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“a few steps ahead of the curve”

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THE VICISSITUDES OF PUBLISHING A NEWSLETTER

PROMPT ME TO EARLY WISH MY READERS A HEALTHY, HAPPY & PRODUCTIVE NEW YEAR

.KID STUFF

These are the future citizens of the “Palestinian State” that so many Jews are supporting. It might be an interesting experience for these supporters to take some of these kids into their homes as part of The New York Times Fresh Air Program. They will bring their own belts.

The IDF website reports on a new children's outdoor game being played these days in the PA city of Ramallah. The name of the game was not reported, but "Blow Yourself Up" seems to be appropriate. Tarek Hamida, a reporter for the PA weekly Al-Aman, is quoted by the IDF as saying that the usual games of "Arabs and Jews" have given way to improved versions: "We have noticed a new development in the children's games. We saw how one of the children would stand next to his friend and say, 'Strap me.' The 'engineer' would then strap a toy explosives belt onto his friend, under his shirt or robe. The two of them then hug each other, and the 'suicide terrorist' then turns towards a bus or a group of his friends, screams Allahu Akbar!, and presses a button. The children jump and fall on his right and left from the force of the 'explosion.' The game ends only when all the children have had their turn at being the suicide killer, wearing the vest and pressing the button!"

As the children grow up, the games become more serious, as is well known.

BLUE WALL/WHITE WALL/BLACK WALL

It's a familiar story. When a cop commits an atrocity, the entire police force lines up to provide him with a protective shield. The “blue wall.” A current story in Connecticut provides a variation of the police actions, but this time only the color changes, it has become a “white wall” because the miscreants are doctors.

Two Bridgeport pediatricians neglected to report the pregnancy of an 11 year old girl. They claim that they were not obligated to report the pregnancy to authorities because the state law “was too vague to offer guidance.”

The state's attorney said that the girl's age should have raised a "red flag." While this appears to be an obvious conclusion, The Connecticut Medical Society, which has come to the defense of the two doctors claims that the fact the girl was pregnant does not "compel the conclusion" that she was sexually abused. Duh.

Maybe this medical standard is acceptable in Appalachia or Arkansas or Pakistan, the apparent homeland of one of the pediatricians, but not in Connecticut or in most civilized societies. So we have an example of another wall. I call it the white wall in honor of the outfits the doctors wear when shilling for the drug companies on TV.

Recently another wall has been prominent in the public eye—the wall of the college professors, which goes under the unassailable banner of "academic freedom." If we want to make it a little more colorful, we might call it the "black wall" to reflect the hue of their caps and gowns.

At the University of South Florida, the black wall is protecting a professor who is up to his armpits in supporting Islamic terrorist organizations. And at Central Connecticut State University, the black wall, supported by the university president is defending an "objective" program on the Middle East for high school teachers whose only objective was to malign Israel.

It is time for the citizenry to work toward eliminating all of these self-protecting, self-policing walls.

ODE TO "NATION BUILDING" IN AFGHANISTAN

This ode ran in a December 2001 Diogenes Report. It's not being run to fill up space but to reflect the current news from Afghanistan. While the U. S. is supposedly embarked on "nation building", whatever that means, the Afghan Government is releasing hundreds or perhaps thousands of Taliban and al Qaeda prisoners who say that they will continue the Jihad against America. At the same time, the various tribes are continuing to kill each other, and they can't even find enough reliable body guards to protect their president.. Let's get our troops out of there and just use our bombers whenever more than 10 Afghans are spotted together.

One hundred years, and more ago,
 Rudyard Kipling told us so,
 A mountain land, a Muslim horror,
 Where even camels have more honor,
 There are no friends to get to know,
 All its people are your foe,
 So hang'em, shoot'em, stone'em, turd'em,
 But don't take up the white man's burden.

(It rhymes somewhat better in Pashtun and Arabic)

ACROSS MY RADAR SCREEN

Words Of Wisdom From Another Failure

One of the most incompetent administrations in American history was the Carter Administration. Zbigniew Brzezinski, Carter's national security advisor was a prime mover in that fiasco. Now, in an op ed piece, Zbiggy is advising President Bush how to conduct a possible war with Iraq. He advises against using the "demagogic" formula to remind the world that Saddam used gas against his own people, since he did not use gas in the Gulf War. He neglects to mention that he used gas against Iran. Senseless advice item #1.

Next, he offers that the U. S. should come up with a tough, intrusive inspection policy that our European allies will find difficult to turn down. A tough inspection policy acceptable to the Europeans is an oxymoron. Senseless advice item #2.

Then we come to Zbiggy's bottom line. The U. S. must pressure the Israelis and the Palestinians to pacify the area and rebuild the "progress" made after Oslo. The guy is no more convincing a liar than when he was in the government. His readily decipherable code about pressuring the Israelis and Palestinians simply means put the screws to Israel. The progress following Oslo turned out to be land for war. Obviously, it's a formula Zbiggy loves when it comes to Israel.

