

The Patriots' Truth

Flint Hills T.E.A. Party News

We are hoping to resume our monthly meetings on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Check for updates at flinthillsteaparty.com. We are now posting news items, events and these newsletters — both recent and archived issues — at our newly updated website. Weekly meetings are held at McAlister's, 5:30-10pm, Wed. evenings. They are come and go, at your convenience. Your concerns are important – they are why we exist. In this publication: my thoughts are in green, other colors are just for getting attention. Help me include YOU!!

We must continue working, paying attention, informing & most of all PRAYING!! With the help of the LORD we will prevail!! The USA is too important to the world for us, yes us, you and me and all our friends and family, to let it be destroyed – Take a deep breath, PRAY, Forge ahead, we will succeed!!! I truly believe GOD is with us. With GOD's help we won't fail. Be informed, work for the good of the USA.

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TRUMP CONFIDANT PRESSES FOR TOUGH KANSAS IMMIGRATION ACTION TOPEKA, KAN.

Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, a confidant of President Donald Trump on immigration, is asking the state Legislature to pass two measures aimed at fighting illegal immigration by barring "sanctuary cities" and allowing state troopers to enforce immigration laws.

Republican state Rep. John Whitmer, of Wichita, introduced the two proposals in a House committee Thursday at Kobach's request. Republican Sen. Caryn Tyson, of Parker, introduced identical versions in a Senate committee.

One measure would bar cities and counties from adopting sanctuary policies protecting immigrants in the country illegally and would require their cooperation with federal immigration and customs authorities. A similar bill got a hearing in a House committee last year but did not make it to that chamber's floor.

The other bill would require the Kansas Highway Patrol to partner with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on the "enforcement of federal immigration laws, detentions and removals, and related investigations."

Kobach, an immigration hardliner, advised Trump's campaign on immigration issues. Kobach is a former law professor who helped draft tough state and local laws cracking down on illegal immigration, including in Arizona and Alabama.

Arizona, for example, passed a series of immigration crackdowns last decade that culminated with the approval of SB 1070 in 2010, which launched protests, lawsuits and national controversy with its provision requiring police to try to determine the immigration status of people during routine stops. Courts barred enforcement of several sections of the law, but the questioning requirement was ultimately upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court, despite racial profiling concerns raised by critics of the statute.

Kobach's representatives declined to discuss the rationale for the measures, including the one covering the state patrol, which drew a rebuke from the head of the American Civil Liberties Union's Kansas chapter. Calling that proposal "absurd and wrong," Micah Kubic questioned why Kobach would push such legislation involving an agency outside his jurisdiction.

"Diverting scarce resources away from genuine threats to public safety and into duplicating the job of (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement) is wrong-headed, Kubic told The Wichita Eagle. "Multiple court decisions have established that it is the federal government's job to enforce immigration policy, not the job of state or local government."

I am of the opinion that every, any and all law enforcement personnel should be Immigration Enforcement Officials as well as Enforcement Officials for their local authority. I understand local law enforcement for their feelings of not wanting to take Immigration enforcement head on, but, in my opinion, if the law exists where the enforcement officials are working, then it is their duty to enforce it. If I am wrong, please explain it to me.

Thank You, Donald Trump Barry MacDonald — Editorial

The Left derives energy and force through accusation. The Left advances their agenda not by winning rational debates but by delegitimizing and dehumanizing people who oppose them. The Left intimidates and silences people.

The Republican Party is the original party of civil rights as it began with Abraham Lincoln's compassion for the plight of the slaves. **If you want a sampling of heartlessness, look at the lengths the Democrats went to justify slavery prior to the Civil War — they resemble heartless Democrats who justify partial birth abortion today.**

There is no reason for Republicans to be lectured to about race. When protestors from Black Lives Matter agitate for the

killing of Police Officers they should be denounced by leading Republicans, but usually, elected Republicans keep quiet because they are afraid of being called racist.

The Left wins through force of will and ruthlessness: they will jettison any professed principle, turnabout, and vilify their opponents when they see an advantage to be gained.

If the Republican Party had confronted the Left, had sufficient courage to fight back, perhaps the steady erosion of American liberty could have been mitigated.

One of the most frustrating periods of recent history was the second Bush Administration when the Democrats disowned the support they gave to the invasion of Iraq when it became advantageous to accuse George Bush of “lying” the country into war. Democrats claimed President Bush lied about Iraq having weapons of mass destruction. George Bush and Karl Rove didn’t defend themselves, and thereby they abandoned everyone who supported them.

It’s one thing to make a mistake — in hindsight it appears we might have been better off not invading Iraq — but to allow the idea to take root among large numbers of the American people that Republican leaders *purposefully lied* about the reasons for going to war was an egregious dereliction.

It’s important not to minimize the power of the Left: Leftists are able to muster an army of propagandists from cultural battlements. Leftists are organized and in a day a multitude of Hollywood know-nothings, Democrat politicians, and media “wise” people will be chattering from the same song sheet. The current accusative narrative is that “fake news” and “Russian hacks” swung the election to Donald Trump — nonsense.

We cannot expect the Left to give up the will to power, and the power of accusative narrative. We will always need to oppose the Left with sufficient energy and courage.

Donald Trump has done America a great service. He has shown everyone how to fight back. The Left could not silence or intimate him. Ted Cruz might be his equal in courage, but could Cruz have gathered the widespread support Trump did?

