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## BILDERBERG ALERT

### Serbian PM says Turin, Italy slated for 2018 meeting

By Mark Anderson

**M**ore advance notice than ever before has been given this year regarding where and when the infamous, highly secretive Bilderberg group will next meet. The “Bilderbergers,” as they’re often called, will return to Italy for the first time in 14 years, having last met there in 2004 in the city of Stresa.

According to a Jan. 29 news item at the Independent Balkan News Agency (IBNA) website, Serbian Prime Minister Ana Brnabic “received an official invitation to the Bilderberg meeting of this year, which will be held in Turin, Italy, June 7-10.” AFP will continue to monitor this matter, in case Bilderberg changes its meeting plans.

Besides the Stresa meeting, the Bilderberg group has met in Italy two other times, in 1965 and 1987, both in Villa d’Este and both in April.

The 2018 meeting will represent the 66th time the Bilderbergers have gathered. The group first met in 1954 at the Hotel De Bilderberg in the Netherlands—hence its name—with the help of CIA funds that were



**Turin, Italy** has been revealed by the Serbian prime minister as the official site of the 2018 globalist conference that has been held every year since 1954. Former AFP editor Jim Tucker exposed the group and now independent media flock to cover the confab.

floated to nurture the early European Movement. The movement planted the seeds for the European Union superstate, according to Richard Aldrich, professor of international security at the University of Warwick in England.

The Bilderberg group meets annually at the world’s most ritzy hotels and resorts, surrounded by an armada of armed private security and local police, for a closed-door, three-day forum involving about 140 top

corporate titans, technology gurus, select royalty, central bankers, former and current intelligence officials, think-tank fellows, and select reporters and editors who leave their ethics and notebooks at the gate. The sitting head of NATO attends every year. Most attendees come from Europe and North America.

The group is managed by a 31-member steering committee that currently includes nine Americans, including former Alphabet Inc. executive chairman Eric Schmidt, NEOM CEO Klaus Kleinfeld, Palantir Technologies CEO Alex Karp, and Marie-Josée Kravis, a Hudson Institute fellow and president of the American Friends of Bilderberg. That last organization raises funds for the group’s meetings but claims to be a type of charity in its IRS Form 990 tax filings, even though its “charitable” activities are reported

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## A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

## MSM, Activists Resort to Lazy, Fallacious Smear Jobs

**R**acist. Bigot. Anti-Semite. Nazi. These are some of the scurrilous labels that radicals and cowards fling at anyone who doesn't toe the line and strictly adhere to political correctness today. It's part and parcel of a new, lazy form of "discourse" where few are actually willing or able to argue substance and instead opt for the easier path, attacking fellow Americans for the crime of speaking their minds.

We at AFP have faced down these smears for years, and, truth be told, it has impacted us. It's made it harder for us to get interviews, and it's affected our advertisers, who have been assailed in public screeds simply because they chose to place an ad in our newspaper and reach our extensive readership.

The truth is, we don't really care about the names we're called. After all, our business is to provide uncensored, highly provocative, intellectually dangerous news no matter the subject matter. To us, the name-calling simply means we're doing our job of being an unbiased clearinghouse of ideas in an age of censorship.

Unfortunately, the same can't be said for individual Americans, who don't have a national newspaper and popular website with which to defend themselves.

In this week's issue, we have two reports on some good Americans being forced to face down the smear machine. The first article, by roving editor Mark Anderson, focuses on Joe Arpaio, the former sheriff of Maricopa County in Arizona. The other, by John Friend, is an interview with Tom Kawczynski, a city manager in Maine who was fired because of personal

beliefs he voiced on the Internet.

Arpaio is well known to AFP readers. We have interviewed him three times, though sloppy mainstream reports erroneously reported we did so five times. In early February, upon announcing he was running for Senate, Arpaio was attacked by several news outlets, not for what he did as a sheriff or even for his political views. Instead, the former lawman was blasted for giving interviews to—the horror—this small newspaper, located just outside of Washington, D.C.

In the case of Kawczynski, this young man was unceremoniously fired as the town manager of a small town in Maine last month for no other reason than he had expressed some pro-white political views on personal accounts on the Internet.

What ties these two stories together is that, in both cases, the media outlets that excoriated the men didn't bother to give fair treatment to either of them. Instead, they chose to go the character-assassination route, making exaggerated accusations of racism without even so much as an attempt to get to the truth.

This is the United States in 2018, readers.

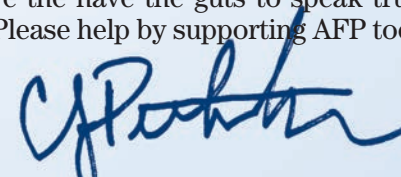
The point we're making here is that, in the United States, it isn't supposed to matter what you believe personally, so long as you don't break any laws. Arpaio is regularly attacked not for failing to do his job but because he bucked the liberal establishment and did his job too well. By all accounts, Kawczynski did his job well and had even received promotions. It wasn't until someone out there brought the man's personal views to the attention of shameless reporters desperately seeking "breaking

news"—whether entirely truthful or not—that he was asked to step down.

As for AFP, the fact is, the real reason for these ridiculous attacks on our small newspaper is that the mainstream hates it when a tiny little paper with limited staff, little advertising, and no budget whips their backsides in the news. They don't like it when we scoop their multimillion-dollar operations, and they really hate it when we report fairly on the news, without bias or prejudice, against the holy, sacred cows of our day.

It's worth noting that we do all of this with little to no budget. We are a real news organization, not one guy sitting in a spare room in his house on a computer commenting on and rehashing news that someone else has written.

That being said, please keep your eyes out for a mailing coming to you in the next few weeks with a small token of our appreciation for sticking with us and realizing that we have to be doing something right to have attracted more attention from the likes of CNN, the Huffington Post, and other major media outlets. Why go after us if, ultimately, their goal is not to drive us out of business? It is the same reason why they want President Donald Trump out of office. We are outsiders who expose their lies and their thieving, warmongering ways. Unlike them, we the have the guts to speak truth to power. Please help by supporting AFP today. ★



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# News You May Have Missed

## Tough on Border

The day after the Super Bowl, President Donald Trump blasted U.S. immigration policy after news broke that a previously deported illegal alien had killed Colts football team linebacker Edwin Jackson in a drunk-driving accident. “So disgraceful that a person illegally in our country killed Colts linebacker Edwin Jackson,” Trump posted online to his Twitter account. “This is just one of many such preventable tragedies. We must get the Dems to get tough on the border, and with illegal immigration fast!”

## Media Bias

The following is the actual headline that was placed over a recent Associated Press article that was critical of President Donald Trump’s calls for bipartisan immigration reform: “Trump continues to cast some immigrants as criminals.”

## More Media Bias

The day after President Donald Trump delivered his widely applauded populist, America-first State of the Union Address on Jan. 30, *The Washington Post’s* fair-but-milquetoast headline on the front page read: “A Call for Bipartisanship.” Liberals and Democrats were not having it, though, and raged that the *Post* was being too nice to the president, who in his speech had called on Democrats and Republicans to work together to pass immigration reform. The ink had not even dried on the *Post’s* first press run that morning before the headline was changed to read, “A ‘New American Moment.’”

## Obama Lies

The Justice Department has released to journalists even more phone texts between FBI agents Peter Strzok and Lisa Page, which show then-President Barack Obama had lied about his involvement with the probe into Hillary Clinton’s mishandling of classified material. According to the texts, Obama wanted “to know everything” about the investigation into Mrs. Clinton’s private email server. At the time, Obama had told reporters, “I do not talk to FBI directors about

pending investigations. . . . I guarantee that there is no political influence in any investigation.”

## Crackdown on Free Speech

The Anti-Defamation League recently boasted: “Facebook, Google, Microsoft, Twitter, and ADL announce lab to engineer new solutions to stop cyberhate.” Of course, “hate” is a code word for any resistance to the New World Order, especially as it relates to any criticism of Israel. ADL says their “Cyberhate Problem Solving Lab” will “counter the growing amount of hate speech [i.e., free speech] online.”



## Safeguarding Free Speech?

A professor at Broward College in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., as part of an “art piece,” tricked unsuspecting students into stepping on an American flag as a doormat. Prof. Lisa Rockford painted a flag with white paint and put it in an area of high foot traffic on the campus so people would step on it unwittingly, with a “candid camera” to record the footwork. Said student Jess Karcher, when he found out: “I find this extremely disrespectful and a kick in the gut as a veteran. I have lost many friends whose caskets were draped with that same flag.” The college defended Rockford on the basis of the First Amendment right to free speech.

## Homeschooling Crackdown

According to “Conservative News,” California has gone crazy in its crackdown on homeschooling. First, state legislators passed an unconstitutional “law” forcing parents to allow the establishment to vaccinate their children, regardless of personal or religious objections (S.B. 277). Now, De-

mocrat-led lawmakers in the state are preparing to treat homeschool parents like child abusers and molesters by requiring moms and pops to prove—through home visits, interviews, and other governmental oversight—that they are not abusive. “This measure would shift the burden [of proof] to the parent to prove to the government’s satisfaction his or her parental fitness,” *The Washington Examiner* reported. And what prompts this attack on our liberties? One isolated case, of David and Louise Turpin, who allegedly chained, malnourished, and abused their 13 children.

## Caught Red Handed

President Donald Trump and several of his presidential campaign staff have been accused by most of the mainstream media and biased U.S. officials of improperly colluding with Russia, despite there being no evidence that it happened. Recently, though, a U.S. official was actually recorded asking a prankster, who was pretending to be a Ukrainian official, for compromising material on Trump—and no one in the media or law enforcement batted an eye. Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Calif.), the ranking member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI), fell for a prank by Russian jokesters who promised in a call with the congressman to provide “kompromat,” or compromising dirt, on Trump. After getting caught red-handed when audio of the deal was leaked on the video-sharing website “YouTube,” a spokesperson for Schiff claims the Democrat legislator thought the call was “bogus” from the beginning.

## Swedes Coddle Rapist

Recently, a horrifying news report appeared in *The Gothenburg Post* in Sweden detailing how the Swedish government gave custody of a set of twins to the man who allegedly raped the mom when she was 13 years of age. The unnamed girl, who is older now and was given the code name “Alicia” in the report to protect her identity, said that in 2007 she had been sent from Sweden to Iraq to marry a man, and twins were conceived. The mother traveled back to

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Sweden, where she gave birth to the twins, then back to Iraq, where she asked for a divorce. “After my divorce, my ex-husband’s family came to me,” Alicia told the media. “They [pulled] the children out of my arms, pushed them into a car, and left. I just cried and screamed.” Swedish authorities did nothing to protect her, and the father was able to take sole custody of the children.

## Gun Owners Prevent Crimes

Recently two robbers changed their minds when they found out Columbus, Ohio gun-shop owner Charles R. Braun was armed. They had entered the shop, and one went so far as to draw a knife, but upon seeing that Braun was packing a gun in a holster, they turned tail and fled.

## Immature & Aggressive

Shortly after President Trump’s State of the Union Address, conservative college-news organization Campus Reform asked students at an NYC college their opinions of certain quotes from the speech. Almost all responded: “warmongering,” “aggressive,” “immature” etc. Turns out, the quotes that so disgusted them were actually taken from State of the Union addresses given by Barack Obama.

## Another Victory for Bundys

Four more defendants in the Bundy trial in Nevada saw their case dismissed: Mel Bundy, Dave Bundy, Joseph O’Shaughnessy and Jason Woods. Mel told Nebraska’s KSDZ-FM that he learned of the dismissal of the charges the previous day and understood Judge Gloria Navarro would soon sign off on it. The dismissal was made “with prejudice,” meaning the government cannot attempt to re-try these men for the same charges.

# Barack's Big-Ticket Boondoggle

• Planned Obama presidential library an extravagant waste of taxpayer dollars

By Philip Giraldi

America's presidential libraries are, generally speaking, monuments to vanity and political mendacity, but the forthcoming Obama Presidential Center outdoes them all. It does not even call itself a library, as it will contain no books or documents to enable researchers to study what happened and why in the White House between 2004 and 2012. All the carefully selected and screened material in the center will be digitized and on computer while the original source material will be retained by the National Archives in Washington. At best, the center will be a curiosity, dear to fans of the former president but attracting few others.

The lack of seriousness of the presidential libraries was evident at the most recent dedication ceremony, that of George W. Bush at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, where Bill Clinton even joked about the library's displays, which included W's collection of signed baseballs, as being the "latest, grandest example of former presidents to rewrite history." Another critic described the library experience as "legacy polishing."

There should be some concern over how "presidential libraries" are often colocated at major universities, because it creates a perhaps unhappy matrix where politics, personal commemoration, and archival information that is presumed to be both reliable and comprehensive have to coexist. There are 13 presidential libraries, many including museums and supporting foundations, all of which are now operated by the National Archive and Records Administration (NARA) at a cost of \$100 million per year, meaning that essentially partisan political entities are being taxpayer



**This incredibly ugly design** was one of the finalists for the Barack Obama Presidential Center planned for Chicago. The planned Obama library has outdone itself for its outlandish cost. Meanwhile, the state of Illinois is bankrupt.

funded. Most of the libraries actually attract few visitors, leading them to include book signings and unrelated exhibits. Even the most popular Reagan library recently featured a display of Walt Disney treasures.

The architect's plan for Obama's bid to greatness will center on an oddly shaped tower rising in a prime location of 20 acres along Chicago's Lake Michigan shorefront. The city of Chicago is providing the land while construction costs for the building will be privately raised. Ground-

breaking is in 2019 and it is expected to open in 2021. Though it is not part of the nearby University of Chicago, it does have "collaborative" status with the "host" institution. The university is under fire because it reportedly paid something like a secret bribe to the center's organizers to obtain approval for the Chicago location. University President Robert Zimmer is already promoting the center as a major international attraction for scholars and the general public alike, adding that it will serve as a "catalyst for economic and cultural opportunities as well as community programming," whatever that is supposed to mean.

The center will include a reading room, museum, exhibit rooms, a test kitchen, a recording studio, a rooftop community garden, a sledding hill, a playground, and office space for the Barack

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Obama Foundation. It doesn't sound much like a real library, but that is because it is in fact more envisioned as something like a community outreach program for the black communities running to the south and west of the site. The chairman of the Obama Foundation describes the development as a "dynamic, vibrant forum for civic participation, education, action, and progress." It is already being dubbed in the Chicago media as "Obamaland."

