

Eye on the World

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Luke 21:34-36—"But take heed to yourselves, lest your souls be weighed down with self-indulgence, and drunkenness, or the anxieties of this life, and that day come on you suddenly, like a falling trap; for it will come on all dwellers on the face of the whole earth. But beware of slumbering; and every moment pray that you may be fully strengthened to escape from all these coming evils, and to take your stand in the presence of the Son of Man" (Weymouth New Testament).



An article by Adam Kredo titled "Iran Had Secret Plans to Build Five Nuclear Warheads" was posted at freebeacon.com on Nov. 21, 2018. Following is the article.

A new bombshell report based on a secret trove of seized Iranian nuclear documents shows the Islamic Republic had concrete plans to manufacture and build at least five nuclear weapons and that it was much further along in this scheme than previously known by the international community.

Iran's contested nuclear weapons program was much further along than the international community thought, according to a report based on scores of secret Iranian plans seized by Israel and publicly disclosed for the first time earlier this year.

Information obtained in this raid on Iran's secretive nuclear files has revealed that Tehran was well along the path to building several nuclear weapons by around 2003, including the complex infrastructure needed to produce such weapons, according to a new report from the Institute for Science and International Society, a nuclear watchdog group that has exposed in the past the extent of Iran's nuclear works.

The report is being viewed as a bombshell revelation on Capitol Hill and is seen as validating critics of the Obama administration who alleged the former White House has underestimated the extent of Iran's nuclear weapons progress.

“Iran intended to build five nuclear warheads, each with an explosive yield of 10 kilotons and able to be delivered by ballistic missile,” the group disclosed in a new report that shows Iran has retained much of its nuclear infrastructure and could continue using it to clandestinely conduct weapons work in violation of the landmark nuclear accord.

“Iran’s initial plans show that it had achieved much more than feasibility and scientific studies relating to nuclear weapons, as the IAEA assessed in late 2015, as the Iran nuclear deal was being implemented,” according to the group, which based its report on access it was granted to the seized Iranian nuclear documents, which show the regime allocated millions of dollars to the purchase of nuclear materials, including uranium, the key component in a bomb.

“Iran had put in place by the end of 2003 the infrastructure for a comprehensive nuclear weapons program,” according to the report. “The evidence supports that Iran was preparing to conduct an underground test of a nuclear weapon, if necessary. The end goal was to have tested, deliverable nuclear weapons, and Iran made more progress toward that goal than known before the seizure of the archives.”

Iran hawks on Capitol Hill say the report confirms warnings from many that the Obama administration downplayed Iran’s nuclear activities in a bid to ink the nuclear pact with Iran.

“Republicans have long known that the Obama administration lied to the country about the Iran deal,” said one senior Republican congressional official familiar with the report. “Just a few months ago PSI published documents showing they lied to Congress about enforcing sanctions and giving dollar access.”

The latest disclosures are fueling the push in Congress for the Trump administration to reimpose greater economic sanctions on Iran, a portion of which went back into effect earlier this month. Some in Congress have called on the Trump administration to go further in its actions, including by fully cutting off Iran’s oil exports and access to international financial markets.

“Now this report shows they also lied about Iran’s nuclear weapons work,” the source said. “You can expect congressional Republicans to increase pressure on the Trump administration to implement maximum pressure on Iran, which they still aren’t doing.”

Iran was poised to construct at least five nuclear warheads based on its weapons work at the time, according to the new report, which also found that Tehran’s nuclear infrastructure was far more sophisticated than previously believed.

“Iran made far more progress toward its goal of manufacturing five nuclear weapons than known before the seizure of the archives,” according to the watchdog group.

Information about Iran’s nuclear activities, although far less complete, was kept hidden from the public as the Obama administration pressed the international community to support the nuclear agreement.

“It must be acknowledged that at that time, the IAEA and the JCPOA parties, appeared to be downplaying the Iranian nuclear weapons program so as not

to stand in the way of starting the implementation of the JCPOA in January 2016," the report found, noting that international nuclear inspectors have yet to take a stance on the new information.

"Today, the IAEA has in its possession much of the content from the Iranian archive; it should be expected to act on this information, something that is not yet visible, after six months of examining the new information.

