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Teddy Buys A New Farm - The Final Chapter

A special thank you to the hundreds of readers of DCBULL over the past week (3,700 and counting). Your feedback, support, and humor has been greatly appreciated.

Today's article was to feature the CIA, the special methods they use to torture prisoners in order to obtain information that protects our liberties. However it would appear that more attention to Teddy Kennedy is still warranted, so this writer will oblige the audience and discuss the contradictions that were Ted Kennedy.

*I have been genuinely puzzled today by the tremendous bipartisan sentiment on Capital Hill and with the general public. While it's true that Senator Kennedy was a political icon, it is also true the man was profoundly flawed in many ways. Many of the articles and interviews I've observed over the past 24 hours have only **lightly** touched upon this man's many shortcomings, almost as if it's merely obligatory to mention the sexual escapades, the alcoholism, adultery and a variety of other inappropriate activities. The sense of obligation by the press to mention Ted Kennedy's shortcomings would seem to suggest that the reverence for this man is combined with fear of protecting a legacy, regardless of the seriousness of the Kennedy offenses over the years.*

The larger question I'm asking myself today is simply this; do we judge an entire man's life by a dozen or so indiscretions? Most people quite frankly are guilty of many of the same issues that plagued the good Senator. This brings about the age-old question - do

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For many years now, I have been a privileged behind the scenes

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am paid to lurk in the crevices of our Nations Capital in order to make sense of it all. My activities in politics and private concerns have included board seats, equity, stock ownership, campaign management, political strategy, policy adviser, and chief trouble solver. With a quarter of a century worth of exploits in DC under my belt, and at the urging, prodding and insistence of those in high and not so high offices, I have decided to write this daily blog....Good Lord.

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we hold our political figures, our celebrities and our people of leadership to a higher standard of excellence than we do ourselves?

I guess the simple answer would be, yes - but to he who has been given much - much is expected. However is it fair to judge a specially gifted person like Senator Kennedy and expect him to be perfect from the beginning of his life till the end of his life? I would suggest that it's not only difficult, but near impossible for any individual - especially a Kennedy to achieve that level of perfection. Ted Kennedy was a passionate, loving and sincere man. In my personal dealings with Senator Kennedy dating back to the early 1980's, I was shocked, yet impressed by his oblivious reaction to current events of the day. Senator Kennedy always seemed to have a larger than life persona that allowed him to articulate positions and opinions on big picture activities. Point-in-case would be his focus on healthcare reform. It defined him - it was his personal crusade from his entrance into politics. Kennedy always seem to understand that at some point in time, that health care had to be available to everybody - it had to be affordable - it had to make sense. The healthcare problems had to be brought down to the lowest common denominator - simplified for the health care companies - for the hospitals - for the insurance carriers - for the doctors - the nurses - and of course us, the patients. Somehow, before anybody else saw the crisis, Teddy new this was going to be the issue of the day.

Another amazing aspect of Kennedy was his ability to continue to forge ahead regardless of what was going on in his personal life (and there was plenty). I'm sure each of us can think of a time when we had a negative event occur, the loss of a family member, loss of finances, pending litigation, or some other calamity. For most of us, that single obstacle seemed to derail our ability to forge on. Kennedy seemed to have the ability to push on though his many troubles without any clue that there was anything negative going on. This may be what led him to use alcohol to excess and engage in sexual impropriety. These behaviors have been an escape mechanism for men under tremendous pressure since the beginning of time. Let us not forget, that when both of his brothers were killed, the responsibility of being a

Kennedy was left in his lap.

So I guess my conclusion is simply this, I had the opportunity to watch Senator Kennedy operate as a man, as a politician, and as a genuinely good personal friend to a former business partner of mine. I observed his loyalty to his party - purely the last of the true hard-core partisan Democrats who saw the Democratic Party as a single vessel to propagate societies well being and long-term growth. He was a flawed man, but a good man.

I look at my own life in the wake of Senator Kennedy's passing, and ask myself - if my life were to end tomorrow, would people have the ability to look at my three sons, my marriage, loyalty to friends, and my love and passion for the world that we live in. Or would people simply remember the mistakes of my life - the errors in judgment, the divorce, life lesson shortcomings? I guess the final determination of each persons legacy is left for those behind to determine.

The Kennedy family seems to have the ability to fly under the radar with activities that would thrust most of us into boiling water - and we would never get out alive. History seems to demonstrate that some people are given the ability to withstand tremendous pressure while carrying on an agenda that benefits society. Senator Kennedy was here for a very specific reason - his life had significant meaning - and while hurting many people in his life, I would say he probably helped many, many more.

So dear Senator, a very happy journey to the big Martini Bar in the sky - and be at peace.



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Every news outlet claims to be the divine spearhead for honesty in politics and fair reporting. Can you really believe yet another source for DC news? Well buckle up all of you who claim unbiased reporting from inside the DC beltway. Here I am - and the BULL starts here.

WHO AM I?

Arthur L. Ekrem (ie: me) is a legitimate non-partisan insider who knows DC inside and out, where I have played at the National level for decades.

I feel the two party system is seriously flawed and dying fast. The only hope our great nation has for revival is through a new party order that will not play under the current DC system of so-called democracy. A fresh candidate will be perhaps a leader of industry who will scare the crap of the DC insiders, and stimulate hope and fresh thinking in the minds and spirits of a new generation of i-Phone voters.

Our founder and editor (ie: me) has early ties in DC from the Reagan White House to the Clinton administration and beyond. It should be noted that I also adore and often quote George Carlin, Thomas Jefferson, Howard Stern, and my favorite political comedian; George W. Bush. Lets face it "W" as they called him, was the funniest man in DC since Hoover (no, not President Hoover - I speak of J. Edgar Hoover - America's first really prominent cross-dresser and all around funny DC insider).

Here at DCBULL I will feature a full array of DC characters and inside arguments in an honest light, and not as portrayed in the mainstream media. So watch yourself DC, because I am watching you.

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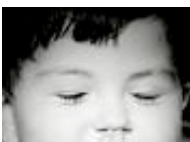
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