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South of the border, this immigration/narcotics deal is all about money, and we're talking billions of dollars. The cash illegals send home to Mexico and the narco-trafficante dollars fuel Mexico's entire economy, with only oil competing.

The old saying is "where there's a will, there's a way." But there's little will in the USA to get illegal immigration under control. Right now there are at least 37 so called "Sanctuary Cities" ranging from Anchorage, Alaska to Katy, Texas. These are municipalities that have flat out told the Homeland Security department they will not cooperate with any investigations into the status of illegal workers.

In New York, for example, many officials look the other way while immigrants, both legal and illegal, pack into dwellings, organize into criminal gangs and generally do whatever they want. On Long Island, where I live, 60 men were living in one suburban house. When Suffolk County authorities finally responded to desperate complaints from neighbors, the newspaper Newsday went wild, calling attempts to control the illegal situation "anti-immigration mania."

The unintended consequence of all this chaos is, unfortunately, death. Last year, 453 people died while trying to cross into the USA illegally—all of them victims of the deserts or criminals preying upon them.

Recently, in the Bronx, nine children were killed in a horrific fire after a row house ignited into flames. I have the floor plan of that dwelling. It was designed to house eight people at most. Seventeen children and five adults from Mali were living there with no fire escapes, bad heating, and no sprinkler system. Sanctuary isn't much good if the shelter is lethal.

A mixture of political cowardice, idealistic nonsense, and corrupting cash has resulted in a crisis that is hurting just about everyone but the businesspeople who exploit the illegals. And judging by the performances of Presidents Bush and Calderon, I don't see real reform on the horizon.

The USA needs to secure the border with barriers and the National Guard, develop a fair, disciplined guest worker program that serves legitimate business needs, and require all illegal aliens already here to register so they can be evaluated as potential citizens.

Mexico needs to police its border and stop the drug runners and poor migrants from doing whatever they want to do.

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San Francisco Values: The Sequel

A couple of weeks ago in San Francisco, the following proclamation was issued: "Be it resolved that I, Gavin Newsom, Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, congratulate Colt Studios on the occasion of their (sic) 40th anniversary and proclaim February 23, 2007 as Colt Studio Day in San Francisco!"

That evening the Colt folks held a big party in the City by the Bay, attended by State Assemblyman Mark Leno and other local dignitaries.

There is, however, one small problem with all this, and it is spelled out on the Colt website, which states: "Come inside to experience the hottest man-on-man action!"

Somehow, I don't think they're talking about the World Wrestling Association here.

No, Colt Studios is a major gay porn outfit that markets hard core films all over the world. There are many movies available including the "legendary bodies series – the pinnacle of masculine erotica."

So the logical question becomes why, exactly, does Colt Studios rate a "day" in San Francisco? I put that to Mayor Newsom who said he didn't really know about the proclamation.

Somebody in his office just signed his name without telling him, according to the Mayor. In the future, he said, he'd "review" the proclamations himself.

Might be a good idea.

But Assemblyman Leno was aghast that I would ask about this. He told the San Francisco Chronicle that "the owners of the studio are taxpaying, law-abiding San Francisco employers who promote safe sex."

Leno went on to tell the newspaper that the Colt "products" had "contributed to his development as a gay man."

This, of course, is the same Mark Leno who torpedoed tough legislation to punish child molesters. The good folks in California had to put a referendum on the ballot in order to pass "Jessica's Law" because Leno and his cronies blocked it in the legislature.

Mark Leno also had no problem with the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passing an ordinance banning military recruiting in city schools. Nor did he object to the supervisors passing a resolution condemning a Christian youth rally at AT&T Park, the home of the Giants. The Supervisors called the rally "anti-gay and anti-choice."

When my book *Culture Warrior* was released last fall, a number of critics put forth that I exaggerated the agenda of the secular-progressive (S-P) movement. On the basis of what's happening in San Francisco, I was naïve. The S-P's are crazier than I thought.

I mean, think about it. Even if you believe, as I do, that adults should be able to consume so-called "adult entertainment" without government intrusion, don't children live in San Francisco these days? "Hey, Louie, the mayor just said it's gay porn day. Do we have to go to school?"

San Francisco is one of America's great urban showplaces, but the city has been hijacked by radical politicians who are destroying it. Mayor Newsom is in alcohol rehab after having an affair with his best friend's wife, the homeless situation is out of control because the city gives everybody cash, and now these loons are honoring pornographers.

What's next? Barry Bonds steroids day?

A Journalistic Cover-Up

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In case you don't know, child pornography features children from infants on up, being raped in a variety of ways by adults. It is expensive to purchase and, because of the Internet, the distribution of this evil material has become easy. Have a credit card, you can get it.

According to ICE agents, one of those who used a credit card to purchase child porn is attorney Charles Rust-Tierney, the former President of the American Civil Liberties Union in Virginia. Tierney was arrested and charged on February 23rd.

Tierney apparently told the feds that he paid for the child porn using a PayPal account and then downloaded images of prepubescent girls being violently raped onto CD-ROM disks, which the authorities seized in his home.

One of the images Tierney was in possession of showed a little girl tied up and screaming while being violently raped.

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The only major liberal news organization to cover the story was the Washington Post. It ran a small mention of it in the second section of the paper, essentially burying the situation. The New York Times ignored the story entirely. So did NBC News, CBS News, and CNN. ABC News mentioned it on its website.

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favorable view of the far left will be ignored; anything that advances liberal causes will be celebrated. News reporting today is largely about ideology and shaping the culture, not about informing the public.

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