

OLD SHOE

Today's Headlines lifted out of
Yesterday's Hollywood



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Looks like AI is now writing the news cycles, since [the story of the two crashed airmen](#) rescued in Iran comes right out of 1997's *Wag the Dog*, which all of you should have seen. It shows you the method of this type of raw propaganda. In it, Woody Harrelson plays Sgt. William Schumann (who they call the Old Shoe to help their sales pitches and jingles), allegedly rescued in a fake war in Albania manufactured by CIA officer Conrad Brean, played by Robert deNiro. The war is faked to draw off attention from other things, in this case the President raping a girl scout in the Oval Office. In reality there is no war, it all being fabricated overnight by a Hollywood director played by Dustin Hoffman. Schumann was never in Albania, being brought in for this fake from a military brig in Ft. Benning. Early on in the movie, deNiro admits the Gulf War was a similar fake, shot from 1/10th scale models in Langley. He says he saw the famous missile go down the chimney on a model stage. I will be told this was a joke, and that the whole movie was satire, but we know they do things like this. See [Lookout Mountain Studios](#) in Laurel Canyon, which I hit in my [Tate/Manson paper](#) and [Trinity paper](#). They used to tell us the closing date of Lookout Mountain was 1971, but after my Tate paper came out, they moved that back to spring of 1969, to keep it from being linked to my research. Unfortunately, George Lucas thanked them in the credits to *Return of the Jedi* in 1983, proving that was false as well. And why would Lucas be thanking Lookout Mountain? **For their help in scale models.**

The New York Times article linked above is very strange, since they conspicuously fail to name the soldiers allegedly rescued. That was several days ago and we still have gotten no names. There would

be no reason to hold the names back, except to prevent people like me from further researching this fraud. This also makes no sense:



An image shared by Iranian state television on social media purported to show the site of the U.S. aircraft destroyed during the mission to find a stranded airman in Iran.
Social Media/UGC via Reuters

That makes no sense for many reasons, starting with the fact that the blurb contradicts the attribution. We are told that comes from Iranian state television, but the attribution says it is user generated content from social media, which is not the same thing. And why would Iranian state television be sharing that with Reuters in any case? And why would Iran be posting that as proof of anything, since it doesn't prove anything? If that is indeed a downed US aircraft, why not drive over there and take a picture at the site? Why take this photo from a mile away, which is just some smoke that could be created by a bonfire. But this is the level of the entire article: smoke and mirrors. Only someone on a ventilator would believe it.

Notice that it allegedly took six writers/reporters to write this two-page “report”:

Ronen **Bergman** and Adam **Rasgon** contributed reporting.



Greg Jaffe covers the Pentagon and the U.S. military for The Times.

Helene Cooper is a Pentagon correspondent for The Times. She was previously an editor, diplomatic correspondent and White House correspondent.

Eric Schmitt is a national security correspondent for The Times. He has reported on U.S. military affairs and counterterrorism for more than three decades.

Julian E. Barnes covers the U.S. intelligence agencies and international security matters for The Times. He has written about security issues for more than two decades.

Hmmm, what do all those people have in common? You get one guess. You will say Cooper can't be part Phoenician, since she is black. Boy are you naive. She is from Liberian royalty, being from the family of the founders, and is clearly only part black.

At any rate, you should ask yourself why it would take six people to write this garbage with no discernible content, when AI could just make it up in a few nanoseconds? Plus we get this:

This account of the weapons officer's fight for survival and rescue is based on interviews with about a dozen current and former military and administration officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive operation.

Really? They needed a dozen *anonymous* sources to compile this piece of fake fluff? No sources were necessary at all, since it all reads like an AI hallucination. But any time you read "anonymous sources" you should read "fictional sources we just made up to snow you".

Here's another problem with the story. We are told the second airman was found in a mountain crevice at 7,000ft, and that the Iranis did nothing to prevent the lift out because those mountains were controlled by forces strongly opposed to the regime. Really? Do you see the contradiction? He was in that area because he was shot down there, right? Unless he hiked hundreds of miles for no reason, in a desert with no water. If he was shot down there by government planes or artillery, then government planes or artillery must not be scared of going there. Also not scared of US planes, since again, they just shot one down. But this is how these mainstream media reporters are, either human or AI: they just say whatever they want from paragraph to paragraph with no concern for logic or continuity. They can't spot their own bald contradictions.

Then we get this "photo", which is supposed to be some US plane and helicopter wreckage, bombed by us on the way out to prevent their capture.



Again proof of nothing, since as usual it looks like AI, giving us only the appearance of information, but no real information. Doesn't look like bombed aircraft to me, except distantly. Reminds us of the plane that allegedly hit the Pentagon, doesn't it? Plus, I notice there are no mountains in the background, and the sand looks hard, not confirming the story these aircraft had to be scrapped because they were stuck in the sand. How do helicopters get stuck in the sand, by the way? And if the C-130s were stuck in the sand, what "three replacement aircraft" landed there and were able to take off? We aren't told. Harriers I guess.

I point out that this story of us bombing our own aircraft is useful, since all that hardware will now have to be replaced. Your bill for that is incoming, enjoy it. Support those troops!