

Community Comment  
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A Friday fishwrap; national and local

More serious news happens on a daily basis in the age of darkness known as the Trump Administration. Just this week we have a Trump advisor go a bit crazy on national television saying he could be arrested for not appearing before the grand jury looking into the Russian meddling into the 2016 election; which is an act of war. After many interviews in which Trump probably knew some things and may have been involved, he said his arrest would be a joke. By late in the day, his story changed to he probably would cooperate after all.

Then came the word that Trump's economic advisor was resigning over differences with the abrupt trade tariffs that Trump announced. Trump also said that if this caused a trade war that might be a good thing. Soon, Canada expressed their negative reaction to the plan. The Northern Border shares many things including an electrical grid. Simple Trump thinks things are simple. They are not!

Jeff Sessions, Trumps Attorney General, announced the Government was suing California for our position on immigration and federal policy. So some States can avoid EPA regulations because they don't like them, but California can't resist helping the feds conduct immigration raids. Such hypocrites.

The porn star that was paid hush money to keep quiet about her affair with Trump said he never signed the agreement. Therefore, she says she is free to talk about whatever she wants to.

Finally, we learn that the State Department had some 120 million dollars allocated for work to keep the Russian election intrusion from happening again. They have spent none of it and have done nothing to stop the attack on our democracy. The intelligence community says they have been given no orders or directives on protecting our election process from being manipulated again. Congress passed sanctions against Russia and the so called President refuses to act or even acknowledge the issue. This is a clear dereliction of duty. Isn't this called treason?

But the Republican are in control of both houses of congress. It is up to them to confront the President on these issues. Their lack of action means that Republican are as responsible as Trump is for the Chaos we are living through. China and Russia are filling the leadership void we have abandoned and are happy about their new roles in the world. And we gave this influence away.

Arcata, also gave something away. The news is that they will move the statue of President McKinley off the Plaza. What the council really gave away was a bit of our democratic process. Something this historic should be decided by a vote of the residents of Arcata; not an angry and bullying mob. The council's job is to control meetings so everyone would feel free to express their opinion. This was clearly not the case.

Thank you Councilman Winkler for your vote and statement in the Times-Standard.

This has been Sam Pennisi for community comment.