We can measure the success of the Left and the pusillanimity of the Republican establishment on the issue of immigration. Democrats spin tales of Republican heartlessness and Republicans abandon the need for managed assimilation in a rush to please big donors.

We can measure the success of decades of Democrat narratives in how Republicans poll. Republicans have been on the defensive for too long, and they have adopted too much of the Democrat’s message. Too many elected Republicans believe it’s necessary to craft separate appeals to different segments of the American population — at the expense of neglecting core principles, such as the free market, free expression, property rights, the rule of law, the separation of powers, etc.

It is necessary for Republicans to consider how different segments of the American people are suffering — such as the working class who are losing ground, and the middle class who can’t pay healthcare premiums — but Republicans need to rely on Republican principles — such as free enterprise, freedom from excessive regulation — in crafting solutions to problems.

Who can argue against prosperity? The Democrats. They create accusatory narratives about inequality and climate change. Republicans need to remember their principles and promote prosperity for everyone — it’s a winning issue.

Leftists have painted themselves into a corner; they are becoming more and more obviously perverse. Their narratives are noxious arguments disparaging and despising America. It is against human nature to persuade people to despise themselves.

Donald Trump has seized on the vulnerability of the Leftist message: **Americans want to take pride in America. Let’s hope Republican politicians learn from his example.***

<http://www.stcroixreview.com/index.php/current/item/980-thank-you-donald-trump>

WHITE HOUSE: Andrew Napolitano: Trump Has Committed The Most Revolutionary Act I've Seen In 45 Years | by Judge Andrew P. Napolitano | Published January 26, 2017

Then he ordered a truly revolutionary act, the likes of which I have never seen in the 45 years I have studied and monitored the government’s laws and its administration of them. He ordered that when bureaucrats who are administering and enforcing the law have discretion with respect to the time, place, manner and severity of its enforcement, they should exercise that discretion in favor of individuals and against the government.

This is radical coming from any president in the modern era of government-can-do-no-wrong. It is far more Thomas Jefferson, the small-government champion with whom Trump has never been associated, than it is Theodore Roosevelt, the super-regulator whom Trump has stated he admires. It recognizes the primacy and dignity of the individual and the fallibility of the state. It acknowledges the likely demise of ObamaCare. It is utterly without precedent since Jefferson’s presidency.

I always thought this is the way it should be. Watch and see IF it really happens. Let me know what you observe wherever you live – I want to know. GOD Bless.

CONSERVATIVE CONGRESSMAN INTRODUCES BILL TO

ABOLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Minutemen News.com

BY: ONAN COCA

Conservative Congressman Thomas Massie (R-KY) is a one-man wrecking crew. The brilliant entrepreneur, inventor, engineer and conservative chose the day that the Senate was fighting over the confirmation of new Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos to introduce his latest bill, and it's a doozy. [Rep. Massie introduced H.R. 899](#) on Tuesday, a bill to ABOLISH the federal Department of Education and make the fight over Betsy DeVos' confirmation a moot point. You have to hand it to the bold conservative Congressman from Kentucky... when he says he'll shrink government, he really means it.

Here's what Massie wrote about his bill [on Facebook](#):

Rep. Massie Introduces Bill to Abolish Federal Department of Education

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Representative Thomas Massie introduced H.R. 899, a bill to abolish the federal Department of Education. The bill, which is one sentence long, states, “The Department of Education shall terminate on December 31, 2018.”

On the day of Betsy DeVos' scheduled Senate confirmation for Secretary of Education, Massie said, “Neither Congress nor the President, through his appointees, has the constitutional authority to dictate how and what our children must learn.”

Massie added, “Unelected bureaucrats in Washington, D.C. should not be in charge of our children's intellectual and moral development. States and local communities are best positioned to shape curricula that meet the needs of their students. Schools should be accountable. Parents have the right to choose the most appropriate educational opportunity for their children, including home school, public school, or private school.”

“For years, I have advocated returning education policy to where it belongs – the state and local level,” said Rep. Walter Jones, an original co-sponsor. “D.C. bureaucrats cannot begin to understand the needs of schools and its students on an individual basis. It is time that we get the feds out of the classroom, and terminate the Department of Education.”

The Department of Education began operating in 1980. On September 24, 1981 in his Address to the Nation on the Program for Economic Recovery, President Ronald Reagan said, “As a third step, we propose to dismantle two Cabinet Departments, Energy and Education. Both Secretaries are wholly in accord with this. Some of the activities in both of these departments will, of course, be continued either independently or in other areas of government. There's only one way to shrink the size and cost of big government, and that is by eliminating agencies that are not needed and are getting in the way of a solution. Now, we don't need an Energy Department to solve our basic energy problem. As long as we let the forces of the marketplace work without undue interference, the ingenuity of consumers, business, producers, and inventors will do that for us. Similarly, education is the principal responsibility of local school systems, teachers, parents, citizen boards, and State governments. By eliminating the Department of Education less than 2 years after it was created, we cannot only reduce the budget but ensure that local needs and preferences, rather than the wishes of Washington, determine the education of our children.”

Original co-sponsors include Congressman [Justin Amash \(R-MI\)](#), [Congressman Andy Biggs \(R-AZ\)](#), [Congressman Jason Chaffetz \(R-UT\)](#), [Congressman Matt Gaetz \(R-FL\)](#), [Congressman Jody Hice \(R-GA\)](#), [Congressman Walter Jones \(R-NC\)](#), and [Rep. Raúl R. Labrador \(R-ID\)](#).

