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World News

According to the Cox Report, China stole the designs of US nuclear weapons [1]. Now according to one report, China has conducted around 200 laboratory simulation of nuclear explosions [2]. That is, China is pursuing a new generation of nuclear weapons [3]. Case in point, China conducted its 10th test flight of the land mobile 10 warhead DF-41 Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) [4]. Meanwhile, China's science and research continues to advance. For instance, 202 of the top 500 supercomputers are now in China [5]. However, for the first time in five years, the US has the most powerful supercomputer, a 340 ton machine capable of making 200 million billion calculations per second [6].

At the time of this newsletter, the leader of North Korea, Kim Jong Un, landed in Singapore for direct talks with President Trump [7]. Some have suggested that the North Korean problem is China's responsibility [8]. However, China will not be at the meeting between the two leaders. What's more, even though China is rich, North Korea remains relatively poor. So what has the close relationship with China provided to North Korea?

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Security

In the world of security, the race to issue security patches continues. For instance, new Android patches were released [1]. Then Apple released security patches [2]. Samsung released its patch information for June [3]. Cisco released security patches to address 28 bugs [4].

Even companies were normally don't associate with security patches are coming to grips with the new reality. Case in point, BMW is

working on patches to fix 14 security vulnerabilities found in its cars [5].

Once again, the threat of state sponsored malicious attacks is in the news. For instance, one piece suggests a home router attack, designed to monitor *Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition* (SCADA) communications was state sponsored [6].

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When we had highly sensitive information, the DNA on the dress, that was held within our office and the FBI. There was no dissemination of that information.—Ken Starr

Terrorism

Radical Islam once again struck in Europe, In Belgium, a released radicalized convict killed two police women [1].

In Afghanistan, at least 7 people were killed in a suicide bombing attack directed against Islamic clerics [2]. Then the Afghanistan government announced a ceasefire with the Taliban expected to last until June 20 [3]. Likewise, the Taliban announced their first ceasefire since the start of the war [4].

The most notable terrorist event against the US remains the coordinated 9/11 attack. Now one report indicates that the Iranian government aided the terrorists [5].

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*If I have the honor of
being confirmed by the
Senate, I will make it my
highest priority to restore
the public's confidence in
the FBI and to re-earn the
faith and trust of the
American people.—Robert
Mueller*

Economy

The unemployment rate for May fell to an 18 year low of 3.8% [1]. Meanwhile, for the week ending May 19, the number of first time unemployment claims was 234,000 [2]. Then, for the week ending May 26, the number of first time unemployment claims was 221,000 [3]. Finally, for the week ending June 2, the number of claims was 225,000 [4].

In other good news, the US continues to domestically produce more oil. One piece suggests the US is on the path to energy independence [5].

In other good news, the value of stocks continue to remain high. For instance, on June 4 the NASDAQ Composite set

a new record high [6]. Then on June 5th, the NASDAQ closed at a new record high [7]. Then on June 6, the NASDAQ sailed to a new record high [8].

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It is illegal for the CIA to spy on Americans and an affront to our Republic to spy on the Senate.—Rand Paul
