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What Other Names Are Demeaning

Editorial
By Jon A. Brake

Ok! Lets just say that the Manhattan School Board has given in to Kansas State's Multicultural Engineering Program and they remove the Indian mascot that was put into place in 1940 to honor American Indian Coach Frank B. "Chief" Prentup.

We now have the Flying Mosquitos as the Manhattan High mascot.

What's Next?

Well, these three highly paid Kansas State Employees have to have another project, don't they?

How - No we can't use that word, it might offend someone.

Will the next target of the Multicultural Engineering Program be the City of Manhattan?

The City of Manhattan, Kansas was named after the City of Manhattan, New York, which was named after the

Manhattan Indians. Are you feeling offended yet?

Let's start thinking of another name for Manhattan.

And what about the other Kansas Cities that are named after Indians:

Wichita, Kansas City, Olathe, Topeka, Lawrence, Shawnee

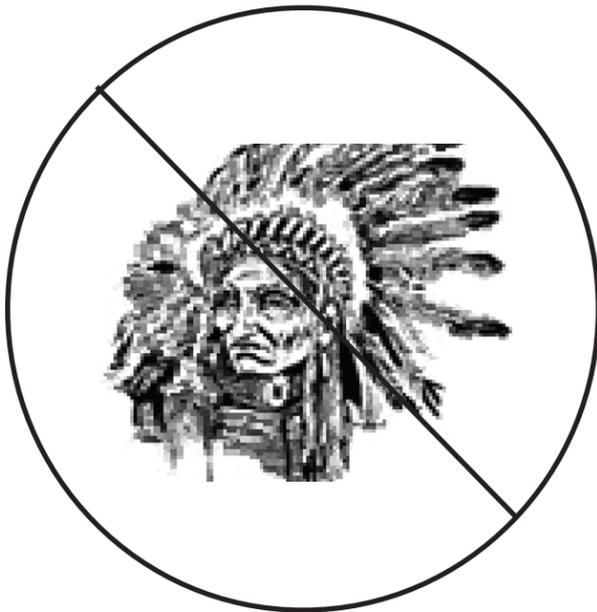
And those are only the larger cities. Think of all the small towns that need to be renamed.

And then there are the Counties. Part of Manhattan is in Pottawatomie County, an Indian name. There are 12 Counties named after Indians.

What about the State of Kansas? It is named after the Kansa Indians. Twenty Six States are named after Indian tribes.

I know, this is getting ridiculous. It is and so is renaming the Manhattan Indian mascot.

It does not offend normal people, it might offend someone who is looking to be of-



fended. Like someone working in an office, who's job and income depends on creating controversy. Like Kansas State's Multicultural Engineering Program.

Here is a letter that the Free Press received this week:

Hello Ben,
I just received a copy of the May 11, 2017 Manhattan Free

Press via email from a friend who resides in Manhattan.

Frank B. "Chief" Prentup was my father.

I want to personally express my sincere thanks to you for your front page editorial regarding the MHS "Mascot" controversy.

In my opinion, it was spot-on.

As I recall, in my speech to the School Board on November 30, 2016, I stated something to the effect that the honor bestowed on my father back in 1940, and the re-naming of the school mascot to the Indians was meant to be an enduring honor to him for his positive contributions to the MHS sports programs, high school itself, the students and faculty, and the City of Manhattan.

I stated further that this honor was never meant (and is presently not meant) to be demeaning, denigrating, or insult-

ing to anyone.

I then stated that the mascot is only demeaning, denigrating and insulting to those who actually wish to be demeaned, denigrated, and insulting.

There is no doubt that this controversy is simply political correctness taken to the extreme by a group of professional "victims" and their misguided supporters. It is my opinion that the leaders and controversy instigators from the Re-Image group from the faculty and staff of Kansas State University are an embarrassment to that institution.

Again, I wish to convey both my and my family's appreciation for your editorial.

Sincerely,
F. D. Duke Prentup
Boulder, Colorado

If we stand with the Indians - they do not stand alone.- Free Press

The Confederacy's last monument -

By Associated Press

Workers tied ropes around a towering statue of Gen. Robert E Lee, preparing to take down the last of New Orleans' four Confederate monuments on Friday as hundreds gawked and some danced in the streets.

The statue of Lee, who commanded Confederate armies against the Union in the Civil War of 1861-65, was the most prominent of the four statues, his bronze figure standing nearly 20ft (6m) tall in uniform, arms crossed defiantly, gazing north.

Workers jockeyed a tall crane into position on Friday morning to reach the statue, which has perched atop a 60ft pedestal in a traffic roundabout where it has stood since 1884. The removal comes after a long and

divisive battle over whether old South emblems represent racism or an honorable heritage.

While many were supportive of removal, opinions varied widely in the crowd. Al Kennedy, who is white and a former New Orleans school board member, supported removal of the statues.

Of the Confederate past, he said: "It's my history, but it's not my heritage."

But Frank Varela Jr, a born-and-bred New Orleans native carrying an American flag, said he thought Lee should stay up as "a part of the South."

"It's part of history. It's a part of my heritage," said Varela. "I was born and raised here. It's been here all my life ... When we came back from Katrina it was here. It's survived every

**The Free Press says...
A statue is not racist... it is History.**

A mascot does not demean or offend... It honors.

hurricane this city has ever seen."

Police on horseback lined up nearby as a security precaution and traffic was diverted away from the area. But protesters defiantly opposed to removal were few as the work wore on for hours Friday afternoon — though some shouted out against the removal.

For many, it was a time for festivities.

Bystander Brittne Grasmick danced to the song "Another One Bites the Dust", calling that an appropriate selection for the occasion.

One young man rode a unicycle, children drew chalk hearts in the street and young women jumped rope. Some brought out lawn chairs to watch, entertained by a trumpeter who played "Dixie" - but in a minor key.

The Lee statue had towered over the traffic island - Lee Circle - in an area between the office buildings of the city's business district and stately 19th-century mansions in the nearby Garden District. The city plans to leave the column where Lee's statue stood intact and will mount public art in its place.

Mayor Mitch Landrieu pushed for removal of the statues, which he said celebrated white supremacy. He said this final removal will allow the Louisiana city to "heal and become the city we always should have been had we gotten this right the first time."

He delivered a speech on Friday afternoon in which he declared the Confederacy was "on the wrong side of humanity."

"These statues are not just stone and metal. They are not just innocent remembrances of a benign history. These monuments celebrate a fictional, sanitized Confederacy; ignoring the death, ignoring the enslavement, ignoring the terror that it actually stood for," he said.

The Robert E. Lee statue was a familiar landmark for tourists and commuters who travel the busy St Charles Avenue by car or on one of the city's historic streetcars. Lee's is the last to be removed in accordance with a 2015 city council vote.

The city removed a statue of Confederate President Jefferson Davis last week; a statue of the Confederate general P.G.T. Beauregard on Wednesday; and in April, a memorial to a deadly 1874 white supremacist upris-



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Farm Handouts Are Out of Control. Here Are 5 Reasons to Target Them in the Budget.

By Daren Bakst
Heritage Foundation

As Congress and the Trump administration develop their budget plans for the fiscal year 2018 budget and beyond, there's one area that can provide them significant savings: the out-of-control farm handouts. The current farm handout system, often referred to as the "safety net" for agricultural producers, consists of commodity programs such as two major new programs, the Agricultural Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage programs, and the federal crop insurance program.

This safety net costs taxpayers about \$15 billion a year.

There are numerous reasons why farm handouts should be addressed in the budget process, but here are just five.

1. Oppose central planning and anti-market beliefs.

Most people would rightly expect any safety net to only protect farmers from major crop

losses. Unfortunately, the safety net goes way beyond this. Under the current system, many agricultural producers don't have to deal with most ordinary business risks. For example, agricultural producers can enjoy record production and perfect growing conditions and still receive massive government handouts.

If another industry came to Congress and asked the government for programs to protect them from the risks of doing business, they would be mocked.

Yet, the current safety net assumes that multimillion dollar agribusinesses are less capable of operating their businesses than the smallest mom and pop shops.

2. Stop a massive and improper wealth transfer.

The myth behind the agricultural safety net is that it helps small, struggling farmers. In reality, it primarily helps the

largest agricultural producers.

Regardless of size, no business should be insulated from market conditions, and this certainly includes these large producers.

The current system, though, taxes non-farm households in order to provide handouts for farm households that generally have far greater incomes and wealth. The discrepancy in income and wealth is particularly stark when looking at the farms that receive most of the subsidies.

Commercial farms—that is, mid-size, large, and very large family farms, as well as non-family farms—represent only about 10 percent of all farms in the U.S., but account for 76 percent of the value of production.

In terms of subsidies, commercial farms received 70 percent of government commodity payments in 2015 and 78 percent of federal crop insurance indemnities.

Looking at mid-size farm households only, in 2015, their median income was triple the median income of all U.S. households and their median wealth was 26 times greater.

