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**CBP and the Meaning of Chutzpah**

When non-New Yorkers, and others not familiar with the word CHUTZPAH asked its meaning, I used to say, here's an example:

"The Menendez brothers murdered their parents and hoped for mercy from the court because they were orphans."

Now I have another example, but somehow I think it may be more or less than CHUTZPAH in its traditional sense. On July 24, 2015, CBP made this announcement:

**CBP Announces 3 Tentative Selections for Donation Acceptance Program to Support Port of Entry Infrastructure Needs** <http://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/national-media-release/2015-07-24-000000/cbp-announces-3-tentative-selections-donation>

I thought this was the kind of thing ancient Republicans promised. The government need not support social programs, they said, because private citizens will do the right thing and pick up the slack.

Now in a Democratic administration, the private sector is invited to donate to fund the infrastructure to facilitate the growing volume of international trade and travel. I saw it first on a news service, but I had to see if CBP had really made this announcement. There it was. The proud announcement is at the weblink I posted above.

Speaking for myself, I plan to donate an old pair of roller skates, a slightly broken umbrella and a sweater.

And I have to ask if anyone knows a word that combines the meanings of CHUTZPAH and bureaucratic silliness. Anyone?

UPDATE: I've done MY part. Now get going! Look around for some old shoes or VHS and 8-track tapes to donate to CBP. Those ports are not going to be able use the tax money already spent on the feasibility study that concluded crowd funding was the best way to fix port infrastructure!

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