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God Shed His Grace On Thee!

By Andy Caldwell

I share with you today the living words of Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation given in 1863 because nobody ever said it, or prayed it, better! As you read it, I invite you to consider that many of the youth of America will never read it, study it, or believe it. They neither are taught to believe in God or sin, and thereby, they are not grateful for the undeserved blessings of this great country, in fact, they curse the same!

All of these things bodes ill for those of us of who aspire to the same faith and patriotism as Abraham Lincoln who understood the value of personal humility and corporate repentance. Hence, let us pray for a softening of our hearts, the bending of our knees in humility, and the return of the American faith and spirit that put God first and thanked Him for his undeserved blessings and providence over our nation in the midst of this current political and social civil war.

The Proclamation: The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature that they cannot fail to penetrate and even soften the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God.

In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign states to invite and provoke their aggressions, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed

everywhere, except in the theater of military conflict; while that theater has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union.

Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense have not arrested the plow, the shuttle, or the ship; the ax has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even

more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege, and the battlefield, and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom.

No human counsel hath devised, nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great

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Can This Train Wreck Be Salvaged?

By Andy Caldwell

The Santa Barbara County independent redistricting commission has been a train wreck. To begin with, the federal government was tardy in updating the census which is the starting point in drawing new political districts as equal in population as is possible. This threw the commission into a time crunch.

The commission was to be comprised of politically independent members who would receive redistricting maps submitted by the public instead of letting self-serving politicians draw their own districts. However, democratic party activists somehow convinced the commissioners to only fill vacancies on the commission, of which there were several, with democrats. This, at the expense of filling the vacancies with Latinos because the remaining Latinos in the applicant pool were republican. Hence, the “independent” commission is primarily comprised of white registered democrats which is not representative of county demographics.

The contractor guiding the commission and the public is the National Demographics Corporation (NDC), which has become a source of wasted effort and time. NDC referenced redistricting mapping software programs the public could use to draw and analyze their maps. The only one that was easy to use was called DistrictR. As the deadline to submit maps was approaching, the commission and NDC announced that DistrictR had not updated its program with the current census numbers, yet maps were due anyway! Eventually, everyone who submitted a map on time eventually had to start all over while the commission subsequently extended the deadline for submissions.

When the commission began reviewing the final maps, I noticed that the map I submitted had different numbers than what was submitted as it relates to the number of Latino residents of voting age in each district. This is critical, because the two primary legal requirements of redistricting are equal population based on current census numbers (NDC and DistrictR’s first big mistake) and, per the requirements of the Federal Voting Rights Act, every jurisdiction should place a majority of voting age *citizen* Latinos in as many districts as possible, sans “packing” (a technical term) a super-majority into one district at the expense of an optimally equitable distribution of Latinos across



multiple districts.

That brings us to NDC’s second big mistake. After everyone had submitted their maps (for the second time) and the final deadline to submit maps had passed, NDC made the announcement that DistrictR had not included the Latinos who were *citizens* of voting age in its mapping software. Hence, this second federal criteria for legally evaluating the maps was skewed by no fault of the citizens who submitted the maps in good faith based on the information and direction of the commission and NDC.

Unfortunately, the commission believes it does not have the time to give the members of the public additional time to draw their maps for a third time! Hence, several members of the public have been technically and theoretically shut out of the competition because their maps fail to achieve any Latino *citizen* majority voting districts because the information they relied on, which was provided by DistrictR, was faulty. Hopefully, the commission will update at least some maps that were submitted in good faith so that they are still in the running.

The county of Santa Barbara should void any payment due DistrictR for twice failing to produce the material support this process warranted. And, the county should consider docking monies owed to NDC, as well, because this company was caught off guard twice when it really mattered.

Finally, let’s hope the commission is fair in its dealings with both UCSB and Isla Vista and the North County by not placing these strange bedfellows in the same district, as that is a violation of a third tenet of redistricting having to do with preserving communities of like interests.

Gov. Newsom Family Vacation: \$29K per Night At Cabo San Lucas Villa

By Katy Grimes

Source shares photos of posh getaway while Californians remain under mask and vaccine mandates

This story has been updated to add additional comment from Governor Newsom's spokeswoman and to reflect the recollection of a second source who came forward to say that the governor was indeed spotted at the resort in question.

A key question remains: Who paid for this vacation?

The Globe has received several photos and a now-removed Tweet from sources who were in Cabo San Lucas in the Mexican state of Baja California Sur over Thanksgiving at the same time California Gov. Gavin Newsom and his family vacationed.

The sources said the Newsoms stayed nearby at a \$23,000 to \$29,000 per night villa, La Datcha Cabo San Lucas villa, owned by Russian entrepreneur and businessman Oleg Tinkov. The sources said from their rental they could see the 10,000 to 12,000 square foot villa, and said it comes with two chefs, four to five servers, personal trainers, and the like.

"We were told the governor and his family were there," one source said. "We could see him, and a blonde woman who looked like his wife, and kids, and another couple."

Governor Newsom just extended California's COVID State of Emergency into its second year, and recently ordered all students ages 5-11 to receive vaccinations in order to attend in-person school. Mask mandates and vaccine requirements are still in place.

