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TRUMP KILLS NAFTA

- New deal will boost U.S. steel, agriculture, manufacturing

By Mark Anderson

On Sept. 30, in a pivotal moment for the Trump administration, the United States, Mexico, and Canada concluded negotiations “for a modernized and rebalanced” North American trade pact that largely supersedes the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Thus, the industry-depleting, wage-slashing NAFTA pact, an unpopular creature of anti-sovereignty globalism birthed under the George H.W. Bush administration and signed by President Bill Clinton, evidently is fading into history.

Will this detailed new pact be better? In many ways, it will benefit working-class Americans and farmers, but other previous trade rules will remain the same.

Some key things to glean from it, according to U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) Robert Lighthizer, are that the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) “will advance United States agricultural interests in the most important markets for America’s farmers, ranchers, and agribusinesses,” opening new venues “to expand U.S. food and agricultural exports and support food manufacturing and rural jobs.”

And even though “all food and agri-



President Trump is shown after announcing the signing of the new USMCA—the U.S.-Mexico-Canada trade agreement.

cultural products that have zero tariffs under [NAFTA] will remain at zero tariffs,” according to the USTR office, “the USMCA will create new market-access opportunities for United States exports to Canada of dairy, poultry and eggs, and in exchange the United States will provide new access to Canada for dairy, peanuts, processed peanut products, and a limited amount of sugar and sugar containing products.”

The USMCA for the time being maintains U.S. tariffs on Canadian steel and aluminum entering the U.S. However, Canadian media, such as the

CBC, report: “Talks to lift the tariffs are ongoing, but on a ‘completely separate track,’ according to a U.S. official.” The USMCA encourages U.S.-based manufacturing by requiring that 75% of auto content be “made in North America.”

Other USMCA rules, the USTR office noted, are designed to preserve and “re-shore” U.S. vehicle and parts production; “transform supply chains to use more U.S. content, especially content that is key to future automobile production and high-paying jobs”; and drive “higher wages by requiring that 40-45% of auto content be made by workers earning at least \$16 per hour” while incentivizing “new vehicle and parts investments in the United States.”

Furthermore, the pact contains “stronger rules of origin that exceed those of both NAFTA 1.0 and the Trans-Pacific Partnership [from which the U.S. withdrew] including for autos and automobile parts and other industrial products such as chemicals, steel-intensive products, glass, and optical fiber.” ★

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Kavanaugh Coverage So Biased, Even Liberals Object

Television talk show host Joe Scarborough is certainly no friend of ours. While he used to be a Republican and was even a Republican congressman from Florida from 1995-2001, he publicly disavowed the GOP in 2017 before becoming an independent. Today, Scarborough leans to the left, which makes sense since he co-hosts a popular talk show—the eponymously named “Morning Joe”—on the far-left cable news station MSNBC with Mika Brzezinski—the daughter of Zbigniew Brzezinski, ardent globalist and national security advisor under Jimmy Carter—who is now Scarborough’s wife.

That’s why it was so surprising to see Scarborough on Oct. 3 rip into his fellow fake-news compatriots for their overt bias against President Donald Trump’s Supreme Court pick, Brett Kavanaugh.

“The media coverage of this has been so one-sided, it has been so biased,” fumed Scarborough, adding that the media’s “presumption from the beginning has been that every single allegation made against the judge was true.”

Whether or not one believes the main accuser, Dr. Christine Ford, who alleges that Kavanaugh sexually assaulted her sometime in the 1980s, no one can deny Scarborough’s angry words are justified. It only takes a few minutes spent watching the nightly news or reading a local newspaper to see this firsthand.

The Media Research Center (MRC), a conservative watchdog organization, actually spent time analyzing major news coverage of

the hearings, the charges of sexual impropriety, and the media spectacle surrounding this whole distasteful issue. Between Sept. 13 and Sept. 26, following California Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein’s release of a letter written by Dr. Ford that accuses Kavanaugh of sexual misdeeds, MRC found that the major networks—ABC, CBS, and NBC—spent a total of 344 minutes repeating the charges made by Dr. Ford over and over while only 8% of the coverage mentioned Kavanaugh’s emphatic denials or the fact that the claims could not be corroborated by witnesses.

MRC also looked at coverage of charges made by a second accuser, Deborah Ramirez. Her allegations were covered in an additional 37 minutes of news reports, and, again, Kavanaugh’s denials of those were seldom mentioned.

It’s worth highlighting here that, when Kavanaugh’s emphatic denials—made under penalty of perjury—were reported on, they inevitably came at the end of a news report, typically in the form of the newscaster reading a simple note acknowledging that Kavanaugh has denied the accusations. Never mind that Kavanaugh has stated under oath before the Senate Judiciary Committee that the allegations of sexual assault are not true.

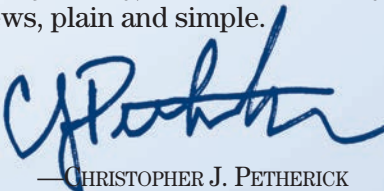
Here’s what MRC’s research director, Rich Noyes, had to say about all of this: “For most of the coverage that followed, [Kavanaugh’s] flat denial was relegated to a few seconds in lengthy stories about the charges—sometimes no more than a parenthetical clause that reporters mechanically inserted in stories that

bombarded viewers with the salacious details of each accusation.”

The bottom line here is that, even if you believe all of the women who have made allegations against Kavanaugh, we’re still left with the extreme, glaring bias on the part of the mainstream media, which 92% of the time unquestioningly regurgitated allegations against a once-respected judge, without providing comparable time on the lack of evidence or the fact that the accused has stated under oath that the claims are untrue.

As AFP goes to press, the FBI is wrapping up a very difficult investigation into these incidents, which happened several decades ago. Republicans in the Senate are pushing for a vote on Kavanaugh by the end of the week. By the time AFP’s print subscribers receive this issue of AFP in the mail, we will all know whether Kavanaugh will be replacing retiring Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy or will be out on the street, his legacy tarnished forever.

Whatever the result, this whole circus demonstrates that the mainstream media in the United States cannot be trusted. Once again, we see that these billion-dollar news outlets are not interested in accuracy, neutrality, objectivity, or the truth. They’re just fake news, plain and simple. ★



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News You May Have Missed

Boomtown USA

On Oct. 2, Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell praised a “remarkably positive outlook” for the U.S. economy that is on the verge of a “historically rare” era of ultra-low unemployment and moderate prices. “I am glad to be able to stand here and say that the economy is strong, unemployment is near 50-year lows, and inflation is roughly at our 2% objective,” Powell told reporters at a press conference. “These developments amount to a better world for households and businesses, which no longer experience or even fear the scourge of high and volatile inflation.”

Massive Debt

On Sept. 26, Congress passed a \$150 billion spending bill that averted a last-minute government shutdown, as the government’s fiscal year ended on Sept. 30. The measure was blasted by conservatives, who accused Republicans of caving to liberal demands for funding unnecessary programs. Federal spending has not been reined in under President Donald Trump. In fact, in 2018, the federal debt increased by \$1.3 trillion, according to the latest data released by the Treasury Department. The total federal debt started the fiscal year at \$20.3 trillion and finished at \$21.5 trillion.

Staying Married

The so-called millennial generation that is made up of Americans under the age of 45 takes a lot of heat from the older generations. They’re called lazy, entitled, and unfocused, but they do have one thing going for them: They’re staying married. According to a new study by University of Maryland, younger couples are approaching relationships very differently from the previous generations, who married young, divorced, remarried, and so on. Millennials are reportedly being more picky about who they marry and are tying the knot at older ages. One result is a U.S. divorce rate that dropped 18% from 2008 to 2016. The divorce rate in the U.S. peaked in the 1970s at around 50%. Today, it hovers somewhere around 35%.

Exposing the Deep State

Conservative activist James O’Keefe of Project Veritas recently released the explosive fourth installment in his series exposing the corruption and bias in the Deep State. This time, his report featured “two Internal Revenue Service (IRS) officials who openly discussed the IRS’s unfair treatment of conservative non-profit groups.” The two officials in the report, Thomas Sheehy, an IRS tax examiner and member of the Austin Democratic Socialists of America, and Jerry Semasek, an IRS attorney in Washington, D.C., appeared to justify

the IRS sabotaging conservative nonprofits. “Yeah, I don’t give a [expletive deleted] if that is a crime for doing that,” said Sheehy, “because . . . you should give increased scrutiny to those groups because a lot of them are just [expletive deleted] fronts for the Koch brothers or whatever.” As AFP went to press on Oct. 3, both IRS officials still have jobs.

Dr. Ford’s Polygraph Ploy

On Oct. 2, Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) sent a letter to Christine Blasey Ford’s lawyers, demanding evidence related to Dr. Ford’s sexual assault accusations after reports show she once helped a longtime friend prepare for a polygraph test. “The full details of Dr. Ford’s polygraph are particularly important because the Senate Judiciary Committee has received a sworn statement from a longtime boyfriend of Dr. Ford’s stating that he personally witnessed Dr. Ford coaching a friend on polygraph examinations,” the Iowa senator noted. Democrats have made much out of the fact that Dr. Ford passed a polygraph test regarding her accusations.

Violent Video Games

A landmark international study led by Dartmouth College, which followed more than 17,000 adolescents, aged nine to 19, from 2010 to 2017, found that playing violent video games not only increases aggressiveness, as previous studies have found, but that teens who play “mature-rated, risk-glorifying video games also are more likely subsequently to engage in a wide range of behaviors beyond aggression, including alcohol use, smoking cigarettes, delinquency, and risky sex” as well as more reckless driving, leading to more accidents and police stops.

Fake News About Kavanaugh

In the week after Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) announced the existence of sexual assault allegations against Supreme Court justice nominee Brett Kavanaugh, ABC, CBS, and NBC news shows spent nearly 344 minutes discussing the various allegations against Kavanaugh, according to conservative media watchdog Media Research Center. Only a tiny percentage of that coverage—8%, or about 25 minutes—was devoted to Kavanaugh’s denials and the lack of corroboration for his accusers’ accounts, however.

Double Standard Not Fair

Georgetown Prof. C. Christine Fair stirred up controversy when she posted to the Internet in late September that “entitled white men” should have their corpses castrated and fed to pigs. Prof. Fair, an associate professor in Georgetown’s Security Studies program, tweeted, “Look at thus [sic] chorus of entitled white men justifying a serial rapist’s arrogated entitlement.” Fair cited a video of Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) defending Brett Kavanaugh from allegations of sexual assault from when the judge was in high school. “All of them deserve miserable deaths while feminists laugh as they take their last gasps,” Prof. Fair wrote. “Bonus: We castrate their corpses and feed them to swine? Yes.” Georgetown University did not fire Prof. Fair, but it did issue a statement noting her right to free speech. It read, in part: “While faculty members may exercise freedom of speech, we expect that their classrooms and interaction with students be free of bias and geared toward thoughtful, respectful dialogue.” That is fair, but one has to wonder what would happen if a male professor called for the murder and mutilation of a female legislator or judge.

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Dirty Pot

Some 20% of the legal marijuana products currently sold in California that have been checked since the state began mandating quality tests on the goods have failed purity and potency tests, reports the Associated Press. Candies, tinctures, and cannabis-infused cookies have proven to be the worst, resulting in about one-third being kept from hitting dispensary shelves or requiring re-labeling before being sold. Of the 2,000 products that failed, 65% were due to labeling errors, less than 0.04% had unacceptable levels of pesticides, and 0.01% contained bacteria or mold.

Prison Rape

The UK’s prison service has been forced to apologize after a male-to-female “transgender” inmate raped a woman and sexually assaulted four others only days after being sent to an all-female jail, reports London’s *Telegraph* newspaper. Convicted pedophile “Karen White,” who was born Stephen Wood, has been undergoing “gender reassignment surgery” but had not undergone full surgery when she was accused of attacking the women. After the female inmates reported the attacks, the man, who still had all of his original genitalia, was transferred to an all-male prison, where he should’ve been in the first place.

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Soros Agenda Clear in Europe

• Network of organizations working tirelessly to flood continent with migrants

By John Friend

The Open Society Foundations (OSF), the subversive globalist organization headed by infamous international plutocrat George Soros, aims to undermine the sovereignty of nation-states around the world. Recently, it was learned that the global group filed applications challenging laws passed in Hungary that target individuals and civic groups working with refugees and asylum seekers to undermine immigration reform measures enacted by the Hungarian government.

OSF supports and finances a number of groups and organizations operating in Hungary that have become targets of the laws, passed in the aftermath of the sweeping electoral victory of Prime Minister Viktor Orban and his Fidesz Party earlier this year for the third straight time, as reported on by this newspaper.

