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HUD SCAM DIES

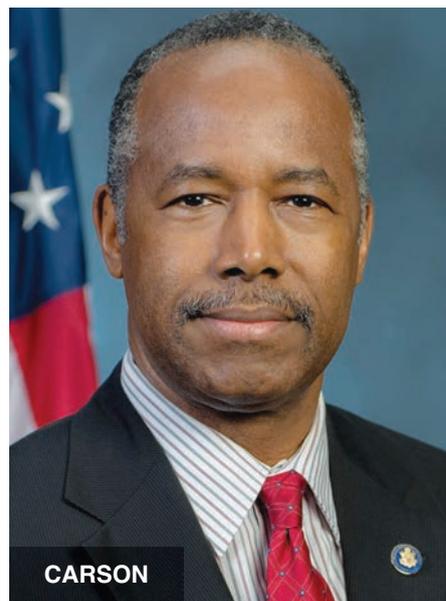
• Budget won't fund Obama-era social engineering experiment

By John Friend

The recently passed omnibus spending bill, which funds the federal government for the 2018 fiscal year, was reluctantly signed into law by President Donald Trump on March 23. The bill is an absurd 2,232 pages in length and outlays \$1.3 trillion in federal funding, yet another demonstration of the mind-blowing reach and expanse of the U.S. federal government.

There may be a bright note to this otherwise ridiculous spending outlay. Language embedded in the bill upends a controversial Obama-era policy administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) known as Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH), a regulation enacted in 2015 that permitted HUD—a federal agency—to dictate and influence basic zoning policies in local municipal and county jurisdictions.

The program essentially allowed the federal government to shape zoning laws in local jurisdictions in a manner that advances the Marxist ideal of forced social integration and represents a tremendous overreach by the federal government into the affairs of local communities. The rules effectively told communities what they could build and where and monitored neighborhoods to arbitrarily force



CARSON

ethnic and income diversity.

According to the AFFH rule, local municipal or county governments accepting any portion of the \$3 billion annual community development block grants awarded and administered by HUD would be forced to rezone neighborhoods and cities based on income and racial criteria determined by the federal government.

According to Robert Romano, vice president of public policy at Americans for Limited Government, the relevant portion of the omnibus spending bill concerning the controversial HUD program states: “None of the funds made available by this act may be used

Ben Carson, Housing and Urban Development secretary, had already delayed until 2020 the frightening Obama-era legislation giving the feds control over your local zoning. Now it's dead.

by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to direct a grantee to undertake specific changes to existing zoning laws as part of carrying out the final rule entitled ‘Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing’ . . . or the notice entitled ‘Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Assessment Tool.’”

“This provision utterly guts the HUD regulation, which had already been delayed by HUD Secretary Ben Carson earlier this year until 2020,” Romano recently wrote, commending the GOP-led Congress and the spending bill for tackling this controversial policy head on. “While there were many problems with the \$1.3 trillion omnibus spending bill, one thing the Republican-led Congress got absolutely right was defunding Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing from being used to force communities to make changes to local zoning law.”

Overall, the spending bill provides funding for a variety of programs and activities administered and carried out by the federal government, from military spending to border security and everything in between.

Trump initially threatened to veto the bill due to its lack of funding for his proposed border wall, a signature issue of his 2016 presidential campaign that garnered national attention and much support from his constituent base. Eventually, the president backed down and signed the bill, basing his decision largely around his concern for funding the U.S. military. ★

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Time to Tell Bureaucrats Who Really Runs America

In the United States, the American people are sovereign. That means we're superior to our government and everyone who works for it. Every few years, we elect our representatives and send them to the nation's capital to conduct our business. At any time, through systems set up by our founding fathers in our Constitution, we can do away with our government and anything related to it. That's the way that it's supposed to work. In reality, however, government today has gotten so large and out of control that, every day, we hear of groups and individuals inside the government who are acting on their own and, among other things, creating new rules and regulations that are imposed on the country at the federal level in violation of our founding principles.

This week, our front-page article by AFP writer John Friend touches on this important topic by delving into the latest mega-spending bill passed by Congress and signed by President Donald Trump in late March. As we note, the funding measure is just about a total disaster, adding billions of dollars to the debt and growing our already-bloated government. We say it's nearly a disaster, though, because at least one good thing has come out of this monstrosity: The Trump administration is defunding a notorious Obama-era program that punishes communities for not doing enough to force diversity on local residents.

It's worth highlighting that this program—officially called the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing regulation (AFFH)—was never actually authorized by Congress, the group of

legislators who are specifically elected by the American people to write and pass new laws. Instead, the regulation was created by bureaucrats at the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the Obama administration. It required struggling American communities to dedicate much-needed resources to initiate studies of their towns to make sure they are diverse enough. They then were supposed to report their findings back to federal bureaucrats, who would rubber stamp the surveys and then direct tax-



payers' money back to the communities so long as their findings met the bureaucrats' approval.

Never mind that there are already laws on the books passed legitimately by Congress, which make it a crime to discriminate against any buyer or renter of a home who's a member of a so-called protected class. All the AFFH ever did was impose more stringent rules on already cash-strapped communities and then punish them if they failed to comply with the whims of unelected federal workers.

Thankfully, Dr. Ben Carson, the current HUD secretary under Trump, saw right

through this government "solution" which was searching desperately for a problem that was not there. Last summer, Carson blasted the regulation, telling reporters he had tasked his agency with "reinterpreting" the rules, adding that he considered the demands imposed by Obama bureaucrats to be onerous, expensive, and totally unnecessary for local communities. Evidently, the Republicans in Congress agreed with him, which is why they terminated the funding for the entire regulation.

While this is good news, the truth is, so long as the AFFH exists, there's a chance that it could be resurrected from the grave should another Democrat take the White House. While the Republicans still hold majorities in the House and the Senate, they should move quickly to pass legislation officially outlawing this rule. And while they're at it, they should push through a bill barring anyone but them from creating new rules and regulations with which the American people have to comply.

The bureaucrat's job—whether they're an employee of HUD or they work at the Central Intelligence Agency—is to carry out laws that have been passed by Congress and signed by the president at the behest of the American people, an important distinction that has been lost on the millions of people who work for the federal government in Washington. ★

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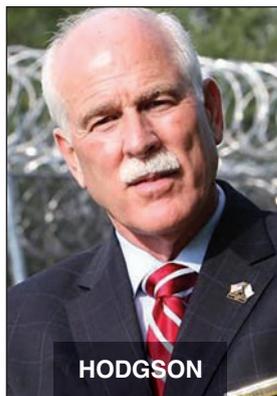
News You May Have Missed

No Sanctuary State

Not all municipalities are cool with the idea of “sanctuary states” such as California refusing to cooperate with federal laws on immigration, and some rebellious towns are opting out of such state laws. Recently the Los Alamitos, Calif. city council voted to exempt the city from the sanctuary state law, which took effect in January. The objectionable law bars local authorities from asking people about their immigration status or participating in federal enforcement actions. Mayor pro tempore, City Councilman Warren Kusumoto feels the law violates the Constitution, which he believes he and his city of some 12,000 souls must uphold. He says at least 13 other municipalities are considering opting out of the sanctuary law.

Sheriffs Agree: Build the Wall

From 40 states, 380 sheriffs are joining with grassroots citizens to call on Congress to quit the stalling and build the proposed U.S.-Mexican border wall as President Donald Trump has put forward. Sheriff Thomas M. Hodgson of Bristol County, Mass., leading the coalition, rapped “sanctuary city” policies, which he said make it almost impossible to protect U.S. legal residents from the invaders. Trump promises to get it built, but he needs funding from Congress. Hodgson says: “Enough is enough, and the sheriffs are speaking up and joining together with our constituents in our communities and saying, ‘You need to act now, Congress. And let’s stop with this whole blueprint of inaction.’”



HODGSON

Will the Wall Really Be Built?

Ann Coulter, known not long ago as one of Donald Trump’s biggest fans, who even wrote a book titled *In Trump We Trust*, used to praise The Donald for promising to crack down on illegal immigration and to build an effective Mexican border wall. Now she says the wall business was a fake-out. On KABC Radio she stated she doesn’t understand why we need wall “prototypes, except that it’s all just a fake-out, and the whole ‘thing’ about building a wall is just, ‘I [President Trump] am going to get four years saying I’m going to build the wall and inspecting prototypes, but I’ll never actually build the wall.’” Israel managed to build a wall that keeps out 100% of illegal aliens there, so there is no reason Uncle Sam couldn’t do it. People have speculated for some time that the president never expects the wall to be fully funded and built, allowing him to say he tried but was unable to get the job done through no fault of his own.



COULTER

Rights Violated

Two men recently filed a lawsuit against the Air Force for “statutory and constitutional violations” when five Air Force officers “seized and forcibly removed” one of them for invoking God during a retirement ceremony where he had been invited to speak. Airmen forcibly pushed retired Master Sgt. Oscar Rodriguez Jr. out of Charles Roberson’s 2016 retirement ceremony for mentioning God during the flag-folding ceremony. First Liberty Institute lawyers filed the lawsuit on behalf of veterans Rodriguez and Roberson when they discovered the Air Force, which refused to admit wrongdoing or issue an apology, had not conducted an investigation into the allegations of assault and violations of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and the First, Fourth and Fifth Amendments. Since then, the Air Force has announced it will allow retirees to use religious language during their retirement flag-folding ceremonies, the *Air Force Times* has reported.



RODRIGUEZ

Russians Didn’t Do It?

The UK government’s handling of the poisoning of Sergei Skripal, a Russian double agent who fled to England in 2010, and his daughter, Yulia, is being attacked by media outlets following the revelation on April 3 that UK scientists at bioweapons lab Porton Down have been unable to conclusively prove the Novichok nerve agent used to attack the two originated in Russia. Several leading British journalists including Paul Mason have blasted British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson for claiming to have received assurances from Porton Down as to the origin of the chemical agent. Porton Down Chief Executive Gary Aitkenhead told reporters, “We were able to identify it as Novichok, to identify that it was military-grade nerve agent, [but we] have not identified the precise source.” He added, “We have provided the scientific info to government who have then used a number of other sources to piece together the conclusions you have come to.” The UK foreign secretary reportedly lied when he claimed he was told there was “no doubt” the chemical used was from Russia. There is now speculation that the Skripals may have been targeted due to a connection to some organized crime group. Of course, the main-

stream media will never report the truth of the matter, preferring to continue their all-out assault on Russia, portraying it as some kind of rogue terrorist state—all part of their public brainwashing program to condition the U.S. public for more war.

War on Cryptocurrency

First it was Facebook, which in January announced it was banning cryptocurrency-related advertising. Now Google has stated it will ban advertising for bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies and related content. Google’s change applies to ICOs, crypto wallets, cryptocurrency exchanges, and even services related to providing crypto trading advice. The price of bitcoins

dropped 12% in response to the news and continues to slide. Google alleges it is no conspiracy; they are simply trying to protect consumers from malware.

Anti-Gun March Funded by DNC

The “March for Our Lives” in Washington recently was mischaracterized by the prostitute press as a student-led protest against citizen gun ownership. Here’s the truth: It was organized and paid for by the Democrat Party and allied leftist groups. The money came from “Everytown for Gun Safety,” which is funded by ActBlue, a Democratic National Committee PAC. Students did not organize the march, nor did they pay for it. The media lied. Furthermore, the permits were applied for well in advance of the school shooting in Parkland, Fla., showing the left is well prepared for any event that happens to trigger strong public response.

CLOUD Act Kills Your Privacy

The Clarifying Lawful Overseas Use of Data Act (CLOUD Act) included in the omnibus bill guts whatever was left of your right as a citizen to privacy. According to Internet watchdog group Electronic Frontier Foundation, the measure makes personal information easily available to foreign governments as well as domestic ones. Among its far-reaching, privacy-destroying effects, it will: enable foreign police to collect and wiretap your communications from U.S. companies without a U.S. warrant; allow foreign nations to demand personal data stored in America, without prior review by a judge; allow the U.S. president to enter “executive agreements” that empower police in foreign nations to seize data in the United States; allow foreign police to collect your data without notifying you about it; and empower U.S. police to grab any data, no matter where it is stored.



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Bolton Should Be Denied Clearance

• Super-neocon John Bolton has secretly connived with Israel to start war with Iran

By Philip Girdaldi

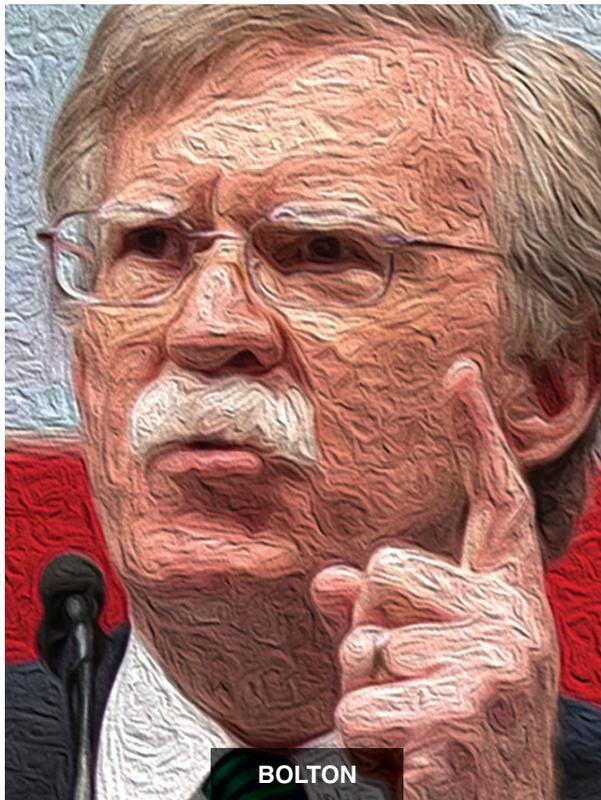
Much of the criticism of the appointment of John Bolton as national security advisor focuses on his record as a warmonger, a man who believes that any complex foreign problem can and should be resolved by force in support of the principle that the United States knows best how other countries should govern themselves.

The Israeli liberal newspaper *Ha'aretz*, dismayed over how Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his government were overjoyed at the appointment, described Bolton as “Dr. Strangelove with a whiff of *Apocalypse Now*,” before observing ruefully how he “has yet to meet a war he didn’t love, a rival he didn’t want to destroy, an enemy he didn’t seek to blow to smithereens, and an international conflict he didn’t believe could be solved by force of arms. He denigrates diplomacy, maligns multilateral organizations, yearns for the days, if they ever existed, that America told the world what to do and everyone saluted.”

