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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).

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An article by Adam Bienkov titled "The UK Is Abandoning Its Alliance With Trump As the United States 'Withdraws From Its Leadership Around the World' " was posted at businessinsider.com on Jan. 12, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

President Donald Trump's order to assassinate Iranian Maj. Gen. Qassem Soleimani has triggered a major rupture between the US and its historically closest ally, the UK.

In remarkably outspoken comments, UK Defense Secretary Ben Wallace said in an interview published Sunday that Trump's isolationist foreign-policy stance had prompted the UK to look for alternative allies.

"I worry if the United States withdraws from its leadership around the world," he told The Sunday Times.

He added: "The assumptions of 2010 that we were always going to be part of a US coalition is really just not where we are going to be."

The comments came after Prime Minister Boris Johnson's government distanced itself from the attack that killed Soleimani, with UK Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab labeling it a "dangerous escalation" that risked a conflict in which "terrorists would be the only winners."

A spokesman for Johnson was also quick to condemn Trump's threats to target Iranian cultural sites, if carried out, as a breach of international law and possibly a war crime.

The UK is now openly threatening to tear up its long-standing defense partnership with the US.

"Over the last year we've had the US pullout from Syria, the statement by Donald Trump on Iraq where he said NATO should take over and do more in the Middle East," Wallace said.

"The assumptions of 2010 that we were always going to be part of a US coalition is really just not where we are going to be."

Wallace said the UK would need to reduce its dependence on US military assets.

"We are very dependent on American air cover and American intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance assets," he said. "We need to diversify our assets."

Wallace told the paper that the UK would increasingly need to turn to other allies that more closely shared the UK's interests.

"Regardless of what the US does . . . we are going to have to make decisions that allow us to stand with a range of allies, the Five Eyes [intelligence partnership with the US, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand] and our European allies where our interests converge," he said.

"They have repeatedly said that. They have been clear about that," he told the paper.

"President Trump, the national security adviser. The defense secretary said it personally to me directly when we met at NATO. It's not a secret. They have been consistent. Those things will be taken into account when the government collectively decides to make a decision on it."

He added: "Friends and enemies that are independent make you choose."

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A Reuters article by Huw Jones titled "Global Banks Urge EU to 'Improve' Market Access As Brexit Looms" was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 13, 2020. Following is the article.

International banks have called on the European Union to make its system for financial market access more transparent and predictable to avoid hurting markets and consumers.

The Association for Financial Markets in Europe (AFME), whose members include major international banks and asset managers, said it was "timely" to review and improve the bloc's financial market access regime known as equivalence.

The EU grants market access to foreign financial firms like asset managers and clearing houses if it deems their home market rules are similar enough to regulation in the bloc.

Brexit has already put equivalence under scrutiny as there is a June 30 target for the EU to assess the equivalence of Britain's financial regulation to

allow the UK finance industry to maintain some access to EU markets after a Brexit transition period ends in December.

In its 14-page report on Tuesday, London-based AFME only directly mentions Brexit twice, but the publication's timing highlights concerns over how much direct access the UK financial sector will have to the EU, its biggest export customer.

Equivalence has been criticized for lacking a transparent, predictable timetable, for patchiness in activities covered, and for how it can be scrapped at short notice.

The "lack of communication" over ending equivalence for Swiss share trading in June 2019 led to "significant uncertainty", AFME said in its report.

Brussels should evaluate the benefits of equivalence to EU investors and not just potential risks to the bloc's financial system, AFME said.

"This will support continued connectivity with international financial markets, minimize unnecessary fragmentation and maximize benefits for consumers of financial services across Europe," said AFME managing director Oliver Moullin.

In terms of Brexit, bankers fear equivalence will get stuck in wider talks on a UK trade deal with an EU that also wants to build up its own capital market at the expense of London.

The EU has also toughened up equivalence for foreign clearing houses and investment firms in anticipation of Brexit, and it will also scrutinize applications from "high impact" financial centers more thoroughly in an indirect reference to London.

Brussels has said it would always maintain its "autonomy" in making equivalence determinations, and that it has already improved transparency by announcing last year its decision to scrap equivalence in the area of credit rating agencies.



