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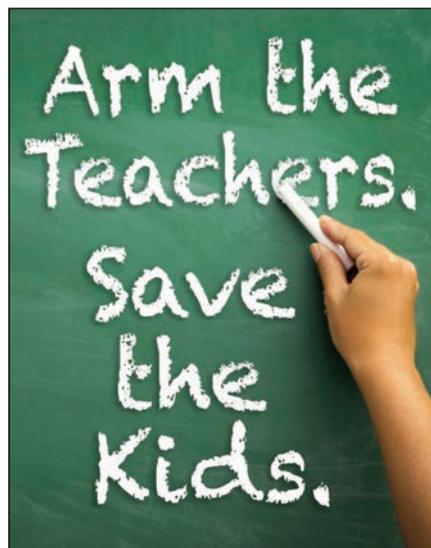
After 10 years, Texas school leader stands firm for armed-staff model to protect pupils

By Mark Anderson

Sitting in his office at the Harrold Independent School District in rural north-central Texas, school superintendent David Thweatt half expected the phone to ring off the hook in the aftermath of yet another murder by gunfire at Santa Fe High School in Galveston County, Texas on May 18.

It's been 10 years now since Thweatt made headlines, nationally and internationally, by taking the lead in implementing a "controversial" school-protection plan that consists of training qualified teachers and staff to carry concealed firearms and maintain the crucial elements of uncertainty and surprise—to give any would-be school shooter reasons to think twice.

Of course, the success of such a program is mainly measured by sim-



ply noting that no one carrying a firearm with criminal intent has tried to enter or attack the district's school facilities since Harrold's school board approved Thweatt's defense plan.

Contacted by AFP, he said he was a tad puzzled that AFP was the first

and only media to have called him, as of May 21, regarding the events at Santa Fe's high school.

"I got some calls after Parkland [the Florida school shooting in February 2018] and after Sandy Hook [December 2012 in Connecticut], but not after this one; it's kind of weird," he said, believing that calls from media and officials from other school districts would be more likely since Santa Fe is in his home state.

Thweatt's school district, now also being implemented in some Florida school districts, when the use of a firearm for murder in a school setting was considerably less frequent than it is today—meaning that he's something of a pioneer in this area. While he's modest about his role, he's passionate about its purpose and effectiveness.

His views cut like a knife through the arguably flimsy suggestions for "roundtable discussions from all sides in the gun debate" and other politically correct measures called for by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and most other officials. Only Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick has been more specific, having recently said that the issue is "not about the guns, it's about us. . . . We have devalued life, whether it's through abortion, whether it's the breakup of families, through violent

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A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

What Do We Really Know About Guns & Violence?

Shortly after the recent mass shootings at high schools in Florida, Texas, and Maryland, once the shrill calls for banning all guns died down somewhat, an article published by a major news outlet popped up in this editor's news feed about firearm ownership in the cold northern country of Finland. A quick read showed that the article was a rehash of an older article from 2016, titled "Could Finland Teach the U.S. a Lesson on Guns?" but it still resonated strongly, though not for the reasons cast by the mainstream media.

According to world statistics, Finland ranks just behind the U.S. and Switzerland in gun ownership, averaging about 45 handguns and long guns per 100 citizens. In the U.S., it is 89 guns per 100 citizens; in Switzerland, it's 46 per 100 citizens. While Finland has fewer guns overall than the U.S., the percentage of people who own guns is close to that in the U.S.—about 35% of U.S. and Finnish households.

A former senior researcher at the Finnish Ministry of Justice, who was interviewed in the article cited above, was careful to point out that the reason there are fewer shootings in Finland is because most people there do not own handguns—the leading firearm used in criminal activity—unlike in the U.S. where over 60% of gun owners own a handgun. The point he made was interesting, but what really struck this editor was that, buried at the end of the article, the reporter noted that Finland, unlike most other industrialized nations in the world, had just wrapped up a series of sweep-

ing reforms last year that actually made it easier for its citizens to purchase a gun. Why did they do this? One police officer in Finland, who manages gun permits, explained that most of the regulations, especially the psychological testing they conduct there, don't actually work.

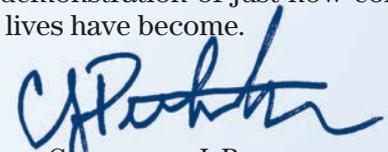
Invariably, anti-firearm activists want the U.S. to mimic the tight gun control in Europe and Australia, but they would never mention a country like Finland that is taking the perfectly reasonable and rational approach of making it easier—not harder—for its law-abiding citizens to buy a gun so they can hunt or defend themselves.

Regular readers of AFP already know that gun statistics in the U.S. are almost always twisted. Well-funded anti-Second Amendment groups regularly misrepresent gun violence, attributing it to average Americans when, in reality, most of the killings with guns take place in isolated poor, urban areas and are mostly related to criminal activity like drugs and robberies. In his book, *More Guns, Less Crime*,* John Lott does a great job of tearing apart the garbage statistics that are tossed around in the United States about guns. This is certainly a useful exercise, but perhaps even more important is the job Lott does in shredding the mainstream media in its grossly biased and misleading reporting on firearms in America.

This all ties in nicely with our front-page article in this issue by AFP roving editor Mark Anderson. The successful pilot gun program

in the Harrold Independent School District in rural north-central Texas should be talked about at length and studied honestly and openly. Instead, like the school superintendent relates to Mark, the big media and the politicians have chosen to ignore it because it doesn't fit the acceptable narrative that more guns are bad.

As far as we're concerned, the gun debate is over. It has been proven again and again that guns save lives and that disarming people only helps criminals and hurts law-abiding citizens. An even better argument against gun control, though, is that we Americans are actually living in the most peaceful time despite having access to more weapons than at any other time in history. It is ironic that, today, more Americans die from diseases related to eating too much than they do from gun violence by a significant and sizable factor—a graphic demonstration of just how comfortable our lives have become. ★



—CHRISTOPHER J. PETHERICK
Executive Editor

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News You May Have Missed

Worse than Animals

Stephen Miller, senior advisor to President Donald Trump, says the White House is gearing up for a big fight with Democrats this summer over their open borders policy. Democrats and the liberal media are miffed because Trump referred to members of the Central American criminal gang MS-13 as “animals,” even though they are far worse than animals. Animals kill to eat; MS-13ers kill for jollies. “Kill, rape, and control” is the gang’s motto. Miller suggests Trump is on the same page as his base of supporters and independents who see cutting immigration as a key factor in the midterm elections. “You saw members of the Democratic Party and the media leaping to the defense of the gang that is engaged in the most vile, dehumanizing, and egregious actions,” said Miller. Voters need to remember that in the polling booth next election.

Are You Sure They’re Not Animals?

On May 22, a U.S. judge in Boston sentenced 23-year-old Joel Martinez, a member of the MS-13 gang, to 40 years in prison after he stabbed a 15-year-old boy to death just so he could be inducted into the brutal gang. Three days later, in Virginia, another MS-13 member, Wilmer Sanchez Serrano, was sentenced to 33 years in prison for murdering a 15-year-old Maryland girl by repeatedly plunging a stick into her neck.

Conservatives Are Happy

Despite blather from the media that conservatives are angry, bitter, joyless people, in reality conservatives on average are happier than liberals, says Arthur Brooks in the ultraliberal *New York Times*. For example, he wrote, a Pew Re-



search Center study found conservative Republicans were 68% more likely than liberal Democrats to say they were “very happy” about their lives. Perhaps the reason is that liberals think the world should be perfect, at least by their idea of perfection, and when, inevitably, it isn’t, they suffer an existential crisis—or, if you will, a snowflake meltdown.

Guns Save the Day

Oklahoma police said that about 6:30 p.m. on May 24, one Alexander Tilghman, 28, fired into Louie’s Grill & Bar on Lake Hefner in Oklahoma City. Two citizens, Juan Carlos Nazario, 35, and Bryan Whittle, 39, responded by going to their cars, getting their guns and confronting the suspect, shooting him dead. Nazario said, “I just did what I was trained to do to neutralize the situation.” Whittle added, “I just did what anyone would have done that had the tools to help.” Tilghman’s bullets struck a woman and two children, police said. The best way to stop a bad guy with a gun is with a good guy with a gun, or, in this case, two good guys with guns.

Opposed to Free Speech

On May 2, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott signed into law HB 29 making it illegal for any individual or commercial enterprise that supports boycott, divestment, and sanctions against Israel (BDS) to do business with the state. In late April, the state Senate passed the measure by a 26-5 vote, with no senator speaking against the anti-free speech bill. Earlier in April, the Texas state House of Representatives unanimously passed it, with 12 reps not voting. The law, touted by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick as “opposing discrimination,” will be a tool to target, penalize, and criminalize individuals and businesses that conduct business with the state and still seek to exercise their First Amendment right to criticize Israel.

Celebrating Murder

“When genocide is permissible” was a blog headline recently published in *The Times of Israel* (“Israel Hayom”). The op-ed piece by Yochanan Gordon suggested obliteration of entire peoples is a suitable way to deal with those who might oppose the Israeli state and its grabs for ever more land and power in the Middle East. Gordon boasted that, “Israel celebrates life.” In the next breath he said, “What other way is there to deal with an enemy of this nature other than to obliterate them completely?” The rag, which is owned by billionaire “American” Jewish casino baron Sheldon Adelson, subsequently removed the “unacceptable blog post,” writing, it “was described by our Ops & Blogs editor as both damnable and ignorant [and] blatantly breached *The Times of Israel’s* editorial guidelines.”

Korean War Still On?

President Donald Trump called off the planned peace meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in late May. Now, folks are wondering whether the real action is in the back channels among the U.S., China, and the two Koreas. Lit-

tle reported in the big media is the fact that Trump said he still wants to work with Kim and possibly still meet with him. Bear in mind that “dealmaker” Trump believes psychological maneuvering and manipulation are necessary to close big deals, as he said in his 1987 book *The Art of the Deal*. Recent reports indicate the U.S. is still working behind the scenes to negotiate with North Korea, though the North Koreans are rightfully wary after National Security Advisor John Bolton threatened the Asian country with the “Libya model” if they did not acquiesce to U.S. demands. The so-called Libya model refers to U.S., Britain, and France bombing Libya and then watching as Libyan leader, Muammar Qaddafi was viciously murdered by U.S.-supported terrorists and thugs.



Meddling Billionaire

Left-wing billionaire globalist George Soros is at it again, this time meddling in the now-famous Brexit vote, where Brits voted to extricate their country from the European Union (EU). On May 29, Soros, who is not even a citizen of the UK, gave a speech in London calling on UK leaders to toss the historic referendum and force another vote on the same issue later this year. AFP has a new book about Soros you need to read. *It’s Not Easy Being God: The Real George Soros*. Softcover, 108 pages, \$16 plus \$4 S&H inside the U.S. from AFP, 16000 Trade Zone Avenue, Unit 406, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774. Call AFP toll free at 1-888-699-6397 M.-Thu. 9-5 ET to charge.

More Meddling from Soros

Not satisfied with condemning the UK to live under the heavy hand of EU bureaucrats in Brussels, slash-and-burn speculator George Soros has been hard at work volunteering European taxpayers’ dollars to pony up \$35 billion to deal with the refugee crisis. Almost all of the countries in the EU have been saddled with crushing debt and failing economies, largely attributable to the unification of Europe, but that hasn’t stopped Soros from demanding average Europeans pay out billions to help manage a crisis they did not make but rather is due to the rise of globalism and wars in the Mideast and Africa.

Media Enables Terrorism in Syria

• Panel of independent experts indicts media for consistently false news reporting

By Mark Anderson

LEEEDS, UK—In a jury-like manner, a panel of independent journalists and academics who gathered in Leeds, UK for the May 27 “Media on Trial” event reached a startling consensus: The mainstream media (MSM) doesn’t just “invert the truth” about the seven-plus years that Syria has been under siege by terrorist factions. Rather, the MSM is guilty of fostering deadly armed conflict in Syria and enabling known terrorists. For this reason, significant MSM elements, such as the taxpayer-funded BBC, were, in effect, “indicted” by the Leeds panel for having breached Britain’s Terrorism Act of 2006.

The event was organized by Frome Stop War, a grassroots anti-war organization from the UK. The group had to scramble to find a third venue—an Islamic center—after the first two venues, the Leeds City Museum and an area hotel, abruptly cancelled their hosting of the event due to intense external pressure. The biggest players that crudely attempted to disrupt Media on Trial to the point of outright cancellation included Rupert Murdoch’s *Times*, the Huffington Post, and the largely discredited “fact-checking” website Snopes.com.

Setting the tone for the event, which drew around 200 people, Prof. Piers Robinson of Sheffield University spoke of propaganda and the media.

Robinson and Edinburg University Prof. Tim Hayward, who also spoke, are members of the Working Group on Syria, Propaganda and Media. The other speakers were independent journalists Vanessa Beeley and Patrick Henningsen, former UK ambassador to Syria Peter Ford, and independent researcher Robert Stewart.

Robinson called the modern media a “euphemism industry.” This involves manipulation of the public mind instead of persuasion and the peddling of false information or omitting true information. It also includes, among other things, engaging in misdirection, where certain events are used to distract the public from more crucial matters. All of this stems back to Edward Bernays, the nephew of psychiatrist Sigmund Freud, who’s still widely regarded as the father of modern propaganda.

Stressing the moral and ethical aspects of a corrupt media, Hayward noted, “The media’s role is not moral, but it’s not their place to undermine morality.” It also is not the media’s role to foster war or the breaking of the law, he added.

As the Leeds panelists agreed, the media is breaking the law and this is clearly the most



Left to right above: Prof. Piers Robinson, journalist Vanessa Beeley, Prof. Tim Hayward, former Ambassador Peter Ford, researcher Robert Stewart, and journalist Patrick Henningsen (speaking).

PHOTO BY MARK ANDERSON FOR AFP

egregious breach of the public trust imaginable, even though enabling unlawfulness without direct involvement would be bad enough.

