

Welcome to the October 19th, 2016 Edition of THE REVENGE HUMP DAY!

Halleluiah, it's official, we finally have converted over to the Electric Power Board Fiber Internet (EPBFI) for TV, Phone and Internet. I can tell you now my internet is so much faster than Comcast that it is not a joke. My new email address is tbolgeo@epbfi.com. I am going to send this week's missive out through Comcast though because it is easier to me and gives me a full week to change over everything. It is my understanding the Comcast will forward all of my email to my new address for a month but please change my email NOW to:

tbolgeo@epbfi.com

I got to go to Con*Stellation in Huntsville, Alabama last weekend and I had a great time. A great many of my old friends attend Con*Stellation and I really enjoyed myself just kicking back and catching up with them. Another thing I enjoyed was just watching the kids grow up around the convention. Some of them I think of as toddlers are already in their late teens and the rest of them are adults. Boy does that give you a different perspective on life. But I am blessed because I have so many 'adopted' nieces and nephews who call me Uncle Timmy and mean it. I am God blessed that so many of the young ones give me a hug when they see me.

But, there was one bit of sadness at Con*Stellation. Next year, Con*Stellation 35 will be the last one. Like all conventions, they live and die on getting the younger crowd involved with our old conventions and Huntsville Fandom has gone the way of Gaming, Dr. Who, Furry and other types of convention other than our old fashioned Southern Fandom Cons. Oh well, things change. I have already bought a membership for next year and have made a room reservation and come hell or high water I will be there.

So on that "Determined Note", why don't y'all sit back and relax because here's the best in gossip, jokes and science for your reading pleasure!

Uncle Timmy

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FOR ALL OF YOU AVIATION ENTHUSIASTS OUT THERE

From: "Frank Brayman" afranklin3@gmail.com

For all of you aviation enthusiasts out there - my wall calendar for October 2016 has this photo, taken in 2014:

There were 7,377 Lancaster heavy bombers built for the RAF and British Commonwealth air forces in WW-2. Two of them are currently airworthy - this is both of them. The one in the



foreground belongs to the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. The second is the Andrew Mynarski VC Memorial Lancaster owned by the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum in Hamilton, Ontario.

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Breaking news: The Southern Poverty Law Center has just declared "Western Civilization" to be a "hate group".

No, don't bother checking Snopes. I made this one up. But would it surprise you if a left-wing group like SPLC did just that?

SPLC has declared the Confederate Battle Flag to be a "symbol of hate". You could argue the symbolism of the Battle Flag either way, with some justice. To me, it depends entirely on the context where it's displayed. (Full disclosure: my grandma's grandfather, Henry Wegilin, was a NY Volunteer during the Late Unpleasantness. Grandma said that he was proud of his service, and became a lifelong member of the Federal veterans' group, Grand Army of the Republic.)

SPLC also declared the Gadsden Flag ("Don't Tread On Me") a hate symbol, with some bogus justification. The real reason they did is that the Tea Party has adopted the flag, and SPLC doesn't like them. Same kind of thinking went into the NPR piece about "Come and take it".

Frank Brayman
Proud Member of the Vast Right Wing Conspiracy

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Re: Acorns are falling on my head

From: "Rich Zellich" rich@zellich.net

Don't you have a leaf blower? If not, the acorns are a good excuse to buy one.

It's also good for blowing leaves & dust, sawdust, etc., out of a garage or carport, and even for blowing dog hair, dust bunnies, and leaves (if you leave your back door open in good weather) out of the house!

I already had multiple Ryobi battery operated power tools, so I bought a Ryobi battery leaf blower. Works like a champ for all of the above, but I do need to use more than one battery if there's a lot to blow.

Cheers, Rich

(I used to practice with my BB gun on the acorns on my dad's patio - couldn't shoot enough of them off to clear out the horde, but it sure was good practice. It was literally dangerous to be out on the patio during falling-acorn season - two old trees and very big acorns!)

RICH, YES I HAVE A LEAF BLOWER WHICH LASTS ABOUT THREE YEARS ON MY PROPERTY BEFORE IT BURNS OUT. BUT WHEN I TALK ABOUT LEAFFAGEDEON, I MEAN

IT. I HAVE CLOSE TO AN ACRE OF GROUND AND I HAVE 10 OR 12 HUGE OAK TREES. AND WHEN I SAY HUGE, I MEAN THE LITTLEST ON IS ABOUT 1' IN DIAMETER AND 50' TALL. THE NUMBER OF LEAVES THAT FALL ON MY PROPERTY IS TRULY AMAZING. AS FOR ACORNS, ON MY BRICK PATIO ALONE ALEX AND I BLEW AND PICKED UP AROUND TREE BUSHEL OF THEM. I REALLY DON'T BITCH ABOUT THE OAK TREES AND ACORNS BECAUSE THEY SHADE MY HOUSE BOTH MORNING AND AFTERNOON. SO WHAT GOD GIVES, GOD EXPECTS PAYMENT FOR. ;^) UT

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Re: Acorns are falling on my head

From: "Lin Daniel" lindaniel@usa.net

With regard to acorns and the hazards to ears and to walking, I used to live with a walnut tree and a corrugated tin roof on the back room. And squirrels. Who thought the best thing in the world to do was roll walnuts down the grooves of the tin roof to smash on the brick patio. Fortunately, the rumbling rolling SMASH was only during the day. Walking was a danger. If you walked outside barefoot, you got walnut shell bits sharply stabbing you. If you walked out with sneakers, you spent several minutes after coming in prying the walnut shell bits out of the bottom of your shoes. If you didn't pry the bits out, they'd snag on random bits of carpet, causing tripping, or cat hair, causing slipping on the kitchen floor. Fun times. Enjoy your acorns!

LIN, YEARS AGO WHEN THE COVENANTS EXPIRED IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, I FILLED IN PART OF MY BACKYARD AND PUT IN A 'SMALL' 3 CAR METAL CARPORT WITH STORAGE BEHIND IT. I MADE SURE THAT THE MAIN PART OF THE METAL OF THE CARPORT MATCHED THE COLOR OF MY HOUSE AND THE TRIM ON IT SO IT DOESN'T STICK OUT LIKE A SORE THUMB. IT ACTUALLY WORKED AND IT DOESN'T LOOK BAD. AT FIRST I THOUGHT THE NEIGHBORS WOULD HANG ME IN EFFIGY, BUT SOME OF THEM CAME AROUND TO ASK WHERE I GOT IT AND WE DISCUSSED THE COLOR MATCHING. I THINK THEY LIKED IT BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME SIMILAR ONES IN OUR SUBDIVISION. SO, IT DODGED THE BULLET ON THAT ONE. BUT, THE BUILDING IS MADE OUT OF METAL AND WHEN THE ACORNS FROM THREE DIFFERENT OAK TREES HIT THE ROOM, IT SOUNDS LIKE GUNFIRE SOMETIMES. BUT, LIVING IN THE COUNTRY LIKE I DO, THE SOUND IS AMPLIFIED BECAUSE IT IS NORMALLY VERY QUITE HERE. UT

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RE: McArthur-Turman political correctness

From: "Christina Cowan" <cowanc1028@earthlink.net>

Uncle Timmy, Jerry, and Douglas -

You've been had! The whole McArthur-Turman political correctness thing is entirely made up. (In fact, didn't you recently post this?)

Anyhow, just because you WANT something to have happened, does not make it so, alas. Or my cats would always have come when called.

<http://www.snopes.com/politics/quotes/trumanpc.asp>

This is the end of the Snopes article. The bold and underline in the third paragraph are mine.

Although World War II has been one of the most influential and well-studied events of modern history, evidence of this purported telegraph exchange between Truman and MacArthur was virtually non-existent on the Internet prior to 2015. The description of political correctness attributed to Truman therein weren't spread in earnest until April 2015, although iterations of this item had been circulated a few weeks earlier.

By Internet standards, this quip about political correctness is nearly ancient. Versions of it dating to 2006 and 2007 are easily located, attributed at least twice to students of Texas A&M University. It surfaced again in a 2012 Townhall column that lauded it while also describing it as an "old Internet joke". Although the joke's origins may be murky,

the anachronisms involved in attributing it to President Truman are obvious.

In one portion of the telegram exchange, Truman supposedly referenced the "mainstream media," a marked neologism. During Truman's political career (and for many decades thereafter), the news media consisted largely of radio and local newspapers; alternative news sources were not prominent enough in the 1940's for the predominant news sources to be tabbed as a politically polarizing entity with the pejorative "mainstream media."

Also telling is the use of the term "political correctness" in the purported exchange. It's true that the phrase "politically correct" was first employed as far back as 1793, but not in any way resembling the modern application of the term. The current usage was popularized on a large scale in the 1980s and 1990s, decades after Truman's supposed condemnation of the concept, as described in the 2009 book *Political Correctness: A History of Semantics and Culture* by Geoffrey Hughes:

Political correctness became part of the modern lexicon and, many would say, part of the modern mindset, as a consequence of the wide-ranging public debate which started on campuses in the United States from the late 1980s. Since nearly 50 percent of Americans go to college, the impact of the controversy was widespread. It was out of this ferment that most of the new vocabulary was generated or became current. However, political correctness is not one thing and does not have a simple history. As a concept it predates the debate and is a complex, discontinuous, and protean phenomenon which has changed radically, even over the past two decades. During just that time it has ramified from its initial concerns with education and the curriculum into numerous agendas, reforms, and issues concerning race, culture, gender, disability, the environment, and animal rights. And yes, it is correct to render Harry S. Truman's name with a period after the middle initial.

