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The End Is Near for SPLC Hate Racket

• Four dozen outfits joining to sue super-rich smear center

By John Friend

n the wake of a high-profile settlement the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) recently reached with an anti-extremism group, nearly four dozen nonprofit leaders representing conservative-leaning organizations issued a joint statement condemning the SPLC and intimating that a massive lawsuit will likely be launched against the radical activist group.

According to a recent press release, 47 leaders of various conservative and right-leaning nonprofit organizations issued what they described as a "Joint Statement by Organizations Defamed by the Southern Poverty Law Center," describing how their respective organizations have been smeared and defamed by the SPLC in the past. Expressing gratitude that "the SPLC has formally acknowledged that it has engaged in such misrepresentations" by settling with Maajid Nawaz and his anti-extremism organization the Quilliam Foundation for \$3.375 million,



the leaders argued that the organization is simply "a leftist instrument of political warfare against those with whom it disagrees," and that the organization "deserves the infamy it has lately earned."

The statement continued, "Editors, CEOs, shareholders, and consumers alike are on notice: Anyone

relying upon and repeating its misrepresentations is complicit in the SPLC's harmful defamation of large numbers of American citizens who, like the undersigned, have been vilified simply for working to protect our country and freedoms. . . . With this significant piece of evidence in mind, we call on government agencies, journalists, corporations, social media providers, and web platforms (i.e., Google, Twitter, YouTube, and Amazon) that have relied upon this discredited organization to dissociate themselves from the Southern Poverty Law Center and its ongoing effort to defame and vilify mainstream conservative organizations."

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Beginning of the End for the SPLC?

ike hundreds of other organizations out there, American Free Press has been harassed and smeared by Morris Dees's Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC). In fact, right from the start, just after our founding in 2001, the SPLC began attacking our writers and editors, telling anyone who would listen what a bunch of terrible, awful, hate-filled people we are. For most of those years, we simply ignored the SPLC and their childish antics, but that all changed around the time of the 2016 presidential election, when the SPLC began ramping up its rhetoric.

It was right around then that American Free Press began reporting on the hundreds of spurious hate crimes claims that were popping up around the country. Everywhere we looked we found the SPLC, acting as the clearinghouse for most of these bogus allegations. That never stopped them from publicizing phony claims; they were interested in two things: notoriety and money.

By now, most people know the worst examples of these fake hate-crimes claims.

One of the more notorious ones occurred only days before the presidential election. In early November, the mainstream media began breathlessly reporting on a black church in Greensville, Miss. that was vandalized. It had "Vote Trump" spray-painted on it and was burned to the ground. Immediately, the hate-crime cry went up around the country, but a funny thing happened. When the crime was actually investigated by police and the FBI, it turned out that a local black man, who was a member of the church, had set the fire there.

Another notable incident involved a young Muslim woman in New York by the name of Yas-

min Seweid. She claimed, only days after the presidential election, that she was attacked by several men and had her religious garb torn off. From the start, her story smelled fishy, and we were right. It turned out Ms. Seweid had made the whole thing up. She was never attacked, and when the police got involved, the woman admitted the whole fake story and ended up facing criminal charges for wasting the time of police officers.

Both of these fake hate crimes were at some point featured prominently in SPLC's literature as glaring examples of "hate crimes." Funny enough, to this day, the church burning in Mississippi is still listed as a hate crime despite the fact that local officials said the incident was most likely politically motivated—to make Trump look bad.

In the year after the election, the SPLC claimed to have logged hundreds of "hate" incidents. Staffers regularly appeared on national news programs, talking about an "explosion of hate" across the country. It issued "special reports" that claimed to show a thousand "hate groups" active in the United States. These included militia groups, music bands, local clubs, black groups, Muslim reformers, and even some religious organizations.

Without even bothering to do any fact-checking, the mainstream media regurgitated the SPLC's tall tales, parroting the totally untrue claim that the U.S. has been overrun with unhinged haters following the election of Trump.

All of the largest Internet companies, at least one nonprofit charity watchdog, multiple banks, and the major credit card companies also fell into line, and, soon, any individual or organization that had been smeared by the SPLC was under attack. Overnight, publishers, musicians, and Christian groups, among others, woke up to find that their Internet accounts had been shut down. Their bank accounts had been closed, and they were blacklisted by major credit card companies, preventing them from being able to conduct business, sell products, or accept donations.

In 2016 and 2017, the SPLC was riding high on their successes. Hollywood celebrities endorsed them. Billion-dollar technology companies donated millions of dollars to them. Tens of thousands of liberals donated many millions more.

But, today, with news that the SPLC has been forced to settle with a Muslim reformer for \$3.375 million, that all appears to be changing.

And it may not stop there. As our front-page article this week notes, fed up with the SPLC, dozens of organizations are saying they are ready to fight back against the smear machine.

At American Free Press, we strongly believe in an individual's right to freely express himself. It's one of the things that makes this country truly great. We even believe the SPLC has the right to call someone a bad name. But the SPLC definitely crossed a line, legally speaking, when the group interfered with the rights of individuals and organizations to conduct business. This is exactly what happened when SPLC staffers exaggerated criminal activity in the U.S. and worked with technology companies and financial institutions to censor and blacklist individuals and organizations with which they disagree.

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Free Speech Victory in California

A judge in California recently ruled that the founder of white nationalist publication American Renaissance, Jared Taylor, has standing to sue the billion-dollar social media company Twitter after it arbitrarily closed his account and censored him. Earlier this year, Taylor had filed a lawsuit against Twitter, charging that the company had violated his civil rights and contract law by banning his account. California judge Harold Kahn sided with Taylor, ruling that Twitter hadn't made a strong enough argument for throwing out the case altogether. Ironically, Twitter is arguing that Taylor's lawsuit violates California's so-called anti-SLAPP law, which penalizes malicious lawsuits meant to suppress speech. All Taylor is asking for is that Twitter reinstate his accounts and stop enforcing a rule that lets it ban any user for any reason. "It seems to me this is a classic public interest lawsuit," the judge said. "It goes to the heart of free speech principles that long precede our constitution."

Russia Collusion Setup

Roger Stone recently said he was likely targeted by a paid FBI informant while he was an advisor to Donald Trump's presidential campaign. Washington daily The Hill interviewed Stone, who said a man identifying himself as "Henry Greenberg" had tried to lure Stone into a meeting by offering him valuable information. Stone added that the man tried to get him to pay \$2 million of Trump's money for dirt the man claimed the Russians had on Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. Stone said he didn't take the bait. "Missing from that narrative is the fact that Henry Greenberg is an alias," Stone told the reporter. "Mr. Greenberg is a longtime FBI informant, a convicted violent felon of Russian nationality who was in the country on nine separate occasions with informant visas vouched by the Miami office of the FBI."

Apology Not Good Enough for This

Famed actor Peter Fonda recently called for kidnapping Melania and Donald Trump's young son, Barron. In a post Fonda made to Twitter, the 1960s actor called for Barron to be "ripped" from Mrs. Trump's arms and put in a cage "with pedophiles." If that's not bad enough, the day before, he called for the public caging and rape of Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristjen Nielsen. In the appalling tweet, Fonda said, "Kristjen Nielsen is a lying gash that should be put in a cage and poked at by passersby. . . . The [expletive deleted] should be pilloried in Lafayette Square naked and whipped by passersby while being filmed for posterity." Fonda then said Trump administration Press Secretary Sarah Sanders's three children should be kidnapped and locked in a basement,

while calling her a vulgar name. Fonda received a visit from the Secret Service and later apologized for the tweets.

Trump Officials Require Extra Security

The Department of Homeland Security reports that many Trump administration officials now have security due to the increased threats levied against them by radical activists. According to the report, some have reported protests outside their homes and death threats. One even said he found a dead animal on his doorstep.

Ethnic Face of America Changing Fast

The Census Bureau now projects that whites could drop below 50% of the population around 2045, a change that has been years in the making but has sped up in the past few years. A new report found that whites are dying faster than they are being born in 26 states, up from 17 just two years earlier. "It's happening a lot faster than we thought," said Rogelio Sáenz, a demographer at the University of Texas at San Antonio and a co-author of the report. The study looked at the years 1999 to 2016 using data from the National Center for Health Statistics, the federal agency that tracks births and deaths.

Tough Trade Talk Working

President Donald Trump's tough trade stance is apparently already paying off. *The Wall Street Journal* reported that U.S. Ambassador to Germany Richard Grenell has been in talks with the chief executives of German car makers BMW, Volkswagen, and Daimler, discussing the idea of ending car tariffs between the U.S. and the European Union (EU). For many years, the EU has had an across-the-board 10% import tax on all U.S.-made cars while the U.S. never had levies on imports of European cars. The *Journal* reports that the executives said they would be in favor of scrapping levies as part of a broader deal that included industrial goods.

False Rape Claim Debunked

A Michigan judge recently sent a woman to jail for making up a story about being raped in a college parking lot. On June 18, Michigan Bay County Circuit Judge Joseph K. Sheeran sentenced 21-year-old Mary T. Zolkowski to 45 days in jail after Ms. Zolkowski told police on the night of Feb. 22 that a man had grabbed her from behind and violently raped her. Police began a lengthy investigation, despite Ms. Zolkowski expressing unwillingness to submit to a physical examination. After failing to turn up any evidence that the rape had occurred, police questioned Ms. Zolkowski, who changed her story to say she had been sexually assaulted by an acquaintance earlier in the year. The police did

not prosecute the acquaintance, however, after he denied the assault, saying the two had been drinking alcohol and that it was consensual.

Illegal Alien Crimes

According to local police, a Honduran man in the United States illegally has been charged with killing two women in Miami over the past three months and dumping their bodies on the street. Juan Carlos Hernandez-Caseres, 37, was arrested in mid-June for the murders of Ann Farrin, 41, and Neidy Roche, 39.

Setting Up the United States for War

Agence France Presse is reporting that the Israeli military was behind a recent airstrike in Syria that killed Syrian troops and foreign fighters loyal to the Syrian government in the east of the country. The early June attack on the town of al Hari in Deir Ezzor, near the border with Iraq, killed 52 fighters, including 22 members of an Iraqi Shia militia. The Syrian government initially blamed the U.S. since the attack was carried out by U.S.-made jets. Baghdad, too, condemned the attack on Iraqi forces, who were in Syria helping to fight radical Islamic terrorists. U.S. Central Command denied responsibility, however, saying in a statement there were "no strikes by U.S. or Coalition forces in that area during the time in question." Instead, unnamed U.S. officials told reporters that the strike was carried out by the Israeli air force.

Covering Up Genocide

The Israeli government is looking to pass a law that makes it illegal to film its troops' interactions with Palestinians. Human rights groups frequently film Israeli soldiers in Palestine, documenting their brutal treatment of Palestinians. For example, a video recently filmed by Israeli rights group B'Tselem showed an Israeli soldier shooting dead an incapacitated Palestinian man. The film eventually led to the soldier's conviction for manslaughter. Rather than applaud the filmmakers for exposing abuse, the Israeli government wants to criminalize filming so they can hide continuing atrocities. The new law, formulated by the ultranationalist Yisrael Beitenu party in Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's governing coalition, would make filming or publishing footage "with intent to harm the morale of Israel's soldiers or its inhabitants" punishable by up to five years in prison. The term would be raised to 10 years if the intention was to damage "national security."

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Neo-Bolshevik Thugs Get Free Pass

• California court lets antifa off the hook for violent attacks against Trump supporters

By John Friend

jury found five self-described antifascist activists not guilty of two separate misdemeanor assault charges stemming from a violent attack on a Trump supporter in March 2017 at the conclusion of a contentious trial at the Alameda County Superior Courthouse in Oakland, Calif. Oakland is a short distance from Berkeley, Calif., which was the scene of multiple violent clashes involving Trump supporters, freespeech activists, and other right-leaning patriots on one side and bands of antifa, anti-Trump activists, and other radical leftwing groups on the other.

On March 4, 2017, supporters of President Donald Trump organized a "March on Berkeley," one of a number of protests and rallies in recent years that pitted pro-Trump and anti-Trump activists against each other in the iconic college town. As is typical of pro-Trump rallies and events, violence quickly broke out between supporters and opponents of the president, despite the presence of police.

The five defendants—Taylor Fuller, Scott Hedrick, Nathan Perry, Jeff Armstrong, and Dustin Sawtelle—were accused of violently assaulting Daniel Quillinan, a local antique dealer and Trump supporter, as he sat on a concrete ledge near Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park in downtown Berkeley. The attack had followed other violent incidents in the park earlier that day.