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- An article titled "Under Pressure, Iran Admits It Shot Down Jetliner by Mistake" was posted at apnews.com on Jan. 10, 2020.
- An article by Lauren Frias titled "Iran Is Using Bulldozers at the Ukrainian Plane Crash Site, Which Could Make It Impossible to Prove What Happened" was posted at businessinsider.com on Jan. 10, 2020.
- An article titled "Ukraine Demands Punishment for Iran Plane Downing" was posted at afp.com on Jan. 11, 2020.
- An article by Leon Sverdlov titled "Iranian Protesters Demand Khamenei Quit Over Plane Downing" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 11, 2020.
- An article by Keith Griffith titled "Protesters in Tehran Clash With Riot Police As They Demand the Ayatollah Resigns and Call or Regime Change After

Iran Finally Admits to Shooting Down Jet and Killing 176 People" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Jan. 11, 2020.

- An article by Michelle Mark titled "The US Reportedly Sent Secret Messages to Iran Via Swiss Intermediaries, Urging Not to Retaliate Too Strongly and Further Provoke Trump" was posted at businessinsider.com on Jan. 12, 2020.
- An article by Jassem Al Salami titled "In 2015, Iran Practiced Destroying America's Aircraft Carriers" was posted at nationalinterest.org on Jan. 13, 2020.
- An article by Karen DeYoung, Louisa Loveluck and Mustafa Salim titled "Trump Administration Refuses to Heed Iraq's Call for Troop Withdrawal" was posted at washingtonpost.com on Jan. 10, 2020.
- An article titled "Trump Is Handing Iran Its Biggest Strategic Objective: Iraq" was posted at thedailybeast.com on Jan. 10, 2020.
- An article by Simon Watkins titled "Is Iraq About to Become a Chinese Client State?" was posted at oilprice.com on Jan. 8, 2020.
- An article by Alex Morrell titled "The US Warned Iraq That Its Access to a Key Bank Account Holding Billions Is in Jeopardy If the Country Expels American Troops" was posted at businessinsider.com on Jan. 11, 2020.
- A Reuters article titled "Saudi Military Trainees to Be Expelled From U.S. After Florida Shooting [on Dec. 6]: CNN" was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 11, 2020.
- A Reuters article titled "Israeli Education Minister [Orthodox Rabbi Rafael Peretz] Implies Homosexuality Is Unnatural" was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 12, 2020.
- An article titled "South Africa's Energy Crisis, Jobs Top ANC's [African National Congress] Priority List" was posted at bloomberg.com on Jan. 11, 2020.
- An article titled "Japan Orders Deployment of Navy Destroyer to Middle East" was posted at bloomberg.com on Jan. 10, 2020.
- A Reuters article titled "Taiwan President [Tsai Ing-Wen] Wins by Landslide in Stinging Rebuke to China" was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 11, 2020.
- An article titled "Luxury Apartments [350 Flats Which Housed Around 240 Families] Demolished in Southern India [in Coastal City of Kochi] for Violating Regulations" was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 11, 2020.
- A Reuters article titled "Argentina Working 'Nonstop' to Resolve Debt Crisis [Around \$100 Billion]: Economy Minister Says" was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 10, 2020.
- An article by Ben Arnold titled "Brazilian Supreme Court Rules That Netflix Can Stream Gay Jesus Comedy Show" was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 10, 2020.
- An article by Ellen Manning titled "Meghan Markle Returns to Canada As Queen Orders Royals to Find 'Workable Solution' to Her and Harry's Future" was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 10, 2020.
- An article by Liz Calvario titled "Meghan Markle Signs Voiceover Deal With Disney Amid Royal Family Drama" was posted at etonline.com on Jan. 12, 2020.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Black Anti-Semitism" was posted at patriotpost.us on Jan. 11, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

There have been a spate of attacks on Jews in recent weeks. The two most news-worthy took place in Jersey City, New Jersey, and Monsey, New York. In the first, a couple of blacks opened fire in a Jewish cemetery and moved on to a kosher supermarket, killing four. In the second, a black man named Grafton Thomas broke into a home where a rabbi was celebrating Chanukah with friends and family. Five Jews were attacked with a machete.

In Jersey City, the criminals were members of the Black Hebrew Israelites. It seems uncertain if Mr. Thomas was also a member.

