

**Editorial Viewpoint**

## The 'Fakelaki' Must Go.

Andreas experienced pain in his legs that morning and his family drove him to the nearest hospital in Athens to be examined. It appeared that the problem was an accumulation of fluid due to a heart condition, which, treated on time by removing the fluid, the patient can go home in no time ago. This is what should've happened in Andreas's case but for some reason it didn't. Was it the absence of the traditional 'fakelaki' which changes hands between patent and

treating physician or any other cause will never be known. In a couple of hours, without this life-saving procedure, Andreas lay dead and his family left with many unanswered questions as to why Andreas had to die when treatment should've been available.

Maybe the Government should look into this 'fakelaki' practice and disallow it so every patient could have an equal opportunity at treatment, rich or poor.

### Money, a Form of Energy: It's the Nature of the Beast

The majority of people think that what the most powerful people on this planet want is to make more money. This is not so. This very powerful elite is not about making more money, it's about control. Once they get the control they can have anything they want including money. Money is just one form of energy which can be used to bring about the desired amount of control. It goes like this: Control desired - Use money or any other energy such as a powerful position or contacts to precipitate certain conditions which will allow you to enforce and get people to accept certain controls You get the desired controls. You can then have anything you want. As an example, there may be many rich people in the kingdom but the King controls everything and can therefore have anything he wants. He does not care about money per say. His main concern is to maintain his kingship. And a more updated example:

The Greeks never had real estate taxation of their residences. People in Greece feel that they truly own their homes. A Greek's house is truly his castle. When people there walk by a house and say, "Hey, this is the Papagianopoulos residence" it has a true meaning to it. It is truly owned by the Papagianopoulos as it has

been owned by them for generations. It is no wonder Greece is the birthplace of Democracy, and subsequently individual freedom.

How do you get the people of Greece who invented freedom and democracy to give up total ownership of their homes? Well, you precipitate a severe crisis and get them to believe it is all their fault so they can eventually agree to anything. It is the Greeks' fault for not educating themselves as free people. It is the Greeks' fault for not watching and keeping their politicians accountable, but it is not the Greeks' fault that the political elite with the help of international bankers (shocker) put the country in debt without the approval of its people. So after five years of deep financial crisis you get the people of Greece to accept (without protest, mind you) taxation on their own homes for the first time ever. Something the Turks could not impose even after 400 years of occupation! Owning your own residence and never having to pay taxes on it is very liberating and it gives one a sense of security. If you want to control people, the last thing you want, is for them to feel secure in what they have. So a primary goal in achieving control over the people is to make sure they never really own anything. (Continued page 17)

### A Treasure Trove from the Period of Alexander the Great Found in Israel

Explorers of caves in Israel discovered a small treasure of coins and jewelry of the era of Alexander the Great which, as archaeologists believe, probably had been hidden there by people displaced by a war. The treasure, aged 2,300 years old, is the first of its kind found in Israel and dates back to the period of Alexander the Great, said Aitan Klein, of the Israeli Antiquities Authority.

Just last month, divers had found off the coast of Israel an even greater treasure, consisting of about 2,000 gold coins of the 11th century. Archaeologists hope this finding

will shed some light on the living conditions prevailing at that time in the region. In the cave, in the region of Galilee, the explorers found nestled in a narrow crevice two silver coins of the era of Alexander the great and various silver jewelry such as rings, bracelets and earrings.

"These precious items could've been hidden in the cave by residents who tried to escape during a turmoil as a result of the death of Alexander the great. Probably they were put in this hideout waiting for better days to come," said the Department in its communication.

### John Catsimatidis is Mystery Man Behind Daily News Sale

By Keith J. Kelly \_ Catsimatidis, a 66-year-old billionaire, confirmed to The Post that he has been negotiating with Zuckerman for about a month. The talks have been "complicated" but ongoing, Catsimatidis added. And he said he may not be the only one talking.

"There might be two or three. Dolan's probably looking," Catsimatidis said, referring to Cablevision boss James Dolan. Page Six reported Monday that Dolan has bankers preparing a bid.

When news of the talks was about to leak last week, Zuckerman quickly issued a memo to the stunned staff of the teetering tabloid announcing — apparently well after the fact — that an unidentified suitor for the paper had stepped forward and that he had hired Lazard to scout out other potential buyers. Since the Feb. 26 memo, several other rival bidders have stepped forward to sign nondisclosure agreements. There is no guarantee the Catsimatidis talks — or the interest from a handful of parties who signed nondisclosure pacts — will result in a sale.

