

Eye on the World

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Luke 21:34-36—“But take heed to yourselves, lest your souls be weighed down with self-indulgence, and drunkenness, or the anxieties of this life, and that day come on you suddenly, like a falling trap; for it will come on all dwellers on the face of the whole earth. But beware of slumbering; and every moment pray that you may be fully strengthened to escape from all these coming evils, and to take your stand in the presence of the Son of Man” (Weymouth New Testament).



“Eye on the World” comment: Although these compilations are generally completed later in the week, this edition was prepared on Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018.



An article by Linda Chavez titled “The Saudi Challenge” was posted at townhall.com on Oct. 19, 2018. Following is the article.

Jamal Khashoggi’s murder—and no one now questions whether the *Washington Post* contributor was killed by Saudi agents in the kingdom’s consulate in Turkey—has far-reaching implications for the Trump administration.

President Donald Trump appears to want to help sweep the incident under the rug, providing cover for the Saudis’ ludicrous suggestion that the killing was a rogue operation or an interrogation gone awry.

And he’s enmeshed the highest officials of his administration in the mess by sending Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to Riyadh, where the secretary was photographed, all smiles, sitting with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who most likely ordered Khashoggi’s murder.

The administration is giving itself little leeway to take serious measures to protest the killing, signaling to the world that the U.S. cannot be counted on to stand up against bloodthirsty autocrats, even when a U.S. resident and member of the American press is the victim.

I doubt that Trump understands—or cares about—what message he's sending. Wealthy Saudis, including members of the extended royal family, have been his patrons for years, buying his distressed properties when he needed money.

In the early 1990s, a Saudi prince purchased Trump's flashy yacht so that the then-struggling businessman could come up with cash to stave off personal bankruptcy, and later, the prince bought a share of the Plaza Hotel, one of Trump's many business deals gone bad.

Trump also sold an entire floor of his landmark Trump Tower condominium to the Saudi government in 2001.

During the campaign, the Trump Organization registered more than a half-dozen limited liability companies in the kingdom, in anticipation of cashing in on Trump's enhanced renown.

When Trump actually won (which apparently he didn't think he would at the time), someone must have explained he couldn't move ahead with new business there as president, because he withdrew the registrations.

Of course, a little thing like benefiting from the office of the presidency hasn't stopped the Trump Organization, run by the president's two eldest sons, from accepting Saudi largesse since the election.

With many Trump properties and brands losing customers in today's highly polarized political atmosphere, Saudis are spending lavishly on Trump properties in Washington, New York and even Chicago as many others avoid them.

But if Trump doesn't get why looking the other way when an American journalist is tortured, beheaded and hacked to pieces by a team of Saudi government operatives is bad, surely national security adviser John Bolton and Secretary Pompeo do.

Autocrats are stepping up their game around the world. Russian President Vladimir Putin didn't hesitate to order a hit on British soil of an ex-KGB agent and his daughter earlier this year. But the United Kingdom responded quickly, kicking out Russian diplomats and imposing sanctions. The United States followed suit, but only because Congress, not Trump, knew that to do otherwise would have let down an ally and encouraged a despot.

When asked in a "60 Minutes" interview Sunday whether he believes that Putin was involved in the poisoning and other assassinations, Trump's response was: "Probably he is, yeah . . . But I rely on them. It's not in our country."

The Trump administration relies on Saudi Arabia, too. It is the enemy of our enemy Iran, which, in political calculus, makes Saudis our "friends." But even friends require reining in at times.

And these friends need us more than we need them.

- We are no longer dependent on oil imports; our oil reserves surpass those of Saudi Arabia.

- Although Trump worries about losing that promised \$110 billion Saudi arms purchase he keeps touting (but which has yet to materialize), the Saudis don't have anywhere else to go if they want to keep their airplanes in the air. They are locked in by past purchases; no one else can deliver the spare parts for U.S.-built weapons.

- As for the help in challenging Iran, they have no choice there, either. Iran is far more a direct threat to the kingdom than it is to the U.S. And as for their most crucial role—the war on Islamic terrorism—the Saudis claim to fight terrorism but are also a major source of funding for radical Islamic schools and mosques that recruit terrorists around the world.

The administration has only a short time to come up with a proper and proportionate response to the murder of Jamal Khashoggi. The president thinks Americans will move on—but his inaction makes the world a more dangerous place. And next time, the attack just might be on American soil.



An article by Patrick J. Buchanan titled "Time for Trump to Cut the Prince Loose?" was posted at buchanan.org on Oct. 23, 2018. Following is the article.

Was the assassination of JFK by Lee Harvey Oswald still getting as much media coverage three weeks after his death as it did that first week after Nov. 22, 1963? Not as I recall.

Yet, three weeks after his murder, Jamal Khashoggi, who was not a U.S. citizen, was not killed by an American, and died not on U.S. soil but in a Saudi consulate in Istanbul, consumes our elite press.

The top two stories in Monday's *Washington Post* were about the Khashoggi affair. A third, inside, carried the headline, "Trump, who prizes strength, may look weak in hesitance to punish Saudis."

On Sunday, *the Post* put three Khashoggi stories on Page 1. The Post's lead editorial bashed Trump for his equivocal stance on the killing.

Two of the four columns on the op-ed page demanded that the Saudis rid themselves of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the prime suspect in ordering the execution.

Page 1 of the Outlook section offered an analysis titled, "The Saudis knew they could get away with it. We always let them."

Page 1 of the Metro section featured a story about the GOP candidate for the U.S. Senate in Virginia that began thus:

"Corey A. Stewart's impulse to use provocative and evidence-free slurs reached new heights Friday when the Republican nominee for Senate disparaged slain Saudi Arabian journalist Jamal Khashoggi . . .

"Stewart appears to be moving in lockstep with extremist Republicans and conservative commentators engaging in a whisper campaign to smear Khashoggi and insulate Trump from global rebuke."

This was presented as a news story.

Inside the Business section of Sunday's Post was a major story, "More CEOs quietly withdraw from Saudi conference." Featured was a photo of JP Morgan's Jamie Dimon, who had canceled his appearance.

On the top half of the front page of the Sunday *New York Times* were three stories about Khashoggi, as were the two top stories on Monday.

The Times' lead editorial Monday called for a U.N. investigation, a cutoff in U.S. arms sales to Riyadh and a signal to the royal house that we regard their crown prince as "toxic."

Why is our prestige press consumed by the murder of a Saudi dissident not one in a thousand Americans had ever heard of?

Answer: Khashoggi had become a contributing columnist to *the Post*. He was a journalist, an untouchable. *The Post* and U.S. media are going to teach the House of Saud a lesson: You don't mess with the American press!

Moreover, the preplanned murder implicating the crown prince, with 15 Saudi security agents and an autopsy expert with a bone saw lying in wait at the consulate to kill Khashoggi, carve him up, and flee back to Riyadh the same day, is a terrific story.

Still, what ought not be overlooked here is the political agenda of our establishment media in driving this story as hard as they have for the last three weeks.

Our Beltway elite can smell the blood in the water. They sense that Khashoggi's murder can be used to discredit the Trump presidency, expose the amorality of his foreign policy and sever his ties to patriotic elements of his Middle American constituency.

How so?

First, there are those close personal ties between Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman, son of the King, and Jared Kushner, son-in-law of the president of the United States.

Second, there are the past commercial connections between builder Donald Trump, who sold a floor of a Trump building and a yacht to the Saudis when he was in financial straits.

Third, there is the strategic connection. The first foreign trip of the Trump presidency was, at Kushner's urging, to Riyadh to meet the king, and the president has sought to tighten U.S. ties to the Saudis ever since.

Fourth, Trump has celebrated U.S. sales arms to the Saudis as a job-building benefit to America and a way to keep the Saudis as strategic partners in a Mideast coalition against Iran.

Fifth, the leaders of the two wings of Trump's party in the Senate, anti-interventionist Rand Paul and interventionist Lindsey Graham, are already demanding sanctions on Riyadh and an ostracizing of the prince.

As story after story comes out of Riyadh about what happened in that consulate on Oct. 2, each less convincing than the last, the coalition of forces, here and abroad, pressing for sanctions on Saudi Arabia and dumping the prince, grows.

