

The forward march to race war?

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such a call? But who wants to be logical when tempers are frayed.

At some point after he telephoned the police, Zimmerman and Martin got into a fistfight, which then led to Zimmerman drawing his gun and firing the fatal shot. The shooter maintains that he fired in self-defence, which, if he is telling the truth, is lawful according to Florida's "stand your ground" law—a provision that allows people to use deadly force if they are in a life-threatening altercation.

None of these details, however, prevented the race-obsessed liberal media, civil rights leaders, or even President Obama from reacting. In fact, in order for the Department of Justice to even prosecute the case, Zimmerman needs to be a racist for the death to be considered a hate crime.

"I, personally, really truly believe this is a hate crime," Rep. Maxine Waters said during a television interview on March 28. Her colleague, Illinois Democrat Bobby Rush, caused a chaotic scene on the House floor when, in a despicable show of race-baiting, he removed his suit jacket to reveal a grey hoodie, similar to the one Trayvon wore the night he was shot.

"Too often, this violent act that resulted in the murder of Trayvon Martin is repeated in the streets of our nation," Rush said before pulling the hood over his head and donning sunglasses. He applauded those who were wearing hoodies to make a statement about the real hoodlums in society—presumably white people who are hunting down blacks.

The real significance of the Trayvon Martin or William Swinimer case isn't whether the shooting or suspension was racially motivated or not. The real significance is that media outlets, black activists, celebrities and even leaders in government are collectively using this incident—whether they realize it or not—to incite race wars.

Of course, many young blacks in America are being attacked—it's just that their attackers come from the black community, as a few lone voices in the media have courageously pointed out.

Ninety-three per cent of black murder victims in America are killed by other blacks, and not whites. "The epidemic is truly black-on-black crime," says C.L. Bryant, former leader of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Bryant said Trayvon Martin's family should be outraged that liberal politicians and black leaders are using the Florida shooting to inflame racial passions. "The greatest danger to the lives of young black men are young black men," Bryant told *The Daily Caller*.

But by not applying hate crime laws equally, big media and law enforcement officials are only adding more explosives to the powder keg.

The race riot is not just confined to North America. Look at Afghanistan. Remember the widespread anti-American protests in February after reports of a Koran burning on a U.S. military base? Those protests sparked several incidents of violence that left 30 Afghans and six U.S. service members dead. In one case, two U.S. servicemen were shot from behind by a supposed Afghan ally.

A few days later, a U.S. Army staff sergeant left his post in the Kandahar Province and went on a barbaric shooting spree in nearby villages, murdering 17 Afghans, including nine children. This random act of senseless brutality prompted Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai to call on Afghans to pray for God to deliver his nation from the American "demons."

After more than a decade of fighting alongside Afghans in the war against terrorism, tensions between Americans and Afghans could not be worse.

Then there was the Toulouse massacre in France on March 19. The killer was a jihadist named Mohammed Merah, who wanted to post his genocidal rampage on the Internet. So before attacking a Jewish school in Toulouse, he strapped video equipment around his neck and then proceeded to

execute as many Jews as he could find. The first three victims he gunned down were a rabbi who taught at the school and his two sons—Aryeh, age 6, and Gavriel, who was 3.

After mowing down the father and sons, Mohammed then took off across the school playground, chasing after little Miriam Monsonego—a blond-headed, 8-year-old girl, screaming for her life. After catching up to the helpless child, he then videotaped himself shooting her in the head three times.

He filmed it all, as Caroline Glick noted, because he "took pride in killing Jewish children." And beyond that, "he was certain that millions of people would be heartened by his crime."

After the gruesome attack, Israeli Member of the Knesset Ya'akov Katz called on the 600,000 Jews living in France to leave France. "There is no Jewish future in France," Katz said, adding that Jews should not trust their fate to "Sarkozy, Obama or other world leaders."

This, keep in mind, is not some gruesome tale from the Dark Ages or some backward Third World nation. Jews in France, in the 21st century are being encouraged to flee the country because racial hatred and violence is intensifying.

After the school shooting, by the way, French authorities quickly connected the attack to one that happened a few days earlier—another shooting that left three black French paratroopers dead.

Media coverage of this appalling incident also followed a predictably shameful pattern. Since the victims were Jews and blacks, the initial reporting suggested the perpetrator must have been a right-wing Caucasian. After we learned that the perpetrator was an Islamic jihadist—one with links to al Qaeda—Western media outlets rushed to the defence of Islam by parroting the propaganda we hear daily on Arab networks like Al Jazeera: that Israel deliberately targets Palestinian children too.

We are living in a tinderbox loaded with a lethal mixture of hatred, violence and every imaginable evil. Being politically correct is going to be damning. It is high time the authorities stop being politically correct—and be humanly and nationally correct for once.

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A Grade 12 student in Nova Scotia is suspended for wearing a T-shirt publicizing his religious beliefs. The South Shore Regional School Board suspended William Swinimer from Forest Heights Community School in Chester Basin for five days for wearing a shirt emblazoned with the words, "Life is wasted without Jesus." School board Supt. Nancy Pynch-Worthylake said the wording on the shirt is problematic because it is directed at the beliefs of others.

