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Above, the Rotary Club was kept busy feeding the hundreds of Whitecourtians who turned out for Family Day activities at Rotary Park. The club was also celebrating 100 years of giving.

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by Florence Storseth

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Our charter which we received on April 11, 1947 bears the names of: Mrs. R. Parks, Mrs. Pauline Schulte, Mrs. A. McKeand, Mrs. J. Machtemes, Mrs. H. Nickason.

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Mrs. Ryckman Sr. receiving life membership pin from Beth Bujeau, District Commander 1972. Florence Storseth looks on, before receiving her 25 year pin.



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March 8 - 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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Fake news and you

Britain has created a parliamentary committee to look into 'fake news'. This original overt establishment plan, propagated in the western countries, was to find ways to stymie fake stories that spring up in the age of the Internet; ostensibly so the voter can be properly informed.

There are already independent websites out there, such as snopes.com and hoaxbusters.org, doing a good job of providing an analysis of the fake news our would-be protectors say they are targeting.

So why the concern by the authorities?

In a nutshell, it is that the independent hoax busters, and individuals looking to think and compare the validity of Internet news are, well, independent. They are not under the sway of the heavily centralized, thoroughly compromised, mainstream media.

The problem, for the elitists, is that with the age of the Internet there are many stories surfacing that directly contradict the official line. For example, it is proving to be impossible to keep a lid on information about the massive monetary fraud that passes for our financial system.

So there was a plan to protect us from the fake news on the Internet; or at least that was the overt plan. The covert plan was to use various sophisticated propagated techniques to lump accurate dissident information in with the hoax stories, the better to keep us uninformed.

Except the genie is out of the bottle. Much to the chagrin of the would-be manipulators, their own, no doubt carefully chosen, sobriquet, 'fake news' has been reflected back at them. U.S. president Trump's use of the term for the mainstream media is just an echo of his populist base. What is more, polls show that general trust in the validity of establishment media is at an all-time low and falling.

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Alberta Advantage long gone to

For those not following the investment news, Alberta now ranks lower than both of our neighbouring provinces as a place to invest for oil and gas. Even if oil prices continue their comeback, it seems unlikely that the Alberta Advantage will return anytime soon. A reason is that policies being put in place by the current provincial government promise to hurt big and small businesses alike for some time.



Along with personal and corporate tax hikes, there is also a major increase in the minimum wage that is damaging to small businesses, a new carbon tax that goes into general government taxes, a major increase in the education portion of property taxes, increased taxes on high earners and so on. All of this of course took place in the midst of a major meltdown in oil prices.

A report released by the Fraser Institute reiterated Alberta dropped 18 spots to 43rd out of 96 jurisdictions worldwide from 2015 to 2016 on a "policy perception index," which measures the extent that government policy discourages oil and gas investment.

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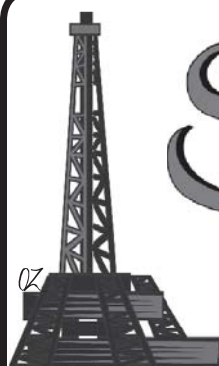
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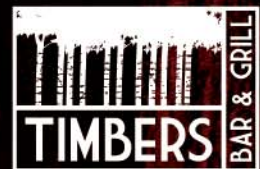


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This has continued the drop from 2014, when Alberta ranked in the top 15, but fell to 25 in 2015. This means over the last two years, there are 28 more jurisdictions receiving investment preference over Alberta for the oil and gas industry, including Saskatchewan and B.C.

The 2014 drop is interesting in that it was the PCs in power then. A saying at that time was that people were not abandoning the PCs during the 2015 election, but that the PCs had abandoned them. In many ways it seemed the PCs were bowing to an out of touch elitist agenda, rather than giving the concerns of their electorate priority.

Of course the split in the electorate between the PCs and the Wild Rose that led to the NDP victory had most wishing for the good old days of the more gradual decline in the Alberta Advantage caused by the PC government.

However, with the Trump victory, consideration of the people's concerns may once again be on the up-swing. As Edmonton Sun Columnist Anthony Furey pointed out, Trumps inauguration speech included the observation that his platform was largely based on "the just and reasonable demands of a righteous public". This is opposed to political platforms being based on an elitist agenda in which the interests of the voter often seem an afterthought. Time will tell if Trump can do anything.

A final point to consider is that the U.S. could indeed do much better than Trump as a presidential choice. Where the mainstream media and their ill-informed followers fail is in self awareness. They don't know enough to realize that with all his faults, Trump is still a step up from the reality behind their preferred candidates.

As it stands, this province, and Canada as a whole, have to weather leaders who are seemingly oblivious to the undemocratic reality of the global elitist agenda. There is talk of a major change coming in the so-called democratic world, and hopefully Canada is not far behind in this endeavour.

