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Telford Telescope: Does Trump deserve execution?

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Donald Trump's imperial ambitions caused him to commit public acts of sedition, which may be treasonous. Karl Marx's anti-imperialist philosophy of social class-integration contrasts starkly with three main features of ReTRUM-Plican

imperialism, first abetted and now furthered by U.S. Senators Cruz, Graham, Hawley, Johnson, and their Congressional ilk.

These three features are: 1) the lawless abandonment of any pretense of democratic ideals, 2) the economic enslavement of America's working class, black AND white, and 3) the intended oppression of weaker countries--witness the Trumpist slogan "make America great again" (implication, "make America WHITE again"). These features define the socio-economic order among all FASCIST states. Let us hark back to 1775 when the revolutionary patriot Patrick Henry declared: "Give me LIBERTY, or give me DEATH!", and Continental Army soldier Nathan Hale was hanged by the occupying army of George III for treason against the Crown. The Continental Army traitor Benedict Arnold would have been hanged, had he not fled.

ReTRUMPLican U.S. senators who sat in kangaroo-court "judgment" 245 years later during Trump's second impeachment trial said, in essence: "We're voting not to convict Trump, so he won't sic his fellow white supremacist goons on us and take away our senate seats," even though Trump had tried repeatedly to overturn our democracy, like Hitler--who also was democratically elected--did in the Weimar Republic, thus plunging Germany into the nationalist Aryan fervor ("Make Germany great again") that destroyed it.

Americans died defending democracy against Nazi Germany and the Empire of

Japan. My young neighbor on 16th Street was killed during the Allied invasion, and I had four uncles in that war--one at Pearl Harbor when it was hit. They were ready to die to save the democracy that the Hitlerian Trump nearly overturned without a shot being fired by his GOP co-conspirators in Congress and their insurrectionist paramilitary supporters. Our soldiers continue to fight in Afghanistan, Iraq, and the Middle East, and they're on high alert concerning North Korea, Iran, and other parts of the world. President Biden and the GOOD members of a divided Congress have declared war on the deadly corona virus and are at war against global warming--so technically, America is at war in a multiplicity of wars. Georgia's Attorney General is charging Trump for the seditionist pressure Trump placed on him. Merrick Garland's Justice Department will undoubtedly charge and convict Trump for instigating the invasion of our capitol and send him to prison. New York City's District Attorney and the Attorney General of New York State will convict him of civil crimes and send him to prison, too--whichever of those four gets to him first. If it's Garland, my question will be this: Since our country is at war on multiple fronts--declared and undeclared--does Trump's attempted coup constitute an act of treason? If the Colonialists had caught the turncoat Arnold, he'd have been executed. The Rosenbergs were executed for treason. Ergo, perhaps Trump should go to the gas chamber. Or--if you regard a death sentence as a bridge too far, let's at least put him in prison for the rest of his monstrous, amoral life.

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Treasury: Additional guidance available on treatment of unemployment for 2020

LANSING, Mich. - The Michigan Department of Treasury has posted a notice for taxpayers related to the treatment of unemployment compensation for tax year 2020.

The federal American Rescue Plan Act excludes unemployment benefits up to \$10,200 from income for tax year 2020 for those within certain income brackets, providing tax relief on both federal and state income taxes. Taxpayers who may have anticipated owing taxes may now be entitled to a refund.

"If you have already filed your tax return, please wait to file an amended return to receive the American Rescue Plan Act benefits," State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks said. "The IRS will be adjusting received returns and begin processing them in May without the need for taxpayers to file an amended federal return. States are awaiting guidance from the IRS as to whether they can provide us with the information we would need to do a similar calculation at the state level. This would alleviate the need to file an amended state return. We appreciate taxpayers' patience as we work through this."

There is no need for taxpayers to file an amended federal return unless the calculations make the taxpayer newly eligible

for additional federal credits and deductions not already included on the original tax return.

The notice also includes information related to total household resources and household income for the purposes of various tax credits.

Additional information will be posted as it becomes available.