"This nuclear infrastructure remains intact, further fueling concerns about what Iran has been hiding from nuclear inspectors, who must give Iran advance notice of any inspections and refrain from entering the country's contested military sites.

"The continued existence of the Iranian nuclear archive and warehouse reinforces that the Iranian nuclear program's remains, and likely some activities, may have continued up to today," the group said.



An article Hamza Hendawi titled "With New Egypt Capital Being Built, What's Become of Cairo?" was posted at foxbusiness.com on Nov. 16, 2018. Following is the article.

Billboards across Cairo advertise luxury homes with "breathtaking" views in compounds with names like "La Verde" or "Vinci" in Egypt's new capital that is under construction in the desert, miles from the Nile-side city which has been the seat of power for more than 1,000 years.

Often, what lies behind the billboards are Cairo's most overcrowded neighborhoods, with shoddily built homes and dirt roads frequently inundated with sewage water.

A city of some 20 million people combining charm and squalor, Cairo may soon witness an exodus by well-heeled residents, state employees and foreign embassies to the New Administrative Capital, as the vast project in the desert is provisionally known.

It will be the latest phase in the flight of the rich, many of whom have already moved to gated communities in new suburbs, leaving the old Cairo in neglect and decay.

The new capital—a proper name has yet to be found—is the \$45 billion brain-child of general-turned-president Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, the biggest of the mega-projects he launched since taking office in 2014. He contends the projects, ranging from new roads and housing complexes to a Suez Canal expansion, attract investors and create jobs.

Senior officials boastfully compare what has been built under el-Sissi to monuments like the Giza Pyramids.

"History will do justice to this generation of Egyptians and our grandsons will remember its achievement, a wave of construction unprecedented in modern-day Egypt," Prime Minister Mustafa Madbouly, also the housing minister, proclaimed.

Critics call the new capital a vanity project, arguing its cost could have been better put to rebuilding the wrecked economy and refurbishing Cairo.

They also see it as evidence of el-Sissi's authoritarianism, launching a multi-billion-dollar plan with little debate. El-Sissi often lashes out at those who question him, telling Egyptians to listen only to him and saying he's answerable to God alone. He often says Egypt's resources are limited—leading some Egyptians, struggling amid skyrocketing prices, to wonder why so much is spent on questionable projects.

"There is something very wrong with the order of priorities," said political analyst Hassan Nafaa. "Maybe el-Sissi wants to go down in history as the leader who built the new capital, but if Egyptians don't see an improvement in their living conditions and services, he will be remembered as the president who destroyed what is left of the middle class."

The government argues that Cairo is already bursting at the seams and will grow to 40 million by 2050.

The new city is being built on 170,000 acres about 28 miles east of Cairo and nearly twice its size. Construction began in 2016, and the first of its forecast 6.5 million residents are scheduled to move there next year.

The city will house the presidency, Cabinet, parliament and ministries. Planners promise a 21-mile-long public park, an airport, an opera house, a sports complex and 20 skyscrapers, including Africa's highest, at 345 meters.

Madbouly denied the new city will only attract the well off, saying it is "for all Egyptians."

Prices tell a different story. The smallest apartment there—120 square meters—is expected to cost 1.3 million Egyptian pounds (\$73,000), out of reach for a mid-level bureaucrat, who may make the equivalent of about \$4,800 a year.

"Those targeted to live in the new capital constitute a very, very limited segment of society," said Nafaa.

Ironically, the new capital could one day be overwhelmed by the old, as illegal construction expands. That has often been the way Cairo has evolved, with the rich moving out, only to move again as the city swells, adding layer after layer.

"Throughout the history of Cairo, the ruling elite and the rich have failed to completely isolate themselves from the rest of the population," said novelist Hamdy Abu Golayyel, who authored a book about the city called "Cairo, Streets and Stories." It will take draconian laws to keep the new city distinct, he said.

No one knows how Cairo will be impacted by a new capital and the shift of the seat of power outside of the city for the first time since the Muslim conquest in the 7th Century.

Many government buildings in Cairo, for example, are palaces and mansions confiscated by the socialist government of the 1950s and 1960s. In theory, they could be renovated and turned into museums or hotels, proponents

argue. But then, many such empty architectural treasures are already left to fall apart or even torn down.