Two Berkeley firefighters and one police officer testified that they witnessed the violent assault on Quillinan, who at the time was seeking medical attention for a massive cut on his head he'd sustained from a blow earlier in the day. The cut eventually required 10 staples to close.

Berkeley Police Sgt. Jesse Grant testified that he witnessed two of the defendants—Armstrong and Perry—walk up to Quillinan as he sat on the ledge and openly assault him with punches and kicks. Several other anti-Trump protesters then descended upon Quillinan in a hail of blows, with Grant and two Berkeley fire captains—David Sprague-Livingston and Jonathan Fischer—quickly confronting the mob before they ran down the street. The five defendants were arrested by other Berkeley police officers shortly after they fled from the violent, unprovoked attack on Quillinan. Fischer also testified that the group of antifa protesters walking down the street "threw the first punch," confirming Grant's testimony.

Despite the credible statements from first responders and local law enforcement officials,



According to the website "Berkeleyside.com," this photo by Daniel McPartlan shows Nathan Perry (right, one of the five major defendants in the recent Berkeley Antifa 5 case) struggling over a flagpole held by Moshe Daniel Quillinan, at far left in tan kilt. Multiple witnesses—including several firefighters and police officers—testified they later saw the five defendants brutally attack Quillinan as he was sitting on a wall, yet the jury chose to ignore the facts and vote for acquittal.

the jury still somehow managed to find the five defendants not guilty. According to local reports, dozens of supporters of the defendants were present throughout the three-day trial and made their political views and support for the defendants known to the courtroom and jury. They hissed, cheered, laughed at, and derided participants in the trial at various moments throughout, with Judge Alison Tucher reprimanding the crowd multiple times, insisting that they were present at a "courtroom, not a political rally." Incredibly, at one point, a supporter for the defendants held up a political flier in front of the jury, demanding that they "drop the charges" against her fellow antifa activists.

Shanta Driver, the defense attorney representing all five defendants, is a national organizer for the radical leftist activist group By Any Means Necessary, or BAMN, which is known for unprovoked violence against its political opponents and has a strong presence in the San Francisco Bay area, including in Berkeley and Oakland. During the trial, Driver called all five of her defendants to testify, as well as other local Berkeley activists, including other BAMN leaders.

Jim Logan, who prosecuted the case on behalf of the Alameda County District Attorney's office, implored the jury to focus specifically on the chain of events surrounding the violent assault on Quillinan, which clearly implicated all five defendants.

"Just because the victim is dislikable doesn't

mean the rules don't apply," Logan told jurors in his closing argument. "The defendants don't get to decide . . . punishment on the street. That's what the courtroom is for."

Notwithstanding Logan's plea for objectivity and a fair application of the law to prevail, jurors still dismissed the charges to a frenzy of cheers and celebration in the courtroom, which was dominated by antifa sympathizers and supporters of the defendants.

The recent decision marks yet another victory for the radical left, which has a long and well-documented history of violently confronting and assaulting their political opponents, particularly since the entrance of President Donald Trump onto the political scene.

Throughout the 2016 presidential election, radical leftist groups, antifa activists, and other opponents of Trump's America-first agenda engaged in violence, sabotage, and disruption of a variety of political events and rallies, violating the First Amendment rights of countless American citizens.

The political mayhem and criminality carried out by the radical left has been successful largely because they have carried on with their criminal campaign of political terrorism and violence with virtually no major repercussions, as demonstrated once again in the dismissal of the self-described "Berkeley Anti-Fascist 5." ★

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2020 Presidential Race Takes Shape Now

• Republicans and Democrat candidates test waters for probable run against Trump

By S.T. Patrick

ith the next presidential election a mere 29 months away, politicos are prognosticating about the potential primary and general election challenges that President Donald Trump may face. While Trump remains active in his direction of policy, representatives from the two dominant political parties are quietly maneuvering into place.

A presidential campaign often begins with a whisper. Then a witting journalist or media personality asks the politician if he or she is considering a run. The politician humbly laughs and says "not at this time." Exploratory committees are opened, and local office spaces are leased. The politician still denies interest in being a candidate until, when ready, they claim that they are responding to the "will of the people" and the "groundswell of support." Now, they must run.

Sen. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.) recently told "Meet the Press" host Chuck Todd that he believes a Republican should challenge Trump in 2020. After making negative comments about Trump, Flake lost most of his support from the base of the party and chose not to seek re-election at the relatively young age of 55.

"CNN.com" recently listed Flake as one of its three Republicans who could challenge Trump in 2020. When the mainstream media begins directing Republicans, the GOP should question the legitimacy of the advice. The other two hope-





Gov. John Kasich (R-Ohio).







MITT ROMNEY

JOHN KASICH Possible GOP challengers to Donald Trump in 2020 according to left-leaning news outlet CNN.

fuls listed were Gov. Mitt Romney (R-Mass.) and

Romney, who lost to former President Barack Obama in 2012, will be a candidate for Orrin Hatch's Utah Senate seat this fall. Kasich was one of the few Republicans who never threw their support behind Trump in 2016.

At a dinner in Manchester, N.H. last month, "Never Trumper" GOP strategist Bill Kristol told local business leaders that a challenger was needed for the good of the country and the Republican Party. Kristol mentioned that Kasich could mount the strongest opposition to the incumbent Trump. Flake also appeared at the Politics & Eggs event series in April and received a standing ovation after attacking Trump's conservative credentials.

Other Republicans currently bandied about by party heavyweights and donors are Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee, Sen. Ben Sasse of Nebraska, New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez, businesswoman Carly Fiorina, UN Ambassador Nikki Haley, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, and Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas. Vice President Mike Pence has been called the GOP frontrunner if Trump, for whatever reason, decides not to seek re-election in 2020.

The challenge to Trump would predictably come from a candidate who emphasizes decorum, compassion, and a return to strict party principles. Flake would represent the "conservatarian" wing of the party, yet it is also possible that the challenger may specifically contrast Trump's most controversial stances. The leading GOP candidates will be more palpable to mainstream party loyalists and the mainstream media. They will be pro-establishment candidates.

Looming over the Democratic Party primaries are the specters of former Sen. Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton, the Democratic Party's two frontrunners in 2016. Even if they opt out of presidential runs, their influence on the race—ideological for Sanders, financial and political for Clinton—could be key to a candidate's ability to raise money. Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.), and former Vice President Joe Biden are leading Democratic challengers today, but this will assuredly change as the campaign season blooms.

Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper, a Democrat, was present at the recent Bilderberg meeting in Turin, Italy [covered in AFP Issue 25 & 26, June 18 & 25, 2018]. According to The Denver Post, the former mayor of the "Mile-High City" is considering a presidential run in 2020. As AFP's Mark Anderson noted, Hickenlooper's appearance may be a benchmark of preparation for a White House run in the same way that Bill Clinton's appearance at the 1991 Bilderberger meeting in Germany set the stage for his successful 1992 campaign.

Trump set a precedent for the "celebrity candidate" to be taken more seriously than before. Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and Oprah Winfrey have been on the tongues of Democrats. Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz, Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, and Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg have all either made comments hinting at runs or traveled cross-country doing public relations-boosting lectures that have caused speculation from political analysts.

Presidential campaigns have become perpetual exercises. The jockeying for position, the lining up of donors, and the calling in of favors began the day after Trump was elected. Iowa and New Hampshire become second homes for many. The race has more than started; it commenced two years ago. Where it will go from here will be a sign of the course Trump travels in the duration of his first term. Until then, dozens of politicians and high-profile celebrities from both sides of the aisle wait for that well-timed groundswell of support.

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'Reb' Candidates Survive Primaries

• GOP hopefuls who support Southern cultural icons emerge victorious—so far

By Dr. Edward DeVries

s the votes rolled in for the five states holding primaries on June 12 two trends emerged: More women than ever are on ballots and Republicans who stuck to their guns and supported the Confederate flag survived primary challenges.

The first trend was that women were on a roll, especially in the Democratic primaries, where 15 women in congressional races and four women in statewide races won their primaries.

Democratic women dominated Virginia's primary where six women will be on the general election ballot in the state's 11 congressional districts. Runoffs also leave open the possibility that at least two more women will end up on state ballots come November.

There are four Republican-held House seats in the Old Dominion that are vulnerable to a Democratic takeover. Democrat primary voters have nominated women in all four. The two that were most striking to this writer were Elaine Luria, a former U.S. Navy commander who will run in Virginia's Second District, which is filled with military families as it is home to the world's largest naval station, Naval Station Norfolk, and Abigail Spanberger, a former CIA operative who will try to oust GOP Rep. Dave Brat in Virginia's Seventh District. As veterans, they have the resumes to provide a serious challenge to their supposedly conservative Republican opponents.



Dave Wasserman, a congressional race expert from the nonpartisan Cook Political Report, tweeted an eye-popping statistic: So far this year, Democrats have nominated women candidates in 73 out of 150 seats that don't have an incumbent running.

Democratic women are gearing up for what is going to be a highly competitive midterm general election, with the House, perhaps the Senate, Many Southerners are serious about their cultural heritage and do not agree that symbols of the Confederacy are icons of hate. So far, those politicians who have come out in support of the Rebel flag have won their primary contests.

and 36 governorships at stake.

The second trend to emerge, and the one that, with the exception of Virginia's Corey Stewart, is going virtually unreported, is the fact that all of the Republicans who campaigned in support of Confederate flags and monuments survived their June 12 primaries.

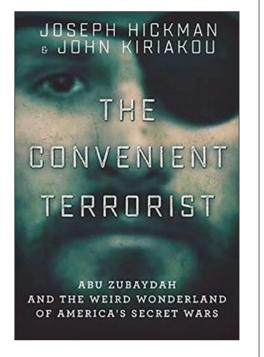
Lee Bright, who won his bid to replace Rep. Trey Gowdy in South Carolina, handed out Confederate bumper stickers to campaign donors. He has been one of the few Republicans in his state to call for returning the Confederate battle flag to its place of prominence flying above the statehouse.

South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster, who supported the Confederate monuments in his state after the events in Charlottesville—successfully resisting the left's militant protests demanding he remove them—won his primary with 42.3% of the vote in a five-person contest. By not capturing 50% he is forced into a runoff with his closest challenger, John Warren, who only received 27.83%. Believing them to represent the slaveholding history of the South, Warren has tried his best to avoid questions about the state's Confederate monuments.

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COREY STEWART Won his primary.



TIM KAINE Democratic favorite.

Of course, there was the former chairman of President Trump's campaign operation in Virginia, Corey Stewart, who built his political career by championing Confederate flags and monuments while also opposing illegal immigration. Maybe you remember his campaign tweet: "Nothing is worse than a Yankee telling a Southerner that his monuments don't matter."

He defeated establishment candidate Nick Freitas and black minister E.W. Jackson in the June 12 Senate primary. He will face Tim Kaine, the Democrats' 2016 vice-presidential nominee and a heavy favorite for re-election, in November's midterm.

Within minutes of Stewart's win, this reporter listened as Fox News commentators began "Confederate-bashing" and calling on GOP leadership to distance themselves from Stewart in the same manner they had done to Alabama's senate candidate Roy Moore.

In his victory speech, the crowd started to chant "Lock her up!" in reference to Hillary Clinton. Stewart told the crowd, "That might just happen, by the way. And Timmy, too," referring to Kaine.

When asked during the primary campaign about the investigation by Robert Mueller, Stewart claimed that it was "a conspiracy to bring down the president, cooked up by Virginia Democrats—McCabe, McAuliffe, all of them. If you think for one moment that Kaine's not involved in that, you're wrong," he said. "And it's going to come out before this election."

Establishment Republicans have steadily voiced their regret that Stewart will be their representative in the Senate race. Former Virginia Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling, who served from 2006 to 2014, tweeted:

I am extremely disappointed that a candidate like Corey Stewart could win the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate. This is clearly not the Republican Party I once knew, loved and proudly served. Every time I think things can't get worse they do, and there is no end in sight.

Brian Schoeneman, a past Republican candidate in Virginia, who is now the Political Director for a big labor union, said:

His whole philosophy of governing is anathema to me. All the immigration-baiting . . . all the Confederate crap and the hanging-out with the Jason Kesslers of the world—that's the exact antithesis of everything I've been trying to do with the party the last 20 years.

Kessler was the young man who organized the Charlottesville, Va. demonstration to protest the removal of Confederate statues in Aug. 2017.

Just hours after Stewart's primary had been won, the National Republican Senatorial Committee, the party's campaign arm, announced that it would not support the candidate. Its chairman said that "the committee has no plans to spend any money on Stewart in his race against Tim Kaine (D-Va.)."

