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Jewish nation state: Israel approves controversial bill

July 19, 2018 BBC News reported: "Israel's parliament has passed a controversial law characterising the country as principally a Jewish state, fuelling anger among its Arab minority.

The 'nation state' law says Jews have a unique right to national self-determination there and puts Hebrew above Arabic as the official language.

Arab MPs reacted furiously in parliament, with one waving a black flag and others ripping up the bill. Israel's prime minister praised the bill's passage as a 'defining moment'.

'A hundred and twenty-two years after [the founder of modern Zionism Theodore] Herzl made his vision known, with this law we determined the founding principle of our existence,' Benjamin Netanyahu said.

'Israel is the nation state of the Jewish people, and respects the rights of all of its citizens.' ..."

'Boy or girl?' Parents raising 'theybies' let kids decide

July 19, 2018 nbcnews.com reported: "Three-year-old twins Zyler and Kadyne Sharpe scurried around the boys and girls clothing racks of a narrow consignment store filled with toys.

Zyler, wearing rainbow leggings, scrutinized a pair of hot-pink-and-purple sneakers. Kadyne, in a T-Rex shirt, fixated on a musical cube that flashed colorful lights. At a glance, the only discernible difference between these fraternal twins is their hair — Zyler's is brown and Kadyne's is blond.

Is Zyler a boy or a girl? How about Kadyne? That's a question their parents, Nate and Julia Sharpe, say only the twins can decide. The Cambridge, Mass., couple represent a small group of parents raising "theybies" — children being brought up without gender designation from birth. A Facebook community for these parents currently claims about 220 members across the U.S.

"A theyby is, I think, different things to different people," Nate Sharpe told NBC News. "For us, it means raising our kids with gender-neutral pronouns — so, 'they,' 'them,' 'their,' rather than assigning 'he,' 'she,' 'him,' 'her' from birth based on their anatomy."

Parents in the U.S. are increasingly raising children outside traditional gender norms — allowing boys and girls to play with the same toys and wear the same clothes — though experts say this is happening mostly in progressive, well-to-do enclaves.

But what makes this "gender-open" style of parenting stand out, and even controversial in some circles, is that the parents do not reveal the sex of their children to anyone."..."

Iran's Khamenei Celebrates Birthday By Calling for Destruction of Israel

July 18, 2018 Breitbart.com reported: "Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei celebrated his 79th birthday on Monday by calling for the destruction of Israel and slamming President Donald Trump's as yet unveiled peace plan as a 'satanic, vicious plot.'

His Twitter feed on Monday was overlaid with a festive display of multicolored balloons, somewhat incongruous with the deluge of hate messages underneath.

'Everyone should know that the satanic and vicious plot that the U.S. has for #Palestine — calling it the Deal of Century — will never happen,' he tweeted.

'The turbulent dream that Al-Quds [Jerusalem] would be given to the Zionists will never come true.'

He continued: 'The Palestinian nation will stand against it and Muslim nations will back the Palestinian nation, never letting that happen. By God's grace, the Palestinian nation will certainly gain victory over the enemies and will witness the day when the fabricated Zionist regime will be eradicated,' he vowed..."

Pentagon Requests Funds for First Offensive Hypersonic Weapons

July 18, 2018 spacedaily.com reported: "The Pentagon comptroller has asked the US Congress to shift money from lower-priority defense programs to the US Air Force's first offensive "hypersonic conventional strike" weapon, according to a Tuesday report.

As part of a process known as an omnibus reprogramming request, the Pentagon requested that Congress allocate precisely \$20 million for an air-launched hypersonic attack weapon, which travels five times the speed of sound, a Bloomberg report noted.

The Pentagon also seeks \$65 million for a demonstration of a hypersonic weapon fired from ground forces, to happen sooner rather than later.

Hypersonic weapons are "not an advantage that we can concede to people who wish to be our adversaries," the Pentagon's first-ever undersecretary of defense for research and engineering, Michael Griffin, told reporters July 12."..."

US media, citing US intelligence, reported last week that Russian MiG-31 jets had tested the "Kinzhal" hypersonic missile a dozen times. The missile is slated to be modified to allow the Tu-22M3 strategic bomber to fire the weapon as well, a Russian Ministry of Defense source told Sputnik News.

The Kinzhal successfully hit a target 500 miles, or approximately 800 kilometers, away from the aircraft from which it was launched, CNBC reported July 13."..."