Orban, who is increasingly demonized in the Western press as a racist, xenophobic autocrat, is a long-time critic of the European Union, non-European immigration into Hungary, refugee resettlement, and the prevailing liberal order, which he views as an assault on the people, traditions, and culture of Hungary specifically and of Europe more generally. Orban has correctly described the activists that OSF supports as “being paid by Soros to ‘transform Hungary into an immigrant country,’” which the populist prime minister and his ruling party are seeking to prevent.

Late last month, OSF filed legal challenges to the Hungarian laws at both the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France and Hun-



gary's Constitutional Court.

“The government has undermined judicial independence, tamed the media, and now seeks to silence civil society groups, which are among the last critical public voices left in Hungary,” the organization said in a statement. Other globalist organizations and media outlets have also lambasted the commonsense measures enacted by Orban's Hungary.

“The Hungarian government has fabricated a narrative of lies to blind people to the truth: that these laws were designed to intimidate independent civil society groups, in another step towards silencing all dissent,” OSF president Patrick

Radical leftist billionaire George Soros has his Bolshevik paws into everything. In Hungary, he and his many leftist organizations are working to undermine the will of the people by reversing legislation passed there to restrict mass immigration.

Gaspard hysterically stated.

The “Stop Soros” legislation, a series of laws passed in June, threatens with up to a year of jail time “anyone who helps refugees who are not entitled to protection apply for asylum, or helps illegal migrants gain status to stay in Hungary.”

Refugee scams have become a major problem throughout the Western world, as desperate and opportunistic Third World immigrants—often with the active assistance of subversive civic groups and NGOs—lie and embellish their immigration documents to ensure they meet certain conditions for permanent or temporary political asylum.

In July the Hungarian Parliament also voted to levy a 25% special tax against non-governmental organizations “supporting or positively portraying migration” by providing financial or material support to groups promoting migration.

OSF attorney Daniela Ikawa said the measures breach EU conventions on freedom of speech and association, and expose “a broad range of legitimate activities to the risk of criminal prosecution.”

“The tax law is so broadly written that the Hungarian government could target virtually all funding for rights groups and civil society even if a small portion of the funding goes to migration,” James Goldston, the director of OSF's legal team, told the international press following the announcement of the legal challenge.

The Hungarian government has defiantly stood by its prime minister and the laws that have been enacted to combat subversive and hostile organizations operating on Hungarian territory.

Popular British publication *The Independent* reports a Hungarian government spokesman stated: “The government stands by the Stop Soros package of laws . . . as the legislation serves the will of the Hungarian people and the security of Hungary and Europe. The Soros organization attacks the Stop Soros package with all possible means, as the legislation stands in the way of illegal immigration. The aim of George Soros and organizations supported by him is to flood Europe with migrants.” ★

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It's Not Easy Being God: The Real George Soros

In this collection of essays, Joy Tiz, author of *Obamanutz: A Cult Leader Takes the White House*, provides an unnerving analysis of the man who thinks he's God—billionaire radical leftist and social engineer George Soros. This collection of exposés unmasks George Soros for what he is: one of the most detrimental forces on the planet; a man who may have shaped our world more than any man in two millennia. What is his personal agenda? What is his vision of the New World Order? What was his relationship with Barack Obama? Where is he dumping his money? Who are his allies? Who are his enemies? Softcover, 108 pages, \$16 plus \$4 S&H inside the U.S. from AFP, 16000 Trade Zone Avenue, Unit 406, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774. Call 1-888-699-6397 toll free to charge, Mon.-Thu. 9-5 ET. (For international shipping charges, please email Bookstore@AmericanFreePress.net for S&H.) Purchase online at www.AmericanFreePress.net.



Former Hedge Fund Manager Warns: “Get Out Of Cash on October 24th”

Why this date could have a huge impact on your wealth

By Brett Aitken, Managing Director, Stansberry Research

All eyes are watching October 24th.

One expert says not to be surprised if Facebook (FB) shoots up towards \$2,000 a share, or if Amazon (AMZN) soars towards \$18,000 in the months ahead. **The stock market is on the verge of soaring higher than you can ever imagine, faster than anyone realizes.**

“But if you’re holding ordinary stocks, you’re making a big mistake right now,” says Dr. Steve Sjuggerud, a financial Ph.D. who’s spent three years preparing for Oct. 24th.

Dr. Sjuggerud, who’s worked in the financial markets for 30 years and helped ring the opening bell at the NYSE twice, predicts the coming months will see enormous gains. And one particular investment could rise by 10 times, if things go right.

“This is going to surprise most people and make a handful of in-the-know investors very wealthy along the way,” he says.

Profiled by *CNBC, Bloomberg, The Wall Street Journal* and *Barron’s*, Dr. Sjuggerud has worked as a broker, hedge fund manager, mutual fund vice president and is now the Senior Research Partner at Stansberry Research, America’s leading independent financial research firm since 1999. His work has helped attract a national audience of 441,000 with his unusually accurate predictions.

For example:

→ In January 2000, as most Americans obsessed over dot-com stocks, Dr.

Sjuggerud wrote, “We are at the peak of most likely the greatest financial mania that we will ever see in our lifetimes.”

↳ The NASDAQ fell 75% shortly after.

→ In May 2003 he wrote, “It doesn’t matter what happens... the price of gold will rise.”

↳ Gold ultimately skyrocketed from \$400 to \$1,900 an ounce, and the gold stocks Dr. Sjuggerud recommended soared as high as 995%.

→ Then, in January 2009, Dr. Sjuggerud accurately predicted the bottom of the stock market when he wrote: “We may never see opportunities this good again. Take advantage of it.”

↳ Less than two months later, the market began its historic 9-year climb, making fortunes for anyone who followed Dr. Sjuggerud’s prediction.

But now, it’s Dr. Sjuggerud’s latest prediction that has people talking, and could have a huge impact on your wealth.

He believes the market is on the verge of a major move that will cause a panic out of cash and into the stock market.

“Soon,” Dr. Sjuggerud warns, “a mania will hit America. This nine-year bull market – now the longest in history – will enter its final phase. You must prepare immediately. I can share exactly when this boom will start

and, more importantly, when it’s all going to come crashing down.”

Today, Dr. Sjuggerud is stepping forward to show hundreds of thousands of Americans what to expect and how to prepare.

Many of the biggest names in finance are supporting his prediction, including legendary investors Jim Rogers, David Tice, Robert Kiyosaki, Whitney Tilson, and more. (See what Dr. Sjuggerud is predicting at www.StockMeltUp1.com).

In the coming months, Dr. Sjuggerud believes there will be a massive panic into certain stocks, driving one little-known investment up higher than even the most popular stocks in America.

This panic near the end of a bull market – known as a “Melt Up” – has happened dozens of times throughout history:

→ For example, during “The Roaring 20s”, the DOW more than tripled in a few years.

→ During the late ‘90s tech bubble, the NASDAQ tripled in about a year.

→ And just recently, the Bitcoin mania sent cryptos soaring by 100X in less than a year.

Beginning October 24th, Dr. Sjuggerud predicts this type of Melt Up mania will happen again... **but this time, it could be even bigger.**

“Don’t be surprised if you hear cab drivers giving you stock tips,” Dr.

You won’t believe where these stocks could go during the coming Melt Up...

Apple (AAPL) from \$219 to \$1,000+/share?

Google (GOOGL) from \$1,166 to \$5,000+/share?

Microsoft (MSFT) from \$112 to \$900+/share?

Tesla (TSLA) from \$297 to \$1,000+/share?

Amazon (AMZN) from \$1,928 to \$10,000+/share?

Facebook (FB) from \$160 to \$1,000+/share?

Twitter (TWTR) from \$28 to \$200+/share?

NVIDIA (NVDA) from \$276 to \$1,500+/share?

Netflix (NFLX) from \$356 to \$2,500+/share?

Dr. Sjuggerud explains more, along with his favorite stock to buy right now. Go to www.StockMeltUp1.com today for details.

Sjuggerud says. “That’s the kind of mania we’re about to see.”

But he warns there are specific actions you must take with your money right now.

In fact – the stocks you’ll hear about all over the news are NOT the ones you should own right now, warns Dr. Sjuggerud.

“There’s one particular stock I believe could surge more than any other,” says Dr. Sjuggerud.

You can learn about the stock he believes could soon rise 10 times if things go right, by going to www.StockMeltUp1.com today.

See the unique way the coming Melt Up panic will unfold across the stock market, and why it’s critical you prepare for October 24th immediately, at www.StockMeltUp1.com.



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WikiLeaks & the Espionage Act

• Whistleblower says Assange can't be tried under 1917 act because he's a journalist

By S.T. Patrick

Pentagon Papers whistleblower Daniel Ellsberg recently told news and commentary website “Consortium News” that WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange cannot be tried under the Espionage Act of 1917 because Assange is a journalist. Ellsberg still contends that he, himself, was unfairly indicted under the act in 1973 after he leaked a critical Pentagon study of top-level Vietnam War decision-making to *The New York Times* and other newspapers.

The charges were dismissed against Ellsberg five months after they were levied in 1973. He has since become an outspoken advocate for whistleblowers and the practice of whistleblowing and has supported Assange as well as Edward Snowden and Chelsea (Bradley) Manning.

As the pressure and restrictions on Assange heat up in his seventh year within the Ecuadorian embassy in London, changes have been made at WikiLeaks. Assange has appointed Kristinn Hrafnsson as the new editor-in-chief of WikiLeaks, though he will remain as publisher. This was announced in a tweet by WikiLeaks after “six months of effective incommunicado detention.” Ecuador’s new President Lenin Moreno has been critical of Assange, but he has stated that Ecuador will maintain Assange’s status “as long as we assume his life may be in danger.”

In an interview organized by “Unity4J.com,” Ellsberg told “Consortium News” editor-in-chief Joe Lauria that the motivations of U.S. leaders have little to do with their repeated justification of “national security.”

“The purpose is not to protect national security but to protect the asses of the people who wrote the directives,” Ellsberg said. He then went on to repeat his long-standing argument that the “classified” label is overused at the expense of the



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public’s right to know.

Ellsberg then emphasized that the Espionage Act should not be applied to those who are engaging in non-spying activities in an effort to inform the public via publishing or journalism.

“Julian is not a whistleblower per se but a facilitator of whistleblowing,” Ellsberg argued, “the point being that, as a journalist, he cannot fairly be tried under the Espionage Act. . . . It is essential that Julian Assange not be indicted, be convicted, or be extradited to the United States.”

Ellsberg has long been cited as one of the sharpest thorns in the side of the Nixon administration. The administration’s response to Ellsberg was to form a group called the “White House

Daniel Ellsberg believes that the Espionage Act of 1917 cannot be used to charge Julian Assange (left) with treason because Assange is a journalist. Some believe Assange may be able to prove who hacked the DNC’s servers.

Plumbers,” created by aides Egil Krogh and David Young under John Ehrlichman. The Plumbers would later unsuccessfully carry out the second Watergate break-in. Ellsberg could have made a comfortable life for himself as a Democratic Party politician or activist, but he did not. He has remained loyal to the anti-war movement and to the cause of whistleblowing, regardless of political party.

In 2013, Ellsberg became one of the most outspoken critics of the Barack Obama administration’s prosecution of leakers. The administration had prosecuted Manning in 2010 for leaking a large cache of classified documents to Assange and WikiLeaks.

“I’m sure that President Obama would have sought a life sentence in my case,” Ellsberg told *The Washington Post* in 2013. “First of all, there’s no question that President Obama is conducting an unprecedented campaign against unauthorized disclosure. The government had used the Espionage Act against leaks only three times before his administration. He’s used it six times. He’s doing his best to assure that sources in the government will have reason to fear heavy prison sentences for informing the American public in ways he doesn’t want.”

There is a fear on the part of pro-whistleblower activists that extradition to the United States will almost certainly result in prosecution of Assange by a tough-talking Trump administration. However, there may be a motive beyond national security now, and it may be one that potentially saves Assange. The Trump administration has a vested interest in Assange revealing that his 2016 Democratic Party email leaks came from the murdered Seth Rich, a DNC tech staffer. A Democratic Party that wants that information kept private may also work to block Assange’s extradition, but under different public pretenses.

For Assange’s future, the Rich information may just be the trump card, so to speak, that he needs to guarantee that he can continue the legacy of Ellsberg. ★



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—Daniel Ellsberg

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California's War on White History

• Spanish explorers, Catholic priests, pioneers, prospectors, cowboys are all “racists”

By Dr. Edward DeVries

Only the concrete base remains of a one-ton statue that had proudly overlooked San Francisco's City Hall since its dedication in 1894. The statue of an all but naked native American at the feet of a *vaquero* (Spanish cowboy) and a Roman Catholic priest had stood in the city's civic center between the art museum and the public library for nearly 125 years. On Sept. 7, however, it was removed in the wee hours of the morning. Just two days prior, the San Francisco Board of Appeals voted unanimously to remove the bronze statue, known as “Early Days,” which was but one of four parts of the city's larger “Pioneer Monument,” telling the story of California's founding by its earliest settlers.