The time may be right for President Trump to cease leading from behind, to step out front, and to say that, while he withheld judgment to give the Saudis every benefit of the doubt, he now believes that the weight of the evidence points conclusively to a plot to kill Jamal Khashoggi.

Hence, he is terminating U.S. military aid for the war in Yemen that Crown Prince Mohammed has been conducting for three years. Win-win.



An article by Robert Kraychik titled "Immigration Expert Jessica Vaughn: Four Ways Trump Can Solve Migrant Caravan Crisis" was posted at breitbart.com on Oct. 21, 2018. Following is the article.

Jessica Vaughan, director of policy studies at the Center for Immigration Studies, offered four recommendations to President Donald Trump and his administration on how to solve the border crisis caused by the stream of migrant caravans seeking entry into the U.S. via Mexico.

Vaughan offered her remarks in a Friday [Oct. 19] interview with Breitbart News Senior Editor-at-Large Rebecca Mansour on SiriusXM's Breitbart News Tonight.

1. Close the border.

Vaughan said the executive branch "needs to do something in the short-term," including consideration of shutting down crossings through the U.S.-Mexico border.

Vaughan stated, "If it gets to the point where [caravan migrants] get to the U.S. border in a group like that, which they may not, they could be broken up. Some of them are going to get to the U.S. border, for sure, because there's just no way Mexico is going to find all those people who busted through that fence . . . and they may not come as a caravan, they'll just try to cross illegally."

Vaughan recalled how the U.S. essentially shut down the southern border in 1985 after Mexican drug cartel criminals murdered Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agent.

Vaughan remarked, “But if they come as a group we could shut down a border crossing or shut down a part of the border. It’s been done before in order to shut down drug trafficking and make a statement. When a DEA agent was killed in Mexico, we shut down the order to make a statement . . . It could be done . . . That might be what it comes to, and I don’t think Mexico wants to see that.”

2. Refuse bogus asylum claims.

Mansour noted the economic reasons for caravaning migrants seeking entry to the U.S.: “The media is not even trying to pretend that these people are fleeing for anything other than economic reasons.”

News media outlets such as the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* have described caravaning migrants’ motivations for seeking entry to the U.S. as economic.

Vaughan described the openly stated economic motivations of the caravaning migrants as “[making] it harder to justify allowing these people to set foot in the United States.”

Vaughan recalled how left-wing lawyers had previously coached foreigners—providing them specific scripts to recite before border security and immigration officials—on how best to enter America via existing refugee and asylum laws and policies.

Left-wing lawyers have also previously provided pro bono legal services to asylum claimants who had entered U.S. territory.

Vaughan said, “Back on the open borders crowd, I don’t think this open admission that this is economic migration is going to stop the left from trying to rationalize their wish for us to let them all in, and they want a scene at the border where the U.S. government looks like they’re being brutal and mean to desperate migrants. They think that works for them.”

Vaughan continued, “I disagree that that’s how it plays out with American voters, but they still think this is something we should just give in to, and I think they’re still going to try to justify it in their minds and make the case, just like they did with the whole family separation issue.”

Vaughan concluded, “The president is going to have to do what is necessary, and not worry about what the *New York Times* thinks.”

3. Refuse entry to migrants and send them home.

Vaughan said, “I think that the caravan itself is going to be broken up, but many of the people in it are going to make their way up to the order and try to get across, and many of them are going to succeed. ”

Vaughan continued, “If they come in a big group like that, they could well shut down the border, but I have a feeling that we’re going to see it break up and

people end up getting through individually, anyway, unless the president takes more bold steps to say, 'Look, I'm stopping this. These people aren't getting through. We're not accepting their asylum claims, because they're bogus.'"

Vaughan added, "[Trump must] actually send them back. That's what it's going to take to avoid having more of these caravans. These are not credible fear claims that are credible. They don't meet the standard of the law, and therefore they're going home and we're not even going to allow them in as others have. It's over. That's what it's going to take."

Vaughan advised Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen against reliance on Congressional passage of legislation to assist DHS's mandate to secure the homeland.

"The executive branch needs to do something in the short-term," declared Vaughan.

"Can troops be sent down there to protect the border?" asked Mansour.

Vaughan replied, "Most people believe that they can only be used to support immigration officers like the border patrol [and] that they can't be used to actually make immigration arrests, but there is a provision in the law that allows the Secretary of Homeland Security to deputize state and local law enforcement to assist with border security, so that's a possibility, if it gets out hand."

Vaughan added, "I could see Texas wanting to provide support to the border patrol. They do that already at the expense of Texas. I think there will be reinforcements who arrive if it looks like another scene like we just saw play out in Mexico."

4. Mandate asylum claims be made in consulates or embassies in home countries, not U.S. ports of entry.

Both Vaughan and Mansour said migrants seeking asylum should file their claims at consulates or embassies within their own countries, not at U.S. ports of entry.

"The administration basically has to say—I don't know if they can do this—but make a ruling saying, 'If you want to request asylum, you need to request it at the embassy in your country,'" said Mansour, asking, "Why don't they just request it at the consulate or embassy and not even come here?"

Vaughan agreed, adding, "Exactly, and it would still be fair. We could still accept any bona fide cases, but we don't have them crashing the border, and we don't have this this farce kangaroo court immigration process."

Vaughan also recommended denying the caravaning migrants entry to the U.S. and having them wait in Mexico while federal authorities process their anticipated asylum claims.

Illegal aliens often fail to appear before immigration judges once admitted to the U.S. and issued a court date.

Vaughan highlighted Mexico's negligence in allowing migrants—many of whom are seeking passage to the U.S.—to illegally enter its territory through its southern border.

Vaughan said of Mexican authorities: "When they want to enforce their immigration laws, they do it pretty strictly with behavior that would never be tolerated against Mexicans in the United States."

Mexican authorities could intercept migrants seeking entry to the U.S. on a transnational train nicknamed, "The Beast."

"These people are going to be headed for The Beast, that train that heads up through Mexico to the U.S. border," said Vaughan, "They can stop it there. They can stop a lot of people there."

"Border crashers" cannot be considered "peaceful asylum seekers," added Vaughan.

Asylum claims from migrants seeking entry to the U.S. via Mexico should not be considered unless their asylum requests are submitted at consulates or embassies in their home countries or in Mexico, said Vaughan.

In April, Vaughan said, "we have to be firm. We can also tell people that they can apply for asylum in our consulate in Tijuana. We have a branch of the U.S. embassy there and they could wait there while their claim is adjudicated. We can take a couple of weeks to hear their case from our consulate in Tijuana, or Mexico City or anywhere else in the country of Mexico; save them a long journey."



An article by Sarah Rense titled "China is Launching a Fake Moon Into the Sky" was posted at yahoo.com on Oct. 20, 2018. Following is the article.

In a move that is certainly not the first step towards an Elysium-type society where the haves rule the stars and the have-nots blunder about below, China is launching an artificial moon into the sky.

Made from a satellite coated in reflective material, the moon will glow in the night, illuminating the streets and cutting down on electricity used by street lights, Chinese state media reports. If all goes according to plan, the first moon will launch above the city of Chengdu in the Sichuan province in 2020. More moons will follow.

This energy-saving "illumination satellite" will orbit 500 kilometers above the Earth, casting a glow that is eight times stronger than the real moon, but one-fifth as bright as street lights, Wu Chunfeng, chief of the Tian Fu New Area Science Society, told *China Daily*.

And it won't benignly sit up there to help folks get home at night. The coverage of the moon can reportedly be accurately adjusted within a few dozen meters, fine-tuned for luminosity, and used to pin-point and help disaster zones.

There are concerns the man-made moon will affect people and animals with light pollution, or impede scientific equipment. But the satellites will be tested in the desert first, Wu assured, and not launched until fully approved.

Whether it will look totally eerie in the night sky or not remains to be seen.

Back in '90s, Russia tried to do a similar thing with a giant mirror to reflect sunlight on super cold Russians cities. That failed due to the mirror malfunctioning. Here's hoping China's fake moon plan doesn't turn into a sci-fi horror story situation.



