

"Is The American Deus ex Machina
in Trouble?"

For years billions of taxpayer ...
dollars have been spent building
state and federal human warehouses
to "combat crime and protect John
and Jane Q. Public from crime." Many
politicians have been elected because
of advocating "get tough on crime;
build more prisons - it'll mean more
jobs and security for concerned citizen-
s." Furthermore: "Let's punish repeat
offenders by increasing existing or let's
pass new get-tough-on-crime sentencing
laws."

When it comes to pulling the wool
over the eyes of a wakened public, pols
know how to play the game real
swell.

They're not members of the Ana^{NIS}~~co~~
and Sapphira Club for nothing. A
lot of pols lie 98% of the time
for the sake of money and power.

And when it comes to counting...
a love affair with that deus Ex...
machina (ay, caramba! The Bride of Fra-
nkenstein) called the American prison
industry, one could cite it's akin
to a marriage made in President Tru-
mp's real keep, his toupee - but...
assembled in Hell.

But surely as the Good Lord created
the sun to rise in the east and
set in the west, the correctional deus
ex machina is in big trouble.

Big trouble in the form of outbreaks of "blue flu" (e.g. state prisons are seeing scores of employees being fired from everything to prison sexual assault to bringing contraband up federal hopes.

Big trouble in the form of the loss of labor force around (most of them small) area cities, hamlets where prisons are located. To wit for example here... in Arkansas, 98% of the state's 26 (!!!!) (for its small size, De Banana Republic has more prisons than any state in America) are of this variety.

And a great deal of its labor force comes from the small towns in the areas around the prisons, skilled and quite trained.

Yet many have retired throughout the Arkansas Department of Correction leaving a work force so severely... understaffed, under-paid vs. the national average for correctional officers, extremely poorly trained, the ADC's cherished low pounds have been forced to close some satellite units adjoining up to the main units they reside by due to lack of manpower.

And Arkansas legislators were gey quick to point fingers at ADC czar-ina Wendy Kelly for the problems that's going on. Kelly, the state's first female prison director came out swinging.

Kelly got a lot of legislative liver
siled up when she stressed when...
she first became director, she asked
for more officers and for pay raises
for ADC employees. And most state
ledge leaders applauded her for
standing on the stump and getting...
funky like a monkey.

Arkansas, like other states across,
the country, are now finding out the
vitiated deus ex machina they pres-
tituted themselves up, has become
nothing more than a seian horse.
They are now drinking the cup of...
dancing water cum grand salis, while
looking for Aaron's serpent in medias

res of the Egyptian days they are
now experiencing.

Maybe they can find some judic-
iousness from The Bard: "For there
was never yet philosopher that could
endure the toothache together."

(Much Ado About Nothing,
(Act 4, S. 1, 35-36).

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