Apparently, there are many different sects and sub-groups under the heading of Black Hebrew Israelism, including the Commandment Keepers, the Church of the Living God and the Israelite School of Universal Practical Knowledge.

There are at least a dozen of these sub-groups, which seems like an awful lot, since their overall membership can't be more than a hundred thousand. The rumor is they are not all black supremacists and virulently anti-white, but it's safe to say that most are.

Their very name sounds like a mockery. Nazis might as well have called themselves White Hebrew Israelites.

When I first heard about the Chanukah attack, I assumed the assailants had been members of the vile MS-13 gang since machetes are their weapons of choice, but I wasn't surprised to learn that it was a black man. That's because one of the unmentionable dirty little secrets of life in America is that blacks, by and large, are the most anti-Semitic people in the country.

It's sadly ironic since half the folks who went South in the 1960s to help register black voters were Jews, as were two of the three Freedom Riders, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, who were murdered by Klansmen in 1964.

The anti-Semitism that permeates the black community is probably traceable to the fact that Jews were often the only people who were willing to open stores or factories or own apartment houses in black neighborhoods.

As a result, any time a black person was arrested for shoplifting, fired for theft or incompetence or evicted for not paying his rent, it was "the Jew" who was resented. After a while, even if the person who owned the store, the factory or the apartment house was a gentile, it was blamed on the Jews.

I even knew a couple of Jewish men who owned businesses in Watts and they were despised because they charged more than whites were charged in ritzier parts of L.A. They charged more because they had to deal with so much shop-lifting and because they had to pay larger insurance premiums than did those businessmen operating in other neighborhoods.

Of course, when the Watts riots took place, theirs were the first businesses to be torched.

In the aftermath, the local residents complained they had to get on a bus to go grocery shopping. I confess I didn't sympathize with their plight.

Prager about happiness

After I wrote about ways to overcome depression, I heard from a woman in Florida who let me know that "Most emotional responses probably are irrational. I don't think one reasons out how he feels and consciously decides to stay sad or decides he simply won't be sad anymore."

I replied: "There's a guy on the radio named Dennis Prager who, every week, devotes one hour to the subject of Happiness. He wisely suggests that people have a moral obligation to try to be happy. They not only owe it to themselves, but to their family, their neighbors and their co-workers.

"It is easy enough to focus on the ills of the world and on one's own frustrations, just as it's easy to become a couch potato. But just as a regimen of exercise is a solution to that physical condition, it's possible to exercise one's mental sloth. I think that to begin with, people should stop dwelling so much on themselves and begin thinking about other people, about helping them, interacting with them, amusing them. Depressed people tend to be lonely people, but they're the ones keeping themselves lonely.

"It's only a theory, but it sure beats sitting around thinking woe is me and assuming that others have nothing better to do than fret over your sad state of mind."

Personal example

In my own life, I am estranged from my son, who is now 47 years old. I haven't seen or heard from him in at least 15 years. We originally had our falling out when he developed a gambling addiction and took up a criminal life to support his habit.

It's no exaggeration to say that he is far and away the biggest disappointment in my life. But there is a positive element to the situation. Early on, when he first started getting in trouble with the law, I found myself wishing he had never been born. In time, though, I realized that as bad as it all turned out, if I had never experienced fatherhood, I would not only have missed out on the early joyful years, but I would have spent all these decades fantasizing how wonderful it would have been to have had that perfect father-son relationship that possibly exists more often in our dreams than in real life.

As regrets go, I prefer the one I have to the one I would have had.

So, even when it seems that life couldn't get much worse, that your luck has all turned bad, and what, when you get right down to it, is the point of going on, remind yourselves that you're not Democrats. See how much better you feel already?

■ Thoughts about Lincoln

I received a dissenting opinion after I took Abraham Lincoln to task for waging the Civil War. So far as I'm concerned, I had written, the blood of 700,000

Americans was on his hands. But even aside from that, he was hardly a constitutionalist. He shut down hundreds of newspapers in the North simply because they opposed the War. He also ordered the arrest of Chief Justice Roger Taney, who had ruled that Lincoln violated the Constitution when he suspended the Writ of Habeas Corpus.

I always felt the South had the right to secede from the Union and that in waging war, Lincoln was simply doing the bidding of Northern business interests. Which was something he was accustomed to, considering he had previously worked as a lawyer for the railroad barons.