The government is renovating some of Cairo's illegally built neighborhoods. But in one case, it razed a run-down district and moved out residents after compensating them to make way for a high-end district.

Amar Ali Hassan, a sociopolitical expert, believes Cairo's woes will only deepen. "It could be neglected, become estranged and left to die a slow death," he said.

Sameh Abdallah Alayli, an urban planning expert, wrote in the Al-Shorouk newspaper that the idea of a new capital was unacceptable, construction should be halted and the focus put back on overhauling the ancient city.

"Historical Cairo must remain the political capital of Egypt," he wrote.



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- Looking back to October, a Reuters article by Suleiman Al-Khalidi titled "At Least 18 People, Mostly Schoolchildren and Teachers, Were Killed in Flash Flooding Near Jordan's Dead Sea" was posted at reuters.com on Oct. 25, 2018.
 - An article titled "Jordan Flash Floods: Eleven Killed and Tourists Evacuated From Petra" was posted at bbc.com on Nov. 10, 2018.
 - An article by Sam Blanchard titled "World's First Total Body Scanner Takes a 3D Picture of the Entire Human Form in Just 20 Seconds" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Nov. 20, 2018.
 - An article by Natalie Rahhal titled "A Shot to Stop Alzheimer's? New DNA Vaccine Proves Safe in Mice and Could 'Cut the Number of Cases in Half'—Scientists Claim" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Nov. 20, 2018.
 - An article by Ben Kew titled "Report: 80 Percent of Venezuelans Short of Food" was posted at Breitbart.com on Nov. 20, 2018.
 - An article by Jon Sharman titled "Khashoggi Murder: Trump Urged to Investigate Whether Saudi Crown Prince Bin Salman Responsible for Consulate Killing" was posted at independent.co.uk on Nov. 21, 2018.
 - An article titled "Trump: I'm Not Going to 'Destroy the Economy' Over Khashoggi Killing" was posted at theDailyBeast.com on Nov. 20, 2018.
 - An article by Sebastian Smith titled "Trump Thanks Saudi Arabia for Lower Oil Prices" was posted at yahoo.com on Nov. 21, 2018.

■ An article titled "CIA Has Recording of Bin Salman Giving Instructions to 'Silence Jamal Khashoggi', Turkish Media Reports" was posted at telegraph.co.uk on Nov. 22, 2018.



An article by Ilana Mercer titled "The New Norm: Crime, but Not Punishment" was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 16, 2018. Following is the article.

In the title of his magisterial book, Fyodor Dostoevsky paired "Crime and Punishment," not crime and pardons, or crime and "Civics lessons," amnesty and asylum.

Punishment must closely follow a crime in order to be both effective as a deterrent, as well as to serve as a public declaration of values and norms.

In explaining Texas justice and its attendant values, stand-up satirist Ron White performed the public service no politician is prepared to perform. "In Texas, we have the death penalty and we use it. If you come to Texas and kill somebody, we will kill you back."

So, where's such clarity when you need it?

Something has gotten into the country's lymphatic system. The infection is becoming more apparent by the day, not least in the way matters of life-and-death are debated (or not).

Again-and-again one hears boilerplate statements that fail to properly fix on the defining issues of our time, much less fix them.

Consider the flippancy over threats against persons and property, from within the country and from without it.

The home of Fox News personality Tucker Carlson is surrounded by a small, if menacing, mob, and his family threatened. Before dinging the man's front door, the assailants chant out their criminal intentions:

"Tucker Carlson, we will fight. We know where you sleep at night. We know where you sleep."

To which other talkers, even the wonderful Tucker, respond by vaporizing about rights to speech and protest vs. some or other watered-down peace and security to which private property owners are entitled.

Nobody alludes to the rights of private property or to the fulcrum that is law-and-order.

No demands for arrests are issued or voiced, publicly. No expectation for retribution is set-up. Follow-up is nonexistent in media. Police do not publicize any arrests. If they make them, none are reported by media.

No teachable moments occur.

Remember words like, "Police are requesting the public's assistance in finding those responsible"? Or, "No arrests have been made, as yet"? Such civilizing utterances have vanished from the nomenclature of media and law enforcement, when discussing acts of trespass, vandalism, and public disorderliness.

