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## BORDER BEDLAM

- AMERICAN FREE PRESS reporter goes to Mexico to check out aftermath of caravan chaos

By John Friend

**T**IJUANA, Mexico—Hundreds of migrants are camping in tents in a public street just outside the Benito Juarez sports complex in Tijuana, Mexico, home to a makeshift shelter set up by the migrants, local officials, and charity groups to assist the thousands of mostly Central American migrants who have trekked thousands of miles in an attempt to enter the United States.

Local authorities closed the sports complex late last month due to unsanitary and squalid living conditions and set up a new camp in the Mariano Matamoros neighborhood of Tijuana, roughly 10 miles from the U.S. border. That hasn't stopped hundreds of migrants from continuing to squat near the sports complex, which this reporter visited last weekend to get a firsthand account of the ongoing situation.

Men, women, and children are camping in tents and other handmade shelters in a public street next to the sports complex, which is a roughly 10-minute drive from the



**Hundreds if not thousands** of Central American migrants are still camped out in Tijuana, Juarez, and other Mexican cities, hoping for entry into the United States. Above, an AFP photo shows one of their migrant camps.

main U.S. border crossing entry. The vast majority of those camping are young men aged 16-25, based on this reporter's estimation. According to locals, thousands of migrants had been living in or near the sports complex in previous weeks, but

many have either relocated, attempted to cross the border, or have begun the arduous journey back home after realizing gaining asylum or refugee status in the United States is a much more difficult process than they had anticipated or were promised.

The sports complex and surrounding area is covered with garbage, discarded items, and human waste. The main entryway to the complex is locked, and signs are posted indicating the facility is closed. Local faith-based organizations and charities in the area are providing warm meals and other basic living es-

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## A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

It's that time of year again, readers—the last issue of AMERICAN FREE PRESS for 2018 is headed to the printer. And what a year it's been! Looking back, we've made some remarkable gains in spite of everything that happened to us in 2017 when we were hit over and over again in an attempt to permanently knock us out. We didn't fold and shut our doors forever, as our detractors had hoped. We certainly struggled, but, eventually, we persevered, and look at us now.

We've written quite a bit about all of this over the course of the past 12 months. By now, everyone is aware of the financial hits we took as well as the pressure put on us to roll over and die, so there's no use dredging that up all over again.

Instead, in the spirit of Christmas, let's take a moment to invoke Santa's naughty or nice list and take a look at some of the organizations that certainly should be getting coal in their stockings instead of a treat.

As a whole, the mainstream media deserve a big black lump of coal from Old Saint Nick this year for all of the lying they've done. Over and over again, they've lived up to their moniker—"fake news." It's actually surprising that anyone believes the big media in the U.S. anymore, since they so blatantly tell bald-faced lies. President Donald Trump has been right every time when he scolds reporters over their silly, irrelevant questions, pointing out how their viewership continues to evaporate.

The country's largest liberal news outlets have taken it on the chin hardest, with CNN seeing its viewers fall by a whopping 35% this year alone. And, while MSNBC has seen some growth in evening viewership, its daytime ratings have slid by 10% this year.

While some news analysts attribute the overall slump in cable news viewership to increased competition from the Internet, no one can deny that most Americans are simply fed up with their shrill, biased, fake news reporting.

In contrast, we at AMERICAN FREE PRESS spent our year sticking up for good guys in this great country, including Robert E. Lee, St. Junípero Serra, and any other national hero who had his statue ripped down by the culture destroyers in 2018. We didn't stop there. We also went to bat for the president of the United States and his administration; America's sheriff, Joe Arpaio; Nevada ranchers, the Bundys; Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh; America's veterans; survivors of the USS *Liberty* attack; WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange; Syrian leader Bashar al-Assad; Russian President Vladimir Putin; whistleblower Edward Snowden; and Pentagon Papers leaker Daniel Ellsberg, to name some of those who are under fire today for reasons that are beyond us. We even defended liberals like ABC talk show host Joy Behar and radical feminist Meghan Murphy when the PC police targeted them for simply expressing their

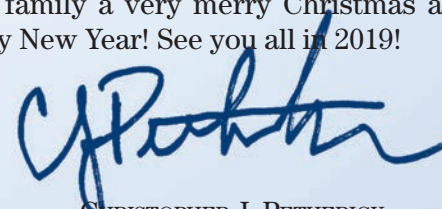
own personal beliefs in public. After all, we take the First Amendment seriously for everyone, whether or not we agree with what's said.

So if anyone deserves a little something nice under the tree this year, it's the staff at AMERICAN FREE PRESS.

The bottom line is, we know that we're the good guys, because no one else in the national media is really telling the objective, unvarnished truth these days. Whether on such topics as the Russia-collusion tale or 9/11 or the Middle East, no other national media outlet goes to the lengths and endures the level of harassment that AMERICAN FREE PRESS does to get the real story out.

It's worth emphasizing here that we don't by any means consider ourselves victims for the positions we take. We just consider it the price of doing our job, and we're willing to pay it. As George Orwell so eloquently put it, "In a time of universal deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act."

With all of that said, from all of us at AMERICAN FREE PRESS, we want to wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year! See you all in 2019! ★



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# News You May Have Missed

## Extortion, Plain and Simple

On Dec. 12, two groups of representatives from the Central American migrants caravan trying to force their way into the U.S. marched to the U.S. Consulate in Tijuana with two demands for the United States: Either let them into the United States more quickly or pay them \$50,000 each to go home. One representative said the amount is “a small sum compared to everything the United States has stolen from Honduras,” reported the *San Diego Union-Tribune*. The caravan, which has stalled out in Tijuana, just across the border from the U.S., is estimated to total around 4,000 people, which would mean, if U.S. officials caved to their extortion, U.S. taxpayers would pay out \$200 million to these would-be lawbreakers. Other demands included an end to deportations and the ouster of Honduran president Orlando Hernandez, needed to end the “refugee crisis caused in great part by decades of U.S. intervention in Central America.”

## Full-Blown Crisis

U.S. border officials caught more than 3,000 illegal immigrants in just one day in early December, the highest total in years, according to congressional testimony from the Trump administration’s top border official. Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Kevin K. McAleenan told the Senate Judiciary Committee the situation is “indeed both a border security and a humanitarian crisis.” More than 1,100 of those caught attempting to sneak across the border were juveniles, including 350 children traveling alone and another 750 or so with parents.

## Fake News

The mainstream media is slaving over recent news that President Donald Trump’s former personal attorney Michael Cohen has been sentenced to three years following a plea deal where Cohen admitted to, among other things, violating campaign finance law by paying hush money to silence two women who claimed to have had affairs with Trump. In August, when news first broke of the deal between New York prosecutors and Michael Cohen, even *The Washington Post* reported that, assuming the story is true, Trump did not violate murky campaign finance law. “Yes, those payments were unseemly, but unseemliness doesn’t make something illegal,” reported the *Post*. “At the very least, the law is murky about whether paying hush money to a mistress is a ‘campaign expense’ or a personal expense. In such circumstances, we would not usually expect prosecutors to charge the individuals with a ‘knowing and willful’ violation, leading to criminal charges and possible jail time. A civil fine would be the normal response.” Cohen is facing far more serious charges of tax and

bank fraud, for which he agreed to plead guilty to seriously questionable campaign finance charges.

## Total Victory

On Dec. 11, a district court judge ruled that porn star Stormy Daniels has to pay President Trump \$293,000 in legal fees. “The U.S. District Court today ordered Stormy Daniels (real name Stephanie Clifford) to pay President Trump \$293,052.33 to reimburse his attorneys’ fees (75% of his total legal bill), plus an additional \$1,000 in sanctions to punish Daniels for having filed a meritless lawsuit against the president designed to chill his free speech rights,” said Charles J. Harder, the president’s attorney. “The court’s order, along with the court’s prior order dismissing Stormy Daniels’ defamation case against the President, together constitute a total victory for the president, and a total defeat for Stormy Daniels in this case.”

## Defaming America’s Sheriff

Late in December, former Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio filed a defamation lawsuit seeking \$300 million against three news organizations, claiming that their fake news regarding his criminal case hurt his chances at successfully running for the Senate. Arpaio, who has been interviewed by AMERICAN FREE PRESS on multiple occasions, filed his lawsuit in Washington and alleges that CNN, “Huffington Post” and *Rolling Stone* magazine in-



ARPAIO

tionally acted with malice when they published reports they knew to be bogus, such as the claim that Arpaio was a convicted felon. In 2017, Arpaio was convicted of criminal contempt of court for disobeying a judge’s order to stop his immigration patrols, which was a misdemeanor, not a felony. He was eventually pardoned by President Donald Trump.

## Racism Double Standard

It happens to be a truism today that most liberals see racism everywhere, and in everything—except, of course, when it comes out of their own mouths. Cable news outlets CNN and MSNBC are shining examples of this, particularly when it is carried out by their own hosts. For example, in late December, CNN’s Alisyn Camerota asked Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper (D) if he shouldn’t be considering running for president in 2020 because he’s “a white guy.” When he ignored the question, she asked it again, because, of course, to the political left, everything is about race and not competence.

## Left Silent on Kavanaugh Now

On Dec. 11, the Supreme Court turned down three cases relating to conservative efforts to defund Planned Parenthood at the state level despite strong dissent from Justice Clarence Thomas. The cases were significant because it means that Justice Brett Kavanaugh sided with the court’s liberal wing to deny review of a lower court decision that favored the nation’s largest abortion provider. “So what explains the court’s refusal to do its job here?” Thomas wrote in his dissent. “I suspect it has something to do with the fact that some respondents in these cases are named ‘Planned Parenthood.’”

## Sick and Crazy

The CIA recently marked the 65th anniversary of the launch of Project MK-ULTRA by releasing documents on the secretive mind-control experiments carried out by the spy agency in the 1960s. In one “behavioral modification” program, the CIA had a doctor implant a device in the brains of six dogs so that they could be electronically controlled by humans and made to run, turn, and stop. The documents were provided under the Freedom of Information Act by John Greenwald, who founded “TheBlackVault.com,” a clearinghouse for declassified government records. In one apparent memo, which was released as “file C00021825,” an individual whose name is redacted wrote to a doctor, whose name was also redacted, with an offer to help launch a laboratory for experiments in animal mind control.

## Frankenkids

Chinese university professor He Jiankui claims that he has edited the DNA of twin girls in order to prevent them from contracting HIV. On Nov. 25, He made the announcement, leading scientists around the world to condemn the action, noting that it violates ethics and morality to tinker with humans on a genetic level.



# California Election System in Mayhem

• Ballot harvesting, jungle primaries make Golden State ripe for vote fraud

By John Friend

**V**oter fraud and corruption is a very real problem, even in so-called “advanced democracies,” such as the United States. For example, changes made in 2016 to AB1921, a California state law dealing with collecting and submitting voter ballots, may have exacerbated the problem in the Golden State, at least according to some political experts.

Prior to 2016, California election laws stated that voters wishing to vote by mail had to either mail their ballot in or have a family or household member submit the ballot on their behalf at their local polling place. The changes made to AB1921 and signed into law in 2016 by Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown updated the law to allow anyone to return mail ballots on behalf of other voters. Called “ballot harvesting,” the updates allowed third parties—really anyone—to collect ballots from voters and submit them to election officials with little oversight.

The changes were instigated and supported by California Democrats, while Republicans largely opposed the updates.

In the 2018 mid-term election, Democrats in California exploited the new law, befuddling state and national Republican leaders, especially considering that many Republican contenders for various congressional seats around the state were winning on election day. After all ballots were finally counted—weeks after the election—Republicans ended up losing to Democrats in most races, as ballots submitted by third parties were finally counted and factored into the race.

“California just defies logic to me,” outgoing House Speaker Paul Ryan stated shortly after the election results were in. “We were only down 26 seats the night of the election, and three weeks later, we lost basically every California contested race. This election system they have—I can’t

begin to understand what ‘ballot harvesting’ is.”

At least six Republican congressional contenders in California were leading their races on election night, but eventually lost after all votes were finally counted. In Orange County, where Democrats won every single House seat, “the number of Election Day vote-by-mail drop-offs was unprecedented—over 250,000,” Fred Whitaker, the chairman of the Orange County Republican Party, noted shortly after the election. “This is a direct result of ballot harvesting allowed under California law for the first time. That directly caused the switch from being ahead on election night to losing two weeks later.”

Ryan called California’s voting system “really bizarre” and appeared quite suspicious of the final vote tallies.