Last updated: 8 April 2015

THAT ONE WAS MY BAD BECAUSE I MEANT TO PUT IT IN THE JOKE SECTION INSTEAD OF THE GOSSIP SECTION. I THOUGHT IT WAS FUNNY ENOUGH TO PRINT. UT

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From: "Christina Cowan" cowanc1028@earthlink.net

CC: Running away, screaming, now.



A round of pumpkin spice motor oil for everyone! Must be fall, eh?

http://stumblingoverchaos.tumblr.com/post/150932541280?soc_src=mail&soc_trk=ma

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CC: I love the song. And there's baby sea turtles AND an ocelot (?) kitten. It's from 2014 but I never saw it before. The "making of" is well worth watching and I wish I COULD go there!

SAVE THE AMERICANS: COSTA RICAN ANIMALS FOR THE OVERWORKED

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YM4kdy39ZlY&list=PL2NhSI5H6jfORYvbDM1SGmL-HP3-XT7eZ>

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I'll drink to that!

<http://dailylopics.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Funny-Yard-Sign-16.png>



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From: "Mike Waldrip" waldripk@gmail.com

"There are a number of mechanical devices which increase sexual arousal, particularly in women. Chief among these is the Mercedes-Benz SL500."

Lynn Lavner

"It isn't premarital sex if you have no intention of getting married."

George Burns

"Women might be able to fake orgasms. But men can fake a whole relationship."

Sharon Stone

"Hockey is a sport for white men. Basketball is a sport for black men. Golf is a sport for white men dressed like black pimps."

Tiger Woods

"My mother never saw the irony in calling me a son-of-a-bitch."

Jack Nicholson

"Clinton lied. A man might forget where he parks or where he lives, but he never forgets oral sex, no matter how bad it is."

Barbara Bush (Former US First Lady)

"Ah, yes, divorce, from the Latin word meaning to rip out a man's genitals through his wallet."

Robin Williams

"According to a new survey, women say they feel more comfortable undressing in front of men than they do undressing in front of other women. They say that women are too judgmental, where, of course, men are just grateful."

Robert De Niro

"There's a new medical crisis. Doctors are reporting that many men are having allergic reactions to latex condoms. They say they cause severe swelling. So what's the problem?"

Dustin Hoffman

"There's very little advice in men's magazines, because men think, 'I know what I'm doing. Just show me somebody naked!'"

Jerry Seinfeld

"See, the problem is that God gives men a brain and a penis and only enough blood to run one at a time."

Robin Williams

"It's been so long since I've had sex, I've forgotten who ties up whom."

Joan Rivers

Sex is one of the most wholesome, beautiful and natural experiences money can buy.

Steve Martin

You don't appreciate a lot of stuff in school until you get older. Little things like being spanked every day by a middle-aged woman. Stuff you pay good money for later in life.

Elmo Phillips

"Bigamy is having one wife too many. Monogamy is the same."

Oscar Wilde

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NEW DEFINITION OF GETTING OLD.

#1

I very quietly confided to my best friend that I was having an affair.

She turned to me and asked, "Are you having it catered?"

And that, my friend, is the sad definition of "OLD"!

#2

Just before the funeral services, the undertaker came up to the very elderly widow and asked, "How old was your husband?"

"98," she replied: "Two years older than me"

"So you're 96," the undertaker commented. She responded, "Hardly worth going home, is it?"

#3

Reporters interviewing a 104-year-old woman:

"And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked.

She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

#4

I've sure gotten old! I have outlived my feet and my teeth I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts.

Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. Have lost all my friends. But, thank God, I still have my driver's license.

#5

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

#6

An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests.

First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Wal-Mart.

"Wal-Mart?" the preacher exclaimed. "Why Wal-Mart?"

"Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week"

#7

My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

#8

Know how to prevent sagging? Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.

#9

It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffee maker.

#10

These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, 'For fast relief.'

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A TRUE AMERICAN HERO

Yesterday I sitting in a bar having a cold one, stressing about the election when all of a sudden a fairy appears and says the following; "I have stranded Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton on a desert island and only I know the location. You, and you alone, have the ability to get just one of them off the island and the other will remain on there for the rest of their life. As an alternative you may leave both of them on the island if you are willing to spend

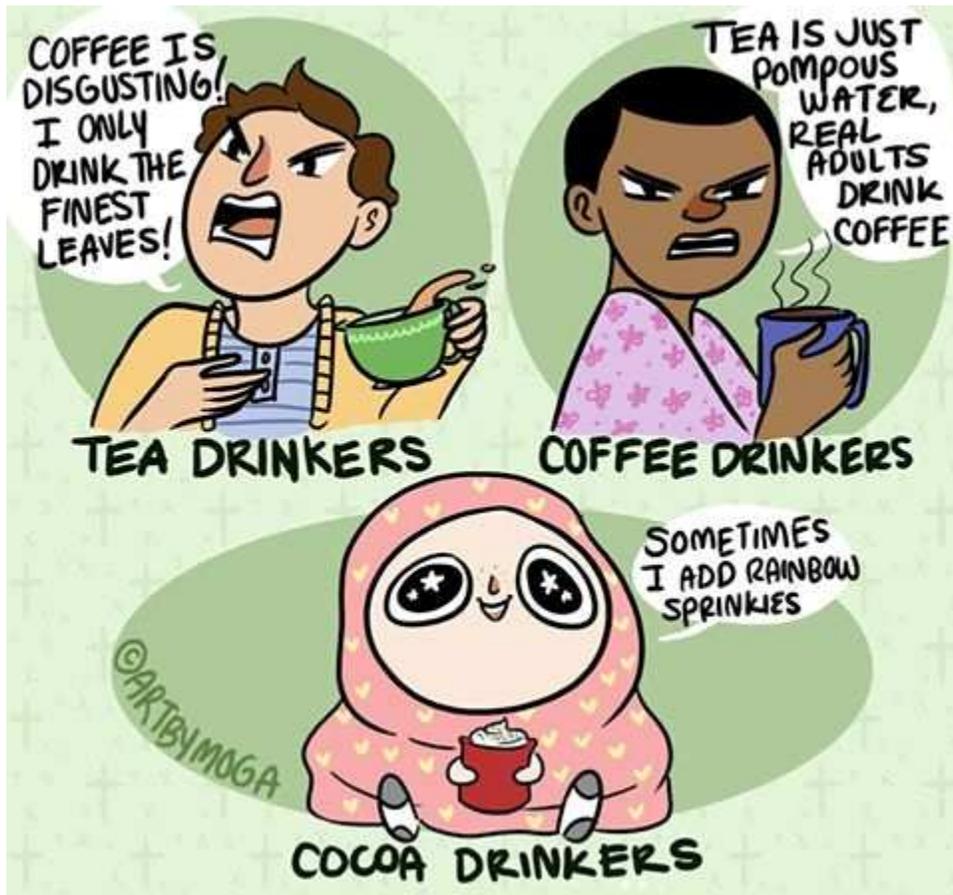
the rest of your life in lower Yuckupistan herding goats and married to a 240 pound woman with a well-trimmed 6 inch beard. You will also"...BOOM.

The truth is I wasn't sure whether a round from a .45 would kill a fairy or not but it was worth a try. I figured either way I would save the United States. As it turns out fairies are really, really fast. I had emptied my clip before I thought to save a round for myself.

You know, goats aren't as bad as you might think and some of

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From Susan Stringer's Facebook Page



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YOU JUST CAN'T MAKE THIS STUFF UP!

From: "Tim Bolgeo" tbolgeo@comcast.net

WAR-WEARY LIBYANS MISS LIFE UNDER KADHAFI

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| Five years after an uprising killed Libya's Moamer Kadhafi, residents in the chaos-wracked country's capital joke they have grown to miss the longtime dictator as the frustrations of daily life mount
TRIPOLI (AFP) -

Five years after an uprising killed Libya's Moamer Kadhafi, residents in the chaos-wracked country's capital

joke they have grown to miss the longtime dictator as the frustrations of daily life mount.

Those living in the capital say they are exhausted by power cuts, price hikes and a lack of cash flow as rival authorities and militias battle for control of the fragmented oil-rich country.

"I hate to say it but our life was better under the previous regime," says Fayza al-Naas, a 42-year-old pharmacist, referring to Kadhafi's more than four decades of rule.

Today, "we wait for hours outside banks to beg cashiers to give us some of our own money. Everything is three times more expensive."

A UN-backed unity government has struggled to assert its authority nationwide since arriving in Tripoli in March, with a rival parliament in the country's far east refusing to cede power to it.

On Friday it suffered a new blow when a rival seized key offices in the capital and proclaimed the reinstatement of a third administration previously based in Tripoli.

The turmoil after Kadhafi's 2011 fall has allowed the Islamic State jihadist group to gain a foothold on Europe's doorstep after seizing the strongman's hometown of Sirte in June last year.

Forces loyal to the unity government have for five months been fighting to expel the last jihadists from the former IS stronghold, with support from US air strikes since early August.

With the loyalists weakened by the anti-IS battle, forces led by a controversial field marshal last month seized key oil terminals to its east, allowing the National Oil Company to resume crude exports.

The eastern parliament has thrown its support behind Khalifa Haftar, who presents himself as Libya's saviour in the face of a growing jihadist threat but is a hugely divisive figure.