Apparently, a lot of people believe that when Lincoln destroyed a third of the nation in order to save the nation, it not only made sense but was a moral imperative. And here we are, a century and a half after Lincoln and a half-century after Martin Luther King's insistence that we look beyond skin color, and we're more divided politically and racially than we ever were.

Military recruiters off campus

After I wrote about my being court martialed at UCLA for opposing mandatory ROTC attendance, it reminded me that once the pendulum starts swinging back, it generally swings way too far. I wasn't fighting against ROTC being available, only against its being compulsory. But within the decade, the nincompoop students, thanks to gutless college administrators, had succeeded in driving military recruiters off nearly every college campus in the nation.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Bye-Bye Suleimani" was posted at patriotpost.us on Jan. 13, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

I was delighted to hear that Qassim Suleimani had been dispatched to wherever Islamic terrorists go, perhaps back to Tehran for all eternity. You have your idea of Hell, I have mine.

Some Democrats have complained that Trump has drawn us closer to war with Iran, some others whined about collateral damage, shedding crocodile tears over the deaths of a few innocent people in the vicinity.

First off, if war comes, it will be Iran's fault. You can't keep threatening to attack the U.S. in the mistaken belief that your bluff will never be taken seriously, especially when President Trump is surrounded by advisors who have been calling for an end to proxy wars and thirst for an actual war with the mullahs.

Of course, General Suleimani was just asking for it by showing up in Iraq. Clearly, he had gone there to oversee the Quds attack on our embassy. He went, he saw, he was conquered.

As for collateral damage, no good guys were ever in the vicinity of the man who was responsible for killing at least 600 American G.I.'s. In fact, I find it extremely difficult to regard anyone outside of Israel's borders in the Middle East innocent. It is one huge sand pit filled with Arabs, Muslims, hissing lizards and spitting camels.

While I found it very satisfying to hear that what passes for a military genius in Iran is dead, I would have been equally gleeful if I heard a rumor that those technologically-advanced Israelis had come up with an undetectable way to give the 80 year old Ali Khamenei a long over-due heart attack.

■ 5 white candidates

The Democrats are finding themselves in a bind. For one thing, the party of identity politics, is now down to five contenders: Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, Pete Buttigieg and Amy Klobuchar, all of them white, the last time I looked. But of course there's nothing to stop Elizabeth Warren, formerly Cherokee, from claiming to be black. After all, these days, men can identify themselves as women, women can call themselves men and Socialists can claim to be sane.

Julián Castro was the last hope of those who think pigmentation is the most important distinction to be found among people. He bowed out for lack of money, removing the last vestige of color from the primary campaign. In his farewell address, Castro concluded with a few words in Spanish, a language he doesn't actually speak any better than I do. Hasta la vista, Julián, you big phony.

Julianne Williamson, the New Age guru, showing she's no quitter, let her entire campaign staff go, but plans to remain in the primary race. I'm not sure how that's going to work. But if you happen to be driving in Iowa and you spot a 67 year old woman hitchhiking while carrying a bag of crystals, you might want to stop and give her a lift. She could probably regale you with stories about her former lives or at least tell you if Bernie Sanders' breath is as bad as I suspect it is.

■ Rebranding Biden

There has been a major shift in Joe Biden's campaign. No longer is his bus called the No Malarkey Tour. It has been rechristened the Battle for the Soul of America. Not only is it not as catchy as Make America Great Again or the revised Keep America Great, but it suggests that Biden no longer views himself as a hack politician, but as a cheesy TV evangelist.

Arrested 7 other times

Grafton Thomas, the schmuck who attacked a rabbi and his Chanukah guests with a machete, had been arrested seven other times for violent crimes and yet he was still walking around loose. It proves once again that we need more prisons and insane asylums and fewer politicians who choose to signal their own moral superiority by favoring felons over law-abiding citizens.

I have no doubt that Thomas's lawyers will argue that their client is not guilty by reason of insanity, which is a defense I have never understood.

The argument seems to be that it's not fair to punish a person to the full extent of the law when he isn't able to assist in his own defense. So what? Who cares? I can't assist in my own operation, but so long as there's a surgeon available, I'm happy to sleep through it.