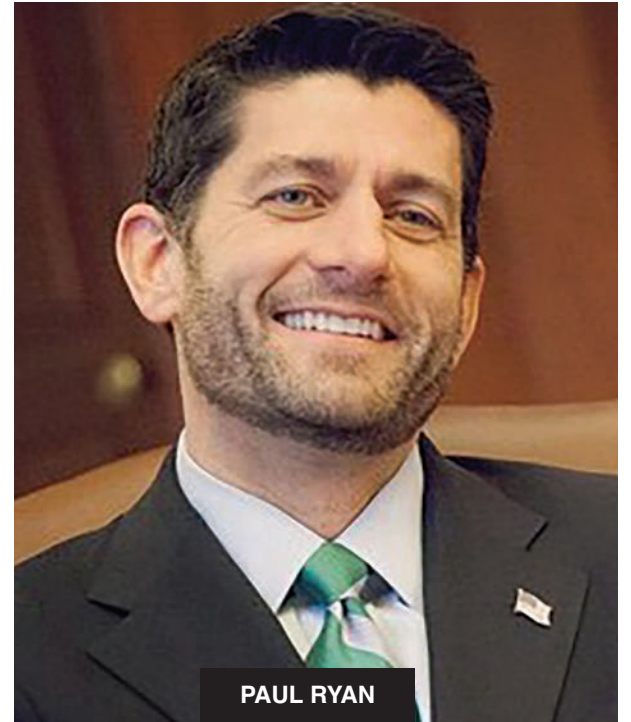
The point is, Ryan stated, “when you have candidates that win the absentee ballot vote, win the day of the vote, and then lose three weeks later because of provisionals, that’s really bizarre.”

Democrats insist they are simply taking advantage of the updated laws and working their hardest to get the vote out, while some Republicans have conceded that they were ill-prepared to take advantage of the updated laws.

“One of the lessons that the GOP needs to learn out of this election cycle is how to work within all of the new rules, same-day voter registration, motor voters,” Rep. Jeff Denham, a Republican congressman who lost in the mid-term election to a Democrat this year, told reporters. “There have been a lot of changes in laws that I think have caught many in the Republican Party by surprise. You can’t just run a traditional campaign as you did before.”

Other GOP leaders indicated that it is time for Republicans to adapt to the new rules in order to compete with Democrats, who were well prepared to exploit the updated laws.

“The Democrats are creating a new, highly efficient tool to turn out voters,” Dale Neugebauer, a Republican consultant in California, stated



PAUL RYAN

Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, the outgoing speaker of the House, said he doesn’t understand “vote harvesting.” The GOP has two years to figure it out, and it better, because it helped turn many contested races in the Democrats’ favor in California.

shortly after the election. “If Republicans can’t find a way to match it, we’re going to lose more elections all over the country.”

California Republicans have their work cut out for them, as Democrats continue to solidify their power in the state at the local, state and national level. ★

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## California’s ‘Jungle Primary’ Primed Golden State for Vote Scam

**A**s if California’s new laws allowing “ballot harvesting” aren’t bad enough, the Golden State’s so-called “jungle primary” before the mid-term election in November made the voting even more chaotic and suspicious.

Back in May 2018, the *San Diego Tribune* published a lengthy article that explained the state’s jungle primary. “California is one of three states that employ an election process known as the ‘jungle primary’ that leaves the top two vote getters, regardless of political party, facing off in runoff elections in November,” reported the *Tribune*. “That means in theory a Democrat could compete against another Democrat, or a Republican could compete against another Republican instead of having the

top vote getter in each party’s primary advancing.”

The *Tribune* noted that this was supposed to open the primaries to third parties and independents. In reality, what Californians witnessed was the Democratic Party taking advantage of this chaotic system to advance even more of its candidates.

For example, this explains why there was no Republican candidate for Senate on the ballot. Instead, voters were only able to choose between two Democrats: Dianne Feinstein and Kevin de León.

Typically, in primaries, registered Democratic voters can only vote for Democrats while registered Republican voters can only vote for candidates from their own party. This usually translates into a general election where a Democrat, a Republican,

and anyone else who can get on the ballot is listed for voters. California’s jungle primary, however, opens the primary race to all of the candidates, regardless of political party affiliation.

This has been going on since 2012, and the results are in for independents and third parties. In the past six years, only a handful of candidates who are neither Democrat nor Republican have been able to get on ballots for federal offices.

According to the *Tribune*, what they have seen, instead, are races flooded with candidates from the two major political parties, drowning out independents and third parties.

Nebraska and Washington are the only other states in the U.S. that have jungle primaries. ★

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# Deep State Loves Free Trade, Hates Trump

• Media stays silent when Trump's policies work and globalists' free-trade policies fail

By Donald Jeffries

During his 2016 presidential campaign, Donald Trump became the first major presidential contender to criticize American trade policies since Ross Perot. So-called “free” trade has long been an essential plank of the party platforms of both “opposing” political parties.

Once Trump began actually imposing tariffs on imports, the establishment unleashed the usual “protectionist” smears, and claimed that these tariffs have caused myriad problems. A typical headline from the aptly named *Global Times* announced, “U.S. Widening Trade Deficit with China Shows Trump's Trade Policy Backfiring.”

The same kept media was silent after NAFTA was passed in 1993, and the negative effects were obvious. Critics estimated America lost about 20% of its manufacturing jobs during the first 14 years after NAFTA was enacted.

When China entered the World Trade Organization (WTO) in 2001, the impact on American industry was compounded. No less an establishment organ than *Forbes* magazine would report, on Feb. 14, 2011, that the United States had averaged a loss of 50,000 manufacturing jobs per month since China joined the WTO.

Pat Buchanan wrote, in a June 18, 2012 column, how at the time NAFTA was enacted in 1993, the United States had a trade surplus with Mexico of some \$1.6 billion. By 2010, we had a trade deficit with Mexico of \$61.6 billion.

In 1985, Bureau of Census figures showed a manageable deficit with China of \$6 million. It was \$365 billion by 2015. That represented the largest trade deficit any nation has ever had with another.

Much of the same mainstream liberal press that would blast Trump's tariffs felt quite differently

about the subject a few years previously. The *Huffington Post* would reflect this, in a March 8, 2014 story headlined, “NAFTA at 20: One Million U.S. Jobs Lost, Higher Income Equality.” The article reported the results of a study by Public Citizen, which noted how the disastrous trade deal had caused a dramatic increase in illegal immigration and corporate welfare, along with a corresponding decrease in American manufacturing jobs.

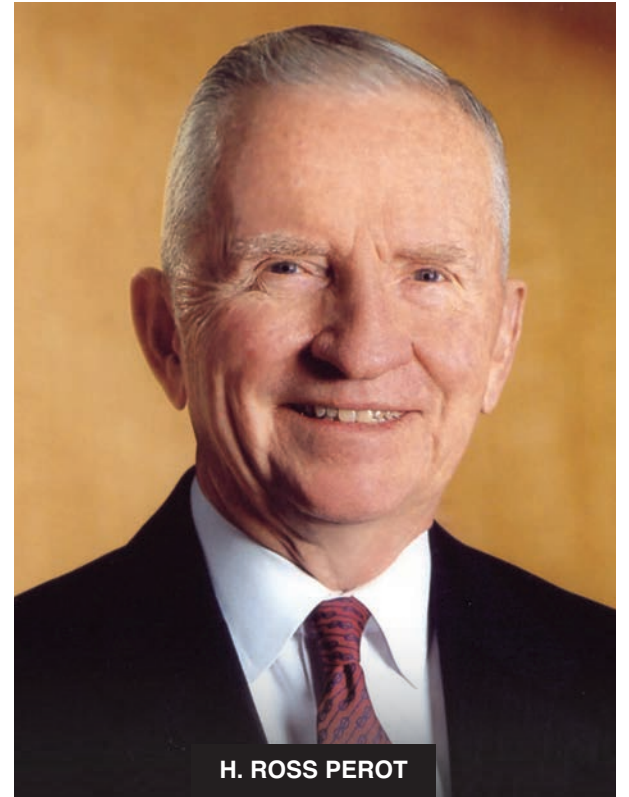
While corporate giants like General Electric and Chrysler promised to create specific numbers of new jobs if NAFTA was approved, and Bill Clinton assured the public that “NAFTA means jobs,” there were instead significantly increased layoffs and outsourcing. The lure of cheaper labor in countries like Mexico motivated corporations to move their production there.

Trump tapped into the huge discord in the general population with our senseless trade policies, which Perot so memorably predicted would produce a “giant sucking sound” of jobs leaving the country. Trump's persistent snipes at “globalism” invoked the wrath of an establishment long accustomed to pliable free-trade disciples in the political world. Trump's website expressed his position on trade succinctly with the headline, “Our country is getting ripped off.”

When General Motors recently announced the closing of five domestic plants and the elimination of thousands of jobs, Trump was irate. In typical cockeyed establishment logic, Trump's imposition of tariffs was somehow responsible for GM's actions. Trump blasted the corporate giant and threatened to end the federal tax credits it has long enjoyed.

“Very disappointed with General Motors and their CEO, Mary Barra, for closing plants in Ohio, Michigan, and Maryland.” Trump tweeted. “Nothing being closed in Mexico and China.”

GM memorably benefited from one of the most generous examples of corporate welfare imaginable, when taxpayers bailed it out in 2009. In a



H. ROSS PEROT

clear reference to this, Trump took to Twitter again, declaring, “The U.S. saved General Motors, and this is the thanks we get! We are now looking at cutting all @GM subsidies, including for electric cars.” GM's Barra received almost \$22 million in compensation in 2017, some 295 times what the average employee at the company made.

While Trump soundly chastised GM and Barra in particular, the globalist giant seemed unmoved. Labor leaders in Ohio, concerned with the closing of the plant in Lordstown, stated that they were unable to reach any GM officials on the phone. Barra exemplifies the establishment liberal mindset; while paying herself quite handsomely, she ruthlessly eliminates blue-collar jobs, all the while touting an environmentally friendly mantra of “zero crashes, zero emissions, and zero congestion.”

The company had the audacity to claim that the taxes imposed by Trump on steel and aluminum imports had cost them some \$1 billion. It didn't explain why they had to use imported steel and aluminum instead of domestic products.

Harley-Davidson angered the president a few months earlier by announcing a move of some of its production overseas.

Beginning with his withdrawal from the Trans-Pacific Partnership, trade has been one of the areas where Trump has remained true to his campaign rhetoric.

With cheap labor dear to the hearts of globalists everywhere, that isn't making the Deep State happy. ★



The president is angry that General Motors is closing production plants in several states.

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# Democrats Desperate for Presidential Candidates

• Top contenders include Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders, Beto O'Rourke

By S.T. Patrick

The Democratic Party has caught “Beto-mania,” and it’s spreading all the way to a potential 2020 nomination for president. One prominent Democrat has yet to purchase his own ticket for the Beto bandwagon. Outgoing Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel is hesitant about the early hype of Rep. Beto O’Rourke (D-Texas). The former chief of staff to President Barack Obama questioned the wisdom of getting behind O’Rourke, who just lost a surprisingly close Senate race to Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas).

“If Beto O’Rourke wants to go and run for president, God bless him. He should put his hat in and make his case,” Emanuel recently told MSNBC. “But, he lost. You don’t usually promote a loser to the top of party.”

Emanuel, a power player in the Democratic Party, was on MSNBC to publicly support Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) in her effort to once again become House speaker. “Nancy Pelosi led the Democratic Party for the last two years from a really bad election in 2016,” Emanuel said. “I’m from Chicago. Maybe I’m really old school, but to the victor go the spoils.”

When asked if a presidential run is possible, O’Rourke has responded that “anything is possible.” A “Draft Beto 2020 PAC” has already been formed by Lauren Pardi, Will Herberich, and Adam Webster, three Democratic strategists based in the

Northeast.

“Make no mistake about it,” the strategists wrote, “Beto can win. A recent Politico poll showed that among the field of potential Democratic candidates, Beto was third—behind only Vice President Joe Biden and [Vermont] Sen. Bernie Sanders. . . . Our goal is to show Beto that there is support for his candidacy, starting here in New England.”

In 2016, Emanuel supported Hillary Clinton over both Biden and Sanders. If Mrs. Clinton runs again, he may re-up his support or he may go another direction. It’s feasible that he could run, himself, though there are few Democratic strategists predicting an Emanuel campaign. The strategy at this point would be to appear cold and unimpressed by all potential candidates. In doing so, Emanuel’s support becomes more valuable and could earn him a better position within his chosen candidate’s administration. In politics, support is a commodity. The wise political move is to use it as such, especially when a candidate needs a boost among the party faithful in the primary polls.

While Obama has not yet endorsed even the possibility of an O’Rourke run—and did not officially endorse his Senate candidacy—the former president has recently made some glowing remarks about the Democratic Party’s favorite new hope.

“It felt as if he based his statements and his positions on what he believed,” Obama said. “And that, you’d like to think, is normally how things work. Sadly, it’s not.”



BETO O'ROURKE

When O’Rourke was a city councilman in El Paso in 2008, he broke with his local party faithful and supported Obama over Mrs. Clinton in the primaries. Like Obama and Trump, he would hope to catch a sort of “rock star vibe” that pushes candidates through primaries in this new millennium. He has already embraced social media and eschewed consultants, preferring an online presence to a sizeable staff.

In a November poll of Democratic voters, O’Rourke ranked third among 21 other choices. Biden ranked first with Sanders coming in a strong second. Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), Sen. Kamala Harris (D-Calif.), Sen. Corey Booker (D-N.J.), and former mayor of New York City Michael Bloomberg were the only other candidates to receive over 1% in the poll. Whispers within the party are still discussing the remote possibility of a billionaire celebrity run by someone such as television production mogul Oprah Winfrey or Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg.

The Democratic Party may be in the midst of an identity crisis, still guessing what it will be in 2020. Will it be the blatantly Democratic Socialist party of Sanders and 28-year-old Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) or will it move toward a more popular centrism as it did in Pennsylvania when 34-year-old Rep. Conor Lamb (D-Penn.) flipped a long-held Republican seat in conservative southwestern Pennsylvania? Lamb, a former Marine and federal prosecutor, pushed his military service and moderate views on issues to a victory.