"It's no wonder that Newsom has decided to escape his own draconian mandates in favor of Mexico for a week-long Thanksgiving vacation," Ric Grenell recently wrote at the Globe. "And yet this is not the first time Newsom has blatantly disregarded his own rules. He issues Emergency Orders for the people but vacations in Mexico like life is back to normal."

"La Datcha Cabo San Lucas is located on the Pacific coast at the southernmost tip of Mexico's Baja California Peninsula," gushes the website of the posh resort. "This place is a true haven for the fans of offshore fishing and water sports."

The question is, at \$29,000 per night for the holiday rate, did Gov. Newsom pay for it? If not, who picked up the tab for the \$203,000 week-long stay at La Datcha Cabo San Lucas vacation villa for the Newsoms? Was it a gift?

Newsom was paid \$209,747 in 2020 as Governor of California.

The Globe contacted the governor's press office mid-day on Tuesday and asked:

"The California Globe is preparing to report on the governor's recent vacation. Can you tell us whether the governor paid for his vacation villa himself. If not, who did?"

We heard back from the governor's press secretary late in the day: "Katy – This was a personal trip paid for by the family."

The Globe has no reason to doubt the word of the press secretary. But "by the family" is an intriguingly crafted answer, especially when one's family members include prominent Californians whose surnames are Brown, Pelosi and Getty.

The Globe replied to the press secretary asking, "Thank you for your reply Erin. What family paid for this?"

After the article published, Governor Newsom's Press Secretary Erin Mellon emailed and said, "The Newsom family."

She called the Globe and again said "the Newsom family" paid for the villa in Cabo. We asked "What Newsoms?" She finally said, "The governor... paid for

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The SALT Fight Is Coming To A Head

By Jon Coupal

In April, this column reported on the great SALT controversy and how it impacts California taxpayers. SALT stands for “state and local taxes,” and for many years prior to President Trump’s term in office, taxpayers could deduct those taxes from their federal tax returns without limitation. But in 2017, Congress enacted Trump’s tax reform, which limited the amount of state and local taxes that taxpayers could deduct up to \$10,000. Whether limiting the SALT deduction is good or bad tax policy is not nearly as interesting as the politics behind it.

The adoption of the limitation by the Republican-led Congress was broadly perceived as a big middle finger to high-tax states such as California. Whether a pretext or not, states with modest income tax rates, or no income tax at all, complained that their residents were essentially subsidizing residents of profligate, big-spending states.

But moderate- to high-income taxpayers in California and other high tax states lost a valuable deduction on their federal returns. Suddenly they felt the full pain of high state income tax rates and property taxes. Frantic state politicians began plans to lessen that pain. For example, immediately after passage of the tax reform law, California floated the idea of a semi-voluntary “charitable deduction” scheme to give high-wealth Californians some relief. It would have created a “charitable” fund within the general fund so high-earning taxpayers could claim a deduction for “donating” the equivalent of what they owed in state taxes. But the IRS, in an opinion letter, quickly shot down that idea.

More successful was a method adopted by many states to provide relief for certain “qualified entities,” consisting mostly of small businesses organized as partnerships, LLCs or S corporations. While Gov. Gavin Newsom signed California’s workaround embodied in Assembly Bill 150, it provided little relief for citizen taxpayers.

The last remaining hope for opponents of the SALT limitation was a lawsuit brought by four states seeking to invalidate the SALT limitation on constitutional grounds. But just last month, this challenge was unan-

imously rejected by the Second Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals in *New York v. Yellin*.

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The Wrong Kind Of Latinos?

By Andy Caldwell

Every election cycle, voters choose their representatives. Every ten years, however, politicians choose their voters via a process known as redistricting. By way of redistricting, political boundaries are redrawn to ensure that each district has equal population and that the voting power of communities of interest are preserved and enhanced. This is in contrast to gerrymandering, whereby communities are carved up to favor and ensure certain political outcomes at the expense of a community's voting power.

California and Santa Barbara county are unique, having established redistricting commissions comprised of politically impartial citizens (theoretically speaking!) to draw district lines. The state commission draws the boundaries of congressional, state assembly, and senate districts. The county redistricting commission draws the boundaries of Santa Barbara county's five supervisor's districts. Cities are on their own

Unfortunately, thus far, both of the citizen committees have appeared less than impartial. As it relates to the state commission, they appear to be eliminating republican-held districts which were few and far between to begin with. Our local county commission has allowed certain members to quit the applicant pool, and even quit the commission, only to be allowed to come back for no other reason than because they are democrats. That is, as it pertains to openings on the commission, democrats fill any openings rather than minority applicants who, gasp, happen to be republican!