3. Reduce cronyism.

Even though the safety net is often referred to as an "agricultural" safety net, in most instances, it is simply an excuse to provide handouts to a very small number of favored interests.

For example, 95 percent of the 2015 Agricultural Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage payments went to just five crops (corn, peanuts, rice, soybeans, and wheat). There are also special, market-distorting programs just for sugar and dairy.

4. Reduce duplicative programs.

The commodities that get assistance with ordinary business risk through Agricultural Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage can also get assistance from these types of risks through the federal crop insurance program.

Agricultural special interests usually argue that the federal crop insurance program is very successful. If that's the case, why have so many programs?

There should be at most only one safety net program for a commodity, and it should focus on major crop losses only.

5. Protect taxpayers.

Congress is often criticized for delegating too much power to agencies and then not providing the necessary oversight. But the same delegation and oversight problems happen within Congress itself, and there's no better example than with the agriculture committees.

These committees, as evidenced by their recent farm bill hearings and complaints about wanting more handouts, are effectively a means to funnel as many taxpayer dollars to agricultural special interests as possible. Who is protecting taxpayers, or for that matter consumers? As has been seen in agricultural policy for decades, the rest of Congress has failed to provide the necessary oversight and protect taxpayers.

The budget is at least one way that Congress can try to protect taxpayers.

What, then, should a budget include? Here are two things for starters:

1. State clear principles.

Any budget should articulate that central planning and corporate welfare have no business in the farm handout system.

If any handouts are to be provided, they should be based on major crop losses due to natural disasters, not because agricultural producers can't operate

their businesses in the marketplace just like every other business.

2. Eliminate revenue and price-related handouts that ignore these principles.

This would include getting rid of the Agricultural Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage programs, the sugar and dairy programs, and revenue policies in the federal crop insurance program—and any other policies that are not directly connected to major crop losses.

The agricultural "safety net" is simply out of control. Congress and the Trump administration now have a unique opportunity to use the budget process as an important tool to move agricultural policy in a commonsense direction. They should seize this opportunity.

Roger Moore had prouder achievements than playing James Bond

LONDON (AP) -- Sir Roger Moore saw more to life than a well-mixed martini.

"I felt small, insignificant and rather ashamed that I had traveled so much making films and ignored what was going on around me," he would say years after starring in seven James Bond movies and upon accepting a role that his friend Audrey Hepburn inspired him to take on, goodwill ambassador for UNICEF.

Moore, who died Tuesday at age 89, didn't seem to take Bond that seriously even while playing him. Burdened with following Sean Connery as Agent 007, Moore kept it light, using a wry, amused tone and perpetually arched eyebrow as if he had landed on the set by accident. Connery embodied for millions the role of Bond as the suave drinker, womanizer and disposer of evil. Moore didn't so much inhabit the character as look upon him with disbelief.

"To me, the Bond situations are so ridiculous, so outrageous," he once said. "I mean, this man is supposed to be a spy and yet, everybody knows he's a spy. Every bartender in the world offers him martinis that are shaken, not stirred. What kind of serious spy is recognized everywhere he goes? It's outrageous. So you have to treat the humor outrageously as well."

The handsome, dark-haired actor had long, full lives before and after his debut as Bond, in 1973.

He was remembered warmly by fans of the popular U.S. 1950s-60s TV series "Maverick" as Beauregard Maverick, the English cousin of the Wild West's Maverick brothers, Bret and Bart. He also starred in the 1959 U.S. series "The Alaskans." In England, he had a

long-running TV hit with "The Saint," playing Simon Templar, the enigmatic action hero who helps put wealthy crooks in jail while absconding with their fortunes. By the time the series, which also aired in the United States, ended in 1969, his partnership with its producers had made him a wealthy man.

He succeeded even as critics scorned. His performance opposite Lana Turner in the 1956 movie "Diane" was likened by Time magazine to "a lump of English roast beef." In the 1970s, New York Times reviewer Vincent Canby dismissed Moore's acting abilities as having "reduced all human emotions to a series of variations on one gesture, the raising of the right eyebrow."

He was more inspired when helping others. He became the UNICEF ambassador in 1991 and five years later attended the World Congress Against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, and disclosed that he too had been a victim.

"I was molested when I was a child - not seriously - but I didn't tell my mother until I was 16, because I felt that it was something to be ashamed of," he told The Associated Press at the time.

He gave no details, but said it was important to encourage young victims not to feel guilty.

"They're being exploited. We have to tell them that," Moore said.

In 2003, he was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II, not for his acting, but for his humanitarian work. Moore received the Dag Hammarskjöld Inspiration Award for his contributions to UNICEF and was named a commander in France's National Order of Arts and Letters in 2008, an award he said was worth "more than an Oscar." In a statement Tuesday, UNICEF

executive director Anthony Lake praised Moore as one of the "great champions for children."

"In his most famous roles as an actor, Sir Roger was the epitome of cool sophistication; but in his work as a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador, he was a passionate - and highly persuasive - advocate for children," Lake wrote. "He once said that it was up to all of us to give children a more peaceful future. Together with Lady Kristina, he worked very hard to do so."

Born in London, the only child of a policeman, Moore had studied painting before enrolling in the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. He played a few small roles in theater and films before his mandatory army duty, then moved to Hollywood in the 1950s. He appeared opposite Elizabeth Taylor in 1954's "The Last Time I Saw Paris" and with Eleanor Parker in "Interrupted Melody" the following year.

In 1970, he became managing director for European production for Faberge's Brut Productions. With the company, he co-starred with Tony Curtis in "The Persuaders!" for British television and helped produce "A Touch of Class," which won a best-actress Oscar for Glenda Jackson.

Three years later, he made his first Bond film, "Live and Let Die." He would make six more, "The Man With the Golden Gun," "The Spy Who Loved Me," "Octopussy," "Moonraker," "For Your Eyes Only" and "A View to a Kill" over the next 12 years. And while the Bond of the Ian Fleming novels that the films were based on was generally described as being in his 30s, Moore would stay with the role until he was 57.

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- Thomas Jefferson, 1787



The Manhattan City Commission

City Of Manhattan Memo on Aggieville Business Dist.

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 17, 2017

TO: Manhattan Urban Area Planning Board
MEETING DATE: May 1, 2017
FROM: Ben Chmiel, Planner
RE: Amend Article IV, Section 4-203 – C-3, Aggieville Business District, of the Manhattan Zoning Regulations.

BACKGROUND

Through the Aggieville Community Vision (ACV) planning and adoption process, several Strategic Actions were developed to implement the community's vision for the Aggieville Area. As outlined in Section VII: Strategic Action Plan of the ACV document, one major initiative of the plan is Regulation Amendments and Rezoning Actions. Specifically stated are short-term (immediate) changes to the C-3 zoning district, which is the predominant zoning district making up the Aggieville Area (see attached map). These changes include the implementation of regulations that would effectively prohibit any more highway and strip-style commercial development in Aggieville. These changes reflect the desired vision for the district described in the ACV Plan, which emphasizes a more urban-style, pedestrian-oriented development. Additional mid/long-term amendments to further advance the community vision for Aggieville are expected in the future. However, very simple but meaningful revisions to the C-3 District's regulations were identified and drafted by the Community Development Department to make a quick and positive impact.

The amendments (attached) firstly prohibit automobile-oriented commercial uses, including automobile accessory stores, automobile service sta-

tions, car washes, and drive-in (drive-through) establishments. Currently, automobile accessory stores and automobile service stations are permitted uses, while car washes and drive-ins (drive-throughs) are conditional uses in the C-3 District. Secondly, the amendments prohibit the placement of off-street parking spaces between a street-facing building façade and a public street. Currently, the location of off-street parking is not regulated. Thirdly, the amendments prohibit vehicular access (curb-cuts) from Moro Street to properties along Moro Street. Currently, there is no restriction of the kind.

In combination, these amendments will effectively prohibit additional strip and highway style commercial development currently evocative of the majority of uses along the south side of Anderson and Bluemont Avenues in the Aggieville district. At the same time, these amendments will encourage development more evocative of the Aggieville core, with buildings fronting the sidewalk and parking, if any, located behind.

AMENDMENTS TO THE TEXT OF THE ZONING REGULATIONS

The criteria that apply to code amendments are found in §15-302 of the Zoning Regulations.

When a proposed amendment results in a change to the text of the Zoning Regulations, the report from the Planning Staff shall contain a statement as to the nature and effect of the proposed amendment, and determinations as to the following:

WHETHER SUCH CHANGE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE INTENT AND PURPOSE OF THE ZONING REGULATIONS

The intent of the Manhattan Zoning Regulations is to protect the public health, safety and general welfare and to protect property values. More specifi-

cally, the C-3, Aggieville Business District is designed to provide for "a relatively broad range of retail shopping facilities and services which primarily consist of specialty shops and stores."