As the Democrats learned in November, they underestimate President Trump at their own expense. Chastising him has only strengthened his base. Antagonizing the base will only further the separation and drive moderates to the right. In a country rife with polarization, both parties will still have to seek those in the middle to win in 2020. ★

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Many people insist that either Vice President Joe Biden (left) or avowed socialist Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont had a better chance of beating Donald Trump than did Hillary Clinton.



# Trump's Foreign Policy Remains Muddled

• Insanity: President Trump doing the same thing and expecting a different result

By Dr. Ron Paul

After a week of insisting that a meeting with Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the G20 meeting in Argentina was going to happen, President Donald Trump at the last minute sent out a statement explaining that due to a Russia-Ukraine dispute in the Sea of Azov he would no longer be willing to meet his Russian counterpart.

According to Trump, the meeting had to be cancelled because the Russians seized three Ukrainian naval vessels in Russian waters that refused to follow instructions from the Russian military. But as Pat Buchanan wrote in a recent column: How is this little dispute thousands of miles away any of our business?

Unfortunately, it is “our business” because of President Barack Obama’s foolish idea to overthrow a democratically elected, pro-Russia government in Ukraine in favor of what his administration believed would be a “pro-Western” and “pro-NATO” replacement. In short, the Obama administration did openly to Ukraine what his Democratic Party claims without proof the Russians

did to the United States: meddled in a vote.

U.S. interventionism in Ukraine led to the 2014 coup and many dead Ukrainians. Crimea’s majority-Russian population held a referendum and decided to re-join Russia rather than remain in a “pro-West” Ukraine that immediately began discriminating against them. Why would anyone object to people opting out of abusive relationships?

What is most disappointing about Trump’s foreign policy is that it didn’t have to be this way. He ran on a platform of America first, ending foreign wars, NATO skepticism, and better relations with Russia. Americans voted for this policy. He had a mandate, a rejection of Obama’s destructive interventionism. But he lost his nerve.

Instead of being the president who ships lethal weapons to the Ukrainian regime, instead of being the president who insists that Crimea remain in Ukraine, instead of being the president who continues policies the American people clearly rejected at the ballot box, Trump could have blamed the Ukraine-Russia mess on the failed Obama foreign policy and charted a very different course. What flag flies over Crimea is none of our business. We are not the policemen of the world, and candidate Trump seemed to have understood that.

But now Trump’s in a trap. He was foolish

enough to believe that Beltway foreign policy “experts” have a clue about what really is American national interest. Just this week he told *The Washington Post*, in response to three U.S. soldiers being killed by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan, that he has to keep U.S. troops fighting in the longest war in U.S. history because the “experts” tell him there is no alternative.

He said, “Virtually every expert that I have and speak to says if we don’t go there, they’re going to be fighting over here. And I’ve heard it over and over again.”

That is the same bunkum the neocons sold us as they lied us into Iraq. We’ve got to fight Saddam over there or he’d soon be in our streets. These “experts” are worthless, yet for some reason Trump cannot break free of them.

Well, here’s some unsolicited advice to the president: Listen to the people who elected you, who are tired of the U.S. as the world’s police force. Let Ukraine and Russia work out their own problems. Give all your “experts” a pink slip and start over with a real pro-American foreign policy: non-interventionism. ★

— Ron Paul, a former U.S. representative from Texas and medical doctor, continues to write his weekly column for the Ron Paul Institute for Peace and Prosperity, online at [www.ronpaulinstitute.org](http://www.ronpaulinstitute.org).

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# Will Congress Ban Boycotts of Israel?

• Israel lobby, supporters make last push before end of year to stop boycott movement

By Philip Giraldi

On Dec. 6, the House of Representatives passed a continuing resolution appropriations bill that will keep the government funded until Dec. 20. By that date it is anticipated that an omnibus end-of-year bill extending that spending authority for 2019 will be completed, assuming that a deal on funding President Donald Trump's border wall can be worked out.

No one would be surprised if the final appropriations package that comes out of the process will be ill-considered and full of pork for individual congressmen and districts. One trick used to pass legislation that would otherwise fail is to attach a bill anonymously (no name and no number) to the spending bill, which must be passed in one form or another if the government is to continue to function.

One such attachment that has currently and somewhat mysteriously appeared is reportedly entitled "Consideration of Legislation Making Further Appropriations for 2019." Bills attached in that fashion will become law without debate or being subjected to any challenge from opponents.

There are a number of bills in Congress relating to Israeli interests, most focused to some extent on undermining the nonviolent Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement. For the friends of Israel in Congress it is urgent that the bills pass before the end of the year, because if they do not, they will have to begin the legislative process in committee over again in 2019.

Israel and its ardent supporters in the media, in lobbies and in Congress are engaged in a determined push to make BDS illegal in both the U.S. and Europe because they feel threatened by its success, particularly among young people. The most contentious measure currently being promoted is the Israel Anti-Boycott Act (IABA), introduced in the Senate by Sen. Ben Cardin (D-



SEN. BEN CARDIN

Sen. Ben Cardin and Sen. Chuck Schumer believe nothing is too good or too much to give to Israel.

Md.), which many observers fear will be attached to the impending spending legislation. Cardin and his fellow Democratic senator, Chuck Schumer (N.Y.), are the most prominent Israel-firsters in the Senate. In their view, nothing is either too good or

Maryland's Sen. Ben Cardin is an ardent supporter of Israel, leading the charge to criminalize support for the BDS (boycott, divestment, sanctions) movement via the Israel Anti-Boycott Act, which he introduced.

too much to give to the Jewish state, while Israel can do no wrong, even when it steals other people's land while also setting up unarmed demonstrators and medical staff for target practice.

The possible federal legislation would far exceed what is happening at the state level, where 25 governments have passed laws punishing citizens who advocate boycotts of Israel. In Texas and Missouri, citizens have had to sign documents confirming that they would not boycott Israel before receiving disaster assistance or obtaining a state job. IABA would undoubtedly set a new standard for deference to Israeli interests on the part of the national government.

The act would criminalize any U.S. citizen "engaged in interstate or foreign commerce" who supports a boycott of Israel or who even goes about "requesting the furnishing of information" regarding it, with penalties enforced through amendments of two existing laws, the Export Administration Act of 1979 and the Export-Import Act of 1945. The laws include potential fines of between \$250,000 and \$1 million and up to 20 years in prison, though it is reported that the prison penalty has been removed from the IABA draft in response to objections from civil libertarians.

The IABA was drafted with the assistance of American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). The proposed legislation has been strongly opposed by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and other watchdog groups as a major assault on freedom of speech. Some believe it would almost certainly be overturned as unconstitutional if it ever does in fact become law, but that is not a certainty and it is particularly

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dangerous, going well beyond any previous pro-Israeli legislation, as it essentially denies freedom of expression when the subject is Israel.

The Israel lobby's Anti-Defamation League (ADL) is also pushing for passage of three other bills dealing with anti-Semitism abroad and in the U.S. One might well question what right the U.S. government has to target allegations of anti-Semitism in other countries, but there appear to be no geographical limits to the hubris of American Jews and their bought-and-paid-for congresscritters. The ADL and friends have demanded "... action on these bills before Congress ends its session would send an important message that America will not remain silent as international Jewish communities are threatened."

One bill relates to the immediate appointment of a new special envoy to monitor and combat anti-Semitism, a unique and uniquely hypocritical position that has been vacant since January 2017. The special envoy would be responsible for enforcing the Combating European Anti-Semitism Act, which was passed in 2017 unanimously, as well as having input on the definition of anti-Semitism in the pending domestic Anti-Semitism Awareness Act. That definition will include criticism of Israel as anti-Semitism.

Other pending bills condemn Hamas for using human shields against Israel, presumably making the group responsible for the deaths of at least 214 Gazans and the wounding of 10,000 more, all targeted by Israeli army snipers and special ops teams.

There is also the delay in the approval of the 10-year \$38 billion guaranteed aid package for Israel, which Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) is currently

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One bill relates to the immediate appointment of a new special envoy to monitor and combat “anti-Semitism.”

blocking. Paul, characteristically, is demonstrating what political waffling is all about. A long-time critic of foreign aid in general, he claims that he wants to take away money from countries that criticize the United States to free it up to give to Israel.

The power of Jewish and Israeli advocates to make what is normally legal illegal cannot be understated. Recently, professor Marc Lamont Hill was fired by CNN after speaking in support of Palestinian statehood. Critics claimed they were not denying his right to speak but that his comments constituted “hate speech,” yet another mechanism used to dismiss any and all criticism of Israel or the behavior of Jewish groups as anti-Semitism, which is presumably now a criminal offense. Though Hill did nothing wrong, quite the

contrary, he apparently recognized *force majeure* and quickly issued a groveling apology.

The record is clear on what is important to those we have elected to high office. How exactly is it that pandering to something like 2% of the population of the United States has become an obsession in the White House, in Congress, and also, one might add, in the media? Would any other country in the world be passing legislation to protect a racist foreign country that has been with impunity interfering in American elections, robbing the U.S. Treasury and committing what nearly everyone believes to be war crimes?

Senators like Cardin and Schumer should be impeached due to their primary allegiance to a foreign power. That these people are agents of an alien government should be exposed far and wide in the media, but, alas, the media is in collusion with them. Some American voters thought they were taking steps to drain the swamp back in 2016, but, under the current regime, the swamp appears to have grown larger and is now all around us. ★

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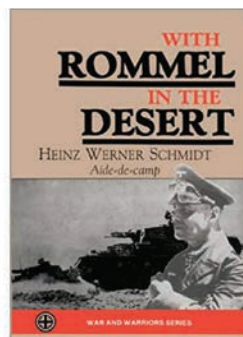
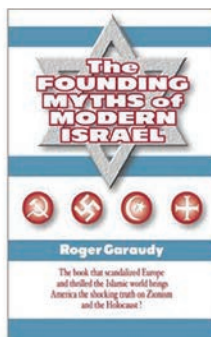
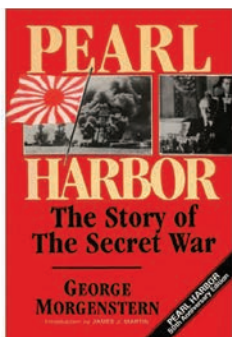
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# Only a Handful of Americans Can See Through the Smoke

By Paul Craig Roberts

**R**adical feminists are now being banned by social media platform Twitter not because they hate men, which is perfectly okay as far as Twitter is concerned, but because they object to “transwomen.”

What is a “transwoman”? As far as I can understand, a “transwoman” is a male who declares himself to be a woman and demands his right to use women’s toilette facilities along with the women who are using them.

One feminist, Meghan Murphy, posted a statement to Twitter followed by a question:

“Men are not women. . . . How are transwomen not men? What is the difference between men and transwomen?”

Twitter described this as “hateful conduct” and banned Ms. Murphy.

There you have it. Yesterday it was feminists who were exercising their special society-bestowed privileges to censor. Today it is the feminists who are being censored. The insanity of Western Civilization continues. Tomorrow it will be the transwomen who are censored and banned. What precisely is afoot?

My readers, who have partially and some wholly escaped from “the Matrix,” understand that this is the further fragmentation of American society. Identity politics has set men, women, blacks, Jews, Asians, Hispanics, and white people against one another. Identity politics is the essence of the Democratic Party and the American liberal/progressive/left. Now, with the creation of “new” but otherwise nonexistent “genders”—although they are honored as real by the controlled prostitutes who masquerade as a “Western media”—we witness radical feminists being silenced by men pretending to be women.

There are some people who can differentiate the real from the created reality in which all explanations are controlled.

I sympathize with Ms. Murphy, but she brought this on herself and on the rest of us by accepting identity politics.

Identity politics gave Ms. Murphy a justification for hating men even if, as she failed to realize, it provided the basis for moving her into the exploitative class that must be censored.

Where does this end?

It has already gone far enough that the American population is so divided and mutually hostile that there is no restraint by the American people on government and the elite oligarchs that rule. The American people are no longer a reality but a mythical creature like the unicorn.

The film, “the Matrix,” is the greatest film of our lifetime. Why? Because it shows that there are two realities, a real one of which only a few people are aware and a virtual one in which everyone else lives.

In the United States today, and throughout Western brainwashed civilization only a handful of people exist who are capable of differentiating the real from the created reality in which all explanations are controlled and kept as far away from the truth as possible. Everything that every Western government and “news” organization says is a lie to control the explanations that we are fed in order to keep us locked in the Matrix.