It appears our congressional district will include the city of Ventura in the future while it loses the northern parts of SLO county. There will also be big changes in both the assembly and senate districts too, if current visualizations are finalized. The new assembly district that includes Santa Barbara would no longer dip into Ventura county, but it will reach into southern San Luis Obispo County. The Central Coast's senate district will stretch from Point Mugu into San Luis Obispo county. You can observe the proposals and comment at <https://www.wedrawthelinesca.org/>

With respect to the county redistricting effort, far left activists have put forth a map they have titled "United Communities" (UC). Talk about false advertising! It splits the cities of Santa Barbara, Goleta, Lompoc and Santa Maria! It also violates one of the core principles of the laws which govern the redistricting process known as "packing". The UC map "packs" the 5th Dis-



trict, comprised of Santa Maria and Guadalupe, with a whopping 83% Latino population and a 79.7% Latino voting-age population, as if these communities lack Latino representation. Yet, the Santa Maria city council is comprised entirely of Latinos! Unfortunately, the far left activists have publicly stated, more than once, that they are the wrong type of Latinos being that they tend to be a rather conservative bunch!

Moreover, the UC map pairs a carved-out portion of the City of Lompoc with Isla Vista and UCSB. These communities have absolutely nothing in common with one another. Lompoc is a relatively poor city comprised of permanent resident families trying to pay rent and find better paying jobs. The students of UCSB, on the other hand, are unmarried, temporary residents who come from some of the wealthiest families in CA. They will singularly earn more upon graduation than the average family in Lompoc. Any map that includes IV and UCSB with any north county community is a product of political machinations, read that, gerrymandering!

Fair maps, based on community, rather than political, interests, have been submitted by the non-partisan County Taxpayers and the California Center for Public Policy. The City of Santa Maria is supporting another good map that creates two solid Latino majority districts and it keeps whole, as much as is practical, all cities, thereby comporting with the law. It pairs Lompoc and Goleta together in the county's swing (3rd) district, giving them the political representation they need and deserve, based on genuine, true and lasting commonalities.

What Burns Hotter Than A Disco Inferno?

By Andy Caldwell

Our local government minions pretend they are the world's leaders in showing the way to a fossil free/greenhouse gas free existence. Accordingly, they have passed a plethora of regulations that would ostensibly lessen greenhouse gases over time, meanwhile driving up the cost of utilities and everything else. Nevertheless, any gains they have made have gone up in smoke each and every time California experiences yet another wildfire.

Our local example of this phenomenon? The Alisal fire. Did you know that county supervisors saddled you with \$250 million in debt by way of constructing a facility to convert some of your trash to energy (enough for 1-2,000 homes) and gain a mere ten years' worth of capacity at the landfill? Meanwhile, the Alisal fire swept through the landfill and burned up \$20 plus million worth of equipment and infrastructure, including the piping that collects methane gas emitted from the landfill. As a result, the county had to truck all the trash and recyclables to Ventura until operations could resume. Sometimes, it just doesn't pay to be green!

Accordingly, I queried the county to determine how many trucks a day made the trip down the 101 freeway (now a dangerous single lane road due to construction) to Ventura and how much methane gas escaped? Funny, the county wouldn't give me the numbers despite two inquiries! This, after forcing ExxonMobil to do an EIR to flush out all the details on their emergency trucking application. I guess the quest for details depends on who is having the emergency?

Unfortunately, that is only half the story. Goleta has approved a \$60 million battery storage project that uses Tesla Megapack batteries warranted to last a mere 15 years. The system is ostensibly designed to power some 13,000 homes. Their story? These lithium battery packs will only ignite a fire once every ten thousand years! Yet, just three months prior to approval, a Tesla Megapack in Australia ignited and it took four days before the fire burned itself out despite the fact 150 firefighters were on the scene. The awful truth is these batteries ignite via what is called a "thermal runaway" event. These type fires can't be put out, they have to burn themselves out. The firefighters, while staying clear of the toxic smoke, were there in an attempt to prevent the fire from spreading

to other battery modules.

Of course, the emissions from forest fires and lithium battery fires (which just forced GM to recall all Chevy Bolt vehicles) is only part of the problem. The media never challenged the activists supporting the Goleta battery storage facility as they claimed the battery facility would replace a natural gas peaker plant. Hello? A peaker plant creates energy. A battery storage facility simply stores energy created elsewhere. In this case, the goal is for the battery facility to store energy from wind and solar projects. Such storage is needed because otherwise wind and solar are virtually useless because they only produce intermittent energy, usually at the wrong time of day!

Speaking of wind, the Lompoc wind energy project, which cost \$150 million and gobbles up some 3,000 acres, will ostensibly power some 43,000 homes for some 15 years or so, until the mechanical parts, subsidies, mandates and tax credits expire!

The three projects highlighted here will cost rate payers upwards of \$500,000,000 serving a measly 57,000 homes for a mere 10-15 years' worth of green energy virtue signaling.

Alternatively, Diablo Nuclear Power Plant, which generates no ghg emissions, originally cost less than these three projects combined, and it has powered upwards of 1.7 million homes non-stop since 1985 without mishap. Furthermore, Diablo could easily outlast these other projects while producing 24/7/365 energy for another 20 years, and it is paid for! Unfortunately, California would rather burn than turn.



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California's Crime Epidemic

By Steven Greenhut

It's easy to look back at California's overreaching anti-crime measures from the 1990s and scratch our heads at the tenor of the crime debate in that era. The state passed the toughest three-strikes-and-you're-out law in the nation, which mandated life sentences even if the third strike was for a minor offense such as, in one widely reporting case, stealing a slice of pizza.

