

18th Annual Stonewall Black & White Ball

LAKE WORTH - Fifty years ago this month, a rock was thrown at oppression, and the modern LGBTQ Civil Rights Movement was born. To celebrate the momentous anniversary, Compass Community Center will hold its 18th Annual Stonewall Black and White Ball on June 22, at the Harriet Himmel Theater in Downtown West Palm Beach.

The 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising is being met with increased fanfare and adulation all across the nation (June was designated Pride Month in the USA to mark the uprising), and the Stonewall Ball will be no different. TLC's Randy Fenoli, star of "Say Yes to the Dress" will be hosting the event's VIP Awards Reception which starts at 7pm. The VIP Awards Reception will feature the yearly award ceremony honoring Michael Brown Faces of the Community Award recipient Pete Stewart, and Compass Leadership Award recipient retired County Commissioner Paulette Burdick. In addition there will be an open bar, hors d'oeuvres, live en-



Members of the staff at Compass accept the proclamation declaring June 27, 2019 as National HIV Testing Day in the City of Lake Worth Beach.

tertainment sponsored by Celebrity Cruise, a silent auction, music by D.J. Supreme, and performances by Miss Palm Beach Pride 2019, Kataleya Davenport Dupree, Miss Palm Beach Pride 2018, Rianna Petrone, Miss Palm Beach Pride 2016, Velvet Lenore, and The First Lady of the Palm Beaches, Melissa St. John.

This special night benefits Compass Community Center, and celebrates the important contributions of this year's honorees who dedicate themselves to empowering the lesbian, gay,

bisexual, transgender and queer/questioning (LGBTQ) community. Every year, the Ball raises funds for Compass' fundamental programs and services, including the youth and HIV/AIDS services.

"The LGBTQ community has been fighting for equal rights for 50 years," states Compass' Executive Director Julie Seaver. "It has taken half a century to get as far as we have, but we're nowhere close to where we need to be. There will never be a day where we wake up and, suddenly, it will be okay to express

ourselves in who we are. We can only accomplish this when we honor who we are-day by day-and by being visible and showing up at momentous celebrations such as Pride and Stonewall Ball."

The VIP reception begins at 7 p.m. and ushers in the dance party portion of the evening which starts at 9 p.m.

"Last year people had an experience they haven't had at this event before!" says Julia Murphy, Compass' Chief Development Officer. "It isn't every year

good for abortion is good for American business. They seem to consider abortion a crucial component of GDP just like personal consumption, business investment, government spending and net exports.

They argue that "equality in the workplace" is an important business issue, and it is impossible to achieve without unrestricted access to abortion. Any restriction "threatens the health, independence and economic stability of our employees and customers."

The idea that abortion is necessary for the health of women is one of the most misleading pro-abortion cliches. Comprehensive data from Florida last year shows that only a small percentage involve a threat to the mother's life or health, and pro-life laws account for such cases -- even the sweeping Alabama law has a health exception.

The contention that restrictions put "the economy at risk" is nonsensical. Are we supposed to believe that the reduction of the abortion rate in the U.S. from its high in 1980 of 29.3 abortions per 1,000 women of childbearing age to its post-Roe v. Wade low of 14.6 as of 2014 has been a calamity for corporate America?

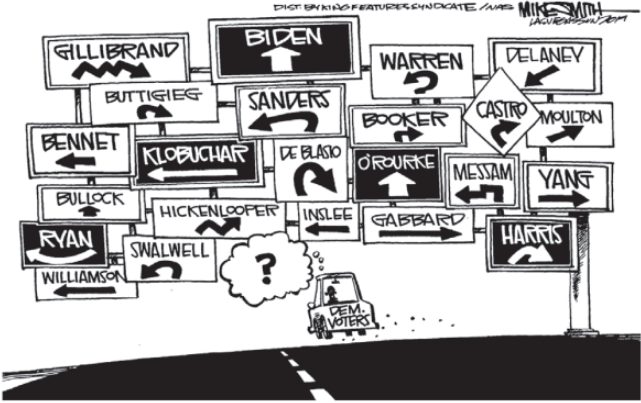
By this standard, Utah must be a terrible place to do business since its abortion rate is so low, and the District of Columbia an enticing place to do business since its abortion rate is so high. (To the contrary, Forbes ranks Utah as the second-best state for business in the country.)

The implication is that these CEOs prefer that their employees and customers not become mothers, or if they are mothers, not have more children. It apparently hasn't occurred to them that unborn children will grow up to buy their products or perhaps work for their firms one day.