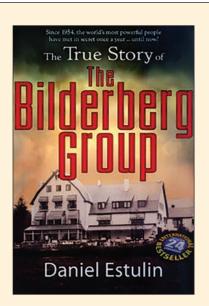
That same morning, while the president was sending out his now-viral tweet congratulating Corey on his "Huge win," White House officials were already telling reporters that the president was unlikely to cross the Potomac to campaign for Stewart.

Even Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.), who actively campaigned for Freitas, said he was "disappointed" in the result and is refusing to support Stewart. His Senate colleague Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.) has said that he may actually support Kaine.

While the political class is distancing themselves from Stewart, the people who actually voted for him are posting differently. For example, the Virginia Flaggers, a group that erects massive Confederate flags along major highways in the Old Dominion, posted the following to their Facebook page: "Huge Victory tonight for Corey Stewart and Virginia's heritage and culture. The citizens of the Commonwealth sent a strong message. . . . Leave our monuments and memorials alone!"

When asked why he is going to win in the fall, Stewart told *The Washington Post*, "They have no respect for our heritage. They have no respect, not only [for] Robert E. Lee, a great American, but they have no respect for Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, George Washington or any of the other great American and Virginia heroes."

For those who are making so much ado that Stewart's "provocative rhetoric" in support of our nation's history and of his state's heritage will cost the GOP a senate seat this coming November, might I remind everyone that they said the same thing in 2016 when Corey was stumping for another "divisive candidate" who "calls it like it is" and "cares little for political correctness." Then-candidate Donald Trump, like his former campaign chairman, found himself in frequent defensive stand-offs with a hostile press. In other words, maybe Stewart has a really good chance of winning this November.



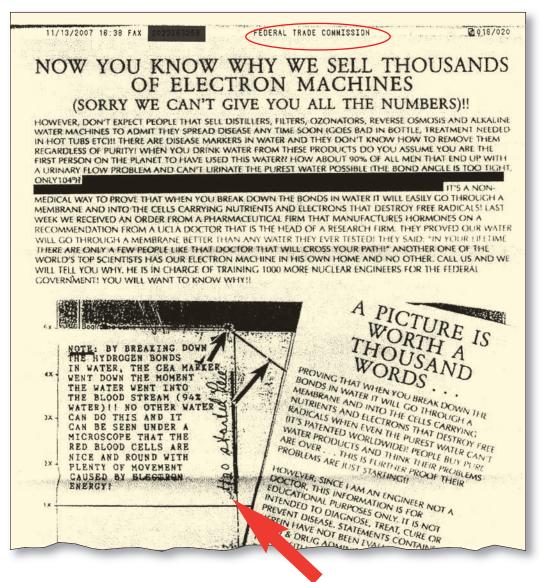
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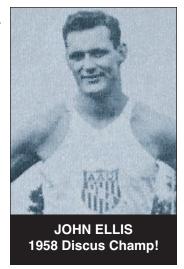
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If Only They Would Have Listened to My **Health Warnings!**

By John Ellis

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Yes some doctors are still promoting plastic water distillers when the FDA informed mothers years ago NOT TO BOIL plastic baby bottles because this method leaches phthalates into the water or milk!

A HISTORY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

As a kid, I lived at the top of Paine Avenue in New Rochelle, NY. Nearby was the Thomas Paine Cottage. A musket ball hole in the wall of the home reminded visitors that Paine was embroiled in major controversy in his life. Fortunately the assassin's musket ball missed.

My great aunt (Google: Nursing Sisters Port Dover ... a book by Harry B. Barrett) was repeatedly mentioned in wartime dispatches for her heroism and "valor in the face of the enemy." She was presented a certificate by King George V. Unfortunately, women at the time were ineligible to receive the Victoria Cross.

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There are hundreds of letters and pictures, including one of the ambulances my grandmother donated (before we entered WWII), encouraged by her friend CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT, who moved around the corner from her in New Rochelle.

As a youngster, I remember all the sewing machines and their many friends at my grandmother's house sewing thousands of pre-die cut clothes together to keep children warm during the brutally cold English winters. Carrie is most famous for her speech before Congress that resulted in the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that gave women the right to vote in 1920!

As I listened to DR. NORMAN VINCENT PEALE eulogize my father to an overflowing congregation in New Rochelle, I thought about increasing the lifespan of people like my Godfather, DR. JAMES E. WEST, Chief Boy Scout Executive from 1907-37, who helped thousands of youngsters discover a positive direction in life along with Norman Rockwell, who we all knew and loved, hired by Dr. West for Boy's Life Magazine. Some of my friends were even used as models for illustrations in *The Saturday Evening Post*.

Dr. Peale always came to our family gatherings with his "Power of Positive Thinking" that has had a positive impact on millions of lives including Joel Osteen and President Trump!

DEDICATED TO HELPING PEOPLE

I was greatly influenced by all these selfless people and decided that I, too, wanted to help people. But that did get me in trouble . . .

During Vietnam, I could have saved many more lives when I owned Precision Switch Corp. Port Chester, New York and my Resident Military Inspectors asked me about a company producing parts for Nuclear Submarines like the Thresher and Scorpion. I said "they will sink to the bottom of the sea"!

My warnings were ignored and I was proven correct by two ensuing, horrible submarine disasters, but I couldn't stop them because, after finding a blueprint error, I faced a Military Tribunal for Breach of Contract because I refused to put lives at risk until the fatal flaws were corrected. My warnings were ignored!

Later, I went to the Choate School, where an old chemistry book inspired me to release the measurable energy in water to 30 TIMES the energy in ordinary water and save my own life. You see, Navy submariners and Air Force members including myself (at 14)—had radium tipped rods inserted into their nasal cavities to treat hearing problems, ear infections, sinus trouble and shrink adenoids. Decades later serious health problems developed for many of these men, including thyroid cancer and head and neck tumors.

Thousands were treated near the submarine base in New London, Conn. I tried to help these people 40 years ago with my health course and free water machine (13 International Patents, 332 FDA Tests), but most ignored my warnings.

As AFP readers know, the U.S. government was never really interested in helping Vietnam vets with Agent Orange poisoning or detoxifying the U.S. servicemen who returned from Iraq after being exposed to depleted uranium and other toxic chemicals. Instead, the government told them there was nothing wrong!

ANOTHER WARNING IGNORED!

In 1957 I had the best discus throw in the World (T&F News, Vol. 10, No. 12) but gave it up because I knew Anabolic Steroids would cause users heart damage! All the top athletes were told they were safe by doctors. However, their inventor, John Ziegler M.D., said before he died at 63: "I wish I had listened to [John Ellis]. I damaged my heart!" There is a long list of Olympic friends who are dead because they were "FDA Approved." I was right then about anabolic steroids and I am right now about viruses and disease!

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Immigration: Cut Through the Emotion

• AFP speaks with residents of Rio Grande Valley about border security, separated families

By Mark Anderson

callen, Texas—While the mainstream media has been intent on exaggerating the drama along the U.S. border with Mexico, which involves a false narrative that the children of illegal immigrants are being "ripped from the arms of their parents" by federal immigration "Nazis," locals who spoke to American Free Press have a much clearer perspective on the complicated issue of illegal immigration.

The world's focal point over this controversy has been the processing facility at 3700 West Ursula Avenue in the border city of McAllen, within the Rio Grande Valley (RGV) of Texas. Having resided for 12 years in the RGV—the busiest corridor in the nation for unlawful entries—this writer is closely attuned to the region's media propaganda and how it affects the border debate.

The RGV's mainstream media typically portray serious attempts to tighten border security as an affront to the humanity and dreams of illegal aliens, with scant concern for the well-being of U.S. citizens. They also fail to report that many illegal aliens die while making the dangerous trip

CBP BORDER PATROL FEDERAL AGENT

to the U.S., suffering dehydration, heat exposure, hunger, and other ills.

Against this backdrop, this writer contacted RGV residents with views rarely heard in main-stream media.

Pastor Jason Mangum of the River Church in McAllen, a lifelong RGV resident and Hidalgo County GOP member, is perplexed at the narrowness of debate on this complex problem.

"There is a lot of emotionalism, especially from Democrats," he said. "When a child is separated from their parents, in a perfect world we don't want to see this, but they're entering in an illegal manner. . . . It's no different than when a U.S. citizen has charges against them and they're in jail and they have young children. Those children will be removed and put into the custody of the state. How is that any different?"

At left, Border Patrol agents arrest illegal immigrants caught sneaking through the Rio Grande Valley. While the mainstream media likes to portray the arrest of illegal aliens as an inhumane response to the problem, America-firsters say that Democrats and the mainstream media have purposely oversimplified the immigration problem.

That's a reference to the fact that, in most cases, the separation of kids from their parents is required when the parents go to court to have their asylum requests heard or to attend a deportation hearing—and that's assuming that adults detained for illegally crossing the border arrived with their actual biological children in the first place.

"There's a bigger issue here that's going on," added Mangum, who, as a minister, has met with Border Patrol officials on several occasions. "I don't believe Mexico is doing what they need to be doing to immediately assist the people fleeing Central America. A Border Patrol officer told me verbatim, 'The drug cartels make more money in trafficking migrants than they do in drug trafficking.'"

Expressing support for President Donald Trump's intervention to more strictly enforce existing laws and stem the tide of unlawful entries, Mangum said: "I see Donald Trump as a last-minute reprieve. We can't just pray. As a church, we've got to put our hands to the plow and do something about this."

RGV resident Cindy Ochoa, 21, who is also a Hidalgo GOP member, offered a somewhat different perspective.

"I support our president, but I think this is a political agenda for both sides," she said. "It's cruel that kids are even a talking point. The best option right now is for both sides to put aside their political differences and come up with a bipartisan solution."

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Here's the Truth About Crying Immigrant Child Separated from Mother

By now most people have seen the story of the young Honduran girl crying while peering up at her mother, who is surrounded and being patted down by Border Patrol agents. The assumption here was that the mother and her daughter were about to be torn apart as the child is sent to a children's facility while her mother faces charges for illegally entering the U.S. But none of that is true.

By the American Free Press Staff

hile the photograph being promoted by the mainstream media conveys the immediate terror of the young girl, it turns out the high drama being pushed by special interest groups and the mainstream media is fake. Of course, it fails to tell you what actually happened next to the woman and her child.

The UK tabloid *Daily Mail* reportedly tracked down the father, Denis Javier Varela Hernandez, in Honduras. According to their report, the mother and daughter, Sandra, 32, and her two-year-old daughter Yanela Denise, have not been separated. Instead, the two were sent—together—to a family facility near the U.S. border.

More importantly, the narrative that the two were fleeing the horrors of Honduras is also patently false. The father said that the mother and child made the dangerous journey without talking to him first. The couple has three other children, son Wesly, 14, and daughters Cindy, 11, and Brianna, six, yet the mother chose only to bring the youngest child. "I didn't support it," he said. "I asked her, why? Why would she want to put our little girl through that? But it was her decision at the end of the day."

While the father conceded that it is hard to find a decent job in the Central American country, he said he actually has a good one. "I wouldn't risk my life [to be smuggled across the border]," he said. "It's hard to find a good job here and that's why many people choose to leave. But I thank God that I have a good job here. And I would never risk my life making that journey."

He added that he is not angry at his wife for paying human smugglers \$6,000 to sneak them across the U.S. border. "I don't have any resentment for my wife, but I do think it was irresponsible of her to take the baby with her in her arms because we don't know what could happen," he said.

The mother and daughter were arrested by Border Patrol as they, along with a larger group of illegal immigrants, attempted to cross the Rio Grande River in the middle of the night on makeshift rafts. "You can imagine how I felt when I saw that photo of my daughter," concluded the father. "It broke my heart. It's difficult as a father to see that, but I know now that they are not in danger. They are safer now than when they were making that journey to the border.

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The God of War

Nathan Bedford Forrest as Seen by His Contemporaries

f you are interested in learning about the real Nathan Bedford Forrest as opposed to the one-dimensional cardboard villain fabricated by liberals, then you will want to read *The God of War:* Nathan Bedford Forrest As He Was Seen By His Contemporaries, by award-winning Southern historian and Forrest scholar Col. Lochlainn Seabrook. Here you will discover the authentic Forrest in the words of those who actually knew him: Confederate soldiers, Union soldiers, military educators, foreigners, writers, politicians, neighbors, even children—all without the bigoted intrusions of politically correct editorializing, South-hating mythology, and absurd left-wing lies.

Find out for yourself why Forrest was idolized around the world during the Victorian period, why he is classed with celebrated military commanders like Michel Ney and Joachim Murat, why he is more popular today than ever before, why new Forrest monuments are going up, and why he will always be admired by educated people of all races!