- 'Chaos or military rule' -

While his army has ousted most jihadists from Benghazi, the birthplace of the 2011 uprising, his detractors accuse him of working towards the single goal of seizing power to establish a new military dictatorship.

"Libyans are forced to choose between two extremes: either chaos with militias and Islamist extremists as the dominant forces, or military rule," said Libya analyst Mohamed Eljarh.

"No other convincing options are on offer," added Eljarh, of the Rafik Hariri Centre for the Middle East.

Haftar's forces have fought for more than two years to expel jihadists from second city Benghazi, while pro-GNA forces are caught up in fighting IS in Sirte.

According to Libya expert Mattia Toaldo, these rival forces might then want to extend their influence in other areas of the country and be met with tough local resistance.

"It is hard to think that the country will be stabilised any time soon," said Toaldo.

"Libyans seem to have swapped a repressive centralised authoritarianism with a more decentralised and chaotic form of authoritarianism, be it under militias or under the rule of general Haftar."

The persistent chaos has also enabled human traffickers to step up their lucrative trade in the Mediterranean nation, with hundreds of migrants dreaming of Europe drowning off the Libyan coast.

And Libya has been the launchpad of deadly attacks on holidaymakers in neighbouring Tunisia.

While some Libyans mourn an easier life under Kadhafi, others stress that the chaos in Libya springs from decades of mismanagement under the dictator.

"The struggles of Libyans today are the logical consequence of 42 years of systematic destruction and sabotage" by the state, said Abderrahman Abdelaal, 32, an architect unable to find work in his field.

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YOU JUST CAN'T MAKE THIS STUFF UP!

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THE BRIGHT SIDE OF INTERNET SHAMING

It's become so common that it might soon begin to lose its impact

By David Pogue, Scientific American October 2016 Issue

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/the-bright-side-of-internet-shaming/>



Credit: Ryan Garcia

Brian Williams. Anthony Weiner. Social media mogul Sean Parker. Plagiarist Jonah Lehrer. Walter Palmer, the dentist who shot Cecil the lion. The woman who sued her nephew in Connecticut for knocking her down with a hug at his eighth birthday party. The tourist who gave the finger to a “Silence and Respect” sign at Arlington National Cemetery. The woman who tweeted, “Going to Africa. Hope I don’t get AIDS.”

By now everyone knows about Internet shaming. Someone makes a mistake in judgment—or seems to because the story is repeated without context—and it goes viral. The public responds on Twitter and Facebook with a bombardment of vitriol, threats and humiliation and, often, an attempt to destroy the person’s job, home and family.

“Lowlife c***. I’d love to smash your teeth in,” goes the typical tweet. “I’d put a cross bow bolt through Walter Palmer then track him [for] 40 hrs, shoot him, behead him, skin him and sleep peacefully.” When the victim of shaming is female, the tweets are often sexually violent: “Somebody (HIV+) must rape this b**** and we’ll see if her skin color protects her from AIDS.”

Because of their immensity and anonymity, these floggings feel infinitely worse than, say, being booed off a live stage. It feels as though the entire world has judged you, found you worthless. Then it gets worse. The mob starts working to destroy your life.

In 2012 Adam Mark Smith accosted a Chick-fil-A clerk for working for a company that supports hate groups. When the video hit YouTube, the mob filled his employer's voice mail with bomb threats; he lost his job within 24 hours.

"I'd get voice mails and ... texts [saying] 'You deserve to die. I hope you lose your kids. You ... are ... a horrible human being,'" Smith told me in an interview for CBS News. They nailed a swastika to his front door. They mailed him a package full of human feces. They posted the address of his young children's elementary school, with directives to harass them. Smith had to move.

One potential employer after another withdrew their job offers. He wound up on food stamps. He contemplated suicide.

In his 2015 book *So You've Been Publicly Shamed*, Jon Ronson makes it clear that public shaming isn't new. We used to put wrongdoers in the stocks in the public square or, centuries before that, stone them. The anonymity and speed of the Internet, of course, just make shamings easier to start, execute and coordinate.

Any reasonable person would agree that, for a politically insensitive act or tasteless joke, permanently ruining someone's life is too harsh a penalty. But these days public shamings are increasingly frequent. They've become a new kind of grisly entertainment, like a national reality show.

The truth is, the cybermob phenomenon won't go away. Human nature is what it is. Psychology is at play. When they can't see their victims, people tend to be far more vicious than they would be face-to-face (the online disinhibition effect). And even if some people might be inclined to defend the victim or add some context, they don't, because they don't want to get in the cross fire (the bystander effect).

Yet in a twisted way, there's a certain kind of hope in the increasing regularity of shamings. As they become commonplace, maybe they'll lose their ability to shock. The same kinds of ugly tweets have been repeated so many times, they're starting to become boilerplate.

If you're a target, it's not actually about you. You're a symbol, a faceless bull's-eye for the frustrations of your attackers. Furthermore, you're only the hate symbol du jour; the Internet's sights will be on someone else next week. And as time goes by, the novelty wears off, and the pattern becomes predictable, then maybe it will be easier for victims to accept that at least an Internet shaming isn't personal. In the end, it's just a sport.

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MAN DRESSED AS BATMAN CHASES 'KILLER CLOWNS' IN CUMBRIA

Helena Horton, 12 October 2016 • 6:09pm

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/10/12/man-dressed-as-batman-chases-killer-clowns-in-cumbria/>

A "killer clown" craze is sweeping Britain, with police warning people against dressing as clowns in order to intimidate or harm people.

Now, the craze has taken a change for the strange in Cumbria, where a man is dressing as Batman and vowing to chase down the creepy clowns.

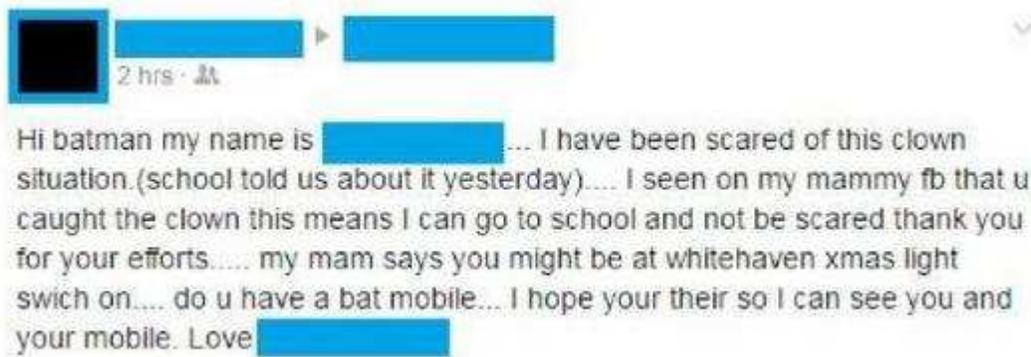


'Batman' is trying to single-handedly end the 'killer clowns' craze Credit: BBC Cumbria/Facebook

A photograph has been shared on Facebook of "Batman" seemingly chasing off a "killer clown".

BBC Cumbria reported local company Cumbria Superheroes is behind the effort to rid the streets of clowns.

They have reassured that the costumed man is not a vigilante, but just trying to reassure local children who are scared of the "killer clowns".



A Facebook message apparently from a local child to Batman Credit: Facebook/BBC Cumbria

BBC Cumbria also shared a screenshot of an image, apparently from a local child, who was reassured after hearing "Batman" caught the clown.

It says: "Hi Batman, my name is xxx. I have been scared of this clown situation (school told us about it yesterday). I seen on my mammy fb [Facebook] that you caught the clown.

"This means I can go to school and not be scared, thank you for your efforts".

One police force in Britain had to deal with 14 clown-related incidents in 24 hours, and police forces across the country have warned that incidents are accelerating.

Nigel Adams, the Tory MP for Selby and Ainsty, told The Daily Telegraph: "Hollywood has taken a sinister turn with its interpretation of the clown in recent years and if this is in turn coming onto our streets, where people are dressing up to intimidate members of the public, then clearly this needs some thought."

Shaneice Price, 22, from Bloxwich, in Walsall, posted footage on Twitter of a red-haired clown who she claims tried to get into her car on Sunday.

In another incident, George Birkbeck said he spotted a sinister figure holding a hammer in a Tesco car park in Plymouth on Friday.

The clown was dressed as Batman's Joker character and ran off after Mr Birkbeck brandished a beer bottle at him.

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VIDEO: RUSSIA'S LAVROV: "SO MANY PUSSIES" ON BOTH SIDES OF U.S. PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

Posted By Ian Schwartz, On Date October 12, 2016

http://www.realclearpolitics.com/video/2016/10/12/russias_lavrov_so_many_pussies_around_the_presidential_campaign_on_both_sides_that_i_prefer_not_to_comment.html

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said that there are "so many pussies" in the presidential campaign, on both sides, in an interview with CNN's Christiane Amanpour. Lavrov was asked about the Republican nominee for president's use of the word and if he believed this was "Donald Trump's pussy riot moment."

AMANPOUR: Can I just try one last question? One last question. A bit cheeky but I'm going to ask you. Russia had its own Pussy Riot moment. What do you think of Donald Trump's pussy riot moment?

LAVROV: Well, I don't know what this would... English is not my mother tongue, I don't know if I would sound decent. There are so many pussies around the presidential campaign on both sides that I prefer not to comment on this.