Obama, like his predecessors George W. Bush and Bill Clinton, is not very easy to define, meaning that an assessment of his time in office will inevitably take on the coloration of whoever is structuring the narrative and to what end—which means that it will likely leave out more than it includes, and therein lies the dilemma.

Obama's Nobel Peace Prize will no doubt be prominently on display, but there will be no critical documents to explain the arguments made for assassination by drone. Position papers and meeting notes would be invaluable in trying to assess what occurred 10 years ago, but those documents will not be in the library archive, as they potentially disrupt the narrative and are considered both too recent and too sensitive for public consumption.

Obama should perhaps get top marks for his opening to Cuba and his willingness to negotiate with Iran, but there ought to be plenty of room for a serious discussion over the questionable mandate referred to as Obamacare as well as regarding the two wars in Libya and Syria motivated by "regime change," initiated by the White House against nations with which the U.S. was not at war.

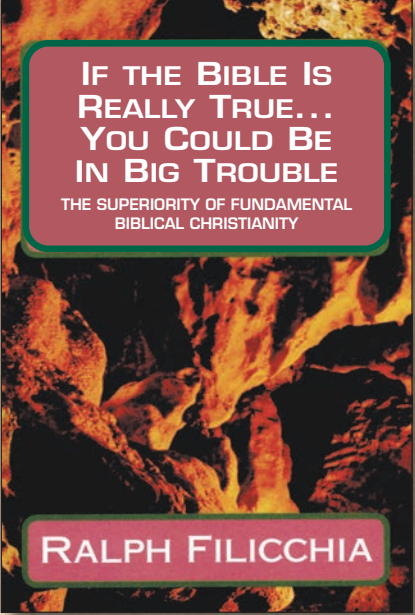
And then there are the innocent victims of the U.S. foreign policy that has been a hallmark of

both the Bush and Obama years, an estimated 3-4 million Muslims who have perished in the so-called "War on Terror," to include the more than 3,000 civilians who were killed under Obama by drones. And there needs to be some explanation for the treatment of whistleblowers who have attempted to expose criminal and unconstitutional activity only to be silenced through imprisonment, as well as for the "renditioned" and tortured foreigners seeking redress in U.S. courts who were blocked through repeated invocation of the state secrets privilege.

And there is much more downside than that. The land the library will be built on will be taken from Jackson Park, one of Chicago's finest and a National Historic Register site, which is regarded in itself as a "dangerous precedent." It is being slammed in the Chicago media as an "ugly waste of taxpayer resources" due to the \$100 million plus of "renovations" and "improvements" to surrounding roads and the lakefront, which will have to be paid for by the city, which has no money to spare, and the state of Illinois, which is broke. The center's much-criticized "soft-boiled egg" central tower will overwhelm surrounding buildings. Two hundred professors from the University of Chicago have signed a letter denouncing the design, the location, and the cost to the taxpayer.

All recent presidential libraries are flamboyant wastes of taxpayer money. The Obama Center is even worse, an ego trip that will diminish the part of Chicago where it will be placed. It is time to reconsider both it and its location before ground is broken next year. ★

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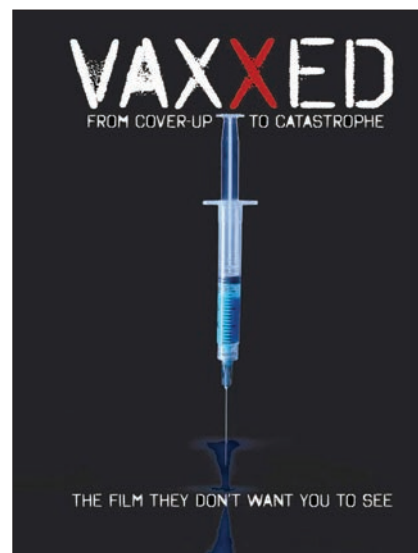
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In 2013, biologist Dr. Brian Hooker received a call from a senior scientist at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) who led the agency's 2004 study on the Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) vaccine and its link to autism.

The scientist, Dr. William Thompson, confessed that the CDC had omitted crucial data in their final report that revealed a causal relationship between the MMR vaccine and autism. Over several months, Dr. Hooker records the phone calls made to him by Dr.

Thompson who provides the confidential data destroyed by his colleagues at the CDC.

Dr. Hooker enlisted the help of Dr. Andrew Wakefield, the British gastroenterologist falsely accused of starting the anti-vax movement when he first reported in 1998 that the MMR vaccine may cause autism. In his ongoing effort to advocate for children's health, Wakefield directs this documentary examining the evidence behind an appalling cover-up committed by the government agency charged with protecting the health of all Ameri-



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# Arpaio, Barletta Unfairly Ripped

• Good men smeared for interviews with allegedly “anti-Semitic” newspaper

By Mark Anderson

Soon after AMERICAN FREE PRESS published a story about this newspaper’s interview with former Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio, who had just recently announced his Senate bid, the mainstream media targeted the veteran lawmaker, taking some nasty shots at AFP and this reporter as well.

Several articles containing exaggerated, erroneous, and potentially libelous statements appeared on various mainstream websites in the U.S. and abroad, all scolding Arpaio for giving the “anti-Semitic” AMERICAN FREE PRESS the time of day to talk about his run for the seat of retiring Sen. Jeff Flake (R).

In one article, published on Jan. 31 under the headline “Joe Arpaio has given at least 5 interviews to an anti-Semitic publication,” *The Arizona Republic* opined, “Joe Arpaio has given several interviews to a publication that traffics in anti-Semitic conspiracy theories and on Wednesday [Jan. 31] declined an opportunity to distance himself from the extremist material.”

The story continues: “This week, a new story about Arpaio’s Senate run . . . appeared on the [AFP] website, apparently based on a Jan. 21 interview. It was written by Mark Anderson, described as the ‘roving editor’ of ‘AMERICAN FREE PRESS.’ Arpaio said he has yet to read the latest story, but bets ‘it was a good interview.’ He acknowledged talking to the publication in the past. ‘He’s written some good stories, especially on my situation,’ Arpaio said of Anderson. ‘I think he wrote one a little while back that was



Former Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio has been unfairly slammed for talking to a reporter from AFP. Multiple mainstream media outlets have condemned him for doing what few other politicians have the guts to do: talk to ALL news outlets that approach him. AFP rejects the “hate labels” applied by the SPLC and ADL, and so should everyone.

Recently, former CIA analyst Phil Giraldi was smeared with the label. Following the attack, AFP’s Dave Gahary reached out to Giraldi, who agreed to contribute to this national newspaper.

The media glazed over the specific content of Arpaio’s recent AFP interview, which had nothing to do with the Mideast, Israel, or Jewish issues.

In chastising Arpaio for not distancing himself from AFP, another article attacking him Arpaio cited “an [AFP] interview with an author who had written an article entitled *Jewish Fingerprints All Over 9/11*.” This commentary neglected to mention that the topics of the Sept. 11 attacks and Israel never came up in Arpaio’s interview.

Following the rash of articles attacking the former Arizona sheriff, Arpaio issued a statement on the Internet: “It was brought to my attention I gave an interview to a publication that supports anti-Semitism; I was unaware and don’t support that viewpoint.”

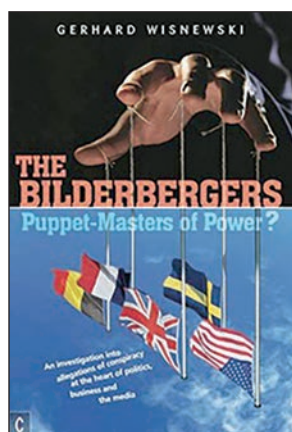
It is worth noting that the “anti-Semitism” attributed to AFP by the media is a reference to some AFP writers and independent authors that have explored whether Israel may have had a hand in the 9/11 attacks, as well as AFP interviews with authors that have written about the

very honest. I can’t say that for other publications. . . . I talk to all media, so what am I supposed to do? Investigate every media outlet to see what stories they write?”

The “anti-Semitism” charge is often leveled at any person or organization that challenges the political status quo or steps outside the ever-tightening confines of “acceptable” discussion.

## The Bilderbergers: Puppet-Masters of Power?

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Holocaust of World War II and been attacked.

AFP has always looked at these highly contentious subjects through the lens of free speech, taking the position that those who probe details surrounding World War II, for example, should not be persecuted or imprisoned for their theories or works. In other words, all historical works should rise or fall on their merits, not be suppressed, censored, or banned. More importantly, historians, writers, and advocates should never be imprisoned for talking about or writing on these matters, either.

This AFP writer's news beat is limited to current events, U.S. legislative matters, influential think tanks, globalist confabs, and major court cases, with occasional Israeli issues limited to contemporary domestic and foreign affairs. The mainstream media, however, wrongly implies that all AFP reporters and contributors, past and present, have reached the same conclusions and write about the same things.

Stranger still, in another article published online, CNN libelously states, "Recently, in 2015, [Anderson] called into question Jewish author and political activist Elie Wiesel's survival of the Holocaust by putting the term 'Holocaust survivor' in quotes while linking to a book arguing that the Holocaust was a hoax."

That is flatly false. This writer has never written about Wiesel. In fact, the URL linked in the statement is to a brief legislative report by this writer about elements in Congress and the Israeli government evidently sabotaging the Iran nuclear deal—not in any way related to Wiesel or Holocaust issues.



**Former Hazelton, Pa. Mayor Lou Barletta, now a U.S. congressman, gave AFP an interview over a decade ago—as he did with many news outlets. But his critics dredged this up as if it is some kind of a heinous crime.**

#### MAYOR TARGETED

Former Hazelton, Pa. Mayor Lou Barletta—now a U.S. congressman also running for the Senate—was also targeted recently for an imagined "association" with AFP.

When CNN dredged the Internet and scrounged up a short AFP dispatch about Barletta, written 12 years ago, what it found was based on a brief telephone conversation with him about his policies on immigration and local government.

In October 2006, while Barletta was deluged with media phone calls about proposed employment and housing rules designed to prevent illegal immigrants from gaining a foothold in Hazleton, AFP asked for an interview, and Barletta—as any honest politician should—spoke with us.

"He did interviews, not background checks. It would have been impossible to screen every group or reporter who asked him questions,"

Barletta's spokesman told CNN for its Jan. 25 story. Oddly, CNN attributed that article to yours truly, even though the AFP article linked to in the story contained no byline.

Despite this, CNN still attempted to smear Barletta by publishing a hit piece on this newspaper and its long history of candid and cutting-edge reporting. The implication again was that since AFP has been accused of being anti-Semitic because reporters and editors report critically on Israel and some Jewish organizations Barletta must be a "terrible hater" as well.

In a rather amusing twist, CNN describes this writer as "a prominent Bilderberg conspiracy theorist who believes a secretive group of the world's most powerful leaders constitute a *de facto* one-world government that orchestrates world events."

Whatever one thinks of Bilderberg, what does the secretive organization—or anti-Semitism, for that matter—have to do with the candidacies of Barletta and Arpaio? Nothing.

The articles attempting to smear the reputations of these two men have appeared in both the U.S. and Israeli press. Many cite the Anti-Defamation League and/or the Southern Poverty Law Center to "authoritatively" cast AFP as a "hate" publication that peddles in politically incorrect topics. Doing so ignores growing evidence that the ADL and SPLC are citadels of libel and other foul play that threaten free speech for everyone. ★

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# Uniting on U.S. Prison Reform

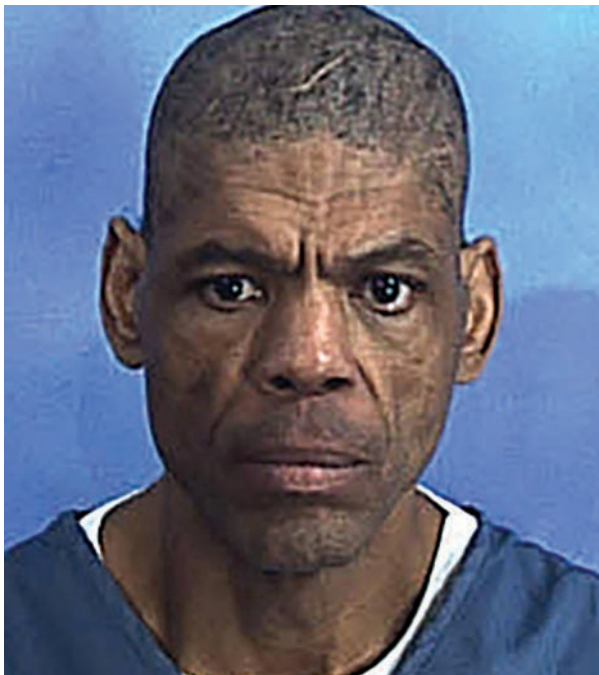
• Communist China imprisons half of what the United States currently jails

By S.T. Patrick

In a country that boasts both the largest per capita and total prison populations in the supposedly civilized world, Americans have taken up the cause of prison reform in numbers greater than ever before. Commensurate with the framing of most political issues, reformers are both radical and moderate—yet their political skins have encompassed both liberals and conservatives. One of the more creative movements to arise from this current wave of prison reform activism is the Prison Abolition Movement.

According to Bureau of Justice statistics, there are over 2 million people incarcerated in America today and over 4.5 million on probation or parole. Compare that with the next two countries. The largest country in the world is China, with 1.4 billion people. Its prison population is half that of America, yet China is seen as a harshly prosecutorial country where imprisonment can occur for the slightest wrong. Russia is third-highest with over 800,000 imprisoned. There is sizeable drop to fourth-place Brazil, with over 300,000 incarcerated. To put the per-capita evaluation into perspective, America incarcerates 737 of every 100,000 people. China incarcerates 118 of every 100,000.

Organizations such as Critical Resistance and the California Coalition for Women Prisoners push to dismantle what they call the “Prison-Industrial Complex,” or PIC. The majority of the Prison Abolition Movement seeks not to open bars and allow inmates to filter onto every street, nor does it intend to put the public at harm. What



**Darren Rainey** (left) died at the Dade Correctional Institution in Miami-Dade County, Fla., in 2012. Another prisoner accused prison authorities of fatally torturing Rainey, who was mentally ill, by scalding him in a shower. The water was so hot—180 degrees—his flesh was burned to the bone. Prison authorities deemed it an “unexplained death.”

ment on talk-show guests, and yes, even fire employees on national television. Real life, however, is not simple, and its effects do not end as credits roll an hour later.