The board had previously voted, back in April, to keep the statue. At that time, board member Rick Swig called the statue “horrible” but said that removing it would “squash free speech.” Not willing to accept the ruling, representatives from various tribal groups, all claiming to be descendants of the Indian depicted in the statue, continued their protests and lobbying efforts to seek the monument's destruction, calling it “racist” and “demeaning to native-Americans.”

The city's Historic Preservation Commission unanimously signed off on the statue's removal with just one stipulation, that it be replaced with a sign explaining that the statue was a monument to “white supremacy,” and telling why it was removed.

As the city's crane operator and parks department workers were lifting the statue from its base on Sept. 7 and days later, as they replaced it with a sign decrying as evil the white settlers of the 19th century who had risked their lives and braved only they and God knows what to tame the wilderness now known as California, about 50 Lakota Sioux and representatives of other tribes were dancing around the concrete pedestal. They burned sage and incense as they chanted and performed ritual tribal dances to celebrate the statue's removal.

As has been the case in the last three years' push to remove Confederate monuments, the smaller victory emboldens. Tribal leaders are already calling for the complete removal of the entire “Pioneer Monument,” because they “don't want their children to witness their people being treated in a degrading and stereotypical way,” according to Janeen Antoine, a Lakota activist who told the *San Francisco Chronicle* that the monument “always symbolized the oppression and conquest of indigenous people.”

The statue has been placed in fine arts storage while the arts commission decides what will hap-



pen to it next.

Within less than 24 hours of the removal of “Early Days” in San Francisco, Stanford University, about 30 miles away, announced plans to remove the name of Fr. Junipero Serra, the school's founder, from two buildings and a key mall on campus. Tribal leaders have accused Serra of “brutalizing indigenous people.”

Stanford's official announcement noted that while Serra was the “founder and clearly identified leader of the California mission system,” his legacy includes the “harmful and violent impacts of the mission system on Native Americans.”

The statement continues: “With the passage of time, we gain new understanding of historical events, the people who shaped them and the effects of those events on others. At the same time, we know that all individuals' lives are imperfect and that any exercise to evaluate a historical figure by present-day standards has limitations.”

Stanford plans to rename Serra Mall, a key pedestrian and bicycle mall at the front of campus, to Jane Stanford Way.

The public debate over Serra actually began back in March when the City of San Jose, a south-side suburb of San Francisco about 15 miles from Stanford, removed a statue of Christopher Columbus from its city hall. Peter Ortiz, the organizer who led the main group opposing that statue, said that the monuments to Columbus and

The “Early Days,” a portion of the Pioneer Monument depicting San Francisco's early colonial history, has been removed because it is considered offensive to American Indians. All across California, symbols of white accomplishment are being removed, from mascots to statuary, all in an attempt to eradicate all memory of the true history of the state—good and bad.

other Spanish Catholics were “a symbol of injustice and very much a symbol of racism.”

Meanwhile, near the Mexican border the students at JSerra Catholic High School in San Juan Capistrano are celebrating the arrival of a statue of their campus's namesake who is now watching over them. The statue of Serra will be dedicated on Sept. 19. The blessing of the statue coincides with Patron's Day, the celebration of the school's founding and also the third anniversary of Serra's canonization as a saint.

Cal State Long Beach is dumping its “too-white” mascot known as “Prospector Pete” because he, like Stanford's Serra, is “racist,” according to the school's statement of Thursday, Sept. 20.

When it was founded in 1949 the school used the idea of the Gold Rush to convey the idea of “the riches of education.” The school's current president, Jane Close Conoley, explains that as the school's “diversity grew and more voices were heard, we came to know that the 1849 California Gold Rush was a time in history when the indigenous peoples of California endured subjugation, violence, and threats of genocide.” She went on to declare: “Multiple scholars have cited the California prospectors, also known as the 49ers, as culpable in violent and genocidal acts against the indigenous people of California. Prospectors in California perpetuated colonization, white supremacy, racism, and exclusion ideals not only against indigenous American communities, but also women, people of color, and non-Protestant communities.”

But wait. Wasn't it the Catholics, who abused the “Indians” as they “raped and pillaged” and colonized and settled their way across early California? Requiring that a college president know a little something about history is probably too much to ask. Besides, Catholics, Protestants, does it really matter when they were all white? Because if they were, their legacy must be eradicated. ★

A pastor and in-demand traveling speaker, Dr. Edward DeVries is the editor of the *Dixie Heritage Newsletter* and a contributing editor at THE BARNES REVIEW. He is the author of 30 books including the two-volume *Glory in Grey*. Some of his other titles include *Sacred Honor*, *The Truth About the Confederate Battle Flag*, *Prayer is Simple*, *Every Member a Minister* and *Coaching Youth Baseball the Right Way*. He is also the host of TBR RADIO's “Dixie Heritage Hour.” Please check it out at www.BarnesReview.org.

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Coup in Venezuela Invites Possible Global Cold War

• Russia, China have huge financial stake in Venezuela

By Richard Walker

Should President Donald Trump and prominent members of Congress continue to advocate for a military coup in Venezuela, it could see a return to a Cold War in Latin America, a region in which countries have always shared divided loyalties to East and West.

According to foreign policy expert Brian Fonseca, should the U.S. continue to push for overthrowing the Venezuelan government, the West could see a bigger Chinese and Russian footprint in Latin America. These two superpowers have close ties to the Venezuelan military and sell it weapons. They would be thrilled if Venezuela's relations with Washington reached a point of no return because Moscow and Beijing would pursue an opportunity to purchase majority stakes in Venezuela's oil reserves that are among the world's largest. Venezuela also has large deposits of natural resources that China would be keen to develop, in keeping with China's growing economic role in the world. China has been busy for the past two decades establishing relations with nations across Latin America and Africa, especially those that have massive energy and fossil fuel reserves. A classic example is that, in 2015, in the out-of-the-way country Mozambique, China began cutting large tracts of forest for the timber it desperately needs for its ever-expanding infrastructure. When it discovered that the same area held large deposits of gemstones, it bought mining rights and began exploiting them, too.

Fonseca has warned Washington figures that flirting with the prospect of backing the overthrow of the government of Nicolas Maduro in Venezuela is playing with fire, endangering America's foreign policy in its own backyard. It could even result in a major national security blunder.

Big oil companies Chevron and Halliburton

that have stakes in Venezuela's oil industry have privately appealed to the White House to avoid plunging Venezuela into total chaos by pursuing tougher financial sanctions against the government. They have also cautioned that intervention in support of a military coup could be disastrous for Washington's relations throughout the region.

Those warnings have not deterred Trump from floating the possibility of supporting a coup by the Venezuelan military. He received backing for his views from U.S. Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley and Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.).

There is also evidence that some former Venezuelan military figures have met members of the Trump administration.

The promotion of regime change in Congress and the White House is a dangerous trend that ignores the failed history of U.S.-led coups. After 1947, with the emergence of the CIA, Washington decided it now had the ideal tool to change regimes it did not like or that American corporations felt threatened their energy domination. The first coup the CIA launched was in Iran in 1953 when U.S. agents overthrew a democratically elected government because Iran was seeking to stop exploitation by foreign oil corporations, mostly British, by nationalizing Iran's oil for the benefit of its people. Other coups followed in the Congo and South Vietnam, but Latin America became the major target of nine coup-led interventions by the CIA. The Agency used tactics that became all too familiar of arming and training insurgents. It encouraged assassinations, bombings, kidnapping, and the secret torture and elimination of perceived enemies.

George Bush and Dick Cheney meddled in Venezuela and in other Latin American nations, and so, too, did Barack Obama who pursued what became known as the soft power strategy. Obama advocated using less CIA paramilitary input in favor of exploiting and financing opposition groups by funneling money to them, using Washington-run aid organizations. Bribes were also



NIKKI HALEY

U.S. Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley is shown inciting the crowd in New York demanding that the people of Venezuela overthrow its elected president, Nicolas Maduro. The U.S. has been meddling in Venezuela's internal affairs for a generation.

paid to political figures and disgruntled military officers. At the same time, fake stories were fed into the media of the target nation.

It is a fact that Venezuela, like many Latin American nations, has existed for decades with serious levels of corruption. But of much more significance is the reality that its economy has relied for too long on oil exports. Knowing this, in 2014, the Saudis, under pressure from Israel and Washington, flooded the international oil markets with cheap oil, crushing the price of oil to the detriment of the Venezuelan economy. The effects were devastating and long term. Israel, Saudi Arabia, and Washington saw it as punishment for Venezuela's closeness to Iran and its attacks on Israel's treatment of the Palestinians. It may well be that some oil corporations were also pushing for the Saudi move, hoping it would lead to Venezuela's collapse, giving them control of its energy resources.

Venezuela is now collapsing financially, and U.S. sanctions could push it over the edge into the arms of Beijing and Moscow. It is generally not reported that 2.3 million Venezuelans have fled the country in the past three years.

Too many figures in Congress promote regime change, ignorant of the terrible effects of failed CIA-led coups in the past. Even those regimes in Latin America that do not support the Venezuelan leadership have raw memories of past U.S. interventions in countries like Chile and the failed 2002 CIA-led coup against Hugo Chavez in Venezuela. In that coup tens of millions of dollars were secretly funneled to opposition groups and disaffected members of the country's military. That is probably what has been happening again in the past couple of years. ★

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D.C.'s Hypocritical Attack on Maduro

• If our leaders really cared about the people of Venezuela, they would lift the sanctions

By Dr. Ron Paul

This week we witnessed the horrible spectacle of Nikki Haley, President Donald Trump's ambassador to the United Nations, joining a protest outside the UN building and calling for the people of Venezuela to overthrow their government.

"We are going to fight for Venezuela," she shouted through a megaphone. "We are going to continue doing it until [Venezuelan President Nicolas] Maduro is gone."

This is the neocon mindset: that somehow the U.S. has the authority to tell the rest of the world how to live and who may hold political power regardless of elections.

After more than a year of Washington being crippled by evidence-free claims that the Russians have influenced our elections, we have a senior U.S. administration official openly calling for the overturning of elections overseas.

Imagine if President Vladimir Putin's national security advisor had grabbed a megaphone in New

York and called for the people of the United States to overthrow their government by force.

At the UN, Maduro accused the Western media of hyping up the crisis in his country to push the cause for another "humanitarian intervention." Some may laugh at such a claim, but recent history shows that interventionists lie to push regime change, and the media goes right along with the lies.

Remember the lies about Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi giving Viagra to his troops to help them rape their way through Libya? Remember the "babies thrown from incubators" and "mobile chemical labs" in Iraq? Judging from past practice, there is probably some truth in Maduro's claims.

We know socialism does not work. It is an economic system based on the use of force rather than economic freedom of choice. But while many Americans seem to be in a panic over the failures of socialism in Venezuela, they don't seem all that concerned that right here at home Trump just signed a massive \$1.3 trillion spending bill that delivers socialism on a scale that Venezuelans couldn't even imagine. In fact, this one spending bill is three times Venezuela's entire gross domestic product.

Did I miss all the Americans protesting this warfare-welfare state socialism?

Why all the neocon and humanitarian-interventionist "concern" for the people of Venezuela? One clue might be the fact that Venezuela happens to be sitting on the world's largest oil reserves. More even than Saudi Arabia. There are plenty of countries pursuing dumb economic policies that result in plenty of suffering, but Nikki and the neocons are nowhere to be found when it comes to "concern" for these people. Might it be a bit about this oil?

Don't believe this feigned interest in helping the Venezuelan people. If Washington really cared about Venezuelans they would not be plotting regime change for the country, considering that each such "liberation" elsewhere has ended with the people being worse off than before.

