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MISTRIAL!

• Protesters get off but FBI informant convicted

By Mark Anderson

LAS VEGAS, Nevada—In the three-part, landmark case that arose from the 2014 standoff near Bunkerville, Nev. between multiple federal agencies and supporters of rancher Cliven Bundy, the jury deadlocked on April 24, forcing U.S. District Judge Gloria Navarro to declare a mistrial. Federal prosecutors were unable to secure convictions for four of the six defendants in the first of three trials. Shockingly, one of the two men convicted had been an FBI informant for years. His cover was blown during trial testimony.

The four defendants who escaped conviction were Richard Lovelien, Eric Parker, O. Scott Drexler, and Steven Stewart. The 12-member jury fell far short of convicting these four, according to defense lawyers.

The jury found two defendants in the opening trial—Todd Engel and Gregory Burleson—guilty of some charges, with Burleson bearing the brunt. During testimony, FBI agents revealed Burleson was an informant.



Above, supporters and critics of the six men who were on trial for defending Cliven Bundy from overzealous federal agents gathered in front of the courthouse in Las Vegas in February. Without ever firing a shot, the defendants face life in prison because they had the audacity to stand up to the Bureau of Land Management.

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The jury found Burleson guilty of multiple charges, including using a firearm to assault federal officers, in-

terfering with federal officers, and extortion. *The New American* reports that Burleson, of Phoenix, Ariz., has been a paid informant for the FBI for years, so don't expect the provocateur to see the inside of a jail cell.

It is standard operating procedure for the FBI to send in informants to escalate violence in an effort to trump up conspiracy charges.

Since some of the defendants in the Nevada cases were cleared earlier this year in Portland federal court of any wrongdoing for their part in the Oregon occupation-protest that ended in early 2016, the federal government is determined to secure convictions in a future trial. A staffer in the dockets department of the U.S.

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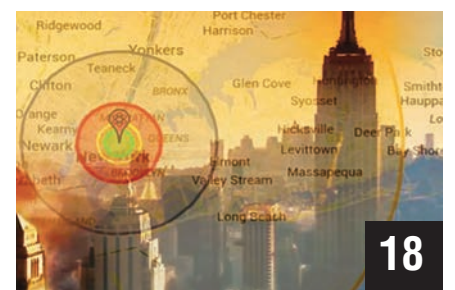
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Reversing the Disasta' That Is NAFTA

During the 2016 presidential campaign, Donald Trump hammered the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) over and over again, pointing out rightly that the trade deal between the U.S., Mexico, and Canada, which was signed into law by President Bill Clinton, is a total disaster for this country.

The record shows that, while making campaign stops across the country, Trump made the issue of tearing up NAFTA a centerpiece of his jobs plan. Over and over, he correctly pointed out that the Clintons supported NAFTA and that it had to go. As a result, millions of Democrats who had supported Democrats in previous elections jumped ship and cast ballots for Trump, winning him the White House.

A few of his best broadsides came in the presidential debate on May 9, 2016, when Trump told viewers: “[Bill] Clinton is the one that approved NAFTA, [and] NAFTA is the worst deal, one of the worst deals our country has ever made, from an economic standpoint.”

A few months later, on Aug. 18, 2016, at a rally in Charlotte, N.C., Trump said: “Here, in this beautiful and great state, so many people have suffered because of NAFTA. Remember NAFTA—what it’s done to this country.”

Then, in early September that year, at a campaign stop in Des Moines, Ia., Trump said: “There’s never been a worse or a dumber deal for trade including TPP [the

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many people—and drugs—north.

Longtime AFP readers recall the population-transfer executive, the late John P. Stoen, who authored *The Nightmare of Canada: An Epitaph of the Free Trade Project*. Stoen knew that “free,” in this context, means commerce that flows from the rule of law and erodes national self-sufficiency—while supporting out the stable and lower classes.

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That statement is a major step toward ending NAFTA. It is the first time the president has explicitly said he would end NAFTA if the other two nations do not agree to a renegotiated deal. That’s a significant move.

Federal Prosecutors Dealt Major Setback

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are being tried for their part in supporting Bundy to the now-legendary April 2014 standoff between armed federal officers and the Black Management (BLM) agents and the elder Bundy. Four of the Bundy sons, and a host of supporters.

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Still, the federal government, which has been lobbying to make it clear that those who gathered

with the elder Bundy pointed their weapons at heavily armed federal officers in a “breaching” manner, seeks to send all the defendants to prison—for life, if possible.

The defense maintains that Bundy’s supporters showed up only to exercise their First and Second Amendment rights—peacefully to protest of BLM land policies.

Assessing the situation, Judge Breda, an author and legal expert who attended nearly every day of the first trial, told AFP: “Maybe you can’t call that [Bundy-led] party a riot for the Bundy side, but the government’s ‘riot’ was down in this thing. And, including the BLM, one could say a lot of pressure to try and provide speedy trials.”

As noted, the jury did find two defendants in the opening trial—Todd Engel and Gregory Barbone—guilty of some charges, with Barbone being charged with obstruction of justice and using interstate commerce to commit extortion, so, as Breda sees it, Engel could possibly be sentenced to two years in prison, though it’s likely he’ll get considerable credit for time already served.

The jury found Barbone guilty of assisting federal officers, using a firearm to assault federal officers, obstructing federal officers, using a firearm to threaten federal officers, obstruction of justice, interfering with interstate commerce by extortion, and using a firearm in that interference and extortion charge.

Trans-Pacific Partnership] which is a disaster — but TPP I don’t believe will be as bad as NAFTA.”

On Oct. 9, in St. Louis, Mo., Trump told a large crowd of supporters: “NAFTA is perhaps the greatest disaster trade deal in the history of the world. . . . It stripped us of manufacturing jobs. We lost our jobs. We lost our money. We lost our plants. It is a disaster.”

