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Egypt demands regime change

M omentum is on the side of change in Egyptian street protests. That's a great thing. But it hasn't happened organically and without loss of life. It may be a great thing — if the Arab world's largest, most vi-

cable powerful democracy is not just a matter of form. It will mean a new and different kind of repre-

sentative form of government. Given people a voice and an opportunity to speak out, the govern-

ment of President Hosni Mubarak will likely fall. More than 30 years after the Egyptian people have lived under this dictator, it may be time for his government to fall.

Inspired by popular protests that toppled the regime of Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali in neighbor-

ing Tunisia, the demonstrations in Cairo and other Egyptian cities have been gaining momentum at an astonishing pace. The demonstrations are not just about a single issue. They are about the fundamental legitimacy of the Mubarak regime, which has systematically violated the most basic human rights of its citizens, including the Middle East peace process.

A new government must be inclusive and consultative. It must respect the democratic process and respect the will of the people. It must be committed to a peaceful resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It must respect the rights of all its citizens, including women and minorities. It must be accountable to the people and to the international community.

The world is watching. The United States and the European Union are sending decretal greetings to the protesters. The United Nations has called for a peaceful resolution of the crisis. The International Monetary Fund has offered financial assistance. The International Court of Justice has been asked to intervene. The United Nations Human Rights Council has been asked to investigate.

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Lorenz said the looming fiscal challenge already is costing the district at least $11.5 million per year to charters. And while that could be an example of healthy competition — the Lorenz schools get a tax on their state report card because they are in academically diverse Ohio. That has several problems. Why such a pessimistic view of the economy, and is it really that bad?

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We need to build educated citizens, too

They include a Medical Mart and Convention Center, the Weinmann fami-

ly's development on the East Ninth Corridor and the Mall on Public-

Square. And while it’s far too early to make any final judgments about the Love letter: “You know, for furniture or vases,”

SCHULTZ

From G1

No need to look hard for second-hand label

I asked to meet with her after she sent an email to my column, which said that Superintendent Dr. Grace Bergen was looking for a part-time intern to help with the district's communications. She had never heard of a Plain Dealer intern before, but said she was interested in the idea.

Sudds

From G1

The world awaits Ohio budget results

In plain English, Ohio’s economy was wobbly — and policymakers of both parties used one-time money and gimmicks to balance the 2010-11 budget.

In another scenario, the state could use a one-time tax hike or an increase in license fees to fund a few programs for the current fiscal year, while avoiding cuts to next year's budget. The state could also use one-time money to help pay for ongoing expenses, such as paying for teachers' retirement benefits.

The analysis lists six factors that could change Ohio’s budget: (1) higher state income tax rates; (2) fewer state sales tax exemptions; (3) lower state spending on Medicaid; (4) a decline in the number of people working in the construction industry; (5) an increase in the price of gasoline; and (6) a decrease in the number of people receiving unemployment benefits.

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Beware construction reform

A new debate over how to fund and deliver public works construction isn’t debated on its own merits. Instead, the issue is used to prove a larger point. But legislators and taxpayers might ask why they would want to pay for an extra-cost replacement levy. That fiscal pressure will increase the state’s construction costs in the years to come.

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**Setting up a deal of referendums**

Ohio Senate Republicans have trotted out a political gimmick that could cost state residents $1 billion – and all for nothing.

At the behest of Sen. Timothy Grendell, theochlischristian.org, GOP senators plus Democrat Jason Wilson of Columbus, Ohio, have introduced a state constitutional amendment aimed at blocking health coverage mandates nationwide. It’s the Ohio Senate’s “Crisis of Conscience Act” – what foes call “Obamacare.” The Ohio House, also under GOP control, passed legislation the Senate Joint Resolution 1 before Ohioans could vote on the proposed amendment this November.

The amendment’s passage, despite the Constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act. Petitioning the Supreme Court of Ohio, Grendell – whose ideology owes almost as fast a ride to Jim Bob and Michelle Duggars-wide-ranging standards.

The Affordable Care Act is red meat to the right, and Republicans nationwide need every right-leaning Ohio voter they can round up this fall to ensure their midterm victory over Gov. John Kasich’s public-sector collective-bargaining-busting Senate Bill 5. Grendell’s crusade, which Grendell, who now wants a seat in the Ohio Supreme Court, will launch with a robust Amendment. Ambition can be a sharp spur to creativity.

Even if voters approve Grendell’s efforts, the Affordable Care Act as theology does not compare well with other industrialized countries.

**Improve charter regs**

The troubled school should have come under closer scrutiny long ago. Instead, Ohio law forces charter schools to fudge financial numbers, multiple exemptions to schools that fail to meet minimal financial standards or that apparently tal–

Take Marcus Garvey Academy, in Cleveland. The school, led by Marcus Garvey Charter Academy Director Timothy Dolan, proudly prides himself on having parallel, compelling evidence, Ohio Auditor Dave Yost froze the school’s bank account last year after Garvey had to retract suspiciously

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Surely, the school was not living up to its promises. Just ask the office of the Ohio Auditor, who released a report last month going with the school at the end of June.

Dolan is on the way out. Whether he has support of parish leaders, what that support means, and whether he will stay on as principal when Dolan is no longer this month – it seems almost like an event.

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FRESH EYE ON POLICE WORK

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Can Greeks become Germans?

Thomas L. Friedman

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A fresh eye on police work

Despite what Cleveland Police Chief Michael McGrath says to Cleveland and the Center for American Progress Action Fund. This was written for the Center for American Progress, which has been incubating an idea for some 18 months, Grüne Bildungsbüro has proposed a change in culture?”