The proposed amendments are consistent with the intent and purpose of the Manhattan Zoning Regulations and are drafted to continue accommodating a broad range of retail shopping and services. The proposed amendment's primary goal is to better direct the essential shape and form of development by designating acceptable parking location and prohibiting drive-through elements accessory to a business. The proposed amendments do place a greater limit on the range of commercial uses permitted by eliminating automobile accessory stores, automobile service stations, and car washes. However, the ACV Plan directly identifies the future existence and development of these uses as contrary to the vision and desires of the broader community for Aggieville.

AREAS WHICH ARE MOST LIKELY TO BE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY SUCH CHANGE AND IN WHAT WAY THEY WILL BE AFFECTED

The proposed amendments would apply to all property in Manhattan that is located within the C-3, Aggieville Business District. The current boundary is shown on the City of Manhattan Zoning Districts and Overlays Map, (see enclosed). City Administration carefully considered the effects that the proposed amendments may have on residential and commercial areas both within and adjacent to the C-3 District. The amendments will promote a more uniform urban fabric throughout the district, over time, with an environment identified as more desirable in the ACV plan.

The amendments firstly prohibit automobile-oriented com-

mercial uses, including automobile accessory stores, automobile service stations, car washes, and drive-in (drive-through) establishments. At the time of this writing, the C-3 District contains no automobile accessory stores, two automobile service (gas) stations, one car wash (scheduled for demolition), and four drive-in (drive-through) establishments.

Secondly, the amendments prohibit the placement of off-street parking spaces between a street-facing building façade and a public street. As proposed, and at the time of this writing, about eleven properties in the C-3 District would not be in conformance with this requirement.

Thirdly, the amendments prohibit vehicular access (curb-cuts) from Moro Street to properties along Moro Street. At the time of this writing, one property in the C-3 District would not be in conformance with this requirement.

Since some properties have more than one factor making them non-conforming to the proposed amendments, the estimation for the total number of properties becoming non-conforming as a result of the proposed amendments totals about thirteen. There are seventy-six properties in the C-3 District. Buildings and uses legally established prior to the proposed amendments would be granted the ability to continue operation as legally non-conforming (grandfathered) uses, as per Article VII of the City of Manhattan Zoning Regulations.

WHETHER THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT IS MADE NECESSARY BECAUSE OF CHANGED OR CHANGING CONDITIONS IN THE AREAS AND ZONING DISTRICTS AFFECTED, OR IN THE CITY PLANNING AREA, GENERALLY, AND IF SO, THE NATURE OF SUCH CHANGED OR CHANGING CONDITIONS

The proposed amendments are made necessary generally due to changing conditions in Aggieville. Improvements to the pedestrian environment and walkability is a common priority throughout the ACV Plan. Through the ACV Plan process, which included an extensive community survey completed by 4,227 residents, students, and non-residents of Manhattan, it was discovered that 8% of the respondents walk to Aggieville daily, while 22% reported walking to Aggieville on a weekly basis. When only analyzing the data of those who reported living in areas closer to Aggieville, these numbers jumped to 16% and 39% respectively. Naturally, improved walkability was the second-highest priority for respondents. Additionally, there was a general preference for the pedestrian-friendly environment presented by the historic core of Aggieville, while areas with a high number of strip and highway style commercial development were unfavorable. The survey results in their entirety can be found in the ACV's companion document the State of the Ville report. The proposed C-3 District amendments will appropriately promote the fulfillment of the community's vision for Aggieville as it relates to the pedestrian environment and urban form.

WHETHER SUCH CHANGE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE INTENT AND PURPOSE OF THE POLICY AND GOALS AS OUTLINED IN THE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY

The proposed amendments to the C-3 District are consistent with the Manhattan Urban Area Comprehensive Plan. The Future Land Use designation for the Aggieville Area is Central Core District (CCD). The proposed amendments do not contradict the broader Land Use designation of the CCD. Addi-

tionally, the Aggieville Community Vision Plan, which was just approved and adopted as a part of the Manhattan Urban Area Comprehensive Plan, more specifically addresses the details of the long-range vision for the redevelopment of the Aggieville Area, and identifies the proposed short-term amendments to the C-3 District.

The proposed amendments to the C-3 Aggieville Business District meet the general policies in the Comprehensive Plan and are implemented consistent with legal requirements.

ALTERNATIVES

It appears the MUAPB has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Board may:

Recommend approval of the proposed amendments of Article IV, Section 4-203, C-3, Aggieville Business District, of the Manhattan Zoning Regulations to the City Commission, based on the findings in this Staff Memorandum.

Recommend denial of the proposed amendments to the City Commission, based on specifically stated reasons.

Modify the proposed amendment and forward the modifications, along with an explanation, to the City Commission.

Table the public hearing to a specific date, and provide further direction to City Administration.

RECOMMENDATION

City Administration recommends approval of the amendment to the Manhattan Zoning Regulations to revise Article IV, Section 4-203, C-3, Aggieville Business District, as proposed, based on the findings in the Staff Memorandum.

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Trump pushes for Mideast peace, but avoids thorny details

JERUSALEM (AP) -- President Donald Trump on Tuesday pushed for elusive peace between Israel and the Palestinians, calling on both sides to put aside the "pain and disagreements of the past."

Trump met with both Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas during his quick stop in the region. Speaking at the Israel Museum, he declared both sides ready to move forward, though there were no tangible signs of the dormant peace process being revived.

"Palestinians are ready to reach for peace," Trump said. Turning to the prime minister, who joined him for the speech, Trump said, "Benjamin Netanyahu wants peace."

A longtime businessman, Trump has cast Middle East peace as the "ultimate deal" and has tasked his son-in-law Jared Kushner and former real estate lawyer Jason Greenblatt with charting a course forward. Still, White House officials had downplayed the prospects for a breakthrough on this trip, saying it was important to manage their ambitions as they waded into terrain that has tripped up more experienced diplomats.

The president notably avoided all of the thorny issues that have stymied peace efforts for decades. He did not weigh in on Israeli settlements, the status of Jerusalem or even whether the U.S. would continue to insist on a two-state solution giving the Palestinians sovereign territory.

Aides said the approach was

purposeful, and the normally free-wheeling Trump was well-aware of the risks of veering off script on issue where every word is intensely scrutinized.

From Israel, Trump headed to Italy for an audience Wednesday with Pope Francis. He'll close his ambitious first foreign trip at a pair of summits in Brussels and Sicily, where his reception from European leaders may be less effusive than his welcome in Israel and Saudi Arabia, his opening stop on the trip.

Trump and Netanyahu in particular lavished praise on each other during their multiple meetings. The prime minister, who had a frosty relationship with Trump's predecessor, leapt to his feet when the president declared Tuesday that his administration "will always stand with Israel."

Yet some Israeli officials are less certain of Trump. He's taken a tougher than expected line on settlements, saying he doesn't believe they help the peace process, though he's stopped short of calling for a full construction freeze. He's also backed away from his campaign pledge to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, bending to the same security risks as other presidents who have made that promise.

At the same time, Abbas and the Palestinians have been pleasantly surprised by their dealings with Trump. On Tuesday morning, Trump met with Abbas in Bethlehem, traveling across the barrier surrounding much of the biblical city, which

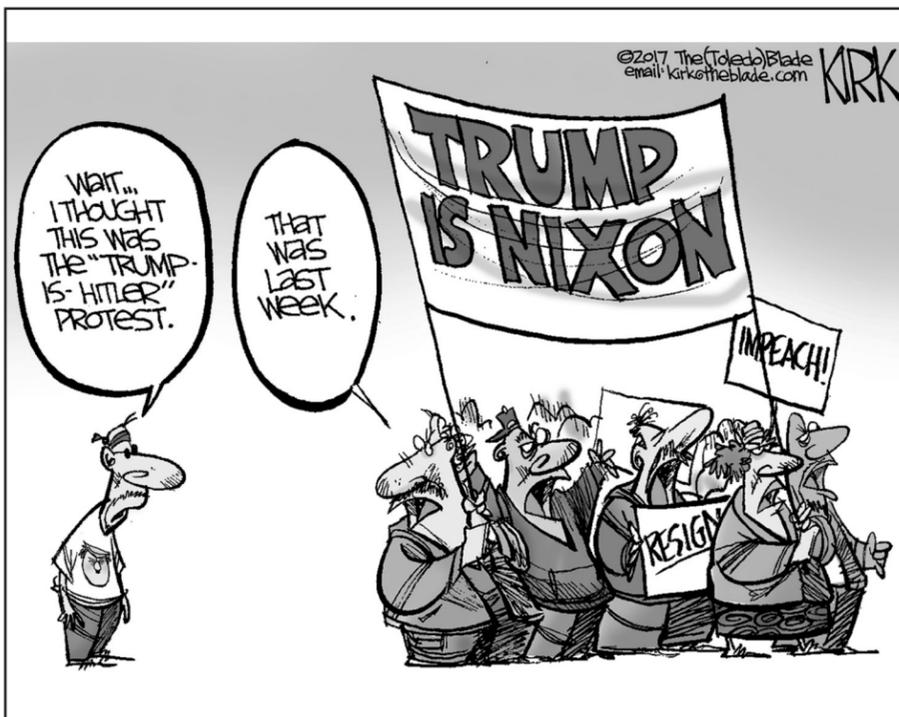
serves as a visual reminder of the complexities of the conflict in the region.

