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The 500 Year Flood





The Worst Of Harvey Brought Out America's Best'







This Is Who We Are By "Musafir"

EDITORIAL



When I came to this country in 1974, I got my first job as an Industrial Engineer at General Tires & Rubber Company (GT). I got that job

without knowing anyone in the organization. Next day I was assigned to perform a work study on a young man whose job was to load and unload resin and fiberglass in the mold of a 150 ton press. He was required to repeat the cycle for eight hours in order to earn his



per diem wage. Later I learned that the young man that I am talking about was the son of the chairman of GT. Nothing surprising, he was simply pursuing his American dream.

Edwin J Fuelner wrote in his book, *American Spirit*, "Consider the phrase, "the American dream." The words themselves reveal something extraordinary. In all the history of man, there has been only one country with the word "dream" attached to it. There is no French Dream or Russian Dream or Chinese Dream. There is only the American dream, to which people worldwide aspire and have aspired since our founding. From 194 countries, people have come to America to pursue this dream."

Coming to Harvey, Pictures of destroyed homes and flooded neighborhoods are heartbreaking, but the inspiring images of neighbors helping neighbors and average citizens performing heroic acts have shown Texas, and America, at its best. The resilience of common men and women, their hope and effort to rebuild their homes and neighborhoods with the help of neighbors, countrymen, and business corporations are incredible.

The eyes of the country have been on Texas as it deals with the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey. Other than the devastation done by the 500 year storm, it's the efforts of citizen volunteers that are becoming a major focus of the global community.

The citizens of Texas and the rest of the country realize that when it comes to most disasters, government alone can't save the day, citizens need to be ready to save neighbors in harm's way. And that is exactly what we've seen in Texas.

There is no telling how many lives have been saved because countless individuals took it upon themselves to wade through streets searching for family, friends, and strangers trapped by rising flood waters, using their personal boats, kayaks, and jet skis to reach people rescue workers could not, and opening up their homes to those who had nowhere to go.



It's what most of the folks across the street from you would do, and it's what most of the people in the next town or city of your state would do.

What we've witnessed in Texas is the best of America. People from different cultural and economic and racial backgrounds coming together to demonstrate that all lives matter and showing through actions, not protests, what it looks like to love thy neighbor.

Those who live under the influence of media, see America as a divided and racist country. Probably, they have confined themselves inside glass towers too busy finding faults in others instead of doing something about that. Some see the storm as a revenge of God against since they voted for Trump. I don't think so.

Here are some newspaper excerpts to prove my point:

- "For those outside its path, the most enduring memories of Hurricane Harvey could be
 the images of America as most Americans like to think of it: A black deputy sheriff
 wading through floodwaters with a white child in each arm; a white SWAT officer, also
 wading through floodwaters, carrying a Vietnamese American cradling her sleeping
 baby; three Asian and Hispanic constables, knee-deep in water, carrying an elderly
 woman in a wheelchair."
- "One Harvey photo after another shows rescue teams made up of black, white, Hispanic and Asian responders, helping people of all races. Pets and livestock, too. The rescuers are doing what is urgent in the moment and no doubt think nothing of it.

I can fill hundreds of pages giving examples of American spirit, but we don't have enough pages in this publication to do so. Seeing them is a much needed reminder: This is who we are.

Humor

Surviving Retirement By Musafir

The news of my retirement has spread in the shape of my imminent demise all over the globe. My aunt called me from a remote Himalayan village in India and demanded an answer to her question, "Now that you have retired, what are you doing in America?"

It is true that most of us didn't come here because we loved America. Initially the idea was to earn 'mucho dinero' and then return to our villages in the old country, anyway. For my aunt, America is a big town where money grows on trees, Now that I have retired and might have raked enough leaves, it was time for me to return to my old village and prepare for death like many of my uncles and their cousins did.

Back in this country, folks have different ideas. They do not expect me to die immediately (life expectancy in America is 78.06 years). They think that I will lead a long and miserable life before kicking the bucket. I get phone calls every day asking whether I really stay home all day.