Is this what we have been wanting? If this really happens how are we going to handle our school WHEN AND IF the Federal Government isn't providing financial support? Got ideas? Where will we get financial support?? Will each state be on it's own?? Who will determine what's what? Let me know!!

L.A.TIMES QUOTE OF THE DAY

Dianne Feinstein: "All vets are mentally ill in some way and government should prevent them from owning firearms." *

Yep, - she really said it on Thursday in a meeting in front of the Senate Judiciary Committee... And the quote below from the LA Times is priceless. Sometimes even the L.A Times gets it right.

Kurt Nimmo: "Senator Feinstein insults all U.S. Veterans as she flails about in a vain attempt to save her anti-firearms bill."

* I guess I would say that all politicians that have been in office more than two terms need mental help.

Quote of the Day from the Los Angeles Times:

"Frankly, I don't know what it is about California, but we seem to have a strange urge to elect really obnoxious women to high office. I'm not bragging, you understand, but no other state, including Maine, even comes close. When it comes to sending left-wing dingbats to Washington, we're Number One. There's no getting around the fact that the last time anyone saw the likes of Barbara Boxer, Dianne Feinstein, Maxine Waters, and Nancy Pelosi, they were stirring a cauldron when the curtain went up on 'Macbeth'. The four of them are like jackasses who happen to possess the gift of blab. You don't know if you should condemn them for their stupidity or simply marvel at their ability to form words."

~ Columnist Burt Prelutsky, Los Angeles Times

Be sure to forward this to all of the "mentally ill" vets you know. Especially the ones with guns.

It does NOT happen often, however, in this case I must agree with the L.A. TIMES!! Most of us have been aware of California's Congress members opinions being a "bit" overboard. THANK GOD they are finally seeing the light. Even more reason for limiting the number of times Congress Members can be reelected. How many times have Vets been in the wrong in the many misuses of guns in the USA??

FYI,

Citizens Against Government Waste scored congress-people on their fiscal voting record for 2016. The results for the Kansas Congressional Delegation: <https://www.ccagwratings.org/state/kansas>:

Kansas

Chamber: Senate

District	Last Name	First Name	Chamber	Party	2016 Rating	Taxpayer Category
NA	Moran	Jerry	Senate	R	75	Friendly
NA	Roberts	Pat	Senate	R	81	Taxpayer Hero

Chamber: House

District	Last Name	First Name	Chamber	Party	2016 Rating	Taxpayer Category
1	Huelskamp	Tim	House	R	97	Taxpayer Hero
2	Jenkins	Lynn	House	R	93	Taxpayer Hero
4	Pompeo	Mike	House	R	95	Taxpayer Hero
3	Yoder	Kevin	House	R	92	Taxpayer Hero

Way to go, Tim! Wonder how Marshall will score come CAGW's next edition.

I think we know now, after the report the Mercury printed on Marshall's meeting in Manhattan. There is NO WAY Marshall will compare favorably with Tim. Pray for getting Tim back in the next election.

The votes that went into the scoring at: <https://www.ccagwratings.org/vote-descriptions> Each item is linked to a summary of the bill and the final vote.

~ JDA

Thanks for the info, JDA, please keep it coming!!

Trump's Proposed Budget Slashes Funding For Sanctuary Cities

by [Jeff Dunetz](#) & Andrew West | Mar 17, 2017 | [Crime](#)

Buried within President Trump's budget proposal released Thursday contains another item designed to keep a campaign promise, cutting back funds granted to sanctuary cities.

During his first week in office the President Issued an [executive order](#) that punished sanctuary cities by "Refusing federal funds to those jurisdictions that do not comply with Federal [immigration] law, except as mandated by law".

The order defined sanctuary jurisdictions "as jurisdictions that "willfully refuse to comply with [8 U.S.C. 1373](#)," which prohibits Federal, State, and local officials from refusing to provide information on citizenship or immigration status requested by immigration authorities."

The order was met by protests from sanctuary those law breaking State, and local officials, as well as liberal media who claimed the order was unconstitutional. But the President is not backing down and his new budget includes provisions designed to enforce is executive order.

As the President's [order explains](#):

Many aliens who illegally enter the United States and those who overstay or otherwise violate the terms of their visas present a significant threat to national security and public safety. This is particularly so for aliens who engage in criminal conduct in the United States.

Sanctuary jurisdictions across the United States willfully violate Federal law in an attempt to shield aliens from removal from the United States. These jurisdictions have caused immeasurable harm to the American people and to the very fabric of our Republic.

There is a very real, very serious threat facing our country in the form of illegal immigration. Not only do illegal immigrants place unnecessary burden on our economy due to their less than stringent adherence to the United States' tax code, but they also

create a legal logistical nightmare for the nation as a whole. Cities across the country are certainly not united and homogenous in their treatment of illegal aliens, with so-called “sanctuary cities” openly defying the President and the laws of our nation.

Now, Trump is **taking aim directly** at those outliers in his new budget proposal.

“Buried in **President Trump**’s budget proposal released Thursday was an opening salvo against so-called sanctuary cities, local jurisdictions he promised to punish for refusing to cooperate with deportation officers.

“Trump wants to slash \$210 million in federal reimbursements to state and local jails that hold immigrants convicted of crimes while in the country illegally. The Trump administration called the program ‘poorly targeted,’ adding that two-thirds of the money goes to only a handful of states, including California and Illinois, ‘for the cost of incarcerating certain illegal criminal aliens.’

