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Washington, DC

1310 Kitchen & Bar

DeCarlo's

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State of the Nation

63% of Americans say the country is on the wrong track while 28% say it is headed in the right direction. The wrong track number has grown by 7% since December when 56% said it was on the wrong track. [NBC/WSJ 1/23/19]

26% of Americans are satisfied with the way things are going in the United States at this time. The dissatisfied rate is 72%. This is the lowest satisfaction rate and the highest dissatisfaction rate since November 2017. [Gallup]

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Employment

The official BLS seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for January 2019 is 4.0%, a rise from 3.9% in December 2018.

If one considers the total number of unemployed + those marginally attached to the labor force + those working part-time who want full-time work, the unemployment rate for January 2019 is 8.1%.

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The Demographics of Unemployment

The overall unemployment situation has declined for most of the population segments.

Unemployment by Gender (20 years and older)

Women – 3.2%

Men – 3.3%

Unemployment by Race (all races)

White - 3.5%

Black – 6.8%

Hispanic – 4.9%

Asian – 3.1%

Unemployment by Education (25 years & over)

Less than high school – 5.7% (increase)

High School – 3.8%

Some college – 3.4%
Bachelor’s Degree or higher – 2.4%

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The labor force participation rate is the percentage of adults who have a job or who are looking for one. In the U.S. about 75% of women ages 25-54 participate in the workforce. Men of the same age come in at 90%. In the early 70s fewer than half of women were in the labor force. Today, the U.S. has one of the lower female labor participation rates of the advanced economies; behind Denmark, U.K., Canada and Australia. (GenderAvenger Blog, NPR 1/17/19)

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This and That

Sarah Thomas was the first woman to ever officiate at a college football bowl game. She had been officiating at NFL camps and practices.

In 2015 she became the NFL’s first full-time female official.

On January 13, 2019, Sarah became the first female to officiate an NFL playoff game when she was the “down” judge at the AFC championship game between the Los Angeles Chargers and the New England Patriots. [CNN 1/12/19]

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The directors of 12 of the 20 museums and galleries listed below are women. All are located in Washington, DC, on or near the mall.

- National Gallery of Art – Kaywin Feldman
- Phillips Gallery – Dorothy Kosinski
- Kreeger Museum – Judy Greenberg
- Natural Museum of American Art – Stephanie Stebich
- Renwick Gallery – Stephanie Stebich
- National Museum of Women in the Arts – Susan Fisher Sterling
- Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden – Melissa Chu
- Air and Space Museum - Ellen Stefan
- U.S. Botanic Garden – Saharah Moon Chapotin
- National Portrait Museum – Kim Sajet
- Holocaust Memorial Museum – Frederica Adelman
- National Museum of Natural History – Ellen V. Futter

National History Museum – Kirk Johnson
National Building Museum – Chase Rynd
National Museum of Asian Art /Freer and Sackler – Chase Robinson
National Museum of African American History and Culture – Lonnie Bunch
National Museum of American Indian – Kevin Gover
National Museum of African Art – Gus Casely Hayford
National Postal Museum - Elliott Gruber
National Zoological Park – Steven Monfort

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Amal Awad began her law enforcement career as a Prince George’s County officer patrolling in the Hyattsville area.

30 years later she has become the first black, first female and first LGBTQ chief in the Hyattsville department’s 132-year history. [WP 1/24/19]

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Amanda Merrill, 16, was diagnosed with Ewing’s sarcoma not long after she turned 2 years old. Some months later her left leg was amputated at the knee. Since then she has worn a prosthetic leg. The prosthetic does not bend at the knee and limits her lateral movement. She is a bench player on the Huntington public high school woman’s basketball team in Calvert County, Maryland. [WP 1/23/19]

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The 350 top-grossing films worldwide released between January 2014 and December 2017, whether with small, medium or large budgets, averaged better global grosses when a woman was listed as the lead star. [GenderAvenger 12/15/18]

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Oracle allegedly paid some female employees more than \$13,000 less per year on average than male employees in similar roles. This is according to an analysis of Oracle’s own pay data as part of a gender bias lawsuit against the company. The case was filed in 2017 as a class action on behalf of 4,200 female employees who worked in the company’s product development, information technology, and support functions since 2013. [GenderAvenger Blog 1/22/19]

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Last weekend, the Navy conducted its first-ever, all-female flyover to honor the life and legacy of retired Navy Capt. Rosemary Bryant Mariner, the service's first female jet pilot.