In Alberta, the 'unite the right' movement could ensure a move towards more voter representation in the next election. Still, at the federal level, the carbon tax continues to be pushed. What is more, rather than use the publicly owned Bank of Canada, there is work on a new infrastructure bank under the guidance of vampire private bankers. Already there is talk of new taxes, toll roads and so on for this next squeeze.



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Oil Market Update

Saudi Arabia produced less than its allotted quota in January, helping to bring one million barrels per day of OPEC crude supply offline. Iraq made two thirds of its agreed cuts, while Russia delivered on a third of promised reductions thus far.

Canadian drilling activity remained near a two-year high at the start of February. While the vast majority of recent activity has been focused on the Prairies, British Columbia's Montney region is also generating renewed interest.

U.S. crude output has grown by over half a million barrels per day in the past four months. Continued progression in the number of active rigs, combined with sustained productivity gains, suggest additional upside potential in terms of 2017 supply growth.

Western Canada sees renewed interest as a growth region

Similar to the U.S., Canada has seen a sustained pickup in drilling so far in 2017. As of early February, the number of active rigs remained near a two-year high. Much of the pickup has been focused on the Prairies – 88 percent of all Canadian oil and gas drilling was split between Alberta and Saskatchewan in the first week of February – but the largely natural gas-focused Montney region of British Columbia is also generating considerable attention as an investment destination. At its January 2017 public tender, the provincial oil and gas rights sale raised more than it had for the past two years combined, at nearly \$40 million.

As long as rising North American production continues to be offset by supply cuts among major OPEC and non-OPEC producers, oil prices are likely to remain fairly stable in the coming months. Moreover, with global demand expected to grow steadily, significant inventory drawdowns – likely a necessary condition for higher prices – remain a distinct possibility. For now, all eyes are on Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Russia, to gauge whether the record initial compliance achieved thus far can be sustained by the accord's biggest and most influential participants.

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Wednesdays - Weekday Storytime @ 10:30, Each Week, March 1 iPhone basics - 6 - 7:30.

Thursdays - ESL 6:30 except for 16th & 23rd, My Baby & Me @ 9:30 am Each Week. Teen Night @ 7 to 8 March 16th, Teen Movie Night @ 6 to 8 pm March 30.

Fridays - Senior's Program @ 2 pm March 17th

Saturdays - Saturday Storytime @ 10:30, Saturday Afternoon Movie @ 1 pm Each Week, Mini-Stix Hockey Tournament, 1 to 4 pm on March 18.

Anatomy of a 'fake news' story

In the controversy over what constitutes 'fake news' the mainstream media is following its tried and true methods of creating false impressions in the most subtle and skillful of ways. For example, recently there have been a plethora of stories, including in the Edmonton Sun, headlined along the lines of 'Trump pens made in China'.

The impression made by the headline is that Trump is a hypocrite, or incompetent, in his America first policy; in the most public of ways by flourishing pens made in China.

Seriously, it would be remiss if the leader of the most powerful country in the world was concerned with where his pens were made, or instituted an unworkable policy whereby everything the Whitehouse used had to immediately be American made. If he was so inclined, much harsher, and more justifiable, criticism could and would be levied along the lines of 'what is the matter with this kook, that he is spending his first days in office focussing on where his pens are made, instead of more serious issues'.

Secondly, the pens that Trump is using were the ones the Whitehouse had been using since the at least the time of Gerald Ford. The headline leaves the impression that there is something new or newsworthy going on in re-

gards to Trump using the 'made in China' pen.

Or that would be the case, if the pens were actually 'made in China', which they are not. They are assembled in America, from both foreign and domestic made parts, making them more of an American product than most things made there these days. One part is processed in China. The mainstream articles generally admit the latter points, but then do nothing to change the headline.

A point made in the comments section regarding the Trump showdown on 'news' is that many of the journalists involved believe they are being impartial, while engaging in blatant discrimination and the creation of false impressions. (Ed - and they got to feed their kids).

Hebert Schiller in Culture Inc stated "It is not necessary to construct a theory of intentional cultural control. In truth, the strength of the control process rests in its apparent absence. The desired systemic result is achieved ordinarily by a loose, though effective, institutional process. It utilizes the education of journalists and other media professionals, built-in penalties and rewards for doing what is expected, norms presented as objective rules, and the occasional but telling direct intrusion from above. The main lever is the internalization of values."

MONTHLY QUIZ SPELLING

1.) Nightclub with dancing; "dis ko tek" 2) A trace; "sin til ah" 3) Wishing good health to the sneezer; "ge zununt hite"

VOCABULARY

1.) Scalene: measured to fit, down-sized, with unequal sides, scaly 2) A Scapular is worn on the: head shoulders wrist ankles 3) Scarify: to frighten, to slightly cut, to make scarce, to object

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- 2.) A R T A K
- 3.) Q U E L A P
- 4.) D U C C O N T

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The Town of Whitecourt is hosting a 2017 Budget Open House on Wednesday, March 8 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Allan & Jean Millar Centre. The event, which is in its second year, will provide information to the public on the interim budget, provide opportunity for rate-payers to comment, and allow for two-way communication between the public and Whitecourt representatives.

