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Chapter 1 : The U.S. Drive To War On Iraq

The terrorist attack on America Anger about U.S. policy in the Middle East is justified / Larry Everest Anger about the U.S. bombing of Afghanistan is.

Transcript This is a rush transcript. Copy may not be in its final form. This is Democracy Now! One of the only journalists in Fallujah during the U. This is Rahul Majajan. We were in Fallujah over part of Saturday, and Sunday morning before we left. I can tell you from what I have seen with my own eyes that Al-Jazeera is much closer to the truth. Al-Jazeera is saying that about half of the people killed, at least, were women and children, and of course, larger number were " in total were non-combatants. I saw with my own eyes, many women and children who were injured and at least one who was quite certain to die. They have been reporting shooting at ambulances by snipers. They were probably direct hits on the heart of the ambulance driver. Another ambulance, again with one single, neat bullet hole. This is no way this was an accident. These were deliberate shots into the windshield of the ambulance to kill people sitting in the front seat. Rahul, you are one of the few western reporters who have gotten into Fallujah. How you are operating there? We had " there was one British reporter, Lee Gordon who had a number of Iraqi contacts, including a man with a nephew of a local sheikh, and was on good terms with many people, and could negotiate passes through the Mujahadin. So we had to first use American and British white faces to get us through the American roadblocks and then we had to use these connections to get us in there. While we were there it was mostly a relief operation. We took in medical supplies and evacuated some wounded back to Baghdad. It was difficult to do reporting. There was a lot of tension, and people at the hospital we were at were working feverishly to save a few lives with very inadequate supplies. But I did get to see a few things. In your blog at empirenotes. You just have to go with your gut feeling. It is true that some of the young men in Fallujah have not picked up their kalasnikovs yet, but the resistance, the Mujahadin, they are the people of the town. Which is their policy. They made an exception for us. We brought some wounded out. If anyone could be the enemy, then you have no justification for being there. It is in fact the exact logic they used in large areas of Vietnam, in any of the three fire zones. For example, military aged males, if they were moving at all, they were targets, and they could be shot at indiscriminately. We are talking to Rahul Mahajan. He is in Iraq right now, keeping a blog, empirenotes. He has just come out of Fallujah, is in Baghdad right now. You have been in Iraq a number of times. How does the sentiment of the population compare now to what it has been? Well, I was here in January, and I interviewed people extensively. And in Baghdad, which is the only area I was in then, I could sense an incredibly widespread anger, an atmosphere of deep frustration. It was especially striking that doctors and hospitals told us they got less in the way of medical supplies than they did under Saddam. The resistance in most areas was relatively marginalized. It is true that in Fallujah, it had a lot stronger rapor than inaudible and the rest of Alubar? The Shia had not decided to move the violence. They were very much biding their time. And now all of that has just explosively changed in the space of ten days. At the same time the entire " whatever little legitimacy the occupation had, and it was very, very little, has completely collapsed. A number of people in the governing council have resigned. The rest of them are very silent. The United States has completely lost control, and even the mildest of people are now absolutely enraged at what is being done in Fallujah, and want the United States out. Lieutenant General Ricardo Sanchez, the commander of the U. Well, this should show the complete lack of any kind of political thinking or political strategy to this whole thing. The first axiom in any kind of dealing with a movement like this is, when you want to look at a leader, you have to think about his followers. Capturing or killing Muqtada Al Sadr will make the inaudible army of his explode. It is going to instantly get every other shia cleric so that they cannot possibly do anything but condemn the U. Sistani is going to have to come out more in force. It is the most idiotic thing they could think of doing. What do you think of the comparisons of Al Sadr to Saddam Hussein? Al Sadr is an extremist. What about the U. Well, they were saying that when I was there, and there was no cease-fire. I mean, I think what