A Sunday School in east Toronto teaches, and openly preaches in school and online using texts that refer to "crafty," "treacherous Jews" and contrasted Islam with "the Jews and the Nazis". It did apologize, but the apology does not refer to other objectionable elements of the school's online material, including a suggestion that boys prepare themselves physically "for jihad whenever the time comes for it."

Merry Christmas is changed to Happy Holidays.

Everywhere we look, we see ethnic division and racial hatred accompanied by gruesome acts of violence and war. It seems as if we are reminded daily that man's never-ending attempt to solve the problems of this world—apart from God and His immutable laws—has utterly failed.

The "solutions" men propose only incite more violence and more hatred. Will these simmering tensions, passions and hatreds boil over into full-scale race wars, or is it a case of the same old same old — history repeating itself?

The U.S. Department of Justice hopped into the middle of a raging controversy over the fatal shooting of Trayvon Martin, a black teenager, in Sanford, Florida. Even before the facts in the case had been revealed, the left-wing media and race-baiting civil rights groups stepped in front of the microphone and rendered a guilty verdict. The black victim was unarmed and on his way back from buying candy at a convenience store when the "white" perpetrator shot him in cold blood—because he was black.

In fact, the shooter, George Zimmerman, was Hispanic. He was a "Neighborhood Watch" volunteer patrolling a gated community that had suffered a recent spate of break-ins and robberies. After seeing the black youth, Zimmerman dialed 911 and told the dispatcher that Martin looked suspicious.

Has anybody even cared to think that a cold blooded murderer would never make

Entrepreneurship is an extreme sport: Mark Breslin

By JANA SCHILDER

Canadian comedy club pioneer and founder of the Yuk Yuk's Comedy Club franchise, Mark Breslin, 60, took the stage of the Hammerson Theatre at the Mississauga Living Arts Centre in mid-May with about 250 people packing the hall. About 40 organizations were exhibitors at the show including the RIC Centre, Bereskin & Parr Intellectual Property Lawyers, BDC, and Certified Management Accountants (CMA).

Breslin was the keynote speaker at the 2012 Toronto Entrepreneurs Conference.

A comedian at a business conference? Eh? Using a compulsory PowerPoint slide deck, Breslin flashed images on the screen behind him. A skydiver. A scuba diver in a shark cage. A man rock climbing a rock face at an impossible angle. A pretty blonde woman about to bungee jump off a bridge.

"I am nothing like any of those folks," Breslin told the audience. "I don't do any of those things. But these people don't have boring jobs."

"Entrepreneurship is an extreme sport. Entrepreneurs are not business people. There is a big difference," said Breslin.

He told the story of his own father who was a businessman that made men's shirts. He gave up that business and got into nursing homes. Breslin saw his father get more and more frustrated.

"Entrepreneurship is about three things: adventure, revolution, and poetry," said Breslin.

"I got into comedy because I didn't want a boring life. And in the 1960s, cool people didn't go into business," said Breslin.

"I wasn't so much following a dream, but running from my nightmare. Business was my nightmare," said Breslin.



Mark Breslin yukking it up with spectators at the Living Arts Centre last month.

Photo by Stephen Uhrney

Breslin told the audience he got into comedy by accident. He was laid off at Toronto's Harbourfront and his buddies, who were all comedians, needed a place to perform. Eureka! Breslin set up the Yuk Yuk's Comedy Club in 1976. Famous alumni include Jim Carey and Rick Moranis. That was the adventure part.

The revolution part was thinking of comedy as a business in the late 1970s.

Breslin got into a fair amount of trouble from accidental patrons who found themselves in the audience—and didn't share Breslin's type of humour. He told stories of letters (remember those?) sent by angry patrons demanding apologies. In those early days, Breslin could have given satellite radio shock-jock Howard Stern a run for his money.

"As a child of the 1960s, I saw that the world was consumed with lies. If I was going to 'sell' anything, I was going to sell TRUTH," said Breslin. More often than not, comedy shines a spotlight on the truth.

In fact, Breslin said that the ability and willingness to offend some is, to borrow from Martha Stewart, a "very good thing."

"I would rather be nine people's favourite thing rather than 100 people's ninth favourite thing," Breslin told the audience. Then, in the best motivational speaker fashion, had everyone in the audience chant this slogan aloud, in unison.

This was Breslin's way of explaining an important business concept: niche marketing. Not everyone is your customer. But your customers have to love you and your product. The old paradigm was everyone must love

you—that's mass marketing. The new paradigm for entrepreneurs is to find the group of people who loves you—that's niche marketing.

And forget about the hype of Tony Robbins who spews out advice like "you can do anything" and "find your inner giant." The useful question that entrepreneurs should ask themselves is: what is the one thing that I do, that I'm the best at doing?

He pointed to companies like Apple, Roots, and Porter Airlines as the best examples to follow.

"I'm at the point now that if Porter doesn't fly there, I don't even want to go to that destination," said Breslin.

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