During the event, footage was shown from British Channel 4 reports where the network’s news anchors used bullying tactics to try and browbeat Syrian citizens and witnesses into concurring that Syrian President Bashar al-Assad has been killing his own people with barrel bombs and other means—in addition to the channel’s highly implausible “news” account of a woman anonymously dressed in traditional Middle Eastern attire calling on Brits—via Channel 4—to join the Syrian “resistance.”

Channel 4 viewers were treated to an account of this woman having traveled to Syria, where she carried a heavy military rifle on one shoulder while walking with her child to the grocery store, amid the claim that she was pregnant. All of this appeared to be a calculated media effort to rally any other British citizens to join the anti-Assad “resistance.” After all, if a struggling mother could fight the “evil” Assad, anyone could.

Ms. Beeley recounted matters for which she’s especially well-known—finding during her six visits to Syria since the conflict began that the White Helmets, an alleged “civil rescue” outfit, is actually a deep-state operations tool. Syria’s real civil-rescue units are entirely separate.

She found firsthand that the White Helmets show up to aid terrorist forces, not regular Syrians. Moreover, she and Henningsen have found evidence, on the ground in Syria, that bombings reported by the MSM didn’t happen and alleged chemical weapons attacks were staged.

“At what point does this cease to be journalism and become the glorification and lioniza-

tion of terrorism?” Ms. Beeley asked the Leeds audience, while noting that Syrians themselves have told her that the core problem is “media terrorism.”

“Their words, not mine,” Ms. Beeley added.

Ford, for his part, said that “aiding and abetting” war should be on the “charge sheet” against the MSM, not the mere claim of the media being “naughty,” as implied during the UK’s 2011-12 Leveson Inquiry into media malpractices. Henningsen remarked, “How can we have a functioning democracy without a functioning fourth estate (the news media)? Do we even have a fourth estate?”

Stewart explained his investigation into a BBC production called “Saving Syria’s Children.” He showed considerable evidence of the use of fake burn victims and other misleading elements of an “attack” that supposedly happened—strongly indicating that the production was designed to establish a false narrative and foster animosity toward the alleged aggressor, Syria’s government.

Additionally, Dr. Saleyha Ahsan, a former British military member who became a *Guardian* columnist and war reporter, was shown referring to “micro-simulation,” a concept that defines staging events down to their last detail, to make them look real.

Stewart also showed photographs of then-BBC field journalist Ian Pannell in 2013 casually riding in a clearly marked vehicle belonging to an apparent terrorist affiliate, “Ahrar al Sham,” even though the BBC itself, ironically, has called al Sham a “hardline Islamist group.” ★

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D.C. Quietly Rolls Back Bank Regs

• More federal oversight of criminal banksters needed—not less—say bank critics

By Mark Anderson

To hear supporters of the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act (S. 2155) tell it, the bill is a virtual godsend that liberates smaller lending institutions—banks as well as credit unions—from several burdensome, counterproductive regulations, enabling them to lend money more freely and equitably to a larger cross section of small businesses, homebuyers, and consumers. Critics of the measure, however, argue that the new law rolls back the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, important banking legislation, which was passed following a banking free-for-all in the early 2000s that ultimately led to the near collapse of the U.S. economy in 2007.

“Community banks and credit unions across the country will soon receive regulatory relief from onerous regulations,” explained a May 24 press release from chief sponsor Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), who chairs the Senate Banking Committee.

The Senate passed S. 2155 with a vote of 67-31, the House voted 258 to 159, and President Donald Trump signed the complex bill into law May 24.

Northwest Credit Union Association president and CEO Troy Stang, a supporter of the bill, was quoted as saying: “Northwest credit unions have \$1.3 billion invested in loans on rental housing, which will now be available in the form of more loans. Think of the potential for that kind of capital infusion into local, small business loans.”

However, retired Texas A&M-educated economist Dick Eastman told AFP that this credit union provision, in his view, will increase the disincentives to home ownership and keep a large cross section of Americans in perpetual tenancy.

Critics claim this bill’s erosion of Dodd-Frank will risk the return of the massive bank bailouts charged to the public purse 10 years ago. Crapo’s less-than-reassuring answer to that concern is that the bill is a bipartisan compromise that “will



SEN. MIKE CRAPO

Idaho’s Sen. Mike Crapo, chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, thinks the newly passed S. 2155 is a godsend to the American people, but critics say the bill will have the effect of removing important safeguards against the kinds of bank abuses that helped lead to the Great Recession of 2007-2008.

the financial crisis, hurting smaller lenders that played no role in the 2007-08 debacle. Such lenders reportedly provide more than half of small business loans and about 80% of agricultural loans.

In addition, a major but almost forgotten issue—the 2016 Equifax data breach that exposed the personal information of more than 145 million Americans—comes into play. To its credit, this legislation requires free credit freezes, otherwise known as “lockdowns,” to better protect consumers affected by breaches. Prior to S. 2155’s passage, most states had allowed credit-reporting companies to charge consumers for locking down their credit.

Eastman, a noted critic of the pernicious effects of the nation’s interest-bearing, all-borrowed money supply, has long pointed out that the nation needs to move to a directly issued interest-free national currency. This would be issued in the form of periodic stimulus dividends paid directly to consumers to relieve the people from the manipulations of a credit-card, loan-driven economy.

In other words, he believes, what’s needed is a genuinely consumer-driven system where the people have far more purchasing power, far less debt, and therefore “vote” with their dollars to create an economy that serves their needs rather than feeding the profits and power of the banks.

Economics writer Wallace Klinck of Alberta, Canada, whose insights, like Eastman’s, provide a refreshing alternative to the mind-numbing ministrations of conventional economists, noted in recent correspondence with this AFP writer: “Of course, our present system compels the community to become increasingly indebted—and it does constitute slavery, on a grand scale. That is the essential problem. We must not, however, merely assert the obvious adverse phenomenon but are required also to explain its root nature and . . . formulate appropriate remedies.”

With that in mind, Sen. Rand Paul’s stalled Audit the Federal Reserve bill (S. 16) could be a reasonable start in the direction of honest money. AFP readers would be well advised to call their Senate and House members to urge movement on S. 16. Call 202-224-3121 or 225-3121. ★

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Candidate Smearred as 'Anti-Semite'

• Marine Corps veteran vows to battle supremacism, foreign entanglements if elected

By Dave Gahary

A video of a Senate candidate scraping his shoes and spitting on an Israeli flag went viral, with a lot of people—including this newspaper—asking, “Who is this guy?” So, AMERICAN FREE PRESS conducted an exclusive interview with this mystery candidate, who’s running in the Golden State to replace 84-year-old Dianne Feinstein, the oldest currently serving U.S. senator.

Feinstein, who has “served” in the Senate since winning a special election in 1992, is known for her ultra-liberal positions as well as her anti-Second Amendment stance. She authored the 1994 Federal Assault Weapons Ban, which expired in 2004, and tried to do it again in 2013, after the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting. This attempt failed to pass. Feinstein is also a multi-millionaire, with a net worth of over \$100 million.

Patrick Little, 34, who’s polling in second place in California’s senate election, was born in New Hampshire but grew up in Maine. He studied overseas for a year in Germany, majored in international business at a U.S. university, received a corporate accounting degree, and decided to get in shape to join the U.S. Marine Corps.

“My father was a Marine Corps veteran of Vietnam,” Little told AFP. “He was in the Tet Offensive, and sometimes when he got some drinks in him he would talk about Vietnam, and it just broke my heart to hear what had happened to him.”

Little was stationed at Camp Leatherneck, the 1,600-acre base in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. “I was part of a combat logistics battalion where I spent my entire active duty career,” said Little, “and deployed to Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom. I was a data network specialist. I did my four-year honorable contract, got out as a sergeant, and was honorably discharged.”



PATRICK LITTLE

It was soon after that, that Little began to question the motives of the “war on terror.” “I was not aware of Jewish supremacists’ control of our country, this Jewish oligarchy, this international clique that runs our country,” he explained.

“I read *The Culture of Critique*,” he said. “I spent the first half of the book trying to disprove everything. Could not disprove a single thing. Most of the things can be verified from Jewish sources. I couldn’t believe what was in the book.”

Little was referring to *The Culture of Critique: An Evolutionary Analysis of Jewish Involvement in Twentieth-Century Intellectual and Political Movements*, by Dr. Kevin MacDonald, an expert on cultural survival strategies. “If you read [the book],” he continued, “you’ll understand exactly what has happened to our family unit and how it’s

Republican Patrick Little has been smearred by both the Democrats and his own party for his America-first views on foreign entanglements and passionate attachments.

intentional. It’s not just, ‘Oh, it’s worse with every generation,’ or ‘These kids keep getting worse,’ as the old-timers sometimes say. It’s designed. It’s a critical theory applied to human societies. This is a deliberate destruction of functional, traditional societies, so that it’s easier for a tyrannical group of oligarchs to rule over us.”

He decided to put what he had learned into action. “I finished the book,” he said, “and decided, you know what, you can’t just sit around reading about Jewish supremacism and Zionism. I gotta go wake people up. In the summer I decided somebody needed to run against Feinstein.”

Things happened fast for Little, and on April 24, SurveyUSA, a U.S. polling firm that conducts opinion polls for political candidates and issues, released the results of a poll conducted over the previous week, ranking him in second place—out of 32 candidates—with 18%. Feinstein received 39% and the closest Republican was a full 10 points behind Little. He was also leading the president pro tempore of the California state Senate, Kevin de León, by the same margin. “At this point, the news blew up,” explained Little. “Neo-Nazi this, neo-Nazi that.”

On May 2, the “fake news” magazine *Newsweek*, the failed print publication that transitioned to an all-digital format in 2012, published a hit piece entitled, “Republican Senate Candidate Praises Hitler and Sparks Condemnation from California GOP,” calling Little an “extremist.” The article was timed to have maximum impact before the California Republican Party (CAGOP) convention at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina on May 5.

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"I show up to the convention," Little told this newspaper, "because I'm the top-polling Republican candidate with more than twice the support of anyone else."

His trouble started when he purchased two passes at the VIP registration booth, reserved for leading candidates. "They processed my credit card until someone figured out I'm the guy that they'd been smearing in the media," he said. "They said to me right after they processed my credit card, 'Oh, we're sorry that the payment processing is down; we can't process your credit card.'" This in spite of the fact that Little got an email on his cell phone in real time that the payment had been processed. "They pretty much stole \$130 from me," he said.

The California GOP's next step was to distance themselves from Little.

The failed, disgraced *Los Angeles Times*—purchased this year by a Chinese industrialist—which has seen its circulation plummet from around 1.2 million in 1990 to less than half that today (though still the fourth-largest circulation among U.S. newspapers), reported that "An anti-Semitic GOP Senate candidate was kicked out of the California Republican Party's convention in San Diego on Saturday morning, with one witness saying he was dragging and kicking an Israeli flag while being escorted out."

Little explained what happened while he was still inside the hotel. "I shot a little video where I said, 'They're kicking me out here. They're calling security to remove me, because I won't leave voluntarily, because I would like to speak for an hour or two in front of the audience, the GOP here. I'm the leading candidate.' I came here with a whole speech to deliver, and I said, 'I'm being removed because I won't support a foreign country.'"

He complied with their request to leave but not before letting them know his views. "On the way approaching the door," he said, "I reached into a little bag I had with me and pulled out an Israeli flag that I had all unfurled, and I threw it under my foot and I said, 'I'm dragging this thing out the door with me.' So, I dragged it under my foot the whole way out to the edge of the property line, and then security made me move even farther away, all the way out to the sidewalk. At that point, the police had been called on me."

The two San Diego cops, both military vets, simply asked Little not to burn the Zionist flag, although he had no lighter nor any intention to do so. Little made a video soon after—the video that went around the world.

"My blood was up; I probably sounded a little angry," he told AFP. "I did not expect to get kicked out, especially having been the leading candidate by more than twice the margin of the other challengers. I got emails from all over the world showing their support and solidarity against Jewish supremacy and Zionism."

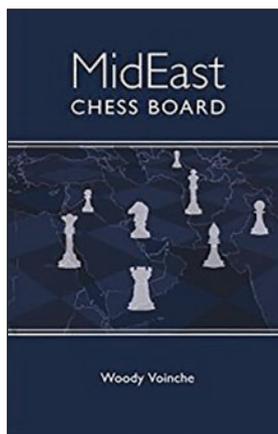
Californians go to the polls on June 5 to vote in the primaries, and the one thing Little needs more than anything else is money, especially if he wins the GOP primary. "During this primary election, the most I can receive from any person's combined contributions is \$2,700 and zero cents," Little explained. After the primary, no limits apply, thanks to *Citizens United v. FEC*.

"This train isn't stopping," he said, "even if they somehow keep me out of the top two in this primary. So, if you can help spread the word or you can spare some funds, littlerevolution.us/donate has all the information you need. Anything helps."

For more information, write to Citizens to Elect Little, P.O. Box 6025, Albany, Calif. 94706. ★

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Israeli Social Media Company Influenced Election?

By John Friend

For the last year, the mainstream media and the entire political establishment in Washington have been in a tizzy over allegations that Russian companies and individuals meddled in the U.S. presidential election in 2016 by buying ads and posting misinformation on the Internet. But few have mentioned a similar scandal involving an Israeli social media company currently under investigation by special counsel Robert Mueller's office for doing the very same that Russia is accused of.

An Israeli-run social media company owned by Joel Zamel, who was born in Australia, is currently under investigation by Mueller for purportedly managing a social media manipulation campaign to help get then candidate Donald Trump elected president, it has been reported.

According to the Jewish Telegraph Agency (JTA), Zamel met with Donald Trump Jr., the president's son, who was heavily involved in his father's presidential campaign, in New York just three months before the 2016 election. Also present at the meeting was Lebanese-American busi-

nessman George Nader, who was there representing the crown princes of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. Nader reportedly paid Zamel close to \$2 million following Trump's presidential victory, partly for services Zamel provided Nader relating to social media and public relations campaigning.

The Aug. 3, 2016 meeting was organized by Erik Prince, the founder and former chief of the controversial private military contractor Blackwater (known as Academi since 2011), which has been accused of committing war crimes in the past and profiting handsomely off of America's disastrous wars in the Mideast.