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they did was they spent a few days without dropping the pound bombs, which is what they were using, pound bombs on residential areas is a terrifying thing. But, as I said, the snipers were sniping everywhere. There was a constant stream of wounded into the hospitals. So I think the claim of a cease-fire was a joke and I see no reason to believe it now, either. Rahul, what about the presence of mercenaries, of the growing private army outside of the U. Well, I think that this is part of a standard trend of, just, making sure that the limited controls that are at least legally in place on actual U. How long do you plan to stay in Iraq? Well, I had planned to stay until April 25th, but the situation has deteriorated rapidly. Foreigners are being kidnapped at an alarming rate, and humanitarian N. Bridges to Baghdad is leaving tomorrow and other groups are thinking about leaving as soon as possible. Can you tell me, Rahul Mahajan, how you function each day when you go outside of the hotel? What do you do? How do you protect yourself? I have the slight advantage that I look very much like many Iraqis. You will see Iraqi women without a head scarf. You will never see an American woman without one. I have heard that even some of the more delicate-featured men, with very striking blond hair, do the same thing. I just try to keep my head down. Would you say that there is tremendous fear among the Iraqis? There was a great deal of fear. But I see " I actually see Iraqis losing their fear, and seeing it translated into anger. So I see much less fear and much more anger. And have you gotten an chance to talk to U. Initially I did, when I was in Sadr city, a couple of days after the outbreak of violence there, and I talked to some young men who were posted there. They had only been in Iraq three weeks, so they were more friendly and easier to approach. But these guys talked to us. They were perfectly nice. They were very, very ignorant of what was going on in Iraq. What do you think about the Madi army? In fact one of them was very curious and came up and asked us several questions trying to figure out who these people were. They were thrown in here. And it is a shame. Rahul Mahajan, he is speaking from Iraq. He is just out of Fallujah. Please attribute legal copies of this work to democracynow. Some of the work s that this program incorporates, however, may be separately licensed. For further information or additional permissions, contact us. Next story from this daily show.

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Chapter 2 : Deciphering the Mideast Chaos “ Consortiumnews

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The reason for the confusion is simple: Otherwise, the people might realize the dangers ahead and demand substantial changes in U. Bush in Crawford, Texas, on Aug. Both Israel and the Saudi bloc have identified Shiite-ruled Iran as their chief regional adversary and thus are supporting proxy wars against perceived Iranian allies in Syria and now Yemen. Embassy hostages in Iran in and excessive violence by the Syrian military against opposition forces in But the most intense American anger has been provoked by the actions of Sunni fundamentalists involving mass murder of innocents. Yet, over the years, the U. Bush shielded the Saudis from blame and ordered the invasion of Iraq to oust Saddam Hussein, a secular Sunni dictator who was a fierce opponent of Al-Qaeda and other religious fanatics. Bush via the U. And, in Yemen, a long-festering sectarian conflict has led to the capture of Sanaa by Houthi rebels who deny that they are supported by Iran although Iran may have provided some limited help. Amid the wild and inchoate cheering by Republicans and many Democrats, Netanyahu continued: Congress when in the presence of an Israeli leader. A Powerful Alliance Over the past decade, the Israelis and the Saudis have built a powerful alliance, a relationship that has operated mostly behind the curtains. Israel possesses extraordinary political and media influence inside the United States and Saudi Arabia wields its oil and financial resources to keep American officialdom in line. Reflecting the interests of the Israeli-Saudi bloc, American neocons have advocated U. That would likely mean major atrocities, including executions of Christians and other religious minorities, as well as terrorist plots mounted against Europe and the United States. A full-scale transformation into a militaristic state would be required to sustain this open-ended conflict, channeling national wealth into endless warfare and requiring the repression of anti-war sentiments at home. So, what is at stake for the American Republic is essentially existential, whether the constitutional structure that began in will continue or will disappear. Politicians, who say they love the Constitution but follow Netanyahu into this dead-end for the Republic, are speaking out of both sides of their mouths. For details on this offer, [click here](#).

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Chapter 3 : Middle East, Europe Anger Mounts Over Trump Travel Ban

Middle East, Europe Anger Mounts Over Trump Travel Ban issuing a midnight statement saying she does not agree with the policy. May said she would appeal to the U.S. if the ban affected British.