Reformers are not abolitionists. Reformers attempt to find answers regarding methods to make imprisonment more effective. Abolitionists believe that caging a human being is a moral wrong that hurts society more than it increases safety.

No amount of imprisonment has solved the initial problems, including inadequate access to education and opportunities, the increase of single-parent homes, addiction, societal insecurity or lack of treatment for mental illness. However, a blind trust in imprisonment has increased the problems of politicized punishment, an epidemic of poor legal representation by public defenders, broken families, children without parents, bloated state budgets, class inequities in punishment, and the covering up of officer-on-inmate violence.

Darren Rainey was a mentally ill inmate under the care, custody, and control of the notorious Florida Department of Corrections until on-duty officers burned Rainey to death on June 23, 2012. Rainey was thrown into a scalding shower by the officers as punishment. The water temperature—controlled by the officers—topped 180 degrees and melted Rainey’s skin from his bones as he

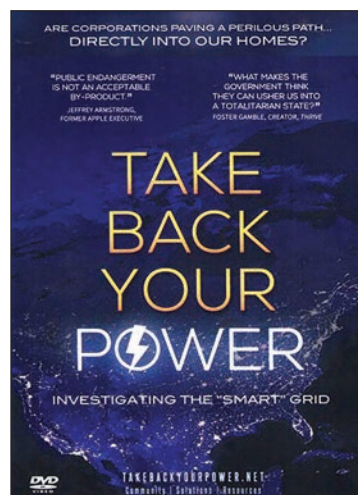
it acknowledges is that, even after decades of massive prison-system expansions, we are not safer as a country. If the overall goal is not being met, then the structure of the system needs to change. When that is acknowledged, the abolitionists believe, it is time to eliminate prisons in favor of more humane and effective systems of correction and rehabilitation.

Americans are used to the ineffective means of imprisonment—cages and control. It is still a nation of quick-judgment artists. TV judge programs, after all, are some of the most lucrative franchises in syndicated television today. Americans are attracted to shows where the passing of judgment is swift. We are stimulated by the opportunity to quickly vote someone off an island, pass judg-

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Earlier this year, New York residents brought attention to the rising incarceration rates for opioid addicts. We now know that the drug manufacturers knew full well that their opioid-based pain relievers were going to create millions of American addicts. If, however, the CEOs of these drug companies were incarcerated for their criminal acts, those products would be off the market in a heartbeat. Unfortunately, tens of thousands of addicted Americans are in jail right now for committing criminal acts to acquire more legal opiates.

begged them to stop. Though it was clear the guards committed the horrible act, Miami-Dade State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle's office announced that the four officers overseeing the gruesome murder would not be charged with a crime.

It is a natural defense to fortify societal norms with the "Then what do we do?!" argument. It is also natural to use the worst criminals and the worst crimes to make the argument for imprisonment. But if you disregard the worst 5% for the moment, the remaining 95% deserve a better path to change. Rehabilitation is touted but rarely accomplished.

The prison abolitionists believe that true rehabilitation cannot occur locked behind bars, as a tyrannical security corps treats the inmate as less

than human. They believe true rehab should be enacted with one's family or a team of supporters in an environment that is familiar, such as an offender's community. The method commonly used and advocated for in America today clearly isn't working when measured against any of the myriad goals expressed by the citizenry or by government officials.

If America is going to change its definition of reform, rehabilitation, and treatment, it will take a sea change—as it did with the marijuana decriminalization movement. When it does happen and those who have failed are seen as projects rather than objects, society will be better for it. ★

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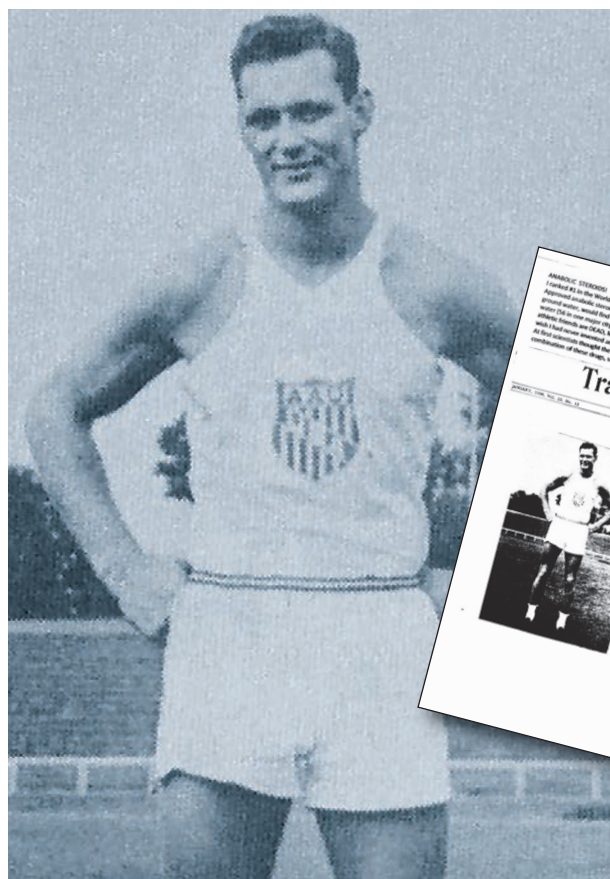
# I am in My 89th Year

because I discovered how to take advantage of vaccine shots and radium treatments I received as a child . . . avoiding the downside!

By John Ellis

**T**his tale of woe had a great ending in spite of the Navy submariners and Air Force members including myself (at 14) who had radium tipped rods inserted into their nasal cavities to treat hearing problems, ear infections, sinus trouble and shrink adenoids. However, decades later serious health problems developed including thyroid cancer and head and neck tumors!

As a result, I went to the Choate School Wallingford, Conn. 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 (JohnEllis.com videos)! A child in Chemistry class also proved that! Thousands were treated near the submarine base in



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New London, Conn. I tried to help these people 40 years ago with my health course and free water machine with this new-found energy (13 International Patents, 332 FDA Tests) but after Vietnam, they didn't want to help veterans and it continues today as Joseph Lieberman (I-CT) also discovered as late as 1994 ... even after ONE MILLION CIVILIAN RADIUM TREATMENTS, there was little interest in helping even Agent Orange victims!

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

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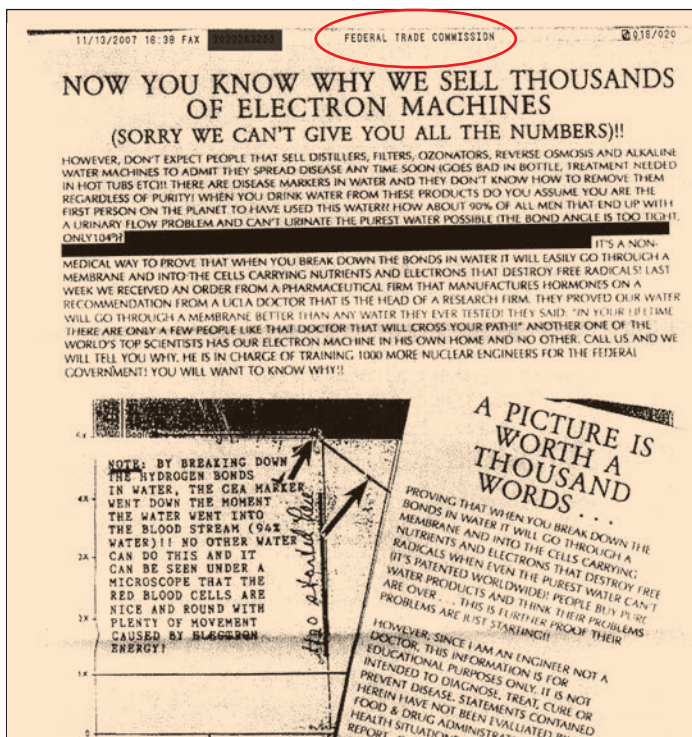
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This reminds me of American Red Cross Founder CLARA BARTON: “We nursed you back to health and now we need your help!” but her counterparts made sure help never came!! LIKE THE ABOVE: Google “Nursing Sisters Port Dover” about my grandmother's heroic sisters in WWI. One sister received only a certificate from King George V (in spite of her “valor in the face of the enemy” she was ineligible to receive the Victoria Cross simply because she was a woman!).

As a result, my grandmother moved to Rochester, New York and befriended SUSAN B. ANTHONY and her cousin CLARA BARTON before moving to New Rochelle, New York. Her friend CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT moved around the corner. (Catt's Congressional speech resulted in the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that gave women the right to vote in 1920.) The book has hundreds of letters and pictures including one of the ambulances my grandmother donated before we entered WWII.

As a youngster, I remember all the sewing ma-





Left, this fax was sent from the Federal Trade Commission back to John Ellis in 2007, showing that they were aware of his scientific claims yet could not refute them!

build them in China (not here) and only President Trump could reverse that. He may remember the Bond Bread plant in Queens (one of my grandfather's 50 plants and Norman Vincent Peale "The Power of Positive Thinking" who also came to our family gatherings). Maybe he can bring this project to the United States!!

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To stem the naysayers: My college engineering professor Dr John Weishampel, gave me the only grade of 100% in 30 years of teaching.

### I'M NOT NEW TO CONTROVERSY

I am not new to controversy: In 1957 I had the best discus throw in the World (*T&F News*, Vol. 10, No. 12) but gave it up because I knew Anabolic Steroids would cause users heart damage! All the top athletes were told they were safe by doctors. However, their inventor, John Ziegler M.D., said before he died at 63: "I wish I had listened to [John Ellis]. I damaged my heart!"

There is a long list of Olympic friends who are dead because they were "FDA Approved" (now banned). I was right then about anabolic steroids and I am right now about viruses and disease!

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chines running non-stop and Carrie and their friends at my grandmother's house sewing thousands of pre-die cut clothes together to keep children warm during the brutally cold English winters.

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During Vietnam (unlike "water experts" that went to Canada so they could snipe at people like myself and our vets), I owned Precision Switch in Port Chester, New York, when my resident military inspector commented about a sub contract at New London, Conn. I said; "They will sink to the bottom during sea trials!" I was right and we both knew the supplier. Later, after finding a blueprint error, I faced a military tribunal for breach of contract because I wouldn't put lives at risk until the fatal flaws were corrected!

In similar fashion, 40 years ago they said I was using "scare tactics" with my local drinking water warnings. Now, tests show residents have FIRE RETARDANT chemicals in their blood! Rather than spending \$30 million in dredging costs, MUNICIPAL LETTERS in the Video section at JohnEllis.com show NO DREDGING IS NEEDED because even the cooling water from my water machine keeps solids in suspension so they can be pumped out just like your bloodstream! I was right again or is this called "draining the swamp"? You would think so even with 13 International Patents, 332 FDA Tests, an Engineering Degree that includes Steam Plant Design with top secret Security Clearance at Douglas Aerospace and Honeywell! Like communist China, the medical establishment bans advertising and books they don't like!

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# GOP Pushes Biometric ID Bill

• Republicans to sacrifice border security in exchange for expanded police state?

By Chuck Baldwin

The two major parties in Washington, D.C., have been playing “good cop, bad cop” with the American people for decades, and the charade is still working. After all is said and done, both parties are destroying constitutional government and liberty in America. They merely approach their duplicity from different directions.

Democrats are the out-front bad guys on domestic and social issues such as abortion, gay rights, and gun control. Unfortunately, these are about the only issues conservative Christians pay much attention to, so, to them, Democrats are big, bad sinners and Republicans are spotless saints. But what Christians and most conservatives never seem to notice is that when it comes to the advancement of the warfare state and the promotion of the police state, Republicans are far and away the baddest of the bad.

For those who are interested in preserving whatever is left of America’s individual liberty, they need to be aware that the Republicans in D.C. are in the process of pushing a bill through Congress that President Donald Trump would sign in a heartbeat. This new legislation creates a biometric national ID card for every American.

Couched in anti-immigration language, Republican House members have proposed H.R. 4760. The main sponsor of the bill, which was introduced on Jan. 10, is Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.-6), and it already has 82 cosponsors.



H.R. 4760 forces a new biometric national ID on every American citizen. One would not be able to get a job, get a loan, open a bank account, or board a plane without this national ID. And, as is always the case, there is a total blackout in reporting on this bill by the mainstream media, including Fox News.

At *The New American*, Alex Newman writes in “GOP Leaders Plot Amnesty in Exchange for National ID”:

Republican leaders in Congress are once again plotting with Democrats to stab the American people and the U.S. Constitution in the back, on

multiple key issues. Under the guise of getting “something” in exchange for providing amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants (and future Democrat voters) in Obama’s illegal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, the establishment wing of the GOP is pushing a radical long-time goal of the bipartisan deep state: mandatory national biometric ID cards for all Americans. Privacy and liberty are under serious threat, critics warned.

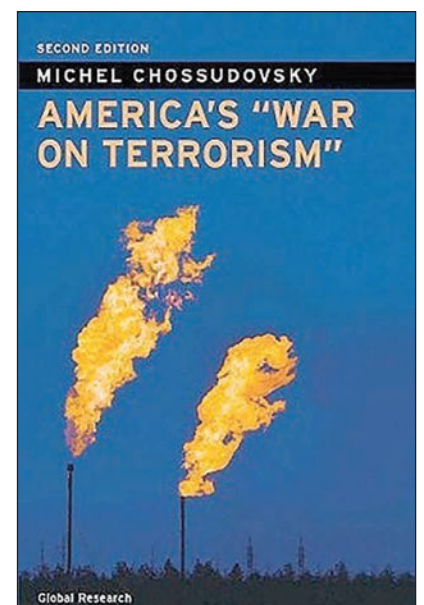
The Orwellian national ID scheme, known as “E-Verify,” is ostensibly aimed at making it harder for illegal immigrants to find work in the United States. Basically, as part of the program, which would become mandatory under the bill, every employer would be forced to buy a scanner and use it to check the legal work status of potential employees. On top of that, every worker would be forced to have a biometric ID issued by the federal government in order to be able to legally work. Without this national ID, employers would not legally be able to hire somebody.