In this generously illustrated work, Col. Seabrook records the memories, anecdotes, stories, and reminiscences of some 200 individuals who knew Forrest,



worked with him, served in the Confederate army with him, or faced him on the battlefield. Thrill to the vivid descriptions of the general's wartime exploits as he tricks, overruns, crushes, and captures one Yankee command after another; of his poverty-stricken childhood on America's early Western frontier, where he learned self-reliance and grew into a rugged individualist, a political conservative, and a well-respected multimillionaire; of his charitable work caring for veterans, widows, and orphans after Lincoln's War, and his bold leadership in seeking to protect and repair the prostrate South during so-called "Reconstruction."

In the process you will learn that Forrest was not a "devil," as the vengeful and uneducated left still likes to portray him, but a sensitive and devout Christian who donated nearly his entire estate to the poor; not a war criminal, but a compassionate Confederate officer who avoided bloodshed whenever possible and used his own doctors to save wounded Yanks; not an illiterate savage on the battle-field, but an ingenious military strategist and tactician who is widely regarded as the greatest cavalry leader in world history; not a drinking and gambling adulterer, but a teetotaling, straitlaced, faithful husband and doting father; not a racist snob, but a fair and egalitarian general who treated everyone equally and who personally enlisted 65 blacks in his cavalry.

Among the myriad of recollections (which cover the years 1863 to 1932) there are exciting moment-by-moment accounts of some of the General's more notable battles: Sacramento, Ft. Donelson, Sulphur Branch Trestle, Chickamauga, Franklin, Parker's Crossroads, Johnsonville, Shiloh, Thompson's Station, Fort Pillow, Okalona, Selma, and arguably Forrest's greatest victory, the Battle of Brice's Crossroads. Col. Seabrook has also included a chapter of poems honoring Forrest, as well as a fascinating appendices section with articles on the General's wife Mary Ann, his grandson Nathan Bedford Forrest II, and a complimentary eulogy on the South by U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt, who called Forrest "the most remarkable man produced in either the Union or Confederate armies."

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Banking Syndicate Challenged

• Monetary reformer clears key legal hurdle in effort to beat mortgage fraudsters

By Mark Anderson

he Pennsylvania Supreme Court on June 12 stamped the relevant documents and finally officially agreed to review a "King's Bench" petition filed by a citizen under the auspices of noted monetary-reform activist Mickey Paoletta. This development represents a significant step forward in Paoletta's 35 years of effort to expose the corrupt banking system and its allies in the legal field. But getting the high court to move this matter forward was grueling.

"They put us through pure hell for seven or eight days in a row, but they accepted it—reluctantly," Paoletta told AFP, referring to what he and embattled York, Penn. homeowner-petitioner Christopher Inch experienced. "There's corruption in the highest places, and more and more people know what's up. They want it stopped."

According to Paoletta, the means of stopping it is found in the "King's Bench jurisdiction"—a British common-law legal concept carried over to several states during America's formative years, including the commonwealths of Pennsylvania and Virginia. The goal in Pennsylvania is to compel the high court to uphold the law and carry out broad oversight of the lower courts, and of those licensed to practice law, in order to stop, in blanket fashion, the torrent of fraudulent



foreclosure proceedings against homeowners such as Inch.

This is explained in Inch's petition being reviewed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Pennsylvania's Supreme Court has agreed to hear a King's Bench petition filed by mortgage activist Mickey Paoletta. His petition is designed to force the high court to uphold the law by exercising greater oversight over Pennsylvania's lower courts. In this way, Paoletta hopes to stop the flood of fraudulent foreclosure proceedings that have cost thousands their homes.

Section six of the petition states: "This petitioner makes application to this court to invoke its inherent supervisory power over this case [a lending company's ongoing lawsuit versus Inch] and the other similar state cases and take corrective action over its licensed attorneys and inferior tribunals."

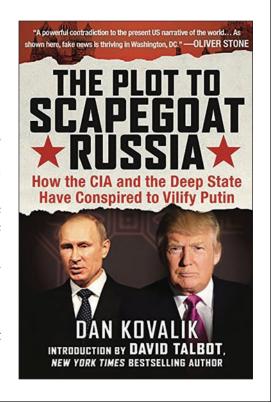
Section seven adds that Inch petitioned the court "to grant an injunction on this conspiratorial enterprise, to grant relief in connection with an issue of immediate public importance that has affected thousands of homeowners and potentially could affect thousands more."

Beyond the crucial element expressed in sections six and seven—intended to get the high court to accelerate relief for Inch and all other similarly oppressed homeowners in one fell swoop rather than one case at a time—the information in sections eight and nine is of paramount importance. It outlines for the court the "extrinsic fraud used to obtain a summary or de-

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fault judgment" against homeowners whose homes are under foreclosure on the basis of "forged and fraudulent foreclosure documents."

Section nine specifies that Inch, "through affidavits, exhibits and expert testimony can and will prove conclusively" that debt-collection law firms and various lenders, including banks, "participated in a deliberately planned and carefully executed scheme to defraud not only Inch but the Pennsylvania courts and the due process rights of this plaintiff [Inch] and thousands of others so similarly situated."

Regarding the petition being reviewed by the state Supreme Court, Paoletta on June 21 told AFP, "They said we should have an answer in 45 to 60 days. But I have 30 to 35 people ready to file King's Bench petitions if the high court declines to act further."

Paoletta added that he's broadening the scope of his efforts.

"Based on my research, it's the Supreme Court's duty in each state, not just Pennsylvania, to see that

their inferior courts follow all the laws. My goal is to work with the leaders of the 50 states to get them thinking down the same path. And I did some extensive research and found you can do this with the U.S. Supreme Court for [overseeing] the federal district courts."

He went on to say: "I cannot find one case in these 50 states where the banks and debt collectors did not engage in the production of forged and fraudulent notes in order to foreclose. We should be able to stop all judicial and non-judicial foreclosures. In a judicial state, such as Pennsylvania, they [the debt-collectors] have to file a complaint in state courts, but in non-judicial states, the debt-collectors and the debt-purchasers—which are one and the same in most cases—have the advantage, because the homeowners' rights to a trial by jury in foreclo-

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sure cases are denied by the courts. In non-judicial states, you've already 'agreed' you're in default when you sign the deed of trust. You've already given them the rights to your house and commenced judgment against yourself."

Paoletta, who founded Mortgage Defense Systems in Mechanicsburg to shine a light on this fraud and help distressed property owners, believes that with this new approach, the American people can file these kinds of complaints even for property lost years ago through foreclosures. In other words, this bold quest for relief and

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justice could be retroactive.

Inch told AFP: "I don't think the laws actually need changing much. If the lawyers and banks could be compelled to follow the laws on the books, much of this could be resolved. Despite Federal Reserve supervision and other oversight, when it comes to the foreclosure process, they know they're dealing with people who don't have money, are uninformed, or have broken

life situations. The courts would not be so easily swayed by the banks and their lawyers if the homeowners and citizens knew the laws, knew their responsibilities, knew the corruption the banks are doing, and had the means to fight it."

He concluded, "We need the public educated so it's not just lawyers and banks pushing around poor people, but the people pushing back against this racket." ★

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Virulent 'Anti-Hate' Center to Pay \$3.3 Million for Smears

• SPLC will fork over huge sum to falsely accused activist

By John Friend

he Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) announced recently it would settle a lawsuit with a high-profile British Muslim politician and anti-extremism activist, who had sued the radical leftist organization late last year for defamation, a development this newspaper reported on at the time.

Maajid Nawaz, founder of Quilliam, which describes itself as the world's first counter-extremism organization dedicated to promoting pluralism and combating extremism around the world, sued the SPLC after it labeled the popular Muslim reformer as an "anti-Muslim extremist." In 2016, the SPLC included Nawaz and Quilliam in its widely disseminated and highly influential report on anti-Muslim activists entitled *A Journalist's Manual: Field Guide to Anti-Muslim Extremists*.

Nawaz sued for defamation, and the SPLC eventually agreed to settle the lawsuit for a cool \$3.375 million.

Nawaz said the money would be used to bolster his organization's mission of combating both "anti-Muslim bigotry and Islamist extremism," according to a Fox News report.

"With the help of everyone who contributed to our litigation fund, we were able to fight back against the regressive left and show them that Maajid Nawaz, who founded a group designed to counter Islamic extremism, will be getting a check for \$3.375 million from the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC). Richard Cohen, now the president of the SPLC, issued an apology to Maajid and his organization, Quilliam.

moderate Muslims will not be silenced," Nawaz stated shortly after the lawsuit was settled. "We will continue to combat extremists by defying Muslim stereotypes, calling out fundamentalism in our own communities, and speaking out against anti-Muslim hate."

Nawaz and his organization have been removed from the SPLC's report and website, and the SPLC issued an apology to both Nawaz and Quilliam.

"Today, we entered into a settlement with and offered our sincerest apology to Mr. Maajid Nawaz and his organization, the Quilliam Foundation, for including them in our publication A Journalist's Manual: Field Guide to Anti-Muslim Extremists," Richard Cohen, the president of the SPLC, stated in an official apology to Nawaz following announcement of the settlement. "Although we may have our differences with some of the positions that Mr. Nawaz and Quilliam have taken, we recognize that they have made important contributions to efforts to promote pluralism



and that they are most certainly not anti-Muslim extremists."

According to the statement, the SPLC's insurance carrier will cover the \$3.375 million settlement, which was "the right thing to do in light of our mistake and the right thing to do in light of the growing prejudice against the Muslim community on both sides of the Atlantic," Cohen explained.

The multi-million-dollar settlement marks the latest setback for the SPLC, easily one of the most subversive, dishonest, and tyrannical organizations operating in America today. Earlier this year, the SPLC was forced to issue an apology for publishing a blog post smearing a number of highly regarded progressive, anti-war journalists as white supremacists, fascists, and anti-Semites. The SPLC has a long history of defaming and slandering its political opponents, using its false credibility as a leading "civil rights watchdog" to discredit and marginalize its adversaries, as was the case with Nawaz.

"It's appalling and offensive for the Southern Poverty Law Center to compare peaceful organizations which condemn violence and racism with violent and racist groups just because it disagrees with their views," Jeremy Tedesco, senior counsel at Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), stated in the wake of the settlement. "That's what SPLC did in the case of Quilliam and its founder Maajid Nawaz, and that's what it has done with ADF and numerous other organizations and individuals. This situation confirms once again what commentators across the political spectrum have been saying for decades: SPLC has become a far-left organization that brands its political opponents as 'haters' and 'extremists' and has lost all credibility as a civil rights watchdog."

The SPLC's dishonest and highly partisan tactics "have ruinous, real-world consequences for which they should not be excused," Tedesco concluded.

Credibility Crumbles

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statement, many organizations are considering also taking legal action against the SPLC, according to online news organization PJ Media, which first broke the story.

"We haven't filed anything against the SPLC, but I think a number of organizations have been considering filing lawsuits against the SPLC, because they have been doing to a lot of organizations exactly what they did to Maajid Nawaz," Mat Staver, the founder and chairman of Liberty Counsel and one of the signatories of the joint public statement, explained to PJ Media. "The SPLC promotes false propaganda, [and] demonizes and labels groups they disagree with, and that labeling has economic as well as physical consequences."

Staver told PJ Media that he knew of "at least 60" organizations that are considering taking legal action against the SPLC for defamation in the wake of the settlement with Nawaz.

Importantly, the June 20 joint statement demands that government agencies, politicians, corporations, media outlets, and social media companies sever ties from the discredited organization, which has for years masqueraded as one of the nation's leading civil rights organizations.

Many top Internet giants and social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube, have partnered with the SPLC to monitor, patrol, and combat "hate speech," erroneously viewing the organization as an objective purveyor of information and advice. Mainstream media outlets have likewise relied on the SPLC for analysis and advice on issues pertaining to "hate" and "inclusiveness."

In reality, the SPLC is little more than a radical, leftwing activist organization that has systematically targeted its political opponents for years. The end result has been rampant censorship of any views the liberal group disagrees with, which has damaged many organizations financially and interfered with their ability to conduct business.

Finally, this leading hate group's credibility is starting to crumble. ★

Racial Double Standard on Display

• Veterans Affairs employee keeps job after posting obscene message about whites

By Dave Gahary

hen Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) employee Tashika Thomas, who is black, wrote on her personal Facebook page "F—ing White Privilege," many VA watchers waited for her to be shown the door. And they waited. They're still waiting.

"White privilege" is a term used by Cultural Marxists to point out some imaginary societal privilege that benefits whites. Its purpose is to disenfranchise whites from the civilizations they created in Western societies.

Ms. Thomas, who is also, incredibly, the union president at the Bay Pines VA Medical Center, waited as well. And if not for one veteran advocate seeking some answers, they might all still be waiting. The answer they received from the VA was as shocking as the words Ms. Thomas typed on her keyboard.