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ISIS LEADER CALLS FOR AMERICAN MUSLIM VOTERS TO SUPPORT HILLARY CLINTON

October 17, 2016

http://worldnewsdailyreport.com/isis-leader-calls-for-american-muslim-voters-to-support-hillary-clinton/?utm_campaign=shareaholic&utm_medium=twitter&utm_source=socialnetwork



Top ISIS leader now believed to be the number two behind the terrorist organization, Amadh Abu Makmud Al-alwani, put up a video this week following the second presidential debate asking American Muslim voters to support Hillary Clinton.

The controversial video that was taken down by YouTube only hours after it was uploaded showed top ISIS leader Amadh Abu Makmud Al-alwani threatening those who would decide to vote for Donald Trump and calling them “infidels” and “goat f—ers”.

“ All Muslims who will show support for the dog-faced Trump are guilty of masiya (mortal sin) ”

– ISIS No.2 leader, Amadh Abu Makmud Al-alwani

He also claimed that even if Hillary was a woman and a “two face devil”, had the “charm of a pig” and was “treacherous as the snake”, that the Democratic presidential hopeful was at least in league with the “allied countries of the Islamic state” such as Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Qatar.

SUPPORTING THE “DOG-FACED” TRUMP

Al-alwani also warned all Muslims not to take his warnings lightly and that supporters of Trump would be severely punished on earth and in Jannah (afterlife).

“Trump is a dog, he is the scum of the earth. He boasts that he will take our oil and join Russia, Syria and the Shia Iranians against us in our holy fight” he added, visibly angry.

“This (dog-faced) scumbag must not reach Washington. Although it is a sin to put an inferior being such as a woman into a position of power, it is the true plan of Satan to divide the Muslims of America. It would be dirty and danis (filthy) to vote for Trump,” he explained.

Amadh Abu Makmud Al-alwani has risen as a prominent ISIS leader figure since coalition forces carried out a “precision strike” last August, successfully targeting Abu Muhammad al-Adnani, number two of the terrorist organization at the time.

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YOU JUST CAN'T MAKE THIS STUFF UP!

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VIDEO ABOUT NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA CANTEEN IN WW II

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THIS IS A VIDEO YOU MUST TAKE THE TIME TO WATCH. IT WILL MAKE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT EVEN THE SIMPLEST ACTS OF KINDNESS LIVE ON FOREVER. UT

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PRIVATE SPACE COLONIZERS TAKE DRAMATICALLY DIFFERENT STANCES

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In the past few weeks, two U.S. billionaires have presented their latest visions of extending human civilization into the Solar System. It is an old idea, but on the surface Jeff Bezos and Elon Musk appear to have the ambition, funds and sheer chutzpah to at least get the ball rolling. Both have space vehicles flying, skilled engineering staffs and businesses unrelated to spaceflight that can subsidize their lofty enthusiasms. But the ways they are tackling the problem could not be more different.

At the International Astronautical Congress (IAC) in Guadalajara, Mexico, both approaches were on view Sept. 27, the second day of the annual gathering of space experts from around the world. In the morning Rob Meyerson, who runs Blue Origin for Bezos, gave a

half-hour presentation on his company's work on the suborbital New Shepard vehicle that has now flown to the edge of space five times with the same engine.



Jeff Bezos, founder of Blue Origin and Amazon. Credit: Frank Moring, Jr./AW&ST

He also took questions, which led to a pretty good description of what Blue Origin hopes to do with the “New Armstrong” launch vehicle Bezos unveiled last month as a successor to the “New Glenn” orbital launcher now on the drawing board.

“When we have millions of people living and working in space we want them to be able to go to lots of destinations, and Mars would be one of them; the Moon would be

another,” Meyerson says. “So New Armstrong is going to be designed to support that long-term vision, and this is a vision that is going to take decades to achieve.”

Like his boss at an earlier appearance in Long Beach, California, Meyerson would not reveal the planned payload capacity for New Glenn, which is being designed to generate 3.8 million lb. thrust at liftoff using seven of the company's new BE-4 engines. Both men promised to disclose more about the orbital launcher next year.

That follows the Blue Origin practice of dribbling out information about its work in carefully scripted—and controlled—morsels. After the successful ascent-abort test of New Shepard on Oct. 5, Blue Origin blocked an Aviation Week interview request with AerojetRocketdyne, which manufactured the 70,000-lb.-thrust solid-fuel motor that blasted the human-rated capsule away from its liquid-fueled booster.

Bezos did tweet a response after the New Shepard booster withstood the capsule-ejection forces, throttled down to handle aerodynamic loads without the conical capsule on top, and proceeded through its normal flight profile to a spectacular tail-down landing. “That is one hell of a booster,” was his succinct summation.



Elon Musk, founder of SpaceX and Tesla CEO. Credit: SpaceX

Musk, by contrast, staged the

space-geek equivalent of a rock concert at the IAC the afternoon of Meyerson's measured performance. His audience started gathering at the doors to the 3,000-seat auditorium hours ahead of time, drawn by months of tantalizing tweets from the SpaceX founder about revealing his plan to build a self-sustaining civilization on Mars. Even so, his staff didn't swing open the doors until after the appointed hour, guaranteeing a dangerous stampede that got the adrenaline flowing for the razzle-dazzle presentation to come.

Where Meyerson presented some spectacular videos of past New Shepard flights—in keeping with Bezos's stated policy of talking about what he has accomplished instead of what he is going to do—Musk displayed slick animations of a huge spaceship he says will take colonists to Mars 100 at a time for \$100,000 a head, starting sometime before 2030 (AW&ST Oct. 10-23, p. 34).

One businessman who witnessed the performance said it reminded him of a pitch for venture capital on Silicon Valley's Sand Hill Road, long on promises but short on real answers. In a chaotic question-and-answer session with audience members, Musk dodged technical issues such as surface-power sources and life-support systems. Later, at a hastily called press conference after the public session, he suggested "entrepreneurial energy" would deal with those issues when the time comes.

Compared to the Blue Origin approach, it is easy to scoff at Musk's stogy performance, and there were plenty of knowledgeable adults at the IAC who were ready to do so—off the record. But the fact remains that SpaceX is far ahead of Blue Origin in actual accomplishments.

The company has orbited satellites and sent cargo to the International Space Station (ISS), recovering first stages of its Falcon 9 launcher on land and at sea. It is working with real astronauts to qualify a version of its Dragon capsule for human spaceflight to deliver crews to the ISS, under a \$2.6 billion NASA contract.

Still, there is a dark side to the SpaceX scenario. Faced with two mission-ending upper-stage explosions of the Falcon 9, the most recent during preflight checkout, the company has gone so far as to suggest sabotage by competitor United Launch Alliance (ULA) as the cause. Unfortunately, it is not the first time company operatives have resorted to rumormongering to advance the SpaceX cause, approaching reporters with innuendos about personnel changes at ULA—implications that appear to have no merit.

After the ascent-abort test Bezos tweeted a photo of his cowboy boots emblazoned with Blue Origin's Latin motto "Gradatim Ferociter"—step by step, ferociously. In the brave new world of 21st-century robber barons, his approach makes more sense to this old-fashioned reporter.

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SILKWORMS SPIN SUPER-SILK AFTER EATING CARBON NANOTUBES AND GRAPHENE

The strong, conductive material could be used for wearable electronics and medical implants, researchers say

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Silk—the stuff of lustrous, glamorous clothing—is very strong. Researchers now report a clever way to make the gossamer threads even stronger and tougher: by feeding silkworms graphene or single-walled carbon nanotubes (Nano Lett. 2016, DOI: 10.1021/acs.nanolett.6b03597). The reinforced silk produced by the silkworms could be used in applications such as durable protective fabrics, biodegradable medical implants, and ecofriendly wearable electronics, they say.

Researchers have previously added dyes, antimicrobial agents, conductive polymers, and nanoparticles to silk—either by treating spun silk with the additives or, in some cases, by directly feeding the additives to silkworms. Silkworms, the larvae of mulberry-eating silk moths, spin their threads from a solution of silk protein produced in their salivary glands.

To make carbon-reinforced silk, Yingying Zhang and her colleagues at Tsinghua University fed the worms mulberry leaves sprayed with aqueous solutions containing 0.2% by weight of either carbon nanotubes or graphene and then collected the silk after the worms spun their cocoons, as is done in standard silk production. Treating already spun silk would require dissolving the nanomaterials in toxic chemical solvents and applying those to the silk, so the feeding method is simpler and more environmentally friendly.

In contrast to regular silk, the carbon-enhanced silks are twice as tough and can withstand at least 50% higher stress before breaking. The team heated the silk fibers at 1,050 °C to carbonize the silk protein and then studied their conductivity and structure. The modified silks conduct electricity, unlike regular silk. Raman spectroscopy and electron microscopy imaging showed that the carbon-enhanced silk fibers had a more ordered crystal structure due to the incorporated nanomaterials.

Some questions remain. One is exactly how the silkworms incorporate the nanomaterials in their silk. Another is what percentage of the nanomaterials eaten by the worms make it into the silk instead of being excreted or otherwise metabolized. The carbon materials are not visible in the cross sections of the silk threads, perhaps because the nanoparticle content is low, Zhang says. Answering these questions might be a task for biologists, she adds.

Polymer chemist Qing Shen at Donghua University reported similar work in 2014 using 30-nm-wide multiwalled carbon nanotubes, which also increased the silk fibers' strength and toughness (*Mater. Sci. Eng., C* 2014, DOI:10.1016/j.msec.2013.09.041). Zhang says that the smaller, 1- to 2-nm-wide single-walled nanotubes her team uses "are more suitable for incorporation into the crystalline structures of silk protein."