I often quote from the 1998 gubernatorial debate, when Democratic candidate Gray Davis — who wasn't about to be outflanked on the right on the crime issue by GOP Attorney General Dan Lungren — pointed to Singapore as the starting point in dealing with the crime problem. That nation had caned an American teen-ager for vandalism and executed drug dealers.

The Washington Post headlined its story on the debate as follows: "Two Californians Fight for the Middle." It was a moderate position, which strikes this writer as a tad extreme. A year earlier, Democratic Assembly Speaker Cruz Bustamante — trying to outdo GOP Gov. Pete Wilson — said he would ("with a tear in my eye") execute criminals as young as 13. Wilson had vowed to execute 14 year olds.

A few years ago, the nation's crime rate including California's had fallen to levels not seen since the 1960s. But it was a different matter in the late 1990s. The state's violent-crime rate was 239 per 100,000 people in 1960, and then soared to 1,013 by 1994. The rate had dropped to 703 by 1998 and kept falling, but political changes often lag a few years behind societal changes.

Pundits offer many easy explanations (depending on their political inclinations) for rising or falling crime — poverty, guns, tough-on-crime laws, police strategies, dramatic increases in incarceration rates, aging population, etc. — but the criminology data is surprisingly inconclusive.

My goal isn't to debate crime explanations, but to offer a warning to the state's Democrats. Unless they start dealing seriously with the latest, post-COVID crime increases, they risk seeing public sentiments turn back in that 1990s direction. The nation is in the midst of a crime wave — and California cities in particular are facing a growing sense of disorder.

"California's 31 percent jump in homicides in 2020 reflected a national trend that saw the largest one-year increase since the FBI began collecting numbers

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in the 1960s," the Los Angeles Times reported in late September. It's not just California, of course, with homicide rates going up more than 29 percent nationwide — and by troubling rates even in red states such as Texas.

So it's unlikely that California-specific policies explain those hikes, although data suggests that some of its criminal-justice reforms (such as Proposition 47, which reduced many low-level crimes from felonies to misdemeanors) have boosted auto theft and larceny rates. Nevertheless, the state's progressive officials — especially those in control of its biggest cities — struggle even to acknowledge the seriousness of the current crime wave.

The San Francisco Chronicle on Nov. 22 reported on a weekend crime spree not only in San Francisco and Oakland, but in placid suburbs such as Walnut Creek, "where roving bands of thieves swarmed

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Sometimes It Takes A Puppy

By Marilyn Singleton MD

A few years back I returned from setting up our make-shift medical clinic in El Salvador after braving washed out roads and trying to stay on the right side of MS-13 to an “incident.” I had stored a banana in my purse to enjoy on the airplane. Upon arrival in San Francisco, I was approached by a Customs agent and his cute little beagle who had alerted him to the smell of contraband—my now-consumed banana.

I only hope the beagles who gave their lives for a perverted science experiment will similarly “bust” Dr. Fauci. We all know he has done much worse: suppressed possible life-saving treatment to AIDS patients, funded dangerous “gain of function” studies making viruses more deadly, suppressed early treatment of COVID-19, promoted ineffective, toxic remdesivir to treat hospitalized COVID-19 patients, and fanatically pushed for experimental mRNA “vaccines.”

Sometimes it takes a puppy.

But sometimes it takes all of us to turn back the clock from 1984. This story of a society held together by “thoughtcrimes” and “Newspeak” was supposed to be a cautionary tale to alert us to the insidious rise of totalitarianism. Sadly, apathy was the would-be overlords’ ally. Civil debate with exchange of facts and opinions based on those facts has all but disappeared. Many Americans became all too comfortable with silencing of views with which certain corners of society disagree.

Science was supposed to be the pursuit of knowledge through uncensored factual experimental or observable data. Now well-researched medical articles that challenge the party line have been “removed” from public view for unstated reasons.

The silver lining of COVID-19 is that the unscientific

responses and public policies have exposed breaches of scientific integrity. It has also brought to light the assault on the patient-centered practice of medicine. This assault has been years in the making. First, the insurers called us providers. What a degrading term! We didn’t object. No matter what one’s health care skill is, we are healers, not mere service providers. Once we accepted being mere cogs, the insurers and Medicare could more easily insinuate themselves into the patient-physician relationship. Play by our rules or you don’t get paid. Purchase of physician practices by private equity firms, regulation of formularies, factory-like working conditions with patient over-bookings, dehumanizing electronic medical records have become routine rather than a source of outrage.

The last straw may be the AMA’s most recent foray into the world of pre-Marxist ideology. With a straight face in the pursuit of equity, the AMA has released a document filled with “Newspeak”. It wants to erase the “narratives grounded in white supremacy,” “meritocracy and individualism” and use “a rich tradition of work in health equity and related fields, including critical race theory” to guide our thoughts and speech. We can no longer use the term “white paper” which of course has nothing to do with racial identity. We can no longer say vulnerable because “people are not vulnerable; they are made vulnerable.” Minority is out and BIPOC is in. We are to avoid saying “target,” “tackle,” “combat” or other terms with violent connotation when referring to people, groups or communities. Do they really think anyone is going to pay attention to such drivel?