Bolton, a leading architect of the Iraq war, rightly described as America’s worst foreign policy blunder ever, endorses that decision to this day. But it was more than a blunder. It was a war crime that in turn produced many other crimes to include torture, rendition, and black site prisons. Bolton’s inability to recognize defeat and failure marks him as an intelligent man locked into his own worldview who is completely unable to learn from his mistakes.

For the past 15 years, Bolton has consistently advocated bombing Iran and has connived at creating some *casus belli*, by false flag if necessary, to initiate fighting. He has even pressured America’s hawkish United Nations Ambassador Nikki Haley to contrive some kind of confrontation to kill the successful Iran nuclear deal. Bolton’s nomination has many Americans rightly alarmed that he might initiate yet another endless cycle of costly and bloody military engagement in the Mideast.

Beyond the general concerns, however, one might consider Bolton’s impending access to the most highly classified intelligence information that the United States possesses due to his close personal relationship with Israel and its government, which appears to have included divulging classified information in the past. The Israeli connection is particularly sensitive because of the role of casino billionaire GOP funder Sheldon Adelson, who supported some of Bolton’s initiatives after he left the State Department in 2006. Bolton certainly knows how to return a favor, approving of Adelson’s suggestion to detonate a nu-



clear bomb in the Iranian desert, just to warn the Mullahs what might be coming.

Bolton’s regard for Israel has included activity that might have involved unauthorized disclosure of classified information when he was undersecretary of state for arms control and international security. He collaborated with the Israelis, often without telling his superiors in the State Department, to create a justification for a U.S. attack on Iran. The strategy to bring about a war included diplomatic pressure, crude propaganda, and the production of fabricated evidence by Mossad.

Despite the fact that Bolton was technically under the supervision of Secretary of State Colin Powell, he violated existing State Department regulations by taking a series of secret trips to Israel in 2003 and 2004 without the required clearance from the State Department’s Bureau for Near Eastern Affairs. Thus, when Powell was saying administration policy was not to attack Iran, Bolton was working with the Israelis to prepare for just such a war. During a February 2003 visit, Bolton assured Israeli officials in private meetings that he was certain that the United States would attack Iraq to take down Saddam before dealing with Iran as well as Syria.

During multiple trips to Israel, Bolton had unannounced meetings, including with the head of Mossad, Meir Dagan, without the usual reporting cable to the secretary of state. Those meetings involved crafting a joint strategy to bring about political conditions supporting an eventual U.S. strike against the Iranians.

Bolton, while serving as U.S. ambassador to the

The appointment of John Bolton to be Donald Trump’s new national security advisor is troubling. Bolton is an unrepentant warmonger who endorsed the Iraq war, wants to shred the Iran nuclear deal, supports Israeli expansionism, and is in bed with the Iranian terror group MEK. Even worse, he may derail any U.S.-North Korea nuclear talks.

United Nations, also supplied Israel with crucial information on American plans at the UN so as to redirect U.S. policy. Dan Gillerman, who served as Israel’s ambassador to the UN in 2006 when Bolton was U.S. ambassador, has described how “in more than one case, Ambassador Bolton called me and alerted me to the fact that his mission—the United States mission to the UN—was about to vote against Israel and asked that I alert the prime minister, who at that time was Ehud Olmert. In more than one case the prime minister called the president, who was then George W. Bush, and got him to overrule the State Department.”

Bolton was working with Israel to subvert positions being supported by the U.S. government, as in August 2006 when the UN Security Council was considering Resolution 1701, to end a month-long war between Israel and Hezbollah in southern Lebanon. Bolton warned the Israelis that Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice planned to support the initiative. Gillerman reports, “In that case John Bolton got in touch with me at about 8 o’clock in the evening, which was 3 in the morning in Israel, calling to say ‘You have to call your prime minister and tell him that Condi Rice sold you out to the French.’”

All of the above is now part of the public record on Bolton. Some might consider what he did as treasonous. Given what we know about his last experience of high office, he should never again be cleared to have access to classified information since he would likely abuse that privilege to satisfy his own agenda. Bolton, supremely sure of himself and possessing a tendency to do what he considers expedient without regard for consequences, cannot be relied upon to do the right thing when it comes to national security. He should never be granted a security clearance and should never be placed in a position of authority that would again permit him to do mischief. Unfortunately, however, urging President Donald Trump to reverse the Bolton decision because of the grave damage it will inevitably do to the United States is not likely to be received favorably by the White House. ★

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The Neocons Are Back

• Warmongers tout big war budget and big war plans

By Rep. Ron Paul

On March 23, President Donald Trump signed the omnibus spending bill for 2018. The \$1.3 trillion bill was so monstrous that it would have made the biggest spender in the Obama administration blush. The image of leading congressional Democrats Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer grinning and gloating over getting everything they wanted—and then some—will likely come back to haunt Republicans at the midterm elections. If so, they will deserve it.

Even Trump admitted the bill was horrible. As he said in the signing ceremony, “There are a lot of things that we shouldn’t have had in this bill, but we were, in a sense, forced—if we want to build our military. . . .”

This is why I often say: Forget about needing a third political party—we need a second political party. Trump is admitting that to fuel the warfare state and enrich the military-industrial complex, it was necessary to dump endless tax dollars into the welfare state.

But no one “forced” Trump to sign the bill. His party controls both houses of Congress. He knows that no one in Washington cares about deficits so he was more than willing to spread some Fed-created money at home to get his massive war spending boost.

And about the militarism funded by the bill? Defense Secretary James Mattis said at the same press conference that, “As the president noted, today we received the largest military budget in history, reversing many years of decline and unpredictable funding.”

He’s right and wrong at the same time. Yes, it is another big increase in military spending. In fact, the U.S. continues to spend more than at least the



Enemies must be created to keep Washington rich, at the expense of the rest of the country.

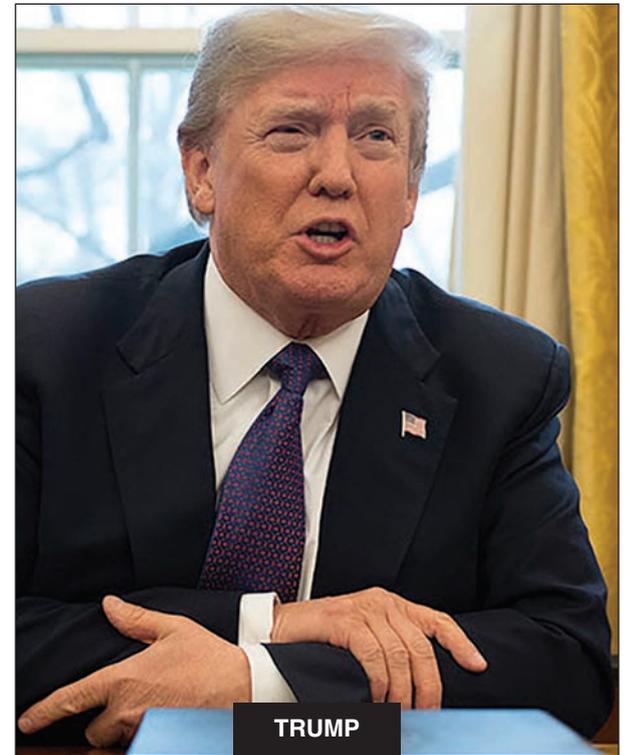
next seven or so largest countries combined. But his statement is misleading. Where are these several years of decline? Did we somehow miss a massive reduction in military spending under President Barack Obama? Did the last administration close the thousands of military bases in more than 150 countries while we weren’t looking?

Of course not.

On militarism, the Obama administration was just an extension of the Bush administration, which was an extension of the militarism of the Clinton administration, and so on. The military-industrial complex continues to generate record profits from fictitious enemies. The mainstream media continues to play the game, amplifying the war propaganda produced by the think tanks, which are funded by the big defense contractors.

This isn’t a conspiracy theory. This is conspiracy fact. Enemies must be created to keep Washington rich, even as the rest of the country suffers from the destruction of the dollar. That is why the neocons continue to do very well in this administration.

While Trump and Mattis were celebrating big military spending increases, the president announced that John Bolton, one of the chief archi-



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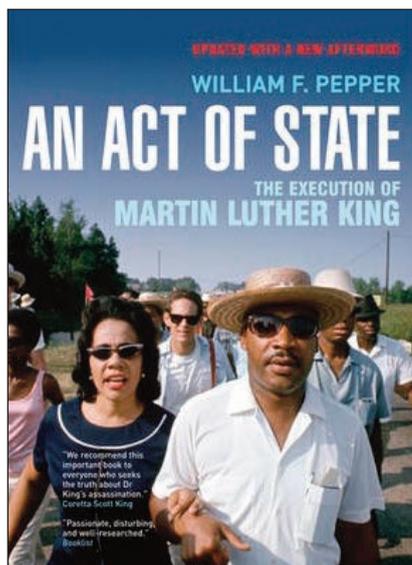
President Donald Trump says he signed the massive 2018 budget so that he could rebuild a depleted U.S. military. But does the United States really need military forces strewn across the globe, now quartered in 150 of the world’s 190 nations?

tects of the Iraq war debacle, would become his national security advisor. As former CIA analyst Paul Pillar has written, this is a man who, while at the State Department, demanded that intelligence analysts reach pre-determined conclusions about Iraq and WMDs. He cooked the books for war.

Bolton is on the record calling for war with Iran, North Korea, and even Cuba. His return to a senior position in government is a return to the unconstitutional, immoral, and failed policies of pre-emptive war.

Make no mistake: The neocons are back and looking for another war. They’ve got the president’s ear. Iran? North Korea? Russia? China? Who’s next for the warmongers? ★

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AN ACT OF STATE: THE EXECUTION OF MLK

On April 4, 1968, Martin Luther King was in Memphis supporting a worker strike. By nightfall, army snipers were in position, military officers were on a nearby roof with cameras, and Lloyd Jowers had been paid to remove the gun after the fatal shot was fired. When the dust had settled, King had been hit and a clean-up operation was set in motion—James Earl Ray was framed, the crime scene was destroyed, and witnesses were killed. William Pepper, attorney and friend of King, has conducted a 30-year investigation into his assassination. In 1999, Lloyd Jowers and other co-conspirators were brought to trial in a civil action suit on behalf of the King family. Seventy witnesses set out the details of a conspiracy that involved J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI, Richard Helms and the CIA, the military, Memphis police, and organized crime. The jury took an hour to find for the King family. In *An Act of State*, you finally have the truth before you—how the U.S. government shut down a movement for social change by stopping its leader dead in his tracks. Get the updated version of William F. Pepper’s tour de force (softcover, 350 pages, \$22 plus \$4 S&H inside the U.S.) from AFP BOOKSTORE. Send cash, check, or money order to AFP, 16000 Trade Zone Ave., Unit 406, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774, or call us toll free at 1-888 699-6397 to order via credit card. To purchase with bitcoin, ethereum, or any major cryptocurrency call AFP at 202-544-5977 or email Bookstore@AmericanFreePress.net.

Pompeo, Haspel Symptoms of Much Deeper Problems

• Congress needs to oppose Trump picks for State, CIA

By Rep. Ron Paul

President Donald Trump's recent cabinet shake-up looks to be a real boost to hardline militarism and neoconservatism. If his nominees to head the State Department and CIA are confirmed, we may well have moved closer to war.

Before being chosen by Trump to head up the CIA, Secretary of State nominee Mike Pompeo was one of the most pro-war members of Congress. He has been militantly hostile toward Iran, and many times has erroneously claimed that Iran is the world's number one state sponsor of terror. The truth is, Iran neither attacks nor threatens the United States.

At a time when Trump appears set to make history by meeting North Korean leader Kim Jong-un face-to-face, Pompeo remains dedicated to a "regime change" policy that leads to war, not diplomacy and peace. He blames Iran—rather than the 2003 U.S. invasion—for the ongoing disaster in Iraq. He enthusiastically embraced the Bush policy of "enhanced interrogation," which the rest of us call "torture."

Speaking of torture, even if some of the details of Trump's CIA nominee Gina Haspel's involvement in the torture of Abu Zubaydah are disputed, the mere fact that she helped develop an interrogation regimen that our own government admitted was torture, that she oversaw an infamous "black site" where torture took place, and that she covered up the evidence of her crimes should automatically disqualify her for further government service.

In a society that actually valued the rule of law, Haspel might be facing time in a much different kind of federal facility than CIA headquarters.

While it may be disappointing to see people like Pompeo as secretary of state and Haspel as the head of the CIA, it shouldn't be all that surprising. The few areas where Trump's actions are consistent with candidate Trump's promises are ripping up the nuclear deal with Iran and em-



POMPEO



HASPEL

bracing the torture policies of Bush. Candidate Trump in late 2015 promised to bring back waterboarding "and a whole lot worse" if he became president. It seems that is his intention with the elevation of Pompeo and Haspel to the most senior positions in his administration.

We should be concerned, of course, but the real problem is not really Pompeo or Haspel. It is partly true that "personnel is policy," but it's more than just that. It matters less who fills the position of secretary of state or CIA director when the real issue is that both federal agencies are routinely engaged in activities that are both unconstitutional and anti-American. It is the current executive branch over-reach that threatens our republic more than the individuals who fill positions in that executive branch. As long as Congress refuses to exercise its constitutional authority and oversight obligations—especially in matters of war and peace—we will continue our slide toward authoritarianism, where the president becomes a kind of king who takes us to war whenever he wishes.

I am heartened to see some senators—including Sen. Rand Paul—pledging to oppose Trump's nominees for State and CIA. Let's hope many more join him—and let's hope the rest of the Congress wakes up to its role as first among equals in our political system. ★

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Trump Prefers Anti-Iran Hardliners

• President has surrounded himself with advisors hell-bent on war with Iran

By Patrick J. Buchanan

The last man standing between the U.S. and war with Iran may be a four-star general affectionately known to his Marines as “Mad Dog.” Gen. James Mattis, the secretary of defense, appears to be the last man in the Situation Room who believes the Iran nuclear deal may be worth preserving and that war with Iran is a dreadful idea. Yet, other than Mattis, President Donald Trump seems to be creating a war cabinet.

Trump himself has pledged to walk away from the Iran nuclear deal—“the worst deal ever”—and reimpose sanctions in May. His new national security advisor-designate John Bolton, who wrote an op-ed titled “To Stop Iran’s Bomb, Bomb Iran,” has called for preemptive strikes and “regime change.”

Secretary of State-designate Mike Pompeo calls Iran “a thuggish police state,” a “despotic theocracy,” and “the vanguard of a pernicious empire that is expanding its power and influence across the Middle East.”

Trump’s favorite Arab ruler, 32-year-old Saudi Prince Mohammed bin Salman, calls Iran’s Ayatollah Khamenei “the Hitler of the Middle East.”