Abbas said he was keen to "keep the door open to dialogue with our Israeli neighbors." He reiterated the Palestinians' demands, including establishing a capital in East Jerusalem, territory Israel claims as well, insisting that "our problem is not with the Jewish religion, it's with the occupation and settlements, and with Israel not recognizing the state of Palestine."

After his meeting with Abbas, Trump returned to Jerusalem for a solemn tribute to the 6 million Jews killed in the Holocaust. On a visit to the Yad Vashem memorial, the president and first lady Melania Trump laid a wreath on a stone slab under which ashes from some of those killed in concentration camps are buried. They were joined by Netanyahu and his wife, Sara, as well as daughter Ivanka Trump and Kushner.

The White House said Trump was being updated on the attacks in Manchester, England, by his national security team. More than 20 people were killed by an apparent suicide bomber. There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

"So many young, beautiful innocent people living and enjoying their lives, murdered by evil losers in life," Trump said, echoing the theme he presented during his meetings with Arab leaders in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The White House said it was Trump's idea to use the term "evil losers."



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Undercover Video Exposes Deep Contradiction at the Heart of Planned Parenthood

By Jay Hobbs
Heritage Foundation

Just hours after Hollywood filmmaker Joss Whedon launched a foul piece of propaganda celebrating Planned Parenthood, an undercover video surfaced that reveals a much darker reality about the nation's leading abortion business. When Live Action called Planned Parenthood clinics asking for other services ranging from prenatal care to adoption to parenting resources, staff at seven of the clinics said to "just go online" or "just Google" those services.

In two especially chilling moments in the video, Planned Parenthood staffers tell women who are looking for an ultrasound that they don't actually provide ultrasounds—not unless the plan is to take the baby's life through abortion, that is.

"We don't do any ultrasounds for prenatal care," a staff member at a Council Bluffs, Iowa, Planned Parenthood tells a caller. "We do them when we're doing abortions, but not for any other reason."

The news that Planned Parenthood is, at its core, an abortion business isn't exactly earth-shattering.

A graphic at the end of Live Action's video shows that the corporation "performs" nearly 35 percent of all abortions in the U.S. compared with less than 2 percent of breast exams, less than 1 percent of pap smears, and less than two percent of cancer screenings.

In fact, another video Live Action released back in January caught 92 Planned Parenthood locations admitting the fact that they do not offer prenatal care, which is in direct contradiction to spurious, repeated claims by company CEO Cecile Richards.

To Planned Parenthood's credit, staff at one of those 92 locations that doesn't offer prenatal care did have the presence of mind to refer a client to a local pro-life pregnancy center. A blind squirrel can occasionally find a nut, after all.

Tipping the Scales for Abortion

But Wednesday's video exposes more than initially meets the eye.

Yes, Planned Parenthood does abortions on a highly disproportionate number of its patients, and yes, you'd have a better chance of finding a three-legged ballerina than a Planned Parenthood that provides prenatal care.

But beyond that, the video shows that even while Planned Parenthood staffers send women to the internet to look for alternatives to its "services," the abortion chain's lobbyists are working overtime to undermine those alternatives—even if it means trampling the free speech of pro-life pregnancy centers.

In California and Hawaii, for instance, pro-abortion supermajorities have passed legislation that would force Christian non-profit pregnancy centers—including those operated in and by local churches—to advertise

taxpayer-funded abortions at the very outposts set up to offer an alternative to the deadly practice.

The California law is likely headed to the Supreme Court, while Hawaii's legislation sits on the governor's desk awaiting his signature.

In Illinois, the situation is even grimmer, as the state is attempting to force pro-life medical professionals not only to advertise abortions, but to actually cultivate a list of known abortion providers within a local proximity and be ready to hand the list over to a client.

Where Will Pregnant Women Hear About Alternatives?

This, of course, violates every tenet of free speech and free exercise of religion guaranteed by the First Amendment, and pro-life attorneys have argued as much in court, gaining a preliminary victory in Illinois while the state and federal courts sort out the case.

On a practical level, pro-life lawmakers and lawyers have regularly argued that the disclaimers and referrals are unnecessary because abortion business listings are so easy to find on the internet or through the Yellow Pages—which would seem to meet the on-the-ground standard of care offered by Planned Parenthood.

Questioned whether a pro-life doctor or nurse could simply direct a client to look in the Yellow Pages rather than cultivate and distribute a list of abor-

tion businesses, Lorie Chaiten of the American Civil Liberties Union told one Illinois House committee that idea was anathema back on May 13, 2015.

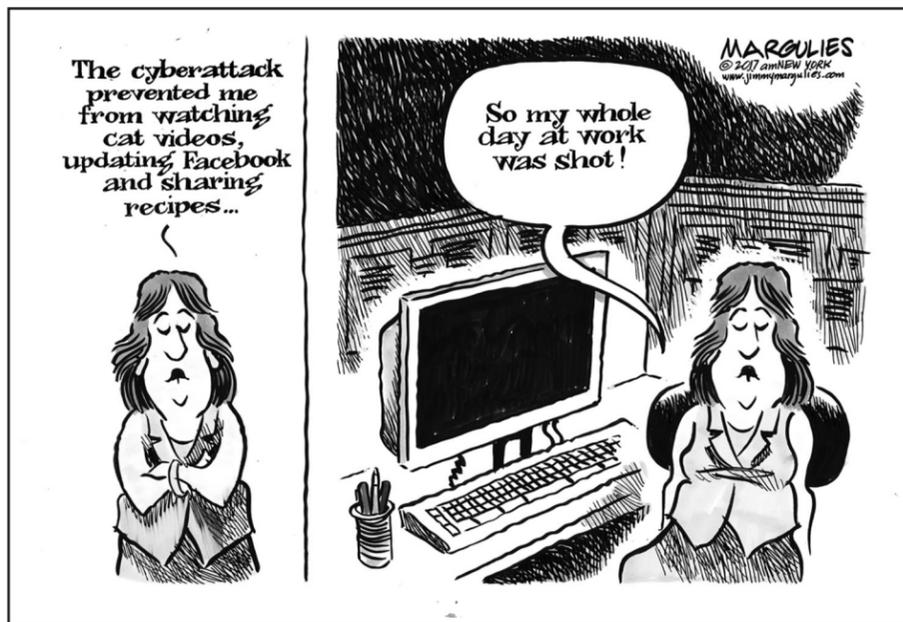
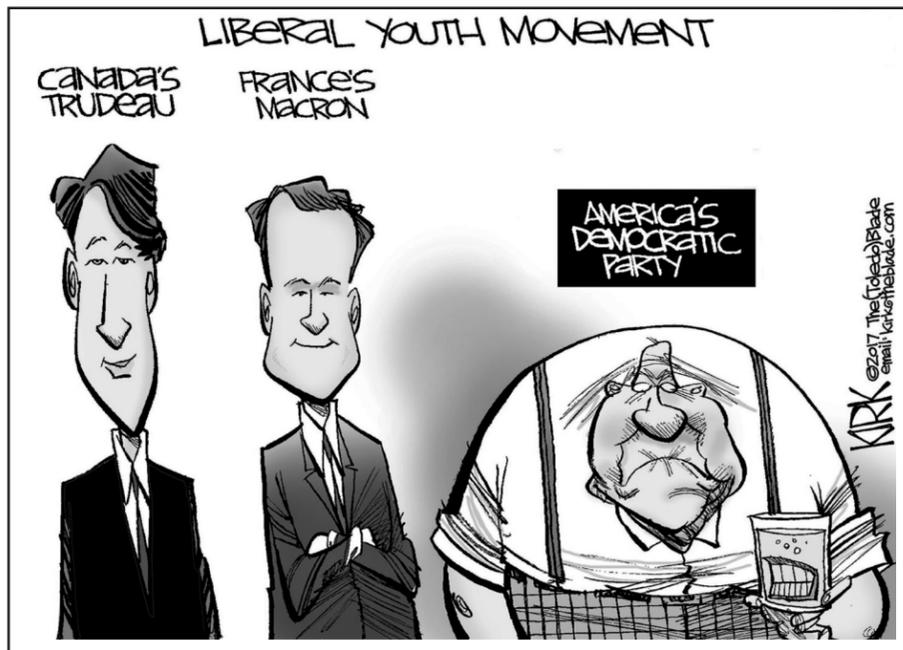
"So, I would like to think that a health care professional wouldn't just hand the Yellow Pages," Chaiten said. "This is

about the patients really just not knowing where to turn."