"Yes Hurt, that is what the idea of retirement is. You stay home," I replied.

"But don't you get bored?" Hurt sounded disappointed.

"No! Why should I? Don't you ever wish that you stayed home and your employer paid you the paycheck?" I asked.

"But retirement money is not as big as a regular paycheck. How do you manage after all?" Dinky sounded anxious to know.

"Well it is very simple. All one has to do is get used to frugality. We hardly have any expenses. We have a list of all the religious establishments in the area where they serve free lunch and dinner. We visit those places and eat for free. That's why you see so many retired people in churches and temples. Occasionally we eat at home too, especially when we get coupons for free bread from grocery stores."

"But you must have utility bills. How do you pay them?" Hurt didn't seem satisfied yet.

"Oh that is simple. We don't turn on the heat. Instead, we wrap ourselves up in all the cheap blankets we have received over the years as housewarming, marriage, and anniversary gifts. Also, my wife and I take baths together (and short ones) to save energy."

"How about entertainment?"

Well, we go to the movies once a month, usually a Wednesday matinee, when the show is only for four dollars. Once we get in, we do not get out until we have seen all the movies in the multiplex. We make sure to go to different theaters every time so that we do not get caught."

"How do you pay your mortgage. I am pretty sure your house is not paid up?"

"See, our government does not want us to default, so they have made all kinds of financial arrangements for us. Don't you read about this in newspapers every day?"

"What about your medical insurance. I know that between you and your wife that your maladies encompass every branch of medicines, except for pediatrics."

"It is simple. The way the law works in this country, only the working people have to worry about medical insurance. Since we fall below the poverty level, we are completely covered."

"Oh God! So you fall below the poverty level? I didn't know that." Hurt sounded elated.

"Does that finally make you happy?" I asked.

"Well, well, if I can do anything for you, please do not hesitate to ask. I insist!" Hurt sounded condescending.

"Haven't you already done enough Hurt? Why don't you just hang up now and go away?Click.

Movie Review by Musafir

Wonder Woman

Finally, A Relief from Superhero Fatigue: Musafir

"I've been very active all my life. I was a combat instructor in the Israeli Army." - Gal Gadot

Director Patty Jenkins' and Gal Gadot's (the female protagonist) Wonder Woman is a needed relief from superhero fatigue. Unlike

other superhero movies where the main characters succumb to vice to achieve ambiguous goals, Wonder Woman Offers a clear cut story of good's victory over evil. She simply fights to protect those who can't protect themselves. It's the simplicity of Wonder Woman's mission and a brilliant fusion of myth and reality that make the movie so exceptional and appealing.

Before she becomes wondrous, we meet the

young Diana Prince – daughter of Queen Hippolyta and a Princess of the Amazons – in warrior training with her aunt, General Antiope (Robin Wright), on the mythical island of Themyscira. Diana is convinced that her destiny is to defeat Ares, the god of war. So, when an American spy pilot Steve Trevor played by (Chris Pine) crash lands on her sheltered paradise, with German troops

in pursuit, two worlds (myth and reality) collide.

Diana wants to save the world and its suffering masses from the darkness of World War I. But she perceives the War with a mythical realm. She leaves the island, convinced that the war was caused by the Amazons' ancient enemy, Ares, the god of war. She believes if she finds and kills Ares,

the Germans will suddenly become good men again and stand down. After the allied force's victory, as the world celebrates, Diana smirks convinced that she alone knows the reality.

Gal Gadot's acting is superb as she portrays her feelings with her expressive eyes, curious gaze, joyful look and flicker of disappointment. Patty Jenkins is, probably, the first woman to direct a superhero film and she has done her job uniquely.

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It's a family movie. Another relief – Diana's costume is less revealing than the one Linda Carter originally wore. When Wonder Woman chooses other outfits, it's worth noting that she stays both covered and classy. It's a great movie.



Book Review by Musafir

Option B: Facing Adversity, Building Resilience, and Finding Joy

Author: Sheryl Sandberg and Adam Grant

Publisher: Alfred A. Knopf (226 p.)