“The money, awarded by the Department of Justice, can make up a sizable portion of budgets for state and local police and sheriff’s departments.”

On the other hand the money is granted to those state and local sheriffs offices as part of the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAA). SCAA is a **Justice Department** grant to local governments meant to compensate for the cost of jailing illegal aliens. Logic would dictate that sanctuary cities don’t deserve that money because they aren’t jailing the illegals.

According to the Department of Justice SCAA had a \$210 Million budget in 2016 and they do not want the program funded in fiscal 2017.

Eliminating the SCAA program is the perfect example of how President Trump will manage the government. If a program has no use it will be gone. And certainly the SCAA program is at best a waste of taxpayer dollars. The President should be commended for keeping this campaign promise.

This is certainly a plan I would support. It is a shame that taking money from a community is the only way they can be encouraged/made to actually enforce the law they are sworn to uphold. It should be a given that the law enforcement of any community/state would just do what they have given their word to do.

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***OBAMA PLAYED THE RACE CARD, HILLARY PLAYED THE SEX CARD.
SO AMERICA PLAYED THEIR TRUMP CARD!!***

Maryland High School Rape Case Proves Sanctuary Cities Are A Haven For Criminal Activity / by Onan Coca / March 22, 2017

Anyone following the saga in Rockville, Maryland knows one thing for sure: the Montgomery County School system failed their students by bowing to PC pressure and allowing illegal immigrant criminals to attend school with much younger children. However, the greater burden of responsibility for the horrific crime that took place at Rockville High School falls to the **Democrats** who continue to support illegal immigration and the Obama administration that allowed a flood of criminals to enter our nation with no concern of repercussions.

If you’ve missed the story, a couple of weeks ago two illegal immigrant “children” (one was 17 and the other 18), attacked and raped a 14-year old girl in a school bathroom. The attack was brutal and the pain they’ve caused is irreversible. **Now the community is holding the two young men, the school, the district, the state, and the Democrat Party accountable** for the chaos and destruction being wrought by illegal immigration on a once peaceful suburban Maryland community.

Jessica Vaughan, the director of policy studies at the Center for Immigration Studies, told Fox News that the Obama administration is to blame for this crime and many others just like it.

She said the Obama administration, and its “disastrous handling” of the surge of illegal aliens arriving from Central America, is partially to blame, noting at least one, and possibly both of the youths were part of that surge.

“The surge of Central American kids has become a significant problem in many of the school districts where they are allowed to resettle,” Vaughan said.

*Montgomery County has one of the “more notorious sanctuary policies,” Vaughan said, and **the police deliberately do not cooperate with ICE.***

*“The result is that many gang members and other thugs and miscreants are allowed to remain in the county in defiance of immigration laws and causing problems like this,” Vaughan said, noting **that just this week the city of Rockville was considering adopting its own sanctuary policy.***

*“Montgomery, like others that have absorbed a large number of the Central American youths, has experienced a noticeable uptick in violence that has been attributed to gangs like MS-13, and this has been especially acute in the high schools,” Vaughan said. **“This is one of the worst case scenarios that was bound to happen, and it’s not an isolated case.”***

Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke would agree with Vaughan’s assessment. The Sheriff appeared on Fox News’ *Hannity Show* to discuss the surge in crime that Clarke argues is due in large part to “Sanctuary City” policies like the ones **observed in Rockville, Maryland**. Montgomery County (where Rockville can be found) is not formally a “Sanctuary City”, but is on a list of municipalities that commonly refuse to work with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). This has led

to a massive influx of illegal immigrants into the area and [a rise in gang crime as well](#).

(Seriously, how do voters there not see the correlation between the spike in illegal immigrants, gang activity, and crime, and their decision to embrace sanctuary city policies?)

GOVERNMENT & POLITICS — **The Barriers to the Wall**

Trump's wall was a critical part of his campaign and now symbolizes his presidency.

The border wall became a powerful and controversial symbol of Donald Trump's candidacy, and now his presidency, but it wasn't that long ago that the idea of a wall was embraced by both parties as a reasonable and common sense measure to address illegal immigration.

For years, most Americans didn't give the project a second thought. About one quarter of the border already features a physical barrier constructed in the 1990s. But now that Trump's contribution is about to get underway, serious obstacles (no pun intended) may very well keep the "big, beautiful wall" from ever living up to the image engrained into the American consciousness.

In the 1990s, Bill Clinton [asserted](#), "We are a nation of immigrants. But we are also a nation of laws. It is wrong and ultimately self-defeating for a nation of immigrants to permit the kind of abuse of our immigration laws we have seen in recent years, and we must do more to stop it." Sounds a lot like President Trump, doesn't it? And at the time, both Republicans and Democrats supported the idea.

In 2006, the Secure Fence Act moved through both houses of Congress to be signed into law by George W. Bush. The act called for several hundred miles of triple-fencing. Neither the Clinton- nor Bush-era border plans faced significant opposition, but as hundreds of thousands of illegal aliens became millions, any semblance of bipartisanship on the issue came to end.

The real political chasm developed when Democrats recognized the tremendous benefit of turning immigrants (and their children) into a long-term constituency. At the same time, establishment Republicans realized the value of cheap labor and certain other elements of the conservative coalition fell in line.

Democrats moved even further to the Left by embracing amnesty and characterizing any attempt to limit immigration (legal or illegal) as antithetical to the values of our country. They then brought out the race card against anyone who opposed amnesty and turned illegal immigrants into victims deserving of constitutional protections and government services.