But in reality, illegal immigrants are typically paid under the table anyway—many of them simply work as day laborers and get paid in cash at the end of the day. In light of that fact, the unconstitutional plot to mandate a national ID will do little to prevent unscrupulous employers from continuing to hire illegal immigrants, off the books. What the scheme will do, though, is force all law-abiding Americans to carry an unconstitutional national ID with all their information on it, including sensitive biometric data, just to be allowed to work. It will also give the feds a key new tool to monitor and control people.

There is a reason the leadership of both parties have supported the effort for many years. In-

## America’s “War on Terrorism”

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deed, even Obama, who did his best to help the United Nations flood America with Third World immigration under various guises, firmly supported the national ID plan, calling for a package containing it to be sent to him so he could sign it as quickly as possible. But now, instead of a big government liberal program to track Americans, the plot is being marketed as an ostensibly “conservative” measure to supposedly boost “border security” and limit illegal immigration.

A previous version of the scheme was actually sponsored by ultra-leftist open-borders advocate Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.). But with the GOP in firm control now, the controversial national ID provision most recently surfaced in the Republican-backed “Securing America’s Future” Act (H.R. 4760).

Former Texas Rep. Ron Paul is also sounding the alarm about this Orwellian bill. Writing to his supporters at Campaign for Liberty, Paul warns:

This bill would give DACA recipients a three-year renewable legal status while forcing a biometric national ID card on virtually everyone else.

That’s right—the statisticians want to control you. Just think about it. . . . Gun ownership. Employment history. Family and friends. Purchasing habits. Health records. Travel. Religious beliefs. Past political contributions. . . . Just imagine all these records and more on every American citizen stored in a massive national database right at a federal government bureaucrat’s fingertips.

But that’s not all. Under the statisticians’ national ID scheme, you’d be forced to carry around your national ID card, tied to this massive database, chockfull of biometric identifiers like fingerprints and retina scans.

Without this ID, you won’t be able to legally hold a job—or likely even open a bank account, or board a plane.

You see, this national ID scheme is a key component of H.R. 4760. If passed, this dangerous scheme would require all Americans to carry an ID card that would:

Allow federal bureaucrats to include biometric identification information on the card, potentially even including fingerprints, retinal scans, or scans of veins on the back of hands, which could easily be used as a tracking device;

Be required for all U.S. workers regardless of

place of birth, making it illegal for anyone to hold a job in the United States who doesn’t obtain an ID card;

Require all employers to purchase an “ID scanner” to verify the ID cards with the federal government. Every time any citizen applies for a job, the government would know—and you can bet it’s only a matter of time until “ID scans” will be required to make even routine purchases, as well.

Of course, you and I have seen this before. . . . For years now, statisticians in both parties have been fighting to ram their radical national ID-database scheme into law.

In fact, this scheme was a key portion of the infamous failed “Comprehensive Immigration Reform” bills both parties tried to ram through during the Obama administration.

Now, using the momentum behind Trump’s tough talk on immigration and border security, I’m afraid the statisticians believe the best way to finally enact their national ID scheme is by promoting their bill on Capitol Hill as a “DACA fix” while they sell it to the GOP base as a border “security” measure.

Of course, that’s nothing more than a buzzword meant to trick Americans from all over the country into thinking that Congress is going to seal our southern border.

But in reality, it means something far different. [What] the “security” members of both parties in the U.S. House want doesn’t target any U.S. border. Instead, it’s meant to create an all-out police state within them.

So what Trump and his fellow Republicans in Congress want to do is provide amnesty for illegals (1.8 million vs. the 800,000 proposed under Barack Obama—meaning another Trump campaign promise goes down the toilet), while strapping the American citizenry with a biometric national ID card, so we can be tracked by Big Brother. ★

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# Miracle of Science

Woman gives birth to healthy baby conceived from embryo preserved 26 years ago by Christian pro-life organization.

By Dave Gahary

**A** donated embryo conceived and frozen in October 1992 was recently transferred into the uterus of 26-year-old Tina Gibson, who became pregnant in March 2017 and gave birth to a 6 lb. 8 oz. girl on Nov. 25, resulting in the “all-time record for the longest-frozen embryo to result in a birth.” Incredibly, Mrs. Gibson was just a year old when the embryo that would become Emma Wren was frozen.

“If this embryo would have been born when it was supposed to have been we could have been best friends,” Mrs. Gibson told ABC affiliate WATE-TV in Knoxville, Tenn., where the National Embryo Donation Center (NEDC), which provided Mrs. Gibson with the embryo, is based. NEDC is a Christian, pro-life organization that stores donated frozen embryos free of charge, then matches families to the “right” embryos, if that’s at all possible. They have so far received over \$3.9 million in federal funding, and their “embryo adoption program has led to around 700 pregnancies,” the most of “any other organization in the world,” according to the UK’s *Daily Mail*.

Mrs. Gibson was unable to conceive naturally with her husband, Benjamin, who has cystic fibrosis, a fatal respiratory disease condemning him to a short life and an almost 100% guarantee

of infertility. They didn’t want to waste any time before having a family, even though the baby would not share any of Ben’s genes.

In December 2016, Mrs. Gibson began hormone injections to prepare for the transfer, and two months later, she and Ben began the process of selecting their embryo by reviewing a book “listing details of the parents at the time of conception—their weight, height, age, skin color.” After picking 10, they had to whittle it down to three, making sure all were frozen around the same time and were at similar stages of development. NEDC helped the future parents adjust their selection, resulting in Emma being placed first.

A miracle? Maybe. But what does this portend for the future? We’ve all seen those science fiction films where humans are cryopreserved for hundreds of years, only to wake up well into the future. Sure, Emma Wren was “just” an embryo 25 years ago—referred to as a “snowbaby”—but is this where we want to be going as a God-fearing human race? Could embryos from certain cultures or groups be preserved as a future army to be unleashed on humanity hundreds of years from now for nefarious reasons? Why not? Our own government has proven they have the capability to do terrible things.

Currently there are between 700,000 to more than 1 million human embryos stored across the U.S., waiting for their chance at adoption. These “extra” embryos are frozen and stored for later use from couples who go through in vitro fertilization (IVF), the process by which an egg and sperm are combined outside of the body, in a test tube, hence the term “test-tube baby.” When these IVF couples decide they have enough children, they have several options for their leftover embryos: keep them frozen, let



**Frozen embryos** are stored in liquid nitrogen. When doctors perform in vitro fertilization, extra embryos are made and typically frozen for future use. Couples who don’t want any more children are given a choice: have embryos destroyed, donate them to science or give them to an infertile couple.

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them thaw and die, donate them to research, or donate them to someone who can’t conceive.

Dr. Tara Narula, a CBS News medical contributor, explained that Emma Wren was slowly frozen earlier in her development, whereas nowadays embryos are “flash-frozen at slightly older stages and better protectants are used—resulting in improved chances of successful implantation.”

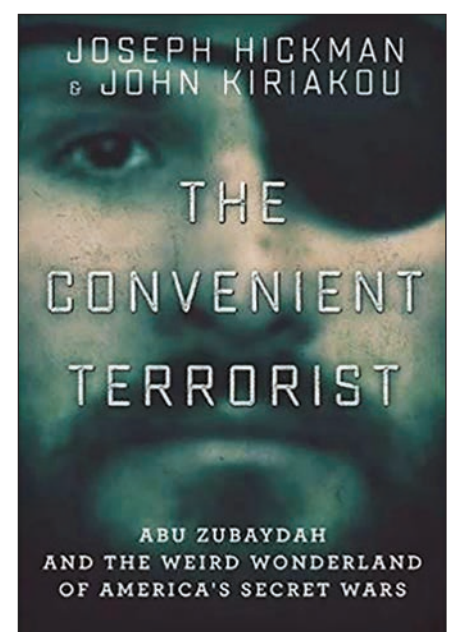
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# Mother Nature ‘Extincting’ All Males?

By John Tiffany

It has been suggested that men are headed for extinction as a sex. And, of course, the vanishing of men, or at any rate white men, would be pleasant in the eyes of liberals, communists, feminists, and others.

What makes a male human a male is the individual’s DNA—specifically your chromosomes. In essence, a male has one X chromosome in the cell nucleus and one Y chromosome. These are the sex chromosomes. There are also 22 pairs of other chromosomes, called autosomal chromosomes. Female humans are just the same except they have a pair of X chromosomes and no Y. The X chromosome is a fairly typical chromosome, with about 14,000 genes, but the Y chromosome, which evolved or degenerated from a very X-like chromosome, has only a measly 24 genes. One of these Y genes codes for the male body parts such as testes.

As part of the reproductive process, at a certain point in time, all the autosomal pairs join

with their partners in a phenomenon called recombination, and can swap corresponding genes, especially if a gene happens to be damaged, and the damaged gene is replaced with a correct one.

Very early in our evolution as mammals, somehow things changed so the X and proto-Y chromosomes could no longer combine and undergo this repair process. As a result, bad mutations began to accumulate in the Y.

Theoretically, this genetic mixing became suppressed between the X and Y chromosomes because they separately contain genes that affect maleness and femaleness, and combining these genes in a single chromosome could cause infertility problems.

The cell alleviated this problem by snipping away the bad genes, with the result that we now have only 24 genes in the Y instead of 14,000.

Says Spencer Barrett, professor of ecology and evolutionary biology at the University of Toronto, “In humans, the Y chromosome has undergone extensive gene loss . . . and now retains only about 3% of its ancestral genes.”

This has happened over the last 300 million

years or so. And in a few species of mole voles and spiny rats, the Y has completely disappeared. These mammals have a set of paired autosomal chromosomes, and the males have an X with no Y. No one knows how it is that male mole voles still exist. The same thing could happen to humans, scientists speculate, but not for another 5 million years or so.

In the meantime, men should optimize their health and keep their testosterone levels high by following a salubrious lifestyle. Avoid having too much iron in the blood, a condition known as hemochromatosis, which can cause testicular failure or pituitary damage, and taking drugs (especially opioids and steroids). Get enough exercise, and a good night’s sleep. Don’t smoke, eat more fruits and veggies, and practice fasting as needed. Avoid emotional or physical stress. And lose that excess weight; men who maintain optimal weight have a lower risk of developing diabetes, according to the *European Journal of Endocrinology*. Saffron is a useful spice for men, and flax seeds seem to prevent prostate cancer.

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# Finicums, Bundys File Lawsuits

• Lawsuit filed by widow of Arizona rancher assassinated by Oregon State Police, FBI

By Mark Anderson

Recently freed rancher Cliven Bundy is suing Clark County, Nev. over the Obama administration's late-2016 designation of public cattle-grazing land as the Gold Butte National Monument. Bundy, whose family's roots in the region go back about 140 years, calls the designation "illegal and unlawful," since it could destroy his livelihood by stopping him from functioning as a beef producer.

His complaint states: "The current leaders and government officials of the state of Nevada and its subdivision, Clark County, refuse to defend its or the people's rights to all lands within Nevada's and Clark County's borders."

In the suit, it's estimated that Bundy has 1,000 head of cattle grazing on 160 acres of private land—along with "300,000 acres of unclaimed land belonging to the people of Nevada and Clark County."

The establishment of Gold Butte came down when Bundy, his sons, and several others were still in federal custody in Nevada, stemming from the now-legendary spring 2014 standoff between Bundy and his supporters, and armed Bureau of Land Management and FBI agents accompanied by private contractors. The federal agents tried to enforce a warrant to impound the rancher's cattle, ostensibly for unpaid grazing fees on public land.

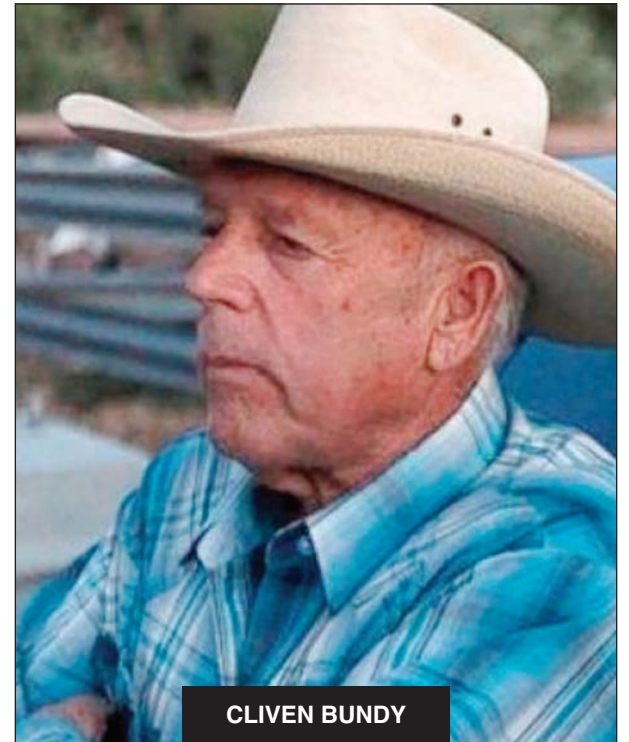
In the U.S. District Court for the District of Ne-

Cliven Bundy is suing Clark County, Nev. for its failure to protect the rights of the citizens of Nevada to all lands within the state's borders.

vada in Las Vegas on Jan. 8, Bundy, his sons Ryan and Ammon, and Ryan Payne were freed from prison when the federal government's case against them was dismissed, ending a nearly two-year period of imprisonment and a tortuous series of trials and hearings.

Judge Gloria Navarro's decision to dismiss the case is seen by many as a major triumph of citizen activism regarding property rights and constitutional principles.

One thing to closely watch at this juncture is whether President Donald Trump carries out any changes to the Gold Butte designation. As the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* reported, "Bureau of Land Management officials in Las Vegas postponed discussion of the monument at its meetings this month [January] until the Trump administration decides on possible changes to the Obama-era land designation."



CLIVEN BUNDY

The lawsuit is rooted in what AFP and other alternative media have long reported but mainstream media sources have downplayed or ignored: Bundy insists that Clark County, which is affected by the Gold Butte designation, is not under federal jurisdiction. While the federal government claims ownership of more than 80% of Nevada land, it's only now that the mainstream *Review-Journal* is giving Clark County's status significant publicity.

Bundy's complaint, filed the afternoon of Jan. 25, argues: "Recognizing that the land is not owned by the United States of America, [Bundy] has avoided erroneously giving money [for grazing fees] to an entity which does not actually own the land and has been careful not to give money erroneously to a stranger to the land. Thus, there is an actual, significant legal controversy of great consequence. . . ."