Let's remember Zbiggy's shtick when he was security advisor. He came up with some Middle East policy that, of course, was unfavorable to Israel. Then stories started to circulate in Washington and the media that the Israeli lobbyists and Jewish organizations were attacking Brzezinski as being an anti-Semite. Since no one was making such accusations, the source was tracked down and it was Zbiggy himself who started the rumors that he was being accused of anti-Semitism. That's how much credence should be given to anything he says.

HEADLINES AND COMMENTS

Headlines from the world's press. Comments by Diogenes.

Georgia School Board Requires Balance Of Evolution And Bible

In the beginning when Darwin created the heavens and the earth.

Sharon Postpones A Trip To Florida Next Month

A favor to the Democrats, the same party that tried to undermine Israel. He conducts the same policies at home and abroad.

Man On Way To Perform Circumcision Charged With Driving Drunk

1. At the bris he performed earlier in the day, he put the wine on his lips instead of the baby's.
2. If you think he screamed when the police pulled him over, just imagine how the baby would have sounded if he arrived at the bris.

15 Arrested In East Jerusalem Terror Cell

You mean they haven't been given Moslem funerals yet.
Are the Israelis waiting for the Supreme Court to free them?

Thousands Vexed By Floods In China

Which ones are "vexed", those that drowned or those whose homes were washed away?

Black-Jewish Political Ties Could Be Frayed By Tension

Are they referring to the results of the Cynthia McKinney Invitational--
Jews 1, Arabs 0?

State Department Will Take Over Security Of Afghan Leader

Will General Colon Bowel head the security detail?

U. S. Envoy Says Pakistan Has Slowed Rebels' Push Into Kashmir

That's diplomatic talk for: "they only slit the throats of 10 local Muslims."

In Race To Tap The Euphrates, The Upper Hand Is Upstream

Since the Turks are using most of the Euphrates the water for irrigation, why don't the Arabs use their oil?

Bush Cautions Against Letup In Terrorism Battle

Slogans help: Remember the Alamo, Remember the Maine, Remember Pearl Harbor, Remember Saudi Arabia

Man Injured In House Fire Started By Incense

I guess the Fire God didn't like the smell.

Woman Dies In Dash For Diamond In Baseball Contest

It has been happening to the Mets all season.

QUOTES I LIKE

Everything you see I owe to spaghetti.

Sophia Loren

I have the conviction that excessive literary production is a social offence.

George Eliot

A car is useless in New York, essential everywhere else.
The same with good manners.

Mignon McLaughlin

A people has only as much heaven over its head, as it has land under its feet.

Menachem Ussishkin

Don't marry a man to reform him—that's what reform schools are for.

Mae West

The Bourbons still have learned nothing. When Europeans complain about the decline of their societies, their leaders say: "let them eat halal."

Emanuel L. Strunin

A criminal is a person with predatory instincts
without sufficient capital to form a corporation.

Howard Scott

Someone should hit the Physicians for Human Rights with a malpractice suit.

Emanuel L. Strunin

When we talk to God, we're praying. When God talks to us, we're schizophrenic.

Lily Tomlin

When I study Torah, God is talking to me. When I pray, I'm talking to God.

Jewish saying

Talk is cheap until you hire a lawyer.

Anonymous

Cannibals aren't vegetarians, they're humanitarians.

Anonymous

I've been on a calendar, but never on time.

Marilyn Monroe

I was the first woman to burn my bra...it took the fire department 4 days to put it out.

Dolly Parton

COMMENTS FROM READERS

Keep your e-mails coming. I like brickbats, as well as bouquets.

I am a long time friend of _____. He has been forwarding your newsletter to me for some time now. Today he suggested that I might entice you into sending me my very own copies as I am a devoted fan of your wit and wisdom.

You did the great job, writing to the Editor of The Advocate! I think the columnist William A. Collins is simply an anti-Semite. Otherwise I cannot explain his position.

Since I am not Jewish, my favorites were the 'Bumper Stickers' and the 'Headlines and Comments' sections.

Thanks for your latest Diogenes Report. Enjoyed it tremendously. Agree with most of it. Especially liked the questions you start off with and the quotations you end with.

Have been meaning to tell you that you are doing a great job. Is that what happens when old curmudgeonly writers retire. Sit in a back room and crank out acrid diatribes Thank the force for the internet. I always knew that you were a wise guy. Although not in total agreement with the practicality and wisdom of some of your positions (Like deport all the Palestinians and impeach Sharon) the world needs to hear what you have to say. Problem is you go to a small world.. Apply to Fox. If Clinton can do a talk show why not you?

CORRECTIONS

Issue #26 contained several boo-boos. Here are the corrections:

- Lizzie Grubman only hit 16 people with her SUV, not 18.
- Jack Grubman should have been described as a securities analyst, not a security analyst.
- the letter to the editor ran in the Stamford Advocate on Aug.25 not Aug. 23.

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