Characteristically, Republicans had no response other than tripping over themselves to reach across the aisle while parroting the phrase "comprehensive immigration reform." That is, until Donald Trump made the wall a cornerstone of his presidential candidacy.

But to go from the bold idea of a wall to the actual construction of it may be a considerable challenge — we *are* talking about the federal government, after all. But this doesn't mean giving into the Democrats.

Some of these [challenges](#) include the public's high expectations, the geography of the Rio Grande, the reality of funding (don't expect Mexico to pay up), and the necessity to acquire private property to build portions of the wall. To address many of these issues, Trump's plan even calls for additional attorneys to litigate a wide range of logistical issues.

As for the problem of building along a river that traverses hundreds of miles of the U.S.-Mexico border, the Rio Grande itself has been a natural barrier to illegal immigration for years. But the Trump administration wants to build there anyway. Texas Republican Gov. Greg Abbott [opposes](#) this idea, as well as Trump's plan to build the wall through the Big Bend National Park. Thus, the wall is becoming one of those government projects (like prisons and waste disposal facilities) that Americans overwhelmingly support but don't want in their own backyards. And that's a real problem.

Looking back, one wonders if Trump over-sold the wall. Had Candidate Trump simply pushed for sections of it to complement a broad range of border-enforcement measures, many of the current problems could have been avoided. But now everyone is expecting something "big and beautiful," even if they don't support it.

What's interesting is that illegal immigration is already dropping precipitously, but not because of any specific action. The [mere fact of Trump's stand](#) on the issue has resulted in thousands of illegals leaving the country on their own and has stopped even more from trying in the first place.

The good news for conservatives is that President Trump seems to be tackling immigration from multiple angles. The wall by itself won't completely stop the flow of illegal aliens and drug dealers, but a more multi-faceted approach will help.

At the same time, Trump made the wall such a critical component of his campaign that it's come to symbolize his presidency. In other words, Trump must not only build this wall to protect our southern border; he must build it if he hopes to have a successful presidency.

Personally, I do NOT care IF he builds the wall, but unlimited and unsupervised crossing of the border MUST STOP!!! Crossing of the border MUST become supervised and legal for EVERYONE!! If that can be accomplished only with a wall – then so be it. In my opinion that is only half of the problem. The other half is

to start cleaning out the jails and prisons in our Great USA. Any and all non-USA citizens in these jails and prisons must be returned to their countries of origin or wherever they are legal citizens. Those taken from prisons/jails are already separated from their families, so we are NOT taking parents from their children or if you prefer, taking children from their families. We DO NOT need to be paying for the housing and care of lawbreaking, illegal citizens in any way in the USA. Let me say that again – **If they are breaking the law and are NOT LEGAL USA citizens get them OUT OF OUR COUNTRY. WALL OR NO WALL THAT MUST BE THE LAW AND THE LAW MUST BE ENFORCED.** Personally, I can NOT think of any exceptions. **And as for the President wanting to limit where those entering the USA comes from – I back his laws 100%!!! This needs to be put in force YESTERDAY! BE WITH US AND HELP US GOD!**

FYI,

So the Kansas Lottery wants authority to sell tickets by vending machines to make it easier for people to buy them and to increase revenue.

Leviathan is greedy.

The state, in operating a lottery, as it did with allowing casinos, is aiding and abetting the creation of addicted gamblers, a facilitator of the social problems that stem from addicted gamblers.

The revenue from state sponsored gambling has been shown to come disproportionately from the poor, compounding societal problems.

There is also a bit of hypocrisy involved - if gambling is OK, why does not the state allow private enterprise gambling and then tax the heck out of it?

This article is from 1993 but still germane:

<https://www.heartland.org/template-assets/documents/publications/1645.pdf>

The Lottery's effort to expand its coverage should have been D.O.A. but HB 2313 passed on a 100 to 25 vote. My rep voted Nay. If interested in how your rep voted, see page 502 of the 23 March House Journal:

http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/chamber/documents/daily_journal_house_20170323131856.pdf

Mumble, mumble, mumble.

~ JDA

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<http://www.wibw.com/content/news/Kansas-lawmakers-considering-lottery-vending-machines-417097193.html>

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas Lottery players soon might be able to buy tickets from vending machines. The House voted this week in support of the move. Lottery spokeswoman Sally Lunsford says the measure would increase lottery revenue and cut labor costs for retailers, where ticket buyers could bypass clerks and use the self-service machines. She says 37 other states, including Missouri, Colorado and Oklahoma, use the machines. The Kansas lottery has sought the bill for three years. Lunsford says vending machines have increased lottery sales by up to 50 percent in other states. Kansas is counting on \$12 million in growth over two years. The money would be used for mental health services. Lottery revenue hit a record last year at \$78 million.

Frankly, this reminds me of “Fake Paddy’s Day” in Manhattan, which encourages people to drink more. Easier gambling encourages people to gamble more. Excessive drinking and gambling is a known illness for some. People become addicted, which is a known illness that usually needs help to conquer. Why are we encouraging people to develop habits that are/can be debilitating?? Are we wanting to give our Doctors and Associates more business? To me this is just plain **STUPID!!** Yes, it generates monies for State/City to use, but what is the percentage of it is used on getting those addicted cured of the addiction?? Kind of a vicious circle, isn’t it?? This is NOT helping the people in our State become better people or our State becoming a better State. Why do we want to go in vicious circles??? **Wake up!! GOD helps those who help themselves!**

Minutemen News.com on March 28, 2017

With the likes of Bill de Blasio, and other wacko liberals running our cities, is it any wonder the country is in such a mess?