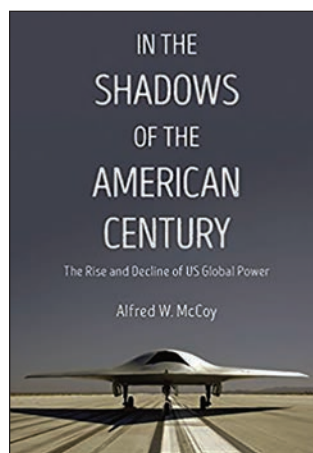
Bundy has called upon Clark County Sheriff Joe Lombardo to assist him in this matter. Just days after Navarro dismissed the charges against Bundy and the other three defendants noted above, Bundy stood outside Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department headquarters to argue that, within Clark County, the sheriff is more powerful than the president, a viewpoint based on the "Constitutional Sheriff" principle popularized by former Arizona sheriff and author Richard Mack.

## WIDOW SUING GOVERNMENT

Jeanette Finicum, widow of LaVoy Finicum—a much-loved Arizona rancher and foster father fatally shot by police at a roadblock about two years ago—has filed a civil demand for a jury trial in U.S.

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District Court for the District of Oregon. The suit was filed Jan. 26, on the two-year anniversary of the tragic event in which Finicum was gunned down, one day before his 55th birthday, while appearing to surrender along a remote stretch of highway in Oregon.

Mrs. Finicum is a plaintiff along with 12 others, as well as the estate of Robert “LaVoy” Finicum, according to court documents. The documents list the defendants as not only the United States of America but also the state of Oregon, Harney County, Harry Mason Reid (former Nevada U.S. senator), Ronald Lee Wyden (current Oregon U.S. senator), the Center for Biodiversity, and several others.

The complaint says, in part:

On Jan. 26, 2016, at approximately 4:40 p.m., decedent Robert LaVoy Finicum was fatally shot three times in the back, assassination style, by one or more militarized officers of the Oregon State Police and/or FBI. LaVoy had plainly and repeatedly explained he was going to go across the county border to meet with Grant County Oregon Sherriff Glen Palmer and invited several of the . . . defendants to come with him. The problem was, Sherriff Palmer had already been identified by several of the . . . defendants as an unfriendly political personality, and as being potentially uncooperative with what has now been discovered to be the illegal, diabolical, and shocking internal government scheme and conspiracy to do intentional violence to LaVoy Finicum and other political supporters of Cliven Bundy and those who were visible public critics of the [Bureau of Land Management] and federal government overreach.

Interestingly, the complaint compares the case of Finicum to recent reports of a North Korean dissident fleeing that communist regime, as both Finicum and the dissident had tried to cross a border.

Unlike the North Korean [dissident] who fled for the border to safety in 2017, after LaVoy Finicum was shot in the back—he died. As it turns out, he was deliberately executed [in deep snow] by a pre-planned government ambush, after he had exited his vehicle with his hands up along an isolated section of U.S. Route 395 in Harney County, Oregon, where the only other people within miles were those who had set up the ambush. . . .

Notably, the government’s own aerial video footage appears to support the plaintiffs. The mainstream-news based Wikipedia online claims, on the contrary, “After fleeing the officers, Finicum was stopped by a roadblock, where he challenged officers to shoot him. He was shot and killed by state troopers while moving his hands toward his pocket, where officers later claim to have found a loaded weapon.”

Ryan Bundy and Ryan Payne were among several people who rode with Finicum that day. For those two men and Ammon Bundy, the Clark County, Nev. standoff back in April 2014 had already concluded with Bureau of Land Management and FBI agents backing down. But once the ensuing federal court trial from the Oregon affair concluded, these men were among those arrested when federal prosecutors decided it was payback time for the government having to abort its at-



**Jeanette Finicum**, the widow of LaVoy Finicum, the land rights protester executed in cold blood by Oregon State Police and the FBI during an ambush on his way to meet with officials about ending a standoff at the Malheur Wildlife Refuge, will take the family’s fight for justice to court. Her chances of winning such a suit jumped after the recent court ruling dismissing all charges against the Bundy family and their supporters.

tempt in Nevada to confiscate Cliven’s cattle.

At the time of Finicum’s shooting, the lingering protest-occupation of the Federal Malheur Wildlife Refuge facility was winding down, thankfully without an attempted assault by law enforcement on the protesters.

Finicum was known for addressing reporters outside the facility, where the occupiers, many of them ranchers, had taken a firm stance to protest

father and son ranchers Dwight and Steve Hammond being sent back to federal prison. Much to the dismay of the protesters and likeminded people across the nation, the Hammonds were convicted of arson for setting “backfires,” a logical action to protect their property from fires on adjacent federal property. ★

Mark Anderson is AFP’s roving editor.

## Turin Will Host Meeting of Global Elites

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as addressing issues surrounding the transatlantic alliance.

IBNA specified that Ms. Brnabic’s presentation to the New Leaders for Europe meeting at the recently held World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland—an annual, comparatively open con-fab of high flyers from government, business, entertainment, technology, and academia—was reportedly impressive enough “to grant her access to one of the most prestigious annual meetings worldwide, the Bilderberg group.”

The invitation came from Bilderberg Steering Committee Chairman Henri de Castries, former chairman and CEO of multinational insurance company AXA Group. In the fall of 2015, this AFP writer, for an exclusive report, caught up with de Castries when he gave a speech at the Brookings Institution, a key Bilderberg network partner.

There, de Castries outlined a plan for Europe first conceived decades ago that carries well into the future, the scheme to create a “United States of Europe,” in the which the EU’s formerly inde-

pendent nations would further surrender their sovereignty, evidently to the point of no return, for the sake of making the EU a seamless building block of world government.

An official government of Serbia press release dated Jan. 28 announced the prime minister was invited to Bilderberg following her Davos appearance. It noted, “As the only prime minister from the region, Brnabic also participated in the preparation of the ‘Renew Europe’ report of the World Economic Forum, in which she prepared a section on migration and border issues.”

Last year, AFP covered Bilderberg’s return to Chantilly, Va., attended by five current U.S. officials, including two senators and three Trump administration officials. Official topics included: “The Trump Administration: A Progress Report,” “Trans-Atlantic Relations: Options and Scenarios,” “The Trans-Atlantic Defence Alliance: Bullets, Bytes and Bucks,” and “The Direction of the EU,” along with: “Why is Populism Growing?” “Russia in the International Order,” and “The War on Information.” ★

# Why King Distrusted Jesse Jackson

• Famed civil rights leader leery of race-baiting, conflict-driven self-promoter

By S.T. Patrick

This April marks the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorials will be held, scholarships will be dedicated, legislative resolutions will be passed, books will be published, and documentaries will be released. The tragic events of April 1968 included both the killing of King and the false blame attributed to James Earl Ray. Many may have forgotten that King's death also marked the dubious rise of "Reverend" Jesse Jackson.

King had accepted an invitation to speak at the church of Rev. Clay Evans on the south side of Chicago in 1966, where Jackson, having met King in Selma, Ala. in 1965 and always one to seize an opportunity, pushed himself closer to King throughout the visit. He picked King up at the airport and hobnobbed with his team enough to earn a staff job and an annual salary of \$3,000 from the King organization.

Despite his official inclusion on King's staff, King soon found himself unimpressed with aspects of Jackson's personality. He was especially troubled with Jackson's reflexive ability to escalate encounters with government officials, police departments, and innocent bystanders.

As Kenneth R. Timmerman, the author of *Shakedown: Exposing the Real Jesse Jackson*, wrote, "King left Chicago profoundly suspicious of Jackson's taste for self-promotion."

No matter how hard Jackson may have



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worked to get to the front of the line of luminaries within the late 1960s civil rights movement, he lacked one thing that King's closest confidants possessed: Jackson wasn't a man of the cloth.

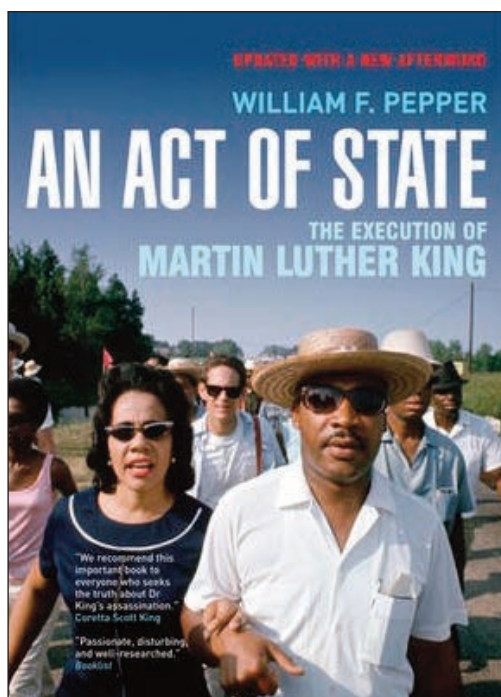
"Dr. King told Jesse that everybody who worked in the movement was a minister," said Hurley Green, a former speechwriter, columnist, and friend of Jackson, "so Jesse went to seminary for six months, dropped out, and called himself a minister."

Jackson's limited time spent at the Chicago Theological Seminary (CTS) was verified by Chaplain A. Knighton Stanley, who stated that Jackson was not committed to the church nor had he discovered a true vocation. Jackson had even failed to fulfill the required class on sermon writing and delivery that one would think would be important for someone truly interested in the

ministry and communicating with his flock.

Jackson later clarified why he attended CTS for the time that he did. "I decided to go to seminary to learn how to do without the law to change society, to change it in deeper ways," he said.

The distrust and exasperation King had with Jackson continued through 1968. In Memphis, one week before the assassination, King made a decision to cancel participation in a demonstration that he believed could turn violent. Jackson, in front of King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) staff, boisterously disagreed with King's cancellation of the march. Angry at Jackson's response, King walked out of the meeting. The team neared the breaking point with Jackson as they, as Timmerman wrote, "mistrusted his ambition, his audacity, and his re-



## AN ACT OF STATE THE EXECUTION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING

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

fusal to be a team player.” They could have never imagined the depths to which Jackson would sink a week later.

As King lay dying on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel, Jackson claims—and has claimed since 1968—that he was the last to speak to King and cradled King’s head as he died. Jackson then appeared on Chicago television the next day, wearing a bloody turtleneck that he said was stained with the blood of the fallen civil rights leader. King associates have always challenged Jackson’s self-described role on that day as fabricated and distasteful. Jackson, in reality, was in the parking lot below. Critics also claim that Jackson went so far as to wipe King’s blood on his shirt for the sole purpose of going on television to build his own legend.

After King’s death, the leadership of the SCLC fell into the hands of MLK’s chosen successor, Ralph Abernathy. Jackson almost immediately clashed with Abernathy, about whom Jackson famously exclaimed to biographer Eddie Stone, “I never listen to that ni\*\*er!”

Abernathy isn’t the only civil rights leader to incur the wrath of Jackson’s ambition. There have also been conflicts with Minister Louis Farrakhan, Rev. Al Sharpton, and former Atlanta mayor Andrew Young. If anyone challenged Jackson’s stranglehold on the role of civil rights media darling and ace pundit, Jackson viewed them as a threat.

Jackson did eventually become a minister, of sorts. CTS offered him a master’s degree in divinity in 2000. The only requirement for such was that he engage in a two-hour discussion with a professor on the topics of abortion and the death penalty. Sitting on the board of CTS in 2000 was Jesse Jackson Jr., the young Democratic member of Congress.



Jesse Jackson is shown reading a newspaper the morning after the assassination of Rev. Martin Luther King. According to one author, Jackson dropped out of divinity school after six months.

Jackson had used the title of “Reverend” since his early days as a community organizer, even without an education in theology. He rose to stardom on the basis of a history with Dr. King that was contentious and in many cases untrue. He stayed in power by extorting companies out of donations with race-based threats. And he has built an enemies list—white, black, and international—as long as anyone in contemporary American history. He keeps hope alive that his legacy will someday find itself parallel to King’s, yet like his coalition, his greatest dreams may only be found somewhere over the rainbow. ★

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# David Koresh: Fact vs. Myth

## • Why was the U.S. government so bent on taking down Waco religious leader?

On the eve of the 25th anniversary of the massacre at the Branch Davidian Church near Waco, Texas, AFP continues its series of articles looking back on that terrible time when U.S. military and law enforcement waged war against a peaceful group of American citizens. This is part two of that four-part series.

By S.T. Patrick

The central figure in the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (BATF) and FBI attack on the Branch Davidian home and church outside of Waco, Texas, was David Koresh. Many have called him a “cult leader,” yet to other researchers, he is a victim of religious and anti-constitutional persecution.

In 1959, Koresh was born Vernon Howell to a 14-year-old mother who would later turn to prostitution. His step-father, a violent alcoholic, was a carpenter-turned-bartender. His biological father had left the family upon meeting another teenage girl. Born dyslexic, Koresh lamented that he spent years being referred to by schoolmates as “Mr. Retardo.” It has been alleged by some researchers that Koresh was gang-raped by a group of older boys when he was eight years old. The peer abuse was so intense that he dropped out of high school to become a non-union carpenter.

Koresh picked up religion through his grandparents, both Seventh-Day Adventists. While working out of Dallas, he met a girl who became pregnant. Bothered by this as fornication and against biblical principles, he felt it was his duty to marry her. She declined, had an abortion, became pregnant again, and then had the child. Conflicted by his own personal decisions, the results of which left him alone, he drifted to Mount Carmel.

In the mid-1980s, while on a Davidian excursion to Israel, Koresh claimed he was taken up into a sort of spaceship called a merkaba. While inside, the knowledge of the Bible was implanted into his mind. Those around Koresh later said they noticed an instantaneous yet incredible change during this period. He had quickly gained the ability to quote long passages of the Bible without the use of an aid or text. After what other Davidians saw as a spiritual miracle, Koresh’s legitimacy and authority within the group grew. Koresh eventually won leadership over the Branch Davidians and Mount Carmel in 1987 when the mentally unstable George Roden killed another Davidian in a gunfight.

