

The Tragedy of Tension: Mac & Cheese on the Gridiron

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Nine Super Bowls. Six victories. All the hoopla and attention as the inevitable seasonal drive to another victory in this nation's greatest sports event explodes into finality. Poor old Bob Kraft, the owner of the New England Patriots, has reportedly had his *magic hands tension relief* made into a direct to video production.

John Havens, former Citigroup President and CEO, and a number of other capitalist bigwigs have reportedly been caught in the net of a Florida prostitution sting. These trivial misdemeanors don't deserve a footnote on the rap sheets of these corporate criminals. Billionaires have a direct line to decision making at the top. It's not just the crimes committed to make their billions that deserves a payback, the international political crimes they've been a party to, in Kraft's case his overt support for the crimes of Israel, are offenses of world historic proportion.

Unfortunately for Kraft Heinz Company its lead name is now associated with a seedy, tacky, sex offense just when people are turning away from those plates of Mac and Cheese. The company had to delete \$16 billion of goodwill from their asset base due to decline in interest for their homey foods. Only the most visionary experimentalists would associate ketchup, pork and beans, and gooey cheese with illicit sex. Will Americans now follow Bob Kraft and friends and put more on the table than hearty consumables? Possibly, but as it stands now both Krafts are unlikely to ever return to their former glory

The markets did pretty well this week because speculators will buy on meaningless positive words if they are said by the President. Trump has an ally on the Chinese side as the Chinese markets need even more help. But the real economy is still in decline. Markit's Japan PMI for February was 48.5, down from January's 50.3. It's the lowest in 32 months. For Europe it was 49.2, a 69 month low. The US is still on the positive side at 53.7, lowest in 17 months, but adjusted for massaged data it's probably closer to the rest of the world.

In a typically dishonest piece in the New York Times it was reported that an American company, Thermo Fisher, is supplying China with DNA testing equipment to be used for the improved subjugation of the Uighur people in Xinjiang. This and other means for a well regulated system of oppression are also a common practice in the so-called free world. After all, Thermo Fisher only sells

10% of its goods and services to China. But much of the gathering of evidence for future social domination is often done covertly. It has become common for Americans to have their DNA examined in order to learn of their evolutionary and historical roots. Little do they know that those companies sell that data to others persons of interest than the donor. Whenever the mouthpieces of American official political economy wax indignant over foreign outrages, the first place we should look for them is right at home.

Nike had it's own Bob Kraft/Kraft Heinz experience when Zion Williamson, basketball's most desirable college rookie, slipped and sprained his leg when one of his Nike sneakers (PG 2.5 PE – at a very reasonable \$110) literally fell apart as he made a move toward the basket. Besides concerns of a product liability lawsuit there is the loss of business in the basketball market currently dominated by Nike's 90% of basketball feet covered in its product.

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