This work provides an "easy way to produce high-strength silk fibers on a large scale," says materials scientist Yaopeng Zhang of Donghua University, who has fed titanium dioxide nanoparticles to silkworms to create superstrong silk resistant to ultraviolet degradation. The electrical conductivity of the carbon-reinforced silk might make it suitable for sensors embedded in smart textiles and to read nerve signals, he says.

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WORLD LEADERS TRY TO BAN ANOTHER GREENHOUSE GAS

ELIMINATING REFRIGERANTS KNOWN AS HFCS COULD PREVENT A LEAP IN GLOBAL WARMING

By Robynne Boyd on
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After being directed for almost 30 years at substances that destroy ozone, the Montreal Protocol will for the first time target a group of greenhouse gases. Beginning today in Kigali, Rwanda, member states of the United Nations are



finalizing the terms of what could be the largest commitment to reducing global warming since the Paris Agreement on climate last December.

Delegates are likely to take till the meeting's final day on Oct. 14 to hammer out the knotty details of an amendment to the protocol. Ideally, the amendment will set the terms for a rapid phasedown of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), the most common of which is the refrigerant HFC-134a, which has 1,430 times more warming potential than carbon dioxide (CO₂) over 100 years. The amendment would stop the manufacture of HFCs and then reduce their use over time.

"An ambitious amendment is the quickest and least expensive way to reduce the effects of climate change," says Durwood Zaelke, president of the Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development, who has been a mainstay at ozone negotiations since almost the beginning of the 1987 treaty. He says a phasedown could prevent the equivalent of 100 to 200 billion tons of CO₂ being released into the atmosphere by 2050. That prevention could avert half a degree Celsius of warming by the end of the century. Considering that the Paris Agreement's goal is to keep global average temperature rise below 2 degree Celsius, an HFC ban offers a significant opportunity.

The Montreal Protocol was adopted after scientists recognized that chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) were destroying the protective layer of ozone in the stratosphere. Two years later countries began eliminating the chemicals, which had a helpful byproduct of releasing fewer greenhouse gases. After initially balking, industry giants like DuPont turned from producing CFCs to the less ozone-depleting hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs), as a temporary bridge to substitution with HFCs. By 2009 it was well known that HFCs, while benign to ozone, had an enormous potential to add to global warming. And so the seed of an HFC amendment took root.

Because climate change can threaten many facets of life, U.N. delegates think it makes sense to tackle it wherever possible. In U.N. jargon, HFCs are a "low hanging fruit." They're a much simpler problem to solve than ratcheting back carbon emissions; they are deliberately produced, primarily as refrigerants in air conditioners and other cooling systems. There are no natural sources of HFCs, so the planet's emissions come from manufactured goods.

Today, HFCs comprise a slim 2 percent of the world's hefty annual carbon dioxide emissions. But according to the Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development, but could rise to 12 percent by 2050 if no limits are established, as the developing world aspires to amenities such as air conditioners. A rapid reduction could help ensure the success of the Paris Agreement, and also allow (or force) the developing world to leapfrog HFC-based technologies.

Environmentally friendly alternatives are already for sale. They include natural refrigerants such as what propane and ammonia and a class of fluorinated chemicals known as hydrofluoroolefins. Still, concerns in Kigali will be raised over the cost of substitutes, for countries like India. There is also some question about how effective they can be in hot places like the Persian Gulf states.

Even back in 1987 nations recognized the potential climatic effects of certain manufactured chemicals. Countries have undergone what Zaelke calls the "start and strengthen" approach. With CFCs, the parties originally agree to a 50 percent phasedown in 12 years. They later agreed to a 100 percent reduction over a single decade. HCFCs have a similar story, and due to climate concerns, are now in the process of an accelerated phaseout.

In a 2007 study, Guus Velders, now with the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment in the Netherlands, estimated that had CFCs, HCFCs and halons continued to grow in use, as they had before the Montreal Protocol (at about 2 to 3 percent annually), by 2010 they would have contributed a cumulative equivalent of 135 billion tons of carbon dioxide. In 2015, the world emitted a total of 32.1 billion tons of carbon dioxide.

“What it [the Montreal Protocol] demonstrates is kind of uplifting in my view, that the world can act together on environmental problems, and did in an effective way,” says Susan Solomon, a professor of atmospheric chemistry and climate science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Research by her and others in 1986 showed that ozone was destroyed by CFCs. “Now the ozone hole is beginning to show the first signs of healing, right on time,” she says.

According to Solomon’s most recent paper, published in June, the size of the Antarctic ozone hole has been decreasing since its greatest extent in 2000, mostly attributable to diminishing levels of gases that affect ozone in the atmosphere. A decade ago, scientists predicted the ozone hole would mend by the middle of this century, an increasingly likely forecast.

The question is whether the Montreal Protocol can achieve something similar for HFCs. On September 22 in New York, more than 100 countries, including the U.S., known as the “group of ambition,” suggested developed countries set an initial reduction of 10 percent by 2019. They also called for developing countries to “freeze,” or stop increasing, the use of HFCs by an “early date” currently ranging from 2021–2031.

Pinpointing the grace period between when developed and developing countries must freeze the use of HFCs will be one of the main haggling points of this week’s negotiations. So will the speed at which countries reduce their use of HFCs to zero. Past agreements for the other chemicals typically allowed 30 years.

With the Paris Agreement reaching a crucial threshold last week that will put it into effect on November 4, there is a lot of momentum for heroic fixes for climate change. An HFC amendment would also demonstrate that the Paris Agreement cannot solve climate change alone. Sister agreements must be brought in, according to Zaelke. “There’s a lesson here,” he says. “When you focus on one piece of the problem, you can actually learn how to solve it.”

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NEW DWARF PLANET FOUND IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM

The object is 530 kilometers across, and lurks in a region beyond Pluto

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A new face has been added to the solar system's family portrait: Scientists have discovered a new dwarf planet looping around the sun in the region beyond Pluto.



An artist's concept of a Kuiper Belt Object (KBO). A newly discovered object (2014 UZ224) located beyond Pluto's orbit may be large enough to qualify as a dwarf planet. Credit: ASA, ESA, G. Bacon (STScI)

The dwarf planet, called 2014 UZ224, measures about 330 miles (530 kilometers) across and is located about 8.5 billion miles (13.7 billion km) from the sun, NPR reported today (Oct. 11). For comparison, Pluto's largest moon, Charon, is about 750 miles (1,200 km) in diameter, and reaches a maximum distance of about 4.5 billion miles (7.3 billion km) from the sun.

A year on 2014 UZ224 (the time it takes the dwarf planet to orbit the sun) is about 1,100 Earth years. One Pluto year, for c is about 248 Earth years. The new object was also confirmed by the Minor Planet Center.

David Gerdes, a professor of astronomy at the University of Michigan, told NPR that the new dwarf planet was discovered using an instrument called the Dark Energy Camera (DECam). The universe is not only expanding but accelerating in that expansion, and "dark energy" is the name scientists have given the mechanism powering that expansion. The DECam was built to observe the movement of galaxies and supernovas (exploding stars) as they move away from the Earth. The goal is to provide more clues that will help reveal what dark energy actually is or where it comes from.

A project called the Dark Energy Survey is using observations from the DECam to create a map of the universe that provides information relevant to the study of dark energy. The DES maps have already been used to study dark matter (which makes up about eighty

percent of all the mass in the universe but whose exact nature is still a mystery) and to find previously unidentified objects.

Part of the DES includes taking images of a few small patches of the sky "roughly" once per week, according to the mission website, and that's what made this new discovery possible. While stars and galaxies appear in the same place in the sky, an object that is relatively close to Earth and orbiting the sun might appear to move over the course of a week or a few weeks.

A few years ago, Gerdes asked some visiting undergraduates to look for unidentified solar system objects in the galaxy map, according to NPR. The challenge was slightly difficult because the repeated observations would take place at irregular intervals, Gerdes said, but the students developed computer software to work with the irregularities and spot moving objects.

It took two years to confirm the detection of 2014 UZ224, NPR reports, and while its exact orbital path is still unclear, the scientists behind the discovery say they think that 2014 UZ224 is the third most-distant object in the solar system.

The smallest object in the solar system that has earned the title of "dwarf planet" (prior to this new discovery) is Ceres, which lies in the asteroid belt between Jupiter and Mars. Ceres is 590 miles (950 km) across. The object 2014 UZ224 might be too small to be considered a dwarf planet, Gerdes told NPR, but that will have to be decided by the International Astronomical Union (which made the controversial decision to demote Pluto to a dwarf planet). There are four other recognized dwarf planets in the solar system, but scientists think there could be dozens—or even more than 100—objects that size that have yet to be discovered, according to NASA.

PLANET NINE?

The region beyond Neptune's orbit is known as the Kuiper Belt, a disk that is believed to contain thousands of icy, rocky bodies. Beyond that is a region known as the Oort Cloud—a sphere of icy, rocky bodies that surrounds the rest of the solar system. Most comets originate in the Kuiper Belt or the Oort Cloud, but their wide orbits bring them close to the sun.

While the outer regions of the solar system are thought to be made up mostly of objects smaller than Pluto, there may be another planet nearly the size of Neptune lurking in this outer territory. Recent research has shown that the movement of known bodies in the outer solar system may point to the existence of this ninth planet (which scientists have dubbed Planet Nine); that research has prompted efforts to spot the new planet with telescopes.