In celebration of Canada's 150th anniversary, the Whitecourt Communities in Bloom Committee proposed that the municipality install flagpoles at Memorial Point. The Committee feels this would be a lasting and patriotic celebration to mark this milestone for our country. The item has been forwarded to 2017 budget deliberations for further discussion.

Whitecourt will be advocating on behalf of the Whitecourt Trailblazers to Alberta Transportation in regards to an enhanced snowmobile crossing of the Athabasca River. Currently, snowmobiles can only cross the Athabasca River when weather conditions allow. The Club would like to see a more permanent solution to provide safe crossing for those snowmobiling in the area, and suggested that the Athabasca River bridge be extended/modified to allow for snowmobile traffic. Whitecourt will be requesting that Alberta Infrastructure conduct a review of options for providing safe crossing on Highway 43.

The final 2016 Project List was submitted to Council for review. The list outlines projects and initiatives undertaken during the 2016 budget year. A copy of the list is available on www.whitecourt.ca.

Members of Whitecourt Town Council will be attending the 2017 Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference in Ottawa June 1 to 4.

Wolverines make long-term commitment to stay in Whitecourt

The Whitecourt Wolverines are proud to announce that the team is committed to staying in Whitecourt for the long term. The decision was made following a recent meeting between the Club's owner, Brent Stark, and Whitecourt's Mayor and Town Council.

"I love Whitecourt. I've always said that the town has given me and my family everything that I have, and I want this team to succeed in Whitecourt," said Whitecourt Wolverine owner Brent Stark.

With this recent announcement, the Whitecourt Wolverines and the Town of Whitecourt are exploring long-term partnership opportunities, both in terms of marketing and infrastructure enhancements.

"I'm thrilled with the Club's decision," remarked Whitecourt Mayor Maryann Chichak. "The Town sees the value this Club has in our community – not only for residents in terms of entertainment and the youth for mentorship, but also in terms of economic benefit."

The Whitecourt Wolverines and the Town of Whitecourt will be working collaboratively to make enhancements to the Scott Safety Centre for the Club's permanent and exclusive use.

"Thank you to the Town of Whitecourt for continuing to work in partnership with us to meet the Club's goals and objectives, both short and long term," added Stark. "We thank our fans and sponsors for their continued support and are looking for new and innovative ways to market our team."

For information on the Whitecourt Wolverines visit www.whitecourtwolverines.ca.



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Keep the following guidelines in mind when playing near or on the ice:

- Lakes undergoing aeration projects to minimize fish kills from severe winter conditions often have areas of open water and thin ice. These lakes are considered potentially hazardous to the public and are required to have highly visible signage stating the dangers.
- Never walk on ice that is less than 10 cm (4 in.) thick and do not drive on ice that is less than 30 cm (12 in.) thick. When in doubt, don't do it.
- Beware of ice near the inlet and outlet of streams. Always be extra cautious on river and stream ice. Ice can vary in thickness and strength from area to area because of temperature, water current, springs, snow cover, and time of year.
- Do not drive fast, follow

closely behind, or park near another vehicle on the ice. Ice can bend and crack with the weight of people, vehicles or heavy snow. Keep an eye on ice and snow conditions ahead of you. If the weather has been warm or heavy snow has depressed the ice, there may be hidden slush traps that can trap a vehicle.

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The Italian Banking Crisis: No Free Lunch – Or Is There?

by Ellen Brown

It has been called “a bigger risk than Brexit”— the Italian banking crisis that could take down the eurozone. Handwriting officials say “there is no free lunch” and “no magic bullet.” But UK Prof. Richard Werner says the magic bullet is just being ignored.



“*The biggest banks are always rescued, no matter how negligent or corrupt, because in our existing system, banks create the money we use in trade.*”

In December 2016, Italian voters rejected a referendum to amend their constitution to give the government more power, and the Italian prime minister resigned. The resulting chaos has pushed Italy’s already-troubled banks into bankruptcy. First on the chopping block is the 500 year old Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena SpA (BMP), the oldest surviving bank in the world and the third largest bank in Italy. The concern is that its loss could trigger the collapse of other banks and even of the eurozone itself.

There seems little doubt that BMP and other insolvent banks will be rescued. The biggest banks are always rescued, no matter how negligent or corrupt, because in our existing system, banks create the money we use in trade. Virtually the entire money supply is now created by banks when they make loans, as the Bank of England has acknowledged. When the banks collapse, economies collapse, because bank-created money is the grease that oils the wheels of production.

