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## Martin Cleaning Service

**Carpet & Upholstery  
Cleaning  
Residential &  
Commercial Services**  
Minimum Service CHG.  
\$50.00  
A small distance/travel  
charge may be applied

**CARPET CLEANING**  
2 Cleaning Areas or more  
\$30.00 each Area  
**Pre-Spray Traffic Areas**  
(Includes: 1 small Hallway)  
**1 Cleaning Area (only)**  
\$50.00  
Includes Pre-Spray Traffic Area  
and Hallway

**Stairs (12-16 stairs - With  
Other Services): \$30.00**

**Heavily Soiled Area:**  
\$10.00 each area  
(Requiring Pre-Spray)

### Area/Oriental Rug Cleaning

**Regular Area Rugs**  
\$25.00 Minimum

**Wool Oriental Rugs**  
\$40.00 Minimum

### UPHOLSTERY CLEANING

Sofa: \$70.00

Loveseat: \$50.00

Sectional: \$110 - \$140

Chair or Recliner:

\$25.00 - \$50.00

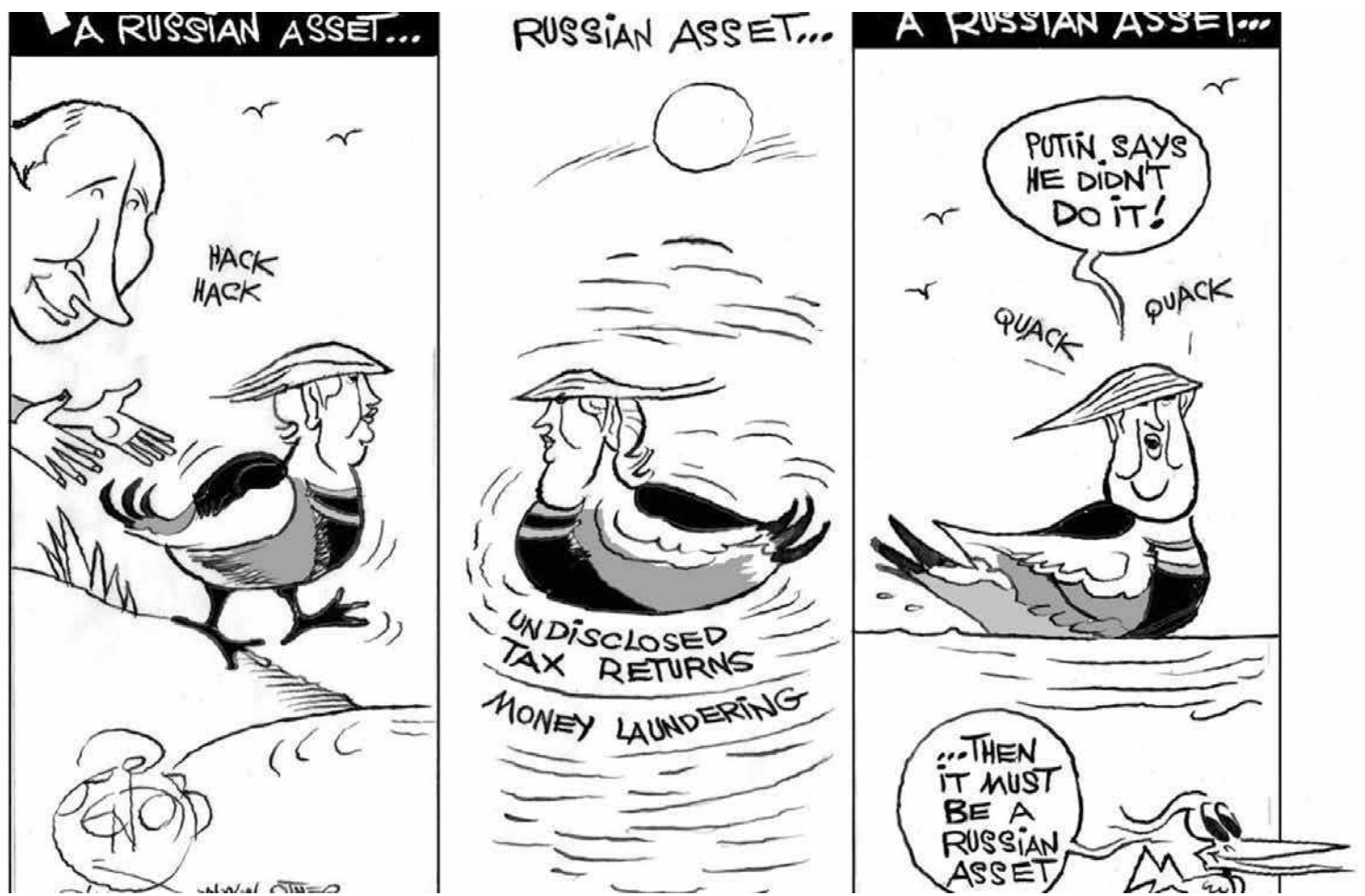
Throw Pillows (With  
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### ADDITIONAL SERVICES

- Auto/Boat/RV Cleaning
- Deodorizing & Pet  
Odor Treatment
- Spot & Stain  
Removal Service
- Scotchguard Protection
- Minor Water Damage  
Services

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# OPINION



## Arming Teachers Makes Matters Worse

### Better to learn conflict resolution

BY BASMA ISMAIL

Four years ago Donald Trump announced to the world via his Twitter account that Hillary Clinton accused him of wanting to bring guns into classrooms. Almost four years later, Trump tried to convince us that arming teachers while on school grounds is the answer to school shootings and massacres.

With the lack of laws and training regarding carrying and purchasing guns, more students are likely to die in schools if Trump's ideas are applied. He argues that it will allow teachers to respond quickly to possible shootings and be better equipped to protect their students. But studies show that aggression among students is more likely to increase while in the presence of a weapon which increases the chance of casualties.

Arming teachers would cast educators as killers who are ready to shoot and kill at any given moment. It would also lead to an increase of behavioral issues as students, aware of the presence of armed teachers, might lead to feelings of fear instead of feeling safe. There's also the issue of a student trying to steal the gun and use it.

Another potential consequence

is the innocent killing of teachers, since the police are more likely to shoot whoever is in the possession of a gun upon being called to the scene.

Whoever said that being in a classroom with armed teachers would make students feel safe? As a woman of color, I would not step foot in such a place, nor would I want my daughters there. If mass shooters can buy guns and go on

ty Ben Fields grab a 15-year-old African American student from her seat by the neck, throw her to the ground, then drag her out of the classroom.

You might have wondered if the girl had done something such as threatening the teacher or her classmates to warrant the police being called on her while still seated in her class. But nope, she did not. She had her cell phone

school officers are emotionally mature enough to work with children.

School is a place where children not only study science and history but also learn life skills, lessons, and values.

What we should be doing is teaching conflict resolution in schools rather than punishment. Incorporating peaceful practices among teachers, administrators,

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a shooting spree, what makes the teachers any different? They are humans as well, not angels with all the right answers to chemical equations and calculus problems. People get angry, have psychological problems and deal with struggles and pressure in different ways. And some go on shooting sprees.

Millions watched Senior Depu-

out which was against the rules. She refused to hand it over which resulted in her being manhandled and humiliated at this rebellious tender age.

Maybe we should care more about educating our teachers on adolescent’s mental health and how to mentor them instead of scarring them for life. Perhaps we should be certain our teachers and

students and parents has been proven to result in higher grades, ability to solve problems and higher self-esteem.

Help us bring conflict resolution education to our classrooms, not guns!

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