Much ado has been made about Koresh’s affir-



There is so much government propaganda surrounding David Koresh and the Branch Davidians, it’s hard to distinguish between truth and myth. However, there is some reason that the feds were so bent on destroying the entire complex. Victor Thorn surmised that the government had the Davidians assembling weapons for secret U.S. ops.

age for marriage in many countries is determined by religious practices, whereas in America it can range from the age of 13 (New Hampshire, with court approval) to 21 (Mississippi). Koresh believed his relationships were marriages based upon religious practices.

“What I found most interesting about Mount Carmel was not the fireworks but what it reveals about American society,” Reavis said. “We say we have freedom of religion, but prohibit sex with

women under the age of 16 or 18, depending on what state you are in. You can believe what you want, but anything you practice is regulated if the government wants to regulate it. The same thing is true about guns. We claim you have the right to bear firearms, but everyone knows that is regulated. So what happened exposes our mythology . . . freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of gun ownership . . . it exposes our mythology and teaches us a lot about where we are still living today.”

It is not uncommon for members of majority religious denominations to label minority religious sects as “brainwashed cults.” The difference between a so-called cult and a majority religion often boils down to the number of members. Mainstream historians will deride the idea of Koresh as anything other than a cult leader. But at some point, Americans will have to define and deal with the true meaning of freedom.

Minority religions, minority leaders, and minority thought always test the certitude of the majority’s beliefs.

For Koresh and the other 80-plus Davidians who died in the fires of Mount Carmel, the Constitution didn’t work. For the many who supported the raid and still believe in its validity today, the Constitution worked just as they wanted. ★

Reavis, without making a moral or legal argument favoring either side of the debate, points out the constitutional controversy that exists when genuine religious convictions conflict with both American law and societal norms. The legal

ity for underage girls. The attention paid to the issue has been so deafening that it has overtaken many of the other pertinent religious, constitutional, and legal debates surrounding the Waco story.

Mark Breau, a former Davidian, left the group and reported Koresh to law enforcement for child molestation. The district attorney’s office investigated the complaint, and although they suspected it was true, the parents of the girls refused to either confirm or complain. It was also Breau who told authorities that Koresh had firearm pieces that would convert an AR-15 to an automatic firing weapon.

Dick J. Reavis, the author of *The Ashes of Waco: An Investigation*, has framed the debate over Koresh’s marriages to underage girls as a religious matter rather than a legal or societal one.

“In the Book of Revelation, which is behind a lot of Koresh’s theology, there are 24 judges who stand in judgment over people,” Reavis explains. “During the End Times, the judges are all born to virgins. Koresh said that he had to father those 24 judges. So the parents who followed [Koresh] thought it was a great honor for their daughters to be picked,” legally underage or not.

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# Losing in Afghanistan

• Pentagon trying to hide truth from American public

By Richard Walker

It is one thing for President Donald Trump to hide our military plans in Afghanistan from the Taliban and ISIS, but it is another for the Pentagon to institute a policy to conceal the truth from the U.S. public about the ongoing Afghan war and the resurgence of the Taliban.

On Jan. 29, the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) revealed that the Pentagon had ordered the Defense Department to restrict the flow of information about the Afghan conflict—in particular, information that might reveal how well or how poorly Afghan forces were coping with a resurgent Taliban and with ISIS. While the NATO coalition in Afghanistan issued a statement just hours later blaming “human error” for the release, it is a worrying development and a form of censorship that may soon be applied by the Trump administration to other U.S. military ops around the world.

Still, the facts about Afghanistan will not be easily hidden. As this war enters its 17th year, what we know already suggests that it is a war we cannot win against an enemy that is gaining ground. In February 2017, NATO Commander Gen. John Nicholson told Congress that the war was in a stalemate, but that assessment may no longer apply and may well have been an understatement.

While there is a great deal of hype about the threat ISIS poses in Afghanistan, it is in some respects a smokescreen for those determined to finish off the Taliban. The very mention of ISIS gaining a major foothold in Afghanistan sends some in Congress into a frenzy, but the truth is that ISIS is a minor stakeholder in the conflict, with a presence in few areas. In contrast, the Tal-

iban is on the move and has seized back many regions once controlled by British and U.S. forces, a fact the Pentagon would prefer we didn't know. The Taliban has resumed fighting the kind of war it knows best, mostly small-scale and classic guerrilla attacks. It is the strategy it deployed to defeat the Soviets and make victory for the Western Coalition always elusive.

The Taliban knows there are now fewer foreign forces opposing them, and if they avoid mass-scale attacks where they would be vulnerable to American air power they can win a war of attrition against the Afghan army, local militias, and Western forces. In April 2017, 10 Taliban fighters dressed in Afghan army gear and traveling in camouflaged trucks slaughtered 170 Afghan soldiers in the Mar-i-Sharif military base. The soldiers were returning from prayers and were unarmed. Investigators later concluded that the attackers had help on the inside and had been able to access the base with proper passes and identity badges.

Extensive BBC research conducted at the close of 2017 and published Jan. 31 exposed what the Pentagon would prefer we did not know, namely that the Taliban is firmly established in all but 122 Afghan districts, which represent just 30% of the country. In other words, they are widespread. The report concluded that, “The Taliban are now in full control of 14 districts (that's 4% of the country) and have an active and open physical presence in a further 263 (66%), significantly higher than previous estimates.”

While the U.S.-NATO mission officially ended two years ago, it did not really end because U.S. Special Operations forces continued to target members of the Taliban's Haqanni network and ISIS fighters who had arrived from the Middle East. It is unclear how many U.S. military members are now on the ground, though some figures



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suggest 14,000. That figure could be doubled considering the now-widespread use of mercenaries—contractor personnel—in all zones of U.S. military operations.

In a sign the war is ramping up, Congress appropriated tens of billions of dollars in December 2017 to support the Afghan military. Money alone cannot reverse the gains of the Taliban, though, and history shows that neither can a revamped Western military presence.

The Afghan conflict is not happening in isolation. Pakistan, which Trump has punished by ending military aid, has no incentive to curb the Taliban. Russia has quietly established a rapport with Taliban leaders who have courted Moscow by promising to rid Afghanistan of ISIS once foreign forces leave the country. Iran, a Russian ally and normally an enemy of the Sunni Taliban, has also had talks with Taliban leaders since both see ISIS as an existential threat. China likewise has made overtures to the Taliban by way of Beijing's new ally, Pakistan. Both Russia and China prefer to see the Taliban rule Afghanistan, convinced if ISIS were to establish a foothold in the country it would spread Islamic militancy throughout the Caucasus.

Washington is now fighting a war it cannot win but hopes to hide from the American public. It may end up fighting it alone since Europeans, especially the British who lost a lot of troops in Afghanistan, no longer have an appetite for that conflict. ★

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# Trump, EU Oppose Russia Sanctions

• European leaders urged president to ignore warmongers infecting U.S. politics

By Richard Walker

On the sidelines of the recent Davos World Economic Forum, President Donald Trump heard privately from some EU leaders that Russia sanctions approved by Congress in 2017 were ill advised and would hurt Europe economically if imposed.

Some EU figures from Eastern Europe begged the president to use his authority to freeze the sanctions, which he has now done. The sanctions had been passed by Congress to punish Russia for supposedly meddling in the 2016 election despite a warning from Secretary of State Rex Tillerson that Russia relations were at their lowest since the Cold War. Tillerson had been told by Moscow that sanctions imposed by Obama in 2014 following Russia's takeover of Crimea had hurt the whole of Europe economically. It had been estimated in some quarters that the EU and Russia suffered in excess of 100 billion euros in lost trade from 2014 to 2017. New sanctions, Moscow warned, would ignite a response that would curb Russian energy supplies to EU nations.

The drumbeat in Trump's ear at Davos was familiar. He had heard as much in 2017 when European leaders had openly warned against imposing new sanctions. European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker made it clear publicly that Europe would not stand by and take the collateral damage to its energy sector that relies heavily on Russian gas. Opposition in Europe was also led by those who felt the Crimea crisis of 2014 that saw the first batch of sanctions by President Barack Obama was settled and should be left in the rearview mirror because Russia would never budge on the issue. It was best to allow for political arrangements to be put in place to solve the crisis between Ukraine and Russia.

When Trump made it clear recently that he would not activate sanctions there was a clamor in some quarters in Washington that he was ignoring a decision made by a majority in Congress.



Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin understand that, should the U.S. and Russia work together instead of squabbling, many of the problems in the Mideast and elsewhere could be easily solved.

On Jan. 29, 2017, in what may have been an attempt to appease critics, he ordered the Treasury to publish a list of 219 super-rich Russians, with 96 of them defined as oligarchs. On the list were many close friends of Vladimir Putin, including former Prime Minister Dimitri Medvedev, Oleg Deripaska, and Roman Abramovich, who owns Chelsea Football Club in London. The aim of the list was to suggest these people could be future targets for personal sanctions.

But the list was not without controversy. Many observers pointed out that the list of "oligarchs," a word loosely used by the media to demonize ultrarich Russians, was culled from *Forbes's* 2017 "World's Billionaires" list. A Russia expert, Swedish economist Anders Aslund, who was consulted by the Treasury when the list was being prepared, announced that the published list was indeed a *Forbes* list of the richest Russians. Then, he dropped another bombshell, claiming the first draft of the Treasury list that he had worked on

contained the real names of a "hidden network of cronies" in Putin's inner circle. But when it was submitted to the White House it was scrapped and replaced with the names from the *Forbes* list. Whether or not one believes Aslund's version of events, "EUobserver.com" says the publication of the list has resulted in a drumbeat in some sections of opinion in Europe for new Russia sanctions.

Lost in all the talk of sanctions is the reality that better relations with Russia must be a strategic objective for Washington. It needs Russian support in handling North Korea, Syria, and many other issues. Unlike Washington, Moscow has shown no desire to have a massive military footprint across the globe, especially in the Middle East. Instead, it has cautiously established economic ties with a range of countries including Turkey, Egypt, Iraq, and Iran. It sees the Middle East as its backyard and, with good reason geographically, it understandably regards Iran as an ally. While it maintains close relations with Israel and the Saudis, it is cautious in its dealings with both of them.

Some in Washington see Russia as a potential antagonist in the Middle East, yet there is no evidence to support that view. On the contrary, Moscow can help Washington solve some of the seemingly intractable issues in the region, as it has demonstrated in Syria. And, unlike during the Cold War, Moscow no longer sees power projection in terms of establishing military bases across the world.

This reality will nevertheless not change minds on Capitol Hill. Before the Senate agreed to new sanctions last summer, a Russia expert from the Washington Institute for Near East Policy—a creation of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee—advised that the U.S. should take a more proactive role in countering Russian influence in the Middle East. That is the philosophy of the pro-sanctions lobby, but it is finding fewer adherents in Europe, especially among EU members in Eastern Europe. ★

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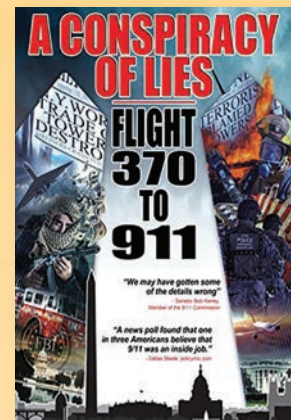
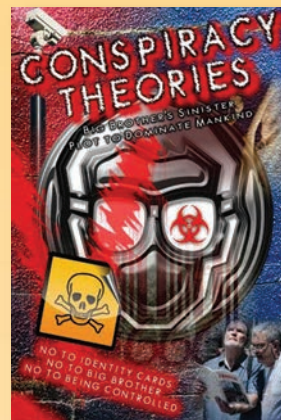
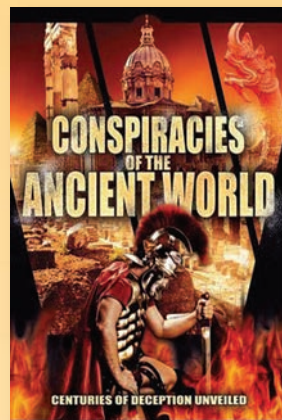
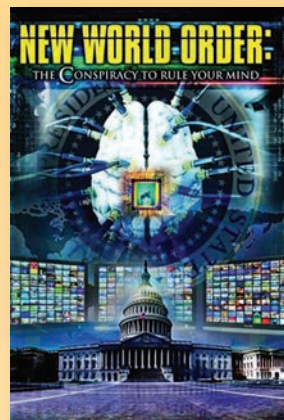
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# The Last Fed Chairman?

By Rep. Ron Paul

Recently the Senate confirmed Jerome Powell as Federal Reserve chairman by a vote of 84-13. This is in contrast to the contentious debates and closer votes over Janet Yellen's confirmation in 2014 and Ben Bernanke's confirmation for a second term in 2010. Powell benefited from a perception that the economy's recovery from the 2007-2008 meltdown proves that the Fed is a capable manager of monetary policy. However, the perceptions of economic recovery and Federal Reserve competence are both far from the truth.

The economy may seem to have recovered, but the recovery is not built on a firm foundation. Instead it rests on Fed-created bubbles in areas such as automobile sales, credit cards debt, student loan debt, stocks, and even a new housing bubble.

The most dangerous bubble is the government debt bubble. The Fed facilitates deficit spending by monetizing the federal debt. The desire to enable Congress's spending addiction is a major reason why the Fed cannot significantly raise interest rates, as increasing rates could increase federal debt payments to unsustainable levels. This may be one reason why President Donald Trump has reversed course and endorsed low interest rates. Of course, all first-term presidents want low interest rates since they believe the low rates boost the economy and thus help them win reelection.

One of the issues Powell will face is increasing challenges to the dollar's world reserve currency status. China is pressuring Saudi Arabia to price oil in Chinese yuans instead of in American dollars. China and other countries may take other steps, such as halting purchases of Treasury bonds, that could weaken the dollar. The threats to the dollar's world reserve currency status will increase as concerns about U.S. government and private sector

debt, as well as resentment over U.S. militarism and protectionism, grow.

The dollar still maintains its reserve currency status not because the dollar is strong, but because other countries' currencies are weak. However, unless the U.S. gets its economic house in order, that may not long be the case.

A new challenge to the dollar's status is emerging from the private sector as more individuals seek alternatives to government-created fiat currency. The dramatic increase in the value of bitcoins may very well have been another Fed-created bubble, but it is one fueled in part by desire to be free of the Fed's ever-depreciating paper dollars.

Another sign of the people's rejection of the Fed is the passage of state laws recognizing gold and silver as legal tender. Arizona passed such a law last year and Wyoming will soon consider a similar bill.