"To be blind is not miserable; not to be able to bear blindness, that is miserable." - John Milton Clipper

"I think when tragedy occurs, it presents a choice. You can give in to the void, the emptiness that fills your heart, your lungs, constricts your ability to think or even breathe. Or you can try to find meaning. These past thirty days, I have spent many of my moments lost in that void. And I know that many future moments will be consumed by the vast emptiness as well. But when I can, I want to choose life and meaning."-Sheryl Sandberg

The above quote from Ms. Sandberg, probably, sums up the message of her latest book, Option B. Her marriage to Dave Goldberg became a playbook for successful working women after the publication of her first book, Lean In. Her biggest career decision was marrying her partner, Dave. In Lean In Sandberg redefining gender roles. Choosing the right partner is central to having it all for a career woman and she found one in Mr. Goldberg. She observed that most women at the top are married women whose husbands support their ambitions and take equal responsibility for making a home. She said that her great success (she is the chief operating officer of Facebook. which has made her a billionaire) would have been impossible without the unwavering support of her husband. Now, in the cruelest way, she had lost him.

Goldberg died suddenly while vacationing in Mexico with his wife Cheryl Sandberg in May 2015. Now, two years after Goldberg's death, Sandberg has written a new book, Option B which describes her grieving and recovery over past two years. "I have terrible news," she told her children, after flying home from Mexico. "Daddy died." What followed after that is a little uncomforting but true. Sandberg is honest about her venerability. Her honesty and acceptance of infallibility makes the book worth reading.

Finally she turned in her misery to the psychologist Adam Grant, a friend who is an expert in the field of human resilience. She told him that her greatest fear was that her children would never be happy again. But what helped the situation most was her own inner strength and untutored responses to the tragedy. She knew what to do and what to say to her children. She knew how to comfort them.

The book also has a message to other women who may be less fortunate not having financial and social support that she has. There are three Ps that stunt recovery: personalization, pervasiveness, and permanence. We shouldn't think everything is our fault. "Grief is the final act of love, and recovery from it is the necessary betrayal on which the future depends," she writes. There is only this one



life, and we are the ones who are here to live it.

(To watch an interview of Ms. Sandberg with Fox 2 WJBK's Roop Raj in Detroit, pl. click on this linkwihttps://www.facebook.com/RoopRajTV/videos/1669309059775935/)

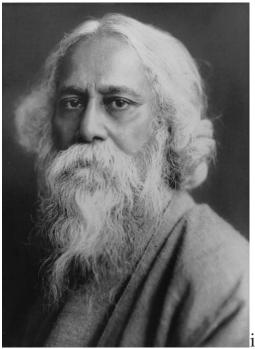
Essay

Trump's Triumphant Tour of Europe by Musafir

While you had your head buried in sand digging dirt to invalidate Trump's presidency, some historic events took place in Europe last week (week of July 3, 2017). During a difficult visit to Europe, Donald Trump appeared to uphold the Western values against the antagonists. He kept his campaign promise to fight for the good of America (America first). The critics call his approach egoistic as if the Europeans, especially Germany and France, are altruists who don't care for their countries' interests first. Read between the lines instead of believing in fake news.

His speech in Warsaw was by far the best he has given on the international stage. Trump's Warsaw address, which was a powerful defense of Western civilization and the values that underpin it, was one of the most significant foreign policy speeches delivered by a U.S. leader since the

days of Ronald Reagan. He did something that no other president in recent times has done. He guaranteed Poland and Balkan states an uncondit



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supply of natural gas to free those nations from the Russian bondage. He also declared that he would defend Article 5 of NATO. Unlike other European allies, he prefers

action above symbolism. I don't have room to cite examples in this article.

At the G-20 Summit in Hamburg following the Polish visit, Trump met with Russian President Vladimir Putin in a highly anticipated matchup between the two leaders. There were not, as the Russians were hoping for, any concessions from the U.S. regarding the lifting of economic sanctions against Moscow over its illegal occupation of Crimea and Moscow's proxy war in eastern Ukraine. Trump pressed his Russian counterpart several times over the issue of Russian interference in the U.S. presidential election. No one should expect a reluctant Russia to accept her guilt. Those who hoped for such an admission, probably, believe in Utopia.