The ability to control people’s understandings is so extraordinary that, despite massive evidence to the contrary, Americans believe that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, was the best shot in hu-



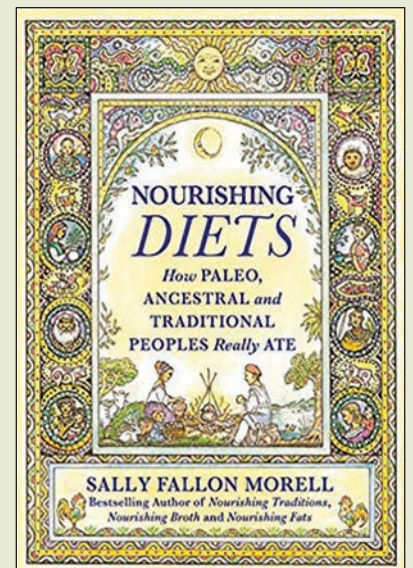
man history and using magic bullets killed President John F. Kennedy. They believe that a handful of Saudi Arabians who demonstratively could not fly airplanes outwitted the American national security state and brought down three World Trade Center skyscrapers and part of the Pentagon. They accept that Saddam Hussein had and was going to use “weapons of mass destruction” on the U.S. They also believe that Syrian leader Bashar al-Assad “used chemical weapons” against “his own people” and that Libya’s Muammar Qaddafi gave his soldiers Viagra so they could better rape Libyan women. Finally, they accept that Russia “invaded Ukraine” and that Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin stole the presidential election from Hillary Clinton.

The construction of a make-believe reality guarantees the U.S. military-security complex’s annual budget of \$1 trillion of taxpayers’ money even as Congress debates cutting Social Security in order to divert more largesse to the pockets of the corrupt military-security complex. ★

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# Globalists Meet in Morocco to Push for Open Borders

By Mark Anderson

When the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration took place in Marrakesh, Morocco on Dec. 10-11, the U.S. had already taken the lead in pledging not to be a party to the compact. At least 11 other countries, amid concerns over their sovereignty, indicated they would likely follow suit: Austria, Australia, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Israel, Poland, Slovakia, and Switzerland. The list of detractors may grow as French citizens, fed up with globalization and corruption, set an example for the world via their current uprising to try and change their leadership.

The compact's growing chorus of critics maintains that the pact will expand the parameters of "hate speech" to include possible criminalization of those who speak out against unchecked migration. This all comes at a time when unprecedented mass migration into Europe from the Mid-

racism and other forms of discrimination towards migrants."

"The primary issue for us is the security of Hungary and the Hungarian people, and this document is totally at odds with the country's security interests," Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijjártó was quoted as saying by *Free West News* online. "According to the government's position, the [compact] is in conflict with common sense and also with the intent to restore European security."

Italian Deputy Premier Matteo Salvini told the Italian Lower House back in the summer: "The floor of parliament must debate it. The Italian government will allow parliament to decide."

Switzerland initially supported the compact but stopped when parliament members—especially conservatives—raised a ruckus. The Swiss government opted to wait for parliamentary debates during this winter's session before making a final decision on whether to sign the pact.

A UN news release explained: "The [Morocco] conference is convened under the auspices of the United Nations General Assembly and is held pursuant to resolution 71/1 of Sept. 19, 2016, entitled 'New York Declaration for Refugees and Mi-



UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres is shown at the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, in Marrakesh, Morocco.

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dle East and North Africa, spurred by wars waged by Western powers over the last several years, has already caused major upheavals and has increased crime rates, including rapes and other serious offenses often involving migrant perpetrators throughout Scandinavia and elsewhere.

The timing of the UN conference is particularly noteworthy for the U.S., since President Donald Trump is pushing Congress for \$25 billion to advance his border wall project during the current lame-duck session. Trump is advocating for construction of the wall just before the 116th Congress convenes with the House returning to control of fanatically pro-open borders Democrats, and just when large migrant caravans have been trying to fully breach the southern border, mainly in California. The especially dire situation prompted Trump to call up the Army, including the Fifth Army out of Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, to establish an operational base in south Texas.

There also are concerns that freedom of the press could be impacted by the compact. The UK *Express* newspaper noted: "Among other things, governments [under the compact] are asked to 'promote independent, objective and quality reporting . . . and [to stop] allocation of public funding or material support to media outlets that systematically promote intolerance, xenophobia,

grants,' which decided to launch a process of intergovernmental negotiations leading to the adoption of the Global Compact for Migration."

Wallace Klinck, a seasoned "social credit" economics researcher from Alberta, Canada—a country that accepts so many migrants that its traditional culture is under severe strain—told this AFP writer that merely moving populations from one nation to another ultimately won't solve anything.

"We [in the U.S. and Canada] should be an example to migrants and help them to develop their countries. It's not that they don't have the resources; it's that they cannot utilize their real credit to the benefit of their people, since they live under the same power- and wealth-centralizing financial system we live under."

He added: "It's not natural for people to tear out from their native cultures; most people would rather be in their own cultural environment—but that environment has got to be able to produce a decent existence for them. The financial powers see money as an instrument of power; they get their power from making money scarce in order to compel human behavior—such as inducing migration for the purpose of creating a mobile, rootless, de-cultured world inhabited by an easily-ruled mass proletariat." ★



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# 'Christmas' a Trigger Word for Snowflakes

• Control-freak police state wants us to be willing foot soldiers in their war on Christmas

By John W. Whitehead

The latest Christmas casualties in the campaign to create one large national safe space include none other than beloved songs as “Deck the Halls” (it supposedly promotes “gay” apparel), “Santa Baby” (it has been denounced for “slut shaming”), and “White Christmas” (perceived as being racist). Oh, the horror.

After a year plagued with its fair share of Scrooges and Grinches and endless months of being mired in political gloom and doom, we could all use a little Christmas cheer right now.

Unfortunately, the politically charged right and left have been trying to score points off each other for so long, using whatever means available, that even Christmas has been weaponized.

Yet just because the War on Christmas has been adopted as a war cry by Donald Trump doesn't mean that it's not real.

Look around you.

When I was a child in the 1950s, the magic of Christmas was promoted in the schools. We sang Christmas carols in the classroom. There were cutouts of the Nativity scene on the bulletin board, along with the smiling, chubby face of Santa and Rudolph. We were all acutely aware that Christmas was magic.

Fast-forward to the present day, and there is a phobia surrounding Christmas that has turned it into fodder for the politically correct culture wars.

Examples abound.

- Schools across the country now avoid anything that alludes to the true meaning of Christmas such as angels, the baby Jesus, stables, and shepherds.

- In many of the nation's schools, Christmas carols, Christmas trees, wreaths, and candy canes have also been banned as part of the effort to avoid any reference to Christmas, Christ or God. One school even outlawed the colors red and green, saying they were Christmas colors and, thus, illegal.

- Students asked to send seasonal cards to military troops have been told to make them “holiday cards” and instructed not to use the words “Merry Christmas” on their cards.

- Many schools have redubbed their Christmas concerts as “winter holiday programs” and refer to Christmas as a “winter festival.” Some schools have cancelled holiday celebrations altogether to avoid offending those who do not celebrate the various holidays.

- In Minnesota, a charter school banned the display of a poster prepared to promote the school's yearbook as a holiday gift because the poster included Jack Skellington from Tim Burton's “The Nightmare Before Christmas” and other secular Christmas icons, not to mention the word “Christmas.”

- In New Jersey, one school district banned



The assault against Christian symbols and Christianity itself is accelerating in America.

traditional Christmas songs such as “Joy to the World” and “Silent Night” from its holiday concerts. A New Jersey middle school cancelled a field trip to attend a performance of a play based on Charles Dickens's “A Christmas Carol” because some might have found it “offensive.”

- In Texas, a teacher who decorated her door with a scene from “A Charlie Brown Christmas,” including a scrawny tree and Linus, was forced to take it down lest students be offended or feel uncomfortable.

- In Connecticut, teachers were instructed to change the wording of the classic poem “Twas the Night Before Christmas” to “Twas the Night Before a Holiday.”

- In Virginia, a high school principal debated about whether he could mention Santa or distribute candy canes given that they were symbols of Christmas.

- In Massachusetts, a fourth-grade class was asked to list 25 things that reminded them of Christmas. When one young student asked if she could include “Jesus,” her teacher replied that she could get fired if Christmas's namesake appeared on the list.

Things are not much better outside the schools.

- In one West Virginia town, although the manger scene (one of 350 light exhibits in the town's annual Festival of Lights) included shepherds, camels, and a guiding star, the main attractions—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—were nowhere to be found due to concerns about the separation of church and state.

- In Chicago, organizers of a German Christkindlmarkt were informed that the public Christmas festival was no place for the Christmas

story. Officials were concerned that clips of the film “The Nativity Story,” which were to be played at the festival, might cause offense.

- In Delaware, a Girl Scout troop was prohibited from carrying signs reading “Merry Christmas” in their town's annual holiday parade.

While the First Amendment Establishment Clause prohibits the government from forcing religion on people or endorsing one particular religion over another, there is no legitimate legal reason why people should not be able to celebrate the season freely or wish each other a Merry Christmas or even mention the word Christmas.

Yet here's the thing about this so-called War on Christmas that people don't seem to get: While Christmas may be the “trigger” for purging Christmas from public places, government forums, and speech—except when it profits corporate America—it is part and parcel of the greater trend in recent years to whittle away at free speech and trample the First Amendment underfoot.

Claiming to promote tolerance and diversity while seeking a homogeneous mindset, many workplaces, schools, and public places have become intolerant of any but the most politically correct viewpoints.

Anything that might raise the specter of controversy is avoided at all costs.

We are witnessing the emergence of an unstated yet court-sanctioned right, one that makes no appearance in the Constitution and yet seems to trump the First Amendment at every turn: the right to not be offended.

In this way, emboldened by phrases such as “hate crimes,” “bullying,” “extremism,” and “microaggressions,” free speech has been confined to



carefully constructed “free speech zones,” criminalized when it skates too close to challenging the status quo, shamed when it butts up against politically correct ideals, and muzzled when it appears dangerous.

This is censorship, driven by a politically correct need to pander to those who are easily offended.

Where you see this “safe space” mindset really play out is in the nation’s public schools, which continue to adopt policies—such as zero tolerance policies—that promise to steer young people clear of anything that even hints at danger, controversy or non-politically correct thinking.

Unfortunately, all too often it is common sense and individual liberty that get trampled underfoot: A student gets suspended under the school’s zero tolerance policy against drugs for chewing on a Certs breath mint, a kindergartner is suspended under the school’s zero tolerance policy against violence for playing a make-believe game of cops and robbers using his finger as a gun, and a school trip to see “A Christmas Carol” is cancelled because of the school’s zero tolerance policy against anything that is in any way offensive.

What’s worse, the motto today seems to be “When in doubt, throw it out.”

At the slightest hint of trouble, government officials (and corporations) are inclined to chuck anything that might be objectionable. So whereas Mark Twain’s classic “Huckleberry Finn” used to at least make the list of banned books every year, it now rarely even makes an appearance on school reading lists. It has been scrubbed out of existence.

See how that works? Zero tolerance policies are ultimately about programming people into compliance with the government’s dictates. The government doesn’t care about Christmas. It cares about control.

By government, I’m talking about the entrenched government bureaucracy that really calls the shots no matter what political party controls Congress and the White House.

Never forget, the police state wants us to be a nation of snowflakes, snitches, and book burners: a legalistic, intolerant, elitist, squealing bystander nation willing to turn on each other and turn each other in for the slightest offense.

All of the petty sniping over Melania Trump’s red-themed Christmas decorations?

That plays perfectly into the Deep State’s efforts to keep the citizenry at odds with each other and incapable of presenting a united front against the threats posed by the government and its cabal of Constitution-destroying agencies and corporate partners.

You want to know why this country is in the state it’s in? The answer is the same no matter what the problem might be, whether it’s the economy, government corruption, police brutality, endless wars, censorship, falling literacy rates etc.: Every one of these problems can be sourced back to the fact that “we the people” have stopped thinking for ourselves and relinquished responsibility for our lives and well-being to a government entity that sees us only as useful idiots. ★

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# PC Police Train Both Barrels on Christmas Symbols, Songs

• Gay apparel, “White Christmas,” “Santa Baby” too insensitive

By S.T. Patrick

Citing the lyrics as “manipulative and wrong,” Glenn Anderson of “Star 102 FM” in Cleveland explained why the station had decided to ban music on its station. The song to which Anderson was referring was not a profanity-laden rap song. Rather, Star 102 is in the middle of its Christmas music season, and they have decided to ban 1944’s “Baby, It’s Cold Outside.”

The Cleveland station activated the ban at the request of listeners who complained that the song was at odds with the #MeToo movement. Sparked by the Harvey Weinstein sexual abuse allegations, the #MeToo movement spread virally through social media as a way for women to speak out against sexual harassment and sexual assault.

“The world we live in is extra sensitive now, and people get easily offended,” Anderson said. “But, in a world, where #MeToo has finally given women the voice they deserve, the song has no place.”

“Baby, It’s Cold Outside” was written in 1944 by Frank Loesser, who wanted to create a song that he and his wife could perform at parties. It is a call-and-response duet wherein the male suitor tries to persuade his female date to stay with him longer. It’s cold and the weather is dreadful, you see, so why don’t you just stay?

With no mention of Christmas, the wintry song has become a holiday staple on radio and in film. Loesser sold the song to MGM, which featured the duet in its 1949 film *Neptune’s Daughter*. Since then, the song has been covered many times by many acts, the most popular current version being a technical feat combining the voices of Dean Martin and Martina McBride. Lost in the argument is that the song is performed twice in the film. Ricardo Montalban and Esther Williams perform the tune with the traditional roles intact, but Red Skelton and Betty Garrett later do the song with the roles reversed. It is Ms. Garrett’s character who tries to convince the male character, Skelton, to stay.