No, if Washington—and the rest of us—really cared about Venezuelans we would demand an end to the terrible U.S. economic sanctions on the country—which only make a bad situation worse—and would push for far more engagement and trade. And maybe we'd even lead by example, by opposing the real, existing socialism here at home before seeking socialist monsters to slay abroad. ★

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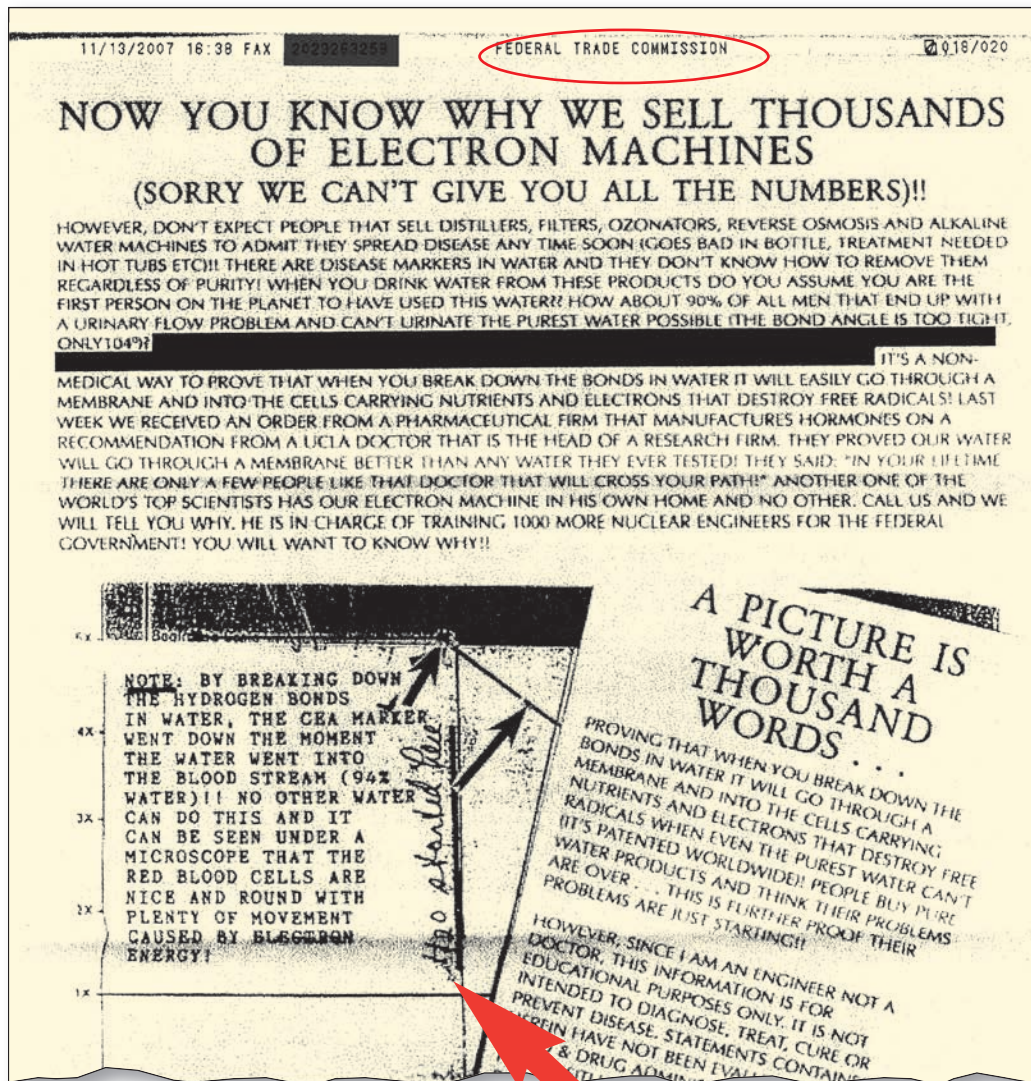
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By John Ellis

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As AFP readers know, the U.S. government was never really interested in helping Vietnam vets with Agent Orange poisoning or detoxifying the U.S. servicemen who returned from Iraq after being exposed to depleted uranium and other toxic chemicals. Instead, the government told them there was nothing wrong!

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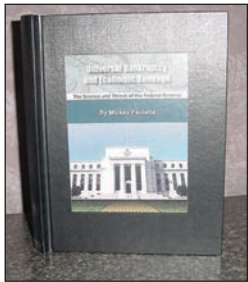
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Unlawful Tactics Still Prevail in Home Foreclosure Cases

By Mark Anderson

MERCER COUNTY, Penn.—The public generally expects the nation's judges to avoid being unduly swayed by special interests, to remain impartial, and to get to the truth. But in the case of Rebecca and Raymond Crimone, homeowners in the northwestern Pennsylvania community of Stoneboro, they contend that the courts are sabotaging their due process and disregarding the key evidence that undergirds the defense they've put forward in their lengthy, difficult legal battle to keep their home amid foreclosure proceedings.

On Sept. 27, Mrs. Crimone, who has represented herself in court against plaintiff Nationstar Mortgage LLC for six years, explained to AFP the most recent travesties of the Mercer County Common Pleas Court.

She said that the latest episode in a series of evasive and apparently illegal tactics by the court involves semi-retired Senior Court of Common Pleas Judge Paul Luty Jr., who was activated and "imported" from Pittsburgh to Mercer County to handle the foreclosure suit against the Crimones.

The Crimones argue that egregiously, as evidenced by two recent orders signed by Luty, the judge is intent on denying them the very jury trial that he promised during an Aug. 13 hearing at which Mrs. Crimone summarized her case.

According to Mrs. Crimone, Luty stated then that a jury trial would be held in early 2019. A jury trial is required whenever fraud or forgery is thought to be a factor, and the judge knows this. Mrs. Crimone says she has reams of evidence to present to a jury supporting her claim that the plaintiff uses forged and fraudulent mortgage documents in its relentless effort to seize her home.

Shortly thereafter, however, the Crimones received by mail those two court orders—one signed Sept. 14 and one Sept. 21. These orders, which were shared with AFP, overturned everything the court had granted just one month previously, according to the Crimones.

The first one announced, "The trial is to com-

mence on Monday, Oct. 15, 2018." It also noted, "upon consideration of Rebecca A. Crimone's and Raymond S. Crimone's Motion to Schedule Postponed Hearing for Crimones' Motion to Compel [to force the opposition to produce key evidence under discovery] it is hereby ordered . . . that the said motion is denied."

The second order read: "And now, to wit, this 21st day of September, upon consideration of the Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment, it is hereby ordered, adjudged, and decreed that the Motion is held in abeyance." The original document had the words "Motion is granted," but those three words had been sloppily crossed out and the judge had scribbled "held in abeyance" in black ink.

After also crossing out a portion that read "judgment is hereby entered in favor of the plaintiff . . . in the amount of \$174,404," the Sept. 21 order noted: "Hearing on the Summary Judgment Motion to commence prior to jury selection. Trial, if necessary, will be held on Monday, Oct. 15, 2018 at 10 a.m."

Thus, in a mere month's time, the Crimones went from expecting ample time for the discovery fact-finding process prior to an early-2019 jury trial to being given an Oct. 15 court date with no preparation time, and onward to "trial, if necessary"—implying the judge is poised to give Nationstar the family's home by way of highly deceptive tactics.

Mrs. Crimone has been working with Mickey Paoletta of Mortgage Defense Systems to file a formal complaint with the Pennsylvania Bar Association to argue that Luty is unlawfully handling this case. With Paoletta's help, Mrs. Crimone filed a similar complaint against local Judge Thomas R. Dobson, which may have been a factor in Dobson stepping down from the bench.

Lest readers believe that the Crimone case is unique, during recent travels this writer spoke with a farmer who owns considerable acreage, a hard-working medical doctor, and two others, all of whom confirmed that their local courts, located in different areas of the nation, are also brazenly ignoring due process and the rules of evidence while operating like a private foreclosure outlet for the banking-lending-legal syndicate. ★

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World Teeters on Brink of War

• Russia responds to attacks on Syria; loss of 15 Russian servicemen blamed on Israel

By John Friend

The Russian Ministry of Defense has publicly accused Israel of being culpable for the downing of a Russian military aircraft in Syria on the evening of Monday, Sept. 17, resulting in the death of 15 Russian service members. The tragic international incident has received scant media coverage in the West but has many serious observers of Middle Eastern affairs wondering if Israel—blindly supported and financed by the United States—is on the verge of provoking WWII with its blatant military aggression, utter disdain for international law, and outrageous arrogance.

The downed Russian aircraft, a Soviet-era Ilyushin IL-20 surveillance and control plane, was on a reconnaissance mission near the Idlib de-escalation zone in Syria on the evening of Sept. 17, when four Israeli F-16 fighter jets—compliments of the Pentagon—left Israeli airspace and flew over the Mediterranean Sea to carry out an unprovoked attack on various Syrian targets, essentially using the larger Russian aircraft as cover for their assault.

In yet another blatant and criminal act of military aggression against her neighbors in the region, the Israeli F-16s launched several precision guided missiles at a number of industrial and military targets in the western Syrian province of Latakia, warning their Russian counterparts less than one minute prior to launching the illegal and extremely risky attack. Russian military commanders immediately ordered the IL-20 back to the Khmeimim air base, but Syrian air defense systems mistakenly targeted the Russian aircraft and its 15 crew members, which the Russians have argued the Israelis were using as cover for their attack on Syrian targets.

“The Israeli jets saw the Russian Ilyushin IL-20 and used it as a shield against the anti-aircraft missiles, while they carried on maneuvering in the region,” Major General Igor Konashenkov, a spokesman for the Russian Ministry of Defense, stated in the aftermath of the incident.

“We believe that the blame for the Russian IL-20 aircraft tragedy lies entirely with the Israeli Air Force,” Konashenkov continued. “The military leadership of Israel either has no appreciation for the level of relations with Russia or has no control over individual commands or commanding officers who understood that their actions would lead to tragedy.”

Ultimately the “misleading information” provided just moments before the attack on Syrian targets by the Israeli F-16s “did not allow the Russian IL-20 airplane to move timely to a safe area,” the Russians concluded.

“This is an extremely ungrateful response to all that has been done by the Russian Federation for Israel and the Israeli people recently,” Konashenkov lamented.

The incident has soured relations between Israel and Russia and has prompted the Russian government to provide upgrades to the Syrian air defense system, further strengthening military and political ties between the embattled Syrian government of Bashar al-Assad, a major nemesis

tanyahu, the Israeli prime minister, Russian President Vladimir Putin emphasized that “the actions of the Israeli Air Force were the main cause” of the downing of the Russian aircraft, and that “Russia’s decisions to bolster the combat capabilities of Syrian air defenses are appropriate at this juncture and primarily intended to thwart any potential threat to the lives of the Russian military service members fulfilling the tasks of combating international terrorism,” the Kremlin stated.

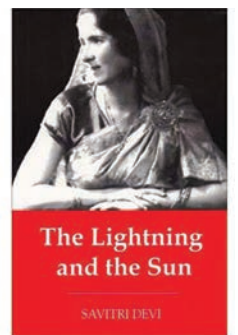
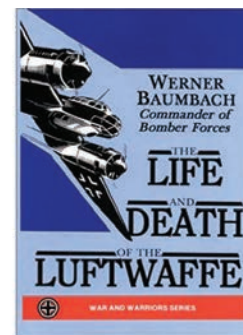
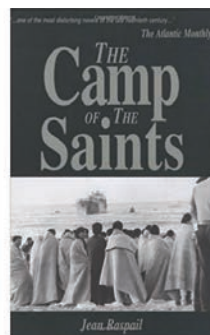
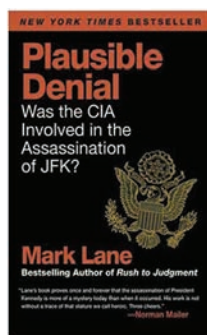
In the wake of the tragic incident, many are concerned about a potential escalation of conflict in the region and the possibility of a broader war involving major superpowers—Russia and the United States—breaking out due to the risky and criminal actions of the Israelis.

“Israel does risky things like attacking its neighbors because it knows it will pay no price due to Washington’s support,” Philip Giraldi, executive director of the Council for the National Interest, recently argued in an op-ed released just after the tragedy. “The downing of the Russian plane through Israeli contrivance created a situation that could easily have escalated into a war involving Moscow and Washington.” ★

See more from AFP on the deteriorating situation in the Mideast on pages 16-17.

in the eyes of the Israelis and their sympathizers in Washington, D.C., and Vladimir Putin’s Russia.

Earlier this week, Russia announced it had transferred new anti-aircraft missiles to Syria, including four S-300 launchers, a sophisticated anti-aircraft missile system that will “significantly increase the Syrian army’s capabilities,” according to the Russian military. In a telephone conversation late last month with Benjamin Ne-



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Somebody Tell the President: Israel, U.S. the Rogue Nations

• American, Israeli hubris makes enemies across the globe

By Philip Giraldi

President Donald Trump's speech before the United Nations General Assembly on Sept. 25 made it very clear that the United States would no longer recognize the authority of international organizations when they conflict with American interests. If there had been a clear understanding that he meant that Washington would respond unilaterally if necessary to threats to vital interests, there would have been considerable support from a number of nations that have begun to believe that globalism has made many countries less secure while also having a centrifugal tendency to weaken and eventually destroy national cultures and values. But Trump did not necessarily go down that road, clearly suggesting that he would leave it up to the White House to become the "decider" regarding what the United States would or would not regard as an interest.

Trump's 35-minute speech featured a long section on Iran. He said: "Every solution to the humanitarian crisis in Syria must also include a strategy to address the brutal regime that has fueled and financed it: the corrupt dictatorship in Iran. . . . Iran's leaders sow chaos, death, and destruction. They do not respect their neighbors or borders, or the sovereign rights of nations. Instead, Iran's leaders plunder the nation's resources to enrich themselves and to spread mayhem across the Middle East and far beyond. . . . We cannot allow the world's leading sponsor of terrorism to possess the planet's most dangerous weapons. We cannot allow a regime that chants 'Death to America,' and that threatens Israel with annihilation, to possess the means to deliver a nuclear warhead to any city on Earth. Just can't do it."