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- An article titled "Train Mows Down Crowd at India Festival, At Least 60 Dead" was posted at yahoo.com on Oct. 19, 2018.
 - A Reuters article by Andrew MacAskill and Amanda Ferguson titled "Hundreds of Thousands Take to Streets in London Demanding Second Brexit Vote" was posted at reuters.com on Oct. 20, 2018.
 - An article by Rachel O'Donoghue titled "White South African Farmers Could Flee to Russia After Land Expropriations" was posted at dailystar.co.uk on Oct. 20, 2018.
 - An article titled "Trump Says He Will Pull US Out of Nuclear Arms Treaty With Russia Over Violations by Moscow" was posted at yahoo.com on Oct. 20, 2018.
 - An article titled "Mikhail Gorbachev Warns Donald Trump Against Pulling Out of Missile Treaty With Russia" was posted at telegraph.co.uk on Oct. 21, 2018.
 - An article titled "Trump Ally [Lindsey Graham] Backs Nuclear Treaty Pullout to Counter China [Nuclear Build-Up]" was posted at yahoo.com on Oct. 21, 2018.
 - An article titled "Coalition Airstrike Targets Mosque [in Syria] Used by Islamic State" was posted at yahoo.com on Oct. 21, 2018.
 - A Reuters article titled "Saudis Confirm Death of Khashoggi" was posted at reuters.com on Oct. 19, 2018.
 - An article by Vivian Nereim titled "Saudi [Population] Shocked by Official Flip-Flop on Khashoggi" was posted at bloomberg.com on Oct. 20, 2018.
 - A Reuters article titled "Khashoggi Died in Consulate 'Fight,' Say Saudis" was posted at reuters.com on Oct. 20, 2018.
 - An article by Christopher Torchia, Zeynep Bilginsoy and Sarah El Deeb titled "Saudi Account of Khashoggi Killing is Widely Denounced" was posted at apnews.org on Oct. 20, 2018.
 - A Reuters article by Steve Holland and Matt Spetalnick titled "Trump a Reluctant Critic of Saudi Arabia Despite Pressure to Act" was posted at reuters.com on Oct. 20, 2018.

- An article titled “Trump Unsatisfied With Saudi Response to Journalist Death, [Yet] Backs Arms Deal [With Saudis]” was posted at yahoo.com on Oct. 20, 2018.
- An article titled “Khashoggi Died When He Was Put in a Chokehold to Prevent Him From Calling for Help” was posted at yahoo.com on Oct. 21, 2018.
- A Reuters article by Doina Chiacu and Kylie MacLellan titled “Saudi Arabia Calls Khashoggi Killing ‘Grave Mistake,’ Says Prince Not Aware” was posted at reuters.com on Oct. 21, 2018.
- An article titled “Saudis Say ‘Don’t Know Where’ Khashoggi’s Body Is” was posted at yahoo.com on Oct. 21, 2018.
- An article by Fulya Ozerkan titled “Turkey Vows to Reveal ‘Naked Truth’ Over Khashoggi Death” was posted at yahoo.com on Oct. 21, 2018.



An article by Brent Bozell and Tim Graham titled “Burying Gosnell All Over Again” was posted at townhall.com on Oct. 19, 2018. Following is the article.

News is whatever the press wants it to be. When the national media really hate a story, they try to bury it, and if it has the audacity to resurface, they try to bury it all over again.

In 2013, Philadelphia abortionist Kermit Gosnell was convicted of first-degree murder for the death of three babies whose necks he snipped after they were born alive. He was also found guilty of involuntary manslaughter in the death of Karnamaya Mongar, a refugee from Nepal who was overanesthetized, and faced hundreds of lesser counts. He was sentenced to life without parole.

To read the police report on this man is to understand—and be horrified by—pure evil. Yet over the 56-day trial, the TV network newscasts ignored it, despite a roiling controversy over their flagrant omissions of this monster’s terrible and unsanitary clinic. Only when the convictions were announced did the three networks really acknowledge the story, and only with a yawn. CBS offered 33 bland words.

The networks simply do not want to tell the truth about abortion.

Last year, Phelim McAleer and Ann McElhinney wrote a book called “Gosnell: The Untold Story of America’s Most Prolific Serial Killer,” and that was also ignored by the national “news” organs. Now they have completed a dramatic movie with a similar name, relying heavily on actual trial transcripts, and the same shameful routine is on display. The pro-abortion media want Kermit Gosnell to just go away.

The movie debuted in 673 theaters on Oct. 12 and grossed \$1.2 million in its first weekend, according to Box Office Mojo.

■ But the *Washington Post* offered no review for its debut, even though it was showing in 28 Virginia theaters and 12 in Maryland. The paper carried only a tiny brief in its “Also Opening” section. But it did find space for a 485-word review of a documentary airing in one Washington, D.C., theatre on the late street photographer Garry Winogrand, whoever he was.

■ The *New York Times* offered reviews of 15 new movies that day, not counting a “Rewind” review of a remastered 1973 Brian De Palma flick showing at one theater in Manhattan. Did “Gosnell” not show in enough movie theatres? *The Times* reviewed “The Oath” (debuting in 10 theaters nationwide), “Beautiful Boy” (four theaters) and “Over the Limit” (one solitary screen). Film critic A.O. Scott raved over a four-hour “Watergate” documentary showing at one art house in Greenwich Village and one in Los Angeles (and coming soon to the History Channel).

■ There was only one “Gosnell” review in a major newspaper, in the *Los Angeles Times*. Michael Rechtshaffen began: “You can say one thing for ‘Gosnell: The Trial of America’s Biggest Serial Killer’—it will never be mistaken for having a liberal bias . . . the film adopts a sanctimonious tone that’s anything but subtle.”

But when the left makes a “sanctimonious” film, that’s good.

A month ago, Michael Abele of the same newspaper glowed over “Fahrenheit 11/9,” Michael Moore’s latest, saying, “Moore’s movie may not have the ferocious artistry of (Spike) Lee’s—or really, any artistry—but it’s a powerfully blunt instrument nonetheless, designed to awaken more than inflict bruises.”

Four years ago, when the so-called abortion comedy “Obvious Child” came out, the critics were thrilled. A.O. Scott slammed conservatives in *The New York Times*, saying, “People with nothing better to do than dream up anti-Lena Dunham think pieces will have a field day with this movie, and also miss the point.” *Washington Post* film critic Ann Hornaday called it a “cultural watershed” and obscenely deemed it “the most pro-life movie of the year.”

In short, the cultural elites who decry how conservatives live in a “post-truth era” have sought to bury the truth about the abortion industry.

Those factories of death are an important part of the liberal base, and for them, protecting abortion on demand is defending the essence of their cultural movement.



An article by Emily Ward titled “American Women Can Now Get Abortions by Mail” was posted at cnsnews.com on Oct. 19, 2018. Following is the article.

Women in the U.S. can now get abortion pills shipped to them with a few clicks of the mouse, through a new online service called Aid Access.

Aid Access was launched by Dr. Rebecca Gomperts “six months ago” but has been kept “quiet,” according to *The Atlantic*.

Gomperts, who also founded Women on Web, the mail-order abortion program that ships abortion pills to non-U.S. residents, estimated that Aid Access “has already sent pills to 600 women.”

The new service makes abortion much easier for American women, eliminating “mandatory 24-72 hour waiting periods” and “the requirement of parental consent for minors,” according to Aid Access.

After accessing the website, women under nine weeks pregnant can complete an online consultation and “the abortion pills mifepristone and misoprostol” will be delivered to them by mail.

A payment of \$95 is encouraged, but the site offers to “try to help” women who cannot afford the price. The pills come with “clear instructions,” and a helpline is available to answer questions.

“The aim of the website and service is to create social justice and improve the health status and human rights of women who cannot access locally available abortion services,” the website reads, identifying Aid Access as a team of doctors and “long-term abortion rights activists.”

According to *The Atlantic*, Gomperts “will herself fill each woman’s prescription for misoprostol and mifepristone.”

The website touts its service, which allows women to abort without a doctor present at any point during the procedure, as “a safe abortion,” citing various studies to support its claim.

The pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute wrote in an Oct. 17 report that “there is evidence” that self-managed medication abortion is “safe and effective,” adding that the World Health Organization (WHO) “recommends this option” in some cases.

Pro-life leaders are disputing claims that medication abortions without a doctor present are safe.

Students for Life of America President Kristan Hawkins released a statement calling Aid Access’ service “negligent,” “dangerous,” and “a disaster waiting to happen.”

“Even those pushing the drugs admit that they can fail, meaning that women can face infection and other complications if not examined, which is not possible in this on-line business model,” Hawkins said. “Risking women’s lives to make a political point and a quick profit makes no sense, and we sadly anticipate horror stories when inevitably something goes wrong.”

Hawkins cited data from the FDA to support her assertions, writing that “drug-induced abortions” have led to “cases of extreme bleeding, infection and incomplete abortions requiring a surgery, and even to the deaths of women.”

Addressing supporters of the #MeToo movement, Hawkins added that Aid Access could contribute to coerced abortions by abusers.

"And for those engaged with the #MeToo movement consider that these dangerous drugs have also been used by abusers to end wanted pregnancy, something that this distribution model would make even easier," Hawkins said. "Women deserve better."

Americans United for Life (AUL) CEO and Founder Catherine Glenn Foster also weighed in, calling Gomperts' plan "reckless and irresponsible."

"If no ultrasound is performed in conjunction with the abortion, it's impossible to know whether the pregnancy is ectopic, a dangerous and potentially life-threatening condition that no abortion clinic would try to manage," Foster said.

Foster said AUL is looking into a possible congressional intervention.

"Because Gomperts' plan is dangerous to women's health and safety, the act of sending unregulated prescription abortion pills through the mail should be the subject of federal regulation. For this reason, Americans United for Life is exploring the possibility of Congressional intervention to protect women," she said.



An article by Ann Coulter titled "Fake News Autopsy" was posted at anncoulter.com on Oct. 17, 2018. Following is the article.

Whenever Donald Trump talks about fake news, there are howls of indignation from the establishment media. We're told that the very mention of "fake news" is a direct attack on our democracy, that the alternative is "darkness," that it led to the dismemberment and murder of Jamal Khashoggi, and that, yes, every once in a while there might be a typo, but if you mean the media intentionally report false information, that is dangerous demagoguery.

I present CNN's Ana Cabrera.

On Sunday night, Cabrera launched a premeditated, vicious, racist lie about President Trump, then proceeded to discuss the false story with a black guest, primed to analyze the fake news.

We'll slow down the replay in order to follow the ball, so you can see every handoff in the creation of fake news.

A few weeks ago, when Judge Brett Kavanaugh was facing 30-year-old, completely uncorroborated accusations of sexual assault based on recovered memories in order to block his Supreme Court appointment, Trump said, "It's a very scary time for young men in America when you can be guilty of something that you may not be guilty of."

This statement was quoted by numerous news outlets, including CNN: "Trump says it's 'a very scary time for young men in America,'" Jeremy Diamond, Oct. 2.

Cabrera rewrote the president's quote, telling CNN viewers that Trump had said: "WHITE men have a lot to fear right now."

How did "white" get slipped in there?

If this were merely a mistake, there are lots of words in the English language that might have been inserted instead of "white." Why not "radial tire"? Why not "hangnail"? Why not the words "virtuoso" or "champagne"?

Dictionaries are heavy with all of the words that might have been inserted if this were an accident. How could the word "white" inadvertently get slipped into a Trump quote?

CNN intentionally told an ugly lie about the most incendiary issue roiling the nation: race. It wasn't a lie about Trump's position on tax policy, North Korea or school vouchers. The network deliberately pushed a racism narrative calculated to incite racial hatred that could get someone killed.

Like a professional jewel thief swiping a Cartier watch so deftly that the guard doesn't notice, Cabrera launched the lie during a segment that began: "People are talking about a string of recent incidents with racial undertones."

"People are talking about" is how opinion journalism masquerades as news. What topics aren't "people talking about"?

People are talking about CNN head Jeff Zucker's split from his wife after 21 years.

People are talking about Chris Cuomo's behavior at the CNN Christmas party.

People are talking about how Ana Cabrera got her job.

Cabrera then presented two stories about white people falsely accusing black people of doing things they hadn't done—which was ironic, inasmuch as Cabrera was about to falsely accuse Trump of doing something he hadn't done.

After a brief word from a black guest, professor Marc Lamont Hill, who said our world is "still shot through with white supremacy," Cabrera told the lie about Trump:

"President Trump and his son, Don Jr., said this week, white men have a lot to fear right now."

(His son said no such thing either.)

Cabrera then ran a clip of "Saturday Night Live" comedian Michael Che's "take" on the nonexistent quote, in which he injected race into the president's remarks, calling Trump a "white dude."

Che: "Come on. Old, rich white dude telling us it's a scary time in America? That is pure comedy."

(The absence of a punchline was covered with, "That is pure comedy," meaning, "Please laugh now!")

At this point in the program, the lie about Trump transformed into actual presidential policy. Cabrera asked Hill, "Why do you think that is Trump's strategy?"

Hill went off on the fictional Trump quote, talking about the president's "racial tribalism." Again, this was about a Trump statement that had absolutely nothing to do with race—until CNN made it so.

"It stokes white fear," Hill continued, "saying that it's a scary time to be a white man because you get accused of something that you didn't do"—as CNN was accusing Trump of something he didn't do.

Goebbels would be proud!

If this were an error, it would have been quickly corrected before the first commercial break. It was not corrected because it's not a mistake; it's a political strategy. CNN invents fake news to push an ugly narrative about the president's "racial tribalism."

That's why an entire news segment was prepared around the fake quote, with an invited guest asked to comment on something Trump never said.

To those of you with jobs and busy lives, clip this column and keep it in your wallet so you are prepared the next time someone scoffs at Trump's denunciation of fake news.



An article by Stephen Moore titled "Medicare-For-All" was posted at townhall.com on Oct. 23, 2018. Following is the article.

It seems like just yesterday that Democrats were telling us that under Obamacare, "If you like your doctor, you can keep your doctor. If you like your health care plan, you can keep your health care plan."

That was a nice sales pitch to voters—even though it turned out to be a lie. Millions of Americans lost affordable insurance plans that were abolished under the Affordable Care Act. Still, people liked the idea that poor people would get health coverage and everyone else could retain the medical care they had.

No more. When Bernie Sanders, and half the Democrats running for re-election, promising "Medicare-for-all," they mean exactly what they say. This is a health plan for all; everybody is tossed in the swimming pool.

Think about that. Health and Human Services now tells us that some 157 million Americans with employer health care plans—more than the entire population west of the Mississippi River—would be forced into Medicare. If you don't like that idea, tough. Bernie knows best.

Democrats are denying this is true, but in the Nancy Pelosi tradition, they haven't read their own bill. There are several variations of "Medicare-for-All," but one prominent version makes private plans that would compete with Medicare illegal.

Under Title VIII, Section 801 of the Medicare for All Act of 2017, the bill specifies that “no employee benefit plan may provide benefits that duplicate payment for any items or services for which payment may be made under Medicare.” In other words, employers are prohibited from covering workers, retirees and their families.

Medicare already imposes all sorts of restrictions on private health plans for seniors that would dare compete with or undercut Uncle Sam. This is what “single-payer” means.

Republicans have been complaining that “Medicare-for-All” will jeopardize Medicare for seniors. Yes, but that isn’t the bill’s biggest political poison pill.

■ Republicans should be shouting from the mountaintops: Nearly half of Americans will lose their health care under Sanders’ wild adventure.

If voters knew this fact, it would surely cause a pitchforked revolt of the middle class. Polls show that more than 70 percent of Americans with private health plans like what they have.

In nearly every country with single-payer health systems that Sanders boasts about for being so “cost-efficient,” private insurance becomes either illegal or financially unavailable except for the superrich.

The entire premise of government-run care, as we saw under Obamacare, is that single-payer cannot work unless everyone—healthy and sick—is vacuumed into the same giant insurance pool so as to avoid “adverse selection” and a death spiral in costs.