It is lines like, “Say, what’s in that drink? No cabs to be had out there,” and, “I simply must go. The answer is no,” that some have interpreted as alluding to potential rape.

Not all women agree, of course. Comedian Jen Kirkman has explained that the song’s plot is really about a woman who wants to stay but doesn’t know the classy way to do so. She has to put up a bit of an argument to maintain her reputation.

Cleveland Rape Crisis Center President and CEO Sondra Miller strongly disagrees.

“It really pushed the line of consent,” Ms. Miller told Fox News. “The character in the song

is saying ‘no,’ and they’re saying, ‘Well, does no really mean yes?’ And I think in 2018 what we know is consent is ‘yes’ and if you get a ‘no,’ it means ‘no’ and you should stop right there.”

The Star 102 ban is not an isolated incident. A Hallmark Channel film executive decided that the “gay apparel” that is donned in “Deck the Halls” should be “fun apparel.” The website “Mommyish” criticized “I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus” for being “exceptionally gendered to an insane degree.... Santa is a willing participant in the adult sexual experience, but for some reason we’re only spying on mom here.” There have been complaints that Eartha Kitt’s 1953 classic “Santa Baby” engages in something known as “slut shaming,” because the female voice is saving herself for Santa and frowns upon the idea of kissing other men between Christmases.

A minor political uproar occurred in December 2014 as “White Christmas” was sung at the New York City Christmas tree lighting, blocks away from where crowds had gathered to protest the police killing of a black man by the name of Eric Garner. Both sides wildly exaggerated this spat. Liberals condemned country singer Darius Rucker, who is black, for performing the song, and conservatives needlessly claimed that liberals all think the song is racist. Did Bing Crosby ever realize that, at the onset of the Cold War, he was singing a snowy ballad that had been written by a Russian immigrant?

Last year, a Danish primary school cancelled Christmas. Due to an influx of students with immigrant backgrounds, the head of a school in Graested, Denmark chose to cancel the traditional Christmas service as to not offend children who are not Protestant. The same school did not cancel a “Syria Week,” where it immersed its Danish children in Middle Eastern culture and brought in immigrants to teach the lessons. Whether this offended Protestant children seemed to be of no concern to the administration.

It’s mindboggling that the PC (political correctness) police have now completely gelled with a new form of puritanism, which H.L. Mencken defined as “the fear that someone, somewhere may be having a good time—particularly after hitting the eggnog and offering up a ‘presumptive’ holiday greeting.”

There is still hope that the country has not gone mad. In an online poll constructed by Star 102, 94% of respondents disagreed with the ban and instructed the station to play the classic song. ★

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BY JOHN ELLIS

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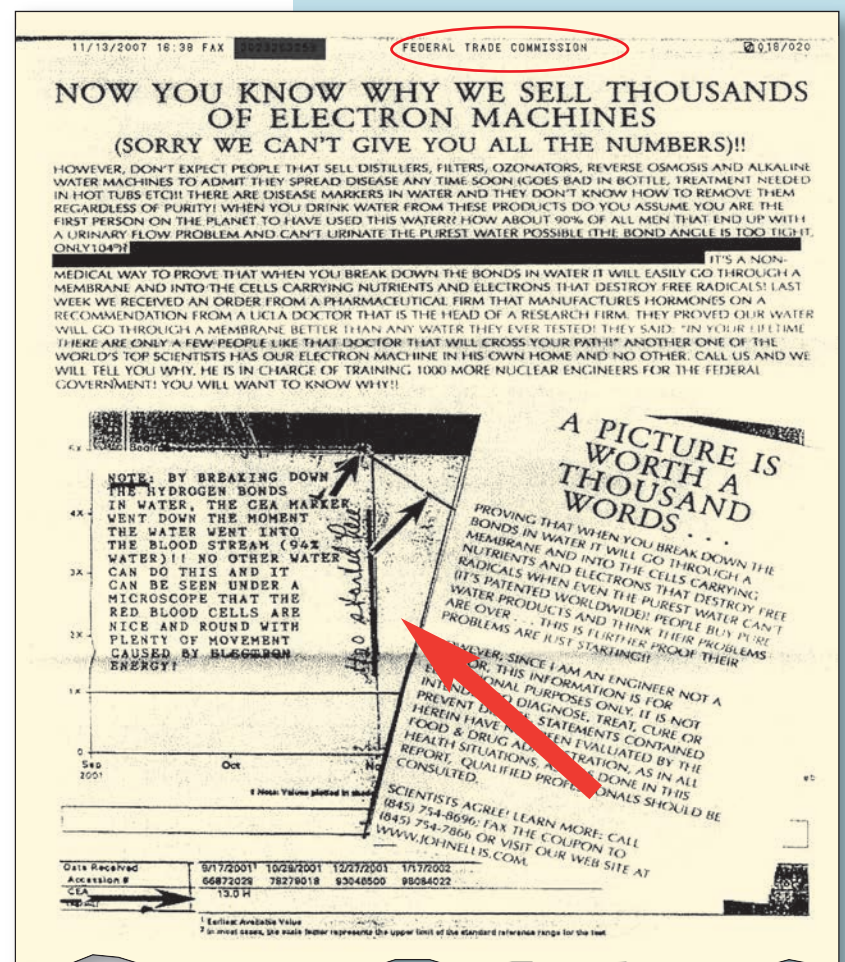
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# Blame Yemen Slaughter on Obama

• Trump's predecessor was the one who paved the way for this Mideast genocide

By Richard Walker

In the last three years, the Saudis and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), with the assistance of London, Paris, and Washington, have dropped over 18,000 bombs on Yemen, a country the size of California, resulting in the slaughter of innocent people and a humanitarian catastrophe on a massive scale.

Before anyone lays the blame for the war crimes committed by the Saudis and their allies at the door of President Donald Trump, though, it should be remembered that the war in Yemen began in earnest in 2015 under President Barack Obama and, if anything, his decision-making provided the impetus for all the killing that has since transpired. He committed the U.S. to backing the Saudis and provided them with even more weapons. He also agreed to expand the UAE's highly modern arsenal. Though the media rarely focuses on the UAE, it has one of the world's most powerful armies, and like the Saudis, buys only American weapons.

The UAE has gone under the radar of media coverage even though its planes have bombed civilian targets, and its special forces, mostly American trained, have been accused by Amnesty



At left, then-Secretary of State John Kerry is shown with United Arab Emirates Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

International of carrying out war crimes in secret prisons in south Yemen. It is one of those rich Arab nations that seeks to impose itself on the region. In 2014, *Business Insider* published a story claiming the UAE had "the most powerful army you had never heard of." It uses surrogates, in the

form of extreme Islamic militias, including al Qaeda, to do its dirty business in the ground war in Yemen. It also works closely with Erik Prince, brother of Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos. Prince supplies the UAE with mercenaries.

Congress is finally coming to grips with the Yemen crisis, recognizing that it does not serve U.S. foreign policy interests to be a major player in a war that has killed so many women and children and created a famine that may kill millions. So how did it come about that members on both sides of the aisle in Congress believe it is time to break with the Saudis over this crisis? Some will point to the murder of *Washington Post* columnist Jamal Khashoggi, but that does not address the fact that, for some time, there has been a bi-partisan congressional effort to draw attention to the issue, and the fact that the Saudi leader, Mohammed bin Salman (MBS), is a dangerous, impetuous ally. The closer the U.S. gets to his foreign policy adventures, the more likely it will be that Washington will shoulder the blame for his failures. MBS's



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role in the Khashoggi murder merely enabled members of Congress to shine a brighter light on Yemen.

Missing in much of the Yemen coverage is the fact, as AFP reported in October 2016, that 65 members of Congress—Republicans and Democrats—led by Rep. Ted Lieu (D-Calif.), backed a stern letter by Lieu to then-Secretary of State John Kerry about the U.S. role in Yemen. Lieu, a former War College lawyer told Kerry: “The Saudi coalition is intentionally targeting civilians, or they cannot distinguish between civilians and military targets. Both would be war crimes.”

Lieu’s words carried the implication that American military personnel working for the Saudi coalition risked being charged with war crimes. The letter followed the bombing of a funeral in Yemen’s capital that killed 100 civilians and injured 500 others, many of them children. The bomb was a GBU-12 Paveway II 500-pound, laser-guided munition, sold to the Saudis in a Washington arms deal.

Contrary to some reporting, there has been growing bi-partisan congressional support to disengage from the Yemen conflict. It may well be that the Obama administration never fully briefed Trump about the prominent role it played in supporting the Saudi slaughter in Yemen.

Members of Congress have also been angered by intelligence reports confirming that the UAE, with Saudi backing, has paid members of ISIS and al Qaeda to help it run a counter-insurgency campaign in southern areas of Yemen. The UAE would like to make southern Yemen an independent state that the UAE monarchy would control through Islamic proxies linked to al Qaeda, and especially, AQAP—al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, the group Washington fears most. It would give the UAE a direct link through Oman to Yemen and the Arabian Sea.

It is no wonder, therefore, that Congress is disturbed by our alliances with the UAE and the Saudis, who have competing agendas for Yemen and are prepared to work with our enemies to achieve them.

If Congress fails to separate the U.S. and the Saudi-UAE coalition, Washington will own the Yemen War and all that flows from it. The same goes for France and Britain, which have hidden their military backing of the Saudis behind the controversy surrounding the Khashoggi murder. It has allowed them to deflect from their role in Yemen, but many in Congress are determined that should not persist. ★

Richard Walker is the pen name of a former N.Y. news producer.

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# Some in Senate Want U.S. Support for Carnage in Yemen Terminated

• Trump vows to veto bill banning actions not authorized by Congress

By Mark Anderson

The Senate has been grappling with new legislation (S.J. Res. 54), which, according to the Library of Congress, would “direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress.” President Donald Trump has so far indicated he would veto the measure.

In a statement released right after the Senate voted 63-37 on Nov. 28 to discharge this resolution from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and send it to the full Senate for an eventual vote, Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.), a committee member, said: “I applaud the Senate for taking action . . . to ensure a long-overdue debate on the Senate floor over ending the United States’ unauthorized support for the devastating war in Yemen. With thousands upon thousands of innocent lives lost in Yemen, and millions living on the edge of famine, we must send a clear message that this is not what America stands for, and I welcome a robust debate on ending our involvement in the war, stopping arms sales to Saudi Arabia, and restoring Congress’ voice in foreign policy.”

Paul previously led bipartisan efforts to oppose U.S. involvement in the war in Yemen. In early November, “he forced a procedural vote on his resolution that would have blocked the sale of an estimated \$300 million in high-explosive rocket artillery and associated training and support to Bahrain, a member of the Saudi-led coalition waging the war in Yemen,” according to Paul’s press office.

A spokeswoman for his office told AFP on Dec. 6 that the date of the final floor vote on S.J. Res. 54, while it conceivably could come at any time, is most likely to happen in mid-to-latter December.

Upon learning of the pending vote on Nov. 28, the White House dispatched Secretary of Defense James Mattis and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to hold a morning press briefing with senators to warn them beforehand that S.J. Res. 54 could impair imminent negotiations that, they say, are designed to broker peace.

According to *The Hill*, a Washington paper focused on Congress, Mattis and Pompeo also noted, “The UN special envoy for Yemen . . . hopes to convene talks in December after receiving commitments from the Yemeni government and the Houthi rebels it’s fighting.”

Although the Trump administration is replacing NAFTA and has stepped up its efforts to guard the southern border with U.S. troops—among other positive moves that contrast sharply with prior administrations’ policies—



SEN. RAND PAUL

the tragic situation in Yemen is arguably one of the Trump administration’s most ill-advised policy ventures.

Various accounts from Middle Eastern and Western news sources paint a horrendous picture of widespread civilian death, destruction, and dislocation in this small Arab nation that meets Saudi Arabia’s southern border—resulting mainly from brutal aerial assaults carried out by a Saudi-led military coalition in which U.S. forces have been refueling coalition warplanes and helping target Houthi rebels who are reportedly aligned with Iran and have taken some degree of control of the government.

Author, lecturer, and strategic risk consultant F. William Engdahl, writing for the non-partisan Canada-based website “Global Research,” stated that the situation has “little to do with any Shi’ite [Houthi] versus Wahhabite-Sunni [Saudi] conflict. Rather, it has to do with strategic control of world energy. So long as [the capital city of] Saana’a was in control of a Saudi proxy . . . it was a secondary priority for Washington. The oil was ‘safe,’ even if the Yemen government had [as it did] expropriated the U.S. [oil company] properties.”

However, Engdahl added, “Once a determined independent Houthi Zaidi force was in control of Yemen or a major part, the threat became serious enough . . . to begin the war,” because a “Houthi-controlled Yemen would be a potential client for Russian or Chinese oil companies to open up serious exploration,” combined with the fact that “the Houthi also had friendly relations with Iran.” ★



# The Truths, Lies & Myths of Bush 41

• From JFK assassination to Iran-Contra to John Hinckley Jr., H.W. Bush was omnipresent

By S.T. Patrick

**A**s former President George H.W. Bush was lying in state beneath the rotunda of the Capitol in Washington, D.C., indelible moments emerged from the mourning. President Donald Trump and former Sen. Bob Dole both saluted the former World War II veteran. Bush's service dog, Sully, sat near the coffin in a photo widely circulated by Bush family spokesman Jim McGrath.