Rosemary passed away at the age of 65 on January 24, following a five-year battle with ovarian cancer. The Navy's tribute, referred to as the "missing man formation," took place during her funeral service in Maynardville, Tennessee, according to Naval Forces Atlantic. [GenderAvenger Blog. 2/2/19]

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In January, the annual conference of the American Economics Association took place in Atlanta, Georgia.

Heather Long, wrote an article in the Washington Post entitled, "What it's like to be female at economics conference."

The following are selected paragraphs and paragraph segments from that article.

"Superstar economists including Jane L. Yellen and Ben S. Bernanke, the incoming and current president, respectively of the AEA, said their top priority is boosting diversity in this profession."

"But even at the AEA conference, where there was so much emphasis on welcoming women and minorities into the field, I witnessed several uncomfortable incidents and heard about others."

"...But what was really striking was how women were not featured prominently even for work they had done."

"In a panel on trade, I walked into the room to see all men sitting at the table at the front of the room. I was surprised, because a female economist was listed as one of the speakers. As the session started, one of the men informed the audience that there wasn't room for her at the table. Her male co-author would present the paper, and she would field questions later. The panel ran out of time and she never spoke."

"In the next session I attended on globalization. I again walked into a room to see all men sitting at the table in front of the PowerPoint screen. Again, one of the female co-authors sat in the audience – keeping time for her male peers as they

presented. She later told me she was presenting in other sessions and wanted a break, but she regretted that the panel had become all-male.”

“My own experience as a female journalist covering the event was revealing. I told one male economist how much I was looking forward to his presentation the next day. He told me I ‘wouldn’t’ be interested because it was ‘very mathy.’ I laughed it off. But the very next day almost exactly the same scenario occurred. I approached an economist after his presentation to ask for a copy of his paper. He told me to go to his website and look for the ‘less mathy’ version.

“As I turned to go, a male journalist asked the professor the same question I had. This time, the male economist told the male journalist that he could read the original research paper and a ‘version for a more general audience’ on his website.”

The whole article is worth reading. [WP 1/20/19]

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Stacey Tevlin, an economist with the Federal Reserve’s Washington based board of governors, became the Director of the central bank’s division of research and statistics. Stacey joined the Fed in 1995. From 2014-16, she served as a special advisor to then-Vice Chairman, Stanley Fischer. [WP 1/26/19]

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The CEO’s of four of the five biggest defense contractors are women: Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin, General Dynamics, and Boeing’s defense wing.

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The following is a short excerpt from an article entitled “Female Ranchers Are Reclaiming the West” in the 1/13/19 New York Times.

“The descendants of European settlers brought with them ideas about the roles of men and women, and for decades, family farms and ranches were handed down to men. Now, as mechanization and technology transform the ranching industry, making the job of cowboy less about physical strength—though female ranchers have that in spades – more about business, animal husbandry and the environment, women have reclaimed their connection to the land.

“...As a result, in 2012, 14 percent of the nation’s 2.1 million farms had a female proprietor according to the United States Department of Agriculture.

“Separately, the American Farm Bureau reports that females make up 30% of the “operators.”

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Jessica Bennett, the gender editor of the New York times, wrote about women over 60 having a powerful moment (NYT 1/8/19). Her story points to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (78); Maxine Waters (80), Chair of the House Financial Services Committee—the first woman and African American to lead that committee; Susan Zirinsky (66), the head of CBS News—the first woman and the oldest person to take on that role; and Glenn Close (71) who bested four younger women to win the Golden Globes for best actress.

“What the women’s movement did was develop generations of strong women,” said Representative Donna Shalala (D-FL) who became the oldest freshman in her House class when she took office a little over a month before her 78th birthday. “We had professional careers, we were achievers in our fields, and you’re seeing the result of that now. And we’re comfortable in our own skin, and we don’t put up with nonsense, and we have a sisterhood.”

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The following represent the percentage of women who say they have been sexually harassed at some point in their career.

