



BREAKING NEWS!

WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM TO BRING YOU A SPECIAL BULLETIN:

The Senate Select Committee for Confusion, Disinformation, and Hate Speech has just issued a sensational report that may be a game changer in the immigration battle! Committee staffers have unearthed records from 1938 and re-examined them using post-modern analytical techniques. The staff reports “credible evidence that a caravan of undocumented immigrants from Mars arrived in New Jersey on Sunday, October 30, 1938. Upon arrival they were immediately subjected to violent harassment and intimidation by immigration authorities. These children of Mars, far from home and family, and having no natural immunity to Earth’s pathogens, soon became desperately ill. US immigration officials denied them medical care and in a very short time they all succumbed to death.” Committee Chair, Sen. Daphne Fiddleburn, has commented on the report, saying that “This shocking genocide of helpless immigrants coming to America in hope of a better life has been covered up for almost eighty years. It is time, finally, for us to recognize these victims of America’s violent, racist, sexist, homophobic, white supremacist, capitalistic, patriarchal past, and resolve that this is not who we are today.”

This bit of satire, as you probably have guessed, commemorates the 80th anniversary of the *Mercury Radio Theater on the Air*’s special Halloween radio dramatization of H. G. Wells’ novel, *War of the Worlds*. So many Americans found the broadcast’s ‘simulated live newscast’ credible, that it created a nationwide panic. One would think that today’s news provides ample material for humorous satire, but that’s not so. Satire, as a form of humor, consists of exaggerating illogic to absurd lengths; but in these days, exaggerating illogic to absurd lengths has become so much the standard for news reporting that humorists have little space for further exaggeration; in fact, I’m out of it now.

Happy All Saint’s Day – remember that Halloween is the eve of All Hallow’s Day, or All Saint’s Day – a celebration of Christian saints. The modern celebration of Halloween is a celebration of all that is evil!

Remember St. Paul’s admonition in *Philippians's 4:8* –

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