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Bibi Netanyahu is monomaniacal on Iran, calling the nuclear deal a threat to Israel’s survival and Iran “the greatest threat to our world.”

UN Ambassador Nikki Haley echoes them all. Yet Iran appears not to want a war. UN inspectors routinely confirm that Iran is strictly abiding by the terms of the nuclear deal.

While U.S. warships in the Persian Gulf often encountered Iranian “fast attack” boats and drones between January 2016 and August 2017, that has stopped. Vessels of both nations have operated virtually without incident.

What would be the result of Trump’s trashing of the nuclear deal?

First would be the isolation of the United States. China and Russia would not abrogate the deal but would welcome Iran into their camp. England, France, and Germany would have to choose between the deal and the United States. And if Airbus were obligated to spurn Iran’s orders for hundreds of new planes, how would that sit with the Europeans?

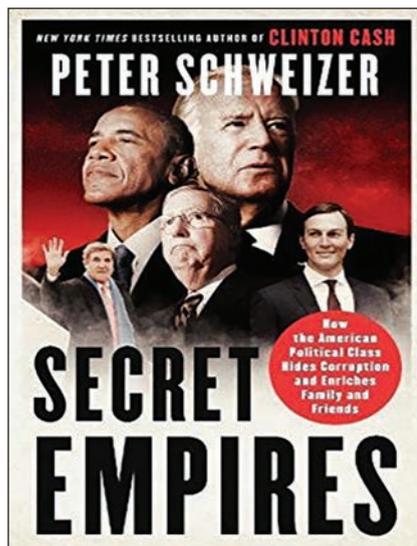
How would North Korea react if the U.S. trashed a deal where Iran, after accepting severe

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Peter Schweizer has been fighting corruption—and winning—for years. In *Throw Them All Out*, he exposed insider trading by members of Congress, leading to the passage of the STOCK Act. In *Extortion*, Schweizer uncovered how politicians use mafia-like tactics to enrich themselves to the utmost. And in *Clinton Cash*, he revealed the Clintons’ massive money machine and sparked an FBI investigation.

Now he explains how a new corruption has taken hold, involving larger sums of money than ever before. Stuffing tens of thousands of dollars into a freezer has morphed into multibillion-dollar equity deals done in the dark corners of the world.

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from hiring a slew of family members of top Chinese politicians. However, a Chinese bank opening in America can

How the American Political Class Hides Corruption and Enriches Family and Friends

hire anyone it wants. It can even invite the friends and families of American politicians to invest in can’t-lose deals.

President Donald Trump’s children have made front pages across the world for their dicey transactions. However, the media has barely looked into questionable deals made by those close to Barack Obama, Joe Biden, John Kerry, Mitch McConnell, and lesser-known politicians who have been in the game much longer.

In many parts of the world, the children of powerful political figures go into business and profit handsomely, not necessarily because they are good at it, but because people want to curry favor with their influential parents. This is

a relatively new phenomenon in the United States. But for relatives of some prominent political families, we may already be talking about hundreds of millions of dollars.

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restrictions on its nuclear program and allowing intrusive inspections, were cheated of the benefits the Americans promised?

Why would Pyongyang, having seen us attack Iraq, which had no WMDs, and Libya, which had given up its WMDs to mollify us, ever consider giving up its nuclear weapons—especially after seeing the leaders of both nations executed?

And, should the five other signatories to the Iran deal continue with it despite us, and Iran agree to abide by its terms, what do we do then?

Find a *casus belli* to go to war? Why? How does Iran threaten us?

A war, which would involve U.S. warships against swarms of Iranian torpedo boats, could shut down the Persian Gulf to oil traffic and produce a crisis in the global economy. Anti-American Shiite jihadists in Beirut, Baghdad, and Bahrain could attack U.S. civilian and military personnel.

As the Army and Marine Corps do not have the troops to invade and occupy Iran, would we have to reinstate the draft?

And if we decided to blockade and bomb Iran, we would have to take out all its anti-ship missiles, submarines, navy, air force, ballistic missiles, and air defense system.

And would not a pre-emptive strike on Iran unite its people in hatred of us, just as Japan's pre-emptive strike on Pearl Harbor united us in a determination to annihilate her empire?

What would the Dow Jones average look like after an attack on Iran?

Trump was nominated because he promised to keep us out of stupid wars like those into which

folks like Bolton and the Bush Republicans plunged us.

After 17 years, we are still mired in Afghanistan, trying to keep the Taliban we overthrew in 2001 from returning to Kabul. Following our 2003 invasion, Iraq, once a bulwark against Iran, became a Shiite ally of Iran.

The rebels we supported in Syria have been routed. And Bashar Assad—thanks to backing from Russia, Iran, Hezbollah, and Shiite militias from the Middle East and Central Asia—has secured his throne for the foreseeable future.

The Kurds who trusted us have been hammered by our NATO ally Turkey in Syria, and by the Iraqi army we trained in Iraq.

What is Trump, who assured us there would be no more stupid wars, thinking? Truman and LBJ got us into wars they could not end, and both lost their presidencies. Eisenhower and Nixon ended those wars and were rewarded with land-

slides.

After his smashing victory in Desert Storm, Bush I was denied a second term. After invading Iraq, Bush II lost both houses of Congress in 2006, and his party lost the presidency in 2008 to the antiwar Barack Obama. Once Trump seemed to understand this history. Now he seems oblivious.★

Pat Buchanan is a writer, political commentator and presidential candidate. He is the author of a new book, *Nixon's White House Wars: The Battles That Made and Broke a President and Divided America Forever* and previous titles including *The Greatest Comeback: How Richard Nixon Rose From Defeat to Create the New Majority*. Both are available from AFP Bookstore for \$25 plus \$4 S&H.

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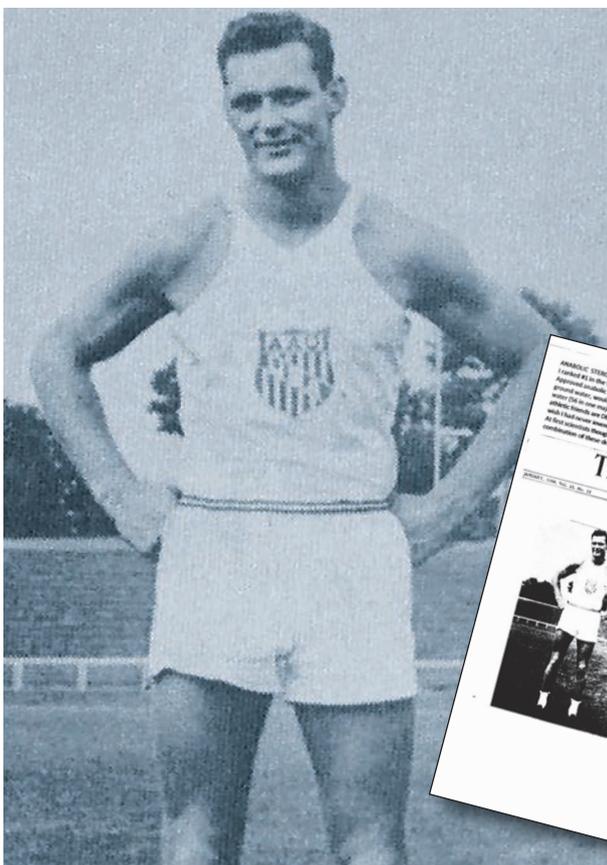
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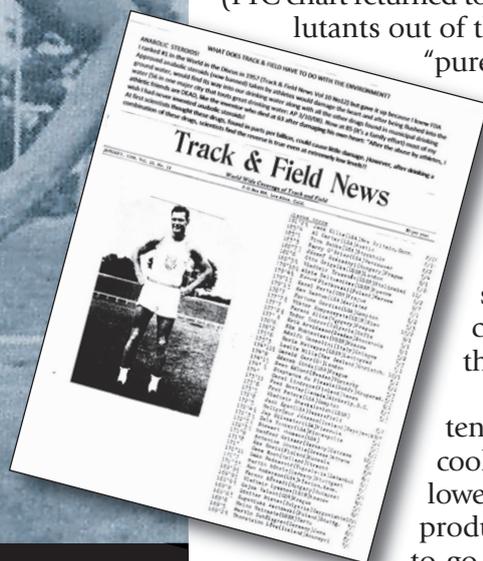
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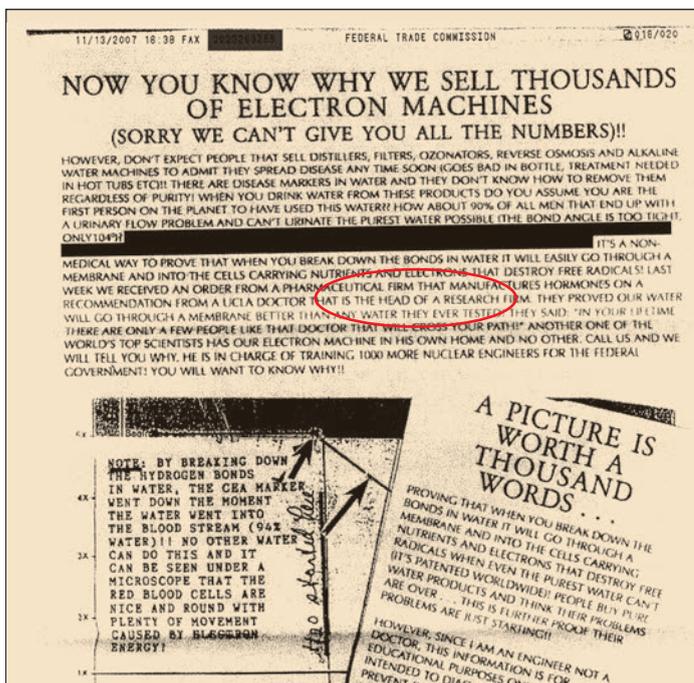
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combines politics (friend of Clinton then Trump) and bad "health advice" profits into an art form with fringe M.D.'s promoting a plastic distiller when the FDA informed mothers NOT to boil plastic baby bottles! This is all part of a "water scam alert" network with the same greed and fraud mindset that sunk our submarines including a delicensed MD (lost 40 lawsuits even using FTC/FDA legitimacy) and a fired Vietnam turncoat professor in Canada that disparages our Vietnam Veterans with NO DEGREES IN THIS FIELD! At 25, I had Top Secret Security Clearance as a Douglas Aerospace Engineer. How about a SECURITY CLEARANCE? On the contrary, Google: Nursing Sisters Port Dover about my grandmother (World War I and World War II) and a JohnEllis.com brochure about her friends that included CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT (19th Amendment: Women's Right to Vote), American Red Cross Founder CLARA BARTON and her cousin SUSAN B. ANTHONY!

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Instead of helping them—like a Jan. 27, 1992 *Washington Post* article: "10,000 people per day say this water cures anything including cancer!" (we are allowed to quote)—"News and Health" magazines use fringe MDs to sell products that cause cancer! Editor and Health Pioneer: "I feel wonderful taking 70 vitamins a day!" before dying on TV while another overdosed on iodine (both from Toxic Overload!) like the Anabolic Steroid inventor who died at 63 (below) ... which is why I gave up the discus!

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I am not new to controversy: In 1957 I had the best discus throw in the World (*T&F News*, Vol. 10, No. 12) but gave it up because I knew

Anabolic Steroids would cause users heart damage! All the top athletes were told they were safe by doctors. However, their inventor, John Ziegler M.D., said before he died at 63: "I wish I had listened to [John Ellis]. I damaged my heart!"

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Bill of Rights Being Massacred

• America needs to disarm its own genocidal standing army, not law-abiding citizens

By Dr. Kevin Barrett

I never thought I would live to see the day that a retired Supreme Court Justice, writing in America's newspaper of record, would openly call for gutting the Bill of Rights. And by "gutting" I don't just mean "whittling away at." That has been going on for at least a couple of centuries. This is worse—much worse.

In the most-read article in the March 27 *New York Times* headlined "John Paul Stevens: Repeal the Second Amendment," the former justice writes that "the (anti-gun) demonstrators . . . should demand a repeal of the Second Amendment. Concern that a national standing army might pose a threat to the security of the separate states led to the adoption of that amendment, which provides that 'a well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.' Today that concern is a relic of the 18th century."

But is it? Stevens is right that the founding fathers were inalterably opposed to any national standing army. They viewed a standing army as a threat not just to the security of the separate states, but also to individual liberty. They founded the U.S. with the intention of making sure that no permanent, professional military should ever rear its ugly head on our soil. Instead, individual citizens would be responsible for defending their own lives, families, communities, states, and nation. They would train themselves in military skills informally with local community members, occasionally assemble into whatever force might prove necessary to defend the borders from any looming aggression—and then disassemble as soon as the danger receded or hostilities ceased.

Today, we have by far the world's biggest professional standing army—and it is literally killing us (and millions of other people around the world). The founding fathers must be rolling over in their graves.

Avoidable mortality expert Dr. Gideon Polya



Jewish academic Dr. Gideon Polya has published some 130 works in a five-decade scientific career as a biochemist. He is also one of the world's leading experts in comparative holocausts and genocides, with a special focus on the issue of avoidable mortality. This refers to the vast numbers of people killed indirectly by invasions, occupations, destruction of infrastructure, and similar actions, which are usually much higher than the numbers murdered directly by bombs, guns, and other forms of military attack. One of his most shocking claims is that a total of 32 million Muslims have been killed by the 9/11 wars.

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writes of "the horrendous carnage of the U.S. war on terror (aka the U.S. war on Muslims) involving the deaths of 32 million Muslims abroad (by violence or imposed deprivation) and the preventable deaths of 27 million Americans at home inescapably linked to the fiscal perversion of committing to a \$7 trillion long-term accrual cost of killing millions of Muslims abroad instead of keeping millions of Americans alive at home."

That's right—according to the careful calculations of one of the world's leading avoidable mortality experts, over the long term, as many as 27 million Americans will die prematurely due to the colossal costs of our latest insane, fraudulent war . . . a war of aggression against people all over the world, people who in virtually all cases have absolutely no desire or ability to harm us. The few people in other countries who do wish to harm us, or who are arming against us, are doing so as a natural and understandable response to our own standing army's planetary-scale aggression.