I guess we should send this document to President Biden who said we have to keep punching at the problem of violence against women, or poor kids are

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Climate's Real Existential Crisis

Steven Milloy

As the international climate alarmism movement descends on Glasgow, Scotland, for the 26th annual United National climate conference, the world is plunging into its worst energy crisis since the 1970s. And it is the alarmism that has caused the crisis.

Since the world first contracted a serious case of climate alarmism more than 30 years ago, rich countries have rushed headlong into "greening" their electricity generation. It's been out with the coal and in with the wind and solar, especially in Europe. This has all occurred because of what the head of the Polish ruling party described this week as "some unproved theory."

This greening has not been without pain. Germans, for example, pay such high prices for electricity, more than twice what Americans pay, that it has been talked about as a "luxury good." People in New England and California pay 70% more for "green" electricity than people in West Virginia pay for coal-based power. And what has the rush to green produced?

Nothing.

Emissions continue their inexorable rise upward, only slowed once in a while by an economic downturn or, most recently, by the pandemic. You almost don't even have to argue over the "unproved theory" since, as the U.N. recently described, emissions are going up with "no signs of peaking."

But now the spam has hit the fan.

European wind energy production has declined this year because wind speeds have been lower. This has meant that the U.K., for example, has had to rely more on natural gas for electricity production, given that it has all but eliminated the use of coal. Higher demand for natural gas across Europe has sent prices skyrocketing, not only in Europe but around the world.

High gas prices mean more lower-cost coal is now being burned to produce electricity in both Europe and the U.S. High gas prices have also caused factories to close in the U.K. And the Northern Hemisphere has not even entered the winter season when the heating needs will push demand even higher. Even coal prices are skyrocketing. Profits in the U.S. coal industry are up 700%.

These developments obviously jeopardize the lurch into "green" energy. So climate alarmists are now saying that the solution is not more fossil fuel use, but more green energy, even though it was the green energy that failed in the first place. If there's no wind, no amount of wind turbines can rectify that.

As if this is not enough to sink the climate alarmist ship, there are the inconvenient events happening on the other side of the world that climate alarmists try to ignore.

Not that China has ever seriously considered cutting

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Project Veritas's James O'Keefe Is Not the Only Conservative Wrongly Targeted By The Feds Recently

By Rachel Alexander

Another newly launched criminal proceeding that is not getting much attention lately but which is very similar to the Biden administration's witch hunt after James O'Keefe and Project Veritas is the September arrest of conservative attorney Jeffrey Moffatt. In 2016, Moffatt and his wife ran as Republicans for the state legislature and Congress in California, and as a result the Arizona State Bar, which has a lengthy history of targeting conservatives, went after Moffatt for a small infraction that blew up into arresting and prosecuting him when he fought back.

Unfortunately, the facts in Moffatt's case are so complex and convoluted — the left deliberately uses complex methods to target conservatives through the legal system for that reason, something the right can't do since the left dominates much of the legal system — that it's not easy to get anyone to understand the corruption.

Basically, Arizona Bar disciplinary Judge Willam O'Neil — whose legal authority has been questioned by many, which no doubt led to him stepping down this year — issued a disbarment order against Moffatt over consensual flirting that appeared improper with a woman he didn't know who lived in New Mexico. Moffatt hadn't even practiced law in Arizona for years — more evidence the Arizona Bar reaches out to aggressively target conservative attorneys. Attorneys have done far more serious things, like sexual harassment, sex with clients, etc. and O'Neil merely gave them a slap on the hand.

But Moffatt is an easy target in this #MeToo era, and even though he brought up evidence showing the woman complained about him because she was trying to extort him, it didn't matter, the left pounced on him in order to hold him up as an example of an evil conservative and destroy his chances at running for office — especially his wife's chances since she is black, and we all know the left treats conservative minorities worse than white minorities.

The feds arrested Moffatt in September, on the ruse of claiming he had not disclosed to the Social Security Administration that he was disbarred. He'd continued his practice of representing clients trying to obtain disability status in front of the SSA, which didn't require a bar license, and it was very obvious the SSA knew that he was disbarred because he sued them



over it! Tellingly, Moffatt was not arrested until after Biden was in office and in control of the Department of Justice — even though they knew going back to 2018 when Moffatt was involved in litigation with the SSA over the disbarment.

The arrest was meant to shut him down from exposing how corrupt the Arizona Bar is. Most attorneys who are wrongly disciplined by the Bar keep their heads down because they've learned from previous attorneys who were targeted that the Bar will keep after them for years with its deep pockets to thoroughly destroy them, ruining their careers and reputations with horrible media coverage and massive financial punishment if they fight back or go public.

In the Project Veritas case, feds put founder O'Keefe in handcuffs as they searched his home due to reports that the organization had obtained the diary of President Joe Biden's daughter, Ashley. A tipster told Project Veritas they found the diary after she abandoned it in a room, and Project Veritas never published anything from it since they could not verify its authenticity, eventually turning it over to law enforcement. The vicious attack on Project Veritas is

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The FDA's 'Gut' vs. Your Child's Heart

By Dr. Jane M. Orient, M.D.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has set up a flimsy, or fake, barrier to reaping multi-billion-dollar profits from COVID-vaccine boosters or pediatric shots.

The Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) voted 19-to-0 in favor of Moderna boosters for high-risk adults. “The data itself is not strong, but it is certainly going in the direction that is supportable of this vote,” stated Dr. Patrick Moore of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He admitted that his vote was based largely on a “gut feeling rather than truly serious data.”

He must know that “authorization” is likely followed by “no jab, no job” mandates—or pressure to inject children.

Americans should look at the truly serious data for themselves. Even non-experts can ask: Are fewer people dying now that we have these amazing vaccines.

The statistics about deaths from or with COVID-19 are muddied by controversy and federal incentives to diagnose COVID-19. The key unbiased measure is the all-cause mortality rate.

Excess deaths—a death rate higher than the average in pre-COVID years—peaked in late 2020, reaching about 50 percent above normal in age groups older than 14. After dropping to almost to normal, they started to rise rapidly late in 2021 as the majority of the adult population was getting jabbed.

There are 24 countries and 16 states where cases reached all-time highs after vaccine rollouts. The most vaccinated place on earth—Gibraltar with virtually 100 percent vaccination—has an outbreak so severe that



they are cancelling Christmas.

Americans are afraid that the federal government will cancel Christmas too (along with their livelihood just after Christmas), if they don't behave and get shots for themselves and their children, now the least vaccinated group.

In the 0–14 age group, mortality is below average now. What will happen when we rush the youngsters to vaccination centers?

Nothing would be worse at Christmas than having your child die or be in the hospital with heart failure. Are such events extremely rare or “usually mild,” as the FDA and public health authorities proclaim? The world's most published cardiologist, Peter A. McCullough, M.D., says myocarditis is “neither rare nor mild.”

Truly serious data was presented at the VRBPAC meeting where one-third strength Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine was authorized for children age 5–11, with no negative votes.

High-tech engineer Steve Kirsch estimated that in the U.S. COVID-19 vaccines would kill 150,000 and save about 10,000 lives. Citing risk-benefit expert Dr. Toby Rogers, Kirsch estimated that the Pfizer product would kill 117 children for each life saved. One cardiologist reported seeing 100 times more myocarditis since the vaccine rollout.

If your child gets an inflamed heart for Christmas, he

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Climate's Real Existential Crisis *Cont.*

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emissions for the sake of climate, but a growing energy crisis there has forced the Chinese government to order maximum production from all coal mines, and China is producing record amounts of coal. Coal demand in India is so high that the fourth largest coal producer is back to importing coal.

While the U.N. climate conference organizers have organized their conference around the principle "consign coal to history," coal remains king on a global basis for electricity generation.

Past these physical and economic realities are the political ones. It looks as though neither China's President Xi Jinping nor Russian's President Vladimir Putin will attend the conference to which President Joe Biden is bringing his entire Cabinet.

China has already rebuffed the U.S. on climate, saying that it will not separate climate from all the other points of contention between it and the U.S. Moreover, China's primary goal is to be the lone global superpower by 2049. Putin's dismissive attitude toward climate is most amusingly summarized by Russia's use of wind turbines to power coal mines and his claim that Russia's vast grasslands already make it carbon neutral.

In the U.S., Biden's plan for redesigning the electricity grid to be wind and solar heavy and to federalize the electricity grid to do so is all but dead, with West Virginia's Sen. Joe Manchin administering it last rites. The same has happened to the dream of a carbon



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tax. Not that any of this would have mattered anyway as the U.S. is an ever-shrinking part of global emissions. Biden is now being forced to rely on Environmental Protection Agency regulation of climate, which has not had much luck passing legal muster at the Supreme Court.

November is a gloomy time in Scotland, and it will be doubly so for the climate conference attendees as their cause faces its own existential crisis.

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Project Veritas's James O'Keefe Is Not the Only Conservative Wrongly Targeted By The Feds Recently *Cont.*

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fortunately getting some pushback in the MSM, due to old-fashioned liberal journalists realizing how terrifying it is.

The reason the feds are going after Moffatt is simple: They are setting up an easy-to-get precedent (because he's an unsympathetic target) to then use when going after other conservatives.

However, the left may regret overreaching. This is going to expose how corrupt the Arizona Bar is. There are plenty of conservative attorneys who have been disbarred solely because of their politics who will now go public. It will reveal how the Arizona Bar has gotten away with acting like a quasi-governmental agency with draconian power over attorneys, while asserting it is not open to public records laws because it's private.

You can't have it both ways. An Arizona court recently ruled that Cyber Ninjas, which conducted the Maricopa County independent ballot audit, must turn over documents requested by the media in public records requests, even though it is a private entity. This precedent sets the stage to open up the Arizona Bar as well.

And it will finally also open up scrutiny into the corruption of O'Neil. His position as an unelected judge over a private entity masquerading as a government agency with a unionlike hold over attorneys in a right-to-work state is finally hitting the news. There are suspicions about his oath of office, which appears to have never been signed.