Despite the fact that the U.S. government meddles in foreign elections all of the time, it is illegal for governments or individuals to manipulate the electoral process in the United States or otherwise attempt to influence or undermine U.S. elections.

Zamel has denied he or any of his companies were involved in manipulating or influencing the U.S. election. "Neither Joel Zamel, nor any of his related entities, had any involvement whatsoever in the U.S. election campaign," Marc L. Mukasey—son of former U.S. Attorney General Michael Mukasey—Zamel's lawyer, told reporters following the announcement of Mueller's

investigation into Zamel's Israeli-based social media company. "There was a brief meeting, nothing concrete was offered or pitched to anyone, and nothing came of it."

Israeli law enforcement officials and Zamel are reportedly cooperating with Mueller's investigation, JTA reported.

Anonymous sources purportedly involved with Zamel's social media companies have told media outlets that one company in particular had been working on a secret social media campaign designed to help sway the election in Trump's favor during the 2016 presidential election. The company, called Psy-Group, allegedly developed a plan to use fake social media profiles to boost then candidate Trump's candidacy. The company's motto is "shape reality," and, according to anonymous sources allegedly close to Zamel's operations, it had contacted an American law firm about its covert social media manipulation campaign.

Interestingly, many of Zamel's companies also have close ties to Russia, demonstrating once again that the "Russian meddling" narrative ultimately ties directly to Israel and Zionist interests.

Will Mueller's probe eventually connect all the dots and implicate the Zionist entity occupying Palestine for manipulating the U.S. election? ★

Supporters of Iranian Nuclear Deal Targeted by Trump

By John Friend

Representatives of President Donald Trump contracted private Israeli intelligence firm Black Cube to help orchestrate a "black-ops" campaign against key individuals who were involved in negotiating the Iran nuclear deal, it has been revealed. The president has long lambasted the agreement, calling it "defective at its core."

In May of last year, reports *The Guardian*, advisers connected to President Trump hired private investigators from Israel, some of whom were former Mossad agents, to dig into the private lives of at least two former Obama administration officials who were instrumental in securing the Iran nuclear deal: Ben Rhodes, a national security adviser to Obama, and Colin Kahl, a deputy assistant to Obama. Rhodes and Kahl were both closely involved in the negotiations leading up to the agreement with the Iranian government, which has long been demonized by Israel and Zionist war hawks in America. The private Israeli intelligence operatives were contracted by people close to Trump in an elaborate effort to undermine the Iran deal and discredit those involved in negotiating it, namely Rhodes and Kahl.

"The idea was that people acting for Trump would discredit those who were pivotal in sell-

ing the deal, making it easier to pull out of it," an anonymous source with direct knowledge of the shady campaign explained to *The Guardian*.

Despite the fact that international inspectors say Iran has lived up to an agreement that it significantly scale back its nuclear program, Trump still withdrew the U.S. from the deal in early May, claiming that it didn't go far enough. Trump and his pro-Israel backers contend that Iran should not have the right to defend itself militarily should Israel or the United States threaten it.

"These are extraordinary and appalling allegations but which also illustrate a high level of desperation by Trump and [Israeli prime minister] Benjamin Netanyahu, not so much to discredit the deal but to undermine those around it," Jack Straw, a former British foreign secretary who was also involved in negotiations with the Iranian government, stated following the scandalous revelations.

The private investigators contracted by Trump's aides were tasked with investigating the personal relationships of Rhodes and Kahl, including any contact they had with pro-Iranian lobbyists. They also attempted to discover whether or not Rhodes and Kahl, among other Obama officials, personally benefited from the Iranian deal and investigated their contacts in the mass media.

It has not yet been revealed to what extent the Israeli investigators went in their campaign and what eventually became of it.

Rhodes and Kahl were apparently unaware of

the campaign leveled against them but were not surprised to learn of it following mainstream reports of its existence.

"I was not aware, though sadly am not surprised," Rhodes stated following reports outlining the shady tactics. "I would say that digging up dirt on someone for carrying out their professional responsibilities in their positions as White House officials is a chillingly authoritarian thing to do."

This news comes as Israel and pro-Israel partisans in the U.S. mass media and federal government increase their deceptive public relations campaign against Iran. In late April, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made a special presentation to much fanfare purportedly documenting the intrigues of the Iranian government, who he claims continues to pursue a secret nuclear weapons program. The truth of the matter, however, was that Netanyahu was touting documents from nearly two decades ago purportedly showing Iran was interested in pursuing nuclear weapons. The nuclear agreement signed between Iran, Europe, Russia, China, and the U.S. allowed unprecedented checks from international investigators, who have repeatedly confirmed that Iran is living up to its end of the deal.

Netanyahu appears to have major influence over the Trump administration, as both political leaders have increased their hostile rhetoric toward the Islamic Republic in an attempt to demonize the Iranians. ★

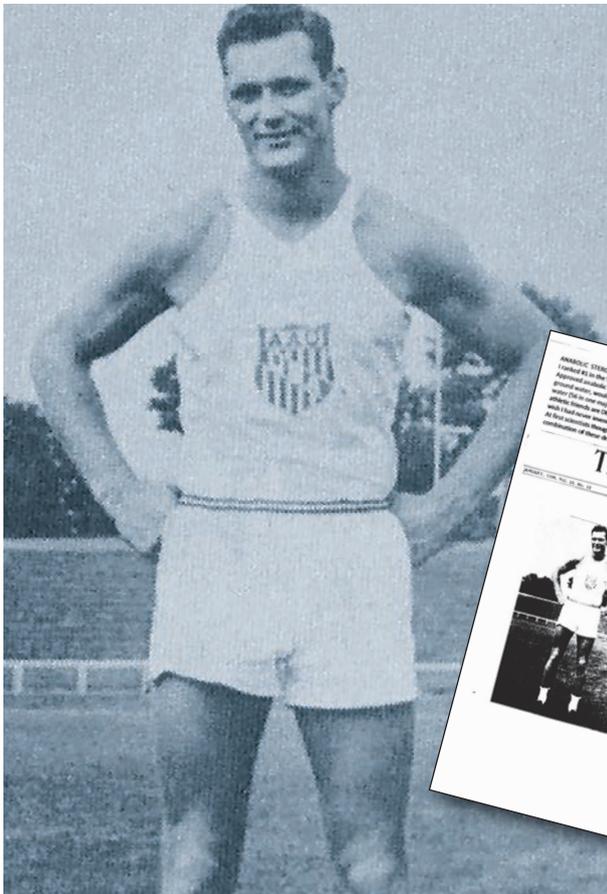
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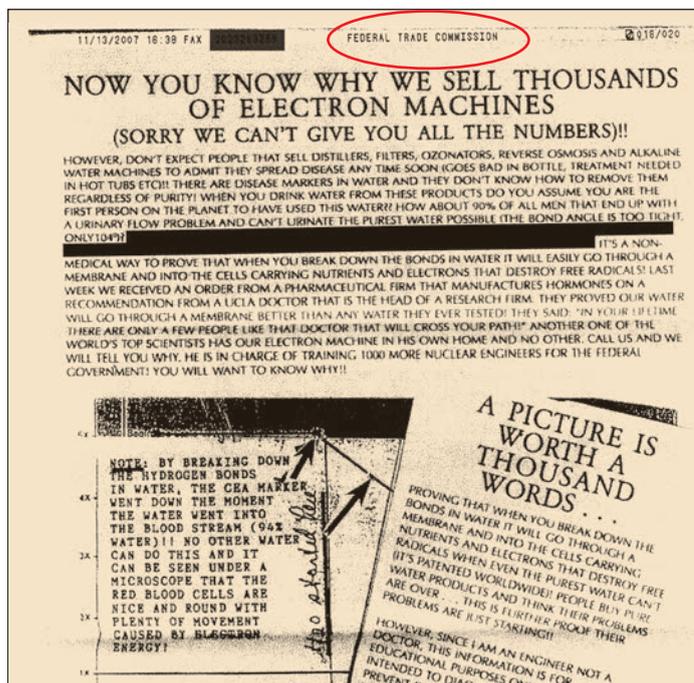
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U.S. Sabotages Peace Efforts

• Vladimir Putin's attempts to foster global amity thwarted by U.S. warmongers

By Paul Craig Roberts

The Trump regime has sabotaged Vladimir Putin's peace efforts in Syria, Iran, Ukraine, and North Korea. In the interest of peace Putin has avoided responding to U.S. and Israeli provocations in Syria. Putin went so far as to invite the war criminal and genocidal maniac Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to Russia for the celebration of Russia's victory over Germany in World War II. Netanyahu accepted, but showed Putin who is boss by ordering illegal Israeli military attacks on Syrian army positions just prior to his departure for Russia.

Washington rewarded Putin's peace efforts by occupying with U.S. and French troops the part of Syria still held by Washington's mercenaries sent to overthrow Assad and by re-supplying the Muslim extremists Washington is using against Assad's secular government. With U.S. and French troops present, Putin has halted the offensive to clear all of Syria of the foreign invaders. If Americans or French are killed, Putin knows that the demonization of Russia will reach a new high pitch and Washington will use it to counteract Europe's dissatisfaction with Washington. The box into which Putin has been put by the Russian government's misjudgment of U.S. and Israeli intentions allows continuing U.S.-led attacks on Syrian military positions.

Previously Putin blocked the planned U.S. invasion of Syria by arranging for all of Syria's chemical weapons to be turned over to the West for destruction. The official chemical weapons inspection agency certified that Syria is devoid of chemical weapons. Putin's reward is that U.S. government officials, the entirety of the U.S. media, and Washington's British and French vassals have consistently blamed Syria for false-flag chemical attacks, and in the case of Douma a fake-news chemical attack that has been certified not to have taken place, on Assad.

The Trump regime has also sabotaged Putin's peace effort in Iran. Putin brought the fake "Iranian nuke" crisis orchestrated by Washington and its presstitute media to an end by working out a multi-nation agreement that Iran would not produce weapons-grade nuclear material or enrich uranium beyond the low level used for nuclear energy. Official agencies certify that Iran has kept the agreement, but, despite the established facts, Washington and its presstitute media continue to allege that Iran has a nuclear weapons program. Trump, at the insistence of Netanyahu, has pulled the U.S. out of the multi-nation agreement signed by Iran, the U.S., Russia, China, UK, France, and



Vladimir Putin has done his best to keep the United States and its allies from engulfing the world in nuclear war. But with every fire Putin puts out, another is lit by Trump and company.

remains to be seen.

There are great risks to Russia of relying on Europe's revolt as Washington uses the time to regain what was lost in Syria to Putin's initiative. In effect, Russia might be throwing away the victory in Syria. While the Russian government waits to see if the Anglo-Zionist Empire comes apart, Washington is organizing the jihadists Washington used against Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi and Assad to prepare an offensive against Russia and China through former Soviet central Asian republics such as Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

A report by Andrey Afanasyev published at "Information Clearing House" claims "Special Service's Agent: Attack on Russia Is Being Prepared." I have checked out this story with Russian sources. What I learned is that Washington's plan to use its jihadists to begin destabilizing Russia and China surfaced in Russia in the [recent] 7th Moscow International Conference on Security. Currently, Sergei Shoigu, the Russian minister of defense, is in Uzbekistan evaluating the situation with military and political leaders there.

The Russian government, the state TV channels, and establishment press are sitting on the information. Apparently, the Russian government doesn't want this information out, as it could undermine public support for the peace agenda that the government favors. However, reports have been published in Russian news outlets Tsargrad, NewsFront, and Fergana.

Israel's interest in the Middle East is expansion, which is inconsistent with peace. Israel needs conflict and the destabilization of Syria and Iran, Hezbollah's suppliers, so that Israel can seize southern Lebanon. The American neoconservatives who are firmly entrenched in the Trump regime are *de facto* Israeli agents. Moreover, they are committed to American hegemony, which requires the overthrow of independent governments.

Putin is betting that Washington's pursuit of hegemony in the Middle East will cost Washington hegemony in Europe. If Putin does not win this bet, he had better be prepared for the war that Washington, D.C. and Israel are aiming directly at Russia. ★

Germany. Trump is re-imposing even harsher sanctions against Iran that heavily impact and harm European businesses.

The rest of the signatories to the Iran agreement say that they intend to continue with the agreement, and Trump has threatened the UK, France, and Germany with sanctions if they stick with the agreement that they signed in good faith.

China and Russia worked to reconcile North and South Korea and secured North Korea's agreement to stop nuclear weapons tests. Peace between the Koreas was taking shape, but Trump has sabotaged this peace effort as well.

The presstitute media, a.k.a. Washington's propaganda ministry, has misrepresented the destruction of peace agreements as necessary actions to protect Americans and the world from rogue states, but Israel is the only other government that agrees with Washington.

Now that Washington and Israel have sabotaged Putin's diplomacy, Putin's hope is that the result will isolate Washington from Washington's European and British vassal states rather than isolate Russia, Syria, Iran, and North Korea from the rest of the world. There is much evidence that European leaders have had their fill of being treated as Washington's slaves. Possibly they will throw off Washington's control. On the other hand, except for France under DeGaulle, no European country has had an independent foreign or economic policy in 75 years. Moreover, European leaders are accustomed to relying on Washington providing their comfortable retirements, like Tony Blair's \$50 million, and European business interests would be harmed if Trump cuts them off from U.S. markets. How real a European revolt is

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They Disagree on Everything But Israel

• Legislators voting to gut Constitution, free speech for Israel are committing treason

By Philip Giraldi

There is currently considerable agitation in Congress over what is loosely being referred to as “free speech.” The crux of the matter appears to be that many self-identified conservatives appear to believe that rules put in place by many college and university administrations unfairly discriminate against them, establishing restrictions on speakers whose opinions might be viewed as offensive to liberals and minority constituencies. This has lately led to the blocking of attempts by notable conservative lecturers to speak on campus and in other public fora lest they cause a breakdown in public order. It is interesting to note that the campaign against conservatives is never packaged quite as an actual free speech issue. It is generally expressed as a desire to sustain community values and to avoid violent confrontations.