There are a number of things wrong with Trump's description of Iran and the conclusions he draws. The Middle East is in the state it is in because the United States destroyed Iraq in 2003, allowing the rise of ISIS and giving local al Qaeda affiliates a new lease on life, before turning on Syria with the Syria Accountability Act later in the same year. These were, not coincidentally, policies promoted by Israel and that received, as a result, bipartisan support in Congress.

The description of disrespecting "neighbors, borders, and sovereign rights" fits the U.S. and Israel perfectly rather than Iran. The U.S. has soldiers stationed illegally in Syria while Israel bombs the country on an almost daily basis, so who is doing the disrespecting?

As for the "most dangerous weapons," Iran doesn't have any, and is a signatory to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, which Israel has not signed. Nor would Iran have any such weapons in the future but for the fact that Trump has backed out of the agreement to monitor and inspect Iranian nuclear research and development, which will, if anything, motivate Tehran to develop weapons to protect itself.

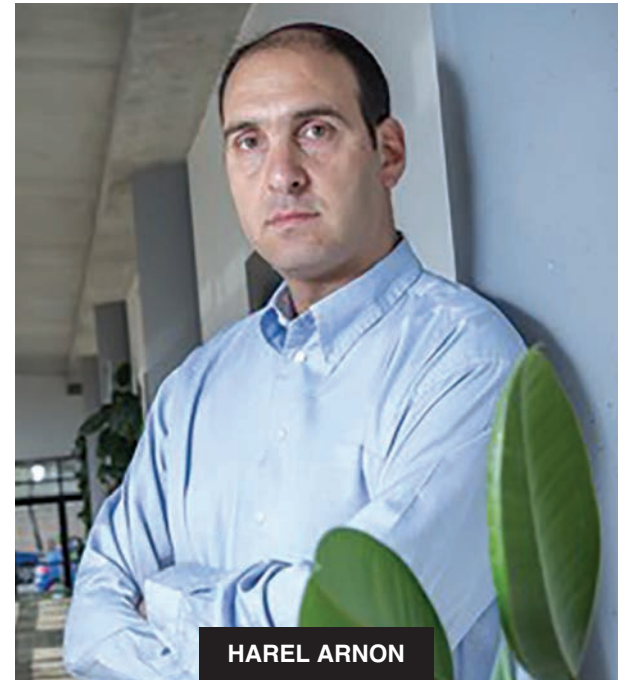
Trump also elaborated the following day in the context of Iran's alleged but demonstrably non-existent nuclear program when he indicated to the UN Security Council that Washington would go after countries that violate the rules on nuclear proliferation. The comment was ironic in the extreme, as Israel is the world's leading nuclear rogue nation, having stolen the uranium and key elements of the technology from the United States in the 1960s. It now has a secret arsenal of at least 200 nuclear weapons.

The reality is, of course, that Trump's protecting Israel is a bit like nurturing a viper in one's bosom, as the old saying goes. Leading leftist Noam Chomsky has finally seen the light on Israel's "brazenly" interfering in U.S. elections far outweighing any efforts that may have been carried out by Russia.

Chomsky explained: "First of all, if you're interested in foreign interference in our elections, whatever the Russians may have done barely counts or weighs in the balance as compared with what another state does, openly, brazenly and with enormous support. Israeli intervention in U.S. elections vastly overwhelms anything the Russians may have done, I mean, even to the point where the prime minister of Israel, Netanyahu, goes directly to Congress, without even informing the president, and speaks to Congress, with overwhelming applause, to try to undermine the president's policies—what happened with Obama and Netanyahu in 2015."

Like the United States under Trump, the Israeli government acting through a private attorney named Harel Arnon has recently declared it is not subject to international law, claiming that "the Knesset has no limitation which prevents it from legislating extra-territorially anywhere in the world." It is also "entitled to violate the sovereignty of foreign countries" and "is allowed to ignore the directives of international law in any field it desires." This language appeared in an official Netanyahu government response letter to Israel's Supreme Court last month.

The claims made by Netanyahu's attorney are intended to validate a new Israeli law from last year, which legalized the outright theft of Palestinian land. The Settlement Regularization Law



HAREL ARNON

Attorney Harel Arnon, acting on behalf of the Israeli government, basically argues that international law does not affect Israel. The International Criminal Court thinks differently—but it doesn't seem to matter.

retroactively legalized the thousands of settler homes and buildings constructed on what once was Palestinian private land on the West Bank. Before the law was passed, Israeli law still technically regarded the new settlement construction to be illegal.

Under international law including the Geneva Conventions, however, all the settlements continue to be illegal and still are considered to be such, even by the United States. Israel consequently fears the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court in The Hague, which its leadership and Donald Trump are doing their best to delegitimize.

One might well argue that Israel and the United States share a point of conceit about their place in the world, which might actually be unique. Other regimes that flout international law and claim extra-territoriality for their own laws do not openly advertise that is what they are doing. Only Washington and Tel Aviv have the hubris to act shamefully while thumbing their noses and defying the rest of the international community to do something about it.

The most shameful aspect of the truly incestuous bilateral relationship is not that both countries arrived at the same destination at more or less the same time based on their own interests. What we have witnessed is something quite different. It is the United States that has become more like Israel, not the other way around, as Israel's norms of behavior have been both accepted and frequently adopted by the American political class, the media, and by many institutions of government, to include the police and armed forces, which now undergo training provided by Israel. The United States of America has in many ways become Israel. ★

Israel, Saudis Continue Slaughter

• Bloodthirsty Saudi leader matches Israel for arrogance, disregard for life

By Dr. Kevin Barrett

In the second half of September 2018, two closely allied Middle Eastern nations—Israel and Saudi Arabia—committed thinly veiled mass slaughters . . . and dug their own graves.

On Sept. 17, Israel, through reckless negligence or worse, knocked a Russian Il-20 out of the sky. Violating their “advance notification” agreement with Russia, Israeli F-16s attacked Syria, drew anti-aircraft fire while scurrying to hide behind the unsuspecting Il-20, then escaped unscathed as 15 Russians met their deaths.

The following week, 25 people were killed and more than 60 wounded in a terrorist attack in Ahvaz, Iran. Foreign Minister Javad Zarif blamed the carnage on “a foreign regime backed by the United States.” He was referring to Saudi Arabia, a close Israeli ally.

Both Israel and Saudi Arabia arrogantly refused to accept responsibility for their bloodthirsty acts. Israel blamed its murder of 15 Russians on Syria’s air defenses. Putin called Israel’s bluff by saying: Okay, you’re right. Syria needs better air defenses, so we’re going to sell them our S-300 system and deny you the ability to continue to operate in Syrian airspace.

Saudi Arabia likewise disavowed responsibility for the terror attack on Ahvaz. This is the same Saudi Arabia whose absolute dictator, Mohammad bin Salman, threatened last year to “take the fight inside Iran,” meaning increase its sponsorship of terror groups like those that carried out the Ahvaz massacre.

The arrogant, murderous liars in Tel Aviv and Riyadh will be getting their comeuppance. Israel is facing strategic disaster thanks to its idiotic murder of the 15 Russian airmen and its even more idiotic refusal to apologize. As Russia installs its S-300 system in Syria, Israel will no longer be able to strike at Hezbollah and Iranian forces in that beleaguered nation.

Today, Hezbollah is already armed with a mis-



MOHAMMAD BIN SALMAN

sile force orders of magnitude beyond what it defeated Israel with in 2006. Hezbollah’s missiles are increasing in quantity (around 130,000) and quality (bigger payload, accuracy, and ability to evade air defenses). They may already be capable of leveling Tel Aviv and the Dimona nuclear facility.

By alienating Russia and giving Hezbollah and Iran free rein in Syria, Israel has shot itself in the foot. All the Zionists had to do was feign sincerity and apologize profusely for causing the deaths of the 15 Russians. Putin would have accepted the apology and taken relatively mild retaliatory measures. But the arrogant Zionists simply cannot accept moral responsibility for their actions—ever. Everything they do, every crime they commit, always has to somehow be somebody else’s fault.

The Saudis are as arrogant as the Zionists and even more inept. The megalomaniacal bin Salman is madly abusing key sectors of Saudi society. He has kidnapped, tortured, and robbed his billionaire

According to reports, Saudi ruler Prince Mohammed bin Salman (left) met secretly with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the Royal Jordanian Palace during a visit to Amman, Jordan in June. Over recent years, Israel and Saudi Arabia have seen their mutual interests coalesce.

cousins. He has imprisoned, brutalized, or bullied much of the Saudi religious establishment. He has also imprisoned and abused the female activists who won Saudi women the right to drive. The crown prince has even planned the beheadings of peaceful activist women. When Canada’s foreign ministry protested, bin Salman’s spokesmen threatened to hit Canada with a 9/11-style attack.

It is one thing to threaten to send planes into Canadian skyscrapers. It is quite another to commit actual mass murders. But that is what the Saudis have done in Ahvaz.

Like the Israelis, the Saudis are going out of their way to make enemies—very angry enemies. Take Iran, a huge nation three times the size of Iraq with advanced homegrown technology, a formidable military, and a population including tens of millions who are eager to lay down their lives for their country if it comes under attack.

The Saudis have also made an arch-enemy of gas-rich, media-savvy Qatar. By blockading and plotting to invade and occupy Qatar—a plan that was blocked when Turkey quickly built a military base there—the Saudis suddenly had two enemies for the price of one.

Turkey, of course, has never thought highly of the British decision to break off the Arabian Peninsula from the Ottoman Empire and hand it to the Ibn Saud crime family, so an intensified Turkish dislike of “Saudi” Arabia could eventually have existential consequences for that artificial and malignant entity.

The Saudis even managed to alienate their handful of bought-and-paid-for Lebanese stooges when they briefly kidnapped Lebanese Prime Minister Hariri. The kidnapping failed abysmally, like everything else bin Salman does.

And then there is the biggest debacle of all: the Saudi genocide of Yemen, an atrocity comparable to the slow-motion genocide of Palestine.

The Saudis, like the Israelis, are courting catastrophe. When it comes, they will blame everyone but themselves. ★

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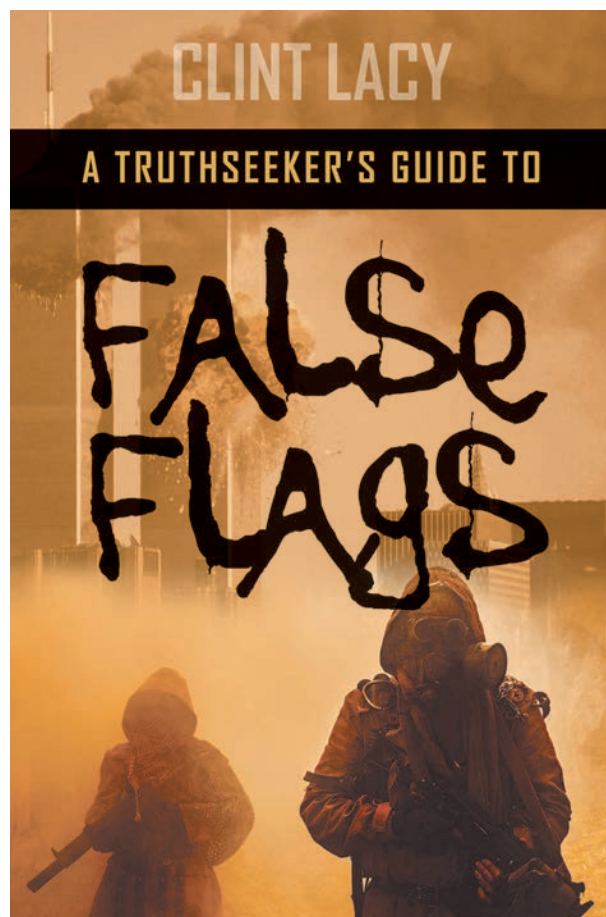
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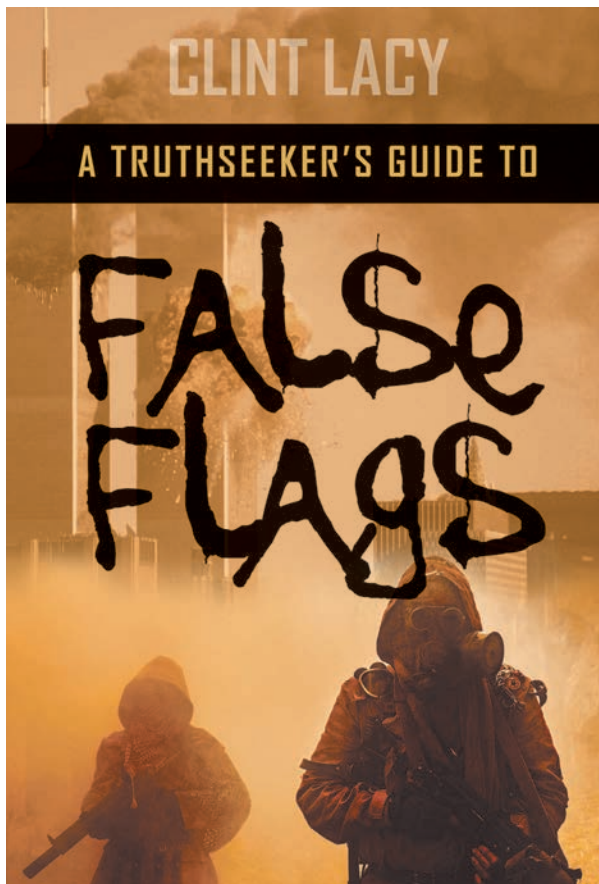
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Discovery of Border Tunnels Has U.S. Rethinking 'the Wall'

By Mark Anderson

WASHINGTON D.C.—When the House of Representatives on Sept. 25 took up pivotal legislation about homeland security, it became clear that Americans might need to rethink the border wall concept. Why? According to Texas Republican Reps. Michael McCaul and Pete Sessions, among others, law enforcement authorities are finding tunnels—lots of tunnels—of varying length, depth, and sophistication crossing from Mexico into the U.S.