So the Italian banks will no doubt be rescued. The question is, how? Normally, distressed banks can raise cash by selling their non-performing loans (NPLs) to other investors at a discount; but recovery on the mountain of Italian bad debts is so doubtful that foreign investors are unlikely to bite. In the past, bankrupt too-big-to-fail banks have sometimes been nationalized. That discourages “moral hazard” – rewarding banks for bad behavior – but it’s at the cost of imposing the bad debts on the government. Further, new EU rules require a “bail in” before a government bailout, something the Italian government is desperate to

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avoid. As explained on a European website called Social Europe:

The EU's banking union, which came into force in January 2016, prescribes that when a bank runs into trouble, existing stakeholders – namely, shareholders, junior creditors and, sometimes, even senior creditors and depositors with deposits in excess of the guaranteed amount of €100,000 – are required to take a loss before public funds can be used

[The problem is that] the subordinated bonds that would take a hit are not simply owned by well-off families and other banks: as much as half of the €60 billion of subordinated bonds are estimated to be owned by around 600,000 small savers, who in many cases were fraudulently mis-sold these bonds by the banks as being risk-free (as good as deposits basically).

The government got a taste of the potential backlash a year ago, when it forced losses onto the bondholders of four small banks. One victim made headlines when he hung himself and left a note blaming his bank, which had taken his entire €100,000 savings.

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Goldman Sachs Weighs In

It is not just the small savers that are at risk. According to a July 2016 article titled “Look Who’s Frantically Demanding That Taxpayers Stop Italy’s Bank Melt-down”:

The total exposure of French banks and private investors alone to Italian government debt exceeds €250 billion. Germany holds €3.2 billion worth of Italian bonds. Deutsche bank alone has nearly €12 billion worth of Italian bonds on its books. The other banking sectors most at risk of contagion are Spain (€44.6 billion), the U.S. (€42.3 billion) the UK (€29.8 billion) and Japan (€27.6 billion).

. . . All of which helps to explain why banks and their representatives at the IMF and the ECB are frantically demanding a no-expenses-spared taxpayer-funded rescue of Italy’s banking sys-

tem.

It could also explain why Goldman Sachs took it upon itself to propose a way out of this dilemma: instead of buying Italian government bonds in their quantitative easing program, the ECB and the central bank of Italy could buy the insolvent banks’ nonperforming loans.

As observed in a July 2016 article in The Financial Times titled “Goldman: Italy’s Bank Saga – Not Such a Big Deal,” Italy’s NPLs then stood at €210bn, and the ECB was buying €120bn per year of outstanding Italian government bonds as part of its quantitative easing (QE) scheme. The author quoted Goldman’s Francesco Garza-relli, who said, “by the time QE is over – not sooner than end 2017, on our baseline scenario – around a fifth of Italy’s public debt will be sitting on the Bank of Italy’s balance sheet.” Bringing the entire net stock of bad loans onto the government’s balance sheet, he said, would be equivalent to just nine months’ worth of Italian government bond purchases by the ECB.

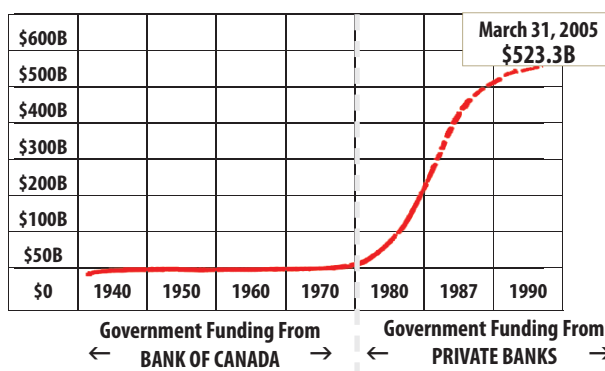
Buying bank debt with money generated by the central bank would rescue the banks without cost to the taxpayers, the bondholders or the government. So why hasn’t this option been pursued?

The Inflation Objection

Perhaps the concern is that it would be inflationary. But UK Prof. Richard Werner, who invented the term “quantitative easing” when he was advising the Japanese in the 1990s, says inflation would not result. In 2012, he proposed a similar solution to the European banking crisis, citing three successful historical precedents.

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National Debt - Public vs Private



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One was the US Federal Reserve's quantitative easing program, in which it bought \$1.7 trillion in mortgage-backed securities from the banks. These securities were widely understood to be "toxic" – Wall Street's own burden of NPLs. The move was highly controversial, but it worked for its intended purpose: the banks did not collapse, the economy got back on its feet, and the much-feared inflation did not result. Werner says this was because no new money entered the non-bank economy. The QE was just an accounting maneuver, an asset swap in the reserve accounts of the banks themselves.

His second example was in Britain in 1914, when the British banking sector collapsed after the government declared war on Germany. This was not a good time for a banking crisis, so the Bank of England simply bought the banks' NPLs. "There was no credit crunch," wrote Werner, "and no recession. The problem was solved at zero cost to the taxpayer."