Under the Canadian system, “Private insurance for medically necessary hospital and physician services is illegal in only 6 of the 10 provinces,” a recent news agency reports. “A significant private sector has not developed in any of the 4 provinces that do permit private insurance coverage,” the report continues.

As Henry Ford used to say about the Model T when he was asked if you could get it in any color you wanted, “Yes, as long as it’s black.”

Americans don’t have to imagine what a government-run system would look like. We have one that already covers millions of Americans. It is called the Veterans Health Administration.

Our veterans die waiting in lines and hospitals often provide shoddy levels of care—to the very people who have, through their service and sacrifices, earned the best care in the world.

In 2018, Democrats have made “Medicare-for-All” their nationwide rallying cry. Republicans need to tell Americans the real story: Beware, ladies and gentlemen. The Bernie Democrats are coming to take away your health coverage and that of 157 million other Americans—whether you like your current plan or not.



An article by Dennis Prager titled "What I Learned About Young People While Trying to Buy a Car" was posted at townhall.com on Oct. 23, 2018. Following is the article.

This past week, I went to five car dealers in an upper-middle-class suburb of Los Angeles to see what SUV I'd like to lease. I wanted to patronize local car dealers because I want them to stay in business.

In each case, I experienced the following: I was greeted pleasantly upon entering the dealership. A young salesperson asked if he or she could help me. I told the salesperson the model I was interested in. He or she made a copy of my driver's license and returned with a key to the car, and off we went.

In every instance, the salesperson was sweet, unenthusiastic and largely ignorant of the car in which I was interested.

All of them answered most of my questions—such as "Is this SUV available in all-wheel-drive?"—with some version of "I'll look it up."

I began car shopping many decades ago but have rarely gone to dealerships in the last 25 years (I generally drove the cars of advertisers on my radio show). My recollection of my experience in earlier days is that car salespeople (especially those of foreign cars) were car enthusiasts. They were passionate about cars in general and very knowledgeable about the particular cars they were selling.

But in every instance this past week, I felt I knew more about the car, from doing some research on the internet, than the salesperson did.

It seemed to both my wife and me that these car dealerships hired any decent young person who applied for a job, and that these young people regarded selling cars as no different from selling shoes: It's a job.

It requires you to show up on time, be polite, accompany potential buyers on a test drive, look up answers to questions on your smartphone and go home at the end of the day. Their interest in cars was not necessarily greater than drug store employees' interest in hair brushes. Selling cars is just a way—one of many others to come—to pay the bills.

My wife saw in the answer "I'll look it up" one possible key to the problem: If the young people we interacted with this past week are representative of their generation, many do not feel the need to know much, because all the information they need in life can be found via Google.

I focused on another issue: While these young salespeople were unfailingly pleasant, none of them evinced passion.

I remember young (and old) car salesmen who loved cars. Sure, they would exaggerate a car's qualities, but they knew all about it—inside and out. But this past week, not one of the salespeople said anything about the car during the test drive. Unless I asked questions, their only words were "Make a right at the next corner."

It makes me wonder what young people are passionate about in our time: favorite TV shows and actors? Music? Video games? Sports? Global warming?

If a 65-year-old salesman seems to be doing little more than going through the motions, we understand that perhaps we have met a modern-day Willy Loman. But a passionless 25-year-old? That's just sad.

Do the car dealerships know this? Do they care?

At one time, the general critique of car dealers was they were too pushy. If my experience is at all typical, I can assure readers that pushiness is no longer a problem. The only thing any of the dealers pushed was free bottled water.

I am aware that every generation laments "In my time . . ." But that doesn't necessarily invalidate what follows.

In my time, young guys—I can speak with greater knowledge about men—had hobbies/passions. And ambition.

If I were 25 years old and had a job selling cars, even if I had other aspirations for my life, I would still aim to be the best car salesman in America. That's what we refer to as ambition.

I would learn everything I could about the cars I sold. I would learn how to advocate for the cars without being pushy. During the test drives, I would say a lot more than where the customer should next turn. In addition to talking about the car, I would ask customers about themselves.

I detected little ambition in the sex previously known for professional ambition—men. But no one should be surprised. Many young men have been codded by parents and by society.

If you receive a trophy just for playing, why try to win?

If self-esteem is given to you without having to earn it, why try to earn it?

If the government will take care of you, why work hard?

Anyway, ambition in men is probably now considered a form of "toxic masculinity."

Perhaps most importantly, young men have been given the message that women have no need for the support of a man. Women, they have been told all their lives, are perfectly capable of taking care of themselves and any children they might have.

So, then, if the government will take care of you and your income is not necessary to support a family, why be ambitious? Why push yourself to succeed?

Talk to the young men in your life and ask them if they are ambitious. Don't be surprised if they answer "I'll look it up."



An article by Victor Reklaitis titled "Here's Nancy Pelosi's To-Do List If Democrats Win Back the House" was posted at marketwatch.com on Oct. 20, 2018. Following is the article.

With the midterm elections just under three weeks away, Nancy Pelosi is detailing the Democratic Party's to-do list if it manages to win back control of the House of Representatives.

- House Democrats plan to introduce a package for campaign finance reform as their first bill of the 116th Congress, said the minority leader, according to a Politico report.
- After that, Democrats will pursue reducing drug prices, the veteran California congresswoman said, in talking about a move that would affect pharmaceutical makers PJP, -0.99%.
- Then, they will make an effort to work with Republicans on a bill on background checks for gun purchases
- They will address protecting "Dreamers." That refers to young undocumented immigrants who came to the U.S. as children.
- "I don't see any of us voting for wall funding," Pelosi also told Politico, referring to President Donald Trump's plan for a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico.
- In addition, Pelosi said she would like Democrats to make sure there is integrity in the U.S. voting system.
- And she expects all ranking members of committees to become chairs.

Pelosi's return to the top of a Democratic-majority leadership was in doubt several months ago, but lately she has solidified support, Politico noted.



"Eye on the World" comment: The following list of articles consists of headlines of extra articles, which involve the United States. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

Finances

- An article by Brian Riedl titled "U.S. Debt Crisis Looms As Deficits Projected to Surpass \$1,000,000,000,000" was posted at cnsnews.com on Oct. 19, 2018.

- An article by Brian Darling titled "Trump Regulatory Reform Saved Taxpayers \$23 Billion" was posted at townhall.com on Oct. 19, 2018.
- An article by Terence P. Jeffrey titled "Florida and Texas Post Record September to September Job Gains" was posted at cnsnews.com on Oct. 19, 2018.
- An article titled "America's Biggest Employer [Walmart] Isn't Hiring Seasonal Employees This Year" (to give more hours to regular employees) was posted at yahoo.com on Oct. 19, 2018.
- An article titled "Walmart Will Save \$20 Million Annually on Floor Wax" was posted at marketwatch.com on Oct. 20, 2018.

Illegal immigration

- An article titled "Police in Mexico Try to Stop Caravan of Central American Migrants Determined to Reach the US" was posted at yahoo.com on Oct. 21, 2018.
- An article by John Binder titled "Previously Deported Illegal Aliens Join Caravan: 'It's Time for Me to Go Back' " was posted " at Breitbart.com on Oct. 22, 2018.
- An article by Chris Pleasance titled "A Second Migrant Caravan Heads for the US; 1,000 Hondurans Have Crossed Into Guatemala Following the First Group of 7,000 Into Mexico" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Oct. 23, 2018.
- An article by Tara Copp titled "2,100 Mostly Unarmed Guard Troops on Border As Trump Vows to Send More to Stop Migrant Caravan" was posted at militarytimes.com on Oct. 23, 2018.
- An article by Stephen Dinan titled "Illegal Immigrant Families Set Record in 2018; Top 100,000 for First Time" was posted at washingtontimes.com on Oct. 23, 2018.

Comments about weapons

- An article by Beth Baumann titled "Gun Rights Groups Take Aim at SoCal Sheriff for 'Discriminatory and Unconstitutional' CCW Policies" was posted at townhall.com on Oct. 20, 2018.

