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At the Warfield: The Cult & Death Cult, 10/27. Stephen Wilson Jr., 10/28.

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What's that show on daytime television that perpetrates a negative stereotype of women: that they base their decisions upon emotion rather than logic? Oh yeah – *The View*.

Soap Operas used to dominate daytime TV, but with declining audiences and ad revenue due to cable TV, and more recently the internet, there are only three left on the air, as they're more expensive to produce than ill-informed gabfests like *The View*. Sitcoms and dramas have been less prevalent on prime time TV as they're more expensive to produce than reality shows.

The Late Show with Stephen Colbert was recently canceled and the host has claimed he got the sack because he criticized President Trump. Apparently Trump or CBS never noticed he put down Trump every night for a decade, until now. The show losing \$40 million a year might have a little more to do with it. Jimmy Kimmel's show on ABC loses money, too, and he'll probably be off the air when his contract expires next year (he'll probably pull the martyr routine too over his Charlie Kirk comment).

NBC's late night triumvirate of Lorne Michaels-produced shows (*Saturday Night Live*, *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*, and *Late Night with Seth Meyers*) presently lose a combined \$100 million a year, so it looks like they're on the endangered species list as well. It was speculated that the 80 year old Lorne Michaels would soon retire and name an ex-SNL veteran like Tina Fey or Seth Meyers as the new producer. It's more likely now that when he retires NBC will just pull the plug.

Saturday Night Live and *The Tonight Show* (when it was hosted by Steve Allen, Jack Paar, Johnny Carson and Jay Leno) used to be big money makers for NBC, but viewers seem to have abandoned late night TV in favor of the internet. These shows appear on the internet, too, but ad revenue for the net is very low.

So it looks like the death of broadcast and cable TV is on the horizon. Radio stations are

laying workers off and declaring bankruptcy so it looks like they're going the way of print media. If William Randolph Hearst started a newspaper today he wouldn't be living in a castle in San Simeon. He'd be living in a cardboard box.

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Looks like voters made the right call by recalling Supervisor Joel Engardio recently. He represented the west side of town and angered many residents there with his support for closing part of the Great Highway to cars. Motorists had to take the side streets instead of the highway, but drove as if they were still on it, speeding. The day before the recall I was walking on one of those side streets and a truck stopped in the middle of the street, a guy exited the vehicle, whipped it out, and took a leak on the sidewalk. He couldn't pull over at the men's room at Great Highway and Judah to take care of business. Elections for supervisor should be district-wide, not city-wide. Also, supervisor should be a part-time position like in the old days. They should have real jobs, too.

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Governor Gavin Newsom finally signed Scott Weiner's Senate Bill 79 into law, which will allow 6 story tall buildings near any bus or train line. This will supposedly allow for more affordable housing in California. The bill focuses on only eight counties: Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, San Francisco, Alameda, Sacramento, Santa Clara and San Mateo. (Marin, where Newsom lives, is exempted – what a coincidence.)

The politicians in California apparently think the best way to fight drug addiction is to give drug addicts free drug paraphernalia.

"Affordable housing" really means "taxpayer-subsidized housing" and generally it's not going to house people down on their luck -- who are grateful for a helping hand as they struggle to get back on their feet. It's going to house perennially unemployed bums who will be drinking and drugging all day, stealing Amazon packages, breaking into cars, littering, shoplifting, driving under the influence, and generally making your neighborhood into a living hell. And imagine what that will do to the value of your home.



Here's Hate Man heckling Reverend Chuck on the Berkeley campus around 1993, surrounded by a big crowd of onlookers, as usual. Hate Man used to mimic Reverend Chuck. If Chuck stood on a chair, Hate Man stood on a crate. If Chuck sat down, Hate Man sat down. If Chuck paced back and forth, Hate Man paced back and forth. One of the odd things about Reverend Chuck was his obsession with sodomy. Virtually every one of his sermons featured a long harangue on the mortal sin of sodomy, often going into graphic detail. According to the theology of Reverend Chuck, the sin of sodomy was a sure-fire way to earn eternal damnation in the fires of Hell. The odd thing was, I don't ever remember Jesus even mentioning sodomy in the Bible. And to my knowledge He never once expounded on the Gospel According to Anal Sex. But one thing was for sure. Reverend Chuck had spent a LOT of time thinking long and hard about the subject of sodomy. And there was probably a reason for that.



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