- Women - 35%
- Women of color - 30%
- Lesbian Women - 48%
- Senior-level women – 55%
- Women in tech jobs – 45%

Women are less likely than men to say incidents of harassment are addressed quickly at their companies.

- Women - 26%
- Men - 39%

More senior level women than men say they have experienced the following in the normal course of business.

	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>
Being addressed in a less than professional manner	29%	14%
Being mistaken for someone at a much lower level	32%	10%

Having my judgement questioned in my area of expertise	40%	23%
Needing to provide more evidence of my competence than others do	44%	13%
My gender played a role in missing out on a raise, promotion or chance to get ahead	24%	8%

How men and women say they feel when they're the only one of their gender in the room at work:

	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>
Closely watched	22%	8%
That your actions reflect on people like you	22%	7%
Left out	25%	10%
On guard	31%	11%
Under pressure to perform	38%	19%

The share of jobs held by women shrinks with every step up the management ladder.

- Entry level – 48.1%
- Manager – 38.4%
- Senior manager/director – 34.1%
- Vice president – 29.4%
- Senior vice president – 22.7%
- C-suite – 22.4%

[WSJ/Leanin.org/McKinsey & Co. Women in the Workplace 2018 study]
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Industries in the S&P 500 that have more than one female CEO

<u>Companies</u>	<u>Women CEOs</u>
29 Utilities	5
19 Food, bev., tobacco	3
45 Capital goods	2
27 Diversified financials	2
28 Retailing	2
39 Software and services	2
17 Tech hardware and equip	2

[WSJ 10/28/18]

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American political ideology

	<u>Conservative</u>	<u>Moderate</u>	<u>Liberal</u>
Women	30%	35%	30%
Men	40%	35%	21%
Democrats	13%	34%	51%
Republicans	73%	22%	4%

[Gallup 1/8/19]

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President Trump

	NBC/WSJ 1/23/19		ABC/WP 1/21/19		CBS 1/23/19		CNN 2/2/19	
	<u>App</u>	<u>Dis</u>	<u>App</u>	<u>Dis</u>	<u>App</u>	<u>Dis</u>	<u>App</u>	<u>Dis</u>
Women	38%	60%	27%	67%	27%	67%	32%	65%
Men	49%	48%	49%	48%	45%	50%	48%	46%
All	43%	54%	37%	58%	36%	59%	40%	55%

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Quotes

“Always remember to smell the flowers as you proceed along your life’s path.”
-Justice Jaynee LeVecchia, Supreme Court of New Jersey

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“This may seem small, but it’s huge.”
-Kate Germano, retired Marine Lt. Col on the integration of female and male training battalions in the Marines

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“I am obsessive-compulsive about delivering results in a timely fashion, documenting what I’m going to do, delivering what I say I’m going to do and then reminding you that I have in fact delivered.”
-Time’s Up CEO Lisa Borders, on how she deals with being underestimated at work.

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“The combination of perseverance and passion for long-term goals. It’s not just working really hard and being resilient—it’s doing all of that in the service of something that you love, that is interesting to you. And that give you a sense of purpose and meaning.”

-Angela Duckworth, in her book Grit

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2020

The 59th presidential election will take place on November 3, 2020.

The list of potential candidates from both parties will be sorted into three categories: “Announced/Running/Formed Committee”, “Testing the Waters” and “Mentioned”.

The reason folks end up in the “Announced/Running/Formed Committee” category is obvious.

The “Testing the Waters” category is for those folks who make some statement or take some action that suggests they are considering a candidacy, such as traveling to various early primary states or announcing in some fashion that they are testing the waters.

At this time, potential candidates are not required to file a campaign committee with the Federal Election Commission. The rules relating to limits on contributions from individuals, etc. do apply and internal records must be maintained. If and when, a person decides to be a candidate for president, financial activity for this period must be reported.

The “Mentioned” category is for everyone else who gets mentioned, on their own behalf or by someone else.

When a person is no longer part of a category, a line will be drawn through his or her name in the next issue of the Watch and in the subsequent issue it will be erased.

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Every candidate has a history that he or she must be prepared to live with and/or explain as they go forward. This calling to account has begun for several of

the current and potential Democratic candidates including Sanders, Biden, Gillibrand and Harris.

