

World News

On January 17, Senator Graham pointed out that Speaker Pelosi was responsible for Capitol security [1]. To further explore this assertion, we checked on the House of Representatives web site and found the duties of the House Sergeant at Arms (SAA) is responsible for Capitol complex security [2]. That person was Paul D. Irving, who resigned the day after the Capitol building was seized [3]. The outgoing Capitol Police Chief, Chief Steven Sund, is reported to have asked the House SAA for National Guard; Mr. Irving was reported to have respond that he'd have to ask House leaders [4]. It is unclear is the request made it to House leaders. However, six months prior, in response to the BLM riots against the White House, Speaker Pelosi criticized the President's use of the military. "I don't think the president's calling out the military are warranted" [5]. The question here is was there any pressure to avoid a military presence prior to the seize?

For comparison, some examples of the damage from the BLM riots: At the Veterans Affairs Headquarters, windows were smashed, monuments damaged, a car set on fire, and curse words spray painted onto the building [6]. Nearby, the historic St. John's Church was set afire [7]. The rioters also threw incendiary devices, vandalized commercial property, injured at least 11 DC police officers, and injured 60 secret service agents [8].

On the first night of President Biden's term, approximately 150 organized rioters in Portland carried shields, rocks, and stun guns, damaged a Federal ICE building [9]. The question here is why are any violent riots against Federal property still allowed?

Meanwhile, President Biden announced the US will return to the Paris Climate Accord [10]. This as China installed three times more coal fired power plant during 2020 than the rest of the world combined [11]. This is great news for China's industry as this will help its products be more cost competitive.

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Wuhan Coronavirus

During this time, Johnson & Johnson has requested an emergency use authorization for its single shot COVID-19 vaccination [1]. Concurrently, in the US, over 450,000 people have died from COVID-19 related sickness [2]. As a follow-up, one piece is asking the question, what can be done to stop the next coronavirus from China [3]. This comes as one report suggests China is trying to get DNA on U.S. citizens

[4]. Another report indicates Chinese military involvement with the company harvesting Western DNA via COVID-19 tests [5]. Perhaps gathering such information is benign. However, if China is developing bio-weapons, we could be looking at viruses that target people based on their ethnicity. Meanwhile, a year after the COVID-19 outbreak, the World Health Organization (WHO) is in Wuhan look-

ing for clues as to the origin of the virus [6]. This visit includes examining the now closed fish market [7]. It is unclear what the WHO hopes to uncover from such a visit this late in the game. Additionally, 80 people were arrested in China for counterfeiting and selling fake COVID vaccines [8]. Finally, on February 7, 2020, the whistleblower who warned about what became

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- Over 450,000 Deaths Tied to COVID-19
- J&J requests Emergency Use Authorization for its COVID-19 Vaccine

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*Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.—
Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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Terrorism

In Baghdad, twin suicide bombers killed at least 28 people [1]. In New Delhi, a terrorist bombing outside the Embassy of Israel damaged cars but there was no one killed in the explosion [2]. In Mogadishu a hotel car bomb explosion killed at least five people [3].

The new Administration announced it will remove the terrorist organization designation for the Yemen based Houthi group [4]. The Houthi are backed by Iran [5]. The reasoning cited for the designation change was it hurt humanitarian aid to the Yemeni people [6]. In the past, this group has been accused of beating a mother to death in front of her children [7]. They also attacked the airport in the southern Yemeni city of Aden, killing at least 25 people [8]. A question here is will the same justification someday be applied to the Taliban,

Islamic State, Al Qaeda, and others? In contrast, President Biden has called those who seized the Washington D.C. Capitol Building, domestic terrorists [7].

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*If the freedom of speech is
taken away then dumb
and silent we may be led,
like sheep to the slaughter.*
—George Washington

Economy

On election day, January 20, the three indexes (DJIA, S&P 500, and Nasdaq) closed at record highs [1]. Then on the 21st, the Nasdaq and S&P 5000 continued record closes [2]. On Monday, January 25, the Nasdaq and S&P 500 both set record high closes [3]. Additionally, on February 4, the S&P 500 and Nasdaq closed at record highs [4]. Then on February 5, the Nasdaq and S&P 500 closed at new record highs [5].

The economy remains weak. For instance, the unemployment rate for January was 6.3% [6]. Additionally, for the week ending January 16, the number of first-time unemployment claims was 900,000 [7]. For the week ending January 23, the number reported was 847,000 [8]. Finally, for the week ending January 30, the number reported was 779,000 [9].

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*We did not choose to be
the guardians of the gate,
but there is no one else.–
Lyndon B. Johnson*
