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Carter adds to already spotty legacy

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Jimmy Carter went on a misbegotten trip to the Middle East, where he made nice to the bloodthirsty terrorists of Hamas. I imagine he would have bestowed a hearty man-hug on Osama bin Laden too, if he could have found him in his cave.

Let's not forget a few items about Mr. Carter. In 1979, while president, he narrowly escaped from a killer rabbit that was bent on assaulting him as he was fishing. In 1969, while governor of Georgia, he spotted a UFO, which was, in size, about the same as the moon. He believes that a real Adam and a genuine Eve lived roughly 4,000 years ago in an actual Garden of Eden, and that Eve was literally created from Adam's rib.

During and after his presidency he was overcome by the ineffable charm of the gun-toting terrorist Yasser Arafat. Those who remember the four years of his presidency will recall runaway inflation, 18 percent interest rates, American hostages taken in Iran, and the miserable failure of a misconceived and poorly executed rescue mission. Let's also recall that in tours with his anti-Semitic allegations, chaining doors shut to bar their entry. This, after admitting to serious errors in judgment and alleged facts in his book.

Mr. Carter was probably the worst president (as judged by a poll of historians) of the United States ever, and now an even worse ex-president.

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