President Trump decided to do the next best think under the circumstances. He decided to move on with Russia in achieving a truce in Syria. They agreed that they had a common enemy in ISIS and they must work together to get rid of them.

Elsewhere at the Summit, Trump stood firm in rejection of the Paris climate accord, and made clear his administration's opposition to an agreement that would be hugely costly to the US economy, and would undermine American

sovereignty. It's not that he is opposed to saving the world from global warming, it's the way the accord is framed that would harm America (read between the lines).

At the end of the Summit, Trump met with British Prime Minister Theresa May, underscoring his firm support for Brexit, and pledging to advance a U.S.-U.K. free trade deal "which will be a very, very big deal a very powerful deal, great for both countries and I think we will have that done very, very quickly."

Trump's trip should be viewed as a success. It was a firm rejection of the disastrous "leading from behind" approach of his predecessor in the Oval Office, and was the clearest sign yet that the president is settling in to his role as leader of the free world.

Those who observed that our President was isolated and not given enough attention by his European counterparts, I'd like to quote Tagore, a Nobel laureate from India "Ekla Chalo" meaning go alone.

"If no one heeds your call, then march on alone, If no one dares to speak, If everyone keeps their mouths shut, everyone is afraid,

Then march on alone."

(Note: The author is in disagreement with Trump on several issues)

Point

"Yes California" By Musafir

The Yes California Independence Campaign is promoting a referendum for the secession of California from the United States of America. It proposes a referendum in 2019 on this issue. This movement is also known as Calexit. No one is sure yet, if the proposal for the secession will make to the ballot box in 2019, but the idea is gaining steam for sure, especially among the liberal elites and academia.

The last time a state seceded from the US, it was in the 1860s and a civil war broke out. The civil war lasted four years causing 620,000 deaths (two percent of the American population). Family members fought against each other directly. Brothers killed brothers and friends killed friends. Therefore, we should let California secede from the union peacefully to avoid history from repeating itself. I don't want my children and grandchildren to perish in such a senseless war.

The separatists live by different rules than the rest of the world. They want a border-less country where one has to accede to their ideals or live like an alien. They don't believe in freedom of expression either. Open opposition to their beliefs is met by violent protests, beating in public or death. This is already happening to conservatives from eastern part of the state. I don't want a forced conformation. So I'll be better off without them.

Secession has other advantages too for the remaining of the U.S.

- •During the transition from statehood to nationhood, California will agree to assume its share of the U.S. national debt on a per capita basis. This will reduce the national debt by nearly \$2.4 trillion for the United States.
- •The U.S. will not be obligated to pay Social Security and Medicare benefits to the citizens of California.
- •The U.S. won't have to worry about uncontrolled and illegal immigration since California will be their safe haven.
- •California's unfunded pension liability is closer to \$1 trillion. California will not come to Washington hat-in-hand looking to be bailed out of their unsustainable pension costs
- •We will be spared from on-going internal fights between the very rich (liberal elites) and very poor (people of Mexican origin), between western and eastern Californians and between northern and southern Californians each wanting to form separate nations.
- "I don't care what you say anymore, this is my life

Go ahead with your own life and leave me alone"—Billy Joel.



Counterpoint

California Will Always Be A Part of the Union by Bala Prasad, MD

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Your Health

Safety Precaution Tips Against Seasonal Allergies By: Niru Prasad, M.D.

WHAT IS HAY FEVER?

Hay Fever is the most common type of seasonal allergies experienced by the susceptible individuals during fall weather starting from mid-August until mid-October and gradually subsides with the onset of frost. Hay Fever is characterized by symptoms of running nose, sneezing, itchy and watery eyes, loss of smell

sensation temporarily due to headaches and fatigue. The all ages and if not treated like bronchitis, pneumonia, etc. persistence of hay fever might asthmatic individuals.