The CEO ad is another sign that the debate over abortion has entered a new phase. It isn't enough anymore to say that abortion should be safe, legal and rare, the old Bill Clinton formulation, because that implies a moral disapproval. Now, abortion is a positive good.

Pro-life laws will have to prevail against this inflamed pro-abortion sentiment -- and the swath of big business that shares it.

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CEOs for Abortion

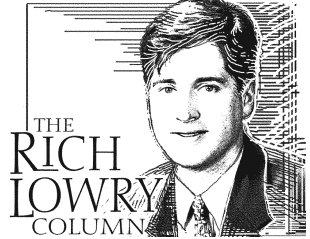
Clarity of thought and expression about moral issues is not a core competency of CEOs.

If anyone had any doubt, look no further than the "historic" pro-abortion statement by nearly 200 CEOs that ran in a full-page ad in The New York Times. It is a festival of absurdity and euphemism, an exercise in perverse virtue-signaling to a progressive audience that believes that maintaining one of the most permissive pro-abortion regimes in the developed world is a virtue.

The CEOs define abortion as "equality" ("Don't Ban Equality") and, of course, refer to it as "comprehensive reproductive care," the ubiquitous phrase that has the advantage of sounding like the opposite of what it's describing.

The CEOs contend that abortion is central to their businesses, which might be true if all of their companies had the same business model as Planned Parenthood. But Bloomberg L.P., Amalgamated Bank and H&M, to name three of the companies whose CEOs signed the ad, are hardly dependent on abortion to thrive.

The old saw was, "What's good for General Motors is good for America." Now, according to top CEOs, what's



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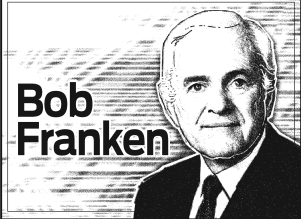
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The Game Show

Let's play "Jeopardy," where the answers are questions. If Alex Trebek were to ask contestants to specify "A glaring contrast between Queen Elizabeth II and President Donald Trump," the correct response would be "What are class and crass?"



Of course, there are other differences between the two. The player says, "I'll take 'Liz and Don' for \$400!" Alex would read, "The one who served in the military." The winning answer-question would be "Who is the Queen of England?" Certainly it's not the president of the United States.

As we all know, Trump's rich daddy got a podiatrist to write up a diagnosis of bone spurs for his son, real or imagined, which meant that he got to avoid the draft. The queen, then princess, who had a rich daddy herself, begged and pleaded until he allowed her to enlist in England's uniformed Auxiliary Territorial Service during World War II. She served as a mechanic and truck driver.

We'll never know if that thought crossed her royal mind as she sat beside the president during ceremonies marking the 75th anniversary of D-Day. He certainly was on his best behavior and did nothing that would have turned the solemn commemoration from D-Day into T-Day.

In fact, he was relatively subdued during his entire visit to London -- a state visit complete with all the pomp and ceremony that the Brits do better than anyone. Trump, as we well know, loves pomp and ceremony. Now that he's witnessed the spectacle that greeted him in London, do not be at all surprised if Commander in Chief Trump returns to the U.S. and insists on the creation of an elite unit, whose uniforms include the big bearskin hats that the Coldstream Guards wear.

Oh sure, there were demonstrations too, complete with that fat-baby balloon, but he didn't seem to notice. He also didn't seem to notice those subtle digs from Queen Elizabeth and Prime Minister Theresa May.

Addressing Trump at her state banquet in Buckingham Palace, the queen, in her oh-so-proper way, cited the two nations' postwar cooperation in creating "an assembly of international institutions." Since President Trump has trashed those very same institutions, like NATO, put that down as a sneer on the usual royal stiff upper lip.

Meanwhile, outgoing Prime Minister May gave the American leader Winston Churchill's own draft of the 1941 Atlantic Charter. That document years later became an underlying argument for the United Nations, another body that Donald Trump regularly disparages. So that was more snark -- deftly administered, of course. It's likely that it was so deft that POTUS didn't even notice, but his political enemies back home could take some lessons in nuanced put-downs from those two. Perhaps it's their British accent.

Whatever the national style, both countries are flirting with economic disaster. The U.K. has Brexit, negotiations over the bitterly contested divorce from the European Union, which is the manifestation of a harsh swing to the right. The U.S. has the prospect of tariffs, used as a weapon that does great harm to both the target nation and the one pulling the trigger.

Back to our game show: If Alex Trebek's clue is "It's the future of both the U.S. and U.K.," the correct question is "What is in serious jeopardy?"

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