

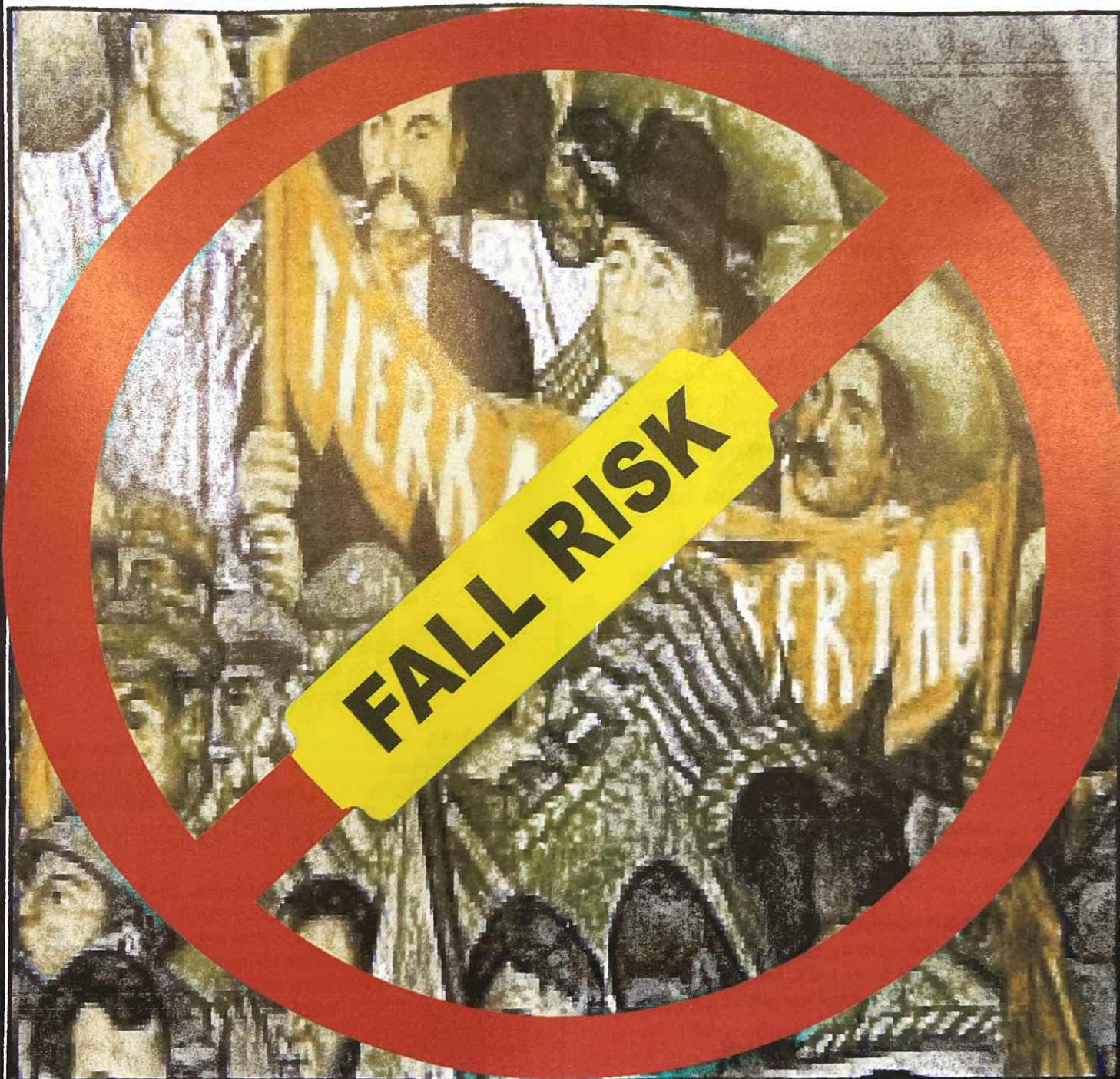
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Becarias y Bacarios: Ven y unete a nosotros y nosotros trae tus apetitos



¡Deleita tus ojos y llena tu estomago!

Detroit Institute of the Arts

Domingo, 10 Octubre 2021

Las seis de la tarde

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF (Fractured Bible Stories)

David looked down from atop his palace muttering
"Jesus there is a God!"