Finally, only a few weeks before the Nov. 8 election, Trump made a campaign stop in Fletcher, N.C. telling supporters there: “At the center of my jobs plan will be fixing our ter-

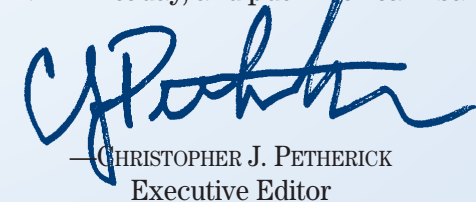
rible trade deals. They are terrible. They are the most incompetent deals ever made.”

So why is it now that our president, who claims to put America first, says he is not going to cancel NAFTA? Instead, he wants to try to renegotiate it first before he thinks about tearing it up.

Here is what Trump told reporters at the White House on April 27 before a meeting with Argentine President Mauricio Macri: “I decided rather than terminating NAFTA, which would be a pretty big, you know, shock to the system, we will renegotiate. . . . If I’m unable to make a fair deal for the United States—meaning a fair deal for our workers and our companies—I will terminate NAFTA. But we’re going to give renegotiation a good, strong shot.”

We already know NAFTA contributed to the de-industrialization of the U.S., has cost America millions of jobs, has closed factories around the country, and, yes, has been a disaster for this country.

Millions of Americans supported Trump because he, unlike Mrs. Clinton, was clear about shredding these bad deals and bringing jobs back to the U.S. It’s time to live up to your promises, Mr. President. Pull the U.S. from NAFTA today, and put America first. ★



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Needs a Good Shutdown

Congress approved a deal to fund the government through September, the first major bipartisan legislation during Donald Trump's presidency. In response to the free-for-all in spending in the measure, Trump took to the Internet to send a message to his supporters. "The reason for the plan negotiated between the Republicans and Democrats is that we need 60 votes in the Senate, which are not there! We ... either elect more Republican senators in 2018 or change the rules now to 51%. Our country needs a good 'shutdown' in September to fix mess!" he wrote in a series of tweets.

Trump, Putin Agree to Meet

The White House issued a press release on May 2, announcing President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin talked on the phone, promising to meet face to face during the upcoming G20 meetings. The two specifically discussed ways to de-escalate violence in Syria and finally put an end to the suffering in that country. Cooperation in the fight against radical Islamic terrorism in the Middle East as well as heightened tensions around North Korea were also on the agenda. After all the criticism Trump faced from supporters for bombing Syria, perhaps he's listening and has taken anti-interventionist views to heart.

More Support for Gun Rights

According to a recent poll, more citizens now are in favor of gun rights than at any time in the last 20 years—a majority, according to *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. While some states, like Washington, have passed strict gun-control laws, 3D printers, which cost less than \$300, are now able to create guns at home along with unlimited bullets.

Good Gun Control

A student at the University of Texas at Austin used a concealed handgun to stop a knife attacker, who had stabbed three people on campus on May 1. According to published reports, Kendrex Jermaine White, 21,

had attacked three random people on campus when a good Samaritan grabbed his firearm and pursued the man. Police were able to subdue and arrest White shortly thereafter.

Just Go Away!

Whistleblowing organization WikiLeaks has taken quite a beating from elites recently, with FBI Director James Comey telling Congress on May 3 that the group is only interested in releasing "intelligence porn" and Hillary Clinton claiming WikiLeaks helped Russia take her down. During an interview with CNN, Mrs. Clinton said she was winning until the "combination of Jim Comey's let-



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ter, on Oct. 28, and Russian WikiLeaks raised doubts in the minds of people who were inclined to vote for me, but got scared off." Founder Julian Assange fired back, though, calling Mrs. Clinton "the butcher of Libya." It reminds us of a quote from Adlai Stevenson: "If my opponents promise to stop lying about me, I promise to stop telling the truth about them." For Clinton, it was the truth that brought her down, not Comey or WikiLeaks.

President Chelsea?

If you thought we had heard the last of the Clintons following the embarrassing defeat of Hillary Clinton in 2016, you were wrong. Famed cartoonist Ben Garrison has Chelsea Clinton being groomed for the White House possibly as early as 2020. Chelsea has already said she would run for office if "it was something I felt called to do."

Top Economy

Iceland's krona currency has been crowned the world's best-performing currency, according to new reports. The currency has surged 4% against the euro and 6.4% against the U.S. dollar since March 31, the best of any currency in the world. Following the collapse of economies around the world in 2007, Iceland threw out its government, jailed bankers, and prosecuted its leader. Since then, the country's economy has rebounded better than any economy in the world.

Baltimore Bloodbath

Baltimore's mayor recently gave a lengthy press conference in which she publicly pleaded for help from the FBI to combat the soaring murder rate there. Mayor Catherine Pugh said the murder rate is out of control in her city, and she wants to bring in the FBI in an effort to stem the killings. Violence in Baltimore has reached unprecedented levels, with the number of killings shattering a 20-year high this early in the year. "I'm calling on all the assistance we can possibly get, because I can't imagine going into our summer months with our crime rate where it is today, what that's going to look like by the end of the summer," said Mayor Pugh. In the first two months of the year, there were 100 murders, the first time that's happened since 1998.

Oldest Human

Can humans really live up to 150 years? An Indonesian man, who claimed to be the world's oldest human, came close when he reportedly passed away at 146 years old. Mbah Gotho, a great-great granddad from Central Java, has outlived four wives, 10 siblings, and all of his children. Mbah made headlines in 2016 after presenting documentation showing he was born in December 1870.

Horrible Month in Mexico

In March 2017, there were more than 2,000 homicides in Mexico—the highest monthly figure since summer 2