Polya's stunning estimate—that the false-flag-9/11-instigated "war on terror" amounts to a holocaust of roughly 59 million people, committed by our own standing army—puts the hoopla over school shootings in its real context. Yes, school shootings, which take the lives of dozens of innocent people per year on average, are horrible. But the price of allowing an armed citizenry to provide a bulwark against tyranny is very, very low, compared to the price of allowing a standing army to feast on our blood and treasure. Our standing army, financed by private bankers who create our



One expert on comparative genocides claims that a total of 32 million Muslims may have been killed directly and indirectly by the U.S. military since the 9/11 war on terror began.

national currency out of nothing by lending it into existence at interest, is swelling ever-larger, like some gigantic bloodthirsty leech, to the point that it has finally begun to dream of devouring the entire globe.

We could easily go back to the vision of the founding fathers. Just ask the Swiss. They have what amounts to universal military training and widespread ownership of military-grade firearms. Yet they have no school shootings, indeed virtually no mass shootings at all. The last one was in 2001. The Swiss murder rate is close to zero.

The Swiss motto, like that of the American founding fathers, is "armed neutrality." Switzerland is situated close to the world's worst war zone (as exemplified by the Franco-Prussian War, World War I, and World War II) yet it has not taken part in any armed conflict since 1815. The Swiss, blessed with uncommon common sense, defend their own borders and mind their own business.

Yet Stevens, not content with the 9/11-triggered shredding of the Fourth Amendment, wants to push America several giant steps further down the road to naked, undisguised tyranny by revoking the Second Amendment. He must be insane. We need to disarm our genocidal standing army—not our citizens. ★

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Elites Move to Ban Guns

• Following mass shootings, former top court justice makes shocking suggestion

By Mark Anderson

Former Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens caused a stir on March 27 when he took to the sympathetic pages of *The New York Times* in an op-ed calling for repeal of the Second Amendment via constitutional amendment. What's not as well known is that, about a month before that, a bill had been quietly introduced in Congress to ban all "assault weapons."

The Assault Weapons Ban of 2018 (H.R. 5087), which has 175 cosponsors as of this writing, was introduced in the House Feb. 20, just six days after the school shooting in Parkland, Fla. As of March 20, the legislation had been referred by the House Committee on the Judiciary to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. The bill would "make it a crime to knowingly import, sell, manufacture, transfer, or possess a semiautomatic assault weapon (SAW) or large capacity ammunition feeding device (LCAFD)."

The bill does permit "continued possession, sale, or transfer of a grandfathered SAW, which must be securely stored. A licensed gun dealer must conduct a background check prior to the sale or transfer of a grandfathered SAW between private parties. The bill permits continued possession of, but prohibits sale or transfer of, a grandfathered LCAFD."

The nationally televised March for Our Lives had just happened on March 24 in Washington,



Despite living in California—which has the strictest gun laws in the nation—radical animal rights activist Nasim Najafi Aghdam was still able to purchase a Smith & Wesson 9 mm. handgun and shoot three people at the headquarters of Internet video company Youtube on April 3.

D.C.—where scores of emotional teens stumped for drastically increased gun controls—when Stevens's anti-gun homily was published.

Referring to the radical idea of repealing the second of the 10 amendments that comprise the Bill of Rights—a concept that has never been seriously contemplated much less carried out—Stevens wrote: "Overturning that decision [in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, which upheld the

individual right to bear arms] via a constitutional amendment to get rid of the Second Amendment would be simple and would do more to weaken the N.R.A.'s ability to stymie legislative debate and block constructive gun control legislation than any other available option. That simple but dramatic action would move Saturday's marchers closer to their objective than any other possible reform. It would eliminate the only legal rule that protects sellers of firearms in the United States."

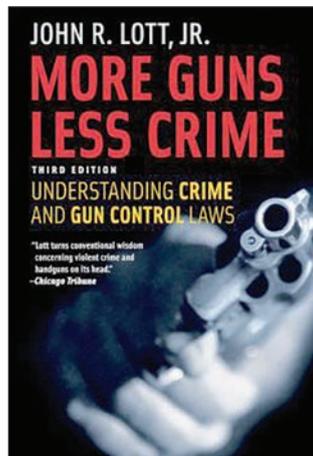
He argues: "Concern that a national standing army might pose a threat to the security of the separate states led to the adoption of that amendment. . . . Today that concern is a relic of the 18th century."

Of course, Stevens knows that America has a standing army, which has grown beyond what our founders envisioned due to the U.S. leading the charge in interventionist, undeclared world warfare. Worse still, the U.S. ceaselessly patrolling the world has over the years led to calls for surrendering command of U.S. forces to United Nations commanders—a prospect U.S. Army Medic Michael New resisted in 1995 when he refused to wear UN accoutrement on his uniform.

"For over 200 years after the adoption of the Second Amendment," Stevens, 97, opined, "it was

More Guns, Less Crime: Understanding Crime & Gun Control Laws—3rd Edition

On its initial publication in 1998, John R. Lott's *More Guns, Less Crime* drew both lavish praise and heated criticism. More than a decade later, it continues to play a key role in ongoing arguments over gun-control laws: Despite all the attacks by gun-control advocates, no one has ever been able to refute Lott's simple, startling conclusion that more guns mean less crime. Relying on the most rigorously comprehensive data analysis ever conducted on crime statistics and right-to-carry laws, the book directly challenges common perceptions about the relationship of guns, crime, and violence. For this third edition, Lott draws on an additional 10 years of data—including provocative analyses of the effects of gun bans in Chicago and Washington, D.C.—that brings the book fully



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uniformly understood as not placing any limit on either federal or state authority to enact gun control legislation. In 1939 the Supreme Court unanimously held that Congress could prohibit the possession of a sawed-off shotgun because that weapon had no reasonable relation to the preservation or efficiency of a 'well-regulated militia.' ”

Irrespective of that court decision, the types of weapons needed for personal and community defense, in a Second Amendment context, would logically be based on effectiveness, since it's absurd to speak of defending town, state, and nation from tyranny with inferior firepower. The widely popular AR—the prime target of the Florida students, other gun opponents, and an example of SAWs addressed in H.R. 5087—is arguably the best readily available defense weapon in terms of its utility and power.

Stevens's *Times* piece comes adorned with a picture of an 18th century musket alongside an AR-15, and he tries to say that the AR-15's power so far exceeds the power of the weaponry from the days of the Second Amendment's framers that the amendment itself is enabling dangers that the framers didn't foresee. Therefore, Stevens believes, the U.S. should disregard the framers in terms of the principle of homeland defense.

Overlooked is the fact that the musket represented the top firearm technology of its day, just as the AR-15 does now. Naturally, the educated men who framed the national charter understood that weapons technology would advance like any other technology. Conversely, sound principles are by definition unchanging—with the principles of self-defense and national defense being definitive in America's founding—regardless of the weapons technology at any given time.

The mainstream media, meanwhile, uses loaded terms like “assault weapon” regarding the AR-15, even though any weapon is best defined by the circumstances of its usage. In other words, an AR-15, a .38 revolver, a baseball bat, or a meat cleaver are all “assault weapons” if used unlaw-

fully in an actual assault. But an AR-15 or any other weapon is a defense weapon when lawfully used to “defend the realm” from an assault.

And while all the talk of nixing the Second Amendment and banning so-called assault weapons only pertains to civilian-owned firearms, the government's abuse of its own firepower is undeniably evident—from police shooting citizens without just cause to the military unlawfully bombing nations with which the U.S. is not at war.

It is worth noting that the Second Amendment is largely bulletproof despite groups like the Conference of the States (CS) seeking to amend the Constitution, according to Cindy Nation, a volunteer for the Conference of the States, an organization based in Houston.

Ms. Nation assured AFP that existing calls for a formal Conference of the States to propose constitutional changes are designed to be strictly limited. Her group wants to convene such a conference to, among other things, insert term limits for all federal officials into the Constitution, which would require ratification by 38 states under Article V of the Constitution.

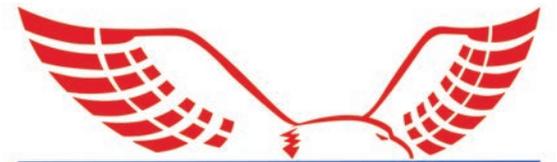
However, repealing the Second Amendment appears to be impossible, she said, since none of the CS groups of which she's aware have any known intentions of touching that amendment.

Besides, “It's against the rules to add amendment topics later outside the framework of the initial topics with which states apply for a [CS],” she said.

Still, the bill on Capitol Hill, H.R. 5087, among other anti-gun bills that have taken root lately, could gravely erode the Second Amendment due to our country's current fearful climate.

As of this writing, Congress had been out of session starting March 26. Lawmakers return April 9—making this the perfect time to start calling Congress: 202-224-3121, or 202-225-3121. ★

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Ending Federal Tyranny, Violence

• If you really want to save the lives of Americans, take aim at government violence

By John W. Whitehead

Enough is enough. That was the refrain chanted over and over by the thousands of demonstrators who gathered to protest gun violence in America on March 24, 2018. More than 200,000 young people took the time to march on Washington, D.C. and other cities across the country to demand that their concerns about gun violence be heard.

I'm all for activism, especially if it motivates people who have been sitting silently on the sidelines for too long to get up and try to reclaim control over a runaway government.

Curiously, however, although these young activists were vocal in calling for gun control legislation that requires stricter background checks and limits the kinds of weapons being bought and sold by members of the public, they were remarkably silent about the gun violence perpetrated by their own government.

Why is no one taking aim at the U.S. government as the greatest purveyor of violence in American society and around the world?

As journalist Celisa Calacal recognizes, "It is often the case that police shootings, incidents where law enforcement officers pull the trigger on civilians, are left out of the conversation on gun violence. But a police officer shooting a civilian counts as gun violence. Every time an officer uses a gun against an innocent or an unarmed person [it] contributes to the culture of gun violence in this country."

Enough is enough.



Hundreds of thousands of Americans marched on Washington, D.C. on March 24 demanding a variety of responses to the school shootings that have devastated multiple American communities. Records show that the march was planned long before the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High in Parkland, Fla.

The systemic violence being perpetrated by agents of the government has done more collective harm to the American people and our liberties than any single act of terror or mass shooting.

Violence has become our government's calling card, from the more than 80,000 SWAT team raids carried out every year on unsuspecting Americans to the military's endless wars abroad.

Indeed, the day before thousands of demonstrators descended on Washington, D.C. to protest mass shootings such as the one that took place at Stoneman Douglas High School, President Donald Trump signed into law a colossal \$1.3 trillion

spending bill that gives the military the biggest boost in spending in more than a decade.

With more than \$700 billion earmarked for the military, including \$144.3 billion for new military equipment, you can be sure this financial windfall for America's military empire will be used to expand the police state here at home.

This will put more militarized guns and weapons in the hands of local police and government bureaucrats who have been trained to shoot first and ask questions later.

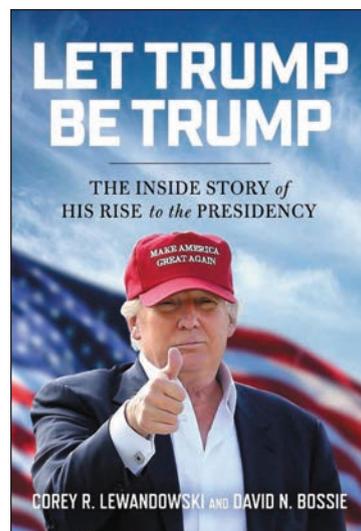
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Remember, it was just a few months ago that

Let Trump Be Trump: The Inside Story of His Rise

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Written by the guys in the room—two of Trump's closest campaign advisors—*Let Trump Be Trump* is the eyewitness account of the stories behind the headlines. From the Access Hollywood recording and the Clinton accusers, to one-time campaign manager Paul Manafort, to the last-moment comeback and a victory that reads like something out of a fiction novel, *Let Trump Be Trump* pulls back the curtain on a drama that has mesmerized the whole world—including the palace intrigues of the Mooch, Sean Spicer, Lance Preibus, Steve Bannon, and more.



By turns hilarious and intimate, *Let Trump Be Trump* also offers a view of Donald Trump like you've never seen him, the man whose success in business was built not only on great skill but on loyal relationships and who developed the strongest of bonds with the band of outsiders and idealists who became his team because they believed in him and his message.

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Trump, aided and abetted by his trusty Department of Justice henchman Jeff Sessions, rolled back restrictions on the government's military recycling program to the delight of the nation's powerful police unions.

Under the auspices of this military "recycling" program, which was instituted decades ago, more than \$4.2 billion worth of equipment has been transferred from the Defense Department to domestic police agencies.

There are now reportedly more bureaucratic (non-military) government civilians armed with high-tech, deadly weapons than U.S. Marines.

In the hands of government agents, whether they are members of the military, law enforcement or some other government agency, these weapons have become routine parts of America's day-to-day life. As investigative journalists Andrew Becker and G.W. Schulz reveal [in an article on the news and commentary website "Daily Beast"], "Many police, including beat cops, now routinely carry assault rifles. Combined with body armor and other apparel, many officers look more and more like combat troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan."

Thanks to Trump, this transformation of America into a battlefield is only going to get worse.

Get ready for more militarized police. More police shootings. More SWAT team raids. More violence in a culture already drenched with violence.

Enough is enough.

You want to talk about gun violence?

According to *The Washington Post*, "1 in 13 people killed by guns are killed by police."

Growing numbers of unarmed people are being shot and killed by police for just standing a certain way, or moving a certain way, or holding something—anything—that police could misinterpret to be a gun, or igniting some trigger-centric fear in a police officer's mind that has nothing to do with an actual threat to their safety.

Enough is enough.

With alarming regularity, unarmed men, women, children, and even pets are being gunned down by twitchy, hyper-sensitive, easily spooked police officers who shoot first and ask questions later.

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- Standing in a "shooting stance";

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- Holding a cell phone;
- Carrying a baseball bat;
- Opening the front door;
- Running toward police with a metal spoon;
- Running while holding a tree branch;
- Crawling around naked;
- Wearing dark pants and a basketball jersey;
- Driving while deaf;
- Being homeless;
- Brandishing a shoehorn;
- Having your car break down on the road;
- Holding a garden hose;
- Calling 911; and
- Looking for a parking spot.

This is what passes for policing in America today, folks, and it's only getting worse.

That police chose to fatally resolve these encounters by using their guns on fellow citizens speaks volumes about what is wrong with polic-

ing in America today, where police officers are being dressed in the trappings of war, drilled in the deadly art of combat, and trained to look upon "every individual they interact with as an armed threat and every situation as a deadly force encounter in the making."

Enough is enough.

You want to save lives?

Start by doing something to save the lives of your fellow citizens who are being gunned down every day by police who are trained to shoot first and ask questions later.

You want to cry about the lives lost during mass shootings?

Cry about the lives lost as a result of the violence being perpetrated by the U.S. government here at home and abroad.