Be they within the U.S. or from without it, acts that violate one person's property rights or the property rights of many—as the Central American caravaners expect to do—these acts don't conjure the requisite tough talk or actions.

As a popular aphorism goes, "Justice should be seen to be done." This is paramount to the rule of law. But more than that: In a population whose ignorance is growing, not diminishing, the basic and public acts of naming the transgression, identifying the transgressors, and arresting and prosecuting them are all essential in setting up an expectation of law-and-order.

Yet, on Tucker's TV show, a languid guest suggested serenely that the solution to ambient lawlessness lies in . . . bringing back Civics lessons, to schools already root-and-branch rotten.

When the streets and suburbs are ceded to thugs threatening to inflict bodily harm on citizens—the U.S. may no longer lay claim to being a country steeped in the rule of law.

Still on the topic of lawlessness, incivility and disrespect for personal boundaries: A Fox News panelist, Kat Timpf, is another in a list of public persons to be accosted by political adversaries, while out on the town.

Hounded before her were Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, White House adviser Stephen Miller, Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi, and Sen. Ted Cruz and his wife, all badgered at eateries and other establishments.

Timpf tweeted, "I was just ran [sic] out of an establishment because of where I work. Chewed out, abused. But I guess that's the norm now."

Once again, the victims are surrounded by a conservative circle of love and lamentation, and thousands of hackneyed tweets sent their way.

Attempts to talk sense about what just went down and what should have gone down under law-and-order, the rule of law, and the sanctity of private property—these seldom happen.

And not one word is disgorged about the obligation of proprietors to protect their patrons.

Why aren't businesses blamed for letting hooligans hassle paying patrons, as they try to enjoy services for which they've paid?

Why has no one suggested that the onus is on private property owners—yes, proprietors!—to turn away those who badger other customers in their rightful enjoyment of the services they bought?

The lack of focused debate is even more “messed up” than the assaults just recounted.

I mean, the Red Hen Restaurant henpecked Sarah Huckabee Sanders and her young family. Then and there, Mrs. Sanders ought to have demanded her money back. That would have been a better teachable moment to the nation than any presser ever given by the press secretary.



An article by Walter Williams titled “Fruits of College Indoctrination” was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Nov. 21, 2018. Following is the article.

Much of today’s incivility and contempt for personal liberty has its roots on college campuses, and most of the uncivil and contemptuous are people with college backgrounds. Let’s look at a few highly publicized recent examples of incivility and attacks on free speech.

- Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and his wife, Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao, were accosted and harassed by a deranged left-wing mob as they were leaving a dinner at Georgetown University. Sen. McConnell was harassed by protesters at Reagan National Airport, as well as at several venues in Kentucky.
- Sen. Ted Cruz and his wife were harassed at a Washington, D.C., restaurant. Afterward, a group called Smash Racism DC wrote: “No—you can’t eat in peace—your politics are an attack on all of us. You’re (sic) votes are a death wish. Your votes are hate crimes.”
- Other members of Congress—such as Andy Harris, Susan Collins and Rand Paul—have been physically attacked or harassed by leftists.
- Most recent is the case of Fox News political commentator Tucker Carlson. A leftist group showed up at his house at night, damaging his front door and chanting, “Tucker Carlson, we will fight! We know where you sleep at night!” “Racist scumbag, leave town!”

Mayhem against people with different points of view is excused as just deserts for what is seen as hate speech.

- Enterprise Institute scholar Charles Murray discovered this when he was shouted down at Middlebury College and the professor escorting him was sent to the hospital with injuries.
- Students at the University of California, Berkeley shut down a controversial speaker and caused riot damage estimated at \$100,000.
- Protesters at both UCLA and Claremont McKenna College disrupted scheduled lectures by Manhattan Institute scholar Heather Mac Donald.

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education [FIRE] has discovered so-called bias response teams on hundreds of American college campuses. Bias response teams report to campus officials—and sometimes to law enforcement officers—speech that may cause “alarm, anger, or fear” or that might otherwise offend.

Drawing pictures or cartoons that belittle people because of their beliefs or political affiliation can be reported as hate speech. Universities expressly set their sights on prohibiting constitutionally protected speech (<http://tinyurl.com/y7jo75dg>).