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The flaws in how Ohio pays for schools have long been apparent, and now they're getting even more desperate.

Ohioans know that our school funding system is unfair. Kids in some districts are funded at twice the rate of neighboring districts. Meanwhile, high needs districts struggle to keep up.

We need to shift funding for schools that don't yet have the dollars to grow. We need a plan to move kids out of the lowest-funded schools and into better-funded neighborhoods, and we need a plan to keep better-funded schools from fading.

The plain truth is, we need a plan that really makes the system fairer and better serves the needs of every child.

The problem is, this campaign has been a mess. The Governor's race between John Kasich and Richard Cordray has been confusing enough, but the race for Ohio's four U.S. Senate seats has been even worse.

Senate candidates from both parties are running on a platform that includes reducing the federal deficit, promoting economic growth, and providing tax relief for middle-class families. But they all seem to have different ideas about how to achieve these goals.

The race is a battle of ideas, and the outcome will depend on which candidate can best inspire voters to come out and vote. The stakes are high, and the race will be decided by the votes of a narrow slice of the electorate.

So, Mama, tell your children to vote on November 8, and don't forget to cast your ballots early if you don't want to stand in line on Election Day.

Endorsement roundup

LAKE COUNTY: Aa)

Thomas L. Friedman

Michigan's government is in a crisis. The state is facing huge budget shortfalls, and the Governor is facing criticism for his handling of the situation.

The Governor has proposed a budget plan that includes cuts to education and other essential services. But the plan has been met with resistance from teachers and other public sector workers.

The Governor has also been criticized for his handling of the Flint water crisis, which has left many residents in the city without clean drinking water.

The Governor's response to these challenges has been much more effective than his handling of the budget crisis. But the state's finances are still a major issue, and it will be up to the Governor and his team to find a way to address the problem.

The Governor's re-election campaign is in full swing, and he is facing strong opposition from the Democratic candidate, Gretchen Whitmer.

The campaign has been marked by heated debates over a range of issues, including education, healthcare, and the state's economic future.

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It's time to go big, Mr. President

President Barack Obama has an opportunity in his second term to approach the fiscal cliff -- if he chooses to.

But getting over the fiscal cliff, which includes both a deficit-reduction plan and an end to the automatic tax increases that go into effect Jan. 1, is the defining challenge of President Obama’s second term. It is also the defining challenge of the Obama administration. It’s time to go big, Mr. President.

The two current Republican presidential candidates, Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich, come from different approaches to the deficit and the economy. The current budget is unsustainable without continuous deficits and big government. Both have made a career out of railing against government waste, and both have spent years in Congress.

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Council needs a challenge

With the filing deadlines coming up, and the Cleveland City Council members up for re-election, it’s time for the public sector to take a look at its performance. There have been numerous complaints about the performance of public sector employees, but it’s time for the community to demand better performance.

As the independent center on Education Policies report on vouchers and last July, vouchers have not delivered the excellence that was promised. If we want to see a better future for our children, we must demand better outcomes from our educators.

Council needs a challenge to continue to educate our children, as the CEP report also noted. Huffman and his supporters should not be satisfied with the status quo. It’s time for them to step up and demand better for our children.

Pain in the public sector

B ut in the relatively short time that I have been following the city’s budget process, I have been struck by the lack of transparency. The city’s financial situation has been a source of concern for months, and the lack of information available to the public has only added to the sense of unease.

Despite a few cutbacks, the overall property tax base has increased, but there is still a need for more transparency. The city should make it easier for its residents to understand where their money is going and what decisions are being made.

After all the scandals and the hard-fought elections, it’s time for the public sector to start listening to the community. The city council needs to engage in an open and transparent process, and it should be held accountable for its actions.

Four might have a chance in November — if they get the public schools that are already on the ballot is a mistake

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Voucher school

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The Cleveland City Council needs a challenge. The city’s public schools have struggled in recent years, and the council needs to take a hard look at how it can improve the system.

The council’s education committee, chaired by Marcia Huffman, has been focusing on the issue of vouchers, which would allow students to attend private schools at no cost to the city. But the council has not done a good job of addressing the educational problems.

Now imagine trying to review the books of a district in Cuyahoga County, House Bill 136 could snatch as much as $5,700 out their budget for private schooling. They should not be allowed to use public funds to support private schools.

Robby Pettinger to pay it

Pettinger to pay it how to reform city finances, Ohio is worse it is the prototype to help provide some insights into the state budget for private schooling. They should not be allowed to use public funds to support private schools.

Accountability is a matter of concern Huffman has been criticized for her leadership, and the state of the city’s public schools is not good. It’s time for the council to take a hard look at what’s being done with their tax dollars.

Closing ranks behind Fudge

As you might have heard, the Cleveland City Hall and its full-time employees, including the city’s mayor, Tina Turner, have been facing some tough times. Turner is facing the problem of a very long against the city’s budget. The city has gone ahead with plans to cut it.

It’s hard to believe, but we are going to do whatever it takes. That’s our plan. For the sake of the city’s future, we need to make some tough decisions.

Ohio is agamet for young talent

The state of Ohio’s young talent is being undermined by the state’s economic policies. The state is losing young people to other states and countries, and the educational system is not preparing them for the jobs of the future.

Educational accountability is another issue that Huffman needs to address. The state’s educational standards are not high enough, and the city’s public schools need to be held accountable for the educational outcomes.

And that’s the primary reason why House Bill 136 is a mistake. The bill is a threat to the city’s public schools, and Huffman needs to fight back against it.

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