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POTENTIAL MACH 2.2 AIRLINER MARKET PEGGED AT \$260 BILLION

Stretched, trijet 50-seat configuration to be tested by subscale supersonic demonstrator

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More than half a century after development of the Concorde was launched, progress toward economically viable supersonic airliners has proved elusive. But now a Silicon Valley-backed startup says the ingredients for a successful, small, faster-than-sound airliner are in place, thanks to a new wave of enabling technology and a market primed with the need for speed.

Since first unveiling plans earlier this year for a 40-seat, twin-engine, supersonic transport, Denver-based Boom Technology has revised and fine-tuned the design that will cruise at Mach 2.2 for the same ticket price as subsonic business class. The aircraft has since been stretched to seat up to 50 and is now reconfigured as a trijet to permit immediate use on long overwater routes.

“Moving from a twinjet to a trijet is a better answer,” says Boom Technology CEO Blake Scholl. “A twinjet is more challenging to certify for early ETOPS [extended twin operations], while a trijet will enable unrestricted travel on routes with up to 180 min. diversion time with an engine out.” The aircraft length has also been extended to “around” 155 ft. to accommodate 10 extra seats. “It is not too terribly different” from the original version, says Scholl, who adds that wingspan has also marginally increased.



Refined configuration for small Mach 2.2 airliner adds a third engine in the tail, stretches the fuselage to seat 50 passengers and increases wingspan. Credit: Boom Technology

Unlike a new generation of supersonic business jets and a NASA X-plane in development, the small airliner is neither a low-boom nor lower Mach number design. Instead the delta-

winged Boom design is intended to rely on a speed slightly higher than that of the long-retired Anglo-French Concorde to achieve higher utilization and shorter sector times on 4,000 nm overwater routes.

Although Boom is not disclosing additional design changes, the aircraft's delta wing now appears to have more dihedral (upsweep) at the tips and an extended chine where the wing root blends with the forward fuselage. The aircraft's single fin is slightly reduced in area and, although still swept, is configured with a conventional leading edge rather than the crescent profile of the earlier configuration. Air inlets have also been added to either side of the aft fuselage to feed the new tail-mounted engine, which is buried, fighter-style, in the tail cone section.

The company is reviewing engine options, and Scholl says "at least two off-the-shelf cores are a good fit; one commercial and one military, the latter with good exportability." The propulsion system, designed to supercruise and power the aircraft for takeoff without the need for afterburning, will require a new low-pressure spool. "It's essentially a refan project," says Scholl, who adds that "making the whole flight profile possible without afterburner is crucial to making it viable."

As engine selection is the pacing item for the entire project, Boom intends to downselect to the appropriate core in 2017-18 to enable entry into service by 2023. The target speed of Mach 2.2 "can be done with a propulsion system that will make it [noise] compliant for takeoff and be efficient in cruise, without having to get into the complexities of fancy variable cycle engines," he adds. The design will be capable of meeting Chapter 14 noise limits, though Scholl acknowledges this will only be achieved with compromises and "with pain, for sure."

Boom is developing a one-third-scale prototype dubbed XB-1 at its Centennial Airport facility in Denver, which will be used to verify key elements of the design and aerodynamics. The demonstrator, which will be powered by three General Electric CJ610 turbojet engines, will be used to expand the subsonic flight envelope in Colorado starting in late 2017. Flight tests will then transfer to California, where supersonic flight tests will be conducted in the restricted airspace around Edwards AFB.

MACH TO THE FUTURE: AERION AS2. Privately funded Aerion Corp. has been developing a supersonic business jet since the early 2000s and aims to launch the certification program for its trijet AS2 by the end of 2017. Airbus Defense and Space is providing engineering assistance. With a natural-laminar-flow wing for efficiency at supersonic and subsonic speeds, the 12-seat AS2 is designed to fly 4,750 nm at Mach 1.4 and 5,300 nm at Mach 0.95. Fractional-ownership operator Flexjet has ordered 20 AS2s for transoceanic services beginning in 2023. Credit: Aerion



Virgin Galactic's Mojave, California-based subsidiary, The Spaceship Co. (TSC), is providing engineering, design and manufacturing services and will be involved in flight test and operations support. Virgin Galactic itself has taken options on the first 10 aircraft (AW&ST March 28-April 10, p. 34).

"The whole idea is to gain real-life experience with the configuration we intend to fly with passengers [onboard]," says Scholl. "The demonstrator is being built in-house, and Virgin is assisting in flight testing but not production," he adds. "It would be a real mistake to outsource that early development, and by doing it this way we will build our own in-house team. The main purpose is to build up the talent of the team."

For full-scale manufacturing, Boom is "open to different strategies," says Scholl. "Plan A is to team up with Tier 1 suppliers like the Spirit AeroSystems of this world. We would not be able to do the whole thing in-house," he adds. The company says "we take a lot of inspiration from the SpaceX story. Clearly those guys achieved things on a smaller budget that everyone else thought was impossible. Where it makes sense, we are following that lead," he says.



MACH TO THE FUTURE: SPIKE AEROSPACE. S-512 Preliminary design of the S-512 supersonic business jet has been underway at startup Spike Aerospace since 2013, aiming for first deliveries in 2022-23. Seating 12 to 18 passengers, the twinjet is designed to cruise at Mach 1.6 with an overwater range of 6,200 nm. Spike is designing the S-512 for a low sonic boom level of 70 PLdB, compared with 106 PLdB for the Concorde, to enable supersonic flight over land where allowed. Spanish aerostructures company Aernnova is providing design assistance. Credit: Spike Aerospace

Key off-the-shelf structural and design technologies are available that make the small supersonic airliner project feasible, says Scholl. Large-scale primary structural composites pioneered by Boeing and high-temperature composites developed by SpaceX for the Falcon 9 launch vehicle are cited as examples. "Composites can carry more thermal load when coupled with the right resin system. These are capable of dealing with even the highest temperatures from the leading edge to the nose, where we expect to see about 307F at the stagnation point," he adds.

Scholl acknowledges, however, that no amount of technological initiatives will bring the Boom project to life without the support of investors and the airlines. “There is no passenger that does not want to go faster, and we can do it in a package that makes sense,” he says. Given an estimated market of at least 1,000 aircraft and a sales price of \$200 million, Scholl says “every side of the equation will want to be there.”

Results shown exclusively to Aviation Week of an independent study into market prospects for the supersonic transport by forecaster Boyd Group International suggests as many as 1,300 aircraft worth \$260 billion will be needed over a 10-year period.



MACH TO THE FUTURE: NASA QueSTT. Lockheed Martin is completing preliminary design of a low-boom flight demonstrator under NASA’s Quiet Supersonic Transport (QueSST) project. The single-engine, Mach 1.4-plus X-plane is intended to mimic the shockwave signature of a 100-120-seat supersonic airliner and show that a shaped sonic boom of 75 PLdB is quiet enough to permit supersonic flight over land. NASA plans to fly the competitively procured X-plane in 2019 and begin community acceptance testing in 2020. Credit: Lockheed Martin

The biggest potential market sector is predicted to be North America, with an estimated requirement for 377 aircraft, while European carriers would be the second-biggest user group with a requirement for more than 360. The Middle East and Africa region could be the third-biggest customer group with about 250 aircraft, while the Asia-Pacific and China sectors could potentially take up to 128 and about 100, respectively.

The report says the “ability of the aircraft to slash flight times for the important premium passenger could result in it becoming a necessary part of global airline fleets in order to remain competitive.” It also states that “while the projected costs of the Boom airliner indicate full ability to accommodate fares charged on current-generation airliners, the enormous advantage of reduced travel time could allow carriers to charge a premium over service on conventional airliners.” The report also highlights the potential benefits of lower block times on asset utilization.

The Boyd report argues that, just as the regional jet created a new category of demand by delivering new mission capabilities, the Boom airliner could do the same for the supersonic niche. “This is the future for the Boom airliner. It is not a further evolution of existing aircraft. Instead, it offers an entirely new set of air travel metrics and a new product offering for major international airlines,” it says.

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“START OFF THE DEVELOPMENT WITH THE MOST DIFFICULT ELEMENTS OF THE DESIGN” – ELON MUSK

Davis Swan, President, Debarel Systems Ltd., Posted on October 15, 2016

<http://www.energycentral.com/c/cp/%E2%80%9Cstart-development-most-difficult-elements-design%E2%80%9D-%E2%80%93-elon-musk>

Until September 29, 2016 I was not a big fan of Elon Musk. Not that I had anything against him. But I put him in the same camp as Eric Schmidt and Mark Zuckerberg – guys that had made a fortune in tech and were doing some interesting things with electric cars, self-driving cars, and delivering internet service to rural and remote areas.



But when I listened to Elon’s talk on the colonization of Mars my perspective changed (I have put together a transcript of the presentation with his slides embedded and extra graphics and uploaded it to the Black Swan Blog Library).

http://www.theblackswanblog.com/BSB_Library/20160929_elon_musk_mars.pdf

Not that I think colonization of Mars is the most important goal for the human race at this time. As a Geophysicist I acknowledge the possibility that there could be a large asteroid or comet heading for earth right now and that there is nothing that we could do to stop it in order to avoid a possible extinction event. So from that perspective becoming a multi-planet species makes sense. However, I think that possibility is quite remote and I feel that

there are big problems to solve here on earth before we start exporting our issues to other planets.