If the witch hunt against alternatives to abortion really was about making sure women knew where to turn, wouldn't we expect Planned Parenthood's brass to come unglued in reaction to revelations that its

own staff sends women to the dreaded internet—or worse yet, the Yellow Pages—for information?

Of course, that's not what this is about at all, and we can thank Live Action for yet another arrow of truth we can add to the quiver.



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Fox News finds itself in an unaccustomed spot — out of first

NEW YORK (AP) -- Fox News Channel has found itself somewhere it has rarely been the past decade - out of first place.

The network's weekday prime-time lineup, long the king of cable news, finished behind MSNBC in viewers last week, the Nielsen company said. Among the 25-to-54-year-

old audience that advertisers pay a premium for, Fox finished third to MSNBC and CNN for the first time in 17 years.

It was uniquely bad timing for Fox, a week filled with late-breaking news unflattering to President Donald Trump, who much of the network's audience supports. But it also comes shortly after the firing of star

anchor Bill O'Reilly, as Fox is trying to establish a new prime-time lineup.

Led by the red-hot Rachel Maddow show, MSNBC averaged 2.44 million viewers last week to Fox's 2.41 million, Nielsen said. CNN had 1.65 million. It was only the second time in MSNBC's history that it beat both of its news rivals in a

week; the only other time was during the 2012 Democratic national convention.

Among the youthful viewers, MSNBC had 611,000 last week, CNN had 589,000 and Fox had 497,000.

When the weekend is added in - and the more flattering coverage of Trump's first foreign trip - Fox moves back into first.

And on this Monday, with the breaking news coverage of an attack at an Ariana Grande concert in England, Fox essentially doubled its rivals in viewership, with 3.37 million to CNN's 1.74 million and MSNBC's 1.65 million.

With the broadcast networks last week, "Dancing With the Stars" and the "Billboard Music Awards" helped ABC to a strong showing, second behind CBS and winning the 18-to-49-year-old demographic.

CBS averaged 6 million viewers in prime time, ABC had 5.1 million, NBC had 4.9 million, Fox had 2.6 million, Univision had 1.5 million, the CW had 1.3 million, ION Television had 1.2 million and Telemundo had 890,000.

The NBA playoffs made TNT the week's most popular cable network. It averaged 3.45 million viewers in prime time to Fox News Channel's 2.17 million, MSNBC's 1.79 million, ESPN's 1.69 million and USA's 1.45 million.

ABC's "World News Tonight" won the evening new

ratings race, averaging 7.5 million viewers. NBC's "Nightly News" had 7.4 million and the "CBS Evening News" had 6.1 million.

For the week of May 15-21, the top 10 shows, their networks and viewerships: "NCIS," CBS, 13.19 million; "Bull," CBS, 10.85 million; "Dancing With the Stars," ABC, 10.07 million; "The Voice" (Monday), NBC, 9.112 million; "NCIS: New Orleans," CBS, 9.11 million; "Billboard Music Awards," ABC, 8.7 million; "The Voice" (Tuesday), NBC, 8.6 million; "Survivor," CBS, 8.28 million; "60 Minutes," CBS, 8.25 million; "Grey's Anatomy," ABC, 7.92 million.

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9 Key Takeaways From Trump's First Budget

By Justin Bogie
Heritage Foundation

Two months after unveiling his "skinny budget," President Donald Trump officially submitted his completed budget to Congress.

The proposal sends a strong message to Washington that the president intends to jump-start the country's lagging economy and reign in the size and scope of the federal government.

If implemented by Congress, the plan could spark economic growth not seen in more than a decade and put the country back on a sustainable fiscal path.

Here are nine key aspects of the plan.

1. Balances within 10 years.

Balancing the budget within 10 years is a benchmark that congressional Republicans have and should continue to strive for. None of the budgets submitted by the Obama administration ever balanced, and instead added \$10 trillion to the national debt.

This budget takes a major step in the right direction by reaching a surplus of \$16 billion in fiscal year 2027.

On the other hand, it is concerning that there are not more concrete cuts spelled out within the president's proposal. The budget lists a total of \$3.6 billion in cuts. It attributes another \$2.1 trillion in savings to "economic feedback."

2. Relies on optimistic economic growth projections.

These projections are a key ingredient in getting the debt under control and reaching balance by 2027. The growth projections have two flaws and one strength.

The first flaw is that the Congressional Budget Office's baseline—the rate of growth expected with no change to policy—is probably too optimistic to begin with. The Congressional Budget Office has been forced to lower its future growth forecast every year since 2009.

The second flaw is that the plan expects the president's policies to sustain growth rates at the outer limit of pro-market optimism despite unfavorable demographics.

The president's economic projections do have a major data point in their favor: They represent a return toward the long-run trend in per capita gross domestic product.

That deviation from trend is partly to blame on the stultifying economic policies of the previous decade. Removing those constraints will be the first step in restoring the in-

come growth to which Americans are long accustomed.

With the right policies, 3 percent real GDP growth could be within the realm of the feasible. It would certainly be desirable.

A restoration of growth will not, however, follow automatically from enacting the president's agenda. A lot of other things will have to go right as well.

The president's plan to eliminate the deficit and control the debt should not have been made so dependent on things outside his control. Limiting the growth of entitlement spending would be a more certain path to balance than relying on historical forces.

The Heritage Foundation's 2018 budget proposal, "Blueprint for Balance," would cut total federal spending by more than \$10 trillion over 10 years and balance the budget in seven years, without relying on economic feedback to do so.

3. Cuts nondefense discretionary programs by more than \$1.4 trillion.

Scaling back the size and scope of domestic programs is critical to enhancing individual and economic freedom. Over the past several decades, through lack of oversight and fiscal discipline, these programs have ballooned in size and many no longer serve their original purpose.

Many of these programs fall outside of the proper domain of the federal government, and reducing or eliminating them will empower state and local governments as well as the private sector, and in many cases serve those citizens who use those services more effectively.

Whether Congress adopts the president's discretionary proposal in full or not, it sets the tone for the debate as we move toward yet another spending battle over fiscal year 2018 appropriations in the next few months.

4. Prioritizes national defense.

The president's budget would add an additional \$54 billion in base budget authority for defense spending in 2018.

More importantly, it would eliminate the defense and non-defense spending firewalls imposed by the Budget Control Act of 2011 and more than offset increases to defense spending with cuts to domestic programs.

Still, the proposal could go further. Heritage Foundation experts have proposed an additional \$29 billion in base defense funding for fiscal year

2018.

This will help to increase the military's dangerously low end strengths, improve readiness, and protect the country from increasing threats around the world.

5. Lowers discretionary spending caps.

In fiscal year 2018, the president proposes spending \$1.065 trillion on base discretionary spending, in line with the Budget Control Act caps.

Through 2021 (the expiration of the discretionary caps), the budget would propose spending \$170 billion less than current law estimates. Over the next 10 years, the plan would reduce total discretionary spending by more than \$1.2 trillion compared to current law.

6. Repeals and replaces Obamacare and its taxes.

The president's budget assumes that the Obamacare repeal and replace bill that passed the House of Representatives earlier this month will become law, saving \$1.25 trillion over the next decade.

Unlike past congressional budget proposals, it also assumes that \$1 trillion in damaging tax increases imposed by Obamacare will be repealed, saving a net \$250 billion.

7. Makes progress on some mandatory reforms, but ignores biggest drivers of debt.

Including the aforementioned cuts to Obamacare, the budget would cut mandatory spending by more than \$1.7 trillion by 2027. This includes major and much-needed reforms to programs like Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, federal welfare programs, and student loans.

However, other than disability insurance, it does nothing to address Social Security and Medicare, which, along with interest on the debt, are projected to consume almost 85 cents of every additional dollar of federal spending in the next 10 years.

It will be very challenging, if not impossible, to sustain a balanced budget and keep debt on a downward path without reforming these programs and ensuring their long-term sustainability for those who need them the most.

8. Increases spending in other mandatory programs.

Trump has long promised that he would propose a \$1 trillion infrastructure spending plan to rebuild the nation's roads and bridges. Included within his budget proposal is an

additional \$200 billion in spending that would help to reach this goal through a combination of public and private investments.

9. A new entitlement program.

The budget also establishes a paid parental leave program, which is projected to cost \$19 billion over the next 10 years. Establishing a new entitlement program sets a bad precedent and could put more strain on already limited resources.

Finally, the budget would spend \$29 billion to extend the Veterans Choice Program, which is intended to provide access to private care for our nation's veterans.

While ensuring quality health care for veterans is important, it should be done in a responsible and efficient manner and provide care to those who need it the most—especially veterans with service-related conditions, and who have limited options outside of the VA health system.

Deficit-Neutral Tax Reform, Slim on Details

A month ago, Trump proposed a true tax cut for the American people. The president's budget outlines a simplified version of his previously released plan without many of the specific rates and provisions.

The budget calls for lower tax rates for individuals, investors, and businesses, and eliminating special interest tax breaks. The budget also calls for eliminating the estate tax, but the tax is still included as raising revenue, so the ultimate treatment is unclear.