For a third example, he cited the Japanese banking crisis of 1945. The banks had totally collapsed, with NPLs that amounted to virtually 100 percent of their assets:

But in 1945 the Bank of Japan had no interest in creating a banking crisis and a credit crunch recession. Instead it wanted to ensure that bank credit would flow again, delivering economic growth. So the Bank of Japan bought the non-performing assets from the banks – not at market value (close to zero), but significantly above market value.

In each of these cases, Werner wrote:

The operations were a complete success. No inflation resulted. The currency did not weaken. Despite massive non-performing assets wiping out the solvency and equity of the banking sector, the banks' health was quickly restored. In the UK and Japanese case, bank credit started to recover quickly, so that there was virtually no recession at all as a result.

For Italy and other "peripheral" eurozone countries, Werner suggests a two-pronged approach: (1) the central bank should buy the distressed banks' NPLs with QE, and (2) the government should borrow from the banks

rather than from bondholders. Borrowing in the bond market fattens the underwriters but creates no new money in the form of bank credit for the economy. Borrowing from banks does create new money as bank credit.

Clearly, when central banks want to save the banking system without cost to the government or the people, they know how to do it. So the question remains, why hasn't the ECB followed the Federal Reserve's lead and pursued this option?

The Moral Hazard Objection

Perhaps it is because banks that know they will be rescued from their bad loans will keep making bad loans. But the same moral hazard would ensue from a bailout or a bail-in, which virtually all interested parties seem to be advocating. And as was observed in an article titled "Italy: Banking Crisis or Euro Crisis?", the cause of the banks' insolvency in this case was actually something beyond the banks' control – the longest and deepest recession in Italy's history.

Werner argues that the moral hazard argument should instead be applied to the central bank, which actually was responsible for

the recession due to the massive credit bubbles its policies allowed and encouraged. Rather than being punished for these policies, however, the ECB has been rewarded with even more power and control. Werner writes:

There is thus a form of regulatory moral hazard in place: regulators that obtain more powers after crises may not have sufficient incentives to avoid such crises.

To avoid the moral hazard of bank malfeasance in the future, the banks could then be regulated so that they were harnessed to serve the public interest, or they could be nationalized. This could be done without cost to the government, since the NPLs would have been erased from the books.

For a long-term solution, the money that is now created by banks in pursuit of their own profit either needs to be issued by governments (as has been done quite successfully in the past, going back to the American colonies) or it needs to be created by banks that are required to serve the public interest. And for that to happen, the banks need to be made public utilities.

“Clearly, when central banks want to save the banking system without cost to the government or the people, they know how to do it.”

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son, Mrs. H. Monson, Mrs. E. Strand, Mrs. E. Culver, Mrs. J. Coley, Mrs. W. Koppe, Mrs. O. Storseth, Mrs. B. Nickason, Mrs. W. Thomson Sr.

Florence Storseth is the only remaining member of the charter members, with the exception of Mrs. W. Thomson Sr. who is a life member.

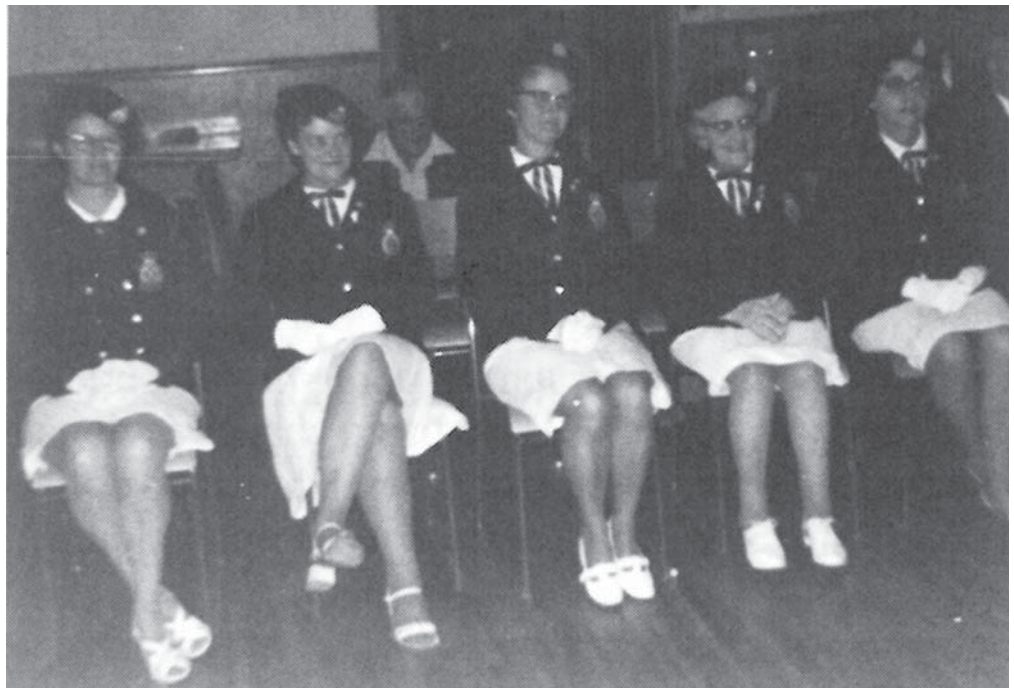
Raffles, dances and bazaars were the main means of raising money. Our first dance was held in the old community hall on May 2, 1947 with Carl Johnson's orchestra supplying the music, price of which was forty-five dollars. Our meetings were usually held once a month in the homes of the members, namely Mrs. Swan Monson, Mrs. Ernest Strand, Mrs. Harold Monson, Mrs. Francis Barr, Mrs. Walter Thomson Sr. and Mrs. R. Krause.