Many of the groups engaging in agitprop seeking to redefine the First Amendment at the college level are inevitably Jewish, many of them politically liberal, seeking to eliminate hurtful commentary or actions that involve criticism of Israel. A common complaint is that demonstrations or speakers on campus make Jews feel uncomfortable and therefore should be banned. Ironically, the political conservatives, who believe themselves to be victims of a suppression of free speech, often hypocritically support the Jewish students’ drive to curtail the same commodity because they are strong supporters of Israel. That reality demonstrates that the complaints from both parties are more ideologically driven than based on any perception of the need to maintain basic constitutional rights.

More curious still are the actions of some Jewish legislators in Congress. The debate over free speech on campus to allow conservative voices is



much in the media, but the desire of many of America’s normally liberal Jews to curtail any and all criticism of Israel is hardly mentioned at all, even though it is in many respects far more serious an attack against the First Amendment, as support of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement would be enshrined in federal legislation with draconian penalties attached.

Two leading Jewish senators, Ben Cardin of Maryland and Chuck Schumer of New York, are the driving forces behind the so-called Israel Anti-Boycott Act, which is continuing to make its way through Congress. It was introduced by Cardin and quickly attracted a number of co-sponsors and supporters, many of whom were predictably

Many Americans are beginning to question the aggressive policies of Israel in the Middle East and whether support for the supremacist state is in America’s best interests. Too many members of Congress, however, blindly support Israel’s interests over those of the U.S.

Republicans. The irony inherent in the bill comes from the fact that both Cardin and Schumer are solidly liberal in their voting records, to include support of issues generally regarded as protective of constitutional rights and liberties.

Theirs might reasonably be considered reliable votes whenever the Bill of Rights is challenged, but when it comes to Israel they are quite willing to flip 180 degrees.

Schumer might be considered Israel’s senator in Congress now that Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.) has finally disappeared from the scene. Schumer has referred to himself as Israel’s “shomer” or protector, a derivation of his own name. If he is challenged at all in that status it would be by Cardin, who votes a straight pro-Israel line when called upon to do so and who is the product of Maryland’s largely Jewish dominated Democratic Party machine. Both are, not coincidentally, major recipients of campaign contributions coming from the Israel lobby. Two years ago both Schumer and Cardin opposed President Barack Obama’s agreement to the plan adopted to monitor Iran’s nuclear program, placing them in line with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in opposition to their own party’s president.

So here is the problem. Many American Jews in politics support Israel right or wrong without any regard for the impact on the rest of their constituents. This is obviously wrong, but they do it shamelessly because they believe that they will never be held to account. Unfortunately for them, attitudes toward Israel and its criminal regime

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From left to right, Sen. Chuck Schumer and Sen. Ben Cardin, both of whom can be counted on to vote Israel's interests over those of America's. On the other hand, Rep. Steve Cohen of Tennessee rarely toes Israel's line. He boycotted Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's speech to Congress.

are shifting, particularly in the liberal wing of the Democratic Party.

Cardin has indeed faced some problems with his promotion of the Israel Anti-Boycott Act. The generally Israel-friendly American Civil Liberties Union objected strongly both to the obvious unconstitutionality of the bill as well as the punitive measures that it mandated, which included in the original version civil fines up to \$250,000, criminal fines of up to \$1 million, as well as a possible 20 years in prison. Two elements of the bill are particularly appalling. One criminalizes anyone even making inquiries about BDS and the other specifies that Israel includes by definition "settlements in the Palestinian occupied territories." That means that the settlements, which all the world including the United States considers illegal, cannot be criticized under penalty of law.

These draconian features, which essentially criminalize a broad range of any criticism of Israel if implemented, were recently watered down but have not been completely eliminated from the current version of the bill. To be sure, a number of liberal Jewish organizations have come out against the bill but have been unable to make much progress, as the well-funded and much more numerous organizations that constitute the lobby have better access to both politicians and

the mainstream media.

Against those who find the bill a bridge too far, even in defense of the Jewish state, one indeed finds an array of Jewish oligarchs who support Israel reflexively as well as the formidable power of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) with its hundreds of employees and \$100 million annual budget. AIPAC is America's most powerful foreign policy lobby. In terms of getting out the votes in Congress it is comparable to the gun lobby for the GOP. It is committed to the Cardin bill and considers it its top priority because it, echoing the repeated warnings issued by Netanyahu, believes that BDS is the greatest internal threat to Israel. Netanyahu is, of course, not rational on threats to Israel. He has long promoted attacking a militarily inferior Iran because it is an alleged threat and his judgment on BDS is similarly 90% scaremongering.

So here we have it again. Two prominent Jewish senators are working to destroy the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and they are doing it to "help" Israel. Some might call it treason. ★

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U.S. Christian Conservatives Should Be Supporting Iran

- Morals, manners, devotion of Iranian people a model for U.S.

By Dr. Kevin Barrett

I recently returned from Mashhad, the biggest city in eastern Iran. Mashhad is a holy city for Shia Muslims. It hosts the shrine of Imam Reza, the eighth Shia imam, visited by millions of pilgrims from all over Iran as well as Iraq, Lebanon, Pakistan, and other countries including the United States.

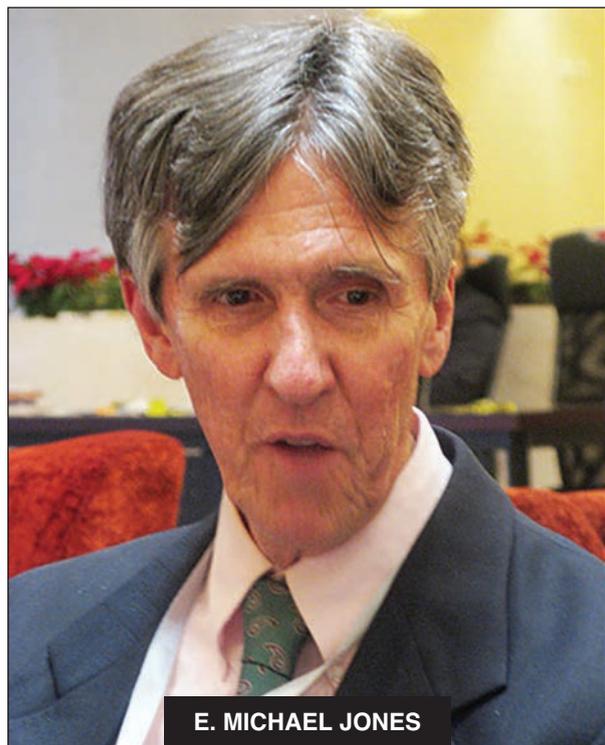
This year, for the first time ever, Mashhad hosted a conference on international politics, not religion. The sixth New Horizon Conference, entitled “Jerusalem al Quds: Eternal Capital of Palestine,” brought together 51 notable intellectuals and activists from North America, Europe, Australia, and the Middle East.

This year’s conference transpired at a moment of crisis for Palestine.

On May 8, President Donald Trump torpedoed the Iran nuclear deal. Six days later, Trump’s daughter, Ivanka, presided over the opening of the new U.S. embassy in Occupied Jerusalem—on the same day that Zionist snipers murdered 60 unarmed Palestinian demonstrators and injured 2,771.

It is worth noting that Ivanka, who was raised Presbyterian, is married to Jared Kushner, who is Orthodox Jewish. In 2009, Ivanka herself converted to Orthodox Judaism.

This all happened on the eve of Nakba Day, the



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annual commemoration of the Palestinian Holocaust of 1948, when Zionists murdered thousands of Palestinians and terrorized the survivors into fleeing their country, with more than 700,000 ousted from their ancestral lands.

The death total for the Great March of Return was at least 110 Palestinians. More than 12,000 were injured, thousands by live gunfire, including those permanently crippled by exploding bullets banned by the Geneva Conventions. The Israeli snipers who carried out this month-long massacre were never in any danger from the unarmed demonstrators.

The Jerusalem conference in Mashhad featured a smattering of left-leaning “progressive” Palestine activists, which included: anti-Zionist Israeli Miko Peled, son of Gen. Matti Peled, the hero (from Israel’s perspective) of the 1967 war; Greta Berlin, organizer of the Flotilla to Gaza; and Sander Hicks, a candidate for Congress from New York City. But a larger number of conference attendees represented more traditionalist, conservative, often religious viewpoints. The world’s most influential traditionalist thinker, Alexander Dugin—an Eastern Orthodox Christian and advisor to Russia’s leadership—is perhaps the best known.

Among the many Christians present in Mashhad were E. Michael Jones, one of America’s leading Catholic intellectuals, and Scott Bennett, a Protestant and whistleblowing ex-U.S. Army psy-ops officer. Interestingly, these two fervently conservative American Christians absolutely love the Islamic Republic of Iran.

I introduced Jones to the organizers of the New Horizon conferences in 2013. After visiting Iran and participating in the February 2013 conference, which featured lively discussion of topics that are taboo in the West, Jones called the Islamic Republic “the capital of the free world.” Since then, Jones has been a regular visitor to Iran for New Horizon conferences. He finds the religiously based social order of the Islamic Republic extremely refreshing and suggests it could in some ways be a model for any Western countries that might someday return to Christianity.

Of course, Jones obviously is not suggesting that Shia Islam, the majority religion of Iran, ought to take over America. His point is that Islamic Iran is succeeding as a godly society, while the Christian West is failing. As he writes in *Culture Jihad in Tehran*, “Islam has an uncanny ability to arrive on the scene when Christianity is failing in its mission.”

Scott Bennett agrees with Jones that America has strayed from its Christian roots and that Iran’s Islamic Republic could be an exemplar for Chris-



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tians. The Iranian people’s manners and morals, he observes, compare favorably to those of Americans and Europeans. And the Islamic Republic’s political behavior on the international stage, Bennett agrees, has generally been reasonable, consistent, and principled—while Western and especially Israeli behavior has been anything but.

So why do neoconservative “Christians” like John Bolton, Mike Pompeo, and Mike Pence hate Iran so much? One possible answer: Bolton, Pompeo, and Pence are owned and operated by Zionists. Iran’s principled support for Palestine puts it in the crosshairs of the Zionist-hijacked U.S. war machine.

Another reason why Bolton, Pompeo, and Pence hate Iran is that the Islamic Republic does not have a Rothschild-owned central bank. Worse, it is leading the movement to end the reign of the Rothschild petrodollar as global reserve currency. On April 18, Bloomberg reported: “Iran Dumps Dollar in Favor of Euro Amid Deepening Standoff With U.S.” It is worth noting that other countries that challenged the reign of the petrodollar, including Saddam Hussein’s Iraq and Muammar Qaddafi’s Libya, were subsequently destroyed by the U.S. military.

If Bolton, Pompeo, and Pence were faithful Christians and loyal Americans, they would join Iran’s war on the Rothschild petrodollar. Rothschild funny-money is un-Christian because it is based on usury. And it is un-American because our Constitution demands that the U.S. Treasury Department, not a private cabal of bankers, issue our currency.

Maybe we need a new group: “American Christians for Islamic Iran.” ★

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New Push for Regime Change in Iran

• 58 times since end of WWII, U.S. policymakers have tried same dangerous strategy

By Richard Walker

It was perhaps only a matter of time before the Bush-Cheney doctrine of regime change in Iran made its way back to the forefront of America's foreign policy. Pronouncements from National Security Advisor John Bolton and new Secretary of State Mike Pompeo have made it clear that the overthrow of the democratically elected Iranian government is the new policy of the Trump administration.

Regime change as an element of U.S. foreign policy is nothing new. Since the end of World War II, more than 58 coups, or what have also been called regime-change efforts, covert and overt, have been launched by the U.S. and its allies across the globe. They have all proved reckless and counter-productive. The U.S. efforts to destabilize countries in order to change their regimes were, as a rule, undertaken in tandem with disinformation campaigns to depict the targeted countries as desperate for democracy. This claim of bringing democracy to the globe drew America into bitter wars and conflicts that shed American blood.

More often than not regime-change campaigns were power plays, and in the latter part of the 20th century their collective goal was to seize the natural resources—oil—of states in the Middle East. Those attempted coups were encouraged by the big oil giants and also by neoconservatives with links to Israel. Israeli leaders and their surrogates in Washington have consistently used the might of the U.S. to try to shape the Middle East according to a Zionist agenda. Lately, the Saudis have also played a role by buying favor in Washington with the expenditure of billions of dollars on weapons and gifts of tens of millions of dollars to lobbyists on K Street.

One of the most striking examples of the casual way regime change has been formulated as policy in Washington, often without the knowledge of the American public, is a shocking interview given by Gen. Wesley Clarke in 2007 about how he learned the Bush White House within weeks of 9/11 had plans to force regime change in seven countries in five years. Interestingly, those countries included Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Libya, and Iran.

Now that President Donald Trump has unilaterally rejected the Iran nuclear deal, he has, in contrast to his campaign promises to keep America out of foreign wars, laid the basis for a new war with Iran. His secretary of state, Pompeo, has as much as said so by calling for Iranian capitulation. Bolton has always advocated Iranian regime change even if it has to be achieved by force. By its very nature it requires covert strategies to destabilize Iran. All of this concerns Russia, China, and the EU.



WESLEY CLARK

In a moment of extreme candor, Gen. Wesley Clark revealed in 2007 that the United States would be pursuing regime change in seven nations by 2012, five of which are Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Libya, and Iran. Iraq, Libya and Syria have been destabilized, while Lebanon and Iran remain in U.S. sights.

The decision to move U.S. policy into a neo-conservative agenda was self-evident when Trump held private meetings with his new Middle East allies, Israel and Saudi-led Arab states who hope to lure the U.S. into a war with Iran that could be expanded to include Iraq, Lebanon, and Syria. Netanyahu has already given a hint that he is planning for war by relocating his security planning to an underground site, according to news site RT.

The Washington Free Beacon has also reported that the Trump White House has been studying a plan to create instability in Iran. That is likely to lead to Congress being asked to provide billions

Why do U.S. leaders keep trying the regime change strategy when it always blows up in their faces?

of dollars in funding for the CIA. Back in 1995-96, Newt Gingrich, then Speaker of the House, had the CIA budget for its covert Iran ops increased by \$18 billion. That stoked anti-U.S. fervor in Iran.