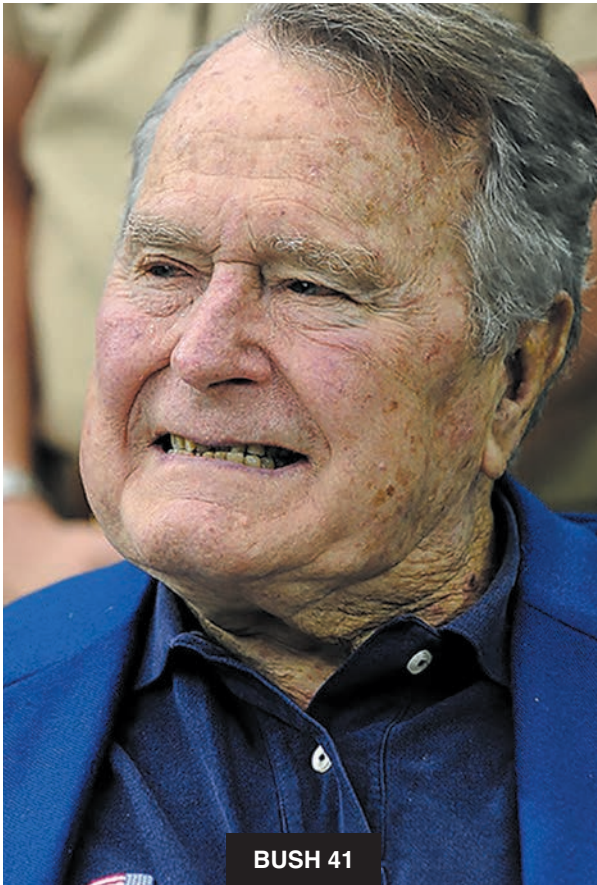
Jon Meacham, one of the “great historians” of academia, and Bush grandson George Prescott Bush were two of the four persons chosen to eulogize the man who had, in his last decades, been simply called “41,” denoting the number of his presidency and differentiating him from “W,” his son. It was state-sponsored drama on the largest scale, and the mainstream media bit. Propaganda is often beautiful.

Many of the memories and accolades dispensed after Bush passed away on Nov. 30 have been bookends of his life: salutes to military service and tales of the congenial elder statesman. Bush, to many, is heard internally in the voice of comedian Dana Carvey saying, “Not gonna do it.” The intentional error of the media saturation is that there is much about Bush's life that should be discussed. The most consequential sections of his long life reside within the bookends.

After graduating from Yale as a member of the secret society Skull and Bones in 1948, Bush was almost immediately initiated into the globalist hierarchy of his father, Prescott, who had been a senator from Connecticut. After questionable successes and failures with Zapata Oil, an offshore drilling firm, Bush moved to partisan politics, becoming the chairman of the Harris County (Texas) Republican Party in February 1963. That November, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, three hours by car from Harris County. It was a moment never forgotten by everyone who had lived through it. Everyone, that is, except Bush.

For years, Bush peddled “somewhere in Texas” as his location in reference to Kennedy's last day. Bush's penchant for misremembering vital historical moments would not end in 1963, but that was an important year for Bush. He had just concluded a hotly contested Senate race against incumbent Democrat Ralph Yarborough (which Bush lost by eight points). Being the only living adult in Texas to forget where they were on Nov. 22, 1963 was more than perplexing. It was suspicious.

In fact, researcher and author Joseph McBride gave us a reason to be suspect of Bush and Dallas, with documentation. While researching an unrelated book, McBride unearthed an FBI document stating that a “Mr. George Bush of the Central Intelligence Agency” had been briefed on Cuban



**Recently America was** inundated with the mainstream news media lionization of George H.W. Bush. But not one of the media outlets—left or right—told the whole truth about Bush's involvement in some of the greatest conspiracies in U.S. history.

activities the day after the assassination. When Warren Commissioner Gerald Ford appointed Bush to be the director of Central Intelligence Agency in 1976, one of the public persuasions was that he had never had a tie to the CIA. The agency was still reeling from a public relations war it had temporarily been losing after the Church Committee had exposed its global misdeeds in 1975. Bush claimed he had no ties to the CIA before being named as its director, but further research has validated McBride and not Bush, potentially taking the tie back to 1953.

When Lee Harvey Oswald's closest confidant in Dallas, oil geologist and Russian anti-communist George DeMohrenschildt, was suicided in March 1977, shortly before testifying to the House Select Committee on Assassinations, the nickname (“Poppy”), address, and phone number of Bush was found in one of DeMohrenschildt's important notebooks. As it turns out, Oswald's Dallas handler (as some called him) was an uncle of Bush's prep school roommate and a friend of Jackie Kennedy's parents.

After spending the Watergate era chairing the

Bush's penchant for misremembering vital historical moments would not end in 1963.

Republican National Committee and sharing mutual friends with Nixon administration counsel John Dean, Bush was attached to the GOP presidential ticket in 1980. Ford had rejected the idea of having Bush as his own vice president. Instead, Bush was given the infinitely more valuable position at the CIA. Ford may not have liked the idea of having Bush one heartbeat away from the oval office.

In Barbara Honegger's book *October Surprise*, Bush and Ronald Reagan-era CIA director William Casey are blamed for much of the campaign strategy that resulted in the Iranian hostage crisis being extended until Reagan's inauguration day. This would lead to funds from Iranian arms sales being siphoned off and sent to Central America to illegally fund the Nicaraguan Contras.

On March 30, 1981, Bush almost found that heartbeat he needed to ascend to the West Wing when Reagan was shot and nearly killed by John Hinckley Jr., who proclaimed he had shot at Reagan as a means by which he could “impress” actress Jodie Foster.

These are still, today, the establishment's plot points. What is often ignored is that Bush's son, Neil, was scheduled to have dinner with Hinckley's brother, Scott, the night of the assassination attempt. Bush had long known John Hinckley Sr., who had been president of both Vanderbilt Energy and World Vision.

On Sept. 11, 1990, Bush's ideological directions became clear as he stood before a joint session of Congress and proclaimed that a “New World Order” (NWO) could emerge out of the strife in the Middle East. Former ally Saddam Hussein had just sent troops into disputed borderlands between Iraq and Kuwait. Reorganizing the Middle East, a project ongoing today and further complicated by George W. Bush and Barack Obama, was the key to establishing Bush's NWO. It's also vital to understanding Bush, a man who had, for over 40 years, gleefully aligned himself with the CIA, the UN, globalists, neoconservative war hawks, and Big Oil—misremembering much of it and yet always reminding us that he was a veteran. ★

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# Extreme Measures Taken to Protect Bees in Texas

• Concerned citizens work to stop bee colony collapse

By Mark Anderson

**I**s preserving the bee population—clearly a crucial thing for human well-being and survival—as easy as giving a special designation to an American city? Beaumont, Texas, nestled in the eastern part of the Lone Star State, has been slated to become Bee City USA, which serves as a focal point to institute practices to at least start rescuing a rapidly dwindling bee population.

Tammy Muldrow, who's a local beekeeper, stressed the importance of education in the city's conservation efforts, because some area residents are not aware that they're killing bees and other pollinators.

"The first problem we have that's leading to bee deaths is all of the pesticides and chemicals that people are using," she told the *Beaumont Enterprise*. She added that many people don't understand how indiscriminate these chemicals can be, killing both "the good and the bad bugs."

Sevin Dust, a commonly used pesticide, is one of the culprits, she said, while noting that when bees land on any part of a plant—not just the flower—they take the pesticide back to their hive. There, the bee is cleaned and the pollen, which now includes Sevin Dust, is put into the "pantry" to feed the rest of the bees.

"You haven't killed one bee or two bees," she said, "you've killed an entire hive."



France became the first country in Europe to take a step toward protecting the declining bee population. Earlier this year, the country introduced a new law to ban neonicotinoid pesticides, a group of neurotoxins which the French believe is responsible for the decline of bees and other crop-pollinating insects.

Under this designation, Beaumont must create a committee, pay an annual \$500 fee, celebrate National Pollinator Week, install a bee-city street sign, plant pollinator-friendly plants and document activities that support pollinators. The committee will figure out which policies will enable pollinators to thrive.

Beaumont is part of a nationwide movement to educate residents. Bee City USA committee chair Elizabeth Waddill said this designation is especially appropriate for Beaumont because of its location along two migratory flyways that bring bird species that feed on seeds, nuts, and fruits from native plants—many of which are made possible by bees and other pollinators.

Another creative means of raising awareness to try and stop bee deaths came when General Mills recently removed the "Buzz the Bee" mascot from Honey Nut Cheerios cereal boxes. To compliment that symbolic move, the company advertised a give-away of free packets of wildflower seeds that bees like to visit and proceeded to give away a staggering 1.5 billion seeds, although the company failed to realize the negative consequences of sending the same seed mix to different environmental regions. (Those who want to plant bee-friendly flowers without upsetting the environment can consult [www.growtherainbow.com](http://www.growtherainbow.com)).

Ypsilanti, Mich. gardener Bob Van Bemmelen, in 2017 and 2018, showcased his "Unity Garden Initiative" in cooperation with a local church to not only gather families together to work in the garden and bring vastly improved nutrition to the table, but also to call attention to the importance of bees as part of his education program about constructing raised-bed gardens throughout the community, as he explained during a garden tour with this AFP writer.

All of the above, and much more, is sorely needed because a phenomenon called Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) has "plagued beekeepers' colonies," according to the Centre for Re-



**Beekeepers in Beaumont, Texas** are determined to protect diminishing bee populations, not only in their city, but in the entire state. They believe pesticides are the main culprit in declining bee colony numbers.

search on Globalization, which notes that "bee populations began dropping in 2006." Moreover, the Center for Biological Diversity says that habitat loss from pesticide use has pushed more than 700 bee species toward extinction. Furthermore, the increasingly intense and widespread electromagnetic fields—EMFs—created by today's modern communications and surveillance grid are another probable cause of CCD.

In *Bees, Birds and Mankind: Effects of Wireless Communication Technologies*, German scientist Ulrich Warnke, one of seven members of an advisory board for this study, noted that bees and birds, according to his findings, are being destroyed by "electro-smog." He adds: "Bees and other insects, just as birds, use the Earth's magnetic field and high frequency electromagnetic energy such as light. They accomplish orientation and navigation by means of free radicals as well as a simultaneously reacting magnetite conglomerate." ★

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# A Lost Opportunity to Teach People About the USS *Liberty*

By Dr. Kevin Barrett

Quarterback Brett Favre was by far the best thing that happened to the Packers since the Bart Starr era. He was great fun to watch: His love of playing the game was contagious, and his toughness was legendary. Favre was a terrific passer, except when he had lousy receivers and lousy protection and had to keep trying to force the ball into nonexistent windows, which led to his throwing lots of stupid interceptions. Aaron Rodgers, Favre's understudy during his last three years with the Packers, watched, took notes, and learned an important lesson: Don't throw when the receiver isn't open.

But as much as I love Favre, I have to admit I was rolling on the floor laughing when I saw that somebody had pranked him into making an "anti-Semitic" video. An anonymous individual calling himself "Handsome Truth" had paid Favre \$500 to say: "Brett Favre here with a shoutout to Handsome Truth and the GDL boys. You guys are patriots in my eyes. So keep waking them up and don't let the small get you down. Keep fighting, too, and don't ever forget the USS *Liberty* and the men and women [sic] who died on that day. God bless and take care."

The GDL (Goyim Defense League), which puts up Twitter accounts almost as fast as they can be taken down, describes its mission as being "To stop the defamation of the non-Jewish people, and secure justice and fair treatment to all." The GDL name is obviously a parody of the ADL (Anti-Defamation League) and JDL (Jewish Defense League), both of which are rabidly Zionist-extremist organizations.

So far so good. But if you look at the GDL's material on Twitter you'll see legitimate criticism of Zionism and Jewish supremacism mixed in with words and images that appear to be racial attacks on, and caricatures of, Jewish people. While some may find such material funny and refreshingly politically incorrect, most of it strikes me as stupidly racist and not particularly funny. Playing around with racial and ethnic stereotypes can be done well, or it can be done poorly,

and the best rule to follow is: If you can't do it well, don't do it at all.

By mixing in stupidly racist material with the good stuff, the GDL is turning itself into an off-color joke at best, an obnoxious, offensive, and strategically counterproductive fiasco at worst. Consider the Favre video. The "remember the USS *Liberty*" part is great. How could Favre or anyone else ever renounce that? If Handsome Truth had left it there, Favre might have come under pressure, investigated the attack on the USS *Liberty*, and decided that honoring veterans and dead sailors was defensible. In short, Favre might have come down on the side of free speech, patriotism, and (at least in appearance) anti-Zionism.

But Handsome Truth didn't leave it there. He couldn't resist having Favre do an unknowing shout-out to the Goyim Defense League. Sure, it's hilarious, since the concept of the GDL is a clever parody of the obnoxiously extremist ADL and JDL. But the reality is that most people are brainwashed into believing that Jews have good reasons and the right to defend themselves against non-Jews, but that non-Jews most certainly do not have a corresponding right to defend themselves against Jews. So including the GDL in Favre's script guaranteed that Favre would eventually have to walk it back.