1948-49 President was Mrs. Pauline Schulte

1950-52 President was Mrs. M. L. Ryckman

The Legion received word of an inheritance from the late Mr. George Glew, an old-timer of the district, money to be used for the construction of a new Legion Hall. The ladies sent a cheque in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars part of the price to probate the will.

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Legion Auxiliary 25th Anniversary 1972. Left to right: F. Redington, M Melynck, F. Storseth, M. Ryckman, W. Clement



Fort Legion and Ladies Auxiliary July 1st parade 1975

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1953 President was Mrs. W. Thomson Sr. and our membership was twenty-two, highest ever. Our new Legion Hall was officially opened on August 14,

1953 and we continued to work hard at bazaars, raffles and teas, to help with upkeep of the hall, etc.

1954-56 President was Mrs. F. Redington. We have sponsored T.B. Clinics in the hall, been in charge of Red Cross campaigns, plus supporting our own projects such as: Polio, Scholarship Funds, plus bursaries for our grade twelve students who go on to further their education.

1957-58 — President was Mrs. C. Wiese. We held annual Legion picnics and Christmas parties with gifts and treats for all members and veterans' children.

1959-62 — President was Mrs. M. L. Ryckman.

1963-69 — President was Mrs. M. Melynk. In 1966 we hosted the District Rally at Fort Assiniboine.

1970 — President was Mrs. Florence Storseth.

1971 — President was Mrs. Kay Carter.

1972-1981 — President was Mrs. Rita Macdonald.

In 1978 the ladies started a memorial building fund, and this year (1981) we had a chance to donate it to the Legion in the sum of several thousand dollars to help with the building of the hall basement lounge.

In 1976 we started bingos every two weeks which we have kept up ever since.

Our Life Memberships are: Mrs. M. L. Ryckman, Mrs. Connie Skahi and Mrs. W. Thomson Sr. Mrs. M. L. Ryckman has been our devoted Chaplain throughout the years. Our present membership is twelve with six associate members.

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Robert Pape, a political scientist at the University of Chicago and director of the Chicago Project on Suicide Terrorism, wanted to study terrorism in a more systematic way. He put together a comprehensive databank which examines every one of the 2,200 suicide terrorist attacks in the world since 1980.

Pape, who previously taught at the U.S. Air Force's School of Advanced Airpower Studies, concludes that such attacks almost always "have a specific secular and strategic goal: to compel modern democracies to withdraw military forces from territory that the terrorists consider to be their homeland."

Pape notes that since 9/11, the United States "has conquered and occupied two large Muslim countries (Afghanistan and Iraq), compelled a huge Muslim army to root out a terrorist sanctuary (Pakistan), deployed thousands of Special Forces troops to numerous Muslim countries (Yemen, Somalia, Sudan, etc.), imprisoned hundreds of

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Muslims without recourse ... Yet Americans still seem strangely mystified as to why some Muslims might be angry about this situation."

James K. Feldman – former professor of decision analysis and economics at the Air Force Institute of Technology and the School of Advanced Airpower Studies – also avers that foreign occupation is the main cause of terrorism

With the anti-IS campaign, Syria has now become the 14th country in the Islamic world to have been "invaded or occupied or bombed" since 1980, according to Andrew Bacevich, the George McGovern fellow at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs. Yet somehow, we don't connect Western military actions to terrorism.

Arguing for the other side, some time ago famed lawyer Alan Dershowitz wrote that "the old myth (about terrorism being caused by occupation) was once again uncut by the arrests in Britain of two-dozen suspects in a plot to blow up ten commercial

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airliners. There is no British occupation about which the suspects care.... Britain, of course, is one of the freest countries on Earth. The suspects do not live—and apparently have not lived—under occupation. And yet the same slogan—that occupation causes terrorism—will persist.”

There are two underlying assumptions in Mr. Der-showitz's argument. In arguing there is no 'British occupation about which the suspects care' he not only makes a sweeping, unproven statement, but he also seems ignorant of the fact that terrorists regard members of the allied western powers in much the same way as the Allies regarded the Axis members during WWII. The entire alliance is the enemy of course and the terrorists have stated this obvious fact often.