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A Republican opposition research group, America Rising, “is digging into the career of Connie Schultz, the wife of potential Democratic presidential candidate Sherrod Brown.” [Politico 1/15/19]

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This is the second time in U.S. History that more than one woman is running for the same party’s presidential nomination. In both cases the women were seeking the nomination of the democratic party.

The first time was in 1972 when Representative Patsy T. Mink (Hawaii), the first woman of color elected to Congress, and Representative Shirley Chisholm (NY), the first black female congressional representative, sought the nomination.

Mink dropped out early in the race while Chisholm stayed in until the end when she finished seventh among Democratic contenders. [WP 1/27/19]

So far in 2019 four women have joined the chase for the 2020 democratic party nomination. Sen. Kamala Harris (CA), Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (NY), Sen. Elizabeth Warren (MA) and Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (HI). It is possible there will be one or more additional entrants.

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Democratic Primary

This list started with 56 people who had at least been mentioned. Now there are 29. 27 people have been erased or struck through.

(Since Twitter is increasingly a vehicle for communicating messages and announcements, WW has added the current number of followers on various candidates’ Twitter accounts. Many of these candidates have two twitter accounts, one campaign account and one an official office account. The bracketed numbers below reflect the number in their non-official accounts.)

Announced/Running/Formed Committee

Cory Booker (D) – U.S. Senator [4,100,000]

Pete Buttigieg (D) – Mayor of South Bend, Indiana [110,400]

Julian Castro (D) – Former HUD Secretary [172,200]
John Delaney (D) – former U.S. Representative [13,100]
Tulsi Gabbard (D) – U.S. Representative [252,100]
Kirsten Gillibrand (D) – U.S. Senator [1,300,000]
Kamala Harris (D) – U.S. Senator [2,200,000]
Elizabeth Warren (D) – U.S. Senator [2,200,000]
Marianne Williamson – Spiritualist, teacher [2,500,000]
Andrew Yang – Entrepreneur – [37,500]

Quit the race

~~Richard Ojeda, West Virginia [48,500]~~

Testing the Waters

Joe Biden (D) – former Vice President, former U.S. Senator [3,200,000]
John Hickenlooper (D) – Governor of Colorado [126,000]
Jay Inslee (D) – Governor of Washington [25,300]
Tim Ryan (D) – U.S. Representative [14,200]
Bernie Sanders (D) – U.S. Senator [8,900,000]
Eric Swalwell (D) – U.S. Representative [27,200]

Mentioned

Howard Schultz – Founder & Exec. Chairman, Starbucks [86,300]
(Talking about running as an Independent.)
Michael Bloomberg – Businessman and former Mayor of New York [2,200,000]
~~Oscar De La Hoya – former professional boxer [969,100]~~

Steve Bullock (D) – Governor of Montana [166,000]
~~Gina Raimondo (D) – Governor of Rhode Island [25,400]~~
Terry McAuliffe (D) – former Governor of Virginia [64,500]

Beto O'Rourke – former U.S. Representative [1,100,000]
Amy Klobuchar (D) – U.S. Senator [573,000]
Sherrod Brown (D) – U.S. Senator [55,800]
Mark Warner (D) – U.S. Senator [431,400]
Jeff Merkley (D) – U.S. Senator [99,800]
~~Bob Casey (D) – U.S. Senator [407,000]~~
Michael Bennet (D) – U.S. Senator [279,000]

~~Lincoln Chafee (D) – former mayor, governor and U.S. Senator [19,400]~~
Eric Holder (D) – former Attorney General [454,000]

John Kerry (D) – former U.S. Senator, former Secretary of State, former presidential candidate [3,400,000]
~~Eric Garcetti (D) – Mayor of Los Angeles [286,000 in official account]~~
Bill de Blasio (D) – Mayor of New York City [1,290,000 in official account]

The Democratic nominating convention is scheduled for July 13-16, 2020 at a site to be determined (Miami, Houston or Milwaukee).

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Republican Primary

Announced/Running

Donald Trump – President

Testing the Waters

John Kasich – former Governor of Ohio

Mentioned

~~Don Blakenship – Business Executive~~
~~Jeff Flake – former U.S. Senator~~
Larry Hogan – Governor of Maryland
~~Bill Kristol – Journalist~~

The Republican nominating convention is scheduled for August 24-27, 2020 in Charlotte, NC.