Comments about Trump support

- An article by Laretta Brown titled "Trump Releases 'Jobs Not Mobs' Video Condemning Leftist Calls for Violence" was posted at townhall.com on Oct. 19, 2018.
- An article by Craig Bannister titled "Trump Lists 14 Things He'll Do if Republicans Hold the House and Senate" was posted at cnsnews.com on Oct. 19, 2018.
- An article by Emily Birnbaum titled "Trump Approval [47 Percent] Jumps Ahead of Obama's Midterm Approval Rating [45 Percent]" was posted at thehill.com on Oct. 21, 2018.

Comments about Trump opposition

- An article titled "US Elections: Democrats Remain Favored But Trump Has Pushed Back" was posted at yahoo.com on Oct. 20, 2018.

- An article by Aris Folley titled “[Bernie] Sanders: Trump Setting ‘Terrible Example’ for Our Children” was posted at thehill.com on Oct. 20, 2018.
- An article by John McCormick titled “Adelsons [Couple Who Owns Casinos] Adds \$25 Million to Their Midterm Campaign Spending [Previously \$87 Million]” was posted at bloomberg.com on Oct. 20, 2018.
- An article by Ariston Anderson titled “Michael Moore Blames Democrats for Not Abolishing Electoral College in 2000” was posted at hollywoodreporter.com on Oct. 21, 2018.
- An article titled “Twitter Agog at Trump Whopper That Californians Are ‘Rioting’ Over Sanctuary Cities” was posted at huffpost.com on Oct. 21, 2018.
- An article by Verena Dobnik titled “[Elizabeth] Warren Took DNA Test to Help Rebuild ‘Trust in Government’ ” was posted at usatoday.com on Oct. 22, 2018.
- An article titled “Facebook Ad Report Puts Beto O’Rourke As Top Spender” was posted at bloomberg.com on Oct. 23, 2018.

News about the media

- An article by Corinne Weaver titled “Report: Google News Biased Toward the Left 4-to-1” was posted at newsbusters.org on Oct. 17, 2018.
- An article by Corinne Weaver titled “Facebook, Twitter Censor Pro-Life Group for ‘Hate Speech’ ” was posted at newsbusters.org on Oct. 19, 2018.
- An article by Chuck Ross titled “CNN Uses Sound Bite From Democratic Candidate to Take Jab at Fox News” was posted at dailycaller.com on Oct. 23, 2018.
- An article by Nate Silver titled “Forecasting the Race for the House [putting the Democrats Chance of Winning at 85.6 percent]” was posted at fivethirtyeight.com on Oct. 23, 2018.
- Looking back in 2016, an article by Nate Silver titled “Who Will Win the Presidency? [putting Hillary Clinton’s chance of winning at 71.4 percent] was posted at fivethirtyeight.com on Nov. 8, 2016.

General interest

- An article by Kate Briquetlet titled “Michael Avenatti [Lawyer for Stormy Daniels] Lived the High Life While Owing Millions to IRS” was posted at thedailybeast.com on Oct. 21, 2018.
- An article titled “USC is Paying \$215 Million to Students Who Were Treated by Doctor Accused of Sexual Assault” was posted at yahoo.com on Oct. 21, 2018.



“Eye on the World” comment: Years ago, this weekly collection of articles often included articles written by Burt Prelutsky (because of his outspoken observations and his humorous way of describing current events). At some

point, he made his articles available on sites that insisted upon a person paying to have access to his article. Recently, his articles were discovered without cost at patriotpost.us. Last week, we included excerpts from 18 of his articles that were written from July through September. This week, we will include excerpts from seven of his October articles. While this collection is a lot of observations from one writer, last week's issue and this issue will serve as a means of bringing the reader up to date.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled " 'Racism' As a Tool of Racists" was posted at patriotpost.us on Oct. 1, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

Never in human history has a word been used as often and as incorrectly as "racism" is used these days in America.

For years, it was used to condemn those who wore white sheets and lynched black men. Then it was used to condemn those who used Jim Crow laws to subjugate black people, forcing them to attend sub-standard schools; use separate bathrooms, water fountains and lunch counters; and to sit in certain sections of movie theaters, buses and trains.

Today, it is used to trash white people who oppose socialists and globalists. It is tossed around as freely as rice at a wedding. It has nothing to do with how white people actually treat black people. Instead, it is used as an all-purpose curse word, the equivalent of calling someone a bastard or an s.o.b., intended to deny the person's humanity.

As we all know, the most openly racist individuals in America are blacks. Some people, such as Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton, Louis Farrakhan, Elijah Cummings, John Lewis and Maxine Waters, have carved out successful careers based solely on their racist words and actions.

Black racists keep talking about the Ku Klux Klan, a group that can barely round up a dozen knuckle-dragging, slack-jawed, imbeciles for a rally. But Black Lives Matter hold massive demonstrations in one city after another and nobody even says "Boo."

Barack Obama, arguably the worst and most anti-American president in our nation's history, has a history of labeling those who objected to his words and actions as racists.

The most obvious problem with that is that it ignores the fact that many of those same white "bigots" admire and respect Thomas Sowell, Ben Carson, Walter Williams, Jayson Riley, Condoleezza Rice, Denzel Washington, Harris Faulkner and Clarence Thomas. As a rule, as even Obama would have to admit, racists aren't all that selective. It's also worth noting that the aforementioned individuals are entirely black, not half and half like Obama.

■ Weather hoaxers

Because of 24/7 TV coverage of natural disasters, it's easy for the weather hoaxers to convince people that global warming is the root cause of all the havoc. But, globally, there has been no increase in the number or severity of droughts, cyclones, hurricanes and tsunamis. In fact, the number of hurricanes has decreased since 1950.

The success of Al Gore and his band of self-serving scientists can mainly be credited to the fact that young Americans have never been taught history of any kind. Because they have never studied political or economic history, they babble about the glories of socialism. Because their lack of interest in anything that occurred prior to their birth extends even to weather, they parrot nonsense about man's power to control or even influence Mother Nature.

■ Immigration

It is indefensible that our immigration policy is so pathetic that people storming our border are granted their day in court, which translates to their promising to show up on a certain day to have their case adjudicated. If you don't sign up to come here legally, there's nothing to adjudicate.

As a result of this corrupt system, 98% of those who have attempted to enter the country illegally in recent years are here to stay.

If I had the power, there would be no wall, merely a series of towers equipped with machine guns. Nobody is allowed to break into our homes, and for those who were born here or came here legally, America is our home.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Pigs at a Luau" was posted at patriotpost.us on Oct. 6, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

Generally, when you think of a luau, you picture roast pig being served; you don't envision the swine doing the roasting. But that's what we all got to see with our own eyes when the likes of Senate Democrats Feinstein, Blumenthal, Harris, Hirono, Durbin and Harris had Brett Kavanaugh on the spit.

I have never liked any of these people, but I have never held them in such utter contempt as I do now. The fact that they thought nothing of destroying Kavanaugh and his family is bad enough, but they didn't even display the least bit of remorse that they have done the same to Prof. Ford and her family.

The ends, as is always the case with those on the Left, always justifies the means.

In this case, it meant that it didn't matter how many people were hurt so long as Kavanaugh was prevented from being confirmed. As their kind is so fond of saying, you can't make an omelet without breaking a few eggs. If those

eggs turn out to be actual human beings, it doesn't matter. This, after all, is their rationale for defending abortions on demand.

The reason that the Democrats are pulling out all the stops is because the future of the Supreme Court is in the balance; if Kavanaugh is confirmed, it means that for the first time in decades, there will be a majority of constitutionalists on the Supreme Court.

The Left could no longer count on activist justices to make the laws that Congress refuses to pass.

It was the Court, after all, that somehow decided that the right to "privacy" is in the Constitution—although it is as elusive to most people as the section about there being "a separation of church and state"—which allowed the justices to declare that abortions and same-sex marriages are a civil right.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Mr. Trump Goes to the UN" was posted at patriotpost.us on Oct. 8, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

Although I would love to have President Trump get the U.S. out of the U.N. and get the U.N. out of the U.S., I enjoyed seeing him at the podium spanking China, Iran, Venezuela and Germany. It was annoying, though, to hear the globalists on TV chastise him for lumping Germany with our enemies. I may throw something if I hear one more idiot insist that Germany is an ally.