Lawsuits around the country, including by the Goldwater Institute, have been filed against state bars attempting to remove them from the unfair private-public hold they have over attorneys and the legal system, but so far they have made little progress since judges deciding the cases are themselves terrified of the state bars. Legislation is regularly proposed in state legislatures to dismantle mandatory state bars, but also makes no progress because few attorneys serving in the legislatures dare to vote for it, and they're up against many powerful lobbyists since the state bars have huge pockets from overcharging dues (the Arizona Bar has the second highest dues in the country for a mandatory bar).



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Moffatt is in nine separate courts fighting the disbarment, but so far has had no luck because it is traditional for other courts to rubber stamp disciplinary action against attorneys from other courts. Judges don't like to challenge state bars. Moffatt is facing 40 years in prison if convicted.

Hopefully outrage over the Project Veritas criminal investigation will shine some light on these other cases. Americans are at imminent risk, they are not safe under the Biden administration. The left has figured out how to weaponize the criminal justice system against outspoken conservatives.

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California's Crime Epidemic *cont.*

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into stores, grabbed as much merchandise as they could carry and escaped in getaway cars." In Oakland, the marauders "began shooting when confronted by Oakland officers."

Gov. Gavin Newsom described the mayhem as "unacceptable," but it's still unclear what specific policies (beyond additional funding) the governor plans to combat what the Chronicle described as thefts that are "carefully orchestrated, entrepreneurial and apparently driven by social media." Meanwhile, similar incidents have spread across the Los Angeles area.

Flash-mob robbers targeted a Home Depot in the suburb of Lakewood last week. "The Home Depot incident was one of several brazen robberies playing out around Los Angeles on Friday, including one where a security guard was punched and another where an employee was sprayed with a chemical agent," the Daily News reported.

On the Los Angeles transit systems, "reports of violent crimes were up 25 percent from the same time last year and 9 percent from 2019," the Los Angeles Times reported. Granted, ridership levels were extremely low last year because of COVID-19, but rail and bus riders — who are comprised mostly of poor people in LA — are increasingly afraid.

The problems have been apparent in the Bay Area for quite some time. After someone was gunned down in front of her apartment in a nice area of San Francisco, my daughter has for the first time started talking about hightailing it to the suburbs. Last time I visited, she warned me not to leave anything in the trunk — even for an hour while we went to dinner. Her sentiments are not unique.

In November, "Walgreens closed five stores in five different San Francisco neighborhoods," KQED explained. "The company claims it was because of 'organized, rampant retail theft,' although available information doesn't quite back that up." Well, KQED and Mayor London Breed might downplay the theft factor, but retail chains are unlikely to keep iffy operations open if the cost of turning them into fortresses becomes too high. This, too, hurts poor people the most.

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criminal-justice reforms. For instance, there's no reason that, say, police agencies cannot continue to do their jobs and also rid their departments of misbehaving police officers. But we never get balanced policies in a climate of fear — and that fear is justified when flash-mob robbers menace our cities.

Criminal-justice reform efforts shouldn't be abandoned, nor should we revert to overly punitive tough-on-crime methods, but we must remain diligent, take the violent crime spike seriously, and prioritize public safety. If California's Democrats are serious about criminal-justice reforms, they better take care of business now — before we're back to the days when politicians felt the need to defend caning and the executions of 13-year-olds.

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Sometimes It Takes A Puppy *cont.*

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just as bright as white kids or that Barack Obama was articulate and bright and clean.

The tide is turning. Toxic critical race theory and usurpation of parents' rights was defeated in Virginia. Protests against medical tyranny are growing. States are filing lawsuits against vaccine mandates. The truth is coming out. The British Medical Journal has proudly published and spread through social media an article whose title speaks for itself: Covid-19: Researcher blows the whistle on data integrity issues in Pfizer's vaccine trial. Some authorities are backing off on vaccine mandates (here and here).

And as for Dr. Fauci, he will be the next Greek mythical hero, felled by his hubris. Let's all send him copy of Arthur Guiterman's poem, On the Vanity of Earthly Greatness.

The tusks that clashed in mighty brawls
Of mastodons, are billiard balls.
The sword of Charlemagne the Just
Is ferric oxide, known as rust.
The grizzly bear whose potent hug
Was feared by all, is now a rug.
Great Caesar's bust is on my shelf,
And I don't feel so well myself.

His time is coming.

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The FDA's 'Gut' vs. Your Child's Heart *cont.*

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might recover, but won't be able to ride his new bicycle or run and play for three–six months.

Such information apparently doesn't count. "We're not going to get the data until we start using the vaccine [widely]," said Dr. Mark Sawyer, an infectious disease specialist. "We're never going to learn about how safe this vaccine is unless we start giving it and that's just the way it goes," said Dr. Eric Rubin, editor-in-chief of the New England Journal of Medicine.

Despite the unknowns, the American Medical Association (AMA), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and others promote widespread jabs, even without parental consent or knowledge. Parents unaware of the jab are not likely to recognize the significance of mild chest discomfort.

Your family doctor may advise, or insist, that you and your children be "fully" jabbed. Could it be that, like the Grinch, their hearts are two sizes too small? Could it be faith in government, Big Pharma, academics, and organized medicine? Distrust of their own judgment or opinions of those outside of medicine, like Steve Kirsch, who are not subject to delicensure or cancellation? Fear of loss of their career?