President Donald Trump on citizens from seven Muslim countries. The Trump executive order places also an indefinite ban on admission of Syrian refugees and a day ban on all other refugees. But officials in Baghdad say they will lobby the U. And they plan to warn the White House that the temporary immigration ban risks undermining cooperation in the war on the Islamic State terror group. Governments in other Arab countries have been muted in their public responses to the ban, opting to lobby Washington strongly behind the scenes. According to an official in Dubai who spoke to VOA on the condition of anonymity, they planned to caution the U. Iran on Saturday announced it would bar all U. The ministry said its retaliatory measures would remain in place until the U. Administration claims overreaction White House officials say the ban on citizens from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen is part of an effort to stop terrorists from entering the United States. Trump and his aides say those who oppose the executive order are overreacting. You see it at the airports, you see it all over. On Saturday, French President Francois Hollande said defending democracy "requires observing fundamental principles," among them welcoming refugees. Luxembourg warned that Trump immigration curbs risk bolstering "hatred towards the West. The French and German foreign ministers, meanwhile, voiced their concern after talks in Paris. But there are a lot of other issues that are causing us concern," Ayrault said, with Gabriel at his side. She said it is "not justified to put people from a specific background or faith under general suspicion" in order to combat the terrorism of the few. A spokesman for Merkel said, "The chancellor regrets the U. But on Sunday she shifted position, issuing a midnight statement saying she does not agree with the policy. May said she would appeal to the U. Botan Mahmoud Hassour shows his identity cards when he was working with the U. Soldiers decry ban In Mosul, where Iraqi forces are battling militants in a bid to oust the Islamic State terror group from its last major urban stronghold in Iraq, soldiers expressed anger at the ban, saying it could prevent them from visiting relatives in the United States. I should have the right to visit my family,"Assem Ayad, a year-old soldier deployed in Mosul who has three cousins living in Texas, told AFP news agency. But there are also innocent people" including those who are fighting against militants, added Ayad.

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Chapter 4 : Strike on Syria--who really won - Washington Times

This book does a profound service by knitting together and making coherent several decades of American policy in the Middle East. First initiated in under Carter, Bacevich posits (convincingly) that U.S. policies in the region have formed one broad campaign.

Even most opponents of the war fear that they could be blamed for not supporting the troops in the field and for a possible descent into even greater catastrophe in the face of a precipitous U. But nothing prevents Congress from using its power of the purse to prevent an American attack on Iran. In his recent address to the nation on the troop surge in Iraq, Bush issued more threats to Iran. Now the president has named a Navy admiral to head the U. Central Command and dispatched a second aircraft carrier and minesweepers to the Persian Gulf, presumably to prevent Iran from closing the Strait of Hormuz in the event of conflict. Iran is not innocent of dangerous and provocative behavior. Tehran has supported insurgent groups in Iraq, including helping to provide sophisticated explosives that have killed U. But war is not yet justified, except in the minds of those who have been lobbying for it for years. Iran is still years away from being a nuclear threat, and our experience with "preventive war" in Iraq should teach us a thing or two. Launching another such war without international approval would leave us even more politically isolated and militarily overstretched. Attacking a Middle Eastern country -- one much stronger than Iraq and with the ability to cut off oil supplies from the Strait of Hormuz -- could inflame the region, intensify Shiite militia attacks on our soldiers in Iraq and stimulate terrorist attacks on Americans and U. Beyond this, the president and vice president subscribe to what some call the "unitary executive," which is a fancy way of saying they believe that Congress cannot prevent the president from doing almost anything he wants. The War Powers Act, passed in the wake of our disastrous war in Vietnam, allows the president to put U. When Bush signed the Iraq war resolution, he issued a statement challenging the constitutionality of the War Powers Act, indicating that he could take the nation to war without obeying its restrictions. Congress should not wait. It should hold hearings on Iran before the president orders a bombing attack on its nuclear facilities, or orders or supports a provocative act by the U. But we need Senate and House hearings now to put the Bush administration on notice that, in the absence of an imminent military attack or a verified terrorist attack on the United States by Iran, Congress will not support a U. Those hearings should aim toward passage of a law preventing the expenditure of any funds for a military attack on Iran unless Congress has either declared war with that country or has otherwise authorized military action under the War Powers Act. The law should be attached to an appropriations bill, making it difficult for the president to veto. If he simply claims that he is not bound by the restriction even if he signs it into law, and then orders an attack on Iran without congressional authorization for it, Congress should file a lawsuit and begin impeachment proceedings. Another war of choice would only pour fuel on the fires of the Middle East. And the history of this administration shows that if Congress does not constrain this president, he could well act recklessly again, in ways that would profoundly damage our national interest.

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Chapter 5 : Expulsion at NYSE: Are we trading in hatred? - The Arab Daily News

Barenboim brings Middle East ensemble to Chicago Nov. 5 Daniel Barenboim will bring his Middle East ensemble, the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra, to Chicago on Monday, November 5, for a one-night concert performance.