Coups rarely if ever work. On the contrary, they can have unforeseen consequences. An example is Ukraine. As Seumas Milne pointed out recently in *The Guardian*, the West's NATO expansion, and its role in overthrowing the country's leader, led to Russia responding by moving into Crimea. In Milne's view, by trying to draw Ukraine into an EU arrangement, the West crossed a line forcing Russia to respond. As Europe sees it, the new Trump policy will push Iran toward Russia and China, something that is already happening.

It is long forgotten that on Jan. 20, 1981, Ronald Reagan signed the Algeria Declaration that promised no more U.S. interference in Iran's politics. That pledge was never honored by Washington, much less by Israel. In fact, American-Jewish neocons like Dr. Michael Ledeen formulated the Bush-Cheney anti-Iran doctrine leading to President George W. Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney, and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld devoting \$400 million to wrecking Iran's nuclear program. Some of the money was diverted by the CIA to shadowy terror groups like MEK and Jundallah, a militia with links to al Qaeda that operated out of Pakistan, to carry out bombings and assassinations in Iran. Bolton has ties to MEK and has attended their functions, promising them that he will be celebrating in Tehran by 2019. ★

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Veteran CIA Analyst Censored

• Ray McGovern thrown out of hearings for demanding answers on U.S. torture

By Dave Gahary

If someone served their country by enlisting in the United States Army as an infantry and intelligence officer, and then followed that up by further serving that same country for nearly three more decades as a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) analyst, one might think that such an individual would be accorded a modicum of respect when voicing his opinion at a Senate confirmation hearing for the nomination of the CIA director.

Well, maybe there was a time in this once-great nation's history when any citizen could voice their opinion in "the People's House," but those days are long gone. This was painfully illustrated on May 9 when 78-year-old Raymond L. "Ray" McGovern attempted to have his voice heard at the confirmation hearing for Gina Cheri Haspel, President Donald Trump's choice to head the CIA, and was manhandled by the tools of the current police state.

Haspel courts much controversy, mostly due to her ties to a CIA "black site" in Thailand—"Detention Site Green," or "Cat's Eye," located inside a Royal Thai Air Force base—used to torture "war on terror" detainees. Holding prisoners in U.S. military custody requires informing the International Committee for the Red Cross, hence the desire for black sites.

According to Wikipedia, a "black site," or secret prison, is a location where a "black project" is conducted, "a highly classified military or defense project publicly unacknowledged by government, military personnel, and contractors." It is suspected that black sites have been located on all seven continents of the Earth.

McGovern, who served under seven presidents,



U.S. Capitol Police tackle 78-year-old Ray McGovern.

from JFK forward, attended the televised confirmation hearing in the Hart Senate Office Building, and spoke to this reporter about his latest encounter with "democracy."

"I sat in the audience not knowing exactly what I might do but fearing that it might be really hard to take. And it was," he said.

"The discussion was pretty appalling," he explained. "The chair, who was pretty much hand-in-glove with the intelligence community that he's supposed to be supervising, appraised [Haspel] up and down as not only moral but ethical."

The hearing was broadcast on C-SPAN and ran for 153 minutes, and around 74 minutes into the

hearing, it was Sen. Ron Wyden's (D-Ore.) turn to grill the nominee. McGovern explained how the questioning went.

"You were in charge of the base there in Thailand, the black site, when [Abd al Rahim] al Nashiri was there," McGovern recounted Wyden's testimony. "Did you supervise his waterboarding, yes or no, please?" And Ms. Haspel said, 'Senator, that's classified. I wish I could tell you, but it's classified.' And Wyden had run out of time.

"Now I'm seething there," McGovern said, "because the next question that Wyden would've asked was, of course, 'Well, Ms. Haspel, could you tell us who classified that?' And she would've

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had to say, 'Well, I did, senator. I classified all the incriminating material that might prevent me from being approved as the next head of the CIA.' "

McGovern continued: "With Wyden out of time, I waited for the chair to come in and say, 'Now, Ms. Haspel, it's a yes or no question. We actually know the answer, and so do you. Would you let the American people who are tuned in now, would you let them know what the answer is?' And, of course, she would've had to say, 'Well, yes, Mr. Chairman, the answer is yes.' "

The former CIA analyst told AFP, "There's a war crime, pure and simple. Now, she was allowed to defer that into executive session, and so the American people were deprived of the opportunity to hear that she was directly responsible for the waterboarding and other extreme techniques administered to al Nashiri in Thailand in 2002."

McGovern, dressed smartly in suit and tie, could contain himself no longer, and at 131 minutes into the hearing, he made his move.

"There was a great, big policeman standing between me and Haspel," McGovern said. "And so, I waited for him to go to the bathroom and went up there and interrupted one of the senators, and said, 'I'm sorry to interrupt here, but, Senator Wyden, you deserve a direct answer to your question. It really is a yes or no, and she was guilty of supervising of waterboarding, and no legal opinion can make waterboarding. . . .'"

McGovern was quickly surrounded by four Capitol policemen, who took nearly 40 seconds to manhandle him out the door.

"And then, of course, these very large Capitol Police descended on me [to prevent me] from saying anything else," he explained. "Anytime I tried to say something else, they shouted out, as they're instructed to, 'Stop resisting, stop resisting!' I suppose manufacturing evidence that I was resisting when in reality I was not under my own power, as soon as the four lifted me up and dragged me out."

C-SPAN cameras were not in the hallway, but other video captured the way this almost octogenarian was dealt with for simply speaking his mind. A woman attending the hearing began filming and followed McGovern and the thugs out the doors.

"The saving grace was that there was a very gutsy, young woman with an iPhone filming the whole thing," explained McGovern, "and even as

I was dragged out of the place, lifted out, she followed, she got the whole thing on videotape. When she saw what they were doing to me and they took me down, she said, 'Don't hurt him. You're hurting him.' "

The police smashed McGovern to the floor and continued to manhandle him even after he pleaded to them about the chronic dislocation of his left shoulder. In fact, in the video, you can hear an audible pop.

"I didn't know she was there; thank God she was there," said McGovern. "But if you're gonna risk this kind of treatment at the hands of people who are just following orders, then it's a good thing to have someone who will capture it on film, because number one, then it is on film, and number two, when the cops in charge see it, they have a choice whether they're going to brutalize yet another person on film, or whether they're going to stop the brutalization."

McGovern was transported out of the building to spend 27 hours in a D.C. cellblock, not a pleasant position to be in. He explained why he exposed himself to these conditions.

"When we see this torture that [Haspel] was clearly responsible for," he explained, "and we see the whitewash done by a committee—many of whose members were approving of those steps—now too embarrassed to backtrack and do the right thing, well, those are violations of the Constitution of the United States, international law, the UN Convention against Torture. And so, what are we to do? We're to stand up and honor our oath. Now, does that oath that we took—I took it first when I got my commission in 1961—does it have an expiration date, like, 'Warning, don't consume this oath after 50 years'? No, there is no expiration date." ★

Dave Gahary, a former submariner in the U.S. Navy, prevailed in a suit brought by the New York Stock Exchange in an attempt to silence him. Dave is the producer of an upcoming film about the attack on the USS Liberty. See the website erasingtheliberty.com or call (850) 677-0344 for more information.

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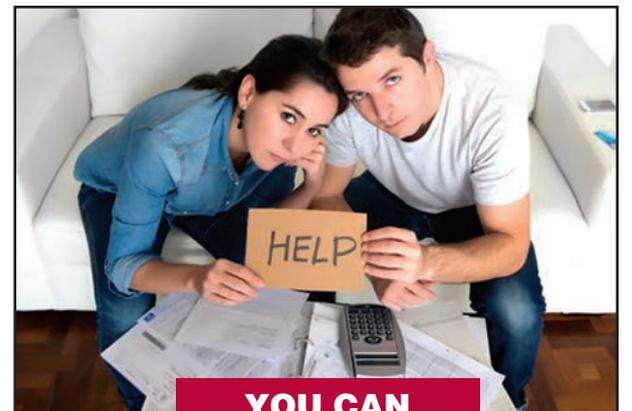
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The CIA Itself Is the Root of the Problem

• Former congressman calls for the abolition of the Central Intelligence Agency

By Rep. Ron Paul

As a general rule, when Dick Cheney favors a foreign policy position it's best to be on the opposite side if you value liberty over war and authoritarianism. The former vice president's enthusiastic endorsement of not only Gina Haspel as CIA director but of the torture program she oversaw should tell us all we need to know about Haspel.

Saying that Haspel would make a great CIA director, Cheney dismissed concerns over the CIA's torture program. Asked in a television interview recently about the program, Cheney said, "If it were my call, I'd do it again."

Sadly, the majority of the Senate agreed with Cheney that putting a torturer in charge of the CIA was a good idea. Only two Republicans—Sens. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) and Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.)—voted against Haspel. And just to confirm that there really is only one political party in Washington, it was the "yes" vote of crossover Democrats that provided the margin of victory. Americans should really be ashamed of those we have sent to Washington to represent us.

Just this month, *The New York Times* featured an article written by Fatima Boudchar, who was

The CIA has manipulated 100 elections overseas since its founding after WWII.

kidnapped and sent to the secret CIA facility in Thailand that Haspel was said to have overseen. Mrs. Boudchar was pregnant at the time, and she recounted in the article how her CIA torturers would repeatedly punch her in the stomach. She was not convicted or even accused of a crime. She was innocent. But she was tortured on Haspel's watch.

Is this really what we are as a country? Do we really want to elevate such people to the highest levels of government where they can do more damage to the U.S. at home and overseas?

As the news comes out that Obama holdovers in the FBI and CIA infiltrated the Trump campaign to try and elect Hillary Clinton, President

Donald Trump's seeming lack of understanding of how the deep state operates is truly bewildering. The U.S. increasingly looks like a banana republic, where the permanent state and not the people get to decide who's in charge.

But instead of condemning the CIA's role in an attempted coup against his own administration, Trump condemned former CIA director John Brennan for "undermining confidence" in the CIA. Well, the CIA didn't need Brennan to undermine our confidence in the CIA. The agency itself long ago undermined the confidence of any patriotic American. Not only has the CIA been involved in torture, it has manipulated at least 100 elections overseas since its founding after WWII.

As Trump watched Haspel being sworn in as CIA director, he praised her: "You live the CIA. You breathe the CIA. And now you will lead the CIA."

Yes, Mr. President, we understand that. But that's the problem.

The problem is not Haspel, it's not Brennan, it's not our lack of confidence. The problem is the CIA itself. If the president really cared about our peace, prosperity, and security, he would take steps to end this national disgrace. It's time to abolish the CIA. ★

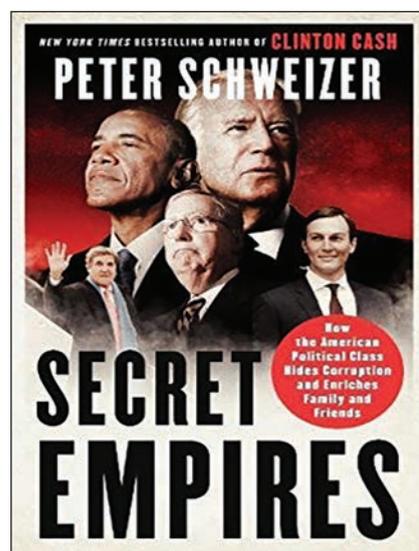
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School Security

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movies, and particularly violent video games.”

But Thweatt, who has been well ahead of the curve in that regard, says that those who fixate on guns don't believe in the Constitution—copies of which adorn the walls at his school.

For years, he's been acutely aware that most media constantly place the blame on the existence and availability of firearms while downplaying or ignoring various corruptive factors that adversely affect the mentality and sociability of school pupils. That includes the regimented education system itself, which operates on the basis of what Thweatt generally calls “humanism”—an anti-Christian worldview which posits that human beings are an evolutionary accident of the universe whose lives have no meaning or moral foundation.

In addition, basic emotional and psychological problems, as well as broken, unsupervised homes and various other factors—far removed from firearms issues—all play a role in inducing uncivilized behavior, often aggravated by the use of psychotropic drugs that have been linked to a number of teenage “school shooters” over the years.

Thweatt remarked that much of the resistance to the Harrold district's approach seems to stem from the basic fact that many people have bought into the notion that teachers cannot be trusted in such a role.

In the year prior to the Santa Fe shooting incident, the district's leadership reportedly had made plans to protect its schools via the Texas School Marshal Plan, introduced and approved in 2013 in the state legislature. That model is based on arming external employees, tasked with defending schools.

After the May 18 shooting, the president of Santa Fe's Board of Trustees stated that the district's policies and procedures “worked,” and that it was not the failure of the procedures that accounted for the incident.

However, Thweatt told AFP there are some things the public needs to understand, considering that Santa Fe, like many school districts across the nation, has on-site campus police officers.

“Those officers are not for defense; they're for dealing with kids who get rough with other kids—to protect kids from kids,” he said.

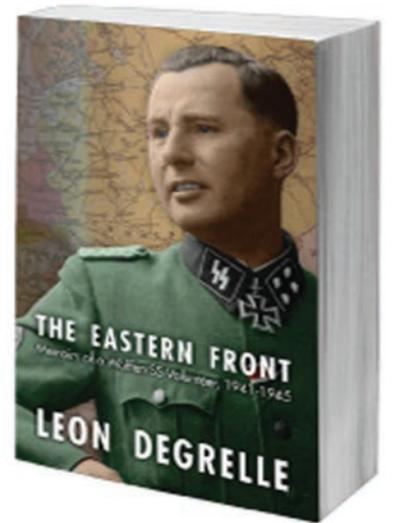
He added that while there are instances in which campus officers have provided some measure of defense, the problem is that they wear highly visible uniforms and external pistols, so any would-be school shooter can easily get familiar with the officers' work patterns and locations as they come and go. Thweatt places much more confidence in his district's model of non-uniformed internal staff using the concealed-carry approach.