The Daily Caller reports – New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said Monday that New Yorkers will be at risk of terror if Attorney General Jeff Sessions follows through on cutting federal law enforcement grants to sanctuary cities.

Sessions appeared at the White House to say that jurisdictions that ignore immigration detainers will lose Department of Justice grants, which total \$4.1 billion for the upcoming fiscal year.

“President Trump’s latest threat changes nothing. We will remain a city welcoming of immigrants who have helped make our city the safest big city in the nation,” de Blasio said in response. “Any attempt to cut NYPD funding for the

nation's top terror target will be aggressively fought in court. We won't back down from protecting New Yorkers from terror – or from an overzealous administration fixated on xenophobia and needless division.”

Read more: <http://dailycaller.com/>

The attorney general, on the other hand, argued that sanctuary cities make America more dangerous. “Countless Americans would be alive today if these policies of sanctuary cities were ended,” Sessions said.

He pointed to a recent report from the Department of Homeland Security which highlighted over 200 cases of local law enforcement agencies refusing to turn serious criminals over to federal immigration officers.

I can understand Bill de Blasio saying reporting the lawbreakers can cause more problems and death of law abiders. However, IF they had been reported in the beginning – before they had a foothold – they would have been stopped in their tracks BEFORE THEY WERE ABLE TO ENLIST HELPERS. Now they can cause more havoc as they have established fellow lawbreakers. Sometimes you loose power when you hold back. However, you can't go backwards, the future may be rougher, but necessary. That is why President Trump's move to stop the chemical warfare in Syria immediately is so good – a bad habit needs to be stopped NOW and not later.

Frankly, I'm confused about the Health Care issue. Why can't the possibility of each person/family finding their own Health Care be opened across the Country? If state lines are taken away and Health care is wide open across the entire USA, the cost would come down due to competition. Each person/family could write their own contract as THEY need it to be, thereby getting coverage for only their needs. The Health Care Companies would be in competition with each other, therefore, setting their costs as low as possible to get the business just as other businesses compete with each other. Let people keep ObamaCare until they have secured other Health Care – with a deadline, of course. Those being supported by the Government, but have the health to work should have a deadline for getting off Government support. If they have money for drugs, tobacco, gas for their car, they have money for Health Insurance even if they have to work for it!! Way too many American depend on Government to pay their bills. There are exceptions to every rule, but think about it and if you approve contact your State and Federal people and if you don't, PLEASE, tell me how and why.

RED ALERT: Russia Responds to Syria Strike | BY BEN MARQUIS^[1]_[SEP] ON APRIL 7, 2017

In his first major military action, President Donald Trump authorized on Thursday the launch of dozens of cruise missiles from two ships in the Mediterranean Sea against an airbase in Syria believed to be the site from which the recent suspected chemical attack on civilians had originated.

While much of the world cheered the punishing strike, staunch Syrian ally Russia was none too pleased, according to the [U.K. Daily Express](#).

A spokesman for Russian President Vladimir Putin said Russia viewed the strike as an “aggression against a sovereign nation” based wholly upon a “made-up pretext.” Russia maintains that Syria did not drop toxic gas-filled bombs on civilians, but rather that regular bombs dropped on civilian areas happened to hit an illicit stockpile of chemicals held by rebels.

The spokesman further stated that the attack had damaged U.S.-Russian relations, which were already “in tatters,” and suggested that the strike had been planned prior to the chemical attack and placed on standby until such an attack could be used as a justification for the strike.

According to [U.S. News & World Report](#), Russia has responded to the strike by cutting off the special hotline set up in 2015 to ensure that no midair incidents occurred between Russian aircraft and those of the U.S.-led coalition, the same hotline used by the U.S. to give the Russians a “heads-up” prior to the strike.

The Russian defense ministry also announced that it will immediately begin bolstering Syria's air defense systems, most likely as a message that any similar strike against Syria in the future would be met with a violent reaction.

Unsurprisingly, Russia was joined in its denunciation of the strike against Syria by the Middle Eastern nation's only other major ally, the Islamic Republic of Iran, according to [Reuters](#).

Calling the strike “dangerous and destructive,” Iranian media outlet ISNA quoted a foreign ministry spokesman as saying, “Iran strongly condemns any such unilateral strikes... Such measures will strengthen terrorists in Syria... and will complicate the situation in Syria and the region.”

It remained to be seen if the remarks from Russia and Iran were understandable face-saving bluster or if they instead signaled a move toward escalation and [possible retaliatory action](#) either in the region or here at home.

Please share this on Facebook and Twitter so everyone can see how Russia has responded to the U.S. missile strikes in Syria.

HUMAN BEINGS BEGIN AT CONCEPTION

BY BARRY NAPIER - NOV. 1, 2016



Like most things 'believed' by atheists and others, what they believe doesn't make much sense. And many of their scientific blurbs are as scientific as the random thoughts of a drunk. This is especially so with babies.

When is a fetus a human being and therefore worthy of life and not abortion?

The answer is surprisingly simple – when the baby is conceived! But, those with fried brains tend to use ridiculous arguments, such as saying a fetus is not a viable human being. Eh? Only godless anti-intellectual people think that way. **It is so obvious that a foetus IS a baby, and a baby IS a viable human being!** The fact that a baby cannot fend for itself is not a genuine argument. Many animal babies cannot fend for themselves, so why not tear them apart limb-from-limb, too?