So the end goal of Elon's talk is not what impressed me. What impressed me was the precision of the logic that he used to attack every potential barrier to the success of his mission. In essence he has taken all the lessons learned from more than a hundred years of development in the air travel industry and intends to apply all those lessons to Martian colonization in less than a decade.

What is the relevance of Elon's talk to the development of a sustainable energy environment? I would site one statement that epitomizes the approach that is required to achieve that desirable end result.

"To talk about some of the key elements of the interplanetary spaceship and rocket booster, we decided to start off the development with what we think are probably the two most difficult elements of the design."

These are not just words. The two elements Elon is referring to are the development of an extremely powerful rocket motor that is fueled by a methanol based fuel (which could be produced from resources available on Mars) and a carbon fibre fuel tank that is impervious to gas as well as extremely cold, liquefied methanol fuel.

Without the Raptor engine SpaceX could not build a ship that can return from Mars by creating fuel in situ. And without a lightweight yet incredibly strong carbon fibre fuel tank the inter-planetary ship would be too heavy to make the journey possible.

Neither of these elements are helping SpaceX achieve its near-term goals. In fact, quite the opposite. Key engineering staff resources and enormous sums of money are being diverted from near-term goals to demonstrate the feasibility of manufacturing the Raptor engine and carbon fibre fuel tank.

But the harsh reality is that if you cannot solve the most difficult engineering problems there is no point to working on anything else. That is exactly the issue I raised in a blog post more than three years ago.

The most difficult task we have before us with regards to sustainable energy is energy storage. Once we solve that issue everything else becomes easy. Without storage no amount of renewable energy development can wean us off the burning of hydrocarbons. It's really that simple.

And yet, politicians and regulators continue to put up roadblocks to the development of energy storage systems.

There is no financial support available for stand-alone energy storage systems and politicians and even academics continue to debate the need for such support. There is no debate. As demonstrated by Denmark, Germany, and Hawaii, the development of renewables hits a wall when it becomes a significant percentage of total generation.

The 2013 California mandate requiring 1.3 GW of storage was met with hyperbolic excitement within the Greentech community. But what does it really mean?

By intentionally not specifying the mandate in GW-Hours the California Public Utilities Commission made it clear that this was not a mandate to take energy storage seriously as a generation source. A few large battery complexes like the Notrees complex (where all the batteries have to be replaced after less than 3 years of service) in Texas or the facility planned for the Alamos Power Center could provide 1.3 GW for anywhere from 15 minutes to four hours. That might be useful for the purposes of grid stabilization but it will not make any significant contribution to the generation of electricity in California.

The California mandate will in all likelihood result in less than 2 GW-hours of energy storage by 2020. That's about the same amount of storage that is built into one Concentrated Solar Power plant in Arizona.

Building energy storage with a capacity of 1 GW-hour is hard. There is no battery complex, flywheel facility, Compressed Air Energy Storage System, or any other type of energy storage technology facility in the world that has a capacity close to that. But if California really wants to be powered by renewables at some point in the future the energy storage requirement would be more than 170 GW-Hours based upon the California "duck curve".

Maybe someday we will get serious about energy storage. The enormous benefits to people all over the world that would result should be motivation enough.

However, I worry that at the rate we're going Elon will have established a thriving Mars colony before we have an economical and reliable energy storage system.

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Kim Strassel - WSJ - The Press Buries Hillary Clinton's Sins

As reporters focus on Trump, they miss new details on Clinton's rotten record.

By KIMBERLEY A. STRASSEL, OPINION COLUMNISTS POTOMAC WATCH, Oct. 13, 2016

If average voters turned on the TV for five minutes this week, chances are they know that Donald Trump made lewd remarks a decade ago and now stands accused of groping women.

But even if average voters had the TV on 24/7, they still probably haven't heard the news about Hillary Clinton: That the nation now has proof of pretty much everything she has been accused of.

It comes from hacked emails dumped by WikiLeaks, documents released under the Freedom of Information Act, and accounts from FBI insiders. The media has almost uniformly ignored the flurry of bombshells, preferring to devote its front pages to the Trump story. So let's review what amounts to a devastating case against a Clinton presidency.

Start with a June 2015 email to Clinton staffers from Erika Rottenberg, the former general counsel of LinkedIn. Ms. Rottenberg wrote that none of the attorneys in her circle of friends “can understand how it was viewed as ok/secure/appropriate to use a private server for secure documents AND why further Hillary took it upon herself to review them and delete documents.” She added: “It smacks of acting above the law and it smacks of the type of thing I’ve either gotten discovery sanctions for, fired people for, etc.”

A few months later, in a September 2015 email, a Clinton confidante fretted that Mrs. Clinton was too bullheaded to acknowledge she’d done wrong. “Everyone wants her to apologize,” wrote Neera Tanden, president of the liberal Center for American Progress. “And she should. Apologies are like her Achilles’ heel.”

Clinton staffers debated how to evade a congressional subpoena of Mrs. Clinton’s emails—three weeks before a technician deleted them. The campaign later employed a focus group to see if it could fool Americans into thinking the email scandal was part of the Benghazi investigation (they are separate) and lay it all off as a Republican plot.

A senior FBI official involved with the Clinton investigation told Fox News this week that the “vast majority” of career agents and prosecutors working the case “felt she should be prosecuted” and that giving her a pass was “a top-down decision.”

The Obama administration—the federal government, supported by tax dollars—was working as an extension of the Clinton campaign. The State Department coordinated with her staff in responding to the email scandal, and the Justice Department kept her team informed about developments in the court case.

Worse, Mrs. Clinton’s State Department, as documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act show, took special care of donors to the Clinton Foundation. In a series of 2010 emails, a senior aide to Mrs. Clinton asked a foundation official to let her know which groups offering assistance with the Haitian earthquake relief were “FOB” (Friends of Bill) or “WJC VIPs” (William Jefferson Clinton VIPs). Those who made the cut appear to have been teed up for contracts. Those who weren’t? Routed to a standard government website.

The leaks show that the foundation was indeed the nexus of influence and money. The head of the Clinton Health Access Initiative, Ira Magaziner, suggested in a 2011 email that Bill Clinton call Sheikh Mohammed of Saudi Arabia to thank him for offering the use of a plane. In response, a top Clinton Foundation official wrote: “Unless Sheikh Mo has sent us a \$6 million check, this sounds crazy to do.”

The entire progressive apparatus—the Clinton campaign and boosters at the Center for American Progress—appears to view voters as stupid and tiresome, segregated into groups that must either be cajoled into support or demeaned into silence. We read that Republicans are attracted to Catholicism’s “severely backwards gender relations” and only join the faith to “sound sophisticated”; that Democratic leaders such as Bill Richardson are “needy Latinos”; that Bernie Sanders supporters are “self-righteous”; that the only people who watch Miss America “are from the confederacy”; and that New York Mayor Bill de Blasio is “a terrorist.”

The leaks also show that the press is in Mrs. Clinton's pocket. Donna Brazile, a former Clinton staffer and a TV pundit, sent the exact wording of a coming CNN town hall question to the campaign in advance of the event. Other media allowed the Clinton camp to veto which quotes they used from interviews, worked to maximize her press events and offered campaign advice.

Mrs. Clinton has been exposed to have no core, to be someone who constantly changes her position to maximize political gain. Leaked speeches prove that she has two positions (public and private) on banks; two positions on the wealthy; two positions on borders; two positions on energy. Her team had endless discussions about what positions she should adopt to appease "the Red Army"—i.e. "the base of the Democratic Party."

Voters might not know any of this, because while both presidential candidates have plenty to answer for, the press has focused solely on taking out Mr. Trump. And the press is doing a diligent job of it.

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REPUBLICAN PARTY LEADERS PLOT PURGE, CIVIL WAR

Just when you think Republican Party leaders can't possibly get more cynical, more hypocritical or more suicidal, they surprise you.

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Over the past week, a few dozen prominent Republicans, led by 2008 Republican presidential nominee John McCain and joined by Utah's Senator Mike Lee and Colorado's Cory Gardner, dropped their support for Donald Trump and called on Republican voters to vote for other, "down ticket" candidates but not Trump.

The New York Times on October 9 published a list of "160 Republican Leaders who do not support Trump," and newspapers everywhere trumpeted the newest addition to the list.

That chorus was joined briefly by House Speaker Paul Ryan, who said he would vote for Trump but would not campaign for him or with him. Ryan also advised the entire Republican congressional delegation to do the same.

This betrayal of the party's presidential nominee by top echelons of party leadership can only be called overt sabotage. Whether successful or not in denying Trump a victory on November 8, it undoubtedly is the opening shot in a civil war that will erupt full scale on November 9.

The attempted take down of Trump was explained as an effort to "salvage the dignity of the party" in the aftermath of the public release of a recording of lewd remarks about some women made by Trump in 2005. When asked if the recording revealed anything about Donald Trump they did not know before, they had no answer. It is clear that the party leaders who have jumped ship are using the 2005 video recording as the excuse to do something they had been contemplating since Trump won the party nomination in July.

No one citing the recording as an excuse for opposing Trump can say Trump's lewd remarks are more offensive than the known sexual conduct of former President Bill Clinton — and many other White House occupants. Lewd and crude language is not exactly unknown in the halls of the West Wing, the Rayburn Building, RNC headquarters — or Fox television sound stages.

Are the American people turning against Donald Trump because of remarks he made in private eleven years ago? No. Might they turn against him if every Republican senator and congressman attacked him for those remarks? Yes, quite possibly. In that case, what would be the cause of the defeat, Trump's remarks or the party establishment's treason?