Thweatt noted in passing that the Harrold district had approved ammunition that fragments when used, to minimize physical damage in the event of staff having to fire their weapons. But that policy has been changed to allow for standard rounds.

“They're going to get real live ammo,” Thweatt said, referring to any would-be attacker. ★

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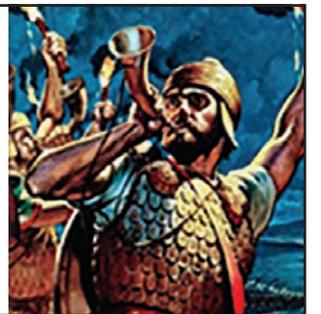
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New Ruling on Rebel Statues in Memphis Settles Nothing

By Dr. Ed DeVries

On May 16, Davidson County Chancery Court Judge Ellen Hobbs Lyle surprised the nation when she ruled that the removal of Confederate statues on Dec. 20, 2017 by the City of Memphis was “legal.” In fact, even Memphis City Attorney Bruce McMullen said that he was “surprised” by the judge’s ruling.

Previous attempts by Memphis to remove the statues had failed because they were protected by a state law that was designed to prevent just such a removal. The 2016 law, the Tennessee Heritage Protection Act, gives the state more control over monuments than in most states, explicitly forbidding the removal of a memorial “that is, or is located on, public property.” That law requires that a government entity such as a city or county receive a waiver from the state Historical Commission before removing statues or monuments.

But Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland found “a way around the law” when he led the city council to secretly sell the city parks where the statues were housed to a private non-profit (that appears to be of his own creation) called Memphis Greenspace, Inc. While the ability of a private company to remove privately owned monuments from privately owned land is not at question, hence Judge Lyle’s ruling, what remains at question is whether

or not the city’s “selling” of its parks for a mere \$1,000 was actually a lawful conveyance.

Many in the state legislature of Tennessee have never believed that the transfer of ownership, “sale,” or whatever one wishes to call it, of Memphis parks to Memphis Greenspace was legal. The legislature formally condemned the sale as illegal back in December and again in January. In April, the legislature voted to withhold funds from the city as a means of punishment.

No doubt Judge Lyle’s May 16 ruling was intended to make all of this go away, but it will not.

On May 21, Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam spoke to Judge Lyle’s ruling by signing an amendment to the Tennessee Heritage Protection Act, which prohibits “the sale or transfer of a memorial or public property containing a statue without first obtaining a waiver from the state Historical Commission.”

In other words, under the amended act, it is now clearly stated that it is forbidden to sell the property out from under the statue, as happened last year in Memphis. The amendment also includes a provision that would ban “any public entity that violates the law from receiving grants administered by the Historical Commission and the state Department of Economic and Community Development for five years.”

The newly amended law also allows “any entity, group or individual” with a “real interest in a memorial” to seek an injunction in Davidson County Court if they believe a public entity has violated the law. The court could issue a restraining order or



MAYOR JIM STRICKLAND

an injunction to preserve the memorial in question.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV), who brought the original legal action that resulted in Judge Lyle’s ruling, is certainly a group that has a “real interest” in the Memphis monuments. Encouraged by the governor, they filed a motion in the Davidson county court on May 24. Lee Millar, a spokesman for the SCV, tells us they predict this case will eventually go all the way to the Tennessee Supreme Court.

There is no doubt that the amended provisions of the act went into force immediately on Monday when signed by Haslam. But the city of Memphis and Memphis Greenspace are arguing that the provisions cannot be applied retroactively. The SCV and other heritage groups that are in the process of petitioning the Davidson County Court will argue that they have a real interest in the memorial and that the newly signed amendment was a suggestion to the court by the governor that an injunction be issued.

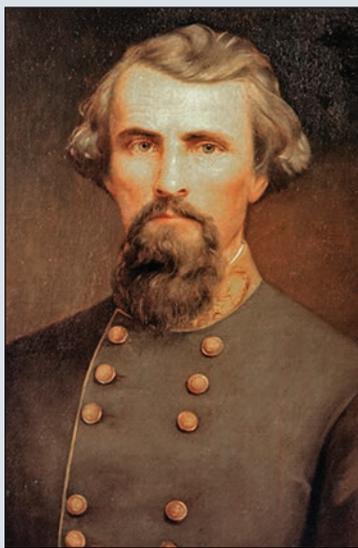
But “suggestion” is about all that the governor can offer the court in the matter. And, as we know, courts are seldom persuaded by executive suggestion alone.

If the governor’s “suggestion” and legal appeals to the courts should fail to return the statues to their proper pedestals, Memphis Greenspace president Van Turner says he’s open to working on a mutually agreeable location for the statues of Confederate Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest, President Jefferson Davis, and Capt. J. Harvey Mathes. Turner sent a letter to Haslam on May 24 asking the governor to assist the non-profit in the relocation process and assurance that the statues “have not been damaged and are being safely stored.”

In her ruling, Judge Lyle suggested that “Parker’s Crossroads, the site of Gen. Forrest’s legendary instruction, when encircled by the Union, to charge in both directions, is a likely location,” for the relocation of monuments.

City Attorney McMullen said, “Parker’s Cross-

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Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest was a brave and ingenious Confederate officer who won all but one of the battles he led, a philanthropist who gave generously to family, friends and charities, and a humanitarian who not only spared the lives of numerous Yankees on the battlefield, but who freed his slaves years before Lincoln issued his fake Emancipation Proclamation. Additionally, Forrest crusaded to bring new African immigrants into the South—with full civil rights. No one would know any of this by reading the typical works on Forrest. In fact, according to most authors, Forrest was a violent redneck, a racist, a barbaric slave trader, a philandering husband, an illiterate hillbilly, the founder and grand wizard of the KKK, and “the butcher of Fort Pillow.” None of this is true. In *A Rebel Born*, Southern scholar Lochlainn Seabrook reveals the truth about one of history’s most fascinating, charismatic, complex, and romantic individuals. In this positive appraisal of Forrest, the author corrects the many falsehoods about “the Wizard of the Saddle” and, using well-researched documentation, shows that the modern negative image of the general derives solely from slanderous myths created

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Mississippi Voters Could Decide Future of Flag

By Dr. Edward DeVries

Southern patriots in the great state of Mississippi are actively collecting signatures in order to get Initiative 62 on the state's 2019 ballot. The initiative, which would appear on the general election ballot as an indirect initiated constitutional amendment, would recognize the flag adopted by the state legislature in 1894 as the official state flag of Mississippi and would also mandate that the official flag be flown at all state institutions and agencies.

Initiative 62, sponsored by DeBorah Simpson, was submitted to address the fact that all of the state's public colleges and universities, as well as several city and county governments, are refusing to fly the state flag because it contains the Confederate Battle Flag emblem in its upper left corner.

The Mississippi secretary of state's website — www.sos.ms.gov—provides the following summary:

There shall only be one official state flag for the one state of Mississippi. That flag shall only be the "1894" flag, adopted by referendum on April 17, 2001, and it shall be flown at the principal installations of all state supported institutions, state agencies, and political subdivisions.

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ready official and has been in use since 1894.

Initiative Measure No. 62 proposes to amend the Mississippi Constitution to establish the 1894 flag as the one official state flag for the state of Mississippi and require that the flag be flown at the principal installations of all state supported institutions, state agencies, and political subdivisions.

The Mississippi initiative law affords voters an avenue for addressing important constitutional issues which the state legislature does not. After registering the initiative with the secretary of state's office, the official ballot title and summary are prepared by the Mississippi attorney general.

Initiatives are valid for one year, during which time a petition must be circulated to gather enough signatures to have the measure placed on the next statewide general election ballot. State law requires the number of certified signatures gathered must total at least 12% of the number of votes cast for governor in the last gubernatorial general election. In this case, 86,185 signatures must be gathered and certified by county circuit clerks as being those of registered voters in Mississippi. Additionally, at least one-fifth, or 17,237 certified signatures, must come from each of the five congressional districts as they existed in the year 2000. Once the signatures are certified, a completed petition is filed with the secretary of state's office, along with a \$500 filing fee.

If and when Initiative 62 sponsors have fulfilled these requirements, the secretary of state

will place the measure on the next statewide general election ballot to allow the voters of Mississippi to determine whether the measure should become a part of the state's constitution.

In order to become a part of the constitution, an initiative must receive a majority of the total votes cast for that particular initiative, and it must also receive more than 40% of the total votes cast in that election.

If you live in Mississippi and would like to sign an Initiative 62 petition, or if you would like to help obtain signatures, promote or learn more about the initiative, please contact DeBorah Simpson at P.O. Box 7446, Gulfport, MS 39506 or via her email at simpsondbr@gmail.com.

The Mississippi Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) has a website that will help you find an active Initiative 62 petition in your county (www.mississippiscv.org/62) or email SCV at SaveTheFlagMS@gmail.com. If need be, Mississippi Division SCV Heritage Defense Chairman Greg Stewart will deliver initiative forms, registration forms, and a guide covering the process. So far, 1,298 people have "liked" the Initiative 62 Facebook page. ★

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roads was a leading contender for the city back when it was still involved in deciding where the statues go." But McMullen also said he "gets about a letter a month from someone wanting the statues, so there's no shortage of options."

For now, the pedestals of the removed monuments are still sitting empty in the parks. Memphis Greenspace wants to remove their pedestals but is waiting for a final resolution of the matter from the courts. Should the Supreme Court ultimately rule in the group's favor, the removal of the Forrest monument pedestal will be the beginning of a whole new round of legal battles. That is because the pedestal for the Forrest monument is also the gravesite of both Forrest and his wife, Mary Ann. As a gravesite, the pedestal is protected by state and federal law. In fact, a new lawsuit has just been filed by descendants of Forrest claiming that by removing his monument from its pedestal, Memphis Greenspace has, in effect, removed the grave marker of their ancestor in violation of state law.

Expect this matter to continue unresolved in the courts for the foreseeable future. ★

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No Mass Suicide at Jonestown?

- Research indicates that most Peoples Temple followers died by injection, not ingestion

With the 40th anniversary of “The Jonestown Massacre” coming later this year, AFP continues the 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 the conclusion of our three-part series.

By S.T. Patrick

Rep. Leo Ryan (D-Calif.) had just been elected to a fourth term when he traveled to the Jonestown settlement of Rev. Jim Jones in northwest Guyana. Acting on the pleas of family members whose loved ones had joined the Peoples Temple, Ryan was investigating the charge that his constituents were being held in the South American country against their will.

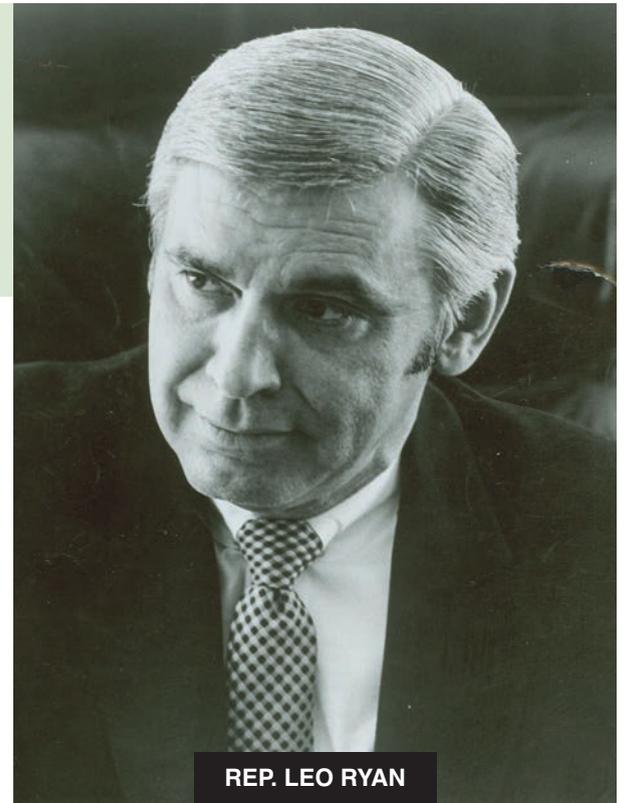
Ryan was a crusading congressman. As an assemblyman, he had taken a substitute teacher position in south central Los Angeles so that he could document the conditions after the Watts riots of 1965. He later used a pseudonym to enter Folsom Prison as an inmate, just to investigate firsthand the conditions behind the bars of California prisons. Whether societal or penal, Ryan was a keen observer of what it was to be or feel trapped. On Nov. 1, 1978, he announced that he was going to Jonestown. In what would later

Rep. Leo Ryan was never one to shy away from the quest for the truth. He had on several occasions put his own life in danger to do just that. In 1978, he traveled to Jonestown to see what was happening there. He and three others were killed by followers of Jim Jones. But why? Was the CIA worried Jones’s CIA ties would be exposed?

prove an interesting turn of history, he asked friend and fellow congressman Dan Quayle (R-Ind.) to travel to Guyana with him. Quayle declined.

While at Jonestown, Ryan’s entourage was privately approached by a handful of members who desired to leave Guyana. He was nearly stabbed in one domestic dispute. On Nov. 18, 1978, Ryan, his aides, a team of journalists, and the defectors were scheduled to return to America from the Port Kaituma airstrip. An ambush by Jones loyalists prevented their return. Ryan, a defecting Peoples Temple member, and three journalists were killed. Nine others were injured, including aide Jackie Speier, now a Democratic congresswoman from California.

As tragic as the scene at the airstrip was, no one could have imagined what was happening simultaneously at Jonestown. News reports leaked quickly. Something had gone drastically wrong at Jonestown and had resulted in over 200 deaths. In succeeding days, the number of reported deaths increased until it finally rested at over 900. The



REP. LEO RYAN



The Jonestown massacre resulted in more than 900 deaths in Guyana on Nov. 18, 1978. Recent findings show that many of the victims were injected with cyanide and few believe the “mass suicide” was a voluntary act by many of the victims. Why were they murdered? Was the CIA involved?

news media reported it as a mass suicide, but questions persisted regarding how massive the numbers of suicides actually were.