I figure if the killer, rapist or pedophile, didn't need anyone's help to commit the crime, he should be held responsible for his actions. Back when capital punishment wasn't as rare as unicorns, I even heard how uncivilized it was to execute someone who didn't grasp the situation. It seemed to me that it was far better to not know one's fate in that situation. You could tell the murderer you were taking him to Disneyland and then fry his ass even before he quit smiling.

■ Elimination of bail

Speaking of legal matters, Bernie Sanders, Kamala Harris and Elizabeth Warren, three pinheads who will actually be returning to the Senate, which tells you all you need to know about the voters in Vermont, California and Massachusetts, have all come out in opposition to bail. They would all prefer that those strongly suspected of felonies be released on their own recognizance. The better to intimidate potential witnesses, no doubt.

As Bernie Sanders put it, "They're in jail because they're poor."

No, you old Commie buffoon, they're in jail because they broke the law and weren't lucky enough to have been elected to public office.

Joe Biden, who's not about to let the other old white guy pull ahead in the stupidity derby, offered his solution to those miners who will be unemployed if he's elected president and shuts down the coal industry: "They should just learn to code."

That's code, as in develop code for the computer industry.

"Right, there's nothing to it. I could learn to do it myself except I'm already planning to learn to fly a 747 airliner next week and audition the following week for the lead in the New York Met's production of "Rigoletto."

■ Obama spied on Trump campaign

It confounds me that the Democrats are so insistent that Barack Obama never spied on the Trump campaign. After all, we all knew he had already spied on Fox reporter James Rosen, his parents and the offices of the Associated Press. Why would anyone doubt for a second that he would do everything in his power to sabotage the man who, if elected, swore to dismantle Obama's legacy, item by toxic item?

■ Ronstadt calls out Trump

Now it's 73 year old Linda Ronstadt's turn to prove that even if it's long past her shelf life, she is still cool, rad and with it. And how better to establish her grooviness than by calling President Trump another Hitler?

In the good old days, over-the-hill celebrities like Rose McGowan, Ashley Judd, Susan Strasberg and Ms. Ronstadt, would collaborate with a ghostwriter to churn out tell-all books bragging about all the famous men they'd had sex with back in their heyday. Now, they settle for calling the president dirty names.

How I long for those golden days of yore.

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■ An article by Terence P. Jeffrey titled "\$1,163,090,000,000: Federal Spending Sets Record Through December" was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 14, 2020.

Finances

- An article titled "Boeing Travails Begin to Ripple; 2,800 Jobs Lost in Kansas" was posted at apnews.com on Jan. 10, 2020.
- A Reuters article by David Shepardson titled "U.S. Regulator Seeks to Fine Boeing \$5.4 Million for Defective Parts on 737 MAX Planes" was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 10, 2020.
- A Reuters article by David Shepardson and Tracy Rucinski titled "Boeing's Ousted CEO Departs With \$62 Million, Even Without Severance Pay" was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 10, 2020.
- An article titled "Milk Has Long Been a Staple of American Life; But Now, the Dairy Industry Is in Trouble" was posted at time.com on Jan. 9, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Scott DiSavino titled "U.S. Coal-Fired Power Plants Closing Fast Despite Trump's Pledge of Support for Industry" was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 13, 2020.
- An article titled "Victoria's Secret Is Fading Into Obscurity, Jefferies [Analyst Randal Konik] Warns" was posted at bloomberg.com on Jan. 9, 2020.

Trade war

- An article titled "China Faces Manufacturing Exodus As Trade War Takes It's Toll" was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 10, 2020.
- A Reuters article by David Lawder and Andrea Shalal titled "China to Ramp Up U.S. Buys Under Trade Deal, But Skeptics Question Targets" was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 13, 2020.
- An article by Joe McDonald titled "China Welcomes Currency Decision [Dropping China From List of Currency Manipulators] Ahead of Trade Deal With US" was posted at apnews.com on Jan. 13, 2020.

Green New Deal

- Looking back to July, an article by Adam Shaw titled "AOC's Top Aide Admits Green New Deal About the Economy, Not Climate" was posted at foxnews.com on July 12, 2019.
- An article by Christina Maxouris and Andy Rose titled "Glacier National Park Is Replacing Signs That Predicted Its Glaciers Would Be Gone by 2020" was posted at cnn.com on Jan. 8, 2020.