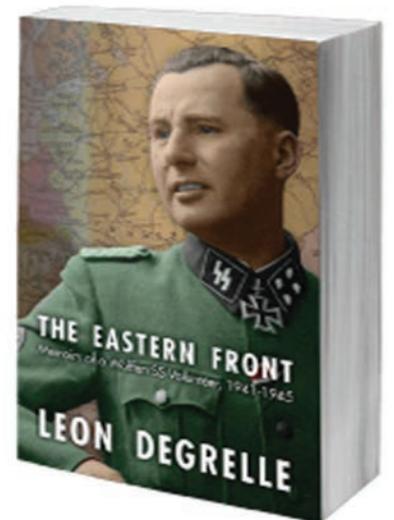
If gun control activists really want the country to reconsider its relationship with guns and violence, then it needs to start with a serious discussion about the role our government has played and continues to play in contributing to the culture of violence.

If the American people are being called on to scale back their weapons, then as I make clear in my book *Battlefield America: The War on the American People*, the government and its cohorts—the police, the various government agencies that are now armed to the hilt, the military, the defense contractors etc.—need to do the same. It's time to put an end to the government's reign of terror. Enough is enough. ★

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Trade War Ramping Up

• Trash, pork, copyrights, jobs at the heart of tension

By S.T. Patrick

Trade between two of the three most populated countries in the world is something that greatly affects all global economies. Today, however, President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping are locked in an historic trade war that involves goods from meat to technology to trash.

Last July, China informed the World Trade Organization (WTO) that it would end its practice of accepting large shipments of bulky waste paper and plastic. The Chinese government has long been pressured by international organizations to modernize environmental standards. The pressure, however, was never the basis of an ultimatum and thus lacked teeth. Foreign nations value the size and potential revenue of Chinese markets, while also depending on Chinese goods. Very few countries outside of the United States could afford Chinese restrictions on trade.

In a bold move, the Chinese announced that they were finished accepting what they call “foreign garbage.” The leading offenders of the Chinese trash trade are the United States and Japan, which combined, according to the International Trade Centre, account for approximately 20% of the global waste imported by China.

The trashy little secret unknown to many environmentalists is that activist-lobbyists in the United States have placed recyclables in an unenviable “catch-22” position. Because lawmakers in Washington, D.C. have banned many recyclable materials from going to landfill, they must be exported. Without the ability to export, they must find a domestic destination.

Until the restriction was enacted on Jan. 1, China was the leading importer of garbage. In 2016, China accepted 80% of U.S. recyclable waste. The selling of recycled materials also produced revenue. Without that revenue, nations, states, and provinces will now have to charge higher rates to individual recyclers. By banning

landfill use, environmentalists may have just inadvertently ended what has been called the “golden age of recycling.”

A U.S. spokesperson at the WTO Council in December blamed Beijing for rapidly escalating landfills around the world. A representative of the Chinese president called upon individual nations to dispose of their own trash in a way that is responsible and safe.

In response, on March 22 the Trump administration announced \$50 billion in new tariffs on Chinese goods. Trump pointed to “unfair” trade practices as the cause, citing restrictions on foreign ownership that pressured foreign companies into transferring technology. Because America routinely imports billions of dollars more from China than it exports, the trade deficit last year stood at \$375 billion. Trump asked China to cut that deficit by \$100 billion “immediately.”

Congress, already concerned about Chinese state-backed acquisitions of American tech companies and the potential to use the technology for military purposes, has begun debating legislation that would allow it more oversight and review of foreign business deals.

Some business analysts believe that Trump’s bravado actually aggravates the relationship with China and dissuades potential allies from aiding the administration.

At a recent Senate Finance Committee hearing, Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) said, “I get a kind of stomp-your-feet approach makes some people feel good, but in the integrated economy we already have, it’s more complex.”

There are those analysts, however, who believe the president could parlay the trade war into a major administrative victory. Peter Harrell of “NationalInterest.org” urged Trump to focus on two principal areas. According to Harrell, the U.S. should press China to reduce barriers to trade and investment surrounding the key aspects of “Made in China 2025,” China’s long-term economic development plan. Second, he suggests Trump should urge China to become more open to U.S. goods and services that support American em-



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ployment, such as auto manufacturers. A failure of NAFTA was that globalization and free trade made American workers vulnerable. Supporting sectors that promote American employment could buoy a U.S. labor force that often loses when free traders win.

Before the meaningful negotiations begin, however, each country could spend months moving across the global economic chessboard. Trump recently announced new tariffs on steel and aluminum imports.

On Sunday, China imposed new tariffs on 128 U.S. products. The list of products includes goods such as pork, fruit, steel pipes, and modified ethanol. In total, the list accounted for \$3 billion in 2017 exports. Steve Brice, chief investment strategist at Standard Chartered Private Bank, told CNBC that it was “a statement of intent . . . but it’s not an escalation.” While it barely dents what is a \$115.6 billion bilateral trade agreement, every newly enacted tariff from either side is a political statement.

The risk for American companies is a drastic shrinking of potential markets, while China risks a price shock that stems from a lack of other sourcing countries. What either country is willing to risk may also spotlight what both leaders can risk. Trump faces an increasingly discontented press as the heart of the mid-term election season heats up. Xi Jinping has just seen his country eliminate the two-term rule for the presidency, thus allowing him to serve as president for the duration of his life.

While the American media may be Trump’s loudest critic, China is his most patient and his most fierce challenge. While Twitter battles with CNN may win or lose a 24-hour media cycle, negotiations with China can win or lose a legacy, especially when it comes to American workers and putting America first. ★

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While the Trump administration argues that recent tariffs are a result of a long history of unfair trade practices and onerous deficits, the Chinese argue that the industrialized world is attempting to unfairly wreck China’s newfound environmentalism. Both leaders are locked in a battle of escalating tariffs.

Massive Spending Bill Is Outrageous

• National debt now tops \$21 trillion with passage of government-funding measure

By Mark Anderson

After making veto threats and claiming he'd shut down the federal government, President Donald Trump signed the 2,232-page, \$1.3 trillion omnibus spending bill March 23. The bill keeps the federal government running through Sept. 30, when the current fiscal year ends. But, according to MarketWatch and other sources, the bill puts the U.S. that much further down the road to financial perdition.

"It has taken a little more than six months for the U.S. national debt to grow by a trillion dollars, a quick clip that has little precedent over the nation's recent history," reported MarketWatch.

"Last week," MarketWatch added, referring to mid-March, "the debt hit \$21 trillion for the first time, rising from the \$20 trillion mark it notched on Sept. 8 [2017]. The debt is guaranteed to go higher, with President Donald Trump having signed a debt-limit suspension in February, allowing unlimited borrowing through March 1, 2019."

Pastor, columnist, and 2008 Constitution Party presidential candidate Chuck Baldwin is livid: "Donald Trump is exploding the size of deficit spending like no president before him. For example, after Ronald Reagan became the first president to grow the federal deficit to over \$1 trillion [which took nearly 200 years to accumulate, from the days of George Washington until October of 1981 during Reagan's presidency—Ed.], Clinton busted the trillion-dollar deficit mark in four years, and Obama busted the trillion-dollar deficit mark in two years."

Baldwin added that Trump and his fellow "conservative" Republicans in Congress—who rail nonstop against the Democrat Party's budget-busting—have hypocritically "exploded the federal deficit by over \$1 trillion in just the past six months. Oh, and even though Trump & Company just borrowed another \$1.3 trillion on our behalf, we have been told that they need to borrow another \$300 billion. . . ."

The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget (CRFB)—whose board members include Reagan's Office of Management and Budget Director David Stockman, former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, and former Defense Secretary Leon Panetta—projects that the national debt could exceed the size of the entire economy within a decade.

A March 2 CRFB paper noted: "Because of the rapid pace of legislative change, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has not had the opportunity to update its projections since June 2017. In this paper, we construct our own rough budget pro-



Omnibus Sell-out

Democrats and Republicans betrayed U.S. taxpayers with the \$1.3 trillion Omnibus Budget Bill, consisting of 2,232 pages they didn't bother to read. One hundred forty-five GOP members and 111 Democrats voted in favor of this outrageous bill, which also gives all Congress critters a hefty pay raise. This anti-conservative legislation limits how many immigration enforcement agents can be hired, fully funds Planned Parenthood, continues "sanctuary cities" funding, could allow the number of foreign guest workers (H-2B visas) to nearly double to 120,000, restricts guns, and lacks sufficient border wall funding. What a sell-out.

jections based on CBO's methods. Our projections show that under current law, trillion-dollar deficits will return permanently by next year and debt will exceed the size of the economy within a decade. Under potentially more realistic policy assumptions, the country will be facing a \$2.4-trillion deficit and debt of 113% of gross domestic product (GDP) by 2028. These projections show a fiscal situation that is clearly unsustainable."

Trump did get \$1.6 billion as starting funds for his promised border wall figured into the omnibus bill. He did so by placating Democrats, claiming, for example, that he'd back off on deporting hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants who've been allowed to remain in the U.S. under the DACA program. Yet, as of this writing, Trump has been waffling and may begin deporting these illegal aliens who arrived here as children.

Regarding the omnibus bill, Trump took to Twitter: "Got \$1.6 billion to start wall on southern border, rest will be forthcoming." He also tweeted:

"Most importantly, got \$700 billion to rebuild our military, \$716 billion next year . . . most ever. . . . Had to waste money on Dem giveaways in order to take care of military pay increase and new equipment."

That \$1.6 billion will reportedly cover less than a year of work on the border wall. Trump had sought \$25 billion for the wall.

"There are a lot of things I'm unhappy about in this bill," Trump told reporters, as quoted by CNBC. "I will never sign another bill like this again. . . . Nobody read it. . . ."

Approaching three-quarters of a trillion dollars of spending, per year, for the U.S. military—whose bloated costs are a direct outcome of its bloated mission—apparently means more empire-building by continuing to forcibly annex resistant nations into the one-world monopoly capitalist grid pushed by the neoconservative faction and equally subversive globalist think tanks that compel the U.S. government to be the world police force.

Besides the ongoing imperative for the U.S. government to restore the direct, interest-free creation of its own sovereign currency, end the Federal Reserve, and curtail the federal borrowing process altogether, a crucial question is whether Trump will honor his initial campaign promises and genuinely reduce military interventionism. It will be impossible for Trump to reconcile massive military spending with a reduction of the U.S. military global footprint. ★

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Americans on Edge

• Saber-rattling has citizens thinking about preparedness

By Dave Gahary

A startling trend is taking shape across the nation that shows no sign of easing. Emergency survival kits selling for up to \$6,000 are being snapped up at brick-and-mortar locations as well as from online retailers.

Washington-based Costco Wholesale Corporation, the second largest retailer in the world after Walmart, sells a \$5,999.99 kit that contains 600 cans of food that can keep a family of four alive on 2,000 calories a day for a year. Their cheapest option sells for \$999.99, and contains 96 cans of food, providing 1,200 calories a day for one person for a year. The cans hold “grains, fruits, vegetables, proteins, dairy, and more,” and the freeze-dried foods have a shelf life of up to 25 years. Shipping and handling’s included, and it’s “packaged discreetly for privacy in shipping.”

Another Evergreen State-based company, Amazon.com, the largest Internet retailer in the world, also sells a variety of survival gear. In fact, almost 300 products are listed under the “emergency survival kit” category, along with hundreds of product reviews. Nearly 1,000 reviews have been posted for an emergency drinking water pouch, “indicating considerable demand for the products.”

AMERICAN FREE PRESS spoke with Rich Gilbreath, who owns and operates a prepper store—SHTF and Go—with his wife in Wisconsin. Gilbreath explained how he got into the business and the upsurge in sales he’s seen recently.

“We started this as a hobby,” Gilbreath told this newspaper. “I’m a hunter; I hunt like 150 days a year.”

Gilbreath was tired of lugging water to a campsite he and his wife visit, especially since there is

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Like in the 1980s,
preppers today are
stocking up on gear to
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a river on the property.

“I’m a mechanical engineer by trade,” he explained. “I made a water filter system that doesn’t need electricity and all my friends and buddies and people that knew me said, ‘Well, make me one; I want one.’ So it turned into a business, and here we are, five years later, shipping stuff around the world.”

Gilbreath said his water distillers can turn any water source into safe drinking water and even remove radioactive particles.

This reporter asked if his customers are concerned about EMP, or electromagnetic pulse, a short burst of electromagnetic energy—natural or man-made—capable of destroying all non-hardened electronic equipment, including the entire electric grid.

“People are constantly talking about it,” Gilbreath answered, “constantly hypothesizing on the whole EMP thing.”

In fact, his most impressive product is geared specifically for an EMP event, whether caused by a direct hit from a solar flare—as occurred in 1859—or from a nuclear weapon detonated in the atmosphere.

“All of our water filter systems are nonelec-



KIM JONG UN

Ever since Kim Jong Un (above) and Donald Trump started exchanging threats about nuclear strikes, Americans have been snapping up preparedness kits and potassium iodide (used to help ward off the effects of radiation poisoning).

tric,” Gilbreath explained, “so we are literally geared toward that inevitability.”

The recent saber-rattling by North Korea’s dictator was a boon for business.

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Robert Mueller's Questionable Past

• Special counsel investigating Trump was born, bred, married into Deep State spy families

By S.T. Patrick

Robert Mueller is the special counsel tasked with investigating potential Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential election. This appointment has also given Mueller significant leeway in exploring any possible links between the Trump campaign and the government of Russian President Vladimir Putin. Much has been written about Mueller's conduct, as well as his methods, but some of the more interesting reasons for questioning Mueller's role may be historical.

Mueller was born into and then married into a family with high-level ties to covert CIA operations.

Since 1966, Mueller has been married to Ann Cabell Standish. The Cabell family includes Charles Cabell, the deputy director of the CIA under Allen Dulles. As part of the fallout of the Bay of Pigs fiasco, Cabell was forced to resign by President John F. Kennedy in January 1962. His brother, Earle Cabell, was the mayor of Dallas in 1963 where and when Kennedy was assassinated. The 2017 JFK document releases have also proven that Mayor Cabell was a CIA asset.

Mueller, himself, is a relative of Richard Bissell, the CIA's director of plans at the time when it utilized the U-2 spy plane, formed closer ties to the mafia, planned assassination plots against Castro, and directed the Bay of Pigs invasion.

During his tenure with the Justice Department under President George H.W. Bush, Mueller supervised the prosecutions of Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega, the Lockerbie bombing (Pan Am Flight 103) case, and Gambino crime boss John Gotti. In the Noriega case, Mueller ignored the ties to the Bush family that Victor Thorn illustrated in *Hillary (and Bill): The Drugs Volume: Part Two of the Clinton Trilogy*.^{*} Noriega had long been associated with CIA operations that involved drug smuggling, money laundering, and arms running. Thorn significantly links Noriega to Bush family involvement in the Iran-Contra scandal.