How to File a State Tax Return
Choosing electronic filing and direct deposit is convenient, safe and secure. Last year, more than 4.4 million Michigan taxpayers e-filed, which is 86 percent of state income tax filers.

For more information about e-filing, go to www.mifastfile.org.

Printed tax forms were distributed and are available in limited quantities at public libraries, some northern Michigan post offices, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services county offices and Treasury Field Offices.

All individual income tax returns must be received by 11:59 p.m. on May 17, 2021.

For the benefit and convenience of taxpayers, both the beginning and end of the individual income tax filing season are the same as the Internal Revenue Service.

April is Alcohol Awareness Month - keep alcohol in check as binge drinking increases

LANSING, Mich. - As Michiganders continue to deal with pandemic-induced stress and anxiously look forward to getting back to a "new normal," the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Director Elizabeth Hertel and the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) Chair Pat Gagliardi urge moderation in drinking as they recognize April as Alcohol Awareness Month.

"The stresses of COVID-19 over the last year have stretched the limits of otherwise moderate drinkers and we're seeing an increase in alcohol consumption and binge drinking that can result in long-term health issues," said MDHHS Director Elizabeth Hertel. "Excessive drinking can compromise a person's immune system, which is a big concern during this pandemic. Additionally, drinking in excess causes issues like depression and can affect your sleep and digestion in addition to other side effects. If you drink alcohol, be aware of how much you're consuming and always do so in moderation."

Consider these statistics:

- The average Michigander consumed nearly 956 alcoholic drinks in 2020, an average of 18 drinks per week.* This exceeds "heavy drinking" as defined as 14 drinks per week for men and seven per week for women, by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Michigan ranked in the Top 10 among states that drank the most throughout 2020, beating the national average.*
- The prevalence for binge drinking among Michigan adults is higher than the U.S. median; is significantly higher among Michigan males (22.3%) than females (12.3%); and highest within the 25 to 34-year-old age group (26.8%), followed by the 18 to 24-year-old (26.1%) and 35 to 44-year-old (21.2%) age groups.**

According to MDHHS, excessive alcohol use leads to approximately 3,205 deaths and 92,753 years of potential life lost in Michigan each year.

Alcohol awareness starts with these important reminders:

- Know that alcohol products are increasingly more potent, such as hard liquors, including tequila and gin.

- Know what a standard "drink" is: 12 ounces of beer (5% alcohol content); 5 ounces of wine (12% alcohol content); or 1.5 ounces of distilled spirits or liquor (40% alcohol content) -- gin, rum, vodka, whiskey, etc.
- Know consumption guidelines for healthy adults: one drink a day for women of all ages and men over age 65; up to two drinks a day for men under age 65.
- Don't binge drink. For women, it's those who drink more than four drinks in an outing and men who drink more than five. Know that heavy drinking can lead to chronic diseases, including problems with your liver, throat, larynx and esophagus. It can lead to high blood pressure, psychological problems and pancreatitis. And the risk of becoming an alcoholic.
- Never drink while pregnant. If you become pregnant, stop drinking alcohol.

If you choose to drink alcohol, do so in moderation:

- Set limits on how much you're drinking.
- Don't relax your rules; stick with your usual limits on alcohol.
- Consider low- or no-alcohol drinks.
- Limit sugary cocktails that can impact your immune system especially if you already have underlying health conditions.

"Alcohol is a controlled substance," said MLCC Chair Pat Gagliardi. "I implore parents to set a good example for their kids about alcohol use. Talk to your kids about the dangers of underage drinking; drinking and driving and health issues attributable to drinking in excess. These are important lessons that can save lives and last a lifetime."

National Alcohol Awareness Month in America provides an opportunity to increase awareness of alcohol addiction and to bring understanding of alcohol's causes, the effective treatments available, plus encouraging people that recovery is very possible. Alcohol Awareness Month was established in 1987 by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence to help communities reach out to the public and provide answers to end the stigma associated with alcohol abuse.

For more information and resources available, please visit: MDHHS - Treatment (michigan.gov) or Ncadd.org/

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