When he saw beautiful Bathsheba,
on her rooftop, bathing her bod.
As soon as the King dispatched her husband
off to war to be dead.

The widow signed an NDA so she and her prey could be wed.

The Donald stood in his tower staring at the
Stormy skies of New York,
Brooding because the press corps had
portrayed him as a dork.

Ivanka waltzed in saying:
"despite what you did to my momma,
Your daughter will bring you the head of Barack the Obama".

Wanting to get the evangelicals under his political tent
King Herod invited the Baptists to his birthday event.
Stepdaughter Salome sashayed in fresh from the sauna
Titillating him with a platter of tête à la Johnna.

Kellyanne left her husband, daughter, and log cabin,
To resurrect the campaign of a bloviating dragon.
When liberals disguised as media made their attacks,
She deflected them with deceptive alternative facts.

Like Kellyanne, Rebecca with her nose ring,
was of similar bent.
Had to choose between twins living with her
under the same tent.
Esau, the rightful heir, was Lincolnesque,
roughhewn, and hirsute
Jacob, her preference, was charismatic
and loved to wear suits.

She sewed "I really don't care, do you"
on the back of her fur coat,
And draped it over Jacob's shoulders
for blind old Isaac to stroke.
Thus, Jacob was blessed,
and Esau became an unwanted beast.
Which is why to this day we still pray for peace
in the Middle East.

A flirty Philistine hairstylist for the rich and infamous,
Succeeded in making strong Samson pusillanimous.
Her descendant is now a U.S. Representative
Who would cut off aid to Israel and make it diminutive.

Thus, the masses roar at Rashida,
the Philistine from Michi-gun.
"If you don't like where you were born,
go back to where you come from!"

She replies as a person who is clever and adroit.
"I stay in D.C., I do not like the water in Detroit."

Paul gave the Thessalonians this rule;
if a man will not work, he shall not eat.
Captain John Smith told the Jamestown colonists the same
thing in a tweet.

Loud from New York comes the callow communist AOC
Leading the huddled masses who yearn
for everything to be free.

People say as Sleepy Joe snores through his presidential spot,
That Democrats dream of Kennedy and a feminine
Kamala-lot.

Are we just Biden time while his mental synopsis become
totally waned?

And like Isaac, will he be tricked when it comes time for his
successor to be named?

When Hillary said, "I'm not some little woman
standing by my man",
She forever lost the vote of every Southern country music fan.
Now our V.P. claims to be East Asian with relatives who are
Rastafarian.

She believes in the deceiver Jussie Smollett and is,
yikes, a Californian.

The Prez never read Rudyard Kipling's
"The Man Who Would be King"
Why else would our present troop withdrawal
look like a Saigon thing?
Nor did he heed the warning of Alexander about Afghanistan:
"It's an easy place to march into
but it's hard to get out of man."

Cross fit Marjorie, a back bencher in the Republican crew,
Worships an anonymous conspiracy god known as Q.
A gun toting, non-mask wearing promoter of pizza gate,
For those who disagree with her
execution should be their fate,

King Ahab married Phoenician Jezebel
for political connections.
Royal temples to Baal were built
despite Elijah's lamentations.
Opponents to Jezebel's God were executed,
taxed, or fined.

Like Marjorie, Jezzie ranted
"you go Yahweh, I'll go mine."

- JEFF DEEN

JOHN COLLETTE strikes again

After about an hour of deliberation following a week long trial in a Mississippi State court, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty of Statutory Rape and gratification of lust of his 15 year old daughter!!! Client had 3 prior felony convictions but we put him on the stand anyway!!

Sacred words NOT GUILTY twice, it keeps us going.

(Reported by Tommy Spina)

Deguerin and Chesnoff demonstrating on floor for the jury self-defense shooting in Galveston. Deguerin is Durst and Ches is the dead guy.



Ashes to ashes, Durst to Durst;
Dick and Ches show it ain't "First"

Rion Rides Again!

Hold the presses! The jury just entered a verdict of NOT GUILTY in a case that was thought to have not been winnable. His first attorney wanted the Defendant to plead guilty and saw no path to victory. The client got up and punched a lady in the face with such force that caused her to have two brain hemorrhages. All of this was on video tape. She weighed 92 pounds. She was an innocent bystander. The Defendant mistakenly formed the opinion that she was a danger to him and therefore clocked her. The Defendant did not know who she was and there was no provocation. The Prosecutor thought the case was open and shut - just look at the tape - and the Judge said that due to the serious injury, the Defendant would not leave the court room. He is walking out now with his attorney, Jon Paul Rion.