The plan assumes revenue sufficient for a deficit-neutral reform, after including revenue reductions from Obamacare repeal—yet it does not spell out exactly how this would be accomplished in the new tax code.

It seems that the proposed tax reform relies heavily on the assumed 3 percent growth rate to make up the lost revenue from lower tax rates.



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Public Debt at 66-Year High



County Memo Tells About Additional Funding For New Positions

FROM: Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager
 MEETING: May 18, 2017
 SUBJECT: Additional Position Requests for 2018 Personnel Budget
 PRESENTER: Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager

BACKGROUND

During the departmental budget presentations, department heads were to present their needs of additional staffing as their Strategic Planning for 2018. I have summarized below those positions that have been presented with the additional funding needed within their respective budgets.

These figures include wages and benefits.

Department	Position	Hours	Total (Wage + Benefits)
Emergency Management	Emergency Planner - <i>New Position</i>	1040 hours	\$32,337.24
Emergency Management	Records Assistant I (prior split 75% Fire/25% EM)	0 hours	Decrease (\$14,459.28)
Emergency Management Subtotal			\$17,877.96
Fire District #1	Codes Inspector - <i>New Position</i>	1040 hours	\$32,337.24
Fire District #1	Records Assistant I (prior split 75% Fire/25% EM)	2080 hours	\$57,837.12 Increase \$14,459.28
Fire District Subtotal			\$46,796.52
IT/GIS	IT Technician - <i>Restructure/Promotion</i> (former Records Asst II)	2080 hours	\$55,863.99 Increase \$2,520.88
IT/GIS	GIS Specialist - <i>Promotion</i> (former GIS Tech)	2080 hours	\$66,881.18 Increase \$3,174.45
IT/GIS	Records Assistant I- <i>Restructure/Vacant Position</i> (former Info Tech Specialist)	2080 hours	\$43,757.53 Decrease (\$17,832.91)
IT/GIS Subtotal			-\$12,137.58
Department	Position	Hours	Total (Wage + Benefits)
HD - Childcare Licensing	Child Care Surveyor - <i>New Position/Geary Co - State funds will not fund full position</i>	2080	\$56,430.11
	Child Care Supervisor - <i>Promotion</i> (former Child Care Surveyor)	2080	\$74,870.64 Increase \$4,001.40
Subtotal Health Dept-Childcare Licensing			\$60,431.51
HD - Smart Start	Quality Rating and Improvement System Coach - <i>New Position PT - based on State funding</i>	1040	\$29,328.78
Subtotal Health Dept-Smart Start			\$29,328.78
Total all New Requests			\$142,297.19

FISCAL IMPACT

Per the chart above, I have listed these as they affect the County General Fund, and outside Agency Funds.

County General:	Emergency Management	\$17,877.96
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	Total	\$142,297.19

Trump envoy Haley tells refugees she cares, but defends cuts

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) -- President Donald Trump's U.N. ambassador visited a UNICEF center providing emotional support for Syrian refugee children and asked how the U.S. could better care for their needs. Then her boss proposed ending all U.S. funding to the organization.

Trump's 31 percent budget cut to the State Department and U.S. overseas assistance would dramatically reverse decades of support for programs that Democrats and Republicans held up as vehicles for promoting U.S. values and helping the world's neediest. And it's putting American diplomats in the uncomfortable position of defending the nation's continued status as a world leader even as the Trump administration signals its priority is at home.

"It's starting the conversation," Nikki Haley, Trump's U.N. envoy, said of the White House's Tuesday budget proposal. "It doesn't mean that's where it will end up. He's going to have that conversation with Congress on where we should fall on this."

Haley said during a trip to Turkey that Trump "had to show some signs" of commitment to reducing the U.S. budget deficit and eliminating waste in federal spending. She suggested the damage would be mitigated by Congress, which is already pushing back on the cuts.

A day earlier, Haley watched refugee children play music at a UNICEF program in Jordan that provides support and life skills training. Asking Iraqi and Syrian refugees about their hopes for the future, she told them that Americans "believe in you, and we think you're meant for great things."

When Brig. Gen. Jihad Matar, head of Jordan's Syrian Refugee Affairs Directorate, said Jordan sought more U.S. support, Haley's answer was concise.

"That's why I'm here," she said.

At the camp, Haley was briefed on unmet needs by the U.N.'s humanitarian office and refugee agency - organizations whose U.S. accounts are eliminated in Trump's budget. American officials said they'll still receive some money through other accounts. Any such funding would likely be at far lower levels.

In all, Trump's budget cuts \$780 million in U.S. payments to international organizations, and eliminates \$1.6 billion in funding for climate change programs. There's also a \$222 million cut to a global international fund for fighting AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, and a steep cut to U.N. peacekeeping missions in far-flung and violent locales like Congo, South Sudan and Haiti.

The White House sent its budget to Congress as Trump flew from Israel to Italy on his first overseas trip as president. A key theme of Trump's trip is reassuring foreign leaders the U.S. is "back" after what Trump is trying to paint as years of decline for America's global prestige.

"He's going around now from country to country on the world stage, but he doesn't want us to put our money where our mouth is," Rep. Eliot Engel, the House Foreign Affairs Committee's top Democrat, told The Associated Press. "It's just so totally destructive."

Engel said he would work with Republican lawmakers - some of whom also oppose the cuts - to maintain funding levels as best as possible. Doug Pitkin, the State Department's budget director, acknowledged that Congress may dictate different spending levels.

"We intend to stick to those," Pitkin said.

Echoing Trump's campaign mantra, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said the budget released Tuesday puts "America First" by prioritizing "the well-being of Americans," their security, borders and prosperity. In anticipation of a massive cost-cutting overhaul, the State Department has already started to reshape its workforce and will reduce staffing levels through attrition and targeted buyouts. The budget projects almost 2,000 job cuts by September 2018.

Haley said America's status as the global humanitarian leader is "not going to stop."

However, she said there is room to cut "fat around the edges" from nonprofit organizations, the U.N. and the State Department. She insisted Trump cares about refugees.

House OKs revamp of VA appeals in bid to cut claims backlog

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The House easily approved legislation Tuesday to cut the time it takes for the Department of Veterans Affairs to handle appeals from veterans unhappy with their disability payouts, an effort to reduce a rapidly growing claims backlog without adding billions in government costs.

Currently, veterans could wait five years or more to resolve their appeals. The VA previously warned it would need money for "hiring surges" in the government's fiscal year beginning next Oct. 1 or face a back-

log, now at 470,000, that would grow to 1 million within a decade.

The bill would overhaul the current VA appeals process, long described by VA Secretary David Shulkin and his predecessors as "broken." It allows veterans to file "express" appeals if they waive their right to a hearing or the ability to submit new evidence. The VA could test the new program for up to 18 months until Shulkin could certify it was ready for a full rollout with enough money to manage appeals effectively.

Lawmakers hope the legislation ultimately could reduce average wait times to less than a year.

The vote was 418-0.

Trump's budget proposal released Tuesday calls for a 3.7 percent increase in total VA funding, one of the few agencies slated for more money amid big-time cuts to other agencies. But the bulk of the VA increase will pay for rising health care costs, while non-health programs will be trimmed or kept at mostly the same levels as 2017. Shulkin

has warned that due to a tightening Trump administration budget, future increases to the VA budget cannot be assumed.

The department provides \$63.7 billion in disability compensation payments each year to about 4.1 million veterans with disabling conditions incurred during their military service.

"The current system is slow, cumbersome, frustrating, and full of bureaucratic red tape," said Rep. Phil Roe, R-Tenn.,

chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. "These veterans have bills to pay, and families to support. ...The changes in this bill will make a difference and help expedite the process so that veterans can get a decision on their appeal and then get on with their lives."

It now goes to the Senate, where bipartisan legislation has been introduced.

The bill was one of six VA-related bills approved by the House before it leaves Thurs-

day for a weeklong Memorial Day recess.

Also passed were bills that would increase the cost-of-living adjustment for veterans receiving disability compensation and expand access to adult day health care. They also would establish a pilot using new technology to treat mental trauma, require broader reporting of VA prescription data and allow local doctors outside the VA system to conduct disability medical exams. Those measures also will go to the Senate.

Kansas lawmakers still struggling on taxes, school funding

By JOHN HANNA
AP Political Writer

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas legislators have drifted through another week without debates in either chamber on a plan for boosting spending on public schools or proposals to increase taxes to pay for it and also fix the state budget.

They held no late-night or even evening House and Senate sessions and haven't worked any weekends since returning this month from their annual spring break, both common in the past as they've been trying to finish. When they reconvene Monday, they'll be only days away from the 100th day of their annual session — which is supposed to be their last.

They're still struggling with a chicken-and-egg question. Do they pass tax legislation first to set the upper limits of what they can spend on schools and the rest of the budget? Or do they pass a school funding

plan first to set how much new revenue must be generated with tax increases?