AMERICAN FREE PRESS spoke with that veteran advocate and attorney Ben Krause about this matter and his role in uncovering what it did and what it teaches us about the cabinet-level agency.

Krause, a U.S. Air Force veteran, who had to wait for about 15 years to finally receive his disability compensation, runs the website "DisabledVeterans.org," where he helps veterans navigate the VA benefit system.

When Krause saw Ms. Thomas's obscene message, he sprang into action.

"As a person who's Caucasian, I really took offense to that," he told AFP, "and so did a lot of VA employees who are also veterans."

Krause has been tracking racism within the VA for several years and was curious as to how the VA would handle one of its more visible employees, at least in historic Bay Pines and its surrounding areas.

"So I did a FOIA [Freedom of Information Act] request to find out what the VA was saying about her comment and about its public response," Krause explained, "because the public response to Ms. Thomas's racist comment was very different than a previous comment that the VA deemed to be racist, where the person in question was actually a combat veteran."

Krause was alluding to VA employee and combat veteran Stephen V. Pina, who chimed in on his day off on the National Football League kneeling debacle. Pina's online comment included the phrase "dance monkey dance." As a result, the VA demoted him and removed him from his management role.

The fallout for Pina extended beyond the VA, as he was pressured to resign as a Pop Warner football coach and member of his local parks and



This photo shows Tashika Thomas, the union president at the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System's medical center in Florida. Though she made obviously racist statements, she will not be demoted or punished, as have other VA employees in the past for the same "crime."

recreation commission. The town's mayor hysterically called for Pina's resignation and the football league—incredibly—held an emergency meeting calling for his removal.

Krause had followed this matter closely and pointed out the ridiculous nature of it.

"The phrase 'dance monkey dance,' has been used within pop culture for 30 years as a joke, and it is not necessarily referencing black, white, or anything else. It's referencing somebody with a lower IQ," explained Krause.

The FOIA response Krause received revealed the VA's uneven approach to race.

"The VA most certainly did take a double-standard approach on this," he said. "Internally, some of the VA officials . . . thought it was grossly inappropriate. But at the end of the day what they said was, 'It's AFGE's problem, and it's the problem of the local office. We're not to get into it.'"

AFGE is the American Federation of Government Employees, the largest labor union for civilian, non-postal federal employees, representing nearly 700,000 workers.

Later on, Krause learned what "punishment"

Ms. Thomas allegedly has been told to attend counseling to help her deal with her racism.

Ms. Thomas was to receive.

"After two months of investigating these comments that she admitted to making," Krause continued, "they decided, 'Oh, we counseled her and that's good enough.'

"It definitely exposed not only a double standard in the punishment meted out, but it also exposed the double standard in how the VA treats combat veterans versus non-veterans who are employed by the agency," he continued. "Apparently when it comes to these combat veterans, they'll get both barrels and be demoted. But if you're an AFGE employee, or maybe a woman, or maybe a non-veteran, well, we'll give you the soft gloves and you'll get counseling."

AFP asked if the matter with Ms. Thomas was closed. "As far as I know, it's closed," Krause answered.

But it doesn't have to be.

"The VA has an option to fire her," he said. "Last I checked, those kinds of comments are inappropriate, and she can be fired, but they didn't do so. They didn't demote her, like they did with Stephen Pina, who did not in fact make racist comments, and they didn't fire her like they did with the individuals who engaged in a form of hate, behind closed doors; mind you, those were not public statements. Instead, Ms. Thomas did make a public statement on Facebook. We believe it was made while she was at work, disparaging whites, and insulted a whole lot of people, even people that rely on her for representation, against the VA."

Krause concluded: "It really created a problem there and a lack of trust in her ability to make smart choices and to not let her own racist views cloud her judgment. She did come back and say, 'I believe that whatever I publish on my own Facebook page is my own business.' Well, that's not according to any law I've ever seen. When you're at work and you post on Facebook, and it relates to something like that, you most certainly can get fired."

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.

Deep Truth Conference Convenes

• After being banned from leftist forum, truthtellers organize own "deep truth" meeting

By John Friend

recently concluded conference that was live-streamed to countless viewers over the Internet wrapped up last month to much fanfare. *Deep Truth: Visionaries Speak Out* began Friday,

June 8 and concluded Sunday, June 10, and featured a number of prominent political dissidents, independent researchers and journalists, peace activists, and others concerned with countering and exposing the lies and insidious agenda of the deep state manipulating our government and society.

The conference was organized and produced in part by No Lies Radio, "a controversial, hardhitting, truth-telling nonprofit Internet radio station broadcasting 24/7 at noliesradio.org," according to the conference's "About Us" page. No Lies Radio is an affiliate of the Pacifica Radio Network and has a history of live-streaming conferences and events dealing with 9/11 and the deep state, including the 9/11 Truth Film Festival held annually in the San Francisco Bay area and the Justice in Focus event organized by Architects and Engineers for 9/11 Truth in New York City in 2016. No Lies Radio also hosts False Flag Weekly News, a weekly radio broadcast hosted by Dr. Kevin Barrett, a leading 9/11 truth advocate and contributor to this newspaper, and Professor Tony Hall, a Canadian academic that has focused on 9/11 and other controversial events, that is live-streamed to viewers around the world. Dr. Barrett was a leading organizer of the Deep Truth Conference this year and hosted and participated in panel discussions over the course of the weekend.

The Deep Truth Conference originated as a direct response to the hostility and censorship its organizers experienced when attempting to participate in the Left Forum, one of the largest pro-



gressive and anti-war networks in the country.

"The Deep Truth Conference is part of a continuing response to censorship by the Left Forum, the USA's biggest leftist conference, held each year in New York City," Dr. Kevin Barrett explained to this reporter recently. "In 2016, several pro-9/11 truth and anti-Zionist presenters made their debut at the Left Forum. I harshly criticized Noam Chomsky, even though going to the Left Forum to criticize Chomsky is like going to the Vatican to criticize the Pope. The next year, 2017, Zionist pressure groups, led by Spencer Sunshine's Political Research Associates, forced the

Most of the speakers at the Deep Truth conference agree that the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 were a defining moment in modern American history. All of the speakers and lecturers said that the mainstream explanation for the events of 9/11 is a government fabrication, willingly sold to the American public by the corporate press.

Left Forum to ban us. I called Sunshine to ask why he was afraid of our message, and we ultimately rented a room down the hall from the Left Forum and held the Left Out Forum. Like the previous year's presentations, it was very well attended and well-received. This year, 2018, we were once again banned from the Left Forum, so the organizers protested and leafleted at the Left Forum to publicize the Deep Truth cyber-conference one week later."

This year's conference featured six separate panel discussions comprising some of the most important figures in the alternative media and 9/11 truth community, including: former CIA analyst Ray McGovern, a long-time peace activist and journalist; Alison Weir, an author who serves as executive director of If Americans Knew, a non-profit organization that focuses on the nefarious influence Israel and the pro-Israel lobby have on American politics; former congresswoman, peace activist and 9/11 skeptic Cynthia McKinney; Philip Giraldi, a former counter-terrorism specialist with the CIA and a leading critic of U.S. foreign policy; and Gilad Atzmon, the internationally renowned jazz musician, author, and critic of Zionism and the subversive influence of the pro-Israel lobby in the West; and other important speakers.

The panel discussions focused on a number of inter-related themes, including: the mass media, propaganda, and censorship; the oligarchic nature of Western political systems; false-flag and

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A major theme throughout the conference was, of course, 9/11, a topic Barbara Honegger, a well-known 9/11 researcher and former associate at the Hoover Institute at Stanford University, focused on during her panel discussion.

"The Great Lie of who attacked America on 9/11 was used to railroad through the Authorization for the Use of Military Force (AUMF) which, to this day, is still the legal rationale for all of the 9/11 wars," Honegger recently explained to this reporter. "9/11 killed nearly 3,000 innocent civilians, but the 9/11 lie has killed millions, displaced untold millions more, cost our nation and its allies thousands of lives and trillions in treasure, and has been used as the pretext for an invasive mass-surveillance police state. Only a critical

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Much of the public is still traumatized by 9/11, so the truth about it has the potential to change policy.

mass of public awareness will make it possible to bring the real perpetrators of this heinous act to justice. The online live-streamed Deep Truth: Visionaries Speak Out conference has enabled those of us dedicated and courageous enough to know and speak the truth to reach that critical mass."

Dr. Barrett echoed Honegger's sentiment, correctly arguing that 9/11 is still a bleeding wound that impacts the lives and perceptions of Americans to this day.

"The truth about the *Lusitania*, Pearl Harbor, JFK, RFK, and the USS *Liberty* is important, but the general public doesn't have a direct emotional connection to those events," Dr. Barrett noted. "But much of the American public is still traumatized by 9/11, so the truth about 9/11 still has tremendous potential to affect hearts and minds, and thereby change policies."

The video archives of the entire conference, including all panel discussions and speeches, may be accessed at http://noliesradio.org/deep truth. ★

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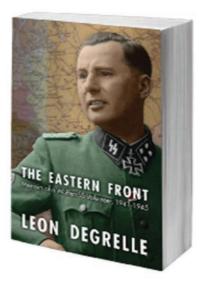
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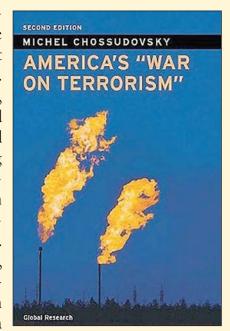


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Resisting Zionist Censorship

Courageous Jews risk ostracization to protest censorship

By Dr. Kevin Barrett

s sociologist James Petras has pointed out, the 52 major Jewish American organizations (MJAO) are monolithically pro-Israel. They form the core of what Petras calls the Zionist Power Configuration (ZPC): "The ideological influence of the Israel Fifth Column is concentrated on a single issue: Defending Israel and its crimes against humanity."

According to Petras, the ZPC's commanding heights include hundreds of billionaires and millionaires, who finance its political and media operations. Below them, national and state-wide networks "influence the nomination and financing of all candidates, elected officials, and the composition of editorial boards of the major media outlets."

Below these networks, at the local level, "every major and minor U.S. city has local Zionist-councils that use their influence to intimidate local professional, business, political, and media groups into ensuring that critics are censored and Israel's war crimes are covered up."

It takes guts to stand up to the ZPC. The ZPC, Petras explains, is in the habit of "blacklisting critics, contacting their places of employment and demanding they be fired," tactics that can escalate into "threatening phone calls and unwelcome 'visits'." In rare instances, the Jewish Defense League, an FBI-designated terrorist group that functions as the armed wing of the ZPC, has

been known to conduct fire-bombings and murders.

Against this Zionist goliath, a smattering of Jewish Davids are beginning to rise up. I recently hosted a panel discussion with three of them: Gilad Atzmon,* Alan Sabrosky, and Jeremy Rothe-Kushel. Along with former CIA officer Philip Giraldi, the five of us made up the panel for "Zionism: Deconstructing the Power Paradigm," the final segment of a conference entitled *Deep Truth: Visionaries Speak Out*.

Videos from the conference are online at no-lies radio.org/deeptruth.

Atzmon jokes that he can't decide whether to be an ex-Jew or a self-hating Jew. Born in Israel, Atzmon served in the IDF but was repelled by Israel's treatment of the Palestinians. He emigrated to London and became one of Europe's greatest jazz saxophonists—as well as an author and noted critic of Jewish power, which he defines as "the power to silence criticism of Jewish power." Endlessly slandered and vilified by the global ZPC, Atzmon has been banned from speaking more times than he can count—and has even suffered physical attacks. Yet he soldiers on, driven by the same spirit of feisty stubbornness that helped him wake up at an ungodly hour every morning to practice his saxophone and eventually become a great musician.

Alan Sabrosky, the former director of studies of the Army War College's Strategic Studies Institute, says, "I express my Jewish ethnicity through cuisine, not foreign policy." In other words, he is a patriotic American, who likes Jewish food and doesn't give a hoot about Israel. In

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Several anti-Zionist Jews have risked their futures by speaking out about the crimes of Israel.

2010, Sabrosky made alternative media headlines by coming on my radio show and announcing that: "I have had long conversations over the last two weeks with contacts at the Army War College and Marine Corps headquarters, and I've made it absolutely clear in both cases that it is 100% certain that 9/11 was a Mossad operation. Period. The Zionists are playing this as an all-or-nothing exercise. If they lose this one, they're done."

Naturally the ZPC's thought-police outfit, the Anti-Defamation League, has accused Sabrosky of promoting "anti-Semitic conspiracy theories."