(Reported by John Rion)

Hurtful name nixed

The tiny Spanish village of Castrillo Matajudios — which means "Camp Kill Jews" — on Monday officially changed its name to Castrillo Mota de Judios ("Jews' Hill Camp"). Documents show the "Kill Jews" name dates from 1627, after a 1492 Spanish edict ordering Jews to become Catholics or flee the country. Those who remained faced the Spanish Inquisition, with many burned at the stake.



Open Houses: The House of your (wet) Dreams

Property Details

Fabulous Historic Colonial, Updated and Restored, First Built-in 1740's w/Major Expansions in 1905 & 1982; This Oasis is Very Private and is Situated on Over 1 Acre and Surrounded on 3 Sides by State\County Parkland Along the Wissahickon Creek w/Hunting & Fishing Steps From the Back Door; This Home is Priced Low Due to the Fact that the Home is In a Flood Zone, and the Flood Insurance is 1500 per Month; If the Creek Overflows, There are Flood Gates to Stop Water Coming Into Home: Also The Electric Panel and Heaters Have Been Moved Upstairs and Out of the Basement; Therefore if the Basement Floods, You Can Still Remain In the Home; Current Owners Have an Efficient System That If The Creek Overflows Into the House, the Restoration is Minimal For Family to Easily Handle and is Cost Efficient; Videos on How to Prepare For a Flood Will Be Listed Online at creekhouseinfo website; This Home is Located In Whitemarsh Township, Flourtown, Only 25 mins From Center City & 40 Mins from an International Airport; Owners Have Restored Home & Spent Several Years, 2008 to 2021, and 1000s of Dolrs In Flood Recovery & Restoration to Make Creek House a Vibrant & Comfortable 5 BedRm, 4 Bath Home For A Nature Loving, Adventurous Family; All the Updating Has Been Done For You!! Just Move In and Enjoy the Wildlife, Tranquility and Secluded Living; Recent Updates Include Moving the Electric and Heating System Out of Basement; Updated Brand New Electric as well as a State of the Art Heating System; This Gorgeous, Home is Full of Character; The Exterior Has Been Redone, and Beautifully Landscaped; Huge Back Yard Features Plenty of Room for Entertaining; Barn on Property is In Need of a Roof and Some Restoration, Cost Estimate 12 to 20k; Large Foyer Welcomes You Inside with Brick Flooring, Powder Rm w/Custom Light Fixture and a Warm Fireplace; Archways w/Custom Curtains; Living Room Features Polished Hardwood Flooring, Plenty of Windows for Ample Sunshine, and a Beautiful Gas Fireplace w/Remote; Large, Updated Kitchen Showcases Easy to Clean Tiled Flooring, Recessed Lighting, Tons Of Cabinet and Granite Counter Space, Stainless Steel Appliances, and a Kitchen Island to Make Food Prep a Snap; Butler Pantry Great For Parties; Dining Rm Highlights Gleaming Hardwood Flooring, Many Windows, Window Seat and Fireplace; Master Bedroom is Spacious w/Hardwood Flooring, Fireplace, With a Private Bath Featuring Hardwood Floor, and Tub; Additional Bedrooms Are Amply Sized w/Tons of Storage Space and Share Access with Squeaky Clean Hall Bath; Property Is in a Flood Zone See Attached Info & Full System, All Flood Equipment Included & Owner Has Put Together Several Videos of How to Work the System to Guarantee Minimal Damage; Items Such as Floodgate Door Barriers, Submersible Pumps\Hoses, Generator, Sandbags & Much More; All of This For a Fabulous Price; This is a Certified Pre-Owned Home that has been Pre-Inspected, Report Available Online! So Don't Miss Out On This Fabulous Home At a Fantastic Price!!! Long List of Inclusions Uploaded; Don't Miss Out!!! See CreekHouseInfo website For Details On How Flood System Works; Also Seller is Leaving Creek House Notecard PressPlate!