"If we would have a schools debate, that would change everything," said House Minority Leader Jim Ward, a Topeka Democrat.

Kansas faces projected budget shortfalls totaling \$887 million through June 2019. Many lawmakers want to roll back past income tax cuts engineered by Republican Gov. Sam Brownback — raising \$1 billion or more over two years — but would need two-thirds majorities in both chambers to override a potential veto.

The state Supreme Court ruled in March that Kansas' funding for its 286 local school districts is inadequate. A House committee has approved a plan to phase in a \$280 million increase over two years, while a Senate panel is working on a two-year, \$234 million plan.

Both fall far short of what attorneys for four school districts suing the state see as adequate.

The House and Senate have started negotiations over the final version of tax legislation, so votes could come quickly in both chambers — if lawmakers agree on a plan and the timing of the votes. House GOP leaders are pushing to settle tax issues before school funding.

"You could end up passing a bill that nobody wants to fund," said House Speaker Pro Tem Scott Schwab, an Olathe Republican.

GOP leaders previously set Wednesday as the last day of the session, but they could go past that because the Kansas Constitution doesn't set a specific end date.

But lawmakers do face some deadlines. The Supreme Court gave lawmakers until June 30 to draft a new school funding formula. The state's new fiscal

year — for which there is no budget yet — starts the next day. Brownback's budget director, Shawn Sullivan, said lawmakers must pass the budget or approve emergency legislation by June 17 to keep most state workers on the job. That's because employees will be receiving pay in July for work done weeks earlier.

This year's session already is unusually long, with Monday the 98th day. Only three past sessions have lasted more than 100 days, with the record of 114 days set in 2015, another year marked by contentious debates over the budget and taxes.

In neighboring Missouri, lawmakers must end their annual sessions on a Friday in mid-May under the state constitution. But if the governor isn't satisfied with their work, he can call them back into special session, as GOP Gov. Eric Greitens did this year.

Immaculata High to close after more than 100 years

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. (AP) — After struggling with enrollment numbers in recent years, Immaculata High School is closing its doors.

The Board of Trustees of the Leavenworth Regional Catholic School System announced Wednesday morning that it will recommend to Archbishop Joseph Naumann to close the high school, which has students in seventh through 12th grade.

The closure will be effective June 2 at the end of the spring semester.

Xavier Catholic School, which has students in preschool through sixth grade, will remain open. Seventh- and eighth-

grade students currently attending classes at the high school will be moved to Xavier next year.

"Catholic education is not going away in Leavenworth," said Rick Geraci, principal at Immaculata High School and president of the LRCSS.

Nichole Ackles, a spokeswoman for the LRCSS, said the recommendation to close the high school is based on the inability to maintain financial stability.

"This is tied directly to the need for increasing enrollment, which we have been unable to accomplish," Rolly Dessert wrote in a press release.

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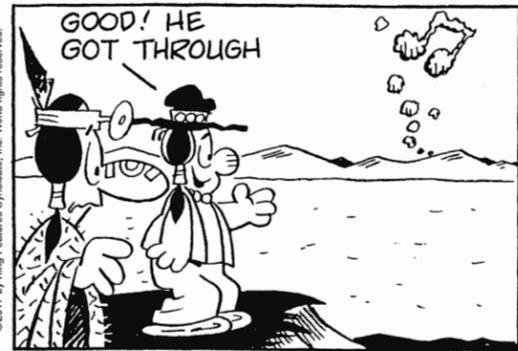
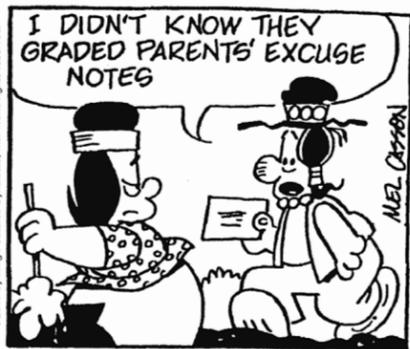
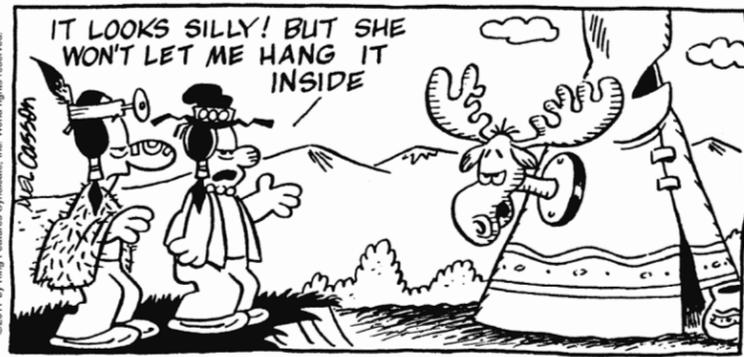
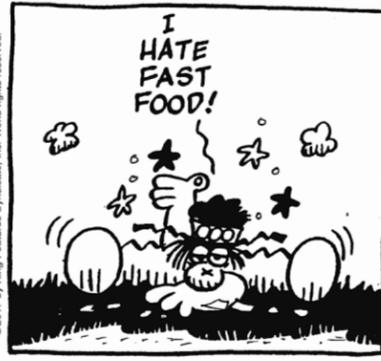
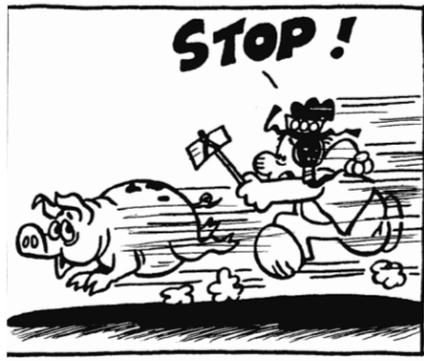
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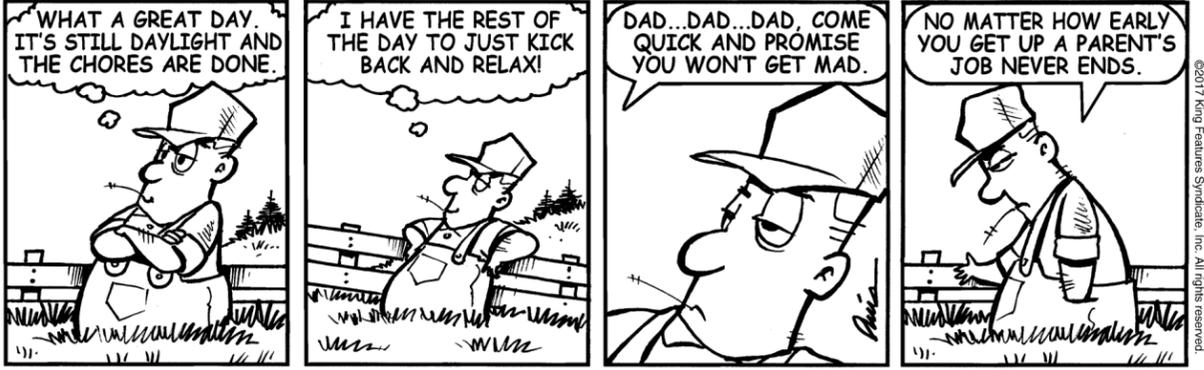
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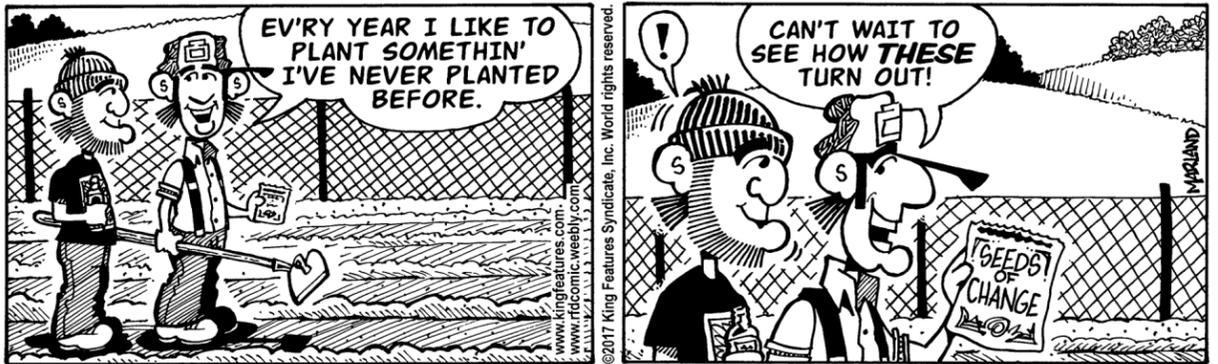
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ICE Spent Tens of Thousands of Dollars Sending Officials to Tolerance Seminar

By Jonah Bennett
Heritage Foundation

Immigration and Customs Enforcement spent tens of thousands of dollars to send its officials to a "tolerance seminar" put on by the Simon Wiesenthal Center, a group known for opposing immigration control efforts.