As FIRE reported in 2017, hundreds of universities nationwide now maintain Orwellian systems that ask students to report—often anonymously—their neighbors, friends and professors for any instances of supposed biased speech and expression.

A recent Brookings Institution poll found that nearly half of college students believe that hate speech is not protected by the First Amendment. That’s nonsense; it is.

Fifty-one percent of college students think they have a right to shout down a speaker with whom they disagree. Nineteen percent of students think that it’s acceptable to use violence to prevent a speaker from speaking.

Over 50 percent agree that colleges should prohibit speech and viewpoints that might offend certain people (<http://tinyurl.com/yayxt45u>).

One shouldn’t be surprised at all if these visions are taught and held by many of their professors. Colleges once taught and promoted an understanding of Western culture. Today many professors and the college bureaucracy teach students that they’re victims of Western culture and values.

Benjamin Franklin wrote, “Whoever would overthrow the Liberty of a Nation, must begin by subduing the Freeness of Speech.”

Much later, Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart said, “Censorship reflects a society’s lack of confidence in itself. It is a hallmark of an authoritarian regime.”

From the Nazis to Stalinists to Maoists, tyrants have always started out supporting free speech, just as American leftists did during the 1960s. Their support for free speech is easy to understand. Speech is vital for the realization of their goals of command, control and confiscation.

The right to say what they please is their tool for indoctrination, propagandizing and proselytization.

Once the leftists gain control, as they have at many universities, free speech becomes a liability and must be suppressed. This is increasingly the case on university campuses.

Much of the off-campus incivility we see today is the fruit of what a college education has done to our youth.

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An article by Burt Prelutsky titled “The Deep State’s Nothing New” was posted at patriotpost.us on Nov. 17, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

Reference to the Deep State, a shadow government that exists within the federal bureaucracy, is of recent origin. But it is not new, and when you realize the special status of people who are mainly anonymous and who are nearly impossible to fire, it is inevitable that a cancer would metastasize in the shadows, free from the sunshine's power as a disinfectant.

Back in the 1930s, there sprang into existence a shadow government consisting of socialists and communists, loyalists to the Soviet Union. The most prominent and notorious of them was Alger Hiss, FDR's fair-haired boy, who played a central role at the Yalta Conference, where FDR, over Churchill's strenuous objections, handed Eastern Europe over to Stalin.

The difference between that earlier Deep State and the one we have today is that it worked in tandem with President Roosevelt, a foolish leftist who held Stalin, not Churchill, in high regard. He even referred to Stalin as Uncle Joe.

It's the descendants of those earlier traitors who currently lead the resistance movement in various federal agencies and who worked hand-in-glove with Barack Obama and were anxious to continue their dirty work with Hillary Clinton. That is why they have been doing everything in their considerable power to resist and obstruct the current administration.

In other words, they are in league with their fellow left-wingers in the House and Senate and their hand maidens in the media. But unlike the politicians and pundits, they don't have to worry about being voted out of their jobs or losing their gigs over sexual harassment charges.

I can't begin to tell you what a relief I felt when I came to this realization. That's because it was driving me nuts for the past two years trying to figure out why the high-profile Never-Trumpers like James Comey, Andrew McCabe, John Brennan, Peter Strzok, Lisa Page, James Clapper, and Michael Hayden were so ready to risk their careers and possibly even their freedom on behalf of Hillary Clinton, a proven liar, money launderess, and all-around no-gootnik.

It was only when I realized that it wasn't so much that the treasonous Deep Staters who had infiltrated the Justice Department, the FBI, the NSA, the CIA, and the State Department loved Mrs. Clinton; rather, it was that they hated and feared having an American patriot, one dedicated to putting the best interests of his fellow Americans ahead of others, in the White House.

■ Anchor babies

It appears that we needn't only be irate about the anchor babies delivered by Latinas. We should save some of our contempt for the pregnant women who arrive daily on jetliners from Russia, China, Japan, and other points on the globe. They are buying U.S. citizenship for the price of an airplane ticket.

Until Congress does something—I mean something besides endlessly prattling on about something called “comprehensive immigration reform”—things will only keep getting worse.