Regarding Pan Am Flight 103, the culprit has swayed with the immediate need for a villain. Pro-Palestinian activists, Libyans, and Iranians have all officially been blamed when U.S. intelligence and the mainstream mass media needed to paint each as the antagonist to American freedom. Mueller toed the line, publicly ignoring rumors that agents onboard were said to have learned that a CIA drug-smuggling operation was afoot in conjunction with Pan Am flights. According to the theory, the agents were going to take their questions to Congress upon landing. The flight blew up over Lockerbie, Scotland.



Former FBI Director Robert Mueller, now investigating the Trump administration for alleged ties to Russia, has subterfuge in his gene pool.

siege of a separatist family at Ruby Ridge in Idaho," reported Neil A. Lewis. *The New York Times* further reported the popularity Mueller garnered from officers at both the FBI and the IRS.

Mueller was at the helm of the FBI on Sept. 11, 2001. Many independent researchers have questioned Mueller's handling of the "five dancing Israelis" who worked for Urban Moving Systems. Callers to the FBI office in New Jersey reported five dancing Middle Eastern men watching and celebrating in clear view as the World Trade Center was destroyed. *The Forward*, a Jewish weekly publication, later reported that the FBI concluded that at least two of the five Israelis were Mossad agents. It was also concluded that Urban Moving Systems was a Mossad front operation. Unfathomably, the Israeli agents were quietly released from detention.

Also downplayed was the story of the Israelis who claimed to be capitalistic art students. They were traveling the country in hopes of hocking their questionably artistic wares at top-secret facilities and at the homes of those who worked at sensitive security locations. Though the "students" had been reported by the U.S. Marshals, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Air Force, the Secret Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the FBI itself, the issue was largely ignored in the FBI's testimony to the 9/11 Commission and by Mueller himself.

Mueller's history goes deeper than partisanship or personal grudges. He is the consummate establishment insider, a role into which he was born and then married. His résumé has been built upon pleasing those whose career trajectories, family histories, and loyalty to the deep state guide their assignments, associations, and maneuvers. Any hope that Mueller will conduct an impartial investigation of the Trump campaign staff seems whimsical, at best.

The apparent tactics of Mueller's office seemingly reside in the faulty "There's the man. . . Now go find the crime" strategy. If there is fault, it will lie at the feet of individuals, not institutions. This is Mueller's history and the modus operandi of a career insider who has flourished protecting the interests of his most loyal allies. ★

^{*}Victor Thorn's *Hillary (and Bill): The Drugs Volume—Part Two* of the Clinton Trilogy is available from the AFP for \$30. Send cash, check, or money order to AFP, 16000 Trade Zone Ave., Unit 406, Upper Marlboro, Md. 20774. To order by credit card or cryptocurrency, call 1-888 699-6397, Mon.-Thu. 9-5.

In 1995, Mueller worked under Eric Holder as the senior litigator in the District of Columbia U.S. Attorney's Office. When Holder was appointed to the position of deputy attorney general under Janet Reno in 1997, he urged President Bill Clinton to make Mueller the U.S. attorney for San Francisco.

As the U.S. attorney for the Northern District of California in 2000, Mueller "strongly opposed" Patty Hearst's application for a presidential pardon. Mueller wrote, "The attitude of Hearst has always been that she is a person above the law and that, based on her wealth and social position, she is not accountable for her conduct, despite the jury's verdict."

As author Brad Schreiber noted in *Revolution's End*, the 1974 kidnapping of Hearst was an eventual effect of the CIA-created Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA). By vehemently arguing that Hearst was responsible for her association with the SLA—rather than being a victim in a CIA Counter Intelligence Program (COINTELPRO) operation gone haywire—Mueller protected the CIA from bearing any responsibility for the SLA's origin or actions.

Shortly after his inauguration, President George W. Bush chose Mueller to head the FBI. As news organizations were vetting Mueller in 2001, *The New York Times* stumbled upon former associates who remembered Mueller's reactions to critics who had questioned the FBI's actions at Ruby Ridge. During an 11-day siege, officers of the U.S. Marshals and FBI killed Randy Weaver's wife and 14-year-old son.

"Associates recall his anger at members of Congress and others for criticism of the FBI's 1992

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President's Statue Will Come Down

- Statue of William McKinley survived massive earthquake, but not liberal idiocy

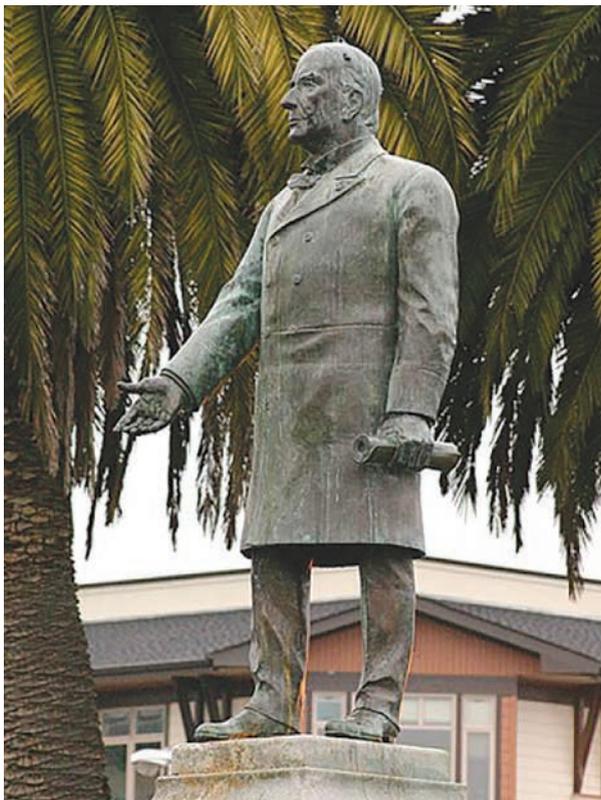
By Dr. Edward DeVries

Over the last few decades, the small coastal California town of Arcata, population of approximately 17,000 and located about 280 miles north of San Francisco, has earned a reputation as one of the most liberal places in the nation. Arcata was the country's first city to rightfully ban the sale of genetically modified foods. It was also the first city to elect a majority Green Party city council. Some even say that it was the first city in America to allow marijuana farming long before medicinal marijuana was legal.

The Arcata city council has bowed to pressure and voted to remove the statue of the "evil" McKinley.

Now the city of Arcata is about to lead the nation once again, as the first American city to remove a statue of a United States president in protest of his alleged misdeeds.

When William McKinley, the 25th president of the United States, was assassinated in 1901, a California businessman named George Zehnder (a German immigrant) commissioned San Francisco sculptor Haig Patigian to create an eight-and-a-



half-foot bronze statue in the late president's likeness. The statue would be forged in the once famous San Francisco Iron Works. In 1906, Zehnder would donate the statue to the city of Arcata as a tribute to the nation's "first modern president."

Three months before the statue of McKinley was placed on its pedestal in Arcata Plaza, where

This bronze statue of President William McKinley has been slated to be removed from the Arcata, Calif. city square because local Indian tribes say McKinley was mean to their ancestors. McKinley is not the only California statue on the chopping block.

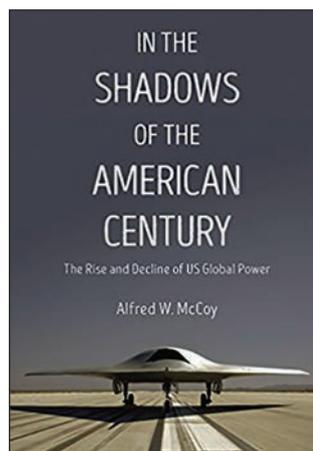
it now awaits removal, Northern California was hit with a deadly 7.9 magnitude earthquake. As buildings crumbled and burned throughout San Francisco, a freshly forged McKinley sat inside a burning iron works factory. Unable to save the statue himself, the sculptor fled the scene. A 1906 *Humboldt Standard* article quotes Patigian, during the statue's July 4 unveiling in Arcata, as saying: "I saw it there. And I saw the devouring flames moving on toward the place where McKinley stood. I went away without doing anything. After the fire I sought the ruins of the foundry. In the place where I had left the statue I found a pile of hot bricks. Below these was a mass of red-hot debris. What a vision I had of my precious statue . . . now molten metal beneath the bricks."

But 12 days after the devastating quake, the *San Francisco Examiner* would report the discovery of the statue on a nearby street, the vehicle used to haul it to safety a charred ruin. The identity of the statue's rescuers remains a mystery to this day. Whoever they were, it was reported that "They dragged the heroic figure to the center of the street, and there it remained unharmed, resting on its back with an outstretched hand pointing to the sky. Many who passed during the week and saw the statue in the street shook the hand and said, 'Good boy, McKinley!'"

Now, the monument that miraculously survived what is perhaps the greatest natural disaster in California's history, and that has stood proudly through everything that nearly 112 years has thrown at it, has been ordered removed by a four-to-one vote of the Arcata City Council.

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Possible Hope for McKinley Statue?

A petition that would reverse the Arcata city council's decision to remove the statue of President William McKinley from the town's central plaza has been submitted to the city. Whether the measure appears on the Nov. 6 ballot depends on whether backers can gain enough petition signatures from registered Arcata voters—about 960 votes. Above, American anarchist Leon Czolgosz shoots President McKinley at the Pan American Exposition on Sept. 6, 1901. Though McKinley was an imperialist, he also did many positive things for the American people. Currently under fire in California are Jesus Christ, Christopher Columbus, John C. Frémont, Catholic missionary Junipero Serro, John Sutter, Gen. Frederick Funston, President Ronald Reagan and even more.

The decision, inspired by the rapid nationwide removals of multiple monuments to Confederate leaders, was made in hopes of quieting local Indian tribes. California is home to the largest American Indian population in the country with more than 100 federally recognized tribes and bands.

Tribal leaders told the city council that they couldn't watch Confederate monuments fall without thinking of their own statue. They have declared McKinley the symbol of Arcata's sins against Natives and, by extension, other races too, reminding the city council of its 1886 law calling for the "total expulsion of the Chinese."

Ted Hernandez, chairman of the 620-member Wiyot Tribe, which is based on a reservation about 20 miles south of the city, asked the council members, "Why do we have this man standing in this square where they used to sell our children?"

McKinley, who was president from 1897 until his assassination in 1901, never set foot in the region. But after his death dozens of memorials to him popped up across the nation.

In Honolulu, there's McKinley High School. In Philadelphia, a McKinley statue stands in front of city hall. Chicago has its McKinley Park neighborhood, with a statue of the president at the entrance to its main park. The highest mountain in North America, Alaska's Mt. Denali, was once named Mt. McKinley until it was officially returned to its original name in 2015 by Barack Obama. Just north of Arcata is an unincorporated area called McKinleyville.

Unlike Confederate leaders, McKinley fought for the Union in the War Between the States. As president, he defied the norms of his time in appointing several blacks to federal posts. He is widely credited with expanding the nation's economy. His administration's goals centered around the expanding of U.S. territory and increasing trade agreements in the Far East, Pacific, and Caribbean. In early 1898, McKinley led the nation into war with Spain over the issue of Cuban independence. In June of the same year, he signed the Act for the Protection of the People of the Indian Territory.

But do facts even matter to left-coasters who have found in McKinley's statue a convenient target for their anger at President Donald Trump?

For now, the bronze statue of the nation's 25th president stands in Arcata with his days numbered. The city estimates it will take eight months before he's gone. State law requires a lengthy environmental review, a process that is expected to bring the total cost of removal to \$65,000. Activists say they will raise the money. The veterans hall seven blocks away has offered to house the late president, once removed. ★

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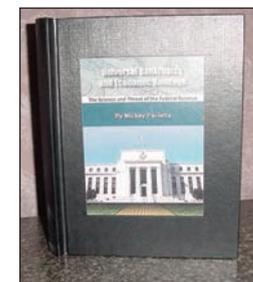
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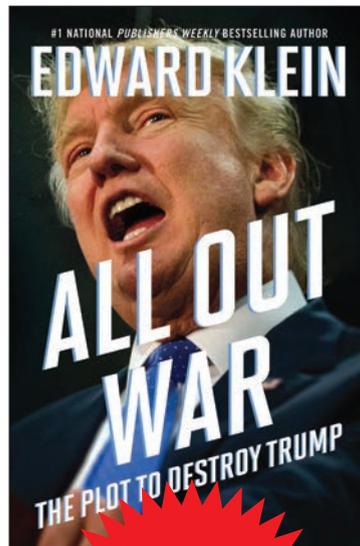
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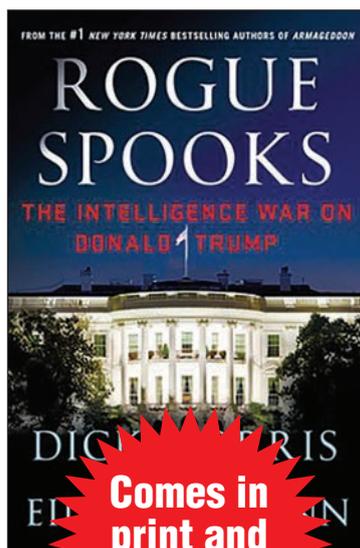
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Saudi Prince on a Propaganda Tour

• Goal of bin Salman's tour to U.S. is polishing of tarnished international image

By Richard Walker

The recent visit to America by Saudi Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman, also known as MBS, was a charm offensive aimed at deflecting from growing international alarm over his continuing war crimes in Yemen, committed with weapons bought from Western arms manufacturers, many of them based in the U.S.

MBS, whom German Federal Intelligence Service, the BND, has warned is a dangerous individual, planned his U.S. schedule to include meetings with celebrities and pro-Saudi power players like the Obamas, the Clintons, media mogul Rupert Murdoch, and Henry Kissinger. President Donald Trump, his son-in-law, Jared Kushner, Vice President Mike Pence, and new National Security Advisor-designate John Bolton topped an expansive guest list. He also met with pro-Israel figures, such as Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.), who have been promoting closer ties between Saudi Arabia and Israel as a means to creating a broader front against Iran. MBS and Israeli leader Benjamin Netanyahu would like nothing better than to move the U.S. toward a military confrontation with Iran.

For the past year, the Saudis have been endearing themselves to Trump by spending obscene sums of money on U.S. weapons and by embracing Jared Kushner. Kushner and MBS had a plan to solve the Israeli Palestinian issue, but that came to nothing after Trump decided to locate the Israeli embassy in Jerusalem and Kushner lost his high-level security clearance.