Autumn allergies vary the state you live in because conditions play an important symptoms. For example,



constant running nose, Hay Fever afflicts patients of might lead to serious illnesses During the fall seasons, trigger asthmatic attack in the

depending upon what part of humidity and other climate role in triggering your allergic people living in Michigan, the

East Coast and the Mid-west areas suffer from hay fever more than those living on the West Coast. People living in California usually suffer from allergies due to pollen from Chinese Elm trees.

WHAT ARE INHALANT ALLERGIES?

The inhalant allergies or a reaction to airborne allergens are characterized by symptoms of allergies such as running nose, watery and itchy eyes, sneezing, etc. aggravated by changes in the environment such as during spring and fall seasons. These frequent offending factors in the environment include pollen from grass, weeds, trees, molds, dust mites and animal danders. What are the common precipitating factors causing Hay Fever?

Ragweeds – This particular type of weed commonly found on roadsides produces a yellowish type of pollen carried by the wind and produces allergic symptoms in allergy prone individuals.

Molds – The molds usually grow in cool dark places and increases during the end of summer until frost arrives. It is commonly found on plants, vegetables, and piles of raked leaves and in fields.

Dust – This is a year-round problem and the increase in house dust during fall cleaning, turning on the furnace or using blankets that have been stored during summer, all these factors precipitate the allergic symptoms in susceptible individuals due to dust mites.

Other weeds causing Hay Fever include Chinese Elm trees, Sage, Burweed, Russian Thistle and Lamb's wool, etc.

Pets – Allergic symptoms are also triggered by contact with animal danders, pets or exposure to second hand smoking.

WHAT ARE OTHER FORMS OF ALLERGIES?

There are some serious forms of allergies that need immediate treatment such as Penicillin allergy, bee stings, etc. since these individuals can develop breathing difficulties and might die of suffocation due to Edema of air passages if not treated immediately. Food allergies are characterized by symptoms of allergies precipitated by eating certain foods such as seafood, chocolate, eggs, etc. Food allergies are more common in infants and young children. Contact allergies develop due to skin exposure to poison ivy plants or any chemical detergent and is characterized by itching and skin rash.

SAFETY PRECAUTION TIPS TO PROTECT YOU AGAINST ALLERGIES

HOME TREATMENT:

Keep a record of your symptoms, and the plants, animals, food or chemicals that trigger the attack of allergies and try to avoid them.

If your symptoms are related to pollens and dust, keep your house clean and while driving, keep windows up.

Limit the time you and your pet spend outside when pollen counts are high since pets may bring large amounts of pollen into your home.

Try to keep your bedroom, kitchen and family room areas clean and dust free.

Cover your mattress and box springs with dust proof cases and wipe them clean weekly. Avoid using wool or down blankets and feather pillows.

Wash your bed sheets and pillowcases weekly in hot water.

Consider using air purifier with HEPA filter in your home.

Get your chimney and furnace checked before starting fireplaces and gas heaters.

Keep your house well ventilated and dry. If the symptoms of allergies persist throughout the year they may be related to molds or mildews. Keep the humidity below 50 percent and use a dehumidifier during humid weather.

If you suffer from asthma, DO NOT take aspirin, Ibuprofen and similar pain medication since they can trigger an asthmatic attack.

Reduce your risk of cold and flu by washing your hands often and getting a flu shot each year.

Clean your humidifier frequently.

Do regular exercises or swimming. Water aerobics may be a good choice because the moist air is less likely to trigger an attack. Avoid strenuous exercises since they might precipitate an asthmatic attack.

Take care of your heart. Get a periodic check-up because if you have a lung problem it is important to keep your heart as healthy as possible.

Use HEPA (High Efficiency Particulate Arrestor) air purifier, a HEPA vacuum and mite proof mattress and pillow covers.

HOME TREATMENT FOR ASTHMA:

Learn to use a peak flow meter to monitor your ability to exhale and use it regularly.

If you suffer from severe asthma, ask your doctor for a written care plan to guide you in adding medication to your inhaler.

