

"By 2005 or so, it will become clear that the Internet's impact on the economy has been no greater than the fax machine's."

Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Krugman

1998

Well Paul, I don't think that's a fax machine on this Samsung refrigerator...



"Samsung refrigerator with 32" touchscreen, built into refrigerator. Internet music and videos while connecting with your family and home".

I think so long as fossil fuels are cheap, people will use them and it will postpone a movement towards new technologies.

— Paul Krugman —

Also Paul, people were paying twice the normal price for that refrigerator when Biden had gas at well over \$5/gallon. The camel's nose reappeared when Samsung started sending ads to those screens. Their customers weren't very happy about it.

And then there's this...

The dark side of green energy is being revealed near Sweetwater, Texas, where authorities report more than 3,000 giant wind turbine blades have been illegally dumped. The Texas Attorney General's Office filed a civil lawsuit against those responsible.

I wonder if they cleaned up all the birds they killed and dumped them there too?

The Frank Report



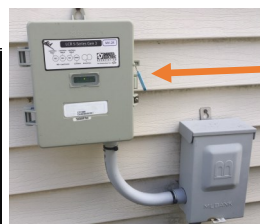
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All the news I see fit to print.

Freedom of the press belongs to those who own one.

Allowing a small, seemingly harmless compromise can lead to a much larger, unwanted consequence. It plays on the classic idiom: "If you let a camel get its nose under the tent, the rest of him will soon follow." I spotted my first camel nose when I moved into my current home. It had one those "smart" thermostats that I had a hell of a time getting to do what I wanted it to do. I checked my electric bill and found what they called a small discount for how they could control that thermostat.



They had previously installed this gadget that monitored and controlled how and when my HVAC system would work. I gave them 48 hours to remove it or I would remove it and bill them. It's now gone.

That "smart" thermostat has been replaced with a manual thermostat that gives me reliable 72 degrees in the winter and 68 degrees in the summer. Overnight from Amazon for \$30 and half hour of my time to install.



Appears to me that electric companies who bought into that "green energy" crap are now trying to recover from it by actually blocking their customers from buying the product they are selling. Instead of figuring out how to produce more product, they are focused on renewable (green) energy and will continue to miss the point about the need to have a sustainable energy mix. Such a mix has to include baseload power. This typically includes coal and nuclear. A sustainable energy mix cannot be maintained if baseload energy in the form of coal-fired power stations is phased out in favor of renewable energy in the form of solar and wind.

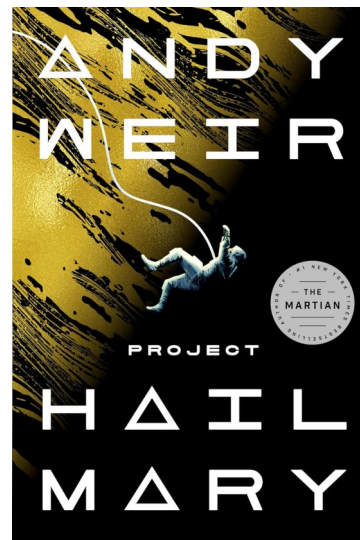
There is no empirical evidence to advance a positive case for renewable energy, in the form of wind and solar, as sustainable alternatives to coal power. In addition to coal, you need nuclear energy to ensure a sustainable basis for now and in the future. Ironically, the sale of electricity will provide the profit needed to build and improve the power grid.

Why are electric utilities discouraging you from buying it?



Book Report

If you've seen this movie, you may want to check out **Andy Weir** who wrote the book. It's better than the movie and should encourage you to read his other books...well worth your time. I first came across Andy from his short story **The Egg**. It's attached to this issue of the newsletter. (Yes, a very short story).



His latest book has been turned into a movie and **Project Hail Mary** is bringing fans to movie theaters again.

Good to see great authors rising specially after the total disaster of the Lee Child **Reacher** book **Exit Strategy**. Then there's Alan Ritchson, the TDS "star" of **Reacher** who can't keep his mouth shut and just got caught beating up a neighbor. Studios used to control actors. Maybe it's time for Amazon to put a muzzle on him?

