

has committed evil acts to the largest degree, namely Saudi Arabia?

Consider the Jamal Khashoggi killing, the atrocities in Yemen, women treated as second-class citizens, and the harboring of known terrorists.

It seems Omar has an agenda that agrees only with her religion.

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Don't blame the zoo's jaguar for woman's lack of sense

Reading the March 11 article "Woman attacked by jaguar while taking photo apologizes to the zoo," I was flabbergasted by how out of touch people are with nature.

Yes, surprisingly a predator will attack you if you get too close to its cage. That is how they survive in the wild. It is a shock that people are so caught up with themselves and social media that they lose their natural instinct and common sense.

Thankfully, a knowledgeable person was around to help. And no, the jaguar should definitely not be killed. If we got euthanized for doing what comes naturally we would all be dead by now. Also, it is not the Jaguar's fault that woman wasn't thinking. We are so absorbed with our own worlds that we don't even notice the world around us.

It is a privilege to have zoos, but if people abuse that, the rest of us won't have the ability to enjoy a nice hot weekend at the zoo with the penguins and jaguars.

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Democrats use ruthless tactics to go after President Trump

"Show me the man and I'll show you the crime." That's a quote attributed to Lavrentiy Beria, former Russian Dictator Josef Stalin's chief of secret police. Beria would target a man first and then search until he found the crime. House Democrats have resorted to the same tactics.

Democratic politics have taken on the mantra of fighting everything Donald Trump-related and threatening anyone with the audacity to oppose them. Case in point: the Russia collusion hoax. Trump won election in 2016. Two years and \$30 million later, and no indictment by special counsel Robert Mueller thus far has implicated Trump or his

wouldn't be needed. This wanton waste of government money should not be tolerated by any segment of the area's population.

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Keep the spotlight on problems at the St. Louis County jail

Regarding a March 10 editorial, "County injustice center":

Thank you for not ignoring the recent tragic deaths of three inmates held in the St. Louis County Justice Center in Clayton, which the editorial says came "under circumstances that suggest their serious medical problems were ignored or minimized by staffers."

We must understand the link between the abuse seemingly suffered by these inmates and core principles and values to which most Americans presumably subscribe and the protections presumably guaranteed to us under the Constitution's Bill of Rights.

As to the former, despite phrases such as "and justice for all," "do unto others" and "equal justice under law," many, if not most, know from life experiences that those with the fewest resources receive inferior and often downright unjust treatment in terms of the investigation, application and enforcement of the law.

As to the latter, the inmates' rights under the Eighth Amendment's cruel and unusual punishments clause were violated if staffers deliberately failed to provide adequate medical treatment. In addition, another looming concern is whether the inmates were in jail, in the first instance, in violation of the Eighth Amendment's excessive bail clause.

Clearly, when jails are referred to as death chambers, changes are in order. With continued responsible media coverage and growing public awareness, some good may come from these tragedies.

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Community college is smart choice for frugal students

Here's some good news: A recent study indicates that by three years after graduation it doesn't matter where you graduated from. At that point, your success depends upon your performance.