ONCE AN ASTHMA ATTACK DEVELOPS

Learn to use a metered dose inhaler with the right amount of medication.

Keep a record of what triggers an attack and avoid them.

DO NOT smoke and avoid crowds where people are smoking.

Get yourself involved with relaxation exercises.

People with asthma usually do better in warm moist air than cool dry air. If you are feeling tight, stand or sit in a warm shower for 5 to 10 minutes.

Get frequent check-ups with your doctor. Know what symptoms to watch for, how to treatment them and when to call the doctor.

WHAT ARE THE SIMPLE HOME REMEDIES FOR HAY FEVER?

Allergies due to pets, food, house dust, and dust mites can be treated by avoiding those factors.

Antihistamines usually help clear up runny nose, sneezing and itchy eyes but may cause drowsiness and difficulty in concentration.

Oral decongestants help clear stuffy clogged nose, however, it might cause insomnia or loss of appetite, rebound phenomenon if used for a long time.

Combination of antihistamine and decongestant help clear up running nose, sneezing and stuffy nose however, can cause drowsiness, difficulty in concentration, behavior problems, insomnia or loss of appetite.

Over the counter nasal spray helps clear stuffy nose, however, should not be used more than five consecutive days because one can get addicted to it and once stopped might cause rebound phenomenon. Prescription nasal spray such as Intal are usually preventive during the season, however, they are NOT safe for younger children.

Allergy shots are helpful however, one has to make frequent visits for the shots is they are NOT cost effective.

It is important to remember that allergies can start at any age, might run in families and certain safety precautions observed during the change of season has a favorable outcome on the susceptible individual.

Poem



The Lesson I Learned by Ashok Lal

I wrote a letter to a girl Whose walk made my body swirl. After a few days I got it back From my teacher with a pat.

Son, this letter she did not take But I've corrected your mistakes. Not to cede I wrote another letter This time to her older sister.

She came up to me and said, "look, I found this letter in my book. Got your note, but I'm too old" These two binds left me in cold.

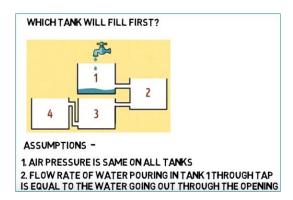
I chose not to pursue girls again Since this brought no joy but pain. But I changed my mind in a hurry As I got letters not one but three.

Two were from sisters in reply And third from the teacher on sly. I went ahead with the first two And threw the third in the loo.

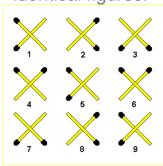
Mental Exercise

Which movie name is hidden in the pictogram rebus below?





This is a quickfire matchstick riddle in which you need to quickly find two identical figures.



Which pit stop will the car reach?

1. Pit Stop A 2. Pit Stop B 3. Pit Stop C 4. Pit Stop D



From the Publisher's Desk

All the President's Detractors Bala Prasad



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listing agents at Hall & Hunter Realtors and sell nearly 50% of their own listings.

The team attributes their success on the core values of trust, expert opinion, tenacity and experience. "Our philosophy has been to sell real estate as a 'mini-business,' with each buyer and seller receiving our full attention," Lynn said. "We also develop individual marketing plans for our clients because

constantly evolving."

Prior to their partnership at Hall & Hunter Realtors in 2001, Lynn served as Sales Director for a number of renowned area builders. Deby also

ln 2013:

80 properties closed

and over

in sales!

specialized in the residential real estate market, accumulating more than 25 years of experience in selling homes in Oakland, Macomb and Wayne

In addition to their commitment to their clients, community work and volunteering has also been a cornerstone of the team's value system. Deby has been a Docent at The Detroit Institute of Arts for over 30 years and very active at Cranbrook Schools. Lynn has worked in developing programs at the

> Pontiac Light House, Judson Children's Center and Greater Detroit Society for the Blind. Their community involvement has helped them to establish relationships with the Kresge Foundation, Oakland University, Henry Ford Hospital, Crittenton Hospital and many other organizations.

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