**curmudgeon
quotes**



My coffee looked at me this morning and said, "sorry, I don't do miracles".

I'm not always called a racist, but when it happens. It's because I won an argument with a liberal.

If I'm quiet, it's because my internal lawyer advised me to shut up.

***NATO
Always there
when they need us.***

Maybe food is so expensive because 42 million people get it for free?

I understand why some people may find me annoying. I mean, I don't care, but I understand.

Democrats say voting machines are so accurate they take weeks to count the ballots when we used to do that in one day with paper ballots.

There are four silent K's in Knick Knack and three silent K's in Democrat.

Dems working as hard to block the SAVE Act just as they did to block the Civil Rights Act.

DHS shutdown not Dems fault and they'll keep it shutdown until their demands are met.

Any politician who doesn't want secure elections is most likely in office because we don't have secure elections.

***Voter ID is great idea.
Voter IQ is gooder.***

No sacrifice is too great for any politician as long as they don't have to make it.

Property taxes are based on what you SHOULD have paid for your house, not what you did.



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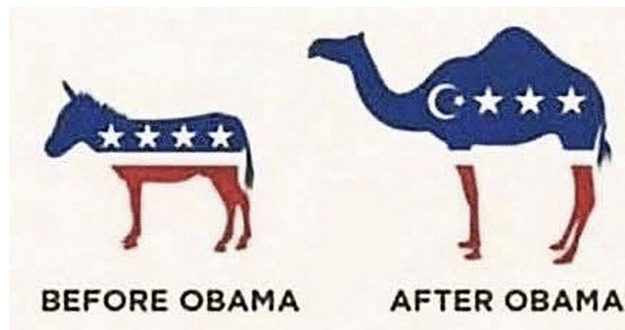
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That camel's nose is getting bigger...

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This is a tactic they learned from Microsoft who used to sell a dvd with the software on it and then "update" the software and refuse any support for the bugs in the software. In some cases (*Publisher software for example*) you will lose it because Microsoft decides to drop it from the next iteration of their operating system. In the case of Windows 11, your computer is left with an operating system Microsoft abandoned.

Given the revenue Microsoft extorts from software, have you noticed how much software is included when you buy a car or truck? Yep, that camel is completely off the leash at Volkswagen where you have to pay for an upgrade (*anywhere from \$300 to \$500*) in order to repair or replace a component involving the software unless you buy the expensive upgrade directly from VW instead of from an after market source like NAPA or AutoZone.



Democrats are still stuck with a primary ideology...TDS.

Obama not only tolerated the Iranian regime's development of a nuclear weapon, he helped the regime finance it. The ballistic missile program was okay with him too. Seems like Trump is getting rid of all of Obama's mullah buddies and has his eye on Cuba next. He's playing both projects close to the vest.

Tidbits

(a small and particularly interesting item of gossip or information)

Michigan reported 8.2 million registered voters in 2024. Michigan's voting-age citizen population was 7.6 million in 2024.

Journalist Angela Rose investigates Minnesota Rep Ilhan Omar's consulting headquarters who claims to manage \$60 billion in assets She goes into the building, walks every floor. They DO NOT EXIST.

Norway's wealth tax was increased looking for \$146M more. \$4B wealth left the country reducing tax revenue by \$594M. FAFO?

San Francisco spends \$141,852 per Homeless Person on Average which is almost the same as the median household income for 2025.

The Oscars, which mocked Turning Point USA's Super Bowl halftime show, got lower ratings than the TPUSA halftime show.

DHS Celebrates Ten Straight Months of Zero Illegal Aliens Released at the Border (*that why Democrats defunded them?*)

Illinois Democrat Pushes Serial Number Requirement for Handgun Ammunition...*so bullets need ID but not voters?*

Residents exiting Massachusetts took \$4.2 Billion in adjusted gross income with them in 2023, after a tax on millionaires took effect.

Current US Gas Prices Are Not Even Close to the Records Set by Biden.

Idaho lawmakers are advancing a measure that would require police officers in the state to verify immigration status when they arrest.

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