According to McCaul, earlier in September, a 600-foot-long tunnel was found connecting Mexican territory with an abandoned Arizona restaurant. He also recalled that in 2010, a tunnel that reportedly went under the Rio Grande River was found near El Paso, Texas.

About 200 cross-border tunnels have been discovered since 1990, and that's just counting the ones the government knows about, said McCaul, who chairs the House Homeland Security Committee.

In the House chamber, where this writer was the only reporter in attendance for the nearly hour-long border session, Sessions remarked: "Drugs, crime, and gangs have been streaming in"



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through these invisible passageways, referring to the lengths that MS-13 Salvadoran gang members and drug cartels will go to enter the U.S. Sessions added: "No part of the U.S. is safe if the southern border is not effectively taken care of."

Of the numerous bipartisan bills focused on border security, the Border Tunnel Task Force Act, H.R. 6740, is key.

Across the aisle, strong support for this and related legislation came from Rep. Cedric Richmond (D-La.). He spoke eloquently on the House floor in support of Sessions and McCaul, exhibiting an unusually cooperative attitude given the sharp partisan differences that have been further aggravated by the controversy over conservative judge Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court.

Richmond, echoing his Republican colleagues, stressed that not only marijuana but also cocaine, heroin, people, and contraband are being found in these tunnels—some of which have functional water and sewer systems.

Richmond noted that adding fence and wall sections may incentivize transnational gangs and cartels to dig even more tunnels.

The Louisiana legislator has sponsored H.R.6620, a bill called the Protecting Critical Infrastructure Against Drones and Emerging Threats Act. Yes, you read that correctly. Congress is now confronting the specter of the drug cartels using unmanned aerial systems, or drones, to fly drugs and other contraband over the U.S. border—given the increasing availability, affordability, and sophistication of drone technology.

Under these legislative measures, federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies will be authorized to seriously address the tunnel problem, while the Department of Homeland Security will be tasked with conducting threat assessments regarding drones.

This is not to say that a wall has no purpose. CBS News reporter Sharyl Attkisson, for her popular "Full Measure" show, this past spring trav-



The United States has uncovered and destroyed 224 drug-smuggling tunnels along the U.S.-Mexico border since 1990—including another 22 discovered in the last two years alone, according to the DEA's National Drug Threat Assessment report.

eled to Laredo, Texas and—despite the mass media cartel's typical criticism of pro-border wall stances—saw firsthand that Border Patrol agents need a physical barrier that provides a containment function to keep the flood of illegal aliens at bay. This enables the agents to focus on highly risky locations and apprehend enough border-crossers to not lose the battle altogether.

Another bill, H.R. 6742, the Secure Border Communications Act, like the above-named bills, was approved by the House and sent on to the Senate where it now sits in committee. It calls for ensuring that Customs and Border Enforcement agents have inter-operable, secure radios so they can better communicate without information being intercepted by cartels or gangs.

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Google Transforms Into Powerful PAC

• Silicon Valley leviathan rigs searches to promote illegal immigration

By Dave Gahary

Just when you thought it was safe to use a search engine—those ubiquitous tools used for finding the weather, addresses, language translations, or the size of Donald Trump’s hands—it was revealed again last month that Google, the world’s most popular Internet search tool, had plans to manipulate search results to promote immigration, illegal or otherwise.

The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) got its hands on a Google email chain from January 2017, just two days after President Donald J. Trump signed Executive Order 13769—which instituted a travel ban on seven countries—that exposed unknown employees who were discussing “ways they might be able to tweak the company’s search-related functions to show users how to contribute to pro-immigration organizations and contact lawmakers and government agencies.”

Executive Order 13769, “Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States,” referred to by the fake news media as “the Muslim ban,” decreased the number of refugees admitted into the U.S. to 50,000, suspended Syrian refugee entry indefinitely, and also affected travel into the U.S. from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen.

Google’s liberal bent has been on painful dis-

play lately, as covered by this newspaper. Recently, an hour-long video, sent anonymously to Breitbart News, revealed co-founders Sergey Brin and Larry Page and other Google bigwigs announcing their intentions “to thwart both the Trump agenda and the broader populist movement emerging around the globe.”

This was preceded by a leaked email earlier in the month that exposed Google’s multicultural marketing chief attempting to assist Hillary Clinton’s presidential aspirations by boosting Latino turnout.

This time, Google was hoping to go right to their proprietary search algorithms and skew them to favor pro-immigration websites that promote open borders and scoff at laws designed to maintain law and order where immigration is concerned.

The emails reviewed by WSJ uncovered how employees wanted to “leverage” search functions and “counter what they considered to be ‘Islamophobic’ algorithmically biased results from search terms ‘Islam,’ ‘Muslim,’ ‘Iran’ etc.,” and “prejudiced, algorithmically biased search results from search terms ‘Mexico,’ ‘Hispanic,’ ‘Latino’ etc.” How they would attempt to accomplish this was not revealed.

One employee from Google’s Search Product Marketing division admitted in an email “that there was a ‘large brainstorm’ going throughout the company’s marketing division over how to respond.”

“Overall idea: Leverage search to highlight important organizations to donate to, current news, etc. to keep people abreast of how they can help as well as the resources available for immigrations [sic] or people traveling,” WSJ reported.

“We’re absolutely in. . . . Anything you need,” replied one Google executive.

“This country and Google would not exist without immigration,” wrote another.

Although the plan did not allegedly proceed beyond the “brainstorming” stage uncovered in emails, Google refused to identify “any of the employees’ or executives’ identities . . . and did not say whether anyone had faced discipline over it.”

“Google has never manipulated its search results or modified any of its products to promote a particular political ideology—not in the current campaign season, not during the 2016 election, and not in the aftermath of President Trump’s executive order on immigration. Our processes and policies would not have allowed for any manipulation of search results to promote political ideologies,” crowed a Google spokesman. Yeah, we believe you. ★

Dave Gahary, a former submariner in the U.S. Navy, prevailed in a suit brought by the New York Stock Exchange in an attempt to silence him. Dave is the producer of an upcoming film about the attack on the USS *Liberty*. See the website erasingtheliberty.com or call (850) 677-0344 for more information.

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Are the British Spying at EU Brexit Negotiations?

By S.T. Patrick

When the United Kingdom received sensitive documents within hours of them having been presented to EU officials last month, the EU became concerned. Soon after, the EU charged that the British secret service was spying on the continuing Brexit negotiations in Brussels.

Brexit has been the scandal *du jour* that has dominated recent British media in a way that Russiagate has consumed the American press. Brexit is a merging of the words “Britain” and “exit,” meaning the UK leaving the European Union. In June 2016, UK voters decided by a margin of 51.9% to 48.1% that they would leave the European Union. England and Wales supported Brexit, while Scotland and Northern Ireland voted to remain in the EU. The total vote favored leaving, which the UK will do on March 29, 2019.

There are issues regarding leaving, as there are in any divorce. The UK will have outstanding bills due to the EU. There is a dispute about the Northern Ireland border. It has yet to be decided how UK citizens living elsewhere in the EU and how EU citizens in the UK will be classified. The disputes have been the subject of talks in Belgium, where some of the EU’s official buildings are located.

When Martin Selmayr, the most senior EU official in Brussels, became suspicious that British secret services were spying on the negotiations, he began demanding hard copies of documents rather than emails. The British contingent has denied the insinuation that their positions in the negotiations have been assisted by spying.

If the Brexit negotiations were subject to espionage,

it would not be an unwarranted surprise. The Brits have much to lose. Their economic, diplomatic, and strategic futures are on the line in this monumental shift back to independence. The EU would surely like to guarantee that the United Kingdom will be an example to the other 27 nations within the European Union. If the UK brexits and thrives, it could then encourage similar considerations by other nations struggling within the confines and burdens of the EU. The EU delegation, led by chief Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier, is determined to ensure that the break will illustrate the need for a strong union throughout Europe.

When negotiations began, officials questioned the UK’s positions and strategies toward Brexit. Talk leaked that the Brits didn’t seem prepared for such a colossal move. Tom McTague of the Washington, D.C. news daily *Politico* described Britain’s perceived lack of preparedness.

“Britain is simultaneously the land of the smartest operators and a bunch of idiots being marched toward a cliff edge,” McTague wrote.

Anti-globalist commentators view the EU attitude and McTague’s assessment as metaphorically resembling the overly controlling parent who tells the 22-year-old that they should not leave home because they are destined to fail without further parenting. The parent tallies up the favors given to the child, and then stops all aid in an effort to prove that leaving equals destitution. The British are determined to succeed on their own, as they once did mightily and proudly.

Both sides have stated that they would like to reach a Brexit agreement by the end of October. If not, a “No Deal Brexit” may occur in May. The EU, and those who oppose Brexit, have used the media to outline a laundry list of frightful consequences that would befall the UK if Brexit occurs

After the British attained sensitive documents, the European Union alleged espionage.

without a beneficial deal in place.

British Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn says it will be a “national disaster” if Brexit occurs without an agreement, but Prime Minister Theresa May has repeated that “no deal is better than a bad deal.”

Liberal Democrat politician Jonathan Fryer recently claimed that there was a “mole in the system” that was aiding Britain in the Brexit talks. Fryer absolutely believes that the spying allegations in Brussels are true.

“I think it’s quite a credible story,” Fryer told RT UK. “We don’t only spy on our so-called enemies; we also spy on our friends, though, of course, will deny it, and intelligence services are staying mum on this.”

While British officials have denied it, it has been rumored that British diplomats have been taking their own printers into EU buildings, fearing that house printers have been hacked to record all documents. Former Brexit Secretary David Davis was also said to have used a snoop-proof briefcase. Tensions are high on both sides, no matter how calm the public remarks have been.

Is there a 007 penetrating the gothic complexes of Europe’s most powerful offices? It seems a bit Ian Fleming, until you consider what is on the line for the UK. It is more inconceivable that they wouldn’t have every department of every government arm working toward a beneficial Brexit, the new starting line of Britain’s future. ★

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White Farmers Say ‘Da’ to Putin’s Asylum Offer

• South Africans may have found a sanctuary in Russia

By Dave Gahary

For many South African farmers, who have witnessed their country descend from a first-rate economic marvel to a country now barely registering on the Human Development Index—with an unemployment rate approaching 60%—enough is enough. A good number of these hard-working folk have pulled up stakes and headed to the Russian grasslands between Ukraine and Kazakhstan, where more than 65% of the land is dedicated to agriculture.

A large part of the exodus has been brought on by South Africa’s government, led by President Cyril Ramaphosa, who “has pledged to return the lands owned by white farmers since the 1600s to the black citizens of the country.” The South African government “is planning to put an end to what it calls the legacy of apartheid, where most of South Africa’s land is still in the hands of its minority white population.”

Ever since blacks supplanted whites in South Africa’s governing structure, the country has been on a downward tear, with regular rolling electricity blackouts and the world’s highest murder rate, as well as one of the highest rates of rape on the planet. Sadly, children make up a large percentage of rape victims in South Africa, believed to be a result of a myth that having sex with a virgin female cures a man of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases; if a woman is raped, there is a 25% chance her attacker had AIDS. Although signs are posted throughout the country explaining that raping children will not cure AIDS, this heinous crime continues to increase. Carjackings and kidnapping are now an everyday occurrence with which the white minority has had to contend since blacks took over.