Catsimatidis owns Manhattan's Gristedes supermarkets and was a Republican mayoral hopeful in 2013. He is also a big advertiser in newspapers. In addition to Catsimatidis, who also owns real estate firm Red Apple, Zuckerman has been sounding out other billionaires — mostly in the New York City metropolitan area — with net worths north of \$5 billion, sources said. Catsimatidis said he also would not rule out teaming up with another suitor: "We're business people — we look at things and see what works."

Zuckerman, 77, apparently buoyed by the \$250 million price Jeff Bezos paid for the Washington Post in 2013, is optimistically hoping to fetch \$200 million for his money-losing, circulation-challenged daily. At that price, Zuckerman would recover the \$120 million he sank into his printing plant — plus years of losses. Most industry observers said Zuckerman will be hard-pressed to get such a high price given the News' declining state of advertising and circulation. Plus, the News is the third or fourth paper in the city these days, the observers said.

The talks are also complicated because the News has union contracts with mailers, drivers and pressmen. While a new owner would not automatically be bound by the old contract, he would have to come to new understandings. The privately held paper is said to have revenues of around \$175 million a year with annual losses estimated at \$20 million to \$30 million. Any new owner must be willing to invest millions to keep the paper afloat.

More than half of the News' employees actually work in New Jersey. Zuckerman's profitable commercial printing operation prints about 80 outside publications, including the freebie daily Metro and the weekly Community News Group and The Forward. Zuckerman and his then-partner Fred Drasner bought the News from the bankrupt estate of "bouncing Czech" Robert Maxwell for about \$36 million in 1993. Most of that price was in assumed liabilities, not cash. A Daily News spokesman said, "We will not comment on the numbers or names of potential suitors."



Maverick supermarket mogul John Catsimatidis is the mystery suitor trying to buy the embattled Daily News from Mori Zuckerman.

### AGAPW's Woman of the Year Bestowed on Paulette Poulos

With her officers and directors at her side, Olga Alexakos, Founder and President of the Association of Greek American Professional Women, in celebration of Women's History Month, conferred on Paulette Poulos, Executive Director of the Leadership 100, the 'Greek American Woman of the Year' award. Along with the Woman of the Year award, an Excellence Tuition Scholarship was awarded to Elena Karavassilis, a sophomore at Queens College who has made both the Dean and Principal's honor roll list and who is majoring in the Communication Sciences.

Both presentations were made on Thursday, March 12 at the 3 West Club in Manhattan and an SRO crowd was there to echo its approval of A.G.A.P.W.'s 'Woman of the Year'. Ms Poulos, the Executive Director of the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Endowment Fund, Inc. for the last ten years, served from 1984 to 2005 as the Administrator for the late Archbishop. She has held various positions within the Archdiocese since 1965, becoming Associate Director of Youth Ministry in 1970, and Director of 'Logos' in 1972. The program that evening began with notes by the Mistress of Ceremonies Anthoula Katsimatides who at the end of her remarks introduced the Rev. Dr. Robert

Stephanopoulos (retired) who delivered the invocation. Taking the podium, Ms Alexakos delivered her own comments, after which spoke the Consul of Greece in New York, Manos Koubarakis. Following the Consul at the podium was the president of the National Philoptochos Society Maria Logus, Esq., followed by the Chairman of the Leadership 100, George Tsandikos.

What followed at this point was the introduction of Paulette Poulos to the audience by Dr. Eleni Andreopoulou-Panzures whose keynote remarks were applauded. The MC recited a poem, after which the presentation of the award took place. NY Assemblywoman Aravella Simotas presented the organization with a Citation by the NY Assembly after which Ms Poulos rose to thank the organization for the honor bestowed on her. Immediately following Ms Poulos' speech, the presentation of the Scholarship Award was made by Dr. Aphrodite Navab and accepted by Elena Karavassilis.

After an intermezzo during which vocalist Flora Kirou sang several songs, Rev. Dr. Stephanopoulos spoke briefly followed by Ms Alexakos with her closing statement. She thanked her event's sponsors an event under the auspices of the Consulate General of Greece in NY.