Just because it's been 73 years since we were last at war with them doesn't make them a friend. They rarely vote with us or with Israel, showing their lack of backbone by generally abstaining, lest they offend one of the many Muslim and Arab states that help make the U.N. the snake pit it is. Which, no doubt, is also the reason they're so reluctant to join Trump in enforcing sanctions against Iran.

Although Trump evoked laughter from the members of the U.N. after he boasted about his accomplishments, I was frankly amazed that they didn't run screaming from the hall. That's what I expected the response to be upon hearing truth spoken from the podium for perhaps the very first time in 70 years.

Although Trump called out Iran as the number one state sponsor of terrorism in the world, he did tickle my funny bone when he said the Ayatollah might be a lovely person. Hassan Rouhani, on the other hand, compared Trump to Hitler. Which didn't sound very friendly.

But after thinking about it, I recalled how well the Arabs and Muslims got along with the Nazis—and why wouldn't they, considering how much they had in common, starting with their hatred of Jews?—and I wondered whether Rouhani was merely returning the compliment.

■ Kavanaugh hearings

The last couple of weeks were really depressing, thanks to the Left's desperate attempt to keep Kavanaugh off the Supreme Court. It didn't help that the Republican senators showed how miraculous it is that they can stand erect, considering that most of them lack backbones.

The Democrats, of course, came off even worse, with senators like Schumer, Blumenthal and Hirono, who had already announced even before the hearings began that they were voting against Kavanaugh, insisting that they needed to hear what Prof. Ford had to say.

■ Jimmy Kimmel

Not to be outdone, late night TV embarrassment Jimmy Kimmel called for Judge Kavanaugh to be castrated. And, of course, his audience greeted that with peals of childish laughter. Oddly enough, it's not a solution he ever suggested for actual rapists like Bill Cosby, Bill Clinton or Harvey Weinstein.

At least Kimmel would have some idea of the amount of pain in the procedure, having undergone the surgical removal of his sense of humor the day after Donald Trump was elected.

■ Bill Cosby

In case you might have missed it, thanks to all the attention being paid Kavanaugh, Bill Cosby, 81, "America's Favorite Dad" was sentenced to a term of 3-10 years in a Pennsylvania prison.

■ Rod Rosenstein

Rod Rosenstein, who looks like a guy who spent his junior high years being pantsed and being given swirlies in the boy's john, looks like he'll soon be joining the other Never-Trumpers at CNN. He claims he was only joking when he said he'd wear a wire in order to entrap Trump, but I doubt if he'd recognize a joke if he tripped over one.

What we do know is that the schmuck advised the President to fire James Comey and then used the firing as an excuse to name Robert Mueller Special Counsel to investigate whether the firing amounted to obstruction of justice. And round and round we go.

■ Trump's Boasting

I confess I wish that President Trump didn't boast quite so much, although, unlike his four immediate predecessors, he has a great deal to boast about.

I also wish he would stop trying to woo the NY Times.

I've lost track of how often he's gone calling at 242 W. 41st Street, bearing candy and flowers, only to have the Times toss his gifts back in his face.

It's bad enough that Trump looks like a chump when he keeps proposing marriage to the town slut, but then, when she inevitably scorns his advances, his protestations about fake news come across like sour grapes.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Why Isn't George Soros in Jail?" was posted at patriotpost.us on Oct. 13, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

For the life of me, I can't figure out why the billionaire currency manipulator is still walking free.

Inciting violence was still a crime the last time I checked, but Soros, who finances Black Lives Matter, Antifa, on-campus vandalism and the mobs whose sole purpose in life is to intimidate congressional Republicans and members of Trump's administration, hasn't even been indicted.

While I can understand why Democrats wouldn't do anything to antagonize the anti-American creep, what possible excuse is there for Republicans not to bring him up on charges?

Even when they're resigning and don't have to worry about being re-elected, they're as gutless as fish filets. All it took was one particularly obnoxious foreign woman screaming at Jeff Flake as he stood in an elevator, looking like Bambi staring into oncoming headlights, to make him insist the FBI conduct a seventh investigation of poor Brett Kavanaugh.

I used to say you knew the Nixon administration was in trouble when Henry Kissinger was the resident sex symbol. Today, I say you know the GOP is in trouble when Lindsey Graham is the only senator willing to stand up to the Democrats, the media and the left-wing bullies in the #MeToo movement.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "It's Autumn and the Nazis Are in Bloom" was posted at patriotpost.com on Oct. 15, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

"Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it."

Oddly enough, it's generally those on the Left who like to quote George Santayana, even if they don't know they're quoting him. or who he was, for that matter.

What makes it so odd is that they are the same people who keep insisting that socialism is superior to capitalism in spite of the fact that socialism has failed miserably wherever it's been tried.

Unfortunately, things are not likely to improve anytime soon because the study of History has been replaced on college campuses by an assortment of griev-

ance courses such as Black Studies, Gender Studies, Latino Studies and Lesbian Studies, curriculums that lead only to careers as members of street mobs and the wearing of black masks or pink caps, and a paycheck from George Soros.

If the kids hadn't been so easily brainwashed by agenda-driven propagandists posing as professors, they might have learned that what began as a campaign of terror waged against German Jews in the early 30s eventually and inevitably was expanded to victimize Catholics; Communists; homosexuals; mental and physical defectives; intellectuals; and those who simply refused to knuckle under to the bullies and perverts out to steal their freedoms and enslave them.

Once a nation, any nation, loses its moral compass, insanity ensues.

Even here in the United States, we have already seen the parallels to Nazi Germany. Hitler had his Brown Shirts, armed bullies he could call on to break the shop windows of Jewish merchants, beat up homosexuals and burn the books that reminded people of their common humanity and their God-given rights.

Today, we have Antifa and campus bullies who intimidate students and professors who refuse to knuckle under to the Left. When craven college administrators refuse to suspend, expel or even have the police arrest members of the mob, they are behaving exactly the way their currish colleagues behaved 85 years ago.

What's more, many people believe that the Nazis didn't have laws or courts, but that's not true. There were judges and laws, but they were Nazi judges and Nazi laws. That meant that once accused, people were presumed to be guilty, even if their accusers couldn't provide evidence or corroborating witnesses. Sound familiar? If it doesn't, ask Brett Kavanaugh and I'm sure he'll be able to fill in the blanks.

Yet another parallel to the bad old days can be found in the media. When, the day after Brett Kavanaugh defended himself against the lies of such scoundrels as Christine Ford, Cory Booker, Kamala Harris, Mazie Hirono and Richard Blumenthal, it's no accident that you could pick up a copy of the NY Times, the Washington Post or turn on most of the cable news shows and read or hear about Kavanaugh's lack of "judicial temperament."

I believe it was Stalin who said that an obvious lie, so long as it's repeated often enough, will eventually be taken for the truth. But whoever said it first, it's common knowledge to the brutes.

In the same way, they know all about identity politics. Their favorite sport is playing Us off against Them.

In Germany, "them" were the Jews, at least to begin with. Jewish traitors, according to Hitler and Goebbels, were the reason that Germany had lost World War I and the reason that, long before modern Venezuela suffered from one million percent inflation, Germans had to transport money in wheelbarrows in order to purchase a loaf of bread, if they could track down a loaf of bread.

In America, Jew-hatred takes the form of the Arab and Muslim-driven divestment movement targeting Israel. But the Left has expanded the divisions to

include rich versus poor, black versus white, female versus male, atheist versus believer, old versus young and citizen against illegal alien.

Things have become so totally loony that the one group that is openly despised consists of white people, particularly old white men. Things have gotten so weird that you will even hear white people, including old white men, trashing them. People like Joe Biden, Joy Behar, Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi, don't even think twice before charging white people with the sins of the world. Apparently, they seem to think that so long as they're the ones leveling the insults, that automatically makes them exceptions to the rule.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Finding a Job for Barack Obama" was posted at patriotpost.us on Oct. 20, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

In the past, ex-Presidents tended to leave office in their 60s and 70s. After departing the White House and leaving the key under the mat, they would generally have their memoirs ghostwritten, providing them with a good-sized nest egg, and you wouldn't see or hear from them unless they showed up at their party's presidential conventions and then, of course, when the nation's flags were lowered and people filed by their caskets in the Capitol rotunda, either to pay their final respects or to make certain the rascals were actually dead.