The sheer terror Sabrosky's name elicits among the ZPC elite was displayed on May 9, 2016 in the Kansas City Public Library. Jeremy Rothe-Kushel, a patriotic American truth activist from a Jewish-Mexican background, was arrested, along with librarian Steve Woolfolk, by trained-in-Israel off-duty cops. His crime? Asking an uncomfortable question during the Q&A after a speech by Dennis Ross, the former U.S. ambassador to Israel. Rothe-Kushel's question alluded to Israel's role in 9/11. Shortly after Rothe-Kushel mentioned the name "Alan Sabrosky" the security guards grabbed Rothe-Kushel, then brutalized librarian Woolfolk for disputing the arrest.

Recognizing that quickly dropping charges would amount to an implicit admission of guilt, a serious disadvantage in case of eventual litigation, the D.A. pressed charges against Woolfolk and Rothe-Kushel—and lost.

On April 26 of this year, Rothe-Kushel filed a lawsuit against the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Kansas City, two of its employees, and one of its security guards. Also named in the lawsuit is an employee of the Truman Library Institute, along with Kansas City Police Chief Rick Smith, five members of the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners, two Kansas City police detectives and a sergeant.

Rothe-Kushel identifies as a Jew and practices the religion of Judaism, identifying with its prophetic "speak truth to power" tradition. Sabrosky rarely thinks about being Jewish. Atzmon isn't sure he's still a Jew.

Whatever they call themselves, these guys are freedom fighters and heroes. ★

* Atzmon's book The Wandering Who? is available from AFP. See page 24.

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Why Is Israel Training With NATO?

• Israeli involvement in NATO exercises seen as dry run for war

By Richard Walker

srael may be exploiting its first ever direct role in major NATO military exercises in the Baltic States close to Russia's border as a dry run for an upcoming conflict it is planning in the Middle East. It is anyone's guess whether that war will turn out to be against Iran, Hezbollah in Lebanon, or Iranian forces in Syria. Russian military experts, however, contend that Israel's military chiefs are exploiting the chance to be part of NATO exercises to train and learn with the best fighting forces in the world.

The NATO maneuvers, codenamed Saber Strike, were spread over two weeks, starting on June 2 and involved 18,000 troops and ancillary support staff. Israeli special forces personnel and observers played a role.

This comes at a time when Israel's prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, has been on a charm offensive to convince NATO members that Iran poses a nuclear threat. Netanyahu has been pushing that claim for years, but more recently with help Israel attack Iran. If that was out of the guestion, he hoped in the event of a war NATO would come to Israel's aid if needed.

This rumor was given credibility in April when, without public prompting of any kind, NATO's Secretary General Hans Stoltenberg stated unequivocally that, in the event of an Israeli war with Iran or an attack on Israel by Iran, NATO would not intervene to help Israel.

The policy statement shocked Israel, but it was not given much media scrutiny. Pro-Israel observers said it was merely the NATO chief clarifying that the organization could not embrace a non-member in a conflict, but Moscow's analysis was that NATO wanted it made perfectly clear that it had no desire to be dragged into a war by Netanyahu—a war that could bring it into direct conflict with Russia, an Iran ally.

It is believed Stoltenberg and NATO brass were lobbied by NATO member Turkey to erase any public doubt that Israel had leverage over NATO. In the growing geopolitical landscape of the Middle East, Turkey has moved closer to Moscow, while Israel, using its leverage with the Trump family, has sought closer ties to NATO.

The NATO operation was created to deal with scenarios that might be encountered by the Israeli military in any war against Iran, Hezbollah, and potentially Irag and Syria.

greater vigor after the Trump administration pulled out of the Iran nuclear deal, and as a means of possibly taking the heat off his own personal issues, especially the fact that he is at serious risk of being charged at home with criminal offenses linked to possible bribes while his wife is being charged with fraud for misusing public funds.

While Netanyahu has talked up attacking his enemies in the Middle East, he has been launching air strikes into Syria, and allowing those strikes to be blamed on the U.S. and its allies. A stark example of his most recent military adventurism was the bombing of Syrian military positions, using U.S.-made aircraft. The attack, which killed over 52 military personnel, was initially blamed on the U.S. until the Pentagon denied it or any of its coalition partners were involved. Of course, it turned out to be an Israeli operation, and was an example of Netanyahu trying to entice Iran and Hezbollah into a shooting war.

Any hopes he may have of getting membership in NATO or asking for NATO's help in a war with Iran have already been dashed. There is now informed opinion in NATO's European capitals and in Moscow intelligence circles that Netanyahu secretly made a pitch to NATO's leaders last year, by way of a channel provided by White House advisor Jared Kushner, who happens to be President Donald Trump's son-in-law. Kushner was said to have asked for a NATO commitment to

Not so long ago, Israel and Turkev were buddies with Turkey buying Israeli drones and weapons. But the relationship crashed in the fires of anger stoked by Israel's brutal treatment of the Palestinians and Israel's increased meddling in the region.

While Israel has no hope of ever getting NATO membership, in European capitals there is growing concern about Netanyahu's gung-ho militarism. There is even a determination not to let him exploit the western alliance via a Washington channel by making it appear as if Israel has an inside track to NATO decisionmakers.

Nevertheless, Israel sees great advantage in building ties to NATO as a public relations ploy and as a way of learning more about the strategies NATO has for a possible major confrontation with Russian forces.

Any war Israel might seek with Iran could well spread into Iraq, Egypt, Lebanon, and the Golan, forcing Israel to operate across a broad front, just as NATO would have to do if a war broke out in Europe.

Saber Strike, the NATO exercise Israel was a part of, was created to deal with scenarios very much like the ones Israel could face if Netanyahu gets his way and has a war with Iran, Hezbollah,

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U.S.-Israel Military Juggernaut Grows

• From Alaska to the Negev Desert, cooperation putting U.S. troops in harm's way

By Philip Giraldi

he increasing ties between the Israeli and American militaries have gone virtually unnoticed in the U.S. media apart from reports about the \$3.1 billion in military assistance that Tel Aviv receives each year. The United States has just completed the largest ever joint military exercises with Israel, even though there is no bilateral defense agreement or treaty between the two countries. Scenarios in the exercises had American soldiers defending Israel by fighting Syrians, Lebanese, and Palestinians in a mock-up Arab village.

Upon conclusion of the Juniper Cobra exercises, Air Force Lt. Gen. Richard Clark observed that American soldiers should be prepared to die for the Jewish state, adding that they would probably be under the command of an Israeli Air Force general, who subsequently advised that "I am sure . . . we will find U.S. troops on the ground . . . to defend the state of Israel."

But Washington's more serious commitment to Israel derives from the recent opening of a U.S. permanent installation at Mashabim Air Base in the Negev desert. The American facility is a base within a base, surrounded by the Israeli Air Force and operating "under Israeli military directives." It is a shell facility with a few airmen who could be reinforced if Israel goes to war. Together with billions of dollars-worth of U.S. military equipment that is pre-positioned in Israel and can be used by the Is-



The commander of the 3rd Air Force, Lt. Gen. Richard Clark (left) shakes hands with his counterpart in the Israeli Air Defense Command, Brig. Gen. Zika Haimovich in March. Gen. Clark has made it clear that he expects U.S. servicemen to willingly give their lives for the state of Israel. Now, the dangers for the U.S. have been increased with the opening of a permanent military installation in the Negev desert housed within an Israeli air base.

raelis as needed, it is all about supporting Israeli war-making and has nothing to do with American security or defense interests.

Overseas military bases normally serve two functions. The first and foremost should be to defend the United States from attack originating with a foreign power, serving in effect as a forward defense. That is basically what the U.S. Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar does, as it enables surveillance and both first and retaliatory strike capability in what has become a volatile region. Major American bases in Germany and elsewhere in Europe sim-

ilarly have considerable defensive and offensive capabilities, making them a forward based deterrent against attack.

More often, however, the existence of Washington's military installations overseas is to serve as token presences, guarantors that the United States will become involved in the war if an ally is attacked. As no one seriously wants to confront U.S. power directly, the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines serve as a deterrent, making an offensive action by an antagonist pretty much unthinkable. That issue of deterrence is why there are American soldiers in Poland and the Baltic States and the real reason why 30,000 troops remain in South Korea. It also assumes that Russia is a hostile and expansionistic power, which is debatable, though the potential truculence of North Korea is better established.

Israel, as is so often the case, does not neatly fit into either rationale for having an American

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overseas military base, but there has been virtually no pushback either from Congress or the media over what can be construed as a highly risky initiative. The Mashabim military base can be reinforced as needed, but reinforced for what? The United States has far more capable units throughout the region and the U.S. base could not play any significant role if serious fighting were to break out.

If the Israeli base were to be attacked by either Iran or Hezbollah rockets, however, that would

mean that the United States would also be considered to be under attack and would respond in kind. So that means that the American presence is to guarantee that any attacker would understand that striking at Israel is the same as striking at the United States, which would be a deterrent. But there is something wrong with that formulation. In the cases of Europe and South Ko-

rea, the United States has formal agreements that define how Washington would respond to attacks on its allies within the framework of what is a defensive not an offensive alliance. And those countries are formal allies with established borders, which is not the case with Israel.

There is nothing to prevent Israel from attacking Iran or Hezbollah, producing a retaliatory response, and expecting that the U.S. would suddenly appear to do the real fighting. In fact, given Israel's history of aggression against its neighbors that is precisely what very well might happen. America has *de facto* given up its sovereign right to declare war and handed it over to Israel.

And there's more. The most recent largely unreported news about Israeli-American military engagement comes from the island of Kodiak off the coast of Alaska, where Israel will be testing its new Arrow 3 missile system, which was largely fund-

ed by the United States, so it can be deployed in Israel. A reported 62 shipping containers have been turned into sleeping quarters for Israeli soldiers, who will be operating out of the Pacific Spaceport Complex-Alaska, where the tests will take place.

The reason given for Israel's need to begin testing its missiles in the United States is that the Arrow 3 is an exo-atmospheric missile, which flies into outer space coming back down to hit its target. The Mediterranean Sea is apparently too small an area to test such a missile, which has a range

of 1,500 miles that includes all of Europe as well as much of Western Asia and North Africa.

Arrow 3 would also give Israel an anti-satellite weapon, allowing it to join only the U.S., Russia, and China with that military capability.

The question that the Pentagon should be asking is, "Who is Israel targeting with its new weapon system and

why?" The missile clearly has offensive capabilities that go way beyond Israel's neighborhood and far in excess of any legitimate defense needs.

The blank check given to Israel is not just in the form of money and an unlimited flow of U.S.-made military equipment. It also consists of an unwillingness to challenge anything that Israel wants, including creating the conditions whereby the United States will be willy-nilly involved in a war initiated by a feckless Benjamin Netanyahu.

And the U.S. has wound up funding and testing a missile that someday might be used against it and which, incidentally, competes with similar products made by American defense contractors, costing jobs here at home.

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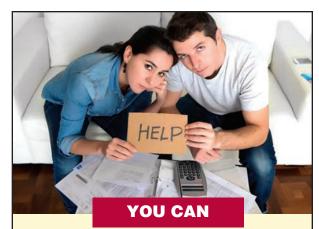


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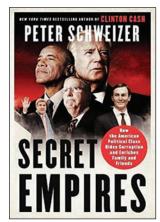
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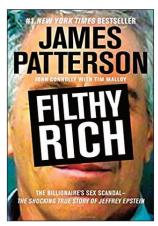
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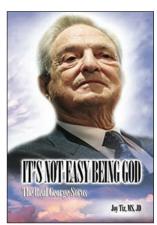
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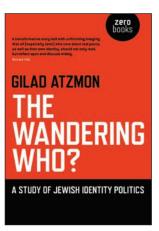
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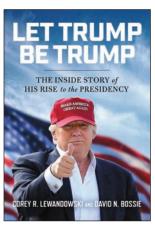
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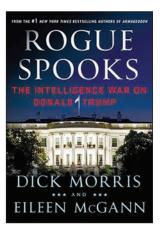












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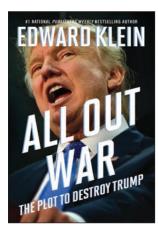
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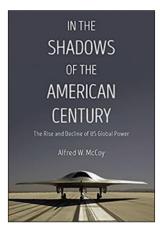
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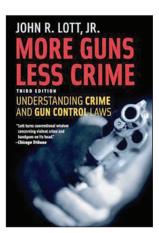
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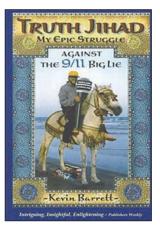
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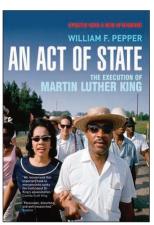
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U.S. Military Whistleblower Details U.S. Ties to Terrorism

By Dave Gahary

n 2011, Scott Bennett was a second lieutenant U.S. Army special operations officer and psychological warfare analyst and worked in the highest levels of counterterrorism, intelligence, and politics in the State Department's counterterrorism office to catch the bad guys.