Are we trading in hatred? But that was by the Nazis during their rise in Germany in the s. The New York Stock Exchange, not known for its compassion about public concerns, ordered an American journalist of Arab heritage who was freelancing for the Arab language satellite channel Al-Jazeera Aljazeera to turn in his credentials and leave the building. Ammar Al-Sankari, a Lebanese-American immigrant, began reporting for Al-Jazeera in , doing two-minute reports each morning on business news. And, American soldiers are dying in a war against Iraq, a war some Americans feel is justified and many others feel is not. I also know that there is a little bit of Adolf Hitler in all of us, evidence of which I am beginning to see more and more often. There is no doubt that Al-Jazeera is being targeted. Its journalists are of Arab heritage. Its broadcasts are in the Arabic language, although the station recently opened an English-language Web site. Over time we have had to limit the number of [reporters] broadcasting from here because of security precautions. The interviewing of POWs is strictly prohibited by the Geneva Conventions, but no one seemed to care when those interviewed in this war, and in prior wars, were Arab prisoners held by American soldiers. Still, the Geneva Conventions do not apply to news outlets that report the news. The fact is that Al-Jazeera is providing news coverage that many American news outlets are afraid to provide. I first saw the images of the American POWs not on Al-Jazeera but on a cable news network that later stopped showing them. I saw the same photographs taken from the videos days later in a local Chicago newspaper. It is about racism. Many Americans simply hate Arabs. It began long before. As other similar acts of bigotry and racism take place, as they surely will in this country in the coming days and weeks, they will enjoy those moments, too. But in their glee, the hatred that moved bin Laden burns brightly. Hanania is a veteran journalist and syndicated columnist based in Chicago.

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Chapter 6 : AP News in Brief at p.m. EDT | blog.quintoapp.com

Magazine article The Middle East After a 20 Year Enmity -- Light at the End of the Tunnel? in the Wake of the Events of 11 September There Have Been Positive Signs That the Two-Decade-Old Hostility between Teheran and Washington Has Reached a Turning Point.

Print AS WE approach September 11 and mark the anniversary of the attacks in , it seems as if little has changed. We appear to be caught in a time loop where history keeps repeating itself again and again. If it was al-Qaeda in that represented the pinnacle of all things evil and animated the U. Once again, the moral outrage over the killing of innocent Americans--this time two journalists, James Foley and Steven Sotloff--serves to enable the U. To be clear, the U. That is, it did not fund and train ISIS in Syria in the way that it funded and trained the Mujahadeen from which al-Qaeda emerged to fight its proxy war with the Soviet Union in Afghanistan in the s. Rather, it is U. Al-Qaeda did not exist in Iraq until after the U. It is the U. In short, it is the U. ISIS represents a nightmare for the U. It serves to bolster the aims of the global "war on terror" and to justify a vastly expanded national security state. Since the Snowden revelations, there has been growing concern among Americans of the gigantic surveillance apparatus of the NSA. There has been a greater skepticism of drone wars. The box office success of Dirty Wars and its Oscar nomination is an indication of a growing war weariness among the American public. It is this war fatigue that scuttled the intervention into Syria that was proposed last year. What better to marshal collective anger than a horrendous group like ISIS that cold-bloodedly kills Americans, that ruthlessly destroys anyone who disagrees with it, that persecutes religious minorities, and that is the very prototype of the evil terrorist threat? This threat has justified air strikes in Iraq, increased surveillance in Syria and possibly greater escalation and U. In short, the very thing that causes ire among Jihads Osama bin Laden was particularly incensed by U. People in the establishment who realize that and who understand that the U. Also, what better to justify the ten-fold increase in the number of people on the no-fly list in the Obama era than the threat of the "homegrown terrorist" like Douglas McCain of Minnesota, who it is believed traveled to Syria to fight for ISIS? This bolsters domestic counter-terrorism strategies, from arbitrary arrests, to deportation, mass surveillance and entrapment. Some of the themes I discuss in the interview are dealt with in more depth in a talk that can be seen on YouTube, titled "Manufacturing the Terrorist Threat. Finally, I discuss the banalization of the terrorist threat in the s and the Obama era. Back in , some commentators suggested that the attacks on the twin towers be treated as a criminal act. In other words, they stated that Osama bin Laden and others in al-Qaeda who were responsible for the deaths of 3, Americans should have been tried in the World Court and brought to justice. Yet this is not the course of action that the U. Instead, it launched a global "war on terror" that would go on indefinitely. The reason for this is strategic. In a nutshell, it provided the Bush administration and the neoconservatives with the "Pearl Harbor" moment--an idea they had articulated in a report the previous year--that would enable them to realize their vision of a new Middle East. It was about advancing empire. First published at DeepaKumar.