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In the January issue of the WW, I wrote that there would be 102 women in the House and 25 women in the Senate bringing the total number of women in the Congress to 127.

Amy Weiss kindly pointed out to me that in fact there are 106 women in the House including 4 non-voting female territorial delegates. This brings to 131 the total number of women in the Congress.

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60% of Democratic contributors to federal candidates in 2018 were women.
[Center for Public Integrity – Politico 1/16/19]

Nearly 60% of women voted for Democratic candidates for Congress.
[Anna Greenberg 12/18/18]

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The following reflects the feelings of women and men toward the Republican and the Democratic political parties. Neither of the two parties are in hot shape.

	Republican Party		Democratic Party	
	<u>Pos</u>	<u>Neg</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>Neg</u>
Women	31	46	39	33
Men	37	40	30	47

[NBC/WSJ 1/23/19]

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Roles of Women in Politics and Government

[Khaetlyn Grindell, candidate for an M.A. in Political Communications at American University School of Public Affairs, assisted with the research for the following section of the WW.]

Two Republican women and five Democratic women lead various party committees.

Republican National Committee – Ronna Romney McDaniel
Republican Legislative Campaign Committee – Iowa House Speaker Linda Upmeyer

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Democratic Senate Campaign Committee – Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (NV)
Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee – Rep. Cheri Bustos (IL)
Congressional Black Caucus – Rep. Karen Bass (CA)
Democratic Governors Committee – Governor Gina Raimond (RI)
Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee – Oregon House Speaker Tina Kotek

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The U.S. Senate

Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski (WA) chairs the Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Republican Sen. Susan Collins (ME) chairs the Special Committee on Aging

Democratic women are the ranking members of five full and one special committee:

Democratic Sen. Debbie Stabenow (MI) – Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry
Democratic Sen. Maria Cantwell (WA)– Commerce, Science and Transportation
Democratic Se. Patty Murray (WA)– Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein (CA) – Judiciary
Democratic Sen. Amy Klobuchar (MN) – Rules and Administration
Democratic Sen Diane Feinstein (CA)– Special Committee on Int’l Narcotics Control

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Republican women will now sit on the Senate Judiciary Committee for the first time – Senators Joni Ernst (R-IA) and Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)

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U.S. House/116th Congress

Speaker of the House – Rep. Nancy Pelosi (CA)

Five Woman Chair Committees:

Rep. Eddie Bernice (TX) – Science, Space, and Technology

Rep. Zoe Lofgren (CA) – House Administration

Rep. Nita M. Lowey (NY) – Appropriations

- The first woman chair of Appropriations
- 17 women out of 53 members

Rep. Nydia Velazquez (NY) – Small Business

Rep. Maxine Waters (CA) – Financial Services

- 11 women of 60 members

Other Committees:

House Energy and Commerce Committee – 13 out of 55 members

Oversight & Government Reform Committee – 13 out of 42 members

House Ways and Means Committee – 7 out of 41 members

Seven women, the most ever, oversee operations at more than a third of the standing House Committees in the 116th Congress.

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Of the 15 members of President Trump’s cabinet, three of the cabinet seats are filled by women:

Betsy DeVos – Education

Kirstjen Nielsen – Homeland Security
Elaine Chao –Transportation

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Governors

Nine women were elected governor in 2018 matching the record for the highest number of women to serve as governor, first achieved in 2004 and then again in 2007. [CAWP]

Democrat Janet Mills was sworn in as Maine’s 75th governor. She is the first women to hold that position.

Republican Kristi Noem is the first women to be elected governor of the state of South Dakota.

Democrat Michelle Lujan Grisham is the first Democratic Latina governor of New Mexico.

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State Legislatures

Nevada has become the first state in history with a majority female legislature. Beginning in February, women will hold 50.8% of the state’s 63 legislative seats.

Democrat Stewart-Cousins is the first woman and the first African-American women to lead a New York legislative Chamber when she becomes the leader of the New York Senate.

The Colorado House of Representatives is one of only two legislative chambers in which female legislators hold a majority. Women outnumber men by 34 to 31.

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CIA

CIA Director Gina Haspel, has appointed women to the top level of the agency. As a result, the top three directorates of the agency: operations, analysis, and science and technology are all headed by women.