In saying the suspects themselves do not live under occupation is to ignore the fact that immigrants and their children naturally identify with oppression against their home countries, and not just because they have friends and family there. This again is an obvious truth, and the massive American Jewish support for Israel is but one example of this human dynamic. In short, the fact these two rather astounding oversights are necessary for Dershowitz's rebuttal, give credence to Pape's thesis.



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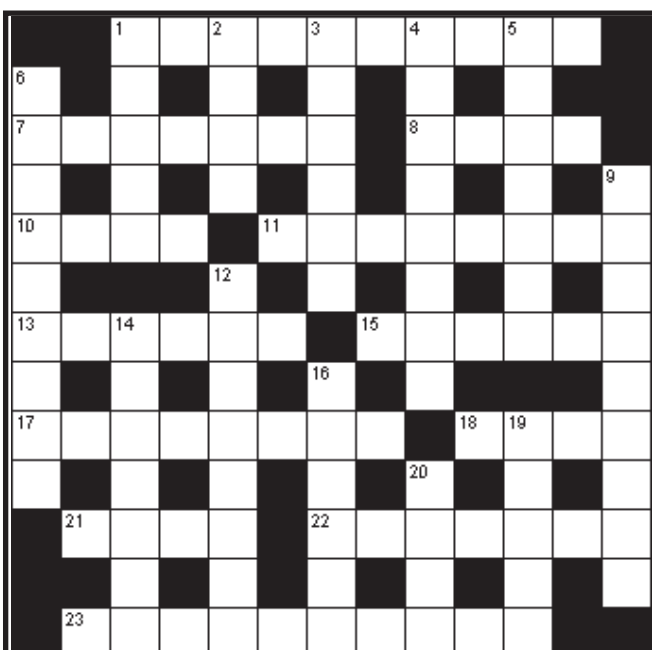
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The “Beatification” of Barack Obama. The “Good Guy” Storyline is Set...

“With Barack Obama’s exit the US is losing a saint.” writes Simon Jenkins in the Guardian, whilst Ann Perkins praises his “grace, decency and defence of democracy”. Lola Okolosie rhapsodises on his legacy of “warmth, love, resilience”.

Already the storyline is set – Obama was a good man, who tried to do great things, but was undone by a Republican senate, and his own “sharp intelligence”.

These people, as much as anybody, reflect the cognitive dissonance of the modern press. “Liberals”, to use their own tortured self-descriptor, now assign the roles of good guy and bad guy based purely on aesthetics, convenience and fuel for their vanity. Actions and consequences are immaterial.

For the sake of balance, here is a list of Saint Obama’s unique achievements:

- Obama is the first President in American history to be at war for every single day of an 8 year presidency.
- Obama has carried out 10x more drone strikes than Bush ever did. Every Tuesday a military aide presents Obama with a “kill list”, and the “decent, gracious” Obama picks a few names off a list...and kills them. And their families. And their neighbours. These illegal acts of state-sanctioned murder have killed hundreds of civilians in 5 different countries in 2016 alone. The only reason that number isn’t higher, is that the Obama administration re-classified all males over 18 as combatants, regardless of occupation.
- After declaring he wanted to build a “nuclear free world”, Obama committed to spending \$1 TRILLION dollars on rebuilding America’s nuclear weapons. He also grew the U.S. debt by 9 TRILLION.
- Under Obama, the NSA et al. were able to spy on, essentially, the whole world. When this was revealed, not a single intelligence officer or government official was prosecuted. Instead...
- Obama’s administration declared a “war on whis-

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teblowers”, enacting new laws and initiating what they call the “Insider Threat Program”. Manning was prosecuted, Snowden sent into exile and Assange was set-up, discredited and (they hoped) extradited. It has never been more dangerous to be a government whistle-blower, than under Barack Obama

- In terms of foreign policy, despite his press-created and nonsensical reputation as a non-interventionist, American Special Forces are currently operating in over 70% of the world’s 195 countries. The great lie is that, where Bush was a warmonger, Obama has sought to avoid conflict. The truth is that Obama, in the grand tradition of the CIA and American Imperial power, has simply turned all America’s wars into covert wars.

- Before Obama came into office, Libya was the richest and most developed nation in Africa. It is now a hell-hole. Destroyed by war, hollowed-out by corruption. The “liberal” press allow him to agonize over this as his “greatest mistake”, and then gently pardon him for his good intentions. The truth is that Libya was not a mistake, or a misjudgment, or an unforeseen consequence. Libya is exactly what America wanted it to become. A failed state where everything is for sale, a base to pour illegal CIA weapons south into Africa and east into the Middle-East. When war is your economy, chaos is good for business. When secrecy is your weapon, anarchy is ammunition. Libya went according to plan. A brutal plan that killed 100,000s and destroyed the lives of millions more. Libya, like Iraq, is a neocon success story. Syria on the other hand...