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Chapter 7 : The Iraq Study Group Report Â» Letter from the Co-Chairs

Arab slavers took more Africans out of Africa and transported them to the Middle East and to South America than European slavers took out of Africa and brought to North America.

Over those months Obama has seldom showed anger toward rogue Muslim governmentsâ€”not toward the appalling human rights abuses of the genocidal Bashir regime in Sudan. Not toward the government of Iran as it pursues its nuclear weapons program. They see Obama as weak and they know he feels no bond with Israel. That is why missiles are being launched from Gaza again, why Hezbollah says it is yearning for war, why Syria has rejected every U. Obama, you are a newcomer. Did Obama even try to convince Turkey to stop the ships? Did he object when Turkey signed a nuclear deal with Iran two weeks ago? As night follows day, Israel has come under a cascade of criticism for trying to defend its people. Some 10, rockets have rained down on Israel since then, and the air assaults continued this week. This enclave, Hamas, has fired thousands of missiles at the State of Israel, and it is amassing thousands more. Israel had already caught several ships filled with weapons. When one of the boats refused to be diverted to allow Israeli inspectors to ensure that only humanitarian goods were on board, Israel was well within its rights to intervene with force. The boats were filled with Islamists and their allies â€” people whose ultimate goal is the destruction of Israel and the U. Later reports found that many have links to terrorist groups. Three of the four Turks killed told their families before they left that they hoped to become martyrs. On Wednesday it was reported that Israeli Security forces found a weapons cache on board the Turkish-flagged merchant vessel. The stash included Molotov cocktails, detonators, knives, slingshots and gasmasks. This was a hate boat. These were not pacifists. These were violent supporters of terrorism. Its one-time ally Turkey, which knew about the flotilla in advance but chose not to stop it, has severed diplomatic ties to Israel. And while Americans are overwhelmingly pro-Israel, their government is downright hostile. That is why I believe war looms on the horizon, and why the outcome of that war is far from certain. It will be because Islamic radicals feel increasingly emboldened by a feeble American president. They have taken the measure of the man in the White House and have found him soft. Peace in the Middle East has been a goal of American presidents for decades.

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Chapter 8 : Muslim-Americans: Anti-Islam Film, Violent Protests not Justified

Reagan also declared that the U.S. was involved in the Middle East in part to secure a "solution to the Palestinian problem." Reagan sent Marine Corps commander Paul X. Kelley to Beirut. Kelley quickly announced that he was "totally satisfied" with the security around the barracks at the time of the bombing.

Like this never happened before? Like this is not the job description of modern politicians? Like Obama, George W. Bush, and Clinton did not fearmonger whenever they could profit by spooking Americans The media is railing about Trump for fearmongering ahead of the midterm elections. Bush, and Clinton did not fearmonger whenever they could profit by spooking Americans? Trump is continuing a tradition that was firmly established by Woodrow Wilson. Fearmongering is simply another proof of the rascality of the political class and another reason why their power should be minimized. Unfortunately, politicians over the past century have used trick after trick to send Americans scurrying to politicians to protect them. Evocations of fighting for universal freedom were quickly followed by bans on sauerkraut, beer, and teaching German in government schools. Mencken observed in Subsequent developments have proven Mencken to be a prophet. The Democratic Party relied heavily on the fear card in the presidential race. On the eve of the November vote that year Democratic presidential candidate James Cox declared: Mitchell Palmer, during which thousands of anarchists, communists, and suspect foreigners were summarily jailed and in many cases deported. Democrats perennially portray Republicans as planning to yank life support from struggling seniors. Though this ad only aired once, it instantly became a legend. Clinton was the Nanny State champion incarnate, teaching Americans to look to government for relief from every peril of daily life—from unpasteurized cider to leaky basements. As long as the President seemed to care about average Americans, his abuses were largely forgotten. The Republican presidential candidate, Sen. Bush referred to terror or terrorism 16 times. This is a highly researched decision with all the tools of public opinion management. Bush beat Kerry by 2. Former Homeland Security chief Tom Ridge later admitted that many of the alerts were unjustified. Apparently the more terrorists were allegedly poised to attack America, the better job Bush was doing. Voters in could choose whether they would be killed by terrorists if they voted for Kerry or whether they would be left destitute and tossed out in the street if they voted for Bush. In his State of the Union address Bush declared: And chief among them is freedom from fear. After promising freedom from fear, a politician can always invoke polls showing widespread fears to justify seizing new power. The natural result of making freedom from fear the highest freedom is that any policy that reduces fear can be portrayed as pro-freedom. Bush claimed that to keep Americans safe he had to suspend habeas corpus and detain any suspected terrorist in perpetuity based solely on his unproven assertions. Bush authorized the CIA to use waterboarding and other methods of torture on detainees. Yet Bush remained a great champion of freedom—at least in the eyes of his supporters. The political mass production of insecurity is a dominant trait of our age. The easiest way for rulers to destroy the leashes the Constitution imposed on them is to make voters think they must choose: What is it going to be?