Christians know we begin life when we are conceived. But, guess what – so do real scientists!

"Science teaches without reservation that life begins at fertilization (conception). It is a scientific fact that an organism exists after fertilization that did not exist before. This new organism has its own DNA distinct from the mother and father, meaning that it is a unique person. As the embryo grows, it develops a heartbeat (22 days after fertilization), its own circulatory system, and its own organs. From fertilization, it is a new organism that is alive and will continue to grow and develop as long as nutrition is provided and its life is not ended through violence or illness. It is indisputably human, as it has human DNA."
(Live Action News, 13th Jan., 2013)

The picture pretty much says it all. How can any one say to murder this human life a week ago is OK?? How can even the Mother do this?? Give birth and put her up for adoption!! GOD loves her!!

Is there a special topic you would like to see spoken of in this venue? If so email me at: sylda@gemsandwood.com or call me at: 785-293-2923 and tell me about it. I want to report on what you want to hear about. I can only do that if you tell me of your interests.

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DEVELOPING: Trump Deploys U.S. Navy Carrier Strike Group To Korean Peninsula

By Shari Savage April 10, 2017 at 5:58AM

The United States Navy Carrier Strike Group One, headed by the USS Carl Vinson, left Singapore Saturday headed for the North Korea Coast, according to [CNN](#).

American presence in the area isn't unusual. In March, the U.S. and South Korean navies conducted their 21st year of joint defensive readiness exercises, called Foal Eagle.

But North Korean madman [Kim Jong Un](#)'s nuclear obsession, combined with recent reckless missile tests and saber-rattling at his nervous neighbors, have pushed the issue. President Donald Trump and his advisers have decided the time for a show of strength and readiness has come.

“It’s designed to send a message to our allies and all the nations in the region. With Vinson comes a lot of options for leadership,” an unnamed defense official told the [Navy Times](#).

In recent weeks, North Korea has carried out two [ballistic missile tests](#). The rogue nation is also suspected to have carried out five nuclear tests since 2006, including two in 2016, according to [NBC News](#).

President Donald Trump’s meeting last week with China’s President Xi Jinping produced agreement that Kim’s actions are “unacceptable,” but it remains to be seen whether China, the nation with the ability to put the most effective economic pressure on North Korea, will act or simply watch and worry.

A king among ships, the Nimitz-class supercarrier Carl Vinson is capable of carrying 90 fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters. But the subtle message it sends may be the most effective: In 2011, the body of Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden was buried at sea off its deck.

The two guided-missile destroyers and the guided-missile cruiser in the strike group are equipped with the Aegis missile defense system, capable of tracking and shooting down the same missiles that Kim has been testing.

The dictator that Sen. John McCain recently called a “crazy fat kid” is unstable, unpredictable and obsessed with power. If he is not shaking in his boots at the sight of Carrier Strike Group One, he should be.

Please share on Facebook and Twitter that President Trump isn’t just talking. He’s taking action.

What do you think about ships being ordered to South Korea? Let us know.

[The Economist](#) [Palm Sunday Passion](#)

TWIN ATTACKS KILLS AT LEAST 45 CHRISTIANS IN EGYPT — ONCE AGAIN, EGYPT’S CHRISTIAN MINORITY IS TARGETED

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WHEN Islamic State (IS) claimed responsibility for the bomb that killed nearly 30 worshippers at the Coptic cathedral in Cairo [in December](#), it vowed to continue its “war against apostates.” When IS murdered seven Copts, as members of Egypt’s main Christian sect are known, in northern Sinai earlier this year, the group said there would be “*many more [attacks] to come.*”

So there was little doubt who was responsible for the explosions that tore through two Coptic churches on April 9th, as worshippers celebrated Palm Sunday, a week before Easter. Within hours, IS claimed responsibility for the attacks. The first blast hit St George’s church in the city of Tanta, 80km (50 miles) north of Cairo, killing at least 27 people and injuring 78 more. Hours later a second blast hit the main church in Alexandria, where Pope Tawadros, the leader of the Copts, had just celebrated mass. At least 18 people died and dozens were wounded in that attack, according to the health ministry. Pope Tawadros was unharmed.

The Copts make up about 10% of Egypt’s population, which is mostly Sunni Muslim. Tension between the communities has [long been high](#). After Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi, then a general, now president, booted the Muslim Brotherhood from power in 2013, the Islamist group’s supporters burned dozens of churches. Mr Sisi, a devout Muslim, promised to heal the wounds, and he has even attended Christmas mass. But the violence has not stopped. Last year Pope Tawadros, who supports Mr Sisi, said Copts were attacked about once a month. Others say that the rate is higher.

The attacks on Palm Sunday come at a particularly bad time for Mr Sisi. On April 28th the president is scheduled to welcome Pope Francis to Cairo. The visit was meant to show progress in the relationship between Christians and Muslims and, according to the Catholic archbishop of Egypt, act as a sign that Egypt is safe.

But the bombings mark an escalation in the violence, which is spilling over from a [long-running insurgency in northern Sinai](#), led by an affiliate of IS. The government says the bomber in December, who blew himself up, trained with jihadists based in Sinai. (More questionably, it says exiled Brotherhood leaders sent him there.) After the murder of Copts earlier this year, hundreds more fled from the area.