Still, it seems the Saudis, who gave us al Qaeda and ISIS (with the integral help of the Israelis), can do no wrong in Washington, and the closer their ties to Israel the more support they attract from neocons on both sides of the aisle in Congress. Their spending on weapons has been applauded

by Trump, even if those weapons are being used to slaughter civilians in Yemen. Presently, the Kingdom is the third biggest arms purchaser in the world and the biggest per capita.

The West has also been ignoring one of the unreported aspects of the Saudi-led war, namely the black sites run by the Saudis in southern Yemen with their ally, the United Arab Emirates. They have “disappeared” many Yemeni men and women, and have subjected them to torture and sexual assault.

Over decades, the Saudis have maintained their longstanding ties to Washington power brokers through oil deals with Western corporations and

Crown Prince bin Salman has been on a “charm tour” to try to shine up the nation’s tarnished reputation.

by funneling billions of dollars to lobbyists on K Street. They have deployed similar tactics in Paris and London. This strategy has helped them avoid criticism for their creation of al Qaeda and ISIS and for their brutal air war in Yemen.

But before anyone thinks Trump is primarily responsible for Washington turning a blind eye to Saudi misdeeds and excesses, one should revisit the policies of his predecessors, especially Barack Obama. Writing in *The New Yorker*, Nicholas Niarchos offered this scathing observation about Obama, illustrating how he set the stage for Trump’s subsequent embrace of the Saudis:

“In *Kings and Presidents*, a book on the history of U.S.-Saudi relations, the former CIA officer Bruce Riedel writes that ‘no president since Franklin Roosevelt courted Saudi Arabia as zealously as did Obama.’ Not only did Obama authorize more arms sales than any other U.S. presi-



MUHAMMAD BIN SALMAN

dent; he visited Saudi Arabia more frequently than any of his predecessors. On his first trip to the Middle East, Riyadh was his first stop.”

Obama did not stop there. He provided assistance to the Saudis to expand their targeting in Yemen and looked away when the Saudis showed little concern over the deaths of civilians. Aside from Saudi bombing that has resulted in a death toll in excess of 10,000, with 40,000 injured, the global group Save the Children has estimated that cholera has killed as many as 50,000 Yemeni children.

Trump has resisted calls for ending arms sales and shipment to the Saudis by blocking moves to that end in Congress. He has also pleased MBS by replacing Rex Tillerson as secretary of state with Mike Pompeo, who would surely celebrate with the Saudis in Tehran if the U.S. military ever overthrows the Iranian regime.

But not all is rosy in the House of Saud. There is a genuine fear in quiet corners of power in Washington and other Western capitals that MBS hopes to persuade Israel to draw the U.S. into a war with Iran. Some think MBS’s growing awareness of a developing opposition to him internationally motivated him to launch his recent charm offensive.

There is another overriding matter he would be unwise to overlook. The Kremlin has made it clear privately to Trump that the war in Yemen risks giving al Qaeda and ISIS a new and expanded foothold in the region.

The Kremlin also made it clear that Russia could not stand idly by if Iran were to be attacked by a “Saudi coalition.”

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Jim Jones, the CIA & the FBI

• Researcher says the origins of famed cult leader are shrouded in intelligence activities

With the 40th anniversary of “The Jonestown Massacre” coming later this year, AFP begins a three-part series on the Reverend Jim Jones, the Peoples Temple, and the massacre/mass suicide that took over 900 lives in the jungles of Guyana. This is part one of three.

By S.T. Patrick

Tragedy is often complex. In the mainstream media’s haste to explain the Nov. 18, 1978 massacre at Jonestown, Guyana, a quick resolution emerged. It was the oft-repeated, cautionary tale of a madman pushed beyond the brink of sanity. Moreover, it was a theme popularized in the “decade of decadence,” the 1970s.

Communal living had reached a peak of countercultural dissatisfaction, so much so that the media had turned its raging eye on these communities, which it now disparagingly called “cults.” Jonestown was portrayed as the failure of this anti-establishment movement. Its climax took the lives of over 900 men, women, and children, and was furthermore a glaring example of the imminent debacle incurred when following a fanatic

“off the grid.”

Independent researchers and authors have disagreed with the mainstream mass media and have done so since the massacre occurred. What if Jonestown was not simply the inevitable result of a sociological experiment? What if anti-establishment movements are not doomed to fail on their own? And what if the rise of the Rev. Jim Jones was much more complicated than we had been told by Walter Cronkite, John Chancellor, and Frank Reynolds in 1978?

Jim Hougan’s breakthrough as an author and researcher came with his alternative take on Richard Nixon’s downfall, *Secret Agenda: Watergate, Deep Throat, and the CIA*. He established himself as an authority on the 1970s with *Decadence: Radical Nostalgia, Narcissism, and Decline in the Seventies*, and examined the sordid relationship between the CIA and private industry in *Spooks: The Private Use of Secret Agents*.

His multi-part article “Jim Jones, Dan Mitrione, and the Peoples Temple”—available at “JimHougan.com”—is the culmination of decades of Jonestown research. Hougan combines Jones’s biography, FBI and CIA infiltration, and governmental shenanigans to uncover what really occurred in northwest Guyana, and how the parishioners of the Peoples Temple found themselves over 5,000 miles from the Bay Area of California.

James Warren Jones was born in Depression-era Indiana. A friend of his mother took Jones to

church, where he found his religious zeal. He was soon taken under the wing of a female evangelist who led faith-healing revivals at the Gospel Tabernacle Church, a Pentecostal offshoot of the Holy Rollers. While no hard evidence of an inappropriate sexual relationship exists, Hougan reports that the beginning of Jones’s reptilian nightmares coincided with his association with the woman. His later tendency to sexually humiliate those who had angered him was lamented by those who remained loyal and may also have been a sign of sexual abuse experienced as a youth.

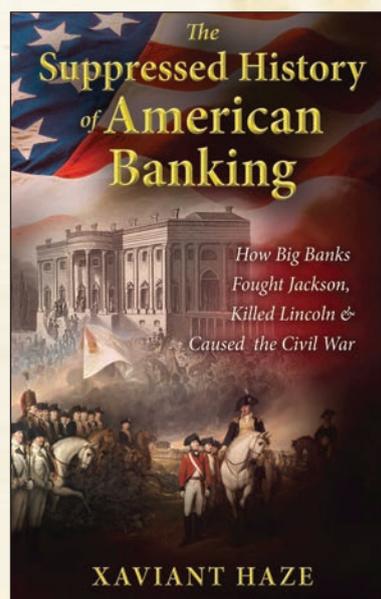
As a 15-year-old giving sidewalk sermons in economically depressed Richmond, Ind., Jones met Dan Mitrione, the anti-communist police chief, whose path would repeatedly and not-so-incidentally mimic that of Jones.

Hougan infers that Mitrione may have recruited Jones as an informant within the black community. The Peoples Temple would include a predominantly black congregation, and Jones’s influence in the community was rising. Starting in 1956, the FBI’s Counter Intelligence Program (COINTELPRO) had observed, infiltrated, discredited, and disrupted subversive political and racial groups throughout the country. Mitrione’s ties to the FBI, the CIA, and Jones would continue throughout the remainder of his life. It was at this time that family members also report Jones engaging in private meetings with men they believed were government agents.

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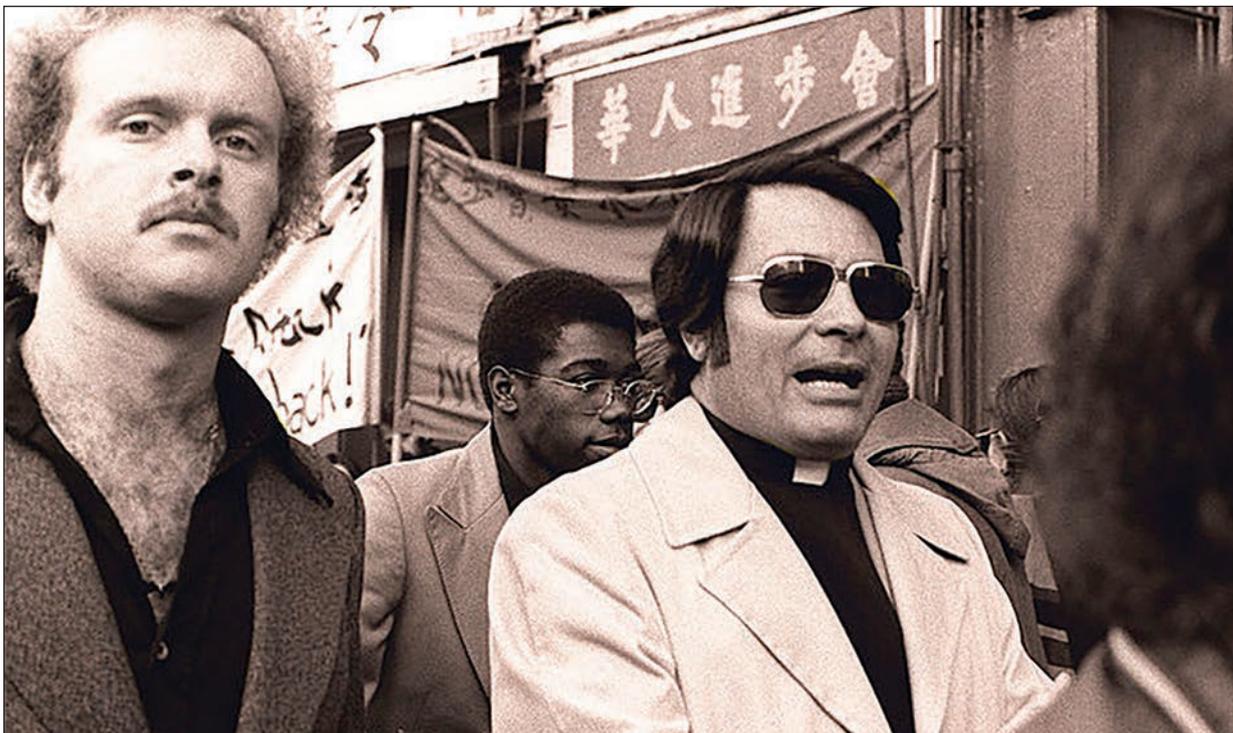


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Reverend Jim Jones (right) of the Peoples Temple in San Francisco is shown protesting the forced eviction of elderly tenants from the International Hotel. Bodyguard and adopted son **Tim Tupper** is at left. Also shown is **Darrell Devers**, another Temple guard. The ties Jones had to the CIA and FBI, and also movers and shakers in American politics, demonstrate the power he wielded at the time. Some of these people include **George Moscone**, **Jerry Brown**, **Harvey Milk**, and **Bob Wallach**. PHOTO BY NANCY WONG

Indiana was quite a surprising hotbed of intelligence activity. The CIA's **Richard Helms** and **William Harvey** were born in Indianapolis, and the University of Indiana, which Jones attended, was also the alma mater of the Symbionese Liberation Army's **Angela Atwood**, **William Harris**, and **Emily Harris**. **Hougan** also ties the ownership of the Indianapolis-based *Saturday Evening Post* to CIA activity.

Jones purchased a former synagogue from **Rabbi Maurice Davis** in 1956. From the church's history, Jones created the Peoples Temple name. Researchers are unsure how Jones may have raised the \$50,000 used for the purchase, and **Davis's** intentions in giving Jones a "little or no money down" deal are unknown. What is known is that **Rabbi Davis** was an anti-cult activist and "deprogrammer" associated with **Dr. Hordat Sukhdeo**, whom the State Department would later pay to travel to Guyana and bury Jones publicly as a cult leader.

Father Divine was the well-known "black messiah" of Philadelphia. His tens of thousands of Peace Mission followers earned him a seven-figure income, monitoring by the FBI, and Jones's admiration. Jones visited **Divine** often and once, after **Divine's** death, claimed he was the white

reincarnation of **Divine**. **Hougan** speculates that Jones's ultimate goal could have been integrating **Divine's** followers into the Peoples Temple, but he also suggests that Jones could have been gathering "racial intelligence" under **Mitrione's** guidance.

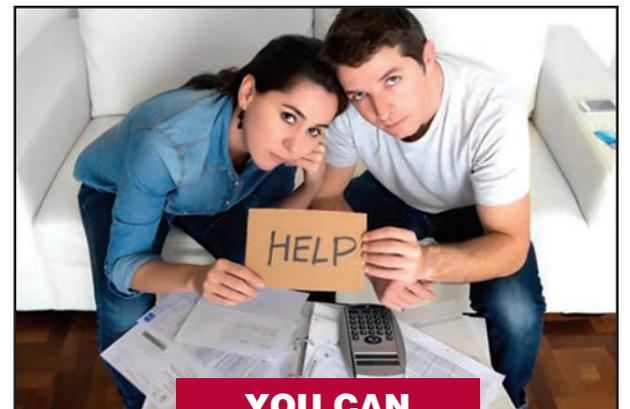
A biography of **Divine** was found in Jones's effects in the aftermath of Jonestown. Within the biography, author **Sara Harris** alluded to mass suicide.

"If **Father Divine** were to die," **Harris** wrote, "mass suicides among Negroes in his movement could certainly result."

This would not be the final time that the subject of mass suicide would interest Jones.

As the Peoples Temple continued to expand to over 2,000 parishioners, the reverend would make a curious decision to travel to Cuba and South America. He would not be alone. His experiences, his contacts, and his research would change the direction of the Peoples Temple and would lead them first to California and then to Guyana, where their end would be near. ★

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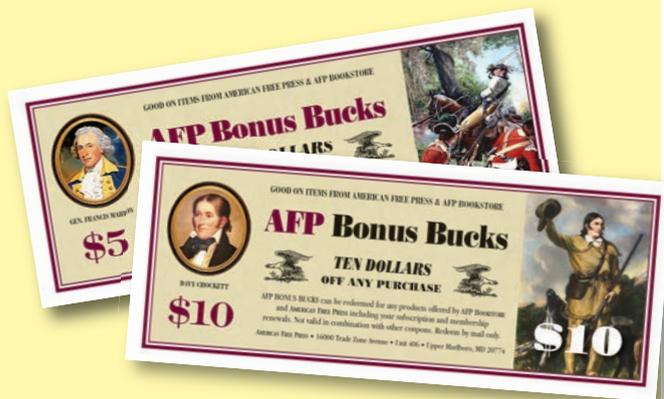
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Helping Homeowners Fight Fraud

• Activist helps average citizens battle the corrupt banking cartel, save their homes

By Mark Anderson

In AFP's Issue 3&4 of 2018, this writer revealed that a jurisdiction called "the King's Bench," carried over from British law, is applicable in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania and for the first time is being invoked in mortgage-foreclosure lawsuits in the Keystone State.