Illegal immigration

■ An article by Bronson Stocking titled "NY Law Automatically Registers Illegal Aliens to Vote" was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 10, 2020.

Comments about weapons

- An article titled "Virginia Beach Votes to Make Itself a Second Amendment Sanctuary for Gun Owners" was posted at foxnews.com on Jan. 9, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Brad Brooks titled "As Virginia Governor Vows New Gun Control Push, Capitol [in Richmond] Braces for Protests" was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 10, 2020.

Comments about Trump support

- An article by Susan Jones titled "Sen. Cruz: Obama Administration Paid for the Missiles Fired at U.S. Bases Tuesday Night" was posted at cnsnews. com on Jan. 8, 2020.
- An article titled "Trey Gowdy Says Goal of Democrats' Impeachment of President Trump Is to Weaken Vulnerable GOP Senators" was posted at foxnews.com on Jan. 9, 2020.
- An article by Jonathan Easley titled "Trump Campaign Steps Up Attacks on Sanders" was posted at thehill.com on Jan. 11, 2020.

Comments about Trump opposition

- An article by Brian Slodysko titled "Democrats' Contempt for Trump Fuels an Online Cash Surge [More Than \$1 Billion]" was posted at apnews.com on Jan. 9, 2020.
- An article by Hanna Trudo titled "Bloomberg Spent \$200 Million and Isn't on Track to Score a Single Delegate" was posted at thedailybeast.com on Jan. 11, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Jason Lange titled "'I'm Spending All My Money to Get Rid of Trump': Michael Bloomberg" was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 12, 2020.
- An article by Michelle Mark titled "Michael Bloomberg Says He'll Spend Big to Defeat Trump, Even If That Means Supporting Bernie Sanders or Elizabeth Warren" was posted at businessinsider.com on Jan. 11, 2020.
- An article by Tom Elliott titled "Elizabeth Warren: 'Survival of Our Planet' Depends on the 2020 Election" was posted at grabien.com on Jan. 10, 2020.
- An article titled "Warren, Sanders Wealth Taxes Could Cost American Workers \$1 Trillion, Economists Say" was posted at foxnews.com on Jan. 12, 2020.
- An article by Reagan McCarthy titled "Time [Magazine] Profile Reveals Pelosi Got Idea to Withhold Article [of Impeachment] From CNN's John Dean" was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 9, 2020.

■ An article by Jon Sharman titled "Trump a Dangerous, Irresponsible Narcissist Who Bombed Soleimani to Distract From Impeachment, Canadian CEO [Michael McCain of Meatpacking Firm, Maple Leaf Foods] Says" was posted at independent.co.uk on Jan. 13, 2020.

News about the media

- An article by Julio Rosas titled "CNN Anchor [Alisyn Camerota] Tells Sen. Gillibrand That McConnell 'Won' Against Pelosi's Impeachment 'Ploy' " was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 9, 2020.
- An article by Josh Gerstein titled "Journalist [Sharyl Attkisson] Seeks to Revive Litigation Over Alleged Surveillance by Feds" was posted at politico.com on Jan. 10, 2020.
- An article by Juliet Chung, Corrie Driebusch and Rebecca Ballhaus titled "Trump Allies Explore Buyout of Conservative Channel [One America News Network] Seeking to Compete With Fox News" was posted at wsj.com on Jan. 10, 2020.

General interest

- An article by Katherine Ellen Foley titled "Cancer Deaths in the US Are Falling Faster Than Ever" was posted at qz.com on Jan. 10, 2020.
- An article titled "Robots Out of Work As Automated Businesses Close in Bay Area" was posted at apnews.com on Jan. 10, 2020.
- An article by Danica Coto titled "Magnitude 5.9 Shock Again Rock's Quake-Stunned Puerto Rico" was posted at apnews.com on Jan. 11, 2020.
- An article by Mary Papenfuss titled "Reward Boosted to \$7,500 for Nailing Killer of Endangered California Wolf" was posted at huffpost.com on Jan. 11, 2020.
- An article titled "Toyota Recalls Nearly 700,000 Vehicles in U.S." was posted at cbsnews.com on Jan. 14, 2020.

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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."