But, lately, the guys have been leaving office in their mid-50s. Bill Clinton was 54 when he and Hillary tried slipping out with the White House china, and Obama was just 55.

Clinton has devoted most of the past 18 years to keeping busy chasing women and trying to get his wife elected, so they'd get a crack at the White House silverware. Now that they're both in their 70s, they are starting off on a joint speaking tour to be called "Conversations," that will kick off in Las Vegas with tickets going for \$72. How the mighty have fallen. It wasn't that long ago that they could expect as much as half a million dollars for a half-hour speech to the bulls of Wall Street or the bears of Moscow.

Hard to imagine those two spending months together without one of them killing the other, especially knowing that most juries would find it justifiable murder.

But what is Barack Obama going to do for the next 25 or 30 years? Of course, he will spend some time trying to elect like-minded pinheads in the hopes that his eight years in office won't be completely erased, but even when he was still the President, it turned out he had shorter coattails than Batman's comical nemesis, the Penguin.

Some have suggested he'd make an ideal Secretary General of the U.N. I agree. If ever a man and a job were made for each other, this would be a perfect marriage. Certainly better than the farce maintained by the Clintons.

For one thing, both the man and the organization are corrupt. Both openly despise the U.S. and Israel. Both are given to spouting high-sounding banalities, and both have been the undeserving recipient of Nobel Peace Prizes.

■ Columbus Day

In yet another sign of the ridiculous times in which we live, the city fathers and mothers of Columbus, Ohio, decided they would no longer celebrate Columbus Day. They didn't sign up for the absurd Indigenous People's Day; instead they decided to call it Veterans Day. However, they didn't bother mentioning which nation's veterans they had in mind. Which, I regarded, as an unfortunate oversight because you can no longer take anything for granted.

■ Kavanaugh hearings

Speaking of Kavanaugh, the way the congressional Democrats and the members of the left-wing media went after him, it sometimes appeared they regarded "rapist" and "racist" to be synonymous.

■ Midterm election

With the mid-terms elections just a few week away, it occurred to me that the biggest danger to America isn't that we have people in Congress who are demented. The most terrifying realization is that tens of millions of people are so deranged, they can't wait to re-elect them.

■ Observation

Penny Alfonso shared the following: "If you think having a vagina doesn't determine your gender, but does mandate how you should vote, you must be a Democrat."

■ A Scotsman helped

Bert Black reports that an Arab sheik was admitted to Johns Hopkins for heart surgery. But tests disclosed that the man had a very rare blood type which couldn't be located locally, so a call went out around the world.

A Scotsman was located. He agreed to donate the required amount and the operation went off without a hitch.

Out of gratitude, the sheik sent the donor a new BMW, a diamond necklace for the man's wife and \$100,000.

A few months later, the sheik had to undergo a second surgery. This time, they went straight to the original donor, who happily agreed to provide additional blood.

Again, the procedure went off perfectly, but this time the wealthy Arab just sent the donor a thank-you card and a box of chocolates.

The donor was shocked and placed a call to the hospital. "I thought you would be more grateful, more generous. Last time, you sent me a luxury car, diamonds and money. This time, you just sent me a card and a lousy box of chocolates. What gives?"

"Aye, Laddie, but now, I have good Scottish blood in my veins."

For those of you who might question my courage, you should know that I ran that joke even though I have six subscribers who happen to be named McCray, McKee, McNary, McNeil, McLain and McNeeley.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Harpies and Hypocrites" was posted at patriotpost.us on Oct. 22, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

Whenever I hear reasonable people claim that the political rhetoric in America needs to be toned down and that Democrats and Republicans need to start listening to each other in the hope of finding common ground, my initial reaction is always to nod like one of those dashboard dachshunds.

But, after a moment, I come to my senses. The problem isn't that the folks on opposite sides don't understand each other. The problem is that we do.

On the Left, they believe that the government should become as big as possible and take control of not only the schools, the media, the banks, industries, but health care and providing everyone with a living wage, whether or not they work.

They believe that anyone who wants to enter the country should be allowed entry without having to deal with paperwork. They think we should surrender our sovereignty to the United Nations.

Those on the Left have no respect for the Constitution. That is why maintaining a majority on the Supreme Court is so important to them.

Because most Americans don't agree with their agenda, they require judges to dictate legislation, whether that requires discovering such things as "separation of church and state" or "privacy" that don't actually exist anywhere in the Constitution in order to rule that abortions and same-sex marriages are civil rights.

They also believe that in any disagreement we might have with another nation, because of our history of mistreating blacks and so-called indigenous people, we should concede. In short, if Barack Obama had not been born, they would have had to invent him.

Because they have no idea how economics works, they believe that everything can be paid for by raising taxes and soaking the rich. If you point out to them that if you keep raising taxes, people will quickly lose the incentive to work; and where will the money then come from?

Half of them would suggest it would come from the magical money tree. The other half would insist it be taken from the billionaires, although because they don't know the difference between a billion and a trillion, they'd never believe you if you told them that if you confiscated every single dollar from every bil-

lionaire in America, including their political allies in the Silicon Valley and Hollywood—folks like Bill Gates, Jeff Bezos, Oprah Winfrey, Mark Zuckerberg and Tom Steyer—you'd barely make a noticeable dent in our \$21 trillion debt.

Even if a sensible dialogue is impossible to have with people who don't possess an ounce of sense, things of late have taken a noticeable turn for the worse. When party leaders like Hillary Clinton state that Republicans don't deserve to be treated civilly, civil discourse is officially out of the question.

We have Maxine Waters telling her storm troopers to attack anyone in Trump's administration wherever they find them. 2020 presidential aspirant Eric Holder, once upon a time the nation's Attorney General, told a crowd: "Michelle said when they go low, we go high. I say no; when they go low, kick 'em."

One only has to look at the way that Cory Booker, Kamala Harris, Richard Blumenthal and Mazie Hirono, went about smearing Brett Kavanaugh to recognize the truth in Lin Yutang's observation that "When small men [and women] cast big shadows, it means the sun is about to set."

Whether or not the division eventually leads to armed conflict, I see no apparent way for the two sides to live together. As Lincoln once said, "A house divided against itself cannot long stand."

■ Judicial appointments

Although I am grateful that Mitch McConnell, against all odds, was able to push through Justice Kavanaugh's confirmation, I keep wondering why he seemed to learn so little from Harry Reid. When Reid wanted to get things done, he tossed aside precedent and Senate protocol and moved Obama's agenda. The man didn't hesitate to use the nuclear option to get Obama's federal judges confirmed with 51 votes instead of the usual 60.

But even two years into Trump's administration, the President still has 198 people, including ambassadors and Justice Department officials, waiting to be confirmed. But the Democrats, obstructionists to the end, keep calling for cloture. That means there has to be 30 hours of debate on each one of the nominees.

All McConnell has to do is get rid of cloture, which he has the power to do. We keep being told that McConnell doesn't want to ignore Senate tradition, but he has to be a lot dumber than I think he is if he doubts that Chuck Schumer will do in 2019 if the Democrats regain control of the Senate.

■ Enigmas

Peter Wick sent me a list of enigmas, beginning with "Isn't it weird that in America, our flag and our culture offend so many people, but our social benefits don't?"

"How can the federal government ask U.S. citizens to pay back student loans, when illegal aliens are receiving a free education?"

"Only in America are legal citizens labeled 'racists' and 'Nazis,' but illegal aliens are called 'Dreamers.'"

"Liberals say: "If confiscating all guns saves just one life, it's worth it. Well, then, if deporting all illegal aliens saves just one life, wouldn't that be worth it?"

"I can't quite figure out how you can proudly wave the flag of another country but consider it punishment to be sent back there."

"Florida has had more than 120 hurricanes since 1850, but some people still insist the last one was due to climate change."



Isaiah 55:6-11—"Seek you the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. 'For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,' says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."