Documents provided by ICE to the Immigration Reform Law Institute in response to a Freedom of Information Act request indicate that several dozen ICE officials attended a Simon Wiesenthal Center seminar in Los Angeles. The documents

state that the training cost about \$1,500 for each official.

The PowerPoint presentation officials viewed at the three-day "Tools for Tolerance" seminar discusses ICE's own goals regarding "workplace demographics" and the agency's "diversity and inclusion strategic plan."

And yet, the documents also show that ICE's workforce, comprised of more than 200,000 employees, is already in full alignment with American racial demographics. What's more, in some areas, ICE even far exceeds diversity require-

ments. More than 50 percent of Border Patrol agents are Hispanic.

"The training was intended to develop "greater cultural awareness" and designed for agents to "recognize their own inherent cultural biases," as The Daily Caller News Foundation exclusively reported in August 2016.

At the time, ICE refused to divulge information on how much of taxpayer funds it spent on the training.

The Simon Wiesenthal seminar is known for opposing immigration control efforts and

has expressed dismay that former Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer, a Republican, signed into law a bill making it a crime on a state level to be in the country illegally.

"This isn't about immigration, it's about discrimination," Rabbi Marvin Hier, founder and dean of the Wiesenthal Center said in a statement. "We should not forget that we're a nation of immigrants. This law makes no sense—it guarantees and stigmatizes people of color as second-class citizens and exposes them to intimidation and the use of racial profiling as a weapon

of bias."

USA Spending shows that the Simon Wiesenthal Center already receives quite a few federal grants. For example, the Department of Homeland Security paid the center more than \$100,000 in 2016.

In a statement to The Daily Caller News Foundation, ICE maintained that the training was a valuable investment.

"U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is one of many law enforcement agencies that partner with the Museum of Tolerance to provide job-related training for its em-

ployees," Virginia Kice, western regional communications director for ICE, told The Daily Caller News Foundation.

"The customized training program developed by the Museum of Tolerance specifically for ICE was designed to enhance participants' ability to address challenges and conflicts involving both the agency's workforce and its interactions with external contacts. The primary goal is to foster a respectful workplace environment. To that end, ICE believes the funding for this training represents a valuable investment."

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It was President Franklin Roosevelt who decided on Dec. 31, 1941, that the allies should be called "United Nations" rather than "Associated Powers."

Prime Minister Winston Churchill, anxious to please his American host, quickly agreed.

To name the alliance was easy. To sustain the alliance, through years of defeats until victory, required leadership and statecraft rarely exercised in the history of wartime alliances.

The Prime Minister admitted in 1942: "My whole system is founded on friendship with Roosevelt." Two years later, just before D-Day, Churchill told Charles de Gaulle: "Each time I must choose between you and Roosevelt, I shall always choose Roosevelt."

The prime minister did not neglect Stalin, signing some communications with the Soviet dictator: "Your friend and war-time comrade." But true

comradeship with a cynical and aggressive Stalin at times proved impossible.

FDR maintained his faith that the personal relationships among Churchill, Stalin, and himself could make the alliance work.

In October 1944, the president wrote Stalin: "I am firmly convinced that the three of us, and only the three of us, can find the solution to the still unresolved questions."

After World War II, Averell Harriman wrote that FDR had decided to establish "a close personal relationship with Stalin in wartime, to build confidence among the Kremlin leaders [so] that Russia, now an acknowledged major power, could trust the West."

Roosevelt's envoy wrote: Churchill had a more pragmatic attitude. He too would have liked to build on wartime intimacy to achieve postwar understandings. But his mind concentrated on the settlement of specific political problems and spheres of influence. He despised Communism and all its works. He turned pessimistic about the future earlier than Roosevelt. And he foresaw much greater difficulties at the end of war.

In these judgments Churchill was the more prescient.

Stalin's victories in the East gave him great confidence. Of the Allies, it was primarily Russian arms that destroyed the German army. The Anglo-American armies played an important but supporting role on the western front.

At sea, the U.S. Navy played the commanding role after 1942, the British navy the lesser role. The combined forces of the U.S. Navy, Marines, Army and Air Force led to victory

over Japan.

No matter these historic triumphs, the wartime alliance of America, the Soviet Union, and the United Kingdom could not keep the peace, the goal envisioned for the postwar United Nations.

Stalin himself declared, in 1945 at Yalta:

It is not so difficult to keep unity in time of war since there is a joint aim to defeat the common enemy, which is clear to everyone. The difficult task will come after the war when diverse interests tend to divide the Allies. It is our duty to see that our relations in peacetime are as strong as they have been in war.

Diplomacy requires patience and hard work, especially when cooperation turns to competition.

British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin (left to right) met in Yalta, Turkey only months before the end of World War II. (Photo: Pictures From History/Newscom)

None took the initiative and worked harder at those relationships than Winston Churchill and Harry Hopkins.

"I came here as a representative of the president of the United States," said Hopkins at the end of his second visit to Britain in July 1941. "His hatred for the things that Hitler stands for is the hatred of our people against tyranny."

At the beginning of 1941, during the ABC talks among American, British, and Canadian military officials in Washington, it had been established that Europe and the Atlantic would be the primary military theater of the war.

Churchill continued to argue

successfully for this priority. In June 1941, Hitler invaded the Soviet Union. Russia would join the Anglo-American alliance. Even the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor did not alter that strategic decision—Europe first.

With that attack in December 1941, the Anglo-American alliance mobilized in the Pacific to defeat Japan. Four days after Pearl Harbor, Hitler declared war on the United States.

The truly global war would now engage the Allies against the Axis powers in the greatest armed conflict of history.

Harry Hopkins proved himself indispensable in dealing with the Big Three leaders because, as FDR's son observed, "Harry could disarm you. He could make you his friend in the first five minutes of a conversation and that must have been pretty rough with Stalin who was a tough old bird. ... Harry had the ability to win him over."

Russian Marshal Georgy Zhukov recalled meeting Hopkins in Berlin on his way back from Moscow in June 1945: "I had never met Hopkins, but according to Stalin, he was an outstanding personality. Hopkins had done a great deal to strengthen business contacts between the United States and the Soviet Union."

He recalled Hopkins saying: "It's a pity President Roosevelt didn't live to see these days, it was easier with him."

Roosevelt's longtime aide maintained: "I respect Churchill, but he is a difficult person to get along with. The only man who found no difficulty in talking with him was Franklin Roosevelt."

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill enjoyed a

close and convivial friendship until Roosevelt's death in April 1944. (Photo: Keystone Pictures USA/ZumaPress/Newscom)

The alliance would sustain unstinting diplomacy, negotiations, and compromise. There was little collaboration on the other side among the Axis powers.

In early December 1941, Russian, British, and American interests fused as German troops were repelled from the outskirts of Moscow, just days before the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.

Churchill did forecast the ultimate victory of the Anglo-American-Russian alliance. Despite mistrust, spying, divergent national interests, the ground-sea-air alliance held together.

"No one could, alone, have brought about this result," General Ike Eisenhower told an elite London audience on June 12, 1945. "Had I possessed the military skill of a Marlborough, the wisdom of Solomon, the understanding of Lincoln, I still would have been helpless without the loyalty, the vision, the generosity of thousands upon thousands of British and Americans."

"Some of them were my companions in the high command, many were enlisted men and junior officers carrying the fierce brunt of the battle, and many others were back in the U.S. and here in Great Britain, in London."

"Moreover, back of us were always our great national war leaders and their civil and military staffs that supported and encouraged us through every trial, every test. The whole was one great team."

Delay in court case deepens health insurance uncertainty

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration and House Republicans on Monday asked a federal appeals court for an extension in a case that's casting a shadow of uncertainty over health insurance for millions of consumers. Democrats immediately called the move a cynical ploy.

The case involves federal payments that insurers use to lower deductibles and copayments for people with modest incomes who purchase individual policies under the Affordable Care Act, or ACA. About \$7 billion is at stake this year in the lawsuit, originally filed by House Republicans.

The prolonged indecision comes at a critical time for insurers, who are trying to finalize their proposed premiums for 2018. BlueCross BlueShield insurer Anthem, which covers more than 1 million people in the ACA marketplaces, has told the government it needs to know for sure by June. Without

the so-called "cost-sharing subsidies," experts say premiums could jump by about 20 percent.

"In merely delaying their suit, Republicans cynically continue to sow uncertainty in the health coverage of millions of Americans," House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi of California said in a statement. "At a critical period when insurers are deciding premiums for next year, Republicans are pouring uncertainty into the health insurance marketplaces."

In requesting a new 90-day extension, lawyers for the Trump administration and the U.S. House of Representatives said lawmakers are working on a solution. "The parties continue to discuss measures that would obviate the need for judicial determination of this appeal, including potential legislative action," the court filing said. Such requests for extensions are usually routinely granted.

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