■ Same as jaywalking

There are a few specific things that need to be done. For one thing, illegally entering the country should be made a felony. So long as the consequences of being caught are similar to receiving a jaywalking ticket, except not as expensive, you can't expect foreigners to take the crime seriously. Next, Congress has to put a stop to visa lotteries and chain migration.

■ Freed slaves

Finally, you need the Supreme Court to finally interpret the 14th Amendment as written, emphasizing the fact it was solely intended to grant citizenship to recently freed slaves.

Dennis Prager, a columnist and syndicated radio talk-show host, generally makes a good deal of sense, but, like many other conservative pundits, continues to draw a line between liberals and left-wingers.

I suppose the intention is to show a tolerance for Democrats, but you may have noticed that neither Prager nor others ever presents an example. The truth is, a Democrat in Texas, Oklahoma, and Utah is no different from a Democrat in New York, Florida, or California.

Some days these radical pinheads call themselves Democrats, socialists, left-wingers, progressives, social democrats or simply liberals, but it's a difference without a distinction. It's like Angus King and Bernie Sanders pretending to be Independents when they caucus with the Democrats and vote exactly like Chuck Schumer and Dianne Feinstein.

■ Trump is no Nazi

It's a shame that Donald Trump can't sue Democrats for slander. After all, they keep calling him a Nazi and comparing him to Hitler, in spite of the fact that he hasn't murdered anyone, let alone millions.

■ Communists worse than Nazis

Which reminds me: Democrats always go around labeling those who disagree with them fascists and Nazis, but they never employ "communist" as a pejorative, even though the communists in China, Cuba, Cambodia, and the Soviet Unions murdered far more people than Hitler and Mussolini ever did.

■ Farrakhan in Iran

Louis Farrakhan received an ovation following a speech he delivered in Iran, during which he called for death to America and death to Israel.

At 85, Farrakhan is like one of those aging singers performing his old hits—like Tony Bennett crooning about little cable cars and Neil Diamond singing "Sweet Caroline" for the 27,849th time—in giving his fans what they want.

Only, unlike the crooners, Farrakhan's stage is in Tehran, not Vegas.

■ Permanent ruling class?

Whenever I wonder why leftists are doing their best to destroy America, I recall a scene in "The Sea Wolf" in which Eddie G. Robinson, as the evil ship captain Wolf Larsen, explains himself. Comparing himself to Satan, the Fallen Angel in Milton's "Paradise Lost," he says: "Better to rule in Hell than serve in Heaven."

Because leftists always presume themselves to be the elite, they figure that if they can ever turn this republic into a mobocracy, they'll constitute the permanent ruling class. What they never seem to remember is that tyrants don't like their competitors to stick around.

■ Ego

Jan Hooper passed along a quote that pointed out that "Ego is the anesthesia that deadens the pain of stupidity."

It applies to a great many people in public life, ranging from Alec Baldwin to Joy Behar and from Joe Biden to Maxine Waters, but in the case of Barack Obama, the former narcissist-in-chief, it's so applicable that it deserves to be engraved on his headstone.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Trump is No Anti-Semite" was posted at patriotpost.us on Nov. 19, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

As a Jew, I think one of the weirdest insults hurled at President Trump is that he hates Jews. I have no doubt that he harbors ill feelings towards the likes of Chuck Schumer, Dianne Feinstein, Bernie Sanders, Krysten Sinema, Richard Blumenthal, Ben Cardin, Jerry Nadler, Brad Sherman, Debbie Wasserman-Schultz, and Adam Schiff, but so do I.

But the hatemongers seem to ignore the fact that his son-in-law, Jared Kushner, is a religiously observant Jew; his daughter, Ivanka, is a convert to Judaism who keeps kosher; and three of his grandchildren are Jewish.

On top of that, after several of his predecessors had promised to move the American embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, Trump is the one who finally had the moxie to do it. It's also worth noting that among the world's leaders, the one with whom he has the warmest ties is Israel's Bibi Netanyahu.

Although Trump only received 25% of the Jewish vote in 2016, most of the votes he did receive were cast by orthodox Jews. What's more, he received 80% of the evangelical vote of Christians, who, surprisingly, are more likely to be concerned with Israel's well-being than liberal Jews are.