A notable part of the obscene murder rate in South Africa is the assault on white farmers. Last year this newspaper interviewed 47-year-old South African Simon Roche (pronounced “rosh”), who along with his group Suidlanders

(pronounced “sightlahnders”), believe their country is on the verge of complete collapse, and they need to prepare for a civil war between blacks and whites.

Roche explained to this reporter that while around 80% of South Africa’s 55 million inhabitants are black, and while whites comprise a mere 8.1% of that total, the murder rate is “something like 1,370% greater than the murder rate of all Americans, regardless of what race they are and by which race they are murdered.”

Roche highlighted how stark the South African murder rate is for this reporter by noting that, as of a year ago, “Over 74,000 white people have been murdered by black people since the beginning of this new South African ‘rainbow nation’ multiracial democracy.”

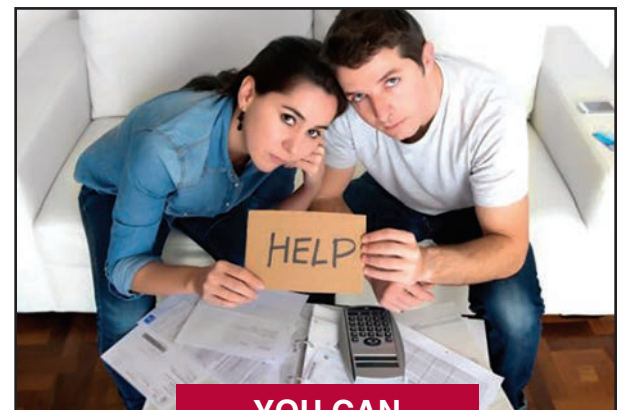
Many of those brutally murdered have been farmers—which is why they are heeding Russia’s offer—although you wouldn’t know it if you relied on the fake news media’s reporting on this tragedy. All of the corrupt media refers to the targeted murders as a “conspiracy theory” dreamed up by white nationalists and that “farm attacks are part of a broader crime problem in South Africa, and do not have a racial motivation.”

An Aug. 22 tweet this year from President Donald Trump helped to shine the light on this fake news media blackout. He wrote, “I have asked Secretary of State [Pompeo] to closely study the South Africa land and farm seizures and expropriations and the slaughter of farmers.”

This past July, a few weeks before Russian President Vladimir Putin visited Johannesburg for an economic summit, a group of 30 South African farm families visited Russia, claiming they face “violent attacks and death threats at home,” making the case for the more than 15,000 Boers who are planning to move there.

Putin’s government made it easier for South Africans to visit his country when, this past April, they “scrapped tourist visa requirements . . . meaning all planned visits by South Africans are no longer reviewed in advance.”

Currently, fewer than 10,000 South Africans live in Russia. ★



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Trump to UN: America Before Globalism

- President emphasizes right of nations to be proud of heritage and take control of destiny

By John Friend

President Donald Trump's second address at the United Nations General Assembly in New York early last week was used as yet another opportunity for the populist businessman turned president to blast globalism and reaffirm his commitment to put America first. The speech echoed many of the themes that got Trump elected and ones which he has long been championing: an emphasis on placing the interests of the American people and workers first and foremost in any foreign or domestic policy consideration, a rejection of globalism, and an affirmation of national sovereignty, among other important topics.

Trump began the speech by trumpeting his administration's accomplishments, which he argued amounted to "more than almost any administration in the history of our country," which drew a mixed reaction from those in attendance. The president praised his administration's handling of the U.S. economy, which he argues is "booming like never before," and highlighted the success of the stock market, the return of U.S. manufacturing and industrial jobs, and the reduction in the unemployment rate, especially for minorities.

The president then moved on to focus on his concept of "patriotism over globalism," noting that the representatives in the room are each "the emissary of a distinct culture, a rich history, and a people bound together by ties of memory, tradition, and the values that make our homelands like nowhere else on Earth," emphasizing the right of each unique nation to be proud of its heritage and to take control of its destiny.

"That is why America will always choose independence and cooperation over global governance, control, and domination," the president



"We reject the ideology of globalism and accept the doctrine of patriotism," President Trump told the gathered members of the UN General Assembly. He went on to reject the authority of any international body over the United States, further reiterating that patriotism always trumps internationalism.

continued. "I honor the right of every nation in this room to pursue its own customs, beliefs, and traditions. The United States will not tell you how to live or work or worship. We only ask that you honor our sovereignty in return."

The president commented later in his speech that "America is governed by Americans," and went on to denounce globalism. "We reject the ideology of globalism and accept the doctrine of patriotism," he boldly declared.

He would later defend his decision to withdraw from the UN Human Rights Council.

He added that the U.S. will "provide no support in recognition to the International Criminal Court [ICC]" at the Hague.

"As far as America is concerned, the ICC has

no jurisdiction, no legitimacy, and no authority," President Trump defiantly stated. "The ICC claims near-universal jurisdiction over the citizens of every country, violating all principles of justice, fairness, and due process. We will never surrender America's sovereignty to an unelected, unaccountable, global bureaucracy."

Throughout the speech, Trump repeatedly emphasized his America-first stance while underscoring his administration's respect for the sovereignty of other nations and their desires to pursue their own unique political and economic interests.

In typical fashion, Trump declared that America "will not be taken advantage of any longer," referring to the disastrous free-trade deals nego-

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tiated by previous U.S. administrations that have had serious repercussions for American workers and corporations, particularly in manufacturing and industrial production. He then highlighted the recent trade agreements his administration has negotiated, which include deals with Mexico and Korea, as well as increasing sanctions on Chinese-produced goods that are exported to the United States. Tariffs have been increased on other countries, too, which represent a concerted effort by the Trump administration to protect its citizens from the ravages of unfettered and entirely unfair so-called free trade, a long-standing principal of the post-WWII global economic order.

"We will no longer tolerate such abuse," the president declared. "We will not allow our workers to be victimized, our companies to be cheated, and our wealth to be plundered and transferred. America will never apologize for protecting its citizens."

Despite his strong rejection of globalism and open desire to place the interests of the American people and nation first, the president totally embraced discredited and false neoconservative positions on Iran and the Israel-Palestine conflict, demonstrating the strong influence that Israeli partisans and Zionist sympathizers have in the Trump administration. During the speech, the president hysterically denounced the Iranian government for purportedly fomenting chaos and destruction in the region—critiques that any honest observer of Middle Eastern affairs know full well apply to America and Israel's aggressive and criminal actions taken in the region over the course of the past two decades.

"Iran's leaders sow chaos, death, and destruction," Trump stated during the speech. "They do not respect their neighbors or borders, or the sovereign rights of nations." In reality, it is not Iran but America and its Western allies that have sown "chaos, death, and destruction" in the region—all at the behest of the state of Israel.

Despite the tired neoconservative rhetoric, the president's speech was clearly a strong and forceful denunciation of the ideology of globalism and the New World Order agenda, and an open and proud embrace of patriotism and national sovereignty. ★

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Hollywood Operating in La-La Land

• Leftist producers portray the world as they wish it would be, not as it truly is

By Donald Jeffries

The men and women who produce the films and television shows so many Americans depend upon for entertainment are overwhelmingly “liberal.” That’s obvious to everyone, but it’s a kind of “liberal” that the likes of Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, Charles Dickens, and others would not recognize.

In Hollywood, not only does every car explode grandly when crashing, and every door lock from the outside, but every line of dialogue, every motivation, is scripted to correspond to an all-encompassing orthodoxy. That orthodoxy has a set of thoroughly twisted principles as carved in stone as the Ten Commandments, and they are rarely if ever broken in today’s entertainment industry.

The most persistent theme in essentially all of show business over the past 50 years is that of the powerful female. Females have been beating up males on-screen since the days Wilma Flintstone and Laura Petrie overpowered their hapless sitcom husbands with judo flips. Since at least the



Things have certainly changed in the last few decades. A popular new wedding cake topper depicts a bride carrying the groom over the threshold. Hollywood has an agenda, too—not only a radical feminist, anti-Christian and anti-white racist agenda, but one that glorifies U.S. intelligence agencies and foreign intervention, overt and covert.

1990s, this trope of females using karate or judo to physically defeat larger males has evolved into 100-pound super-model wannabes knocking out 250-pound, often-armed males with one blow. This theme of women beating up men is so prevalent that most Americans probably expect it at this point. There is a caveat here: This amazing fighting prowess only works on white males. Around non-white males, these powerful females turn into shrinking violets.

Race plays a huge part in Hollywood’s non-stop propaganda. Black males can never be presented as anything other than “cool” and powerful, ultra-alpha characters. They are smarter and more capable of everything than their pathetic white

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male peers, who are usually presented as weak and helpless, infant-like figures. Children, especially girls, can out-think and control them with little effort. No one, least of all their wives, sons, and daughters, give these men the least bit of respect. If one judged our society by our commercials, one would assume that society couldn't function without black males and the white females who fawn over them. The white male is always presented as an out-of-shape goofball, whose presence is only grudgingly accepted by white women and non-whites.

But the propaganda isn't all one-sided. It isn't all coming from the left. The CIA and our military have advisors who study and approve movie and television scripts. The intelligence agencies have always been worshiped on-screen, from James Bond to Matt Helm to the films of Tom Clancy. The Academy Award-winning film "Argo" was essentially a love letter to the CIA, and it was appropriate and revealing that its triumph was announced live from the White House by Michelle Obama. Outside of the films of Oliver Stone, the American military has always been portrayed heroically. From John Wayne to the giant bug sci-fi craze of the 1950s, it was always the military that stopped the aliens, the Nazis or the commies.

While once prevalent genres like westerns and variety shows have come and gone, programs about police officers still hold a prominent place in every television network's schedules. Much as the conventional left only protests police brutality when it can be portrayed in predictable "racist" terms, Hollywood generally adores our police forces. The popularity of the television show "Cops" attests to just how successful this strategy has been. On that program, the officers obviously know they're being filmed, and yet their misconduct still shines through clearly. On "CSI" types of modern shows, the always suitably diverse police officers are honest, upstanding public servants. They are also laugh-



will be black. It's maddeningly predictable and unrealistic, but it fits into the paternalistic, condescending attitude establishment "liberals" have toward minorities, especially blacks.

The theme of older parents being little more than annoying, sex-crazed reprobates is another enduring and disastrous Hollywood trope. How many television shows and films have featured the career woman rolling her eyes in exasperation at the very thought of having to interact occasionally with her mother? It is no coincidence that America treats its elderly like inconvenient debris to be carted off to the nearest nursing home at the earliest opportunity.

Of course, films and television are meant to be diversions, to entertain and distract people from the very real problems in their lives. But the pattern is so clear, and the propaganda so blatant, that the entertainment world has become little more than a very powerful division of the mainstream media's state-sponsored disinformation arm. ★

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ably portrayed as brilliant detectives. In real life, cops are in some cases incompetent. For instance, during the time of the D.C. sniper shootings the perpetrators had to call the FBI hotline repeatedly to point out that there was a note they'd left tacked to a tree at a crime scene, which the investigators had somehow missed.

Onscreen, all street criminals are white. Often they seem to have walked off the set of a 1930s Warner Brothers picture. In real life, crime in every big city is virtually white-free. Black and Hispanic gangs rule that turf. But not in Metropolis or Gotham City. You'll never see Spiderman or Batman fight a Blood or a Crip—or even a Hell's Angel. But nearly every judge or police commissioner

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Bob Woodward: The King Breaker?

• Author-journalist's ties to military leaders exposes secret plan to oust Nixon

AS AMERICAN FREE PRESS goes to print, Bob Woodward's newest book, *Fear: Trump in the White House*, stands atop *The New York Times* Best Seller list for hardcover non-fiction. Woodward skeptics and Watergate revisionists still question Woodward's monarchical hold on modern journalism and publishing. In this issue, corresponding editor S.T. Patrick continues with Part 2 in a series that will spotlight the questionable tactics and little-known fallacies of Bob Woodward's journalistic career.

By S.T. Patrick

On March 6, 1989, would-be authors Len Colodny and Robert Gettlin sat with *The Washington Post's* Bob Woodward in preparation for what would be their upcoming book *Silent Coup: The Removal of a President* (1991). Woodward and co-author Carl Bernstein had written what establishment historians and educators considered the two books of record on the end of Richard Nixon's presidency: *All the President's Men* (1974) and *The Final Days* (1976). Both would be made into films. On this day, however, Colodny and Gettlin had confirmed information that would turn the Watergate story—and Woodward's role in it—on its head.

Woodward verified that he had worked at the Pentagon as a communications officer. This was already in contrast with the book and film notion



of Woodward as a bottom-rung hooper who was fighting his way up the journalistic ladder at the *Post*. The film created the legend that all Woodward had done was to write about the lack of cleanliness in local restaurants. When the editors debated the oncoming storm of Watergate reporting, it was in an effort to decide if Woodward was even qualified to write such a consequential story. In reality, he was, and the editors knew it.