It was said that one-by-one, the Templars came forward to drink the cyanide-laced Kool-Aid (it was actually Flavor Aid) concocted for such a moment. The cause was the effective brainwashing of a religious fanatic.

Very few of the official theories proved to be conclusive, however.

Only seven autopsies were performed, and all seven were conducted after the bodies had been embalmed. “Probable cyanide poisoning” was listed as the cause of death in five of the seven bodies, yet only one showed any traces of cyanide. No cyanide could be detected in the Flavor Aid vat upon examination.

The body of Jones was one of the autopsied corpses. The cause of death was a gunshot wound to the head. Temple member Ann Moore had two causes of death, though it is unclear which occurred first. The autopsy listed a gunshot wound to her head, along with a massive amount of cyanide in her body tissues.

Guyanese physician Dr. Leslie Mootoo conducted cursory examinations of 100 bodies. Mootoo found that 83 of the 100 bodies had needle puncture wounds on the backs of their shoulders, suggesting that a majority of the victims were held down and injected against their will. Because they could not have legally chosen to die, all 260 children were considered murdered. In all, Mootoo estimated that over 700 of the bodies

were victims of murder.

The idea of Jonestown as a “mass suicide” was perpetuated by Dr. Hardat Sukhdeo, a psychiatrist who was summoned to Guyana at the expense of the U.S. State Department. Sukhdeo was also an anti-cult deprogrammer. Dr. Stephen P. Hersh, then assistant director of the National Institutes of Mental Health (NIMH), disagreed with Sukhdeo’s findings.

“The charges of brainwashing are clearly exaggerated,” Hersh told the Associated Press in 1978. “The concept of ‘thought control’ by cult leaders is elusive, difficult to define and even more difficult to prove. Because cult converts adopt beliefs that seem bizarre to their families and friends, it does not follow that their choices are being dictated by cult leaders.”

When Jones’s CIA case officer Dan Mitrione was murdered in Montevideo, Uruguay in 1970, the military personnel, or 201, file on Jones was purged, thus erasing any pre-1970 information the CIA may have gathered on Jones.

Author Jim Hougan of “JimHougan.com” offered his assessment of the fear that Ryan’s investigation struck in the establishment.

“Specifically, Jones was afraid that Ryan and the press would uncover evidence that the leftist founder of the Peoples Temple was for many years an asset of the FBI and the CIA,” Hougan wrote. “This fear was, I believe, mirrored in various precincts of the U.S. intelligence community, which worried that Ryan’s investigation would embarrass the CIA by linking Jones to some of the agency’s most volatile programs—including ‘mind-control’ studies and operations such as MK-ULTRA.”

Just as the horrific Charles Manson case figuratively ended the free-spirited 1960s, Jonestown ended the 1970s ideal that communal living was the backbone of a utopian existence. It also ended the rise of the super-preacher whose goal was the creation of an isolated group of parishioners. The 1980s ushered in a media that would chase evangelical superstars for their sexual and financial misdeeds, but even the televangelists’ most loyal followers would not have given their lives at the behest of their leader. The most devout Christians reflexively feared “another Jonestown.”

There is a mainstream version of the Jonestown story that is easy to understand. Its mythology reviles new religions and turns Jones’s church members into weak-minded devotees. To believe that Jonestown is understood only within these confining terms is a mistake.

There was a reason the edicts of Jones of Indiana were appealing. Jones’s own spook-filled, covert story is integral to Jonestown’s real history. To understand those complexities within the era in which they occurred is to understand the story in full. Jonestown, like the Patty Hearst kidnapping, is the effect of a COINTELPRO operation gone awry much more than it is a religious abyss. ★

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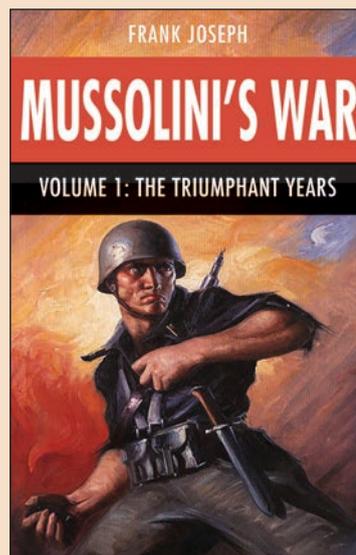
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rials presents an entirely different picture. They shine new light, for example, on Italy’s submarine service, the world’s greatest in terms of tonnage, its boats sinking nearly three-quarters of a million tons of Allied shipping in three years’ time. By mid-1942, Mussolini’s navy had fought its way back from crushing defeats to become the dominant power in the Mediterranean Sea. Contrary to popular belief, Mussolini’s *Fiat* biplanes gave as good as they got in the Battle of Britain, and Italy’s Savoia-Marchetti *Sparrowhawk* bombers accounted for 72 Allied warships and 196 freighters sunk. On June 7, 1942, infantry of the Italian X Corps saved Rommel’s 15th

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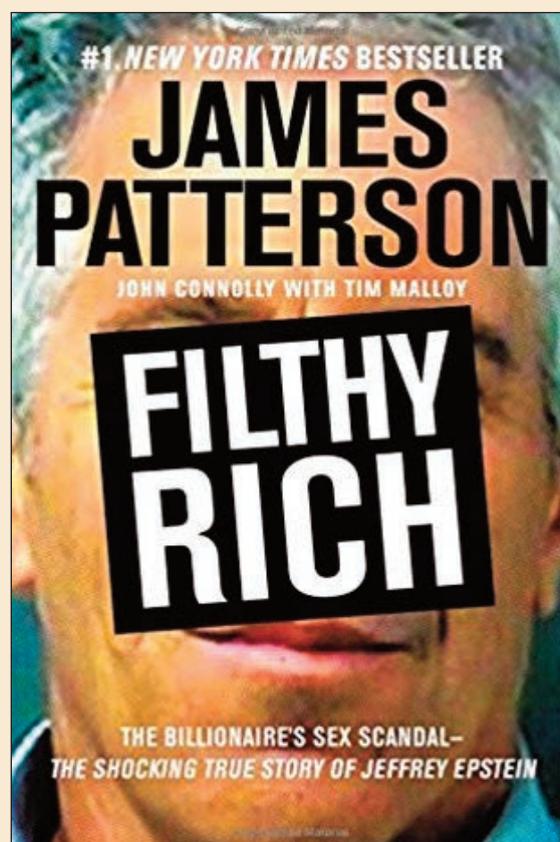
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Epstein is best known to AFP readers as the owner/operator of “Pedophile Island,” a place where extraordinarily rich and powerful men went to relax and meet young women—very young women. Epstein had spent the bulk of his adult life cultivating relationships with the world's most powerful men. Flight logs show that from 2001 to 2003, Bill Clinton flew on Epstein's private plane, dubbed *The Lolita Ex-*



press by the press, 26 times. After Epstein's arrest in July 2006, federal tax records show Epstein donated \$25,000 to the Clinton Foundation that year. Last year, *The Guardian* reported that Epstein's “little black book” also contained contact numbers for Hollywood stars and powerful people like Tony Blair, Prince Andrew, Kevin Spacey, Dustin Hoffman,

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JFK Document Dump Postponed

• Assassination researchers puzzled by delay in release of more newly unclassified files

By S.T. Patrick

As April 26 approached, skeptical President John F. Kennedy assassination researchers waited for what was supposed to be the final release of documents stemming from the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, or the JFK Records Act. Though over 30,000 records and documents had been released in the last half of 2017, President Donald Trump had postponed the release of over 20,000 records until April 2018. National security concerns and objections had been cited by Trump as the reason for the postponement.

The skepticism of the assassination research community proved justifiable when it was announced that some documents will stay redacted three more years, until Oct. 26, 2021. Once again, the reason given was “national security.”

Researchers do not believe that a “smoking gun” document exists. To the contrary, they believe the evidence uncovered by the research community for over 50 years has already proven that Lee Harvey Oswald could not, today, be convicted of the murder beyond a reasonable doubt. They may engage in disagreements over means, motive, and opportunity, but the JFK research community widely unites around one principle: The assassin was not Lee Harvey Oswald acting alone on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository. The level of involvement regarding the CIA, the FBI, organized crime, Lyndon B. Johnson, Texas oil men, Cuban exiles, or the military-industrial complex can be debated and will

continue to be debated for a long time.

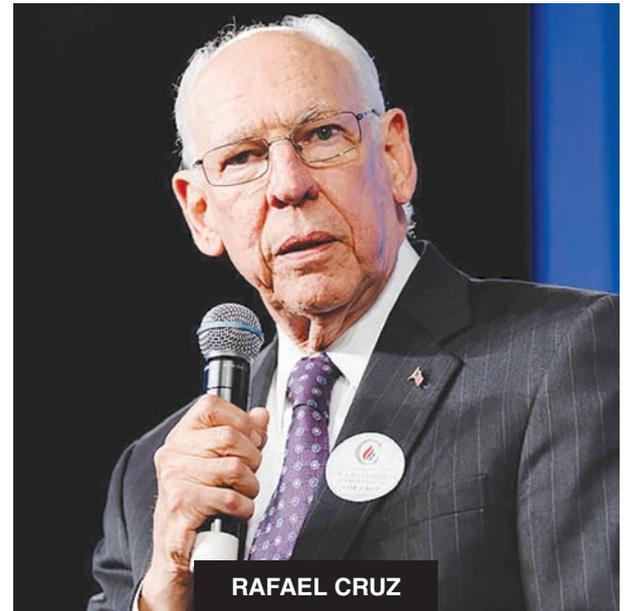
The Big Lie rests within the “lone nut” and “magic bullet” theories and the government’s inability to prove that they are true. Further retaining and redacting documents, 54 years after the accused “lone nut” had died, does not bolster the Warren Commission’s conclusions in any capacity.

Regarding the disappointment, Jefferson Morley of JFKFacts.org said, “The point is that the CIA wants to keep this secret forever. It’s a very clear statement of intent.”

Rex Bradford of the Mary Ferrell Foundation, one of the leading Kennedy assassination document storage centers, has criticized the confusing pattern of redacting that has been used, citing that some documents, which had already been released without redactions, now contain redactions.

It has been said that many of the still-unreleased documents originated at the CIA’s Mexico City office, where Oswald may have traveled two months before the assassination. The events of Mexico City continue to be a questionable period within Oswald research. Speculation has oscillated from an argument that Oswald was en route to kill Fidel Castro to the idea that Oswald was conspiring with the Russians to a strong case having been made that Oswald was never in Mexico City.

“(The delay) shows that there is a continuity of government behind the façade,” researcher Joseph Green of JoeGreenJFK.com told this writer. “I would also point out that, as a general rule, to the extent that the government has complied at all with information requests, it has been due to the persistence of the researchers. Without ‘conspiracy theorists’ there would hardly be any truth at all in history.”



RAFAEL CRUZ

Were Trump’s claims about Cruz true?

During the campaign, Trump was vociferous about the importance of the impending JFK file releases. Quite often he was called “conspiratorial.” He hinted that Rafael Cruz, the father of 2016 GOP presidential primary opponent Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Tex), was aligned with Oswald in New Orleans. Campaign strategist Roger Stone in 2014 issued his own “LBJ-did-it” conspiracy book on the matter. Trump has not been an anti-conspiracy politician; rather, he used the concept of conspiracy regarding the Barack Obama birth certificate to rise to prominence within the GOP.

It is difficult to understand the use of national security as a reason to withhold documents in 2018. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963. The Warren Commission, Kennedy biographers, and most mainstream news outlets have insisted for five decades that it was Oswald acting alone that murdered the president in Dallas. If the textbook narrative was true, then what national security concerns could there be almost 55 years later?

As it stands, over 15,834 documents remain secret and do so without a detailed unclassified explanation, which is required by the JFK Records Act. Approximately 85% of the documents are held by the FBI and the CIA.

Presidents gleefully promise transparency, while backtracking when the deep state pressures them to do so. Trump had promised to “drain the swamp,” yet the intelligence community’s continued secrecy regarding the Kennedy assassination keeps the swamp murky enough to disallow clarity and official admittance. The researchers already have their answer—conspiracy is the black-and-white stencil that has been drawn for over 50 years. What they now search for is a fuller palette of color to complete the work. ★



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Antifa Hounded Him to His Grave

• Brilliant engineer-mathematician commits suicide after harassment by neo-Bolsheviks

By John Friend

A young, educated, and successful 34-year-old man who participated in the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Va. last summer committed suicide after being harassed, intimidated, and threatened by members of the radical leftist antifa (neo-Bolshevik) group for his participation in the controversial and violent rally that garnered international attention.

According to his obituary, Andrew Dodson, originally from Greenville, S.C., took his own life at his home on March 9. Dodson graduated from Clemson University in 2007 with degrees in electrical engineering and mathematics, and began working for DuPont in Louisiana shortly thereafter. He soon decided to continue his education, and enrolled at the University of Arkansas to pursue a masters in electrical engineering, which he never actually completed. Dodson eventually moved to Boston to work for a number of companies specializing in advanced nuclear reactor design. He began working for Elysium Industries Ltd. and was associated with over two-thirds of the provisional patents developed by the company in just 18 months. He later worked for Zora Energy Renewables Ltd. and played a major role in the direction of the company, as he was critical to developing virtually all of the company's intellectual property.

Following the Unite the Right rally and the publicity his presence and participation generated, he quickly became a target of antifa activists and mainstream journalists, who exposed his identity and harassed him online. He was fired from his job and suffered from severe emotional and psychological trauma.

Photos emerged of Dodson wearing an "Arkansas Engineering" t-shirt at the rally. Multiple individuals associated with the university, including a professor, were misidentified as Dodson after the photo was shared on social media and in local newspapers, and many of them were harassed online. Dodson ultimately took credit as the man in the photo and spoke with local media outlets in Arkansas to set the record straight.

"There's a couple of guys in Fayetteville that have been misidentified as me. It's not those guys, it's not them; it's me," Dodson explained to the *Arkansas Times*. "I'm so sorry, I would never want to hurt you and your family. If they want my t-shirt back, I'll send it to them."