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- Syria, probably the word that will follow Obama out of office as “Iraq” did his predecessor, is a total failure. Both of stated intent and covert goals. Where the press will mourn Obama’s “indecisive nature” and wish he’d “used his big stick”, the real story is one of evil incompetence, so great that it would be almost comical...if it hadn’t destroyed an ancient seat of civilisation and killed 100,000s of people. Syria (along with Libya, Iraq, Somalia, Iran and Sudan) was on the list of the 7 countries America intended to destroy, famously “leaked” by General Wesley Clark. After the fall of Libya, Syria was (essentially) surrounded by American military on all sides. Iraq, Israel, Turkey and America operating out of Libya could pour “freedom fighters” into Syria to bring down “the regime”. When that didn’t work they deployed the trusty “WMD” method, to demand “humanitarian intervention”... the Russians saw that off. Then “ISIS” was created by the CIA, as al-Qaida were before them, and their manufactured barbarism was used as a pretext for invasion. The Russians, again, saw to it that this would not happen.

- Perhaps in the hope of distracting Russia from the Middle-East, or perhaps merely as a short-sighted punitive measure, the Obama’s administration next foreign policy target was Ukraine. Victoria Nuland’s own voice proves how much that “color revolution” was an American creation. Ukraine is broke, even more broke than it was, its people starve and freeze through the winter. The new “democratic government” has shelled 10,000 people to death in the East of the country....using American weapons.

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- In Yemen, the poorest country in the Middle-East is being bombed to shreds by the richest....again, using American (and British) weapons. Obama's "defense of democracy" doesn't extend to criticizing, or even discussing, the abhorrent Human Rights record of America's Saudi Arabian allies, and in an act of brazen hypocrisy, even supported their chairing of the Human Rights Council of the UN.

This is the world Saint Obama has created. Guantanamo is still open, and terrorist "suspects" are still held there without trial or charge (they are probably still tortured). Other "suspects" can be simply declared guilty, and unilaterally executed...anywhere in the world. The NSA and CIA are illegally monitoring the communications of half the world. If any other leader in the world claimed even 1% of this power, they would be decried as "autocratic", and their country denounced as a "pariah state".

The Middle-East is ablaze from Libya to Afghanistan, and from Yemen to Turkey. Relations with Russia are as precarious as at any time since WWII, thanks to America's efforts to break Russia economically and shatter their global influence. There is no sign that America intends to back-down (see the recent red-scare style hys-

teria in the American press). Likewise America has positioned itself to have a massive conflict with China in the South China Sea. Obama is, in terms of influence, nothing more than a used-car salesman. His job is not to create policy, but to sell neocon ideas to the general public, but his lack of agency cannot excuse his lack of vision or morals. Under Obama's notional leadership the world has moved to the very brink of self-immolation in the name of protecting American hegemony. Domestically America still crumbles.

He had a nice smile, and a good turn of phrase. He was witty, and cool, and looked good in a suit...but that doesn't mean he wasn't just more of the same. He could say the right things, and sound like he meant them, but he was still a monster. As he moves out to pasture, the press will try to spit-shine Obama's tarnished halo, to try to convince us that he was a good man at heart and that, as politicians go, we can't do any better.

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- 1.) discotheque
- 2.) scintilla
- 3.) gesundheit

VOCABULARY

- 1.) with unequal sides
- 2.) shoulders
- 3.) to slightly cut

WORD JUMBLE

- 1.) EXPO
- 2.) KARAT
- 3.) PLAQUE
- 4.) CONDUCT

WORLD GEOGRAPHY

- 1.) North Dakota
- 2.) Baltic Sea
- 3.) Portugal

Sudoku Answer

4	2	7	8	5	6	1	3	9
1	9	6	7	2	3	4	5	8
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5	1	4	3	7	8	6	9	2
2	6	8	1	9	5	3	7	4
9	7	3	4	6	2	8	1	5
6	3	9	2	4	7	5	8	1
7	5	2	6	8	1	9	4	3
8	4	1	5	3	9	7	2	6

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2003 Skidoo 600 w Reverse



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2002 Honda Civic



Pan Cooled, E Start
2013 Skidoo 550



4x4
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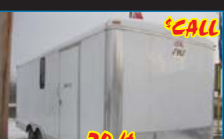
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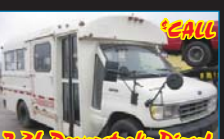
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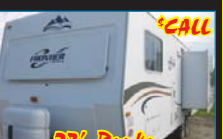
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27', Bunks
2006 Frontier



V6 Auto
2001 Pontiac Montana



Back (framework)
2004 30' Gooseneck



40 ft Toy Hauler
2010 Road Warrior



29' Bunks
2006 Corsair



Fifth Wheel
1998 Sportsman 21 Ft



With Slideout
1998 Dutchman



A Glass
1992 Mallard Motorhome



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