Alexander Haig was closely involved in trying to get Richard Nixon to resign in the wake of Bob Woodward's Watergate revelations. Though Woodward denied the allegation, he had a much closer relationship with Pentagon officials than he let on. In fact, Adm. Thomas Moorer said he and Haig talked as many as nine times a day. That's how he knew that Haig was being briefed by Woodward.

Woodward denied to Gettlin that he had any other function at the Pentagon beyond having once been a communications watch officer. Gettlin then asked if Woodward had ever done "any briefings of people."

"Never! . . . And I defy you to produce somebody who says I did a briefing. It's just . . . It's not true," Woodward responded.

The conversation turned to Gen. Alexander Haig, who had become Nixon's chief of staff upon the urged resignation of H.R. Haldeman. Tim Weiner, upon Haig's death in 2010, wrote in *The New York Times* that Haig had been the "acting president" while Nixon was pre-occupied with Watergate. Haig biographer Roger Morris wrote that President Gerald Ford's pardon of Nixon was a *de facto* pardon of Haig, as well.

Haig had played an important role in the transition from Nixon to Ford and had even been one of the most instrumental voices privately encouraging Nixon's resignation. If Haig had a previous working relationship with Woodward, and if

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Was Bob Woodward used by President Richard Nixon's Republican rivals to force a "silent coup"? And is Woodward working with the Deep State today to oust President Donald Trump? Above, Woodward (right) is shown with Carl Bernstein during their days at *The Washington Post*.

Woodward's stories were contradictory to the Nixon administration's best interests, then the relationship and roles of both Woodward and Haig in relation to Nixon's fall demanded examination.

"I never met or talked to Haig until some time in the spring of 1973," Woodward responded. That Woodward had never done briefings, had never been a briefing officer, and had never met Haig until 1973 were ideas that sources "in a position to know," as Gettlin called them in the interview, contradicted.

Lest someone assume that Colodny and Gettlin's sources on Woodward were journalistic rivals or disenfranchised victims made unemployable by Watergate's political aftermath, they were not. And unlike Woodward's most notable sources, they were not kept hidden under "deep background." Colodny and Gettlin's confirmation came from Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, Melvin Laird, and Jerry Friedheim, all of whom can be read and

heard on "Watergate.com."

Moorer, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (1970-1974), told Gettlin that he was aware that Haig was being briefed by Woodward. Moorer was in close contact, sometimes "on the telephone with Haig eight or nine times a day."

Laird, Nixon's secretary of defense, said, "I was aware that Haig was being briefed by Woodward. . . . He was there on a temporary assignment." This was while Woodward was working in communications at the Pentagon.

Friedheim, a Pentagon spokesperson, elaborated on Woodward's Pentagon associations in the pre-Watergate era. "He was definitely there, and he was moving in circles with—you know—as a junior officer, as a briefer, but obviously it's somebody that they thought was sharp enough to do those things," Friedheim said. "He was moving with those guys, Moorer, Haig, the NSC [National Security Council] staff, and other military

types."

Colodny and Gettlin were not the first, nor were they the last, to tie Haig to the role of Woodward's most famous Watergate source, "Deep Throat." In his 1984 book *Secret Agenda: Watergate, Deep Throat, and the CIA*, Jim Hougan wrote that Haig was the "prominent official" within the Nixon administration who most closely fits Woodward's description of his source." There are Watergate historians who still believe that Deep Throat was a composite of sources, with Haig being chief among them, or someone other than the FBI's second in command, Mark Felt.

The release of *Secret Agenda* was a new starting point for Watergate skeptics in 1984; *Silent Coup* reorganized them once again in 1991. Author Ray Locker will continue to question Woodward's links to the Nixon White House in 2019's *Haig's Coup*.

Woodward, exasperated by the questioning of Colodny and Gettlin further in the 1989 interview, referenced the briefing revelation and the Haig tie as a "totally erroneous story . . . that I briefed somebody in the Pentagon . . . and that there's this coup going on." He had yet to learn that no less than Moorer, Laird, and Friedman had all openly established a Woodward link to Haig.

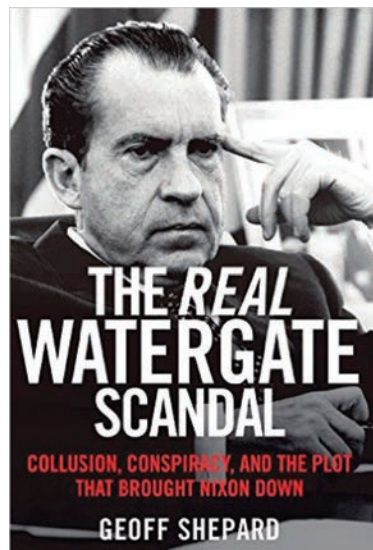
He would also repeatedly ask about the nature of the interviewer's sources, about whom Colodny and Gettlin then vaguely referred. It seems that Woodward was perturbed to be the target of yet-unnamed sources who verified information and scenes in which he was involved. He had popularized the practice and allowed its subjects to deal with the consequences. But Hougan, Colodny, Gettlin, and Locker have since put that translucent lens back on Woodward. ★

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GOP Spending Frenzy Spurring Rise of Democratic Socialism

By Dr. Ron Paul

According to a recent Reuters/Ipsos survey, 70% of Americans, including about 50% of Republicans, support Medicare for all, the latest incarnation of single-payer healthcare. Republican support for a health plan labeled “Medicare for all” is not surprising considering that Republican politicians support Medicare and that one of their attacks on Obamacare was that it would harm the program. Furthermore, the biggest expansion of Medicare since its creation—the Part D prescription drug program—occurred under a conservative president working with a conservative Congress.

Conservative Republicans do propose reforming Medicare to reduce its costs, but their proposals are always framed as “saving Medicare,” and most reform plans increase spending. Few conservative Republicans would dare advocate allowing young people to opt out of paying Medicare taxes in exchange for agreeing to forgo Medicare benefits.

Many conservative Republicans favor other government interventions into healthcare, including many features of Obamacare. In fact, the Obamacare individual mandate originated as a conservative proposal and was once championed by many leading Republicans. Many other Republicans simply lack the courage to repeal Obamacare, so they say they only want to repeal the “unpopular” parts of the law. It would not be sur-

Former Rep. Ron Paul says that the Republicans are just as much to blame for the rise of welfarism and democratic socialism as are the Democrats. Both parties now rely on convincing their constituents that increased spending by the federal government will solve all of life’s problems.

prising if we soon heard conservatives and Republican politicians talk about defending Obamacare from supporters of socialized medicine.

The same dynamic at work in healthcare is at work in other areas. For example, the same conservative administration and Congress that created Medicare Part D also dramatically expanded federal control of education with “No Child Left Behind.” Conservative Republicans who (rightly) fight against deficit spending when a Democrat sits in the White House decide that “deficits don’t matter” when the president has an “R” next to his name.

Many Republican politicians—and even conservative intellectuals—will say they are being pragmatic by not fighting progressives on first principles, but instead limiting the damage done by the welfare state. The problem with this line is that, by accepting the premise that government can and should solve all of life’s problems, conservatives and Republicans will inevitably get into a “bidding war” with progressives and Democrats. The only way Republicans can then win is to join Democrats in continually increasing spending and creating new programs. This is why the so-called “conservative welfare state” ends up as



bloated and expansive as the progressive welfare state. Refusing to question the premises of the welfarists and socialists is not a pragmatic way to advance liberty.

While progressives blame social crises on the free market, Republicans and conservatives are unwilling to admit the problems were caused by prior government interventions. Thus, the passage of Dodd-Frank was aided by claims that the housing bubble was created by deregulation, while Obamacare passage benefited from widespread misconception that America had a free-market healthcare system prior to 2010.

Until a popular intellectual movement arises that is able and willing to challenge the premises of Keynesianism, welfarism, and democratic socialism, while putting forth a positive vision of a free society, government will continue to expand. Fortunately, such a movement exists and is growing as more Americans—particularly young Americans—are studying the ideas of liberty and working to spread those ideas. If the new liberty movement grows and stays true to its principles, it will be able to defeat the socialists of all parties, including those who call themselves conservative. ★

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Leftists Won't Abide by Court Decisions

Two articles in the Aug. 27 & Sept. 3 AFP caught my attention and are relevant to what is wrong with America today. The first one, on the front page, documented the Department of Justice appealing the dismissal of the Bundys' charges due to prosecutors violating the law in regard to the charges that were filed against the Nevada ranchers. The second article is on page 17 and concerns the Christian cake maker, Jack Phillips. The Supreme Court, by a substantial margin, ruled against the Colorado Civil Rights Commission, but these bureaucrats also did not like being ruled against.

In both of these issues, the establishment bureaucrats are exhibiting a "god complex." Because they are "representing the state," only they can be right and, in their minds, there is no power higher than their own offices. It is immaterial that the other branches of government are designed to check abuses of power and have called them out of bounds in a free society. I can only hope for a fairer government one day.

DONALD SUMMERVILLE
Nevada

Trump Right About Puerto Rico

President Donald Trump has been getting a lot of flak for his administration's work in Puerto Rico. The fake news media blames him for thousands of deaths from Hurricane Maria last year. Trump has stated that these numbers were inflated to make him look bad and that there were not that many bodies found.

The truth is, the number of dead is an estimate reached by a dumb government formula. Trump is right. The numbers were inflated to make him look bad. When a disaster like this happens, the government can only guess how many people have died from heat, from



starvation, from lack of medications, and so on. However, the fake news outlets do not want the American people to know about the formula.

I worked with disasters for years. I worked and trained in private institutions and government, and I know this to be true.

I hate the news because they cherry pick what they tell and do not accurately convey the whole story.

I am not a Republican or Democrat. I always vote for the individual man or woman candidate, not the party. Trump has many enemies, but I do believe he's doing the people's work and doing his best to drain the swamp. I know for a fact that Florida took in 200,000 refugees from Puerto Rico. How can a government properly help rebuild the island when all of these people have left?

GARY THOMAS
Florida

Make America Great Again

The Democratic Party has one goal: to destroy American values. They are anti-Christian. They are for abortion and same-sex marriage. They foment trouble by disrupting peaceful rallies. Antifa is a terrorist group supported by Democrats.

The policy of separating children from their parents near the border was a program initiated by President Barack Obama. The Democrats blamed President Donald Trump, so Trump had to sign an executive order to change the process.

The Russian dossier, promoted by the Democrats, was also based on lies.

The Democrats are upset because they wanted a liar, Hillary Clinton, along with her husband, Bill, another liar, in the White House.

We must band together and never

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vote for Democrats again. If there is a "D" next to their name, it stands for demon. Do not vote for that person.

Let's join together and put the right people into office. Let's help our president make America great again.

MICHAEL KOLODZIE
Ohio

Secret Patriot

I was surprised by John Friend's story about a "secret patriot" working against the Deep State. It was a story based on the free-wheeling free speech of the Internet. Not everything written on the web is true. This goes for print and radio media as well. A person must not go by one source. Different opinions must be checked, plus you must use your own past experience, if you have any. If not, ask around your town. Read more as well.

It is not wrong to be a fair-minded Democrat who likes good government programs, even FDR's programs, which saved thousands of lives and bailed out corporations. Depressions are devastating, proving no nation can trust pure free-market control, nor any combination or complex that is seeking to overthrow the elected government.

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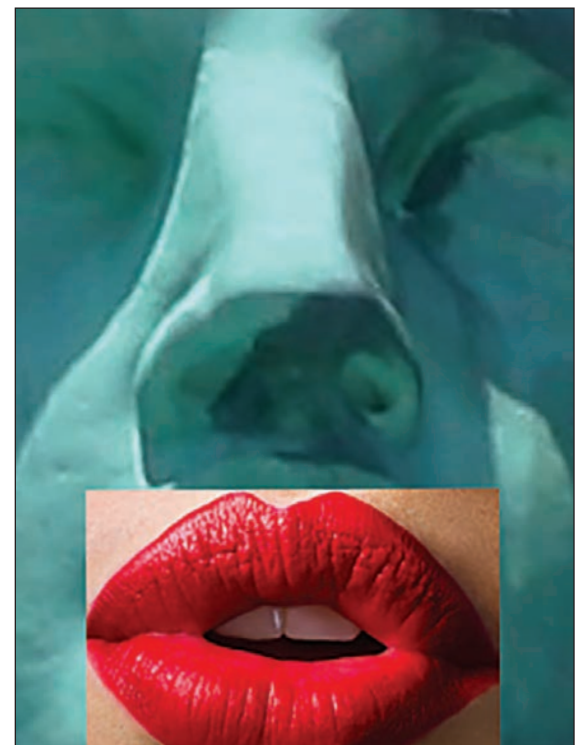
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