This fear was apparently so intense it caused one physician to cancel himself. Dr Thomas Jendges, age 55, head of the Chemnitz Clinic in Germany, committed suicide by jumping from the top of the clinic's building. In his lengthy farewell letter, Dr. Jendges is said to have harshly criticized the information policy of governments in dealing with the dangerousness of COVID-19 vaccines. He apparently was threatened with being fired if he did not submit, and wrote that he could no longer endure the constant lies.

Whatever their reason for hating the non-compliant Whos, the anti-Christmas, anti-liberty Grinches cannot claim to be "following the science," when they are really following orders, the money, or some expert's gut feelings.

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The SALT Fight Is Coming To A Head *Cont.*

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The Republican-majority Congress may have been pleased with the pain inflicted on high tax states, but in a clear case of schadenfreude, the loss of the SALT deduction may have cost Republicans their control of Congress. Several members from California who voted for the 2017 tax reform measure were blamed for raising taxes on their over-taxed constituents and that cost them their reelection bids. But now, Republicans watch Democrats fight among themselves over SALT.

There are many progressive Democrats in Congress who don't want to bring back the unlimited SALT deduction even if they're from high-tax states that would benefit, because the SALT deduction favors the rich far more than the middle class and working poor. The progressive wing of the Democratic Party has made no secret of their dislike of the policy. In short, don't expect AOC, other members of "The Squad," or Bernie Sanders to support increasing the cap.

As we've noted before, the split within the Democratic Party over the SALT deduction reveals no small degree of hypocrisy. For all their complaining about "income inequality," Democrats from high tax states who want to help their rich constituents are on the verge of expanding SALT deductibility as part of the Build Back Better package. The SALT fight may be just one of the many roadblocks to the Democrats' bill but it is certainly the most entertaining and one with ramifications for high-tax California.

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it for a personal trip.”

Meanwhile, this is a description of the La Datcha Cabo San Lucas vacation villa:

“The villa can easily accommodate up to 20 people as it has two large and eight regular-size bedrooms, each with an en-suite bathroom, a toilet and a walk-in wardrobe.

The two large bedrooms each have an adjacent private terrace — one with a fireplace and the other with a swimming pool. The latter bedroom also features a study.”

The sources said they were staying in Pedregal (near Cabo) and were nearby La Datcha Cabo San Lucas. They were there for Thanksgiving and to sport fish. They said one night the Newsom’s had some locals over doing a fire show as entertainment.

The source said the fire entertainment was loud, so he posted on Twitter to Gov. Newsom and the First Partner: “How’s the fire show at your compound in Cabo? Watching you from 4 houses over and you and the staff are not wearing masks.”

The source said that within 3 minutes of his Tweet, the lights at the Newsom compound went off and the fire show was over. The source took down the Tweet shortly thereafter.

The cost of the Datcha is all-inclusive, according to the website:

Price is all-inclusive for food and beverages (except for alcohol).

It also includes a full staff at disposal composed by chefs, butlers, housekeepers, chauffeurs, concierge, fitness instructor and masseur.

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Major holidays rates start from 29,000 \$ + taxes per day.

The sources said this is another example of Gov.



Newsom not living the way the people of California do. It’s reminiscent of the French Laundry restaurant episode in 2020: Gov. Gavin Newsom was caught maskless attending a birthday dinner in November 2020 at the famed Michelin-starred restaurant, The French Laundry in Yountville, while he locked the state down, ordered businesses and schools closed, social distancing and mask mandates, California Globe reported.

UPDATE 12/1/2021:

After this story appeared, the governor’s spokesperson reached out to ask for clarification. She denies that the governor stayed at the La Datcha Cabo San Lucas villa, telling the Globe, “that is not even where the family stayed.” The spokesperson declined to clarify where in Mexico the governor stayed or the cost of that stay, other than repeating her assertion that the trip was funded by “The Newsom family.” In declining to specify further, the spokesperson added, “I cannot provide the location due to security concerns. They rented a home.”

As was reported in our original story, the Globe has no reason to doubt the word of the press secretary. However, in the absence of the governor’s confirmation of his exact whereabouts — a fact he has lately declined to share on a regular basis with the people he serves — the Globe stands by its story and will continue to report on these developments.

The original source, when pressed for further detail, commented to the Globe:

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Gov. Newsom Family Vacation: \$29K per Night At Cabo San Lucas Villa *cont.*

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“With the black SUVs, and 15 cars at the tennis courts which are not there usually, and a guy that looked like him, a blonde that looked like her, the Lt. Gov in charge, and Gavin in Cabo, it’s pretty hard to not put the math together.”

The source also said that they could see the Newsoms with binoculars from their rental house.

Finally, after our story appeared, a second source reached out to the Globe. She emailed to say, “I have a side profile photo of [Newsom] on the public beach near the Palmilla with one child and his wife.” The Palmilla Hide-away Luxury Condo Rental is adjacent to the La Datcha.

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God Shed His Grace On Thee! *cont.*

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things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people. I do, therefore, invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and

those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a Day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens. And I recommend to them that, while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him

for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners, or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably

engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation, and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility, and union.



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