When he uncovered that members of his own government were the bad guys, and were financing terrorists, he tried to blow the whistle. Hounded, persecuted, and eventually imprisoned for two years on trumped-up charges, Bennett wrote a book behind bars and smuggled it out of prison. *Shell Game: A Military Whistleblowing Report* exposes the betrayal and cover-up by the U.S. government and other elements, like the Clinton Foundation, Swiss banks, Saudi Arabia, and over 100 of our own representatives and senators.

Now Bennett is taking what he knows and traveling abroad, most recently to the No. 1 country in the sights of the Zionist war machine: Iran.

Bennett sat down with this newspaper to discuss his background and his time at the New Horizon Conference in Tehran last month. He joined 26 others in the ancient Persian city, including AFP columnist Philip Giraldi, formerly with the CIA, F. Michael Maloof, a veteran Pentagon employee stripped of his security clearance because of his success in finding the links between Saddam Hussein and al Qaeda (none), former State Department employees Peter Van

Scott Bennett, a former lieutenant in the U.S. Army, has been smeared and jailed for trying to blow the whistle on high-level U.S. involvement in funding international terrorism. He recently traveled to Iran to discuss his findings.

Buren and J. Michael Springmann, and AFP columnist Kevin Barrett.

"Shell Game is my experience in my report about the massive corruption that was going on," he explained. "[That corruption] has led to one of the greatest crimes against the American people, specifically the financing and funding of terrorism, these Wahhabi Saudi Arabian terrorists, while lying to the American people and claiming that we're fighting ISIS, when we're not.

He continued: "We're financing them, we're equipping them, we're aiding them, we're training them. We're giving them visas to come over from Libya to be trained in CIA operations at Fort Bragg. We're then deploying them back into places like Syria and Libya and Afghanistan."

Before they locked him up, Bennett submitted his report to the entire Congress. He shared what response he got.

"Not a single one did anything," he told this newspaper. "Rand Paul was the only person to write me back, twice. He didn't really do anything significant, but he did write me back acknowledging it. Everyone else ran away from it like a dog with its tail between its legs."

Bennett walked away from the conference with a greater understanding of his hosts.

"I came away with the understanding this is a



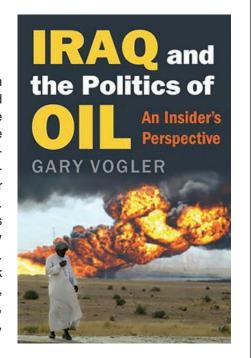
wonderful country [and] a wonderful people, and we are completely ignorant of this fact," he said. "The deep state, intelligence, Zionist operations that have put Iran as the enemy of America, they're the liars to the American people."

He added: "The Iranian people are a very peaceful, pleasant people. They are nothing like what the media portrays them as. They are not warmongers, they're not savages, they're not violent, they are not chanting 'Death to America,' and they don't hate Americans. All of that is propaganda."

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.

Iraq and the Politics of Oil

here was an oil agenda when the U.S. went to war in Iraq in 2003—what the agenda was is revealed in this book. Was the Iraq war really about oil? As a senior oil advisor for the Office for Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance (ORHA) and briefly as minister of oil, Gary Vogler thought he knew. But while doing research for a book about his experience in Iraq, Vogler discovered that what he knew was not the whole story—or even the true story. The Iraq war did have an oil agenda underlying it, one that Vogler had previously denied. This book is his attempt to set the record straight. Iraq and the Politics of Oil is a fascinating behindthe-scenes account of the role of the U.S. government in the Iraqi oil sector since 2003. Vogler describes the prewar oil planning and the important decisions made during hostilities to get Iraqi oil flowing months ahead of schedule. He reveals how, amid the instability of 2006, the fixing of the Bayji Refinery contributed significantly to the success of the oil sector in the Sunni part of northern Iraq during and after the surge. Vogler gives us an expert insider's view of the largest oilfield auctions in the history of the international oil industry and massive increases in oil production. But under the successes so deftly chronicled here, a darker political narrative finally emerges, one that reaches back to the decision to go to war with Iraq. Uncovering it, Vogler revises our understanding of what we were doing in Iraq, and exposes a heretofore unknown element: Israel's need for vast supplies of cheap oil. Hardback, 318 pages, \$29 plus \$6 S&H inside the U.S. from American Free Press, 16000 Trade Zone Avenue, Unit 406, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774. Call 1-888-699-6397 toll free to charge, Mon.-Thu, 9-5 ET.



American Legion Betrays Servicemen

• Prominent veteran group denies display space to Liberty Veterans Association

By Dave Gahary

n 2017, the 99th national convention of the American Legion (AL)—the 2.4 million-member war veterans organization founded in 1919—which was held in 2017 in Reno, Nev., produced Resolution No. 40. It called "upon the 115th United States Congress to publicly, impartially, and thoroughly investigate the attack on the USS *Liberty* and its aftermath and to commence its investigation before the end of 2017, the 50th anniversary of the attack."

Although it was a valiant gesture to bring justice to the terror attack that took place aboard the spy ship USS *Liberty* (AGTR-5)—where on June 8, 1967, 34 Americans were slaughtered and 174 more were wounded in broad daylight in international waters—the reality is that the entire Congress is in the hip pocket of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. No investigation was completed last year, nor was it ever seriously considered.

The AL, however, has now reneged on its promise to the USS *Liberty*. The AL declined the USS *Liberty* Veterans Association's (LVA) request to set up a booth at the 100th national convention this year in Minneapolis, Minn. In fact, the letter from the AL to an LVA member was so harsh, one wonders why they even bothered passing Resolution No. 40 the previous year.

The letter reads:



Once again, the men of the *Liberty* have been betrayed by those looking to hide the truth.

Please find enclosed the return of your: (1) 2018 Exhibitor Contract request; (2) 2018 Housing form request; (3) May 2, 2018 letter; and (4) check for \$1,000.

The American Legion hereby declines your offer and request to rent exhibitor space at our National Convention. No space, nor housing, has been reserved for you under these terms.

Very truly yours, Kevin J Bartlett, J. D. National judge advocate

What makes this all the more puzzling is that the AL has hosted the LVA many times over the years, and its booth has been very popular with attendees.

Even more shocking is the fact that the AL has lied to its millions of members and supporters to exclude the LVA from their convention. The LVA's blog revealed this bald-faced lie in a June 4 update:

The American Legion has lied to Legionnaires who called the national organization to find out

why the LVA has been denied a booth at the 2018 American Legion National Convention. Legionnaires have been told that at the time the LVA requested a booth there [was] no space available. For this to be true the national organization would have [had] to run out of exhibit space on May 7, 2018—three months and 17 days prior to the convention.

LVA President Ernie Gallo signed the application paperwork on April 10 and LVA Vice President Larry Bowen signed it on April 16, 2018. Before sending the application in, we called Andrea Watson to let her know we'd be sending in the application with all that was required except the certificate of insurance, which expires before the date of the event. We told her we'd send that as soon as the insurance company sends us the bill to renew. Our insurance certification expires on July 10, 2018. Ms. Watson then told us that we would not be allowed in the convention.

Despite this and knowing that there is an active American Legion Resolution supporting our call for a complete and comprehensive public congressional investigation of the attack on our ship, we sent in the check and application by certified mail on May 4, 2018. According to the signed certified mail receipt they received our paperwork on May 7, 2018.

Congress has failed miserably for over 51 years to honor the men—many of whom paid the ultimate price for their country—of the USS *Liberty*. This is, as former Chief of Naval Operations and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Thomas H. Moorer called it, a "national disgrace."

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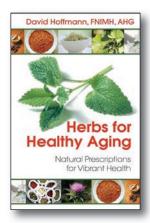
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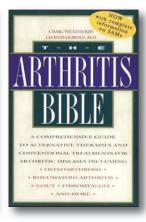


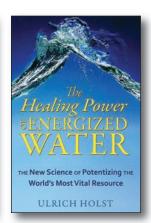
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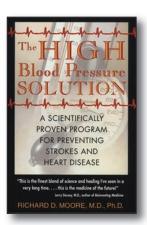


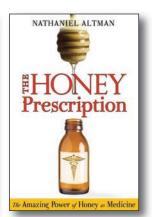
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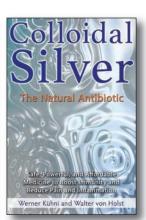












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RFK Jr. Strikes at Deep State

• Kennedy scion pens book calling for new investigation into father's assassination

By S.T. Patrick

arly in the morning on June 5, 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy lay flat on his back, bleeding onto the floor of the kitchen pantry at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. He had just won the California Democratic primary and was exiting the hotel after a late-night victory speech when shots were fired, leaving six wounded, including Kennedy. He was pronounced dead 26 hours later. Sirhan Sirhan was blamed for the murder and is still serving time in a California prison today. For many historians and the LAPD, the crime of the RFK assassination has been solved. That may change, however, as Kennedy scion Robert F. Kennedy Jr. calls for a reinvestigation of the murder.

In his new book, *American Values: Lessons I Learned from My Family*, the third of Robert and Ethel Kennedy's 11 children openly calls for a reinvestigation of his father's assassination, which occurred when RFK Jr. was 14 years old. His sister, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, concurs that the crime against their father deserves a reexamination.

In December, RFK Jr. quietly visited Sirhan for three hours at the Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility outside of San Diego. He had also spoken to witnesses and read the autopsy reports. If he was going to decide to call for a reinvestigation, he was not going to do so without evidence.

"I got to a place where I had to see Sirhan," Kennedy revealed to *The Washington Post*.

Kennedy left Donovan Correctional even more steadfast in the view that his father had been killed by a second gunman and not by Sirhan. It is a perspective on the case that researchers such as Lisa Pease, Shane O'Sullivan, and Bill Turner have shared for decades.

Pease was mentioned twice in *American Values*. She had shared an internal CIA report with Kennedy. The report stated that RFK and his brother, slain president John F. Kennedy, had not known about the CIA plots on the life of Fidel Castro. Journalist Seymour Hersh, by way of CIA officer Sam Halpern, had argued that the Kennedys authorized the plots. The CIA's own inspector general report—the last copy of which had been kept in a safe by CIA Director Richard Helms—stated that the CIA had told RFK only about the anti-Castro plots that had ended and not about the plots that were ongoing. Pease believes that one of these plots was then turned around and used on JFK.

Many in the assassination research community have lauded RFK Jr.'s book as the first



Robert F. Kennedy Jr. arrives June 6 with his wife Cheryl Himes prior to a memorial service for his father, Robert F. Kennedy, at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia to mark the 50th anniversary of his father's assassination. RFK Jr. believes the case should be reopened.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. now believes that the case against Sirhan should be re-opened.

Kennedy strike against the deep state. Rev. Martin Luther King's family has spoken about conspiracy in the assassination of MLK for years and have long questioned the guilt of James Earl Ray. John Kennedy Jr. and Caroline Kennedy never publicly advocated for a reinvestigation of JFK's murder, and, until now, the children of RFK have kept similarly quiet.

In an interview with this writer, Pease discussed RFK Jr.'s entrance into the Kennedy research community.

"It was really important that those of us who are trying to tell the truth connect to each other," Pease said. "So it was kind of inevitable that Bobby and the community would eventually connect."

Pease, the author of the forthcoming *A Lie Too Big to Fail: The Real History of the Assassination of Robert F. Kennedy*, explained to this writer that the Sirhan family suffered just as

much as the Kennedys. Because RFK would have viewed every person's life as important, she argues that RFK Jr.'s new quest is as much about justice for Sirhan as it is about finding the truth about his father's death.

Kennedy, now 64, is not the only person close to the case to call for a reinvestigation. Paul Schrade, who was shot in the head as he followed RFK into the pantry, is also advocating for a reopening of the case, as well as Sirhan's innocence.

RFK was shot at point-blank range behind his ear. Sirhan was standing in front of him. At least 13 shots were fired. Sirhan's gun held eight bullets

While visiting Sirhan in prison would seem, to some, like a difficult, emotional act, Kennedy boiled the visit down to simple terms.

"My father was the chief law enforcement officer in this country," Kennedy explained. "I think it would have disturbed him if somebody was put in jail for a crime they didn't commit."