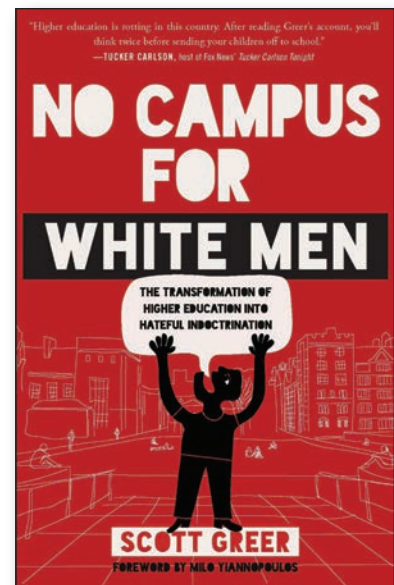
As the failure of our current system becomes more apparent, more states will give their citizens freedom from the Fed's money monopoly.

Much to new Fed Chairman Powell's chagrin, support for the Audit the Fed bill remains high. As knowledge of how the Fed endangers prosperity grows, the pressure on Congress to pass Audit the Fed will prove irresistible.

Powell may seem to be assuming the Fed chairmanship at a time of increasing prosperity and renewed respect for the Fed. However, the prosperity is an illusion built on a series of Fed-created bubbles whose bursting will cause a major economic downturn. This will increase both the growing challenges to the dollar's world reserve currency status and the number of people seeking alternatives to Federal Reserve-created fiat currency.

Powell could be the last Fed chairman if the next Fed-created economic crisis leads the people to force Congress to audit and then end the Fed. ★

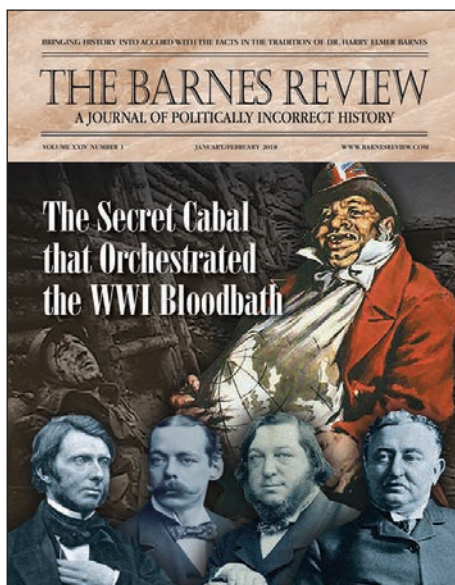
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## No Campus for White Men:

### The Transformation of Higher Education into Hateful Indoctrination

*No Campus for White Men* shines a bright light on the growing obsession with diversity, victimization and identity politics on today's college campuses, and shows how it is creating an intensely hostile and fearful atmosphere that can only lead to ever greater polarization in American society. Across the country, ugly campus protests over speakers with dissenting viewpoints, as well as a preoccupation with microaggressions, "trigger warnings," "safe spaces," and brand-new "gender identities," make it obvious that something has gone terribly wrong with higher education. For years, colleges have pursued policies favoring students based not on their merit, but on their race, gender, and sexual orientation. The disturbingly negative effects of this culture are now impossible to deny. Scott Greer's investigative work links such seemingly unrelated trends as "rape culture" hysteria and Black Lives Matter to an overall campus mindset intent on elevating and celebrating leftist-designated "protected classes" above everyone else while intimidating, censoring, and punishing those who disagree with this perversely un-American agenda. Greer broadens the usual media focus well beyond coverage of demonstrations by easily offended college students, to spotlight the darker forces at work behind the scenes that are feeding higher education's metastasizing crisis and how all this results in sustained animosity, first and foremost, toward white men. Greer also documents how this starkly totalitarian culture is not isolated to higher education, but is rather a result of trends already operating in society. Thus, he shows, today's campus madness may eventually dominate much more of America if it is not addressed and reversed. Softcover, 240 pages, \$20 plus \$4 S&H in the U.S. Order from AFP, 16000 Trade Zone Avenue, Unit 406, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774. Call 1-888-699-6397 to order toll free, Mon.-Thu. 9-5 ET. Call 202-544-5977 for cryptocurrency options.



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# Maine Town Manager Fired

• Young man loses job for posting personal beliefs on the Internet

By John Friend

The town manager of Jackman, Maine, a small, rural community of roughly 762 souls that sits just south of the Canadian border, was recently forced out of his job due to controversy generated by a negative national media campaign targeting the public official for his politically incorrect social media posts and political activism.

Tom Kawczynski moved with his wife to Maine just over a year ago after successfully competing with over a dozen other applicants for the town manager position, which he assumed in June 2017. Kawczynski maintains a personal social media account on Gab.ai, a free speech supporting alternative to Twitter. He also runs a website called “New Albion,” which is dedicated to “defending the people and culture of New England.”

On both social media and his personal website, Kawczynski has expressed politically incorrect points of view on race, immigration, history, and politics. His posts caught the attention of a number of malicious and spiteful journalists in New England and around the country who launched a media campaign designed to demonize Kawczynski. Numerous hysterical articles highlighting his controversial posts and personal political views were published in mid-January. On Jan. 23, Kawczynski was “terminated without cause” from his position, following a meeting with town officials in which he accepted a \$30,000 settlement that requires him to refrain from filing a First Amendment lawsuit against the town.

According to local reports, Kawczynski’s personal political views never came up while interviewing for the position or while he was employed as the town manager, a position that essentially functions as the chief operating officer of the town government.

“I do not run [Jackman] in a way where we in any way discriminate against anyone who is there,” Kawczynski stated just days before being terminated. “We follow all the guidelines, and we respect everyone that comes through.”

In an interview with this reporter, Kawczynski elaborated on his experience in Jackman as well as on his personal political views, which many Americans would find entirely rational and legitimate despite the media hysteria.

“I very much enjoyed working as town manager in Jackman,” Kawczynski explained to this reporter. “I treated everyone with dignity and respect and worked to ensure a better living for all my residents. I regularly worked with people of all ethnic and ideological backgrounds on a professional basis to achieve shared goals. Like

most professionals, I did not insert politics where inappropriate.”

In fact, Kawczynski said he had a stellar record while serving in Jackman and was regularly praised by both local officials and residents of the town. He took pride in his position and fought for the interests of his community. However, the national media campaign launched against him was simply too much for the town and local business leaders to tolerate, and as a result he was quickly forced out of his position. The campaign essentially turned Kawczynski into a toxic liability for them, even though his political views are “rooted firmly in Western tradition,” as Kawczynski noted.

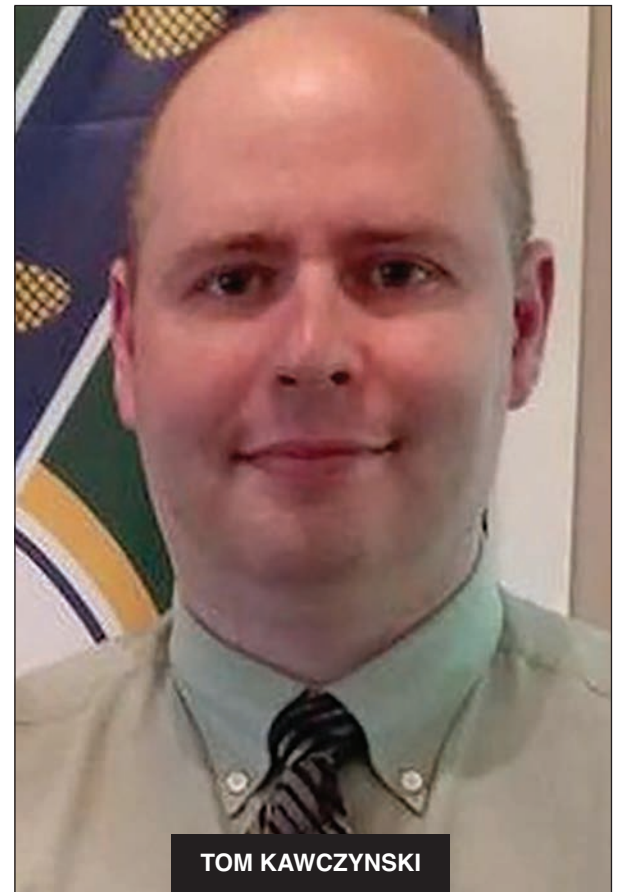
“I believe in limited government, the right of individuals to free association and free speech, putting the family at the center of life, and honoring our traditions,” he explained. “Race has never been a core component of my philosophy other than making clear that whites deserve the same rights and considerations as any other groups receive. I do not consider such a position as racist.”

Kawczynski’s entirely rational and considered political views were deliberately distorted by the hostile media campaign, a fact that quickly became apparent to him. Like many readers of this newspaper, he came to the realization that publicly expressing pro-white political positions is taboo in modern Western society.

“I think the controversy surrounding my political views is somewhat overstated due to the hysterical media response,” Kawczynski told this reporter. “They have an agenda to oppose anyone who expresses a positive white viewpoint probably because so much of what they and their progressive allies support are doctrines that put being white, through concepts like white privilege, as fundamental problems with America that require transformation. For them to continue these efforts, it is vital to them the conversation about issues white people face be constrained only to abstract ideas, not the identity politics through which pretty much every other group, including ones beyond race, is organized today.”

Kawczynski has been accused of being a racist and a bigot, weaponized slurs designed to discredit and delegitimize any and all who dare to express politically incorrect ideas on race, politics, and other controversial topics.

“I have taken every opportunity to refute those false claims, but the media chooses not to report upon this, and only alternative outlets and local independent sources have given me the chance to present my views—well within the mainstream of what people believe—in their entirety,” Kawczynski noted. “The best defense I can offer to a thinking man is this: If I was really so abrasive, how would I have been able to perform my job so capably for many months, earn-



TOM KAWCZYNSKI

ing positive reviews, a raise, and the respect of my community? The insults leveled against me were only meant to destroy me and the positive goals I had in mind for my community.”

Despite the professional setback and the negative media attention he has generated, Kawczynski is not backing down or going away. It is encouraging that he has received “hundreds of emails, calls, and letters written in support from regular Americans who appreciate someone speaking up and dislike the suppression of free speech by politically correct hypocrites,” he noted.

“I am now working toward becoming a full-time activist pushing for white civil rights and legal equality,” Kawczynski stated. “Life is a challenge when they take away your ability to easily make money and tarnish the reputation you build up over a lifetime with accusations you cannot refute even with facts and evidence. But it is also liberating to know that after the worst that can be thrown at you, you still exist and can fight for what you believe in—the welfare of your people and the ideas upon which our nation was built and from which we have all benefited. I take faith in that and in the essential goodness of people.”

Kawczynski has started a fundraising campaign on the crowd-sourcing website “Freestart.com” designed to assist him with his struggle to fight for the civil rights of white Americans.

As this newspaper goes to press, the former town official has raised over \$1,200. Readers are encouraged to support his efforts and to raise awareness of this blatant assault on the First Amendment and freedom of speech, which has unfortunately become a common occurrence in our current age. ★

John Friend is a writer based in California.

# American Empire Ruining the World

• Our nation was founded on a “revolt against empire”—and now we must do it again

By Kevin Barrett

What’s wrong with America? Why are we losing our freedom and becoming a surveillance state? Why isn’t democracy working? Why does the economy, despite short-term ups and downs, just keep getting worse for ordinary folks over the long term? It’s the empire, stupid!

The U.S. was founded as a republic. It was created by a revolt against empire—the biggest and most powerful of its era. The American David beat the British Goliath, and the rest is history.

But somewhere along the way we lost our identity. During the 20th century, the U.S. built an overseas empire—slowly at first, and then, after World War II, in an all-out blitz that left the world ringed with more than 900 American military bases and countless surveillance satellites providing total coverage with full blackmail potential of nearly every politically significant human on Earth. The price of that empire-building has been a gradual loss of freedom, democracy, moral integrity, social cohesion, and economic sustainability.

During the entire 20th century of American empire-building, Americans were not supposed to notice what was going on. The expression “American empire” was taboo. Anyone who used it was deemed a suspected communist. According to the official propaganda, we were just “defending the free world.”

Then after 9/11, the neocons led the way in proclaiming that it was finally okay to admit that America had an empire. Quasi-neocon Niall Ferguson—a British citizen—led the imperial cheerleading. But just as the 9/11 suspects at Project for the New American Century had chosen that name to hide the fact that it was the Israeli empire they cared most about, so too the neocon imperial propagandists hid their real loyalties, and their treasonous betrayal of the Constitution, by posing as tub-thumping American patriots.

Some truths about empire are too painful to be told. When I studied 9/11 at the University of Wisconsin, and publicized my findings, I was driven out of the university in a political witch hunt.

University of Wisconsin history professor Al-



Prof. Alfred McCoy has crafted an amazing book that exposes the long laundry list of crimes perpetrated by the Deep State against the American people and any politician standing up to their new order.

techniques to build blackmail files on almost every politically significant American. “By Hoover’s death in 1972, locked file cabinets in his office held 722 files on congressmen and 883 on senators, documenting their indiscretions.” Meanwhile, the CIA’s Operation Chaos was illegally building files on 300,000 Americans, using methods it had weaponized against the Vietnamese.

The all-embracing American surveillance juggernaut, already a monster, exploded after 9/11 to become an Orwellian boot stomping on humanity’s face for eternity. Iraq and Afghanistan were labs for biometric and drone surveillance. By 2005, the NSA was tracking every phone call in America. Today, it intercepts and stores billions of communications from ordinary Americans, while focusing hard on 117,675 “active surveillance targets” as of 2013. As Professor McCoy points out, that number is a good approximation of the number of politically significant individuals in the U.S.

The U.S. military-industrial-surveillance complex’s war on the world costs trillions of dollars. The empire-builders are killing the goose that lays the golden eggs—the vibrant civilian economy whose blood they are sucking in order to shed even more blood abroad. Swelling war deficits will soon end the U.S. dollar’s role as global reserve currency, which allows Americans to trade pretty green paper (or its digital equivalent) for real goods and services. The result will likely be worse than 2008, perhaps worse than the Great Depression. It could even become a total collapse, like the Russian collapse in the 1990s that reduced life expectancy by 10 years.