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The Equal Rights Amendment

This piece is authored by Jay Berman, who served as Legislative Director for Senator Birch Bayh, Author of the ERA and is a friend of Mike Berman, 1/31/19

“The Equal Rights Amendment Is Back.” That is a headline that has appeared quite often since Illinois ratified the ERA last May—46 years after Congress first sent the Amendment to the states for ratification. That makes 37 states, “technically” one short of the required three-fourths necessary to pass a constitutional amendment.

I use the word “technically” advisedly, as this raises a number of constitutional issues assuming one more state ratifies. As supporters worked feverishly in Virginia, Florida and Georgia to name a few, the constitutional question of whether or not the ERA will have been duly ratified as to time limits will be hotly debated on both constitutional and political grounds.

The proposed amendment that passed Congress carried a seven-year term for ratification—an increasingly common provision in proposed amendments. The version Congress sent to the states in 1972, however, was put in the preamble and not in the body of the Amendment. Technically—yes, that word again—the states ratified the text of the amendment. So, are there 37 legitimate ratifications, awaiting only one more?

In addition, there is a further complication by virtue of the fact that in 1978 Congress exercised its Article Five constitutional powers to extend the time period through 1982. Should Congress step in once again and extend the date, so there will be more to contemplate and debate?

Another issue that will need to be addressed is the fact that over the course of time, five states rescinded their original ratifications. There is no constitutional provision regarding rescissions. So, are we at 37 or 32 ratifications?

In recent polls, some of which have appeared in previous issues of Mike’s newsletters, we have learned that about 80 percent of the American people support an Equal Rights Amendment. Ironically, other polling has shown that about that same number believe there is already an ERA in the Constitution.

Supporters of ERA, myself among them, have a lot of strategizing to do to sort all of this out. The first order of business, though, is getting one more state ratification. That is a job for all of us. Then, let the debate begin. Yes, ERA is back.

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Restaurants

[I should note that I have previously written about restaurants that are owned and operated by women:

- I Ricchi – Christine Ricchi, owner/chef – This is the restaurant at which I have the most meals in any given year.
- ris – Ris Lacoste, owner/chef

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1310 Kitchen & Bar and DeCarlo's represent the new and the not so new with both comfort and good food in common.

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1310 Kitchen & Bar
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Washington, DC
Located in the Georgetown Inn
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Remember the Daily Grill? (WW Aug 2005) Its Georgetown location closed sometime last year and 1310 Kitchen & Bar opened in its space on the main floor of the Georgetown Inn.

The executive chef and operator is Jenn Crovato. Crovato has a long successful culinary career in D.C., including time at Galileo, Susan Gage Catering, as a personal chef and doing independent catering. She also trained in Italy.

The restaurant is open in the midst of a renovation that is almost complete. As you may recall, the Daily Grill was old and dark from the wood to the lighting. 1310 is just the opposite. It is bright and fresh and decorated in white.

The restaurant seats up 160 people including the bar area. Much of the regular dining areas are two and four-person booths and 4 top and 6 top tables. There is an area that can easily accommodate standup receptions of a hundred or more.

The bar area has been enlarged and seats up to 45 people. Eventually it will be all high seats and table tops in addition to the bar itself. One can also eat in this area.

The menu has 7 starters, 5 soup and salad choices, 4 side dishes, 11 entrees and 4 desserts. There are ample vegetarian options.

Tom had recently been there for lunch and suggested that he and Virginia and Debbie and I have dinner.

After we sat down and ordered libations, Tom ordered a Cheese Board which included quince paste, honey, apricot, toast robiola, mimolette, butterkase, drunken goat and petit basque.

After we finished the cheese board, we were served large fresh buns, sprinkled with salt with butter on the side.

Tom and Debbie tried five different wines between them.

Virginia ordered a bowl of Moroccan Butternut Squash Soup and a Kale, Quinoa & Brussel Sprout Salad.

Debbie did not order a starter but ordered Roasted Peruvian Chicken Thighs as her entrée.

Tom ordered Tuna Tartare and Grilled Meatcrafters Bratwurst.

I started with a cup of Corn & Crab Soup and had Jenn's Chicken Pot Pie as my entree.