Although Dodson did not graduate from the University of Arkansas, he appeared to have enjoyed his time spent there and "learned so much" from fellow engineering students and faculty at the university.



Andrew Dodson (shown here at the Unite the Right rally in Virginia) was one of thousands of reasonable and interested people who showed up in Charlottesville merely to find out what was really going on. He identified most closely with those nationalist groups that denounced neo-Nazism and so-called white supremacy. Still, just for attending, leftist radicals hounded him, got him fired, and continued their harassment until Dodson could take it no longer.

"It breaks my heart that they're going to think I'm a Nazi, or a KKK, or a white supremacist," Dodson told the *Arkansas Times*. "I did not put on that University of Arkansas shirt in order to represent them. It's really like one of my favorite shirts and I was wearing it when I got on the plane. I just didn't put two and two together. It was dumb."

Dodson had prior experience with political activism and campaigned for Ron Paul in 2008. He later participated in both the Occupy Wall Street movement and the Tea Party, and ultimately decided to go to Charlottesville to attend the Unite the Right rally because he wanted to "see who these alt-right people were," despite the hostile media coverage of the burgeoning political movement.

Dodson encountered the right-wing activist group Identity Evropa during a torch-lit rally on the evening of Aug. 11, the day before the actual Unite the Right rally. Identity Evropa, Dodson discovered, was an "identitarian group" that denounced white supremacy and neo-Nazism, which Dodson appreciated. He explained to local media outlets at the time that he did not "see any Nazi flags, just a bunch of guys in khakis and polos," referring to the Identity Evropa activists. He thought the rally and many of the individuals participating in it were legitimate activists rather than white supremacists and neo-Nazis. He did eventually encounter members

of the KKK and neo-Nazi groups at the rally, but he told reporters he thought that they were bused in along with the more radical counter-protesters, who initiated the violence during the rally.

"I wonder if the same people that bused in the Black Lives Matter [protesters] and the [anti-fascists] and the communists—are the same people busing them in and . . . busing in the Nazis and the KKK," Dodson asked the *Arkansas Times*.

He explained that the main problem with the rally was that there were provocateurs and radicals "trying to instigate racial violence—people on both sides—as an excuse to stop us from having our free speech," which is ultimately what happened at the rally. "I want to talk about the money that is corrupting our systems. I am not going to say that there wasn't racism there. There was. And I also think it was on both sides. God bless Trump. He's telling the truth. I condemn racism on both sides."

"Contrary to 'official' reports, Andrew Dodson was a real victim of the events in Charlottesville," Dr. Jim Fetzer, a retired professor and prolific researcher and author who has written extensively about the Unite the Right rally, explained to this reporter in a recent interview. "He was a sincere participant who was profoundly troubled by ongoing attacks upon him for participating in [what he took to be] a just and peaceful protest." ★

Journalist Covering Sex Abuse by Immigrants Arrested in UK

By John Friend

Tommy Robinson, a political activist, British nationalist, and independent journalist based in the United Kingdom (UK), was arrested last Friday in Leeds on charges of incitement and breach of peace while covering a trial of suspected sexual predators with immigrant backgrounds. At the time of arrest, Robinson and his production team were live streaming their independent coverage of the trial. Twenty-nine of the defendants, who were facing child sexual abuse and neglect charges, were entering the court house while Robinson was filming, prompting the arrest of the outspoken activist and journalist.

“A big police van with about seven police officers pulled up and arrested [Robinson] and told him to stop live streaming,” Caolan Robertson, Robinson’s producer, explained to the media following his arrest. “They said it was incitement and a breach of the peace. No peace has been breached—there were two other people there

and he’s been perfectly quiet talking into his phone. [The police] said nothing about the court proceedings. It’s very strange.”

Within hours of his arrest, Robinson was sentenced to 13 months in prison, partially in response to violation of a prior suspended sentence for similar “crimes” he committed in the past. Bizarrely, the judge who sentenced Robinson also ordered a complete media blackout on his legal situation, making it illegal for the press to report on or cover his arrest and prosecution. The court-ordered media blackout was eventually lifted earlier this week.

According to Robertson, the trial they were covering “has been going on for about a year,” and Robinson “had all the publicly available information. And on that live stream he repeated the information that was already public. We were very careful with language [as to not risk being held in contempt of court].”

In recent years, the UK has been rocked by several child sexual abuse scandals, largely perpetrated by recent immigrants to the UK from Islamic countries. Countless young British girls have been trafficked, raped, abused, and mur-

Judge orders details of arrest of reporter censored for fear Brits will find out how many girls have been raped by immigrants.

dered, while authorities struggle to prosecute the perpetrators for fear of being labeled racist.

Following news of Robinson’s arrest, which garnered significant coverage on social media outlets like Twitter and Facebook, mass protests erupted in both the United Kingdom and other European capitals in support of Robinson, who has long been a critic of massive Islamic immigration into Europe and the wider Western world.

“Tommy Robinson is a political prisoner, whose life is in clear and pressing danger,” German conservative Member of Parliament Petr Bystron stated this past Sunday in response to Robinson’s arrest. “We have to do everything we can to make sure he is granted political asylum.”

Many conservative activists and independent journalists have been banned from entering the UK, as free speech and thought have essentially been criminalized in the land that once nurtured these cherished concepts. ★

Big Brother Is Definitely Watching You—Always

By Dave Gahary

George Orwell’s 1949 novel, *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, describes a world in “perpetual war,” with “omnipresent government surveillance and public manipulation,” and is the book most likely referred to when drawing comparisons to our modern-day surveillance society. But it’s just a dystopian novel, written 70 years ago, with minimal implications for the current day, right? Uh, wrong.

When this reporter wrote the article “Company Wants Employees ‘Chipped’ ” in issue 37 & 38 in September of last year, it seemed shocking news that many employees were lining up to attend a “chip party” to “be implanted with a RFID chip allowing them to make purchases in their break room, open doors, log in to computers, use the copy machine etc.” Around half of the 90 people who worked at Three Square Market (32M) in Wisconsin got “chipped” last July; the number who have the device installed under their skin is now at 72 and climbing. Ominously, 32M just released a cell phone application “that pairs the chip with the phone’s GPS, enabling the implantee’s location to be tracked.” But it’s not just

The disturbing advance of microchipping technology to monitor workers has many people worried.

happening in the Badger State.

A few months back, 32M began chipping Puerto Ricans with dementia, to keep tabs on them if they wander off. They’ve chipped a mere 100 so far but have plans for 10,000 more.

A May 14 article in the UK *Guardian*, “Employers are monitoring computers, toilet breaks—even emotions. Is your boss watching you?” brings us up to speed as to just how accurate Orwell’s predictions were.

In February, retail giant Amazon announced it would employ a wristband that could track a worker’s exact location in the warehouse, but could also “read their hand movements, buzzing or emitting a pulse to alert them when they were reaching for the wrong item.”

An Amazon employee in the UK wrote a book about his experience being employed by the global ecommerce giant.

“We carried this handheld device at all times and it tracks your productivity,” he wrote, to “direct workers to the items they need to find on the shelves in one of Amazon’s vast warehouses. Each time you picked up an item, there would be this countdown timer [to get to the next item] which would measure your productivity.”

He continued: “You were also sent admonishments through the device saying you need to get your productivity up. You’re constantly tracked and rated. I found you couldn’t keep up with the productivity targets without running—yet you were also told you weren’t allowed to run, and if you did, you’d get a disciplinary. But if you fell behind in productivity, you’d get a disciplinary for that as well.”

He and his fellow employees were forced “to go through airport-style security scanners at the beginning and end of their shifts, or to get to the break areas.”

Just last week it was reported that Chinese companies are employing sensors installed in workers’ “helmets and hats to scan brainwaves and detect fatigue, stress, and even emotions such as anger.” One of these companies even “uses brainwave scans to decide how many breaks workers get, and for how long.”

Yup, we’re here. Welcome to 1984. Glad you could join us. ★

Thanks for Reporting on This Travesty

Much appreciation to Mark Anderson and AFP for the recent article, "Miscarriage of Justice" published in the March 26 & April 2 issue regarding prisoner P. F. Lazor. I couldn't keep the tears back when I came to page 30 and saw the full-page article about my longtime prison pen pal and friend, as I am very much aware of the decades of cruel injustice and brutality he has endured from the corrupt court and prison system, California having the reputation of being among the very worst.

I first became acquainted with Mr. Lazor in January 2010 through *The Idaho Observer* when I responded to their request for pen pals for their illegally incarcerated subscribers. I spoke to the editor, Ingri Cassel, to request a pen pal and she immediately gave me his address. She had such a glowing report of him, as he had often been a contributor to their monthly paper, submitting his poems, songs, and articles. Her late husband, Don Harkins, had been so impressed with Mr. Lazor that he went to the prison to meet him and remarked about what an intelligent, gifted, gentle, and humble man of faith he was.

We began corresponding, and in late 2010 I was able to visit with Mr. Lazor and his "surrogate" mother who has worked tirelessly over the decades to help obtain his freedom. Through myriad letters I have received over the years Mr. Lazor has related many accounts of the inhumane treatment he is constantly being subjected to. In spite of this he has not given place to bitterness, which is one reason the guards despise him so much. They haven't been able to break his spirit, and he remains hopeful of one day being able to regain his life, which was unjustly taken from him for defending himself from a violent and crazed man who came after him in his own home.

AFP subscribers and lovers of justice, please pray for Mr. Lazor and do whatever you are able to do to help him.

SAM CRAGEN
Montana



Too Many Politicians

What is the difference between a politician and a statesman? We had more than our fill of politicians in the 2016 elections campaigns, men and women who did nothing except symbolically throw mud and manure at each other, advancing their own favor with the American people by discrediting the character and repute of political opponents. As an American, I felt deeply embarrassed and ashamed that persons of this low gutter-caliber should be given platform opportunity to represent the rest of us in state and national affairs. Surely, America can do better.

A statesman, on the other hand, rises above petty personal slander and destruction of other people's character. A statesman looks at national problems impersonally and attempts to find solutions for them without mention of specific individuals—unless said individuals are well-known public figures, and thus are vigorous actors

on the American national socio-political scene. A true statesman responsibly thinks carefully through and then proposes specific ideas for resolving national problems on a long-range basis.

The politician sees only today. The statesman sees tomorrow. The statesman is not afraid to take that proverbial first step on a long-range journey of thousands of miles. The politician is a boss. The statesman is a leader. The politician coerces. The statesman inspires. The politician passes the buck. The statesman accepts responsibility. A politician sees America as it is. A statesman sees America for what it could and should be and contributes impetus to take it there.

It takes a character not found in politicians to be a statesman. America's major problem today is that it has far too many politicians and not nearly enough statesmen in the ranks of government.

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Bibi the Most Powerful

The most powerful politician in the world is not Trump. He is Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin "Bibi" Netanyahu. To please, or obey Bibi, Trump recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, defying a decision made by the UN. Not content, Bibi then forced small countries—Guatemala, Honduras, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Togo etc.—to do the same or be subject to economic sanctions and extended this threat to other nations.

Obama and Trump have always said "Amen" to all requests made in person by Netanyahu. Fear of a slap in the face or a beating? No. The explanation lies in what Ariel Sharon once said when he was prime minister: "I don't care what the American people think, I own the Congress!" He also said, "Arabs may have the oil, but we have the matches." Votes cost a lot of

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money. When will the intelligent and educated Jewish people realize that they need to free themselves from Bibi's blackmail, constantly drawing attention to the "danger" represented by Arabs and Persians? This political "infection" is the primary source of terrorism exported to the entire globe.

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Right About Violent Gang

In the May 18 issue of AFP, the "Letters to the Editor" page had several letters that had a great deal of vitriol directed toward President Donald Trump. I am concerned at the pro-Israel, neocon direction he is heading toward. However, I am aware he is at war with the liberals, neocons, and media who are hell-bent on destroying the president and enforcing this politically correct tyranny on anyone who has white skin. It does not surprise me he would try to align himself with the true powers running the government in order to keep from being impeached by the deep state.

As a prison worker I am familiar with the MS-13 gang. I have overheard conversations where the kidnapping of white girls was discussed. I am so proud to have a Trump, who has declared war on this gang and illegal immigration. At last count ICE had arrested 796 MS-13 gang members, an 83% increase from previous years. This action alone is more than worth the vote for him, as lives of Americans were saved.

If it meant saving the life of a young white girl like Kate Steinle by supporting Trump, wouldn't it be worth it? The media would have never reported this had it not been for the future president's incessant talk about it.

Why is it that blacks could stand behind President Barack Obama despite any war he started or the fact that he had two La Raza sympathizers in his cabinet?

White people need to learn the hard way that in multicultural, multiracial America we should hang together or we will hang separately. Just ask our kinsmen in South Africa.

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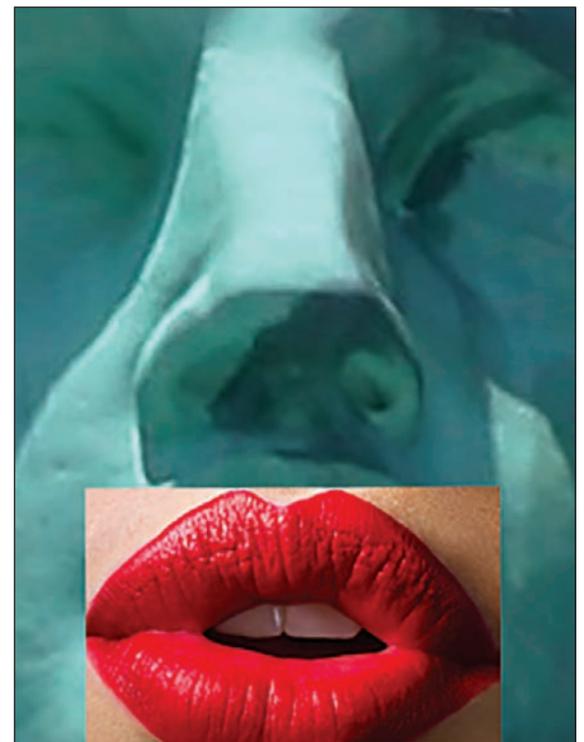
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