If we aim to regain our freedom, our constitutional form of government, and our robust economy, we need to end the empire. ★

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fred McCoy, best-known for exposing CIA drug-dealing, has faced pushback throughout his career for studying sordid aspects of U.S. empire-building—not just the narcotics trade, but also torture, surveillance, and assassinations. His new book, *In the Shadows of the Amer-*

*ican Century: The Rise and Decline of U.S. Global Power\** provides an uncommonly honest, synoptic view of America’s imperial trajectory.

McCoy’s book shows how America’s imperial efforts have made a mockery of the Founding Fathers’ philosophy and the Constitution in which it is enshrined. Freedom-shredding technologies of surveillance and control are always introduced in America’s imperial provinces, then brought home and turned against U.S. citizens. It began in the Philippines, where the new Department of Military Intelligence (DMI) crushed a pro-independence insurrection by compiling “information cards on every influential Filipino—documenting physical appearance, personal finances, political loyalties, and kinship networks” (not to mention sexual peccadillos). Manuel Quezon, a sexually blackmailed U.S. spy and traitor to his people, was installed as puppet president in 1935, becoming the namesake for the capital, Quezon City.

The same totalitarian techniques soon migrated to the homeland, as J. Edgar Hoover’s FBI used the DMI’s Philippine-bred, WWI-honed

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# South Carolina Breaks Flag Promise

- More than two years later, Confederate flag still sits in a box in a warehouse

By Dr. Ed DeVries

When then-Gov. Nikki Haley removed the Confederate flag from the South Carolina statehouse in July 2015 it was with promises from both her and from the state legislature that the flag would be displayed in the Confederate Relic Room of the Military Museum in Columbia. Two-and-a-half years later, the last Confederate Battle Flag to fly on the statehouse grounds remains in a box, in a storage room, at the state museum, with no plans for its display.

The Confederate Relic Room and the state museum never asked for the flag. The order for its removal, signed by Gov. Haley in July 2015, ordered it to be sent to the 122-year-old public museum, which has artifacts from every war that South Carolinians have fought in. To ensure that the flag didn't decay away in a box somewhere, as is happening now, the state legislature passed a separate measure instructing the director of the Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum to estimate the cost of the flag's "appropriate, permanent, and public display."

In response, Allen Roberson, the director of the museum, initially presented a \$3.6 million proposal to expand the museum and to display the flag. Realizing that the proposal was more about expanding and upgrading the museum than



Museum curator Allen Roberson carries the Confederate Battle Flag after it was lowered for the last time over the South Carolina Capitol building. He promised to display it in his museum. That was more than two years ago.



about displaying the flag, the far-reaching proposal was rejected by the state's legislature in 2016 and again in 2017.

This year, Roberson sent a plan to the museum's board asking them to approve about \$300,000 in order to display the flag, considerably less than \$3.6 million. But here is the twist: Even if the board approves the plan, Roberson has no intention of asking the legislature to fund it.

"Legislators mandated an exhibit at South Carolina's military history museum, so the decision is theirs to add the money to make it a reality," Roberson said.

Appearing recently before a House budget-writing panel, Roberson sought no additional money for the museum in the fiscal year beginning July 1, and he never mentioned the Confederate flag's display. Officially, none of the members of the four-member bipartisan legislative panel has asked him about the yet-to-be displayed flag.

This means that it is unlikely any display proposal will end up in the 2018-19 state budget.

"I don't see the legislature funding something that's not requested," said state House Majority Leader Gary Simrill (R-Rock Hill).

Roberson's \$300,000 proposal to display the Confederate Battle Flag will create a new room, which involves combining two offices into one, raising a ceiling, and installing new glass doors to separate the flag's space from the main gallery.

The reason for giving the flag its own room in the museum is because Roberson has maintained from the beginning that he does not believe the flag belongs in his museum. He definitely does not want it to be displayed with other War Between the States or military artifacts. He maintains,

The top brass at the South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum say that there is not enough room in their museum to display the Confederate flag from the state Capitol.

"While the vinyl flag is historically significant, it is not a historical artifact and should not be displayed beside flags carried into battle and riddled with bullet holes and blood."

When asked if the flag could simply be displayed in the museum's current space without a \$3.6 million, or even \$300,000, construction bill, he explained: "I have worked hard to find a way to display the flag without renovation work, but it simply will not work. . . . It wouldn't fit the museum at all. There is just no space. I have no space, and I cannot emphasize that enough. Everything I look to move disrupts the museum."

Beyond the space issues, for the last decade or so, there has always been controversy about displaying the Confederate flag. That is why then-Gov. Haley called for its removal in the first place. And now it appears to be why, two-and-a-half years later, the flag remains in a box, in a closet.

If enough of South Carolina's registered voters call their state representatives and senators to lobby on behalf of the flag it may one day find its way out of the closet. The phone number for the state Senate desk is (803) 212-6700. ★

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# USS *Liberty* Survivor Breaks Public Silence After 50 Years

By Dave Gahary

**A**TMORE, Alabama—This southwestern Alabama town, located about a mile from both Florida's northern and western borders, is best known for being the hometown of four-time world heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield, Miami Dolphins football standout Don McNeal, and Paul Birch, the original "Marlboro Man." Now, Atmore (population around 10,000) has a new star in town: a survivor of the 1967 Israeli massacre on the USS *Liberty*, who finally decided it was time to tell his story publicly.

Iowa native Thomas E. Bradley was a 24-year-old communications technician aboard the U.S. Navy (USN) spy ship when the Israeli air force and navy launched an unprovoked, vicious attack on the vessel in an unsuccessful attempt to kill all 294 men aboard and send the converted World War II cargo ship to the bottom of the Eastern Mediterranean. After the one-hour assault was completed, 34 of Bradley's shipmates were murdered, nine from the sky and 25 from a torpedo that blasted a 24-foot-by-39-foot hole in the *Liberty's* starboard—right—side, and 174 were wounded, a nearly 71% casualty rate, one of the reasons the ship and its crew became—to this day—the most decorated in the 242-year history of the USN for a single engagement.

*The Spotlight*, the precursor to this newspaper, was responsible for bringing significant attention to this national disgrace, still covered up by the U.S. government, although transcripts released several years ago prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that Israel knew it was a U.S. ship they

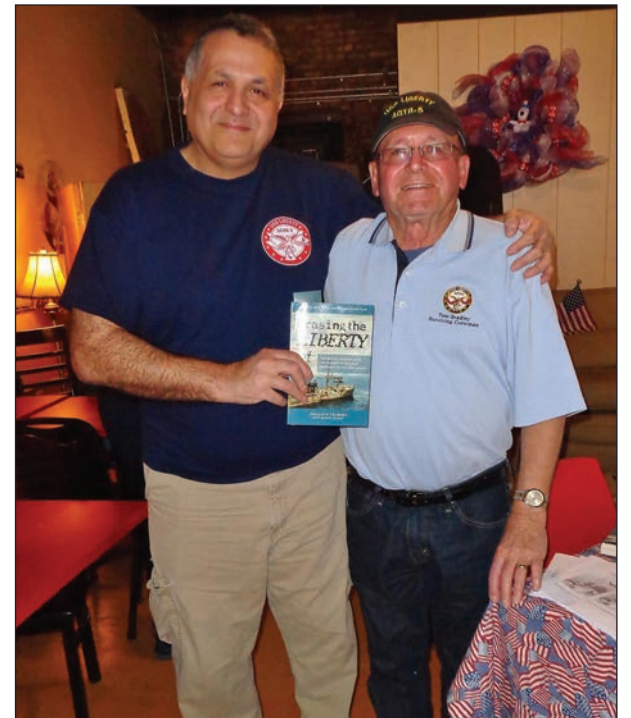
When she noticed he had a USS *Liberty* cap on, she struck up a conversation with this American hero.

were attacking, a fact every *Liberty* sailor knew then and those still alive know now.

Following the massacre, Bradley continued serving in the USN, retiring after 27 years as a command master chief petty officer, the highest an enlisted sailor can go besides becoming the master chief petty officer of the Navy, the most senior enlisted member of the USN.

Bradley's first public speaking engagement was helped along by the owner of the establishment he spoke at, Kerra Mascaro, a married mother of five who owns and operates The Coffee House in Atmore. Mrs. Mascaro explained how it was that Bradley, who still lives in Iowa but heads down south with his wife, Debbie, during the winters, came to speak on Feb. 3, an event most of his family, and this reporter, attended.

"I first met Thomas Bradley in April of 2017," she began. "It was at a local high-school baseball game that my son was playing in, and he was there watching his grandson. He was just sitting in the stands by himself and I was sitting in the stands a few feet from him. I noticed his baseball



USS *Liberty* survivor Thomas Bradley stands with AFP reporter Dave Gahary, who holds a copy of *Erasing the Liberty*, the book he wrote in conjunction with tenacious *Liberty* survivor Phil Tourney.

cap that said 'USS *Liberty*' on it. So, I scooted down the bleacher seat and approached him and basically asked if he was on the USS *Liberty*. In his very quiet way, not any big fanfare or anything, he said, 'Well, yes, I was.' It sounds kind of silly, but I was a little star-struck. I asked for his autograph, and I just felt like I was in the presence of a real American hero."

Mrs. Mascaro wanted to stay in touch with Bradley, so she set the stage for a future meeting.

"We talked a few minutes, and then I invited him and his wife to come to my coffeehouse another afternoon," she said. "A few days later they did, and we just sat down at one of the tables and he talked through what he went through that day. He did mention that he would be willing to speak at The Coffee House if I wanted him to."

A date was set, and Mrs. Mascaro went to work advertising the event.

"We promoted it through my business Facebook page and through my Instagram page," she said, "and I contacted a couple of the local newspapers hoping that they would cover the event. Both of them actually did show up. We printed up signs and advertised just in the shop."

All the chairs were taken that Saturday afternoon, and the presentation was an eye-opener for many attending, who may have believed Israel is America's best friend. Mrs. Mascaro explained in her introduction of Bradley and later to this reporter an amazing—and sad—part of this story.

"Tom told me that I was the first person that ever said anything to him about the *Liberty*," she explained, "as a result of him wearing his cap. So, he has been really quiet for 50 years."★

**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](http://erasingtheliberty.com) or call (850) 677-0344 for more information.



USS *Liberty* survivor Thomas Bradley is introduced by The Coffee Shop owner Kerra Mascaro.

# Careful What You Wish For

I was disappointed to see that some of AFP's readers don't believe the First Amendment protects profanity. What part of the "no" in "Congress shall make no law..." don't they understand? The whole point of a First Amendment is to protect controversial, repugnant, and unpopular speech. If it only was meant to protect "nice" speech it would have no meaning.

Since speech is the verbalization of a person's thoughts, what these people really are suggesting is "thought control."

Do they really want America to become like Europe, Canada, and Australia and adopt anti-free-speech laws?

I suspect that much of your readership would be classified as right-wing populists, which I am not. I am a hardcore libertarian on all issues and subscribe to AFP and TBR for their revisionist history articles.

If I wanted "family-values conservatism" I'd read the [garbage] put out by Zionist mouthpieces like Pat Robertson, John Hagee, or the Birchers at *The New American*.

As the old saying goes, be careful what you wish for. You might get it.

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## Challenging the Status Quo

The Democrat collective continues its compulsive, obsessive, pathological pursuit to depose a duly elected president, in the American version of regicide.

The years ahead, after this obstructive nonsense runs its course, will

allow him to go forward full stride.

In addition to his "Make America Great Again" agenda, I suggest de-tribalizing society by making English the official unifying language. Establish term limits to end half-century congressional ensconcing. Eliminate the penny coin. Desalinate sea water for our coastal cities. Bar all immigration for three years. End political correctness, the new verbal Marxism.

The present political intrigue has similarity to a Nazarene miracle worker who challenged the status quo and was forcefully taken at night to the court of Pilate for trial on trumped-up charges and hurriedly sentenced to oblivion by a manipulated mob.

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## Bankers Should Be Dealt With

Increasing the money supply without any increase in the amount of goods and services will cause inflation, because more dollars will be chasing a fixed amount of goods and services. A tax cut will put more money in the hands of the people, who will spend it and cause the economy to expand. If the drop in tax revenues is offset with a small cut in spending, there will be no inflation because no new money has been created. But increasing economic activity with increasing deficits will set off a series of events, which will lead to hyperinflation.

The Obama administration knew this, so they kept tight control on the economy while telling the American people that the economy was in great



shape. They lied about the unemployment rate, the inflation rate, GDP figures etc. Meanwhile the Federal Reserve Bank, a private bank and not part of the government, was busy holding down the price of gold, which is the major competition for the dollar.

The Fed keeps pushing up the stock market by buying bank shares and raising the Dow Jones Industrial Average so that investors will buy stocks and not gold. The Fed does this by selling some of its treasuries for cash. The rising market produces what is known as the "wealth effect" where investors feel richer, take some profits, and will spend more freely as their holdings increase in value. The Fed's treasury sales are thus converted into increasing the money supply.

Increasing bank deposits also became the source of increasing money supply through bank loans. And, of course, the Fed prints money directly to supply the government the funds for the treasuries it did not sell at the auctions.

The stock market will only continue to rise until the investors realize the value of their currency is dropping faster than the increase in the prices of stocks. Trump should offer the bank directors of the Fed a deal: You give up your ability to print money, return \$4.25 trillion to the government, and cancel the fractional reserve banking system—and he would tell the Justice Department not to prosecute them for treason.

The offer will only be on the table only until the inflation rate reaches 10%, measured in the conventional manner. This will cut off the major sources of increase in the money supply and inflation will fizzle out.

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## Bombs for Peace?

The only bombs for peace that I can recall were the two atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. I was in Japan in 1949 and saw some of the fortifications that Japan had in place for the impending invasion.

These bombs, it has been claimed, saved over 2 million lives, Japanese and American. And to you bleeding-heart liberals, just remember who bombed Pearl Harbor.

I was in the wrong place when North Korea invaded South Korea and got there three weeks after it started. I spent a year and a day in the freezing hellhole. I have witnessed unbelievable communist atrocities in the walled city of Suwon, South Korea. The entire town of 1,800 people was executed by the North Koreans. The Chinese crossed into North Korea a few months after this atrocity.

It may take a third nuclear weapon to neutralize the barbarous invaders and put the rest of these world leaders on notice.

President Donald Trump has the courage that the three previous presidents in the White House didn't have—one white-trash rapist, one who had his daddy get him everything, and lastly a black community organizer who left the country devastated.

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