We also had a number of sides - Fried Artichoke Hearts, Grilled Calamari, Sautéed Brussel Sprouts, Roasted Caulilini and French Fries.

For dessert, Virginia ordered Salted Caramel and Chocolate Ice cream. I opted for a Warm Apple Cobbler with Vanilla Ice Cream. We also received two plates of freshly baked chocolate chip cookies.

Our server Dennis was excellent, well informed and very attentive.

We all look forward to future meals.

The restrooms are in the lobby of the hotel and unless something has changed dramatically in the last number of years, they are more than adequate.

There is valet parking at the entrance to the hotel and 2 hour validated parking with dinner.

The restaurant is open the following hours:

Breakfast:

Monday-Friday starts at 6:30 a.m.

Brunch:

Saturday & Sunday 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Dinner:

4:00 – 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - Saturday

It is closed for dinner on Sunday & Monday nights

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WW has eaten at DeCarlo's for dinner and sometimes for lunch for more years than I can recount. Yet for reasons I cannot explain, WW has never written about this restaurant.

Lucy DeCarlo is the owner and active operator of this restaurant which has been on the scene for 36 years.

There are several things about DeCarlo's that are always the same, dress is as informal or formal as you want to make it. The last time we were there, there were several people in jeans and sweaters and at least one fellow in a full suit and bow tie. The ambiance is nice. It is physically comfortable and the food is always good.

Most recently Debbie and I ate there alone, having eaten there a few days earlier with Bev and Brady.

The restaurant seats up to 180 people in various seating arrangements.

As you enter, straight ahead on the left there are 9 booths that seat up to 4 people. To the right is the largest part of the dining room which has 2 tops, 4 tops, and 6 tops as well as two large alcoves that seat people at 2 tops, 4 tops and 6 tops. Separating the front part of the dining room from the back of the dining room is a large bar which has a service area on the near side and seating for 10 on the back side. The back of the restaurant has tables of various sizes that seat up to 36 people. The restaurant readily creates long tables that will seat dozens of people.

When the weather is decent there is a covered porch at the front of the restaurant that is particularly pleasant.

Each table is adorned with bread sticks and a basket of bread and butter.

At our most recent dinner, Debbie ordered Vitello alla DeCarlo's, Chef Creation- veal scaloppini, with jumbo crabmeat, asparagus, mozzarella cheese, sautéed in Lemon Butter, white wine sauce, potato puree, carrots.

As I often do, I ordered Calamari Fritti, crispy calamari, marinara & garlic aioli to start. For my main course I selected Scaloppini di Pollo ala Francese, chicken scaloppini dipped in a light egg batter, sautéed in butter and wine, potato puree, mix vegetables.

There are always several specials of both starters and main courses. At our previous visit Debbie ordered one of the pasta specials with lobster and bits of tomato. Bev had steamed artichoke as a starter followed by Linguine alla Bolognese, Trenette Pasta with finely chopped veal, traditional tomato sauces with pane allaglio.

I had Trenette alla Carbonara, crispy pancetta, trenette pasta, parmesan cream sauces, fresh parsley.

On other occasions I have had Zuppa del Giorno, the house made soup of the day, or the Pasta e Fagioli and bean soup, or the Insalata di Cesare. For main courses I have enjoyed Seafood Risotto, Carbonara (many times), Pappardelle alla Aragosta, large flat pasta sautéed with lobster meat, shrimp, mascarpone & champagne cream sauce and Frutti di Mare, mussels, clams, shrimp, calamari over Linguine pasta with tomato sauce.

On a number of visits, I also ordered Brussel sprouts.

I always have a cup of vanilla and chocolate ice cream.

The service is always excellent.

The men's room is standard. As you enter there is a white ceramic counter with two sunken wash basins of a pinkish color. There is a substantial mirror above the basins. Further on, there are two wall hanging ceramic urinals of different heights. Behind the urinals there are two commode rooms with metal walls that are open at the ceiling and floor. Both commodes are floor based. One commode is standard the other is a well-appointed handicapped accessible commode. The floor is covered tiny square white, tan and brown tiles. The walls are covered with solid brown tiles of medium size.

The restaurant is open:

Lunch:

Mon-Fri 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Sat-Sun, Lunch & Brunch:

11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Dinner:

Mon-Sat: 5:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Sun: 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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