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A happy New Year

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Maria Celeste Beguiristain Shohat

February 5, 1955 - August 22, 2021



Miami, Florida - Maria Celeste Beguiristain Shohat passed away peacefully the morning of August 22, 2021, in her longtime home in Kendall, Florida. Maria was the first of 5 siblings born to Zoraida and Luis Beguiristain in Havana, Cuba. Maria immigrated to the United States when she was seven years old. Not only did Maria adapt quickly - she thrived, and eventually attended law school at Emory and the University of Miami, where she met her husband Ed Shohat (then an adjunct professor of Immigration Law), who survives her, along with her daughter, Lauren Elizabeth Gay (Andrew Gay), her son, Kevin Ross Shohat (Cecile Casutt von Batemberg), her grandson, Julian Ridge Gay (age 2), her brothers, Roger Beguiristain (Michelle Laurin), Carlos Beguiristain (Patricia Moya) and Oscar Beguiristain (Kimberly Hawkins), and her sister Cuqui Beguiristain (Manny "Mano" Nogueira), who, alongside Ed, and with a team of incredible caregivers, cared for Maria at home until the very end.

Not only was Maria charmingly unaware of her disarming beauty - she was also deeply soulful and boundlessly warm. Her superpow-

er was making everyone she encountered feel comfortable and special, and it was not unusual to find Maria deep in conversation with someone she'd met only minutes ago - a waitress at Roasters 'N Toasters, a valet at Joe's Stone Crab, a cashier at TJ Maxx (where, much to the bored dismay of her children-in-tow, she treated bargain hunting like an endurance sport).

Maria grew up in a conservative, religious household, where she was socialized to remain poised and ladylike at all times, and anyone who knew her would describe her as such. But those who knew Maria well at some point caught a glimpse of an irreverent streak that exposed itself more frequently than she'd like to admit: an outright laugh at her children's 'Beavis and Butt-head' impressions, a poorly stifled smile while punishing them for a skillfully executed prank call, a secret pride in the comedic rap verse they wrote about a negligent nanny who spent the entire day on the phone (and who she later fired).

Although Maria was a lawyer by trade, her many hobbies, from screenwriting to art to vivid storytelling, revealed her as a fundamen-

tally right-brained thinker. Maria was dynamic and animated, and took great joy in music and movement. She was blessed with a beautiful singing voice, and even through her final days battling Alzheimer's Disease, when she'd lost the ability to recognize her surroundings and most of her loved ones, she could belt out a Go-Go's lyric every now and again, and - amazingly - she never lost rhythm.

Anyone who knew Maria would tell you that her true passion was her children, who, in their words, "won the lotto" by getting her for a mother. Her dedication to them was unparalleled, and they cherish memories of her doing "all the voices" in the books she read to them on their "storybook couch", collaborating on art projects, being "that carpool mom" who (both embarrassingly and amusingly) sang every word to Shaggy's "Boombastic", dancing wildly at any opportunity she got, and staying up until 2 a.m. gabbing with Lauren on the nights she came home from out of town, while drinking red wine and eating entire wedges of manchego. Alzheimer's is a cruel disease that cut Maria's time much too short, but her spirit lives on through her children, in their warmth and compassion for others, in their love for the arts, in the meals they cook and the lullabies they sing to the next generation of mischievous children who will hear countless stories of Maria for many years to come.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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(As a memorial of Larry, this seems more appropriate than an obituary)

The Sailor

Legendary Phoenix defense attorney **Larry Debus** is equally adept at navigating sea currents and jury trials

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By Jimmy Magahern on May 28, 2019; Updated on December 11, 2019)



In the fall of 1980, Larry Debus sold his cars, gave away his gold Rolex and left his thriving law practice to his partner with the line, "Maybe I'll see ya someday!" Debus and then-wife Leslie packed up their essential belongings and took off on his Vagabond 47 yacht, first around Mexico and then across the Pacific Ocean to the South Pacific islands. "I needed some kind of new adventure," says the veteran Phoenix attorney, who had by then established himself as one of the highest-profile criminal defense lawyers in the region. After making an early name as the young hotshot who at first assisted—and eventually fired—Melvin Belli in the case that freed the infamous "Trunk Murderess," Winnie Ruth Judd, Debus spent most of the '70s taking on the city's biggest cases. His team defended Max Dunlap, the Phoenix contractor convicted of ordering the Mafia-linked car-bombing hit on Arizona Republic investigative reporter Don Bolles in 1976, winning the so-called "fall guy" a second trial. But by 1980, Debus, an avid sailor, was ready to take an indefinite break from the courtroom. "On all the other trips, I always had a particular period of time that I was going to take off," says Debus, who grew up in Kansas City, Mo., yearning for the sea, yet settled in the Arizona desert. "But the South Pacific trip had no end. I didn't want there to be an end." The Debuses spent all of 1981 carefree and shoeless aboard the Vagabond, enjoying the simpler life.