The answer lies in looking at the facts, not Glenn Beck's self-indulgent rants. The latest Rasmussen poll shows that 69 percent of voters think Trump's attitude and remarks about women are either no worse or the same as Bill Clinton's, and only 23 percent think they are worse. That is a 3-to-1 margin saying it is not an important issue for the large majority of voters.

So, if moral Puritanism is not a credible explanation for he organized insurrection against the party's presidential nominee, what is the explanation? Why this open declaration of war on the millions of voters who selected Trump as the party's candidate? The actions of Paul Ryan, McCain and the other party bigwigs only make sense if it is a signal of a planned purge of Trump supporters by the US Chamber of Commerce globalists.

The hypocrisy of the Republican establishment's attempted take down of the Trump campaign is astonishing even by 2016 standards. After insisting that candidate Trump take the pledge to support the eventual nominee, many refused to accept the verdict of the presidential nomination process. It took months for Senator Cruz to endorse Trump, and Ohio's Gov. Kasich is still silent.

The other element of hypocrisy is the fear of a Trump victory.

After arguing for a full year that Trump couldn't possibly win and would lead the party to a catastrophic defeat, many of the same Republican leaders saw Trump steadily gaining ground on Hillary Clinton and decided a Trump victory would be even more catastrophic than a defeat. Immigration enforcement, an America First foreign policy, and sensible international trade treaties must not be allowed to prevail over globalist ambitions of the party establishment. Trump had to be stopped.

That is why the sabotage did not occur earlier. Trump is only a mortal danger to the establishment if he has a chance of winning. As long as he was losing badly in the polls, the saboteurs could remain silent. But after mid-September when polls started showing Trump in a virtual tie with Clinton and gaining ground in all the “battleground states,” the knives were out. Why do you think the 2005 video was released when it was, when the liberal media certainly had it for months?

It is beyond question that the Republican establishment fears a Trump victory more than a Trump defeat. They are more comfortable with Hillary Clinton in the White House than Trump. Only people who have been living on another planet for the last 18 months believe that Washington insiders are opposed to Trump because of his crude language or alleged chauvinistic attitudes toward women.

So the Republican civil war is under way. Whether Trump wins or loses, the party establishment will use every weapon in its arsenal to purge the party not only of Trump’s policy ideas but Trump’s followers as well.

On November 9, the order of the day will be — business-as-usual. The party establishment and its allies in the Chamber of Commerce and the media will be working overtime to guarantee there will be no recognition or acknowledgement of the patriotic rebellion against the “go along to get along” mentality of Republican lawmakers that fueled first the Tea party revolt in 2009-2010 and then the Trump bandwagon.

What the Republican establishment does not understand or will not accept is that Donald Trump is only the symptom, not the cause, of the grassroots rebellion against establishment thinking. Donald Trump gave voice to those concerns, those very justified concerns, about our nation’s direction and our nation’s very survival.

Donald Trump the man and Trump the candidate has flaws and warts and weaknesses that were understandably exploited by opponents. But win or lose on November 8, the grassroots rebellion that fueled the Trump campaign will continue.

That rebellion is now an open civil war within the Republican party, and that is a shame. But at least it is a war over real issues, real concerns, and real worries over the safety and survival of our nation. And that, my friends, will always be a war worth fighting.

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Effort to strip Confederate emblem off state flag is failing

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FILE - In this Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016 file photo, a state flag of Mississippi is unfurled by Sons of Confederate Veterans and other groups on the grounds of the state Capitol in Jackson, Miss. An effort to erase the Confederate battle emblem from the Mississippi flag is failing because sponsors didn't gather enough signatures to put an initiative on the 2018 ballot. (AP Photo/Rogelio V. Solis, File) (The Associated Press)

JACKSON, Miss. – An effort to erase the Confederate battle emblem from Mississippi's flag is failing because sponsors haven't collected enough signatures to put an initiative on the 2018 ballot.

The petition drive started in response to the June 2015 slayings of nine black worshippers at a church in Charleston, South Carolina, and was part of a movement across the South to rethink the public display of Confederate images.

It appears certain to end Friday with insufficient signatures.

Mississippi has had the flag since 1894, and voters reaffirmed its design in 2001. But seven of the state's eight public universities and several cities and counties have stopped flying it amid criticism that it's a reminder of slavery and segregation in a state with the largest percentage of black residents in the nation.

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VIDEO: 'BLUE LIVES DON'T MATTER': COLLEGE STUDENTS DEMAND END OF CAMPUS PD

by Fox News Insider, October 11, 2016

<http://insider.foxnews.com/2016/10/11/uc-irvine-california-college-demand-end-police-department-blue-lives-dont-matter>

College protesters at the University of California-Irvine recently staged a "Blue Lives Don't Matter" protest.

The students believe "it's police officers who are the problem," Elizabeth MacDonald reported on Risk & Reward.

Dozens of students at the school disrupted a discussion on police-community relations, chanting: "No justice, no peace--take to the streets; [expletive] the police".

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POLICE ON LOOKOUT FOR VANDALS WHO SPRAY-PAINTED CARS OUTSIDE TRUMP RALLY IN BANGOR

By Michael Shepherd, BDN Staff, Posted Oct. 17, 2016, at 6:44 p.m.

<http://bangordailynews.com/2016/10/15/news/bangor/vandals-spray-paint-at-least-20-vehicles-outside-trump-rally-in-bangor/>



Micky Bedell | BDN - A car vandalized with spray paint during a rally for Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump pulls out of the Cross Insurance Center parking lot after the rally on Saturday afternoon.

BANGOR, Maine — Police said on Sunday that no one has been charged in connection with an act of vandalism that left several cars marked with white spray paint outside Republican

presidential nominee Donald Trump's Saturday rally in Bangor.

The investigation was ongoing Sunday and new information likely won't be released until Monday, Sgt. Wade Betters of the Bangor Police Department said.

In a statement released Saturday, a Bangor police spokesman said that officers were “seeking witnesses and reviewing video” in the criminal mischief case at the New York City billionaire’s us-against-them speech blasting “ a rigged system” at the Cross Insurance Center.

More than 20 cars parked between the Bangor Raceway and Buck Street were hit with lines of white paint. Attendees said the owners of some of the cars appeared to drive off without noticing the vandalism.

Paul Foster, a painter and Trump supporter from Eastbrook whose van was painted, said the rally “couldn’t have been more peaceful,” but he blamed the vandalism on Trump opponents, saying “there ain’t no thinking about it, I know so.”

“Why can’t they do a peaceful protest instead of painting cars, all of this, to make their statement?” he said.

It wasn’t just Trump supporters who were affected: A rental car driven by Tim Hanlon was painted. Hanlon, who is from California, was in town and he went to “see what this idiot had to say and should have known not to come around.”

Also vandalized was a Toyota Prius driven by Rye Powell of Bangor, a Republican student from the University of Maine who said he’s leaning toward supporting Democrat Hillary Clinton. Powell went to the rally because he often sees political candidates of all stripes speak.

He said it’s unfortunate that vandalism affected Trump supporters who are “very quick to be victimized.”

“I do hope that they can find out who did this or at least the person who did this can come to some kind of personal conclusion that this isn’t how you change minds,” he said, “because I think the only thing that this will have is a reaffirming effect.”

BDN writer Dawn Gagnon contributed to this report.

TIME AND TIME AGAIN THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA HAS POINTED OUT HOW DEPLORABLE THE VIOLENCE OR VANDALISM CAUSED BY ANY TRUMP SUPPORTERS. BUT WHEN IT COMES TO THE VIOLENCE, ASSAULT AND VANDALISM AGAIN TRUMP SUPPORTS THEY ARE STRANGELY SILENT. IF THERE IS ONE THING THIS ELECTION HAS SHOWN, THE MEDIA IS CORRUPT AND IS SOLIDLY ON THE SIDE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN THE UNITED STATES. DOES ANYONE REALLY DISAGREE> UT

HERE’S ANOTHER ONE THAT SCARES THE SH*T OUT OF ME THAT HAS MINIMAL OR NO COVERAGE BY THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA EXCEPT FOX NEWS AND CONSERVATIVE MEDIA OUTLETS.

Nazi Republicans, Leave Town or Else’: Vandals Throw Fire Bomb into North Carolina GOP Office

by BREITBART NEWS16 Oct 201616,970

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The North Carolina Republican Party put out the following press release in response to an apparent arson attack this weekend at a party office in Hillsborough, NC.

RALEIGH, NC – A North Carolina Republican Party office in Orange County was firebombed overnight, causing major damage and destruction. Thankfully, there was no loss of life.

The explosive device was thrown through the window of the office, and the words, “Nazi Republicans, leave town or else,” were painted on a nearby building. The news comes less than 25 days before Election Day, as dedicated NCGOP volunteers and activists are canvassing the state and spending long hours getting out the vote and exercising their rights in a free and open democratic society.

“Whether you are Republican, Democrat, or Independent, all Americans should be outraged by this hate-filled and violent attack against our democracy,” said Dallas Woodhouse, executive director of the North Carolina Republican Party. “Whether the bomb was meant to kill, destroy property, or intimidate voters, everyone in this country should be free to express their political viewpoints without fear for their own safety. We will be requesting additional security at all Republican Party offices and events between now and Election Day to ensure the safety of our activists, volunteers, and supporters.”

Woodhouse added, “We will not be deterred by this hate crime.”

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