



ABORTION

Men use mail-order pills to end pregnancies

Women suffering from relaxed access

By **Valerie Richardson**
The Washington Times

The abortion pill has become so easily accessible that even men can obtain it, with potentially disastrous consequences for pregnant women.

A half-dozen men have been accused of slipping the pills to their pregnant wives or girlfriends since the Food and Drug Administration relaxed its safeguards on mifepristone in 2021, allowing the abortion-inducing drug to be prescribed via telehealth without an in-person medical visit and delivered by mail.

“Coerced and forced abortions are already happening,” Melanie Israel, a visiting fellow at the conservative Heritage Foundation, said in her Sept. 2 report, “Abortion Pills, Coercion and Abuse.” “And every time safety protocols are degraded, it becomes easier for an unsupportive partner, abuser or trafficker to harm women, girls and unborn children.”

Ms. Israel’s newly updated database lists 17 incidents since 2015 in which

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DEMOCRATS

‘Fascist’ label persists after Charlie Kirk assassination

Rhetoric heats up against ‘far right’

By **Susan Ferrehcio**
The Washington Times

It came as no surprise to many conservatives when the “fascist” label frequently used by the left to describe President Trump and his MAGA movement made its way onto bullets found alongside the weapon used to kill rising conservative star Charlie Kirk.

For the better part of a decade, Democrats, including top party leaders, have been wielding the fascist label as a weapon against Mr. Trump and his followers, including Mr. Kirk. Democrats have aligned conservative policies with Nazism and likened the president to Adolf Hitler.

Democrats and Trump critics ramped up use of the label after Mr. Trump won the White House in November. They haven’t backed down, even in the wake of Mr. Kirk’s brutal assassination by, prosecutors say, a man who told his family and romantic partner that he hated

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WATCHING AND LISTENING: Rep. Rick Crawford, chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, has conferred with other lawmakers on counterspy threats.

INTELLIGENCE

House intel chair seeks to reform ‘disjointed’ counterspy system

Chinese espionage threat flashes ‘critical’ red lights to agencies

By **Bill Gertz**
The Washington Times

Multiple U.S. counterintelligence agencies charged with neutralizing foreign spy operations lack focus, and the system needs major reform, said the chairman of the House intelligence oversight panel.

Rep. Rick Crawford, Arkansas Republican and chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,

said hearings and oversight since 2017 have highlighted the need for legislative fixes.

“We’ve seen that we’ve kind of got a disjointed counterintelligence apparatus that just doesn’t work well together,” Mr. Crawford said in an interview with The Washington Times. “We’re always kind of looking for this smoking gun evidence instead of taking proactive steps against those threats.”

China’s aggressive intelligence-

gathering operations in the United States are the main focus of the needed reforms, he said, and spying by Russia, Iran, North Korea and Cuba also will be targeted.

Last week, the committee passed a major reform package within the fiscal 2026 intelligence authorization bill. The legislation is awaiting a full House vote.

The measure is called the Strategic Enhancement of Counterintelligence

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TRUMP MAKES A ROYAL SPLASH



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President Trump, with Britain’s King Charles III, reviewed the royal guards Wednesday upon his arrival at Windsor Castle.



Protesters, some with Palestinian flags, marched from Portland Place to Parliament Square in London.



The British royal family treated Mr. Trump, along with first lady Melania Trump, to pomp and a lavish banquet on the first day of his second state visit. Story, A3.

ECONOMY

Fed trims rates as job worries top inflation fear

Trump pressure helps drive drop

By **Jeff Mordock**
The Washington Times

The Federal Reserve cut interest rates by a quarter-percentage point Wednesday to bolster a weak job market amid unrelenting pressure from President Trump, who has installed a key ally at the central bank.

It was the Fed’s first rate cut in nine months, lowering the benchmark rate to 4%-4.25% from 4.25%-4.5%. The Fed also signaled potentially more rate cuts before the end of the year and possibly in 2026.

The vote for the quarter-point cut was 11-1. The sole dissenter was Mr. Trump’s top economic adviser, Stephen Miran, who advocated a half percentage point cut. Mr. Trump swore in Mr. Miran to the Fed’s board of governors shortly before their two-day meeting began Tuesday.

Mr. Trump’s two other appointees on the board, Michelle Bowman and Christopher Waller, voted for the quarter-point cut.

The major reason the Fed lowered borrowing costs was concern about sluggish job growth. The Labor Department said employers hired an average of

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CONGRESS

Democrats threaten shutdown to save Obamacare subsidies

By **Lindsey McPherson**
The Washington Times

It was Republicans who shut down the government over Obamacare 12 years ago. Now, it’s the Democrats’ turn.

Republicans’ 2013 shutdown lasted 16 days and earned them heaps of criticism and only minor concessions in their bid

to erase the Affordable Care Act. This year, Democrats are threatening a shutdown to extend Obamacare’s generous subsidies.

The fight is playing out on a short-term spending bill that Republicans proposed to keep the government open into the fiscal year starting Oct. 1. Democrats say their aim is still the same: saving

health care access.

“There is an effort to undermine health care for all Americans,” Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, New Hampshire Democrat, said of Republicans.

“Obviously, they’re not putting health care as a priority for our American families,” said Sen. Mazie Hirono, Hawaii Democrat.

Republicans are calling foul. They say Democrats are doing what they have been railing against for years: using the government funding deadline as a hostage to get their way on an unrelated policy demand.

“Do they actually think that

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SECURITY

Taiwan calls for intelligence pact with U.S., Japan to counter China’s rising threat

By **Ben Wolfgang**
The Washington Times

A delegation of Taiwanese officials and civic leaders is calling for an intelligence-sharing pact among the U.S., Japan and their island democracy to help counter the Chinese Communist Party’s

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designs on the Pacific and beyond.

The Taiwanese officials said such an agreement would be a key step forward in cooperation and coordination between Washington and Taipei and would represent a significant U.S. geopolitical statement that Taiwan

is a trusted security partner in an increasingly tense and strategically vital region. A formal arrangement could be similar to the “Five Eyes” intelligence-sharing group of the U.S., Britain, New Zealand, Australia and Canada. Analysts warn of increasing Chinese political warfare and influence operations targeting

Taiwan and Beijing’s preparations for a military invasion of the island.

“We don’t have a formal exchange system, including classified information and crisis notifications,” said K.J. Hsu, a judge in Taipei District Court, part of a national security and military division within Taiwan’s civilian justice system.

“We can be trusted ... and want to team up together.”

In an exclusive interview with The Washington Times before the U.N. General Assembly meeting in New York next week, Mr. Hsu and the rest of the

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