

We must oust strangers in our midst

Biblical wise man Solomon mused that “there was nothing new under the sun.”

Substitute America for Rome and you see this exemplified in Cicero’s 2,000-year-old observation, “The budget should be balanced; the treasury refilled, public debt reduced, the arrogance of officialdom tempered (and) people must learn to work and not depend on public assistance ... lest Rome go bankrupt.”

Cicero regarded living fat, easy and unearned as dangerous and alien to Rome’s ways and glory. Similarly, author and University of Illinois Urbana emeritus professor of political science Robert Weissberg recently wrote that the present administration represents “strangers in our midst.”

Washington’s political theater and policy positions of many of its power players give credence to Weissberg’s allusion that “a uniquely foreign occupying force . . . slowly and significantly (is) changing our future.”

Commentator Dennis Prager rightly states, “The bigger the government, the smaller the citizen.” It appears these aliens in America are intent on systematically shrinking every citizen’s stature.

Furthermore, there are ominous signs alien leaders regard patriots as citizens of some mythical world order first and America, an irrelevant second. No wonder “tea parties” emerged as once before there grew strangers in our midst.

They practice failed, inappropriate alien economics based on



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notions foreign to American success and freedom.

In a couple of decades, most government spending will be entitlements without a tax base to support it.

They will try to raise taxes. The June issue of *The American Econom-*

ic Review cites the authoritative work of renowned Ivy League academics, the Romers’, and states “. . . a tax increase of 1 percent of gross domestic product reduces output over the next three years by nearly 3 percent.” One step forward, three back.

The over-the-horizon insolvency of Social Security and Medicare is \$106.8 trillion. Add to it the cost of arrogant, alien-imposed cap and trade legislation and the unconstitutional tax of Obamacare and the American dream turns alien nightmare.

Stimulus by alien deficit spending and selective constituency rebates fails. No nation can tax and spend to sustainable prosperity.

Government has no business of being in the business of business. An immobilized, shocked economy has “taken to the mattresses,” aghast at the extent of government incursion into their lives, fearful and mistrustful as trillions of their dollars sit on the sidelines.

Alien amnesia tempt us. We forget that Presidents Reagan and Obama experienced comparable recessions and unemployment. Reagan broadly and wisely cut taxes and spending. In

1992, Ross Perot won 19 percent of the presidential vote running on the horror of a deficit 4.7 percent of GDP. Now, outlays as a share of GDP are rising above 25 percent for the first time since World War II as revenues fall to 14.5 percent GDP.

But, oh my, how good fat tastes as it kills.

Avarice is spreading. Recent research confirms federal employees receive about 22 percent higher pay, 3.5 times more benefits and more job security when compared to private sector counterparts. Taxpayers pay for these and the 200,000 jobs added to federal employee ranks.

Congress must make the President Bush tax cuts permanent, eliminate taxes on capital formation and investment, and legislate encouragement of small business, individual investors and entrepreneurs. Austerity, coupled with economic stimulation by removing the impediments, is essential.

Citizens must get informed and vote before these thinly costumed star spangled bandits next market an “Etch a Sketch” constitution.

There are strangers in our midst who have seized or assumed powers and position never intended. Pending political winds, it can get worse. Alien infestation has immobilized America. Nov. 8 is day one of a big dose of “Antiobamics.”

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