Egypt’s Copts are also persecuted in other ways. Disputes between them and Muslims are often put before “reconciliation councils”, which invariably favour Muslims. Some Copts complain that the police do not respond when crimes are committed against them. With little representation in government, there is not much hope of progress. Last year, as parliament prepared to pass a bill easing the process for Christians to build churches, the bishop of Minya, home to many Copts, lamented that “there will be a security official who will stop them.”

Pope Tawadros has nevertheless stuck by Mr Sisi, whom he once called a “saviour”, and urged his followers to do the same. He seems unconcerned by the president’s atrocious human-rights record, and has indeed condemned the Arab uprisings of 2011. But there are signs that more Copts are turning against the president. After the bombing in December, people outside the cathedral shouted anti-government slogans. Copts who have fled from northern Sinai wonder aloud how the government can protect them when it cannot even protect its own soldiers.

Update: This article was updated on April 10th to reflect the Egyptian government's latest count of deaths and injuries from the attacks on April 9th.

[What Phyllis Schlafly Taught Me about God and Man](#)

Dear Friend,

A few years ago, Speaker John Boehner was pushing a bad deal in Congress. (Not surprising, but I digress.)

I was fired up and said something about the Speaker. Phyllis stopped me: "It's never personal," she said. "Just make the best argument with the best facts. If we don't win, we get more facts and make better arguments. Don't make things about the man."

Looking back over her life and how she lived, I realize now that what she taught me was about God and His creation: Every person, every single one, is God's gift and worthy of our respect (no matter how dumb their arguments - see Pelosi, Nancy.)

Over the past months, we have seen terrible unkindnesses. People calling people names, hurting each other. In Phyllis' case, her own friends suing her and attacking her judgment.

Phyllis once told me, when I asked about her former friends suing her and her family in the last months of her life, that she let the hurt go "like water off a duck's back." I believe it was because she knew God's love was bigger than our human failings. Here she is speaking about how she handled it (hint: she used prayer): click [here](#)

This Easter, I will spend time praying to be a better man - more like Phyllis - and to seek forgiveness when I have failed to be kind to my fellow man. I wish I had more Phyllis in me - and around us all.

Also, please see far below for Phyllis on Easter - she wrote these reflections decades ago and published them in her monthly Phyllis Schlafly Report.

God bless us all and Happy Easter! He is risen - Alleluia!

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From March 1977 Phyllis Schlafly Report

The Holy Shroud

The single most impressive relic of Christianity is called the Holy Shroud. It is now and has been for 400 years in the Cathedral at Turin, Italy. It is a beautifully made linen cloth fourteen feet, three inches long and three feet, seven inches wide. It bears the front and back images of a muscular man six feet tall.

The image of the face and body on the Shroud is that of a handsome, very well-built, but much tortured man in his thirties. The face has a forked beard which was distinctive to Jewish men at the time of the Crucifixion.

The images on the Shroud are made by blood and perspiration. They show in clear detail the horrible effects of the Roman crucifixion. French surgeon Pierre Barbet found that more than 50 strokes with the Roman flagrum, a leather whip with balls of metal designed to tear the skin, were inflicted on the back.

The head shows a crown of thorns. Bruise marks are on the face including a fracture of the posterior of the nose cartilage. On both wrists there are nail marks, which pierced the sensory nerve trunks. There is a spear thrust wound on the front side of the chest, and nail marks through the feet.

The Shroud images are negatives, similar to the negative image on photographic film. Before the discovery of photography in the 19th century, no one understood a negative image. The images on the Shroud are clearly natural and experts all agree that they could not have been painted.

Compare all the unique things that happened to the body of the man whose image is on the Shroud with the same things that happened to Jesus. The crown of thorns and the scourging in a crucifixion case were not customary Roman procedures. The Shroud conforms to the description of the garment furnished by Joseph of Arimathea.

A seven-year investigation by scientists that ended last year concluded that "we have not found anything to contradict the belief that the Shroud is the Shroud of Jesus." This evidence gives the lie to the current blasphemous book alleging that the death of Christ was a hoax to support a false claim of immortality.

The life of Jesus, His many miracles, His Resurrection from the dead, and His promise of everlasting life are beautifully described in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. These separately written accounts provide historical evidence of the supernatural greatness of Jesus.

So, Christ's birth on Christmas, death by crucifixion on Good Friday, and Resurrection on Easter Sunday do not have to be taken on faith alone. We have, first, the prophecies in the Old Testament, then the eyewitness testimony in the New Testament, and now the scientific examination of the robe wrapped around Christ in His tomb. All this evidence confirms and corroborates; none of it contradicts.

From May 1983 Phyllis Schlafly Report

Pacifism, Love, and Duty

Easter Sunday was marred in the United States and Europe by pacifist political demonstrations. These were widely covered by the media so that they were the top of the news all day on Easter.

Why did the pacifists select Easter for their demonstrations against the weapons which the United States and Western Europe need to defend themselves against Russian aggression? The pacifists and freezeniks could have selected April Fool's

Day, April 1. They could have chosen May Day, May 1, which has relevant symbolism on both sides of the Iron Curtain. They could have selected Income Tax Day, April 15, which would have been appropriate to their message against more spending for military weapons.

But no, the pacifists and freezeniks chose to politicize Easter, the greatest religious feast of the Christian faith. Was this because they recognized in Christianity the antithesis of everything the pacifists and the freezeniks are saying?

The Christian Gospels have given us the definition of love: "Greater love than this no man hath, that he lay down his life for his friends."

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