monitored by four robots that will inspect the lower surface of the bridge as well as clean windproof barriers and solar panels. It was designed to stand for one thousand years - a Roman yardstick!

A Chef's Story

Lidia Matticchio Bastianich was the subject of one of Dr. Louis Gates's PBS series *Finding Your Roots*.

The queen of Italian cuisine traced her roots to the Istrian Peninsula in Italy's northeast to the city of Pola, near Trieste. Her family was forced to flee at the end of World War II as the Allies turned the region over to Yugoslav Communists.



The peninsula was settled by the Romans two thousand years ago but only returned to Italy after the First World War. Its inhabitants were of mixed ethnic groups, mainly Slavic and Italic. Fleeing was the only option for Lidia's family, as the Slavic Communists murdered thousands of Italians in their quest to repopulate the area.

Ironically, Dr. Gates found that Lidia's roots were actually Slavic and her surname Matticchio was originally Motika — the Fascists had italianized it. When her DNA was analysed, she found that she was 29% Italic and 69% Slavic.

This only goes to prove that Italian cuisine is stronger than DNA. Lidia is a credit to our people.

Are Ferrets the Key to Covid Defense?

Two young doctors may have stumbled on a long-term solution to preventing the spread of corona viruses.

Dr. Anne Moscona and Dr. Matteo Porotto (below) are specialists in "fusion inhibitor peptides" that block the transmission of measles, Nipah (in south Asia), parainfluenza, and other viruses. But vaccines for these diseases have lessened the need for inhibitors.

What they have now developed is a nasal spray which inhibits the spread of Convid in, of all lab animals, ferrets. Although the animal trials were limited, they proved the spray 100% effective. Moreover, it is non-toxic and stable at normal temperatures.



The two doctors have applied for a patent and have asked Columbia University to seek funding through President Trump's *Operation Warp Speed* to further study the inhibitor.

Ferrets are used by researchers to study flu, SARS, and other respiratory diseases because they can catch the virus through the nose, like humans. Says Moscona, "*If it works well in humans, you could sleep in a bed with someone infected or be with your infected kids and still be safe.*"

Hate Crime Inquiry Snubbed

Was the execution-style murder of Paul and Lidia Marino in a Delaware cemetery on May 8th a "hate crime"? The shooter, an African American, was killed by State Police on the scene. Neither robbery nor personal vendetta was a motive.

Delaware State Police rejected our request for a classification of the crime, as did the state's Statistical Analysis Center.

There is apparently no rush to judgement for Black-on-White crimes.



An Appeal

Our aging website needs to be re-designed from the ground up, to comply with new web protocol requirements for security and layouts to fit narrow phones & tablets.

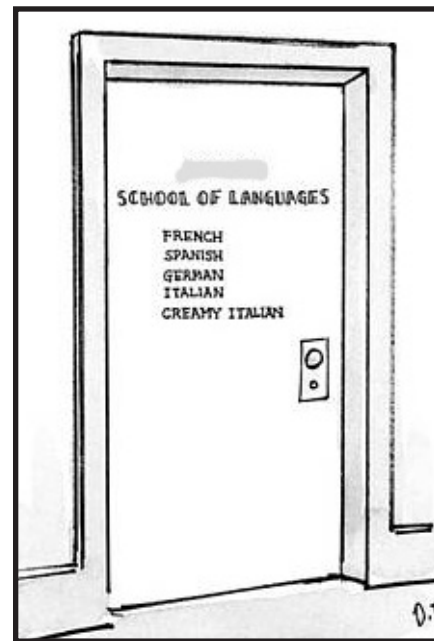
The cost will exceed our operating budget by \$2,000.

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And What of the Italian Advanced Placement Test?



The already shaky Italian AP test will itself be tested by the pandemic.

How many students will opt-in this spring?

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