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Chapter 9 : Congress must stop an attack on Iran - latimes

LOS ANGELES — Many Muslims in the United States have been closely following news reports of protests in the Middle East and the anti-Muslim film that sparked the unrest. From Los Angeles to New.

AP News in Brief at Authorities warned there might well be more. Law enforcement officials told The Associated Press that the devices, containing timers and batteries, were not rigged like booby-trapped package bombs that would explode upon opening. But they were still uncertain whether the devices were poorly designed or never intended to cause physical harm. A search of a postal database suggested at least some may have been mailed from Florida, one official said. Investigators are homing in on a postal facility in Opa-locka, Florida, where they believe some of the packages originated, another official said. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the ongoing investigation by name. With the country on edge over a widening pipe-bomb scare, talk of national unity quickly gave way to finger-pointing. President Donald Trump cast blame on the media for fomenting anger in society, while candidates across the country traded partisan broadsides. Attack ads remained on the air. Attack lines stayed in stump speeches. The president did not deliver a speech from the Oval Office or reach out to his predecessor, one of the targets of the threat. He did return to his favorite punching bag. The Saudi prosecutors cited Turkish evidence that the slaying was planned, contradicting a Saudi assertion just days ago that rogue officials from the kingdom killed him by mistake in a brawl inside their Istanbul consulate. That earlier assertion, in turn, backtracked from an initial statement that Saudi authorities knew nothing about what happened to the columnist for The Washington Post, who vanished after entering the consulate Oct. At a conference in Riyadh on Wednesday, the crown prince said the killing was a "heinous crime that cannot be justified" and warned against any efforts to "manipulate" the crisis and drive a wedge between Saudi Arabia and Turkey, which are regional rivals but also diplomatic and business partners. They braced for months without power or running water. Maximum sustained winds of mph kph were recorded around the eye of the storm, which passed over the islands of Tinian and Saipan early Thursday, the National Weather Service said. Yet towns suddenly faced with an influx of thousands of people bedding down in overflowing plazas and parks have organized to offer them shelter, medical treatment and donations as best they can. When an estimated 4, to 5, migrants walked into Mapastepec on Wednesday, the municipality of 45, residents was ready. Made in the exact same location, and you would go to some countries and it would be 20 percent of the cost of what we pay," said Trump, who predicted the plan will save Americans billions. Physician-administered drugs can be very expensive, but pharmacy drugs account for the vast majority of what consumers buy. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But there are no pictures of Robert Wanyonyi, shot and paralyzed in a robbery more than a year ago. He is trapped in his fourth-floor bed, unable to go to India, where he believes doctors might help him. First in a two-part series on hospitals that detain patients if they cannot pay their bills. Park rangers were trying to recover the bodies of a female visitor and a male visitor spotted by another tourist Wednesday, spokesman Scott Gediman said. Officials are still investigating when the pair fell and from what spot at Taft Point, which is 3, feet meters above the famed Yosemite Valley floor, he said. Railings only exist at a small portion of the overlook, which is popular for its breathtaking views of the valley, Yosemite Falls and El Capitan and fissures on the granite rock that plunge to the valley floor. More than 10 people have died at the park this year, some from natural causes and others from falls, Gediman said. Last month, an Israeli teenager fell hundreds of feet to his death while hiking near the top of foot-tall meter-tall Nevada Fall. He later confronted the year-old McCluskey in the parking lot, dragged her into a car and shot her multiple times in the back seat, Brophy said at a news conference. Rowland killed himself hours later in a church as police closed in. The killing of McCluskey came weeks after she broke off her month-long relationship with Rowland and filed a complaint with campus police alleging he had demanded money in exchange for not posting compromising pictures of the couple online. He had been battling respiratory ailments. Few actors had so long

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and diverse a career.