

10 YEARS OUT: WHAT'S WITH THE BEAR IN THE MIDDLE?

Ten years ago this week Bear Stearns crashed. It was a surprise to see Bear Stearns' name pop up in the middle of recent HPSCI testimony. Ditto seeing Trump linked to Bear Stearns' bond financing before the 2008 crash. Have we learned nothing?

OPEN THREAD: RUSSIA, RUSSIA, RUSSIA! AND EVERYTHING ELSE

This is an open thread launched while current events still unfold. It may offer an overview for folks still acquainting themselves with the news about Rex Tillerson, Russia, and the UK.

SHORTING THE US-DPRK MEETING [UPDATED]

Call me cynical, but I think this anticipated US-North Korea meeting is just another means for making somebody cash.

SENATE DEMOCRATS CAVING, MAY ROLL BACK DODD-FRANK REGULATIONS

Didn't Congress learn anything from 2008? Didn't Democrats in particular learn anything from the banking-created crash? Tell them to get a clue and vote NO on S.2155 banking regulation roll-back.

THREE THINGS: THIS MATIN, THINK LATIN

A motley collection of things on my desk, fit only for an open thread – stock and commodities markets this morning, a little playing with language, some cyber. The usual around here.

WHAT LIES BENEATH THE GATES

There's more going on than meets the eye, a casual search reveals. Why was a bank and tax fraud and money launderer involved in identity theft monitoring?

ABOUT NOT MAKING NICE

It was just a single act of microaggression.
There may be worse ahead; making nice is a
luxury for some of us.

SO — WHAT'S NEW, RICK? PAUL? FRESH INDICTMENTS TODAY ON BANK, TAX FRAUD

Open thread for you folks to talk about the
latest developments in the Trump-Russia
investigation, including Manafort's rejected
bail package and fresh charges filed today.

OPEN THREAD: ALL IN THE FAMILIES?

This is an open thread dedicated to this
morning's news – Team Mueller's charged Alex van
der Zwaan with false statements, a 17th name
pops up, and look, a father-in-law in the mix,
too!

ILLIBERAL HOLLYWOOD: KICKED IN ITS PANTS BY A PANTHER

Though conservatives love to disparage the American entertainment industry as liberal, Hollywood's business practices have been anything but, evident in its continued racism. Disney/Marvel Studios' Black Panther gives Hollywood a solid kick in its racist ass.