Eventually, however, he did return to land, and to law, and to Phoenix's most high-profile cases. In 1987, Debus represented Phoenix Suns center James Edwards in a sweeping cocaine bust that roped nine people, including other members of the team. In 1991, Debus was a defender in the AzScam case, a \$1.4 million sting operation by the Phoenix police and the Maricopa County attorney's office that caught seven legislators, five lobbyists and five others accepting \$370,000 in bribes from an undercover agent posing as a casino gambling lobbyist.

In recent years, Debus has continued to make headlines by defending a man falsely linked to the city's highly publicized "Desert Divas" prostitution ring; an antique store owner accused of shooting to death an unarmed homeless man who haunted his shop; and a former Miss Arizona accused of conspiring to murder her husband using Viagra.

What Debus likes about the open seas are its immutable laws—a bracing change from the erratically shifting currents of the legal realm. "When you're in open ocean, problems are either immediately solvable or they're not solvable at all," says the defender, who's shown a knack for captaining retrials at opportune moments when he's on land. "That's the main thing I've found sailing."

His courtroom style became legendary in the mid-'70s when he won a jury acquittal for a Fort Huachuca woman accused of shooting her abusive military colonel husband, with the audacious defense: "The son of a bitch deserved to die."

Debus represented his friend, country singer Glen Campbell, after a headline-grabbing DUI arrest in which the crooner left the scene of a two-car collision and allegedly assaulted a police officer (he allegedly drunkenly kneed the officer in the thigh). Debus got the aggravated assault charge dropped.

In every case, Debus delivers his gutsy defense while charming the jury with the movie-lawyer panache of a Spencer Tracy or a Gregory Peck. "He's a larger-than-life character," says James Keppel, a Maricopa County Superior Court judge. "He's very theatrical in the courtroom," Keppel says. "He's very focused, analytical, but also very flamboyant and entertaining. He's like the old-time trial attorneys of years and years ago that were famous. Larry just fits that mold." "He kind of weaves a spell in the courtroom," Keppel says.

These days, when he's not in the office or on his sailboat, you're most likely to find Debus pressing the flesh at Sierra Bonita Grill, a moderately priced Southwestern-style neighborhood restaurant at Seventh and Glendale that he co-owns. "The people that I associate with, I suppose you could say we're all elitists," he continues. "We have little understanding of what America is really like. Those of us who have had the good fortune to have gone to college and get great professions, we live in a strata that the huge majority of America doesn't live in. We don't see it, we don't understand it, and we don't want to know about it."

Debus credits his own widened social perspective to his tough upbringing (raised by a single mom, he drifted through street gangs and married at 16) and the five years he spent as a detective in Phoenix before becoming a lawyer. In 1962, Debus was one of the detectives who arrested an ex-con named Ernesto Miranda for a petty theft and, during interrogation, got him to confess to the kidnapping and rape of an 18-year-old girl from 11 days earlier—without first advising him of his Fifth Amendment rights protecting the accused from self-incrimination. This resulted in the landmark Supreme Court ruling requiring all cops to read arrestees their "Miranda rights." Debus would later tell reporters, "That's the way it was" in law enforcement those days. "[Being a detective] gave me an understanding, an appreciation—and a tolerance—of the human condition," he says. "Because police officers see it all: the dregs of it and the beauty of it as well."

"Larry does a great job of making his clients realize he shares their burdens and worries and is committed to help them if it is at all possible," attests longtime friend and former next-door neighbor Tom Henze, another legendary old-school defender. "He has an uncanny ability to see the essence of a complicated situation and to distill what is important into the simple terms that a jury—and some judges—can clearly understand."

Debus says getting out on the open seas helps him escape that elitist "strata" and reconnect with basic human needs, which ultimately sharpens his empathy each time he comes ashore. "When I'm in front of a jury, I can understand their troubles, and their joys, because I've lived it," he says. "There was a time when I lived it."