And then there is the small matter of the "small," i.e., the "small hats," a derogatory reference to yarmulkes, and by extension, a slur on Jews. Obviously, this is something that Favre could never defend saying. Nor could media coverage of the ensuing scandal possibly cast it in anything but a "hateful anti-Semitic" light.

By including "GDL" and especially "small (hats)" in Favre's script, Handsome Truth made the video a whole lot funnier than it would have been if Favre had just said, "Remember the USS *Liberty*." So let's give him an A+ for comedy, and another A+ for shock value.

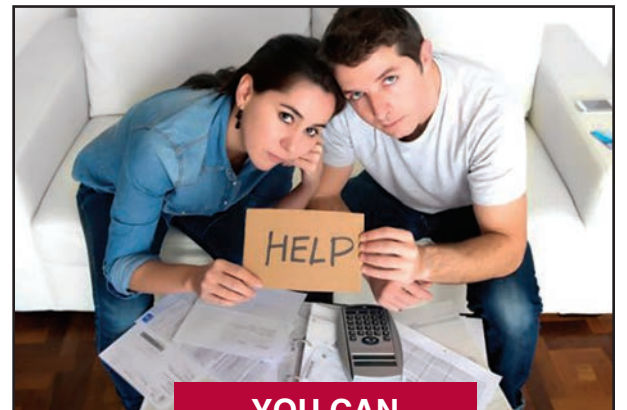
But the offensive material detracts from the prank's rhetorical effectiveness.

In the future, it would be interesting to see whether celebrities can be tricked—or convinced—to just "remember the USS *Liberty*." ★

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# AFP Goes to Mexico to Find Out Truth About the 'Caravan'

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sentials to the migrants, while local law enforcement officials keep a close eye on the situation.

This reporter spoke with one young man named Gilbert camping near the sports complex. Gilbert, originally from Honduras, joined the caravan of migrants several weeks ago and made his way to Tijuana with the aim of entering and eventually working in the U.S. Gilbert explained that he had been camping near the sports complex for roughly 20 days after arriving in Tijuana with some of his friends who fled Honduras with him.

"In Honduras, life is so hard right now," Gilbert told this reporter. "My plan is to stay over here to work, stay over here for one year or two years, and then I want to go to the United States to work." According to Gilbert, he obtained a one-year visa from the Mexican government, which allows him to work legally in the country. Thus far, however, he has failed to obtain gainful employment.

Reports have emerged that many of the migrants are sick, with many having respiratory diseases, lice, and chicken pox, among other common ailments. Due to the unsanitary living conditions and lack of clean water, disease has spread, raising concerns among health experts and local officials in Tijuana. Gilbert confirmed that many of the migrants he was living with near the sports complex were sick.

The majority of the migrants appear to have been under the impression that gaining entry to the United States would be a relatively simple process. They were expecting to cross the border and either obtain a visa from U.S. customs officials or be granted refugee status. Sadly, most appear to have at least temporarily abandoned their families in their home countries in their attempt to enter the U.S.



AFP writer John Friend snapped this photograph of a migrant tent city in Juarez in which were housed hundreds of Central Americans who had expected to be ushered into the United States without resistance. They're discovering the reality is much different than their expectations.

Leslie Yoana Coban left her four children with their father in Honduras before joining the caravan and traveling to Tijuana. She recently told reporters she is waiting to cross the border, perhaps illegally using a "coyote"—which costs migrants thousands of dollars—to be smuggled illegally into the United States.

"Yesterday, I cried when I spoke to them because the one that's four asked me if I would return. I said no," Ms. Coban explained to reporters. "I speak with them, and I tell them that I'm fine, to not worry, and to take care, that I love them very much."

Coban's attitude mirrors that of many of the migrants this reporter encountered at the sports complex.

"Yeah, everybody thought that the border would just open and we were going to cross," Christian Chavez, a 24-year-old Honduran migrant, explained to reporters recently. "But it's a difficult thing."

Local officials in Tijuana have expressed concern and frustration with the caravan situation, which is costing the city thousands of dollars per day, according to officials. Tijuana Mayor Juan Manuel Gastelum, who has been critical of not only the migrants but also Mexico's handling of the situation, estimates the city is spending \$25,000 per day feeding and housing the migrants. ★

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# Lawsuit Could Take Down SPLC

By the AFP Staff

A prominent attorney in Baltimore, Md. has filed a landmark lawsuit in federal court against the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), one of its officers, Heidi Beirich, and a former officer, Mark Potok. Glen Allen alleges that the two, in the course of orchestrating Allen's dismissal from his position as an attorney with the Baltimore City Law Department, committed numerous unethical and illegal acts, including receipt of stolen property, improper disclosure of confidential and privileged documents, failure to properly train and supervise Beirich and Potok, and falsely claiming Allen was "infiltrating" the Baltimore City Law Department.

Allen sets the stage for his claims by detailing some of the many trenchant criticisms from across the political spectrum that have been leveled in recent years against the SPLC, Beirich, and Potok.

In the filing, he contrasts the robust dialogue, open debate, aversion to taboos, and genuine conversation that lie at the heart of America's remarkable traditions of free expression—as embodied, among other ways, in the First Amendment—with the SPLC approach, which is "to draw lines of political or cultural orthodoxy, develop massive surveillance networks and extensive dossiers, and severely punish perceived transgressors who cross those lines, seem to cross them, or even seem to think about crossing them," Allen writes in his complaint.

The attorney notes that among the many victims of the SPLC's rigid thought-control approach have been African-Americans such as

professor Carol Swain, Muslims such as Maajid Nawaz, scholars such as Charles Murray, and many Christian organizations.

Against this background, Allen, in addition to alleging claims personal to himself, challenges the SPLC's status as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit supposedly dedicated to an educational mission, when in reality it is a highly partisan enforcer of hard-left creeds and taboos. Allen further alleges claims under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act. Among the predicate acts Allen alleges in support of his RICO claims is the SPLC's false statement on its 501(c)(3) tax filings that it did not participate in political campaigns, when in reality it repeatedly attacked Donald Trump and other Republican candidates but never Hillary Clinton during the 2016 election cycle.

According to Allen, in a moment of candor, Potok, the editor-in-chief of the SPLC's *Intelligence Report*, boasted: "We see this political struggle, right? . . . I mean, we're not trying to change anybody's mind. We're trying to wreck the groups, and we are very clear in our head. . . . We are trying to destroy them."

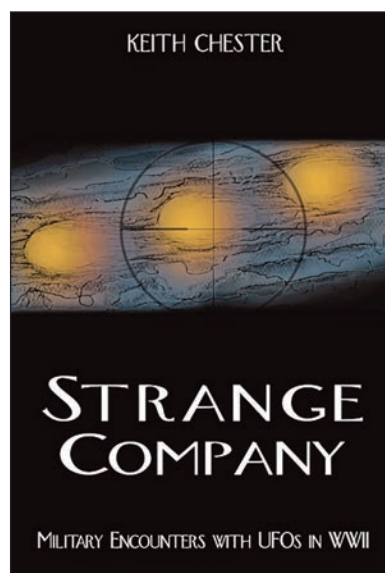
Beirich has similarly boasted that the SPLC has been "watching Allen like a hawk" because, according to Beirich and the SPLC, he "has the worst ideas ever."

Such views and aims, as Allen contends in his complaint, are poisonous and treasonous to our American traditions. They are especially appalling when enforced by a supposed 501(c)(3) nonprofit that has accumulated over \$450 million in fundraising by claiming to be a respectable civil rights organization.

Anyone wishing to support Allen in his lawsuit against the Southern Poverty Law Center can do so by writing, Glen Allen, P.O. Box 10441, Baltimore, Md. 21209. ★

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# 9/11 Evidence Tampering at WTC?

• Lawyers' Committee for 9/11 Inquiry pushing for grand jury focusing on Sept. 11 crimes

By John Friend

**O**n Nov. 7, the Lawyers' Committee for 9/11 Inquiry received an encouraging letter from Geoffrey Berman, the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York (SDNY). Berman pledged that his office would initiate steps to convene a special grand jury relating to the crimes committed on 9/11.

The Lawyers' Committee for 9/11 Inquiry, working in collaboration with Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth (AE911Truth), two professional organizations dedicated to exposing the falsehoods of the official 9/11 conspiracy theory, first submitted a petition to the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Southern District of New York in April "demanding that the U.S. attorney present to a special grand jury extensive evidence of yet-to-be-prosecuted federal crimes relating to the destruction of three World Trade Center Towers on 9/11 (WTC1,

**The Lawyers' Committee for 9/11 Inquiry** is encouraged by the response of Geoffrey Berman (right), the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of N.Y. Berman could convene a special grand jury to investigate 9/11 crimes, especially the destruction of evidence at the site of multiple WTC building collapses.

WTC2, and WTC7)," according to AE911Truth's official website.

In his response to the petition, Berman indicated his office would "comply with the provisions" of the 9/11 activist groups' request, a potential breakthrough in the struggle for 9/11 truth and justice. Both organizations have attempted to initiate an official grand jury investigation into the crimes committed on 9/11. AE911Truth has gathered extensive evidence documenting and exposing the WTC buildings' destruction aspect of the false official narrative explaining this momentous event, which has been used to justify the global war on terror as well as other tyrannical assaults on the Constitution.

Berman's letter is vague, but the intent of the petition is clear: Any U.S. "attorney receiving information concerning such an alleged offense from any other person shall, if requested by such other person, inform the [special] grand jury of such alleged offense, the identity of such other person, and such attorney's action or recommendation," according to 18 U.S.C. § 3332, the U.S. federal code cited by the 9/11 groups in their petition.

The original 52-page petition submitted in April "presented extensive evidence that explosives were used to destroy three WTC buildings," according to AE911Truth. "That evidence included independent scientific laboratory analysis of WTC dust samples showing the presence of high-tech explosives and/or incendiaries, numerous first-hand reports by first responders of explosions at



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the WTC on 9/11, expert analysis of seismic evidence that explosions occurred at the WTC towers on 9/11 prior to the airplane impacts and prior to the building collapses, and expert analysis by architects, engineers, and scientists concluding that the rapid onset symmetrical near-free-fall acceleration collapse of three WTC high-rise buildings on 9/11 exhibited the key characteristics of controlled demolition."

An amended petition was submitted to the U.S. Attorney's Office in July that "addresses several additional federal crimes beyond the federal bombing crime addressed in the original petition," the groups noted. Members of the Lawyers' Committee and AE911Truth are hopeful the U.S. Attorney's Office will take concrete steps to set up



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a grand jury, which will not only raise awareness of the 9/11 Truth movement but also begin the process of hopefully bringing to justice those responsible for planning and executing 9/11.

"The failure of our government to diligently investigate this disturbing evidence has contributed to the erosion of trust in our institutions," Mick Harrison, an attorney who serves as litigation director for the Lawyers' Committee, noted following the receipt of the U.S. attorney's letter. "The Lawyers' Committee felt it was our duty as public citizens to submit this evidence to the U.S. attorney for submission to the special grand jury."

William Jacoby, an attorney who sits on the board of the Lawyers' Committee, is encouraging the public and legal community to support the groups' efforts. "We call upon the public and legal community to contact us and support our efforts to contribute to this grand jury process and to monitor and ensure compliance by the Justice Department," Jacoby recently stated.

Attorney David Meiswinkle, current president of the Lawyers' Committee, has pledged "to assist the U.S. attorney in the presentation of this evidence to a special grand jury," and hopes that members of the Lawyers' Committee and AE911Truth will be given an opportunity to present their findings to the grand jury.

"The U.S. attorney's decision to comply with the special grand jury statute regarding our petitions is an important step towards greater transparency and accountability regarding the tragic events of 9/11," stated Ed Asner, a longtime 9/11 skeptic and famous actor who is involved with the 9/11 truth movement.

As readers of this newspaper are well aware, an honest, objective grand jury investigation into the atrocities committed on 9/11 is long overdue. ★

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# Chapel for Homeless Vets Sold at Auction

• New Hampshire town didn't want safe haven for homeless veterans in spacious neighborhood

By Dave Gahary

Over 500,000 Americans remain homeless on any given night in this once-great nation. Now, a story out of the Granite State has many shaking their heads in disbelief. In the spring of 2015 when this newspaper covered the story of Marine Corps veteran Peter MacDonald's attempts to care for homeless combat veterans with his Veteran Resort Chapel in Lee, N.H., readers were shocked to learn that the town not only wanted no part in his selfless efforts, but they were intent on shutting them down. They're now on the verge of succeeding.

MacDonald, born in 1952 in Lynn, Mass., joined the Marines when he was 17 years old after his father caught him—a second time—fooling around with a girl in the house. It was two days before Christmas, and the youngster found himself homeless.

“He threw me out of the house and it was snowing, and the only place open when I hitched 40 miles to Manchester, N.H., was a Marine recruiter at 11:30 at night,” MacDonald told this reporter. “He told me if I signed a piece of paper, he'd put me up in a hotel room, so I signed the paper, and next thing I knew I woke up in Parris Island, S.C.”