Yellowstone Volcano latest: 100-FOOT fissure sparks URGENT park closure

July 17, 2018 express.co.uk reported: "A 100-foot fissure has opened up in the Grand Teton National Park – not far from the potentially catastrophic Yellowstone volcano.

The giant crack in the Wyoming-based national park has prompted officials to shut down areas from tourists in case of landslides. The Grand Teton National Park said in a statement: "The Hidden Falls and Inspiration Point areas are currently closed due to elevated potential for rockfall. "The area was closed to protect human safety on July 10 after expanding cracks in a rock buttress were detected. It is unknown how long the closure will be in effect. Geologists are monitoring the buttress for movement and have initiated a risk assessment for the area."..."

Despite being around 100 kilometres from the Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton does sit over the Yellowstone supervolcano. If it was seismic activity beneath Grand Teton which caused the fissure, it could be a sign that Yellowstone is reawakening.

If the Wyoming volcano were to erupt an estimated 87,000 people would be killed immediately and two-thirds of the USA would immediately be made uninhabitable."..."

Focus on the future of space transportation: ESA's call for ideas

July 17, 2018 spacedaily.com reported: "ESA is calling for ideas that will shape the future of space transportation services - to space, in space and returning from space.

"The changing world we live in requires a space agency to anticipate. Now is the time for ESA to reach out to our citizens in the Member States and listen to their ideas and take them on board Europe's greatest adventure," commented Jan Worner, ESA Director General.

This call for ideas is part of ESA's drive to encourage open innovation from industry and individuals, from space and non-space sectors, to ensure that Europe can meet future challenges and seize new opportunities.

Proposals are welcome from space- and non-space-based companies, start-ups, universities and institutions, oriented towards private customer services and commercially viable ventures that would complement existing ESA space transportation programmes and activities.

Providing new, affordable transportation services will open up business opportunities, in turn benefiting the European public sector, stimulating employment and economic growth and competitiveness.

New services to space could include low-cost access to space for light satellites to low Earth orbit. New services in orbit and return from orbit could include transportation for exploration missions, Earth-Moon cargo supply services, space logistics or in-orbit servicing.

Submitted ideas can be at any level of technical maturity, but are expected to have a long-term vision of service provision and show a high potential for return on investment, with a financing scheme based on private investments."..."

Media silent on genetic study defying evolution

July 16, 2018 World Net Daily reported: "When a scientific study was published showing that 90 percent of animals appeared on Earth at the same time as humans, you could almost hear the proverbial pin drop in the popular press, academia and evolutionary scientific community.

That was in May when Mark Stoeckle from the Rockefeller University in New York and David Thaler at the University of Basel in Switzerland, both evolutionary scientists, published in the Journal of Human Evolution the results of their meticulous and sweeping genetic study of the DNA barcodes of more than 100,000 animal species and humans showing man and all the animals seem to have sprung to life spontaneously no more than 200,000 years ago.

Since then, not one major news agency has reported the shocking findings. There has not been any significant attempt at refutation of the research by the evolutionary scientific community.

There are no reports of an uproar in the science academy.

"This conclusion is very surprising, and I fought against it as hard as I could," researcher and co-author Thaler told one interviewer.

The first report on the study came in Phys.org, which concluded the findings are "sure to jostle, if not overturn, more than one settled idea about how evolution unfolds." Yet, even that report buried the lead under the headline: "Sweeping gene survey reveals new facets of evolution."

That report focused on the still disquieting but, perhaps, less disturbing aspect of the study that counters the evolutionary assumption "that species with large, far-flung populations – think ants, rats, humans – will become more genetically diverse over time."

The report then asked the lead author of the study: "But is that true?"

"The answer is no," said Stoeckle..."

Israel deals 'hardest blow' to Hamas since 2014 Gaza war

July 16, 2018 BBC News reported: "Israel has carried out its biggest attack against Hamas militant targets in Gaza since the war in 2014, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says.

The raids were a response to rockets fired into Israel, he said. Hamas said a truce had been agreed, but further exchanges have been reported.

Palestinian health officials said two people were killed and 12 injured in an air strike in Gaza City on Saturday. Three Israelis were hurt by one of the rockets fired on Israel.

More than 200 projectiles – including rockets and mortars – had been fired into Israel since Friday, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said..."