Sirhan, now 74, has spent 50 years in prison for a crime he doesn't remember. If RFK Jr. and his sister Kathleen can spur a deeper look into the case, Sirhan may finally be paroled after 30 years of failed attempts. For the son of the former attorney general, justice is what is sought. ★

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Californians Will Decide If State Will Split in Three

Activists get 365,000 signatures; initiative to split Golden State will appear on November 6 ballot

By S.T. Patrick

fter 168 years as a state, Californians have earned the right to decide the future of the Golden State as a singular entity. On the Nov. 6 ballot, the measure simply named "Division of California Into Three States" (Cal 3) will be presented to the people after backers got more than the 365,000 petition signatures needed to qualify for the ballot.

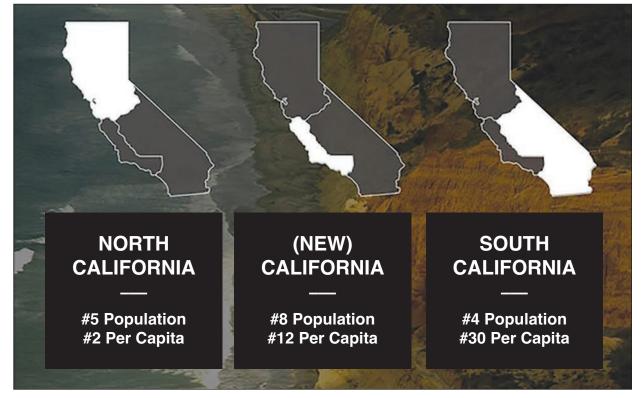
If divided, the new set of three distinct jurisdictions would be California, Northern California, and Southern California. California would consist of the smallest sliver of land, but it may be the most densely populated. Stretching from Monterrey to Los Angeles, California would still be a popular coastal destination. Northern California would include the current capital, Sacramento, the San Francisco Bay area, and the upper third of the state best known for its Redwood Forests and hippie-esque retirement locales. Southern California would inherit Fresno, Bakersfield, Orange County, and most of the Pacific Coast south of Los Angeles. It would also inherit the U.S.-Mexico border and the current immigration problems that accompany it. The gem of Southern California would be San Diego, which is a staple of "Best American Cities" lists.

The division of California will not be certain even if a majority of voters choose to divide their home state. Challenges will come from the federal, state, and judicial levels. The California State Assembly, California State Senate, other state legislatures, and Congress would also have to approve the plan. Current battles within the separatist movement center on the dividing lines between each new state.

Silicon Valley venture capitalist Tim Draper is responsible for the three-state measure, Cal 3, that has made November's ballot. Draper argues that the divisions he champions would give all three states better education, better infrastructure, and lower taxes. The argument for division, according to Draper, is based upon bringing better representation to Californians outside of the major urban centers that now dominate the state's politics.

Paul Preston of the New California movement disagrees.

Preston favors a two-state solution that would divide the state along urban and rural lines. Preston contends that Draper's plan will create two strongly blue (Democratic) states and one swing state. It would not address the issue of political accountability to rural Californians that both Draper and Preston desire.



California surpassed New York as America's most populous state in 1962. Since then, its growth has made it both a political powerhouse in national elections and an unmanageable, inefficient behemoth of governmental ineptitude. Its size bolsters its influence, yet it also makes addressing smaller, more localized concerns next to impossible.

According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, California is the fifth-largest economy in the world. It is also the home of the highest state income tax rate in the nation—13.3% in 2017. Due to the strength of California's economic girth and the amount of taxes collected, rural residents are perpetually wondering why they do not receive the same services and attention as residents of the coastal urban centers.

On the federal level, the Californias would then have six senators instead of two. The number of congressmen should remain similar, but each would have its own governor, its own primary or caucus, and its own primary date. Gone will be the 55 electoral votes that have made or broken presidential campaigns for more than 50 years. Texas will then be the largest electoral state with 38. The four added Senate seats, however, would make the legislative branch's upper house decidedly more western.

Californians, themselves, haven't fallen in love with the idea of dividing just yet. A recent SurveyUSA poll showed that 72% of those polled oppose Cal 3, while only 17% support it.

Draper has the resources to open up a public relations barrage before November, though, and

he will do just that.

If California divides, it will be the first state to do so since the creation of West Virginia in 1863. The ideal of California will also be divided. It was the desired destination of Horace Greeley's call to, "Go west, young man," as well as the Joad family's lofty vision of Eden in *The Grapes of Wrath*. What would it be if divided into three? Advocates hope the answers lie in fiscal responsibility, accountability, and a more direct form of representation. But surely unforeseen problems will surface, and destructive habits of governance will then destroy three states instead of one. The structural transition alone could cost taxpayers billions of dollars.

In December 1941 an effort was undertaken to combine northern Californian counties with counties from southern Oregon to form a new state, to be called "Jefferson." The *San Francisco Chronicle* reported that copies of a "Declaration of Independence" were distributed, and a governor was even appointed on Dec. 4 for the new state of Jefferson. Three days later, however, the attack on Pearl Harbor changed the focus of California to defense.

Since 1850, there have been over 200 attempts to redraw, reconfigure, or reassess California's role in this union of states. All have failed. ★

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The Red Terror of the 21st Century

After reading the article on Andrew Dodson in your June 4 & 11 issue, I just had to speak out. Having seen antifa in action in Seattle, I am angry and offended by the fact that such neo-Bolshevik filth is allowed to run amok in America of all places.

They are the new Red Terror of the 21st century. No wonder they wear masks and cover their identity. They are nothing but a criminal element intent on suppressing those of us with dissenting opinions from having our free speech and expression. They are un-American, to say the least.

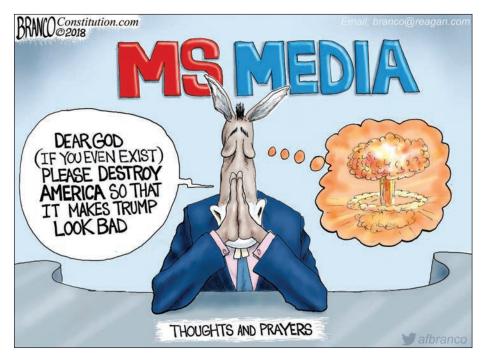
To target a man, hunt him down, harass him, intimidate him, threaten him, and finally destroy his livelihood and murder him is sheer evil. I said murder, because that is what this is when you come right down to it.

Our society cannot afford to lose educated, intelligent, productive young men like Mr. Dodson, who was obviously making something of himself. We could be better off, however, if a few of those worthless criminal trouble-making antifa filth decided to lay down and croak. No loss. It's sure starting to look that way.

DEANO FURMAN Washington

Ramping Up Attacks on Trump

Look for the Democratic National Committee (DNC) to step up its attacks on Donald Trump's presidency. They have to do something to offset Trump's success thus far in diffusing the powder keg of Kim Jong Un of North Korea. There is already talk that Trump would be a good candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize. This possibility has the DNC in a cold sweat. Their chances of forcing impeachment, or at least a Nixon-style resignation, would go flying out the window, and a second term would then become a serious possibility. At any or all costs, they believe, Trump must be stopped. Such is the nature of politics in our country. How sad. JIM ADAMS



No Citizenship, No Privileges

The Democrats and their Republican-inname-only (RINO) allies are making a lot of public ballyhoo about what a wicked and evil country America is, that we should separate foreign immigrant children from their parents.

In many cases, the separation of children from their parents occurs in foreign countries, when parents place their children aboard buses and trains to make a long and dangerous trip by themselves to the United States. What kind of people are those parents, that they do not accompany their own children on such a journey?

In America, children get separated from their American-citizen parents upon the most unfortunate instances when those parents are sent to prison for crimes they commit. Unless children, too, are complicit with the crimes of their parents, we in America do not send them to prison with their parents. Our legal system does not presuppose guilt by association.

We in America have only two choices for keeping children together with their illegal immigrant parents: 1) Throw them into prison together with their parents, or 2) send them together with their illegal parents back to their country of origin. In both cases, by definition, the provisions of the Constitution do not extend to foreign nations and peoples. They have no innate birthright to the blessings of American citizenship; neither does America belong to the rest of the world.

The Democrats and their RINO friends might have credibility in their claims for compassionate concern for children were they to be pro-life, rather than zealous supporters of abortion. Abortion permanently separates parents from their children, with total parental approval.

In order to be a member of any club, institution, professional association, or religious organization, one must meet certain requirements the entity in question has every right to establish. You cannot be "one of us," without meeting our membership requirements. American citizenship is no different.

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Employment Rate a Farce

President Donald Trump's claim to have the lowest unemployment rate since the year 2000 is an exaggeration, but we are heading in the right direction. His claim that the unemployment rate is 3.8% is based on the same definition of unemployment that President Barack Obama used in order to give the impression that the economy was doing well under his term even though it was weak. Trump is using that same definition, and the Federal Reserve cannot object because they said nothing when Obama used it.

At the stated level, wage increases should be much higher. In truth, we are



about 3 million to 4 million jobs short of the level we were at in 2007.

H.H. JAMJIYAN Rhode Island

Texas Governor a Sellout

On June 8, 2017—exactly a year ago on the 50th anniversary of Israel's murderous attack on the USS *Liberty*—WOAI Radio in San Antonio reported on its midnight news that Texas Gov. Greg Abbott had telephoned Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that day to tell him that he (Abott) had signed two bills that would please Netanyahu. The first would prohibit any business or individual supporting boycott or divestment from Israel from doing business with the state of Texas. The second bill would prohibit any business or individual in Texas from engaging in any commerce with Iran.

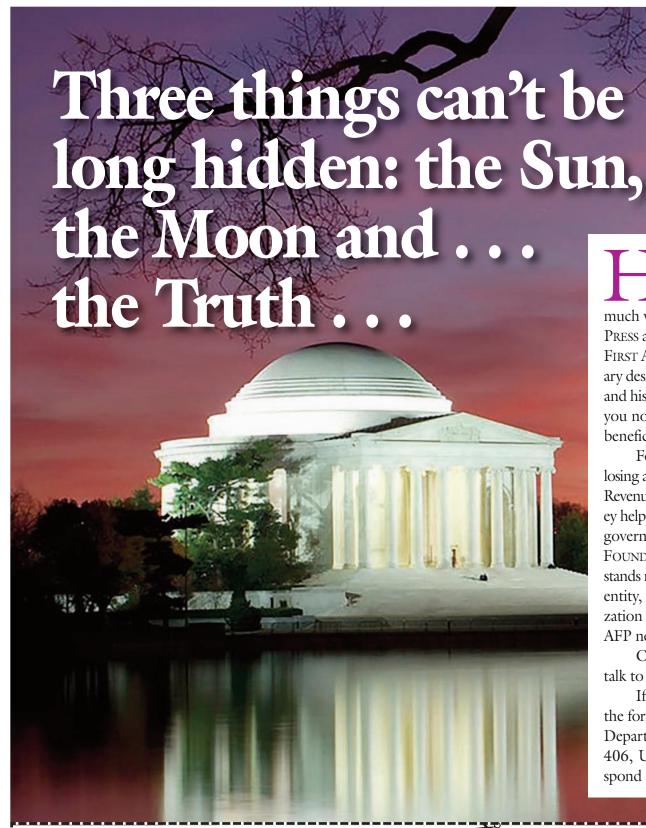
Several months ago, AFP mentioned that several similar laws had been enacted in various states during 2017, and either the Nebraska or Kansas supreme court had recently struck them down as unconstitutional. To my knowledge, no such challenge has occurred yet in Texas.

Abbott's obsession with his "love for Israel," as well as his failure to support "constitutional carry" of firearms without license, will get in the way of me giving him another dime or voting for his reelection. After a constitutional carry bill was filed in the 2016 legislative session by Texas gun rights supporters, the NRA, working to derail that effort, got passed an "open carry" bill allowing anyone with a Texas concealed carry license to carry openly. Constitutional carry licenses, however, have been ignored. Rather than support the Constitution, Abbott got bought off by the NRA—which promotes 50 state licensure.

ROBERT WHEATON Texas

(On May 2, Abbott issued a press release on H.B. 89, noting that the governor signed the bill, "known as the Anti-BDS-Boycott, Divestments, and Sanctions—bill, which prohibits all state agencies from contracting with, and certain public funds from investing in, companies that boycott Israel." Abbott said he intentionally timed his signing of the bill with Israel's Independence Day. According to the release, "The bill, authored by Rep. Phil King (R), prohibits the state of Texas from conducting business with companies involved in the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement against Israel." The American Civil Liberties Union has sued in federal court over these types of bills in states, but, to this day, most anti-BDS laws including Texas's are still in effect.—Ed.)





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