After graduating and on his way home from boot camp, he suffered a traumatic brain injury in a car crash and lost his entire memory. “I had the mind of an infant, but I was in perfect physical shape, and after 60 days in the hospital, because of an admin error I was sent back to active duty,” he explained, getting shipped to Vietnam.

Plagued with multiple disabilities on combat missions, including a broken back, MacDonald finished his time in the Marine Corps and was discharged.

Making his way back home to New Hampshire, he had a hard time adjusting, and after 30 days ended up homeless on the streets of Portsmouth. “I spent the next several years living under a metal box out in the woods,” he explained, “until another Vietnam veteran found me and brought me to the VA, where they discovered I had four service-connected disabilities.”

MacDonald turned his life around with the help of the VA, his future wife, and kids. “We've been married 27 years,” he said, “and my three daughters graduated with master's degrees.”

It was, in fact, his family who came up with the idea to give back. “My wife and three daughters were sitting around the table one night, and they suggested that because I volunteered to help veterans all the time,” he explained, “that maybe it was time that we bought some property and donated it, and started a little chapel and tiny homes for homeless combat veterans where they can live free of charge with all utilities paid until



Above, the main house on the 11-acre property had pews and an altar for homeless vets who wanted to pray. But the town said it wasn't a real church.



Left, Peter MacDonald, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, just wanted to do something for America's homeless vets. Below, a fire-pit built for the chapel by multinational company Medtronic.



Left, MacDonald stands by a mini-home he erected on the property so a homeless vet might have a place to live. Currently, the property has not changed hands, as MacDonald included a revert clause in the deed.

The town's response to its homeless vets is a microcosm of the nation's failure on this issue.

they get back on their feet or they die.”

In 2012, the MacDonalds purchased 11 acres of waterfront property, started a nonprofit, and set it up so “for eternity” this property would be for the purpose of helping homeless combat veterans. “We built the church on it, and we've helped over 23 veterans so far; 15 of them have gotten their benefits or gotten their jobs and got back on their feet and now have their own apartments and they're living a good life, three of them have died, and the town evicted six of them from the property last December,” he said.

The church was built on the property because MacDonald is an ordained minister. “Since 1974 when I got back, even when I was homeless, I'd walk around and talk to homeless people,” he explained. “And when I found a veteran, I'd try to talk them into getting help. It became an obsession with me.”

Forty years on, MacDonald still pounds the

pavement. “So even today I still walk around—at least a couple of days a week—looking for homeless people in New England,” he said. “And when I find a veteran now, I buy them a McDonald's Happy Meal and a cup of coffee, and I talk to them about God and me and helping them come back to real life. Sometimes it helps and sometimes it doesn't, but that's what I'm doing with my minister's certificate. And that's why we built the chapel, because I wanted the veterans, no matter what faith they are or denomination, to have a place to go to pray and talk to the supreme being of their choice to try to come home mentally.”

MacDonald's property was a dream come true for homeless vets, but the town's elite didn't see it that way.

Toward the end of 2013, MacDonald's neighbor didn't want homeless combat veterans living across the street from him. He was on the planning board, so he conspired with a town selectman to shut down the shelter before the completion of the chapel's construction.

After many court battles, including a judge ruling that MacDonald's church is not a church, the town came in for the kill this year. “They gave us a writ of execution and fined us \$93,447.95,” MacDonald explained. “I refused to pay the money, and so the judge ordered the writ of execution auction,” where, in May, “\$500,000 worth of property sold for \$105,000.”

MacDonald is not giving up.

“This isn't over, yet. I cannot allow combat veterans to live out in the woods. Somebody has to fight for them,” MacDonald vows. ★



# America's Trivial Pursuits

• World in crisis, but Democrats focused on porno star

By Patrick J. Buchanan

If Donald Trump told Michael Cohen to pay hush money to Stormy Daniels about a one-night stand a decade ago, that, says Jerome Nadler, incoming chair of House Judiciary Committee, is an “impeachable offense.”

This tells you what social media, cable TV, and the great herd of talking heads will be consumed with for the next two years—the peccadillos and misdeeds of Trump, almost all of which occurred before being chosen as president of the U.S.A.

“Everywhere President Trump looks,” writes *The Washington Times’s* Rowan Scarborough, “there are Democrats targeting him from New York to Washington to Maryland . . . lawmakers, state attorneys general, opposition researchers, bureaucrats, and activist defense lawyers.

“They are aiming at Russia collusion, the Trump Organization, the Trump Foundation, a Trump hotel, Trump tax returns, Trump campaign finances, and supposed money laundering.”

The full-court press is on. Day and night we will be hearing debate on the great question: Will the elites that loathe him succeed in bringing Trump down, driving him from office, and prosecuting and putting him in jail?

Says Adam Schiff, the incoming chair of the House Intelligence Committee: “Donald Trump may be the first president in quite some time to face the real prospect of jail time.”

And what will a watching world be thinking when it sees the once-great republic preoccupied with breaking yet another president? Will that world think: Why can't we be more like America?

Does the world still envy us our free press, which it sees tirelessly digging up dirt on political figures and flaying them with abandon?

Among the reasons democracy is in discredit and retreat worldwide is that its exemplar and champion, the USA, is beginning to resemble France's Third Republic in its last days before World War II. Also, democracy no longer has the field largely to itself as to how to create a prosperous and powerful nation-state.

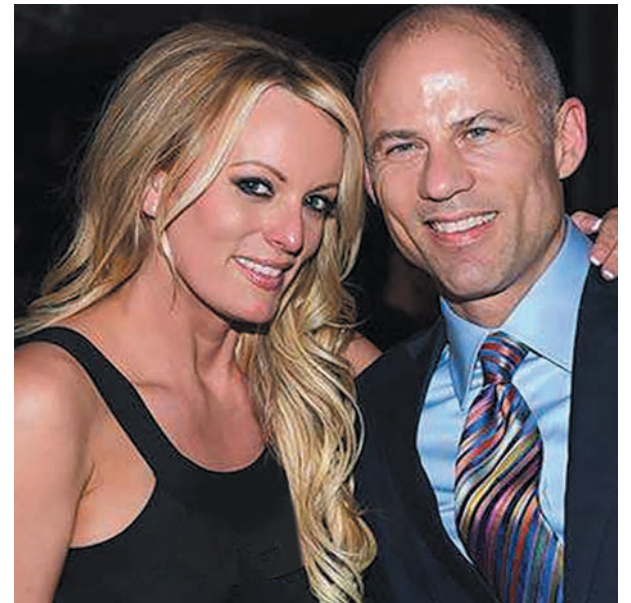
This century, China has shown aspiring rulers how a single-party regime can create a world power, and how democracy is not a necessary precondition for extraordinary economic progress.

Vladimir Putin, an autocratic nationalist, has shown how a ruined nation can be restored to a great power in the eyes of its people and the world, commanding a new deference and respect.

Democracy is a bus you get off when it reaches your stop, says Turkey's Recep Tayyip Erdogan. After the attempted coup in the summer of 2017, Erdogan purged his government and military of tens of thousands of enemies and jailed more journalists than any other nation. Yet he is welcomed in the capitals of the world.

What does American democracy now offer the world as its foremost attribute, its claim to greatness? “Our diversity is our strength!” proclaims this generation. We have become a unique nation composed of peoples from every continent and country, every race, ethnicity, culture, and creed on Earth. But is not diversity what Europe is openly fleeing from? Is there any country of the Old Continent clamoring for more migrants from the Maghreb, sub-Saharan or Middle East?

Broadly, it seems more true to say that the world is turning away from transnationalism toward tribalism, and away from diversity and back to the ethno-nationalism whence the nations came. The diversity our democracy has on offer is not selling. Ethnic, racial, and religious minorities, such as the Uighurs and Tibetans in China, the Rohingya in Myanmar, minority black tribes in sub-



There are so many problems facing the United States today—foreign and domestic—why is the Democratic Party infatuated with an affair Donald Trump had with porno star Stormy Daniels, shown above with her anti-Trump attorney Michael Avenatti?

Sahara Africa, and white farmers in South Africa, can testify that popular majority rule often means mandated restrictions or even an end to minority rights.

In the Middle East, free elections produced a Muslim Brotherhood president in Egypt, Hamas in Palestine, Hezbollah in Lebanon. After this, a disillusioned Bush 43 White House called off the democracy crusade.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, relates how one minority is treated in much of the Muslim world: “Christians face daily the threat of violence, murder, intimidation, prejudice, and poverty. . . .” “In the last few years, they have been slaughtered by so-called Islamic State. . . . Hundreds of thousands have been forced from their homes. Many have been killed, enslaved, and persecuted or forcibly converted. Even those who remain ask the question, ‘Why stay?’

“Christian communities that were the foundation of the universal Church now face the threat of imminent extinction.” And all the while this horror is going on, Ronald Reagan's treaty that banned all U.S. and Soviet nuclear missiles with a range between 310 and 3,400 miles faces collapse. And President Trump's initiative to bring about a nuclear-free North Korea appears in peril.

Yet, for the next two years, we will be preoccupied with whether paying hush money to Stormy Daniels justifies removing a president, and exactly when Michael Cohen stopped talking to the Russians about his boss building a Trump Tower in Moscow.

We are an unserious nation, engaged in trivial pursuits, in a deadly serious world. ★

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# Slavery Still Exists in the United States

Did the 13th Amendment to the Constitution really end slavery in America? The late President Ronald Reagan once said, "Government has a tendency not to solve problems, just to re-arrange them." Such is the case with slavery. The importation of illegal aliens *en masse* into the U.S. means cheap labor for corporations. Here is a situation resembling the slavery days: Persons without American citizenship are laboring for their overlords while being barely on the edge of economic existence.

Unlike earlier, the laborers now are not forcibly brought to the United States as cargo aboard slave ships *per se*. They are lured to the U.S. under false promise of a "better life" here. Nonetheless, corporate slavemasters are maximizing their profits from the work of alien laborers without legal refuge from the cruelties of their situation. Today in America, the calendar has been turned back almost two centuries.

In addition, most Americans are tax slaves, i.e., they are forced by law to pay taxes for items not explicitly listed in Article I, section 8 of the Constitution. For example, nowhere in the text of the Constitution do we find authorization for taxpayer subsidies of banks and corporations. Likewise, the social programs started under President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal are without constitutional authorization. No transfers of monies from the U.S. Treasury to the coffers of other countries are authorized in the Constitution, either. Public taxpayer support for abortion is also unconstitutional, insofar as *Roe v. Wade* was decided by the Supreme Court on the basis of Fourth Amendment privacy rights. Public monies should never be used for any private purpose.

In a word, any public taxation imposed by Congress beyond items listed in Article I, section 8 of the U.S. Constitution is tax slavery. An all-powerful, one-size-fits-all federal government is a form of slavery, as it continues to seize and usurp powers not granted to it by the Constitution.

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## Congress Breaking the Law

[In the Dec. 3 & 10 issue of AFP, there was] another excellent article by Phil Giraldi. I was thinking that, since it technically should be illegal for the U.S. to provide aid to Israel as a result of [the Symington Amendment banning undeclared nuclear arsenals] implemented in 1961 (and I believe there are several others), it may be possible for the U.S. state attorneys general to bring criminal charges against those senators and representatives from their states who have blindly supported such aid packages to the Israeli state.

This is being done by a number of state attorneys general against President Donald Trump for a variety of crimes in the respective states. Similar actions against congressional representatives and senators could shake things up quite a bit.

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## Immigration Solution

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There is nothing unconstitutional about having a Mexican Corps, and it just might solve a terrible problem that's been plaguing the U.S. for decades now.

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## Standing Up to Israel

[Regarding Phil Giraldi's article in the Dec. 3 & 10 issue of AFP, "Global Pushback Against Israel Rises,"] apart from being a long-delayed Christian act, a benefit of Churches standing up to Israel is that responsibility is diffused and there is no single individual for Israel to attack—though no doubt Israel will seek to do so. This is not

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President Donald Trump and former Attorney General Jeff Sessions are also complicit in this, as actions they ordered meet the definitions of torture under both U.S. and international law. According to Amnesty International's most recent report, 122 countries torture their citizens. In 2013, the CIA and the Pentagon had covert paramilitary operations in 120 nations. Since there are only 206 countries in the world, the U.S. has to be operating in countries that engage in torture. Keep in mind that, as of 2016, Guantánamo Bay was still conducting secret Stalinist tribunals and executions.

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the case with Sen. Rand Paul, who the Israeli lobby will do its best to unseat—or worse—should Sen. Paul get Israel's aid pulled.

ELENI TSIGANTE  
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## Engaging in Torture

In April 2014, AFP reported in an article about CIA torture that there would be another whistleblower like "Edward Snowden" except, this time, he would leak details about secret torture programs. I believe this person could be Alberto Mora, a former general counsel for the Navy. Mora is a fellow at the Carr Center for Human Rights at Harvard University's Kennedy School. One of his projects involved extensive analysis of the end result of torture.

Since the U.S. promoted insurgencies, which killed and wounded thousands of Iraqis, Afghans, and Americans, I wrote to the Senate, noting that the U.S. is complicit in war crimes. The CIA and the Pentagon are the most powerful perpetrators of torture in the world, and they continue to promote it and use it.





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