In spite of all that, as Caroline Glick points out, *The Atlantic Monthly* posted a piece by Franklin Foer headlined "Prayer for Squirrel Hill, and for American Jewry," in which he wrote: "Any strategy for enhancing the security of American Jewry should involve shunning Trump's Jewish enablers. Their

money should be refused, their presence in synagogues not welcome. They have placed our community in danger.”

What idiots like Foer fail to understand is that when they write such abominable drivel, sending a quarter of American Jews to Coventry, their own version of Stalin’s Siberia, they are not speaking as Jews but as liberals.

■ Non-Americans do not have constitutional rights

In a world that is spinning madly out of control, it probably comes as no shock that members of the caravans heading this way have filed a lawsuit against the president, claiming he is violating their constitutional rights by announcing they will not be permitted to cross our border.

Apparently, there are baboons in the legal profession who have convinced themselves that people who are not Americans have constitutional rights. One can only hope that the addition of Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court will result in the majority restoring sanity to the highest court in the land, leading, one can only pray, to Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s finally deciding to throw in the towel.

■ Politicians divide people

When the street lights go out here in LA, I’ve noticed that drivers are pretty decent about policing themselves and taking turns to cross intersections.

Occasionally, some impatient jerk will hit the accelerator and jump the gun. But, by and large, drivers abide by the unwritten but widely understood rules of the road.

At such times, it occurs to me how well we all—regardless of race, religion, or nation of origin—could get along in America if the politicians weren’t always trying so hard to divide us. Wouldn’t it be great to get rid of politicians?

■ Ben Hecht

I’ve been watching a lot of old movies lately and have decided that the most beguiling speaking voices belonged to Jean Arthur and Rex Harrison, the most mellifluous to James Mason, Joseph Cotton, and Herbert Marshall.

Speaking of old movies, one of Hollywood’s most fascinating characters was a former Chicago newspaper reporter named Ben Hecht.

He was one of the guys who responded to Herman Mankiewicz’s telegram urging his friends to come to Hollywood, where big money was waiting for them and where their only competition would be idiots.

No writer was paid more than Hecht, who, whether writing with his partner Charles MacArthur or on his own, was not only paid several thousand dollars for a script but was often paid as much as \$10,000 a week in the ‘30s, ‘40s, and ‘50s to work as an uncredited script doctor, punching up the scripts of others.

Just some of the movies he got to work on included “Front Page,” which was based on the hit play he and MacArthur wrote, “Scarface,” “A Star Is Born,”

"Nothing Sacred," "Gunga Din," "Stagecoach," "Wuthering Heights," "Gone with the Wind," "The Shop Around the Corner," "Roxie Hart," "Lifeboat," "Spellbound," "Gilda," "Notorious," "Kiss of Death," "Strangers on a Train," "Hans Christian Anderson," "Guys and Dolls," "The Man with the Golden Arm," "Trapeze," and "Cleopatra."

But, as was all too common with writers who came to Hollywood believing they were sacrificing art for money, Hecht held himself in contempt. The irony is that, for the most part, the serious books and plays they wrote are long forgotten and the movies they despised live on.

But at least Hecht had a sense of humor about it and about other things, as well. The following are among his more memorable observations:

"Love is the magician that pulls a man out of his own hat."

"Trying to determine what is going on in the world by reading a newspaper is like trying to tell the time by watching the second hand on a clock."

"People's sex habits are as well known in Hollywood as their political opinions, and much less criticized."

"In Hollywood, a starlet is the name for any woman under 30 who is not actually employed in a brothel."

"The rule in the art world is: you cater to the masses or you kowtow to the elite; you can't have both."

"Hollywood had this double lure for me, tremendous sums of money for work that required no more effort than a game of pinochle."

"I'm a Hollywood writer, so I put on my sports jacket and take off my brain."



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Finances

- An article by Terence P. Jeffrey titled "Unemployment Rate at Record Low in 10 States [Arkansas, California, Idaho, Iowa, Missouri, New York, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas and Washington]" was posted at cnsnews.com on Nov. 16, 2018.
- A Reuters article by Jessica Resnick-Ault titled "Oil Plunges to Lowest in a Year Despite Potential OPEC Cut" was posted at reuters.com on Nov. 23, 2018.

Illegal immigration

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Isaiah 55:6-11—"Seek you the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. 'For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,' says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."