Mickey Paoletta, who runs Mortgage Defense Systems in Mechanicsburg, Pa., has spent years dissecting the deception that happens when banks make so-called "loans." Harnessing the evidence he's amassed of outright forgery being hardwired into the mortgage industry, he's been helping defrauded homeowners fight to keep their homes.

Paoletta recently filed a King's Bench legal brief to pressure the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to discipline the lower courts and examine the widespread use of forged mortgage notes to dispossess citizens of their lands and homes in foreclosure proceedings. The dispossession is wrought by a syndicate mainly consisting of the courts, banks and other lending institutions, and much of the legal profession—especially debt-collection law firms.

The latest developments on this battlefield include new twists and turns in the case of plaintiff Rebecca Crimone, a homeschooling mother of three.

Mrs. Crimone previously told AFP that, in her federal lawsuit under the Fair Debt Collection and Practices Act against Nationstar, presiding Judge Thomas R. Dobson prevented Nationstar's attorneys from obtaining a summary judgment, stating there was no evidence that Mrs. Crimone or her husband ever signed, delivered, or had a mortgage.



MICKEY PAOLETTA

That was a big breakthrough.

However, Mrs. Crimone, who has honed her skills representing herself in court, has encountered more stonewalling in the ongoing battle to keep her family's Mercer County, Pa. home.

Paoletta explained: "The opposing lawyers wrote motions in which they're now admitting that there was evidence of fraud during initial transactions, but because Rebecca didn't raise the issue of [fraudulent documents] right at first, she cannot raise it now."

Protesting that shifty tactic, Paoletta added: "But the issue of fraud can be raised at any time. The forged documents in question aren't worth the paper they're printed on."

But this racket does not rely solely on the forgery of documents—as bad as that is. The other major factor is that the banks are keeping their highly sensitive ledgers under wraps.

As is typical, Mrs. Crimone was told that she has no right to obtain the private ledger accounts of her

mortgage "lender," to finally prove whether the "lender's" assets or net worth actually decreased when a so-called "loan" was made.

This is where things get surreal, as even the most hardened banking skeptic may have trouble comprehending the nature of the banking system's deception. To clarify, AFP spoke to a retired banker and former American Banking Institute employee trainer, on condition of anonymity.

"It's a unique thing, what banks do. . . . They create money, but they don't give up any of their assets," the former banker said.

He added that the use of predatory variable interest rates, where an initial 4% rate may skyrocket to double digits with scant notice, among other indicators, constitutes even more evidence that the "fix" is in.

"Banks put you in a position to lose," he said.

But to zero in on the core banking issue—the official ledgers—the former banker noted that because banks create new "money" when they make "loans," they therefore do not part with their own pre-existing assets nor customers' deposits. About 95% of the money supply consists of "checkbook money"—credit conjured up when banks specify "loan" amounts via computer keystrokes—with interest charges added, thereby collateralizing real property that can be seized later.

"A bank never lends you anything, but it will take a lot from you," said the banker, which is why the ledgers never show bank assets as reduced when "loans" are made. ★

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Practical Joke May Get Woman 10 Years in Prison

By Dave Gahary

An 18-year-old unemployed Montana woman is in the sights of the Missoula County attorney for the crime of scribbling three words—10 letters—on one of the windows of her car. Although this type of infraction is treated as a misdemeanor, specifically a disorderly conduct charge where those found guilty "shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$100 or be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not to exceed 10 days, or both," Chief Deputy County Attorney Jason Marks included a "hate crime" enhancement, a felony, which calls for "imprisonment of not less than 2 years or more than 10 years."

Although the first word is the "F" word—followed by "Off"—the last word, "Jew," is considered

by some people to be even more offensive than the four-letter expletive. Never mind that the word "Christian" and "Muslim" would never impart such a severe punishment if used in the same context.

AMERICAN FREE PRESS was tipped off about this matter by a concerned subscriber, who plans on providing support to the accused throughout the legal proceedings. This reporter was able to locate the girl, Breanna Lee Privett, and conducted an exclusive interview with her.

"I wrote 'F— Off Jew' as a joke to my boyfriend, and I forgot to erase it, and I parked in front of [a neighbor's] house, but the writing wasn't towards her house," Breanna told this newspaper. "I didn't even know the neighbors were Jewish. I didn't know any of the neighbors."

Ms. Privett—who is half Irish and half American Indian and claims to be the furthest thing from being a racist—had no run-ins with the law prior to this. "Just traffic tickets," she said.

She was living near the Jewish family for a short while and knew nothing about them. "I was living there for four or five months," she explained. "I moved out, and I went back to my mom's. No one harassed the family," she continued. "I felt they were doing all that stuff to get us out of the house."

Ms. Privett's only interaction with the family was from a man who lived there.

"I think it's her husband," she said. "Every time I was outside working on my car or something he'd just sit there and glare me down. I don't know why. I always smiled and waved, 'cause that's just me."

The county's public defender is representing Ms. Privett and told her he will use the state's constitution as part of her defense. Section 7 of that document addresses freedom of speech, and states in part, "No law shall be passed impairing the freedom of speech or expression. Every person shall be free to speak or publish whatever he will on any subject, being responsible for all abuse of that liberty." ★

Israeli Activist Gilad Atzmon Sued for ‘Anti-Semitic’ Posts

• Anti-Zionist musician says UK anti-Semitism not rising

By John Friend

Gilad Atzmon, the Israeli-born, internationally renowned jazz musician, author, and political dissident known for his controversial writings and views on Jewish identity politics, Zionism, and Jewish power and influence, among other contentious topics, is being sued for libel in the United Kingdom. Gideon Falter, chairman of the Campaign Against Antisemitism (CAA), a UK-based “volunteer-led charity dedicated to exposing and countering anti-Semitism through education and zero-tolerance enforcement of the law,” brought the suit, according to the group’s official website.

The suit was filed as a result of comments and opinions Atzmon expressed publicly on his personal website, where he has criticized Falter and the CAA for arguing anti-Semitism is on the rise in the UK, despite the fact that an official governmental investigation concluded, after a thorough and professional investigation, that anti-Semitism is in fact not on the rise.

“Mr. Falter has sued me for comments I made on my own website,” Atzmon recently wrote on his website, informing his readers and supporters of the pending lawsuit being brought against him. “My comments were made in the context of expressing my opinion about the situation where, last July, the British Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) attested that there had been no increase in anti-Semitism in Britain, and Gideon Falter and the CAA refused to accept the CPS’s verdict. Falter and the CAA insist anti-Semitism is on the rise.”

Following the CPS’s finding last summer that anti-Semitism was in fact not on the rise in Britain, Falter’s CAA released its own analysis of crime statistics in an effort to gauge the threat of

anti-Semitic violence and “hate crimes” in the UK. Unsurprisingly, Falter and the CAA came to the opposite conclusion of the CPS, and publicly criticized the British Crown and police for betraying Jews in the UK.

In the UK, publicly criticizing minorities and immigrants can result in public prosecution. Making politically incorrect statements, jokes, and videos can also result in prosecution, as Alison Chabloz’s current prosecution makes clear. Chabloz, a UK-based musician who produced a number of YouTube videos mocking the official “Holocaust” narrative of WWII, is currently being prosecuted for posting “grossly offensive” songs she wrote and produced on her personal YouTube channel. Additionally, Markus Meehan, a Scottish man who jokingly taught his small dog to make a “Nazi salute” and posted a video of it on YouTube, was arrested for “hate crimes” due to his offending the Jewish community in the UK.

Atzmon has been targeted by the enforcers of political correctness in the UK for quite some time and has been “subjected to an international smear campaign, orchestrated and promoted by various Zionist institutions that attempt to silence every form of legitimate dissent of Zionism and Israeli politics,” the famed musician and author recently argued. “Local councils, clubs, and festivals that promote my music or my thoughts around the world are being subjected to a barrage of emails sent in a clear and malicious attempt to slander me. In these emails I am called an ‘anti-Semite,’ ‘bigot,’ ‘racist,’ ‘Holocaust denier,’ and so on.”

Never one to call it quits, Atzmon has soldiered on and has continued to produce music and to write and speak out on the issues important to him. He has refused to back down and is determined to defend himself in the libel lawsuit brought by Falter and the CAA.

“I have made the decision to fight this crucial battle for freedom of expression even though this



Anti-Zionist Jewish activist and musician Gilad Atzmon is being sued for saying what British authorities have determined: anti-Semitism is not on the rise in the United Kingdom.

fight poses a real risk of bankrupting me and my family,” Atzmon wrote in a statement to supporters. “I choose to fight their suit because I believe that the CAA and its chairman and its use of libel laws pose a danger to freedom of speech and the future of this country as an open society.”

In a recent interview with this reporter, Atzmon described the overall struggle he and other honest truth seekers are engaged in.

“In my recent book I point out the battle between Athens and Jerusalem,” Atzmon explained. “Athens is the birth place of philosophy, aesthetics, openness, rhetoric, open debate etc., while Jerusalem is the city of revelation—it is sustained by blind obedience—a regime of political correctness. As things stand, Athens has been defeated. To emancipate ourselves, we must reinstate Athens and turn our back to Jerusalem.”

Due to the pending libel suit, Atzmon was unable to comment in any great detail about his case and the circumstances surrounding it. Needless to say, the malicious lawsuit brought against the courageous thinker, writer, and activist is an affront to the very concepts of freedom of speech and thought, concepts that define traditional Western society that have their origins in ancient Athens, which Atzmon is fond of referring to.

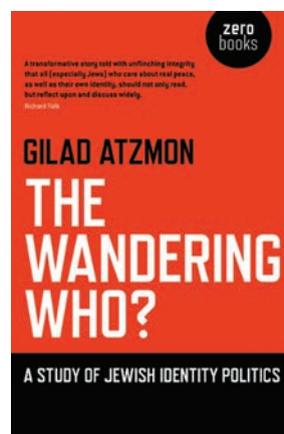
Readers of this newspaper are encouraged to support Atzmon’s work, especially in light of the potentially devastating lawsuit being brought against him.

“If you have ever enjoyed my writing—join the fight,” Atzmon recently told his supporters. “If you don’t agree with me yet support freedom of speech—my fight is your fight. If you support the right to point at the truth without being labeled anti-Semitic—this lawsuit is the battle ground, my fight is your fight.”

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President Donald Trump has said that he will build a border wall. There are eight “samples” or “prototypes” erected near San Diego, provided by companies wishing to win the contract. It is supposed that the eventual wall type will be one of these eight.

What I do not understand is why our government has not gone to our great “ally,” Israel, for the answer as to what type of wall to build. Israel has over 400 miles of wall given many different names, “separation wall,” “security wall” or border wall.” They expect to eventually have over 500 miles of “wall.” These walls are constructed of various materials, but the majority are made of concrete, 32 to 35 feet high. Their walls have proven to be impenetrable.

Why does our government not ask our great ally to provide us with the forms utilized in making these reinforced-concrete wall sections and forget the eight “samples”? Why reinvent the wheel? This would be the most cost-effective way for us to build a wall on our southern border and know it will be very effective.

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Troops on the Border

I believe two things could save our country. First, bring our troops home and put them on our borders. This would save the cost of building an expensive wall, which would be subject to ladders, tunnels, or explosive holes.

Second, put high tariffs on imports, which will bring back our factories in order to make a good profit and bring jobs back to our country.

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Lost Our Moral Compass

Another mass school shooting. How sad. We’ve sure come a long way since I was in our one-room school in the country with one front door, one back, one outhouse in back, and one teacher. Some of the boys carried a

BB gun or shotgun to school, so they could hunt on the way back home. There were no problems.

What has changed? Well, schools are now “gun-free zones.” And some have an irrational fear of guns.

All our politicians, movie stars, and overpaid sports figures are protected by gun-carrying bodyguards. Why not schools?

What I see as the number one impact is the Internet. It’s a great tool for finding information, but there are also sites for pornography, making guns, and things my generation never dreamed about.

Kids with their smartphones can bully anonymously. Then there’s the Department of Education. History books have been changed, so kids today aren’t learning beginning in first grade the importance of our country’s history and how we differ from all others. I have a 1937 encyclopedia set and a DVD on 400 years of education. Today, we have many socialist and communist sympathizers teaching our kids. Some “love” the Castro regime. They teach, but with their own “slant.” Years ago, we pledged allegiance to the flag proudly, and perhaps said a prayer. Kids and our troops were given Bibles if they needed them. Today, we can’t utter words about faith.

One eastern college has removed our flag, so as not to appear political. What? This is America. Another one expelled a senior in the Christian studies class. Why? They were listening to a transgender speaker talk about the many “genders,” and the student said that biologically there are only two, so he was asked to leave. Period.

Then, just west of us, a college invited a speaker to talk about the pitfalls of “whiteness.” My granddaughter spent a year there.

Patriotic, white, Christian Americans are on the chopping block. We’ve lost our moral compass. It’s up to you and me to get it back.

ESTHER NIEDZWIECKI
Wisconsin

No More Law & Order

What happened to law and order? Lawlessness and disorder have been and are being embraced and promoted by many of our elected officials. Illegal entry into the United States carries criminal penalties (fines and jail or prison time) in addition to civil penalties and immigration consequences (deportation and prohibi-



tions from future entry). Instead of enforcing our laws, we have officials who are refusing to abide by their oath of office to defend the Constitution of the United States.

Baltimore has approved spending \$200,000 to pay for lawyers to represent illegal aliens with deportation orders. Baltimore also created a policy to go easy on alien criminals in state cases to avert collateral immigration consequences. Chicago’s city council approved a \$1.3 million legal defense fund. The City of Los Angeles allocated \$10 million to a fund to help illegal immigrants. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors offered another \$3 million to get more lawyers for this project. Only one L.A. County supervisor voted against the fund, saying it was irresponsible to allocate taxpayer money for such a project.

The trend to use taxpayer dollars to assist illegal aliens in deportation proceedings started under the Obama administration. In 2015, the former president allocated \$2 million to hire attorneys to represent illegal alien minors.

Not to be left out of the Sanctuary City Resistance Movement, Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner has appointed Caleb Arnold to act as a liaison between immigrant communities and the criminal justice system. Prosecutors will be advised that by minimizing the impact of criminal convictions, illegal aliens accused of low-level crimes may be protected from possible deportation in court.

Will the illegal Philadelphia residents, who were recently arrested in Bensalem Township for illegally transporting opioids, be protected as low-level criminals? Will Philadelphia taxpayers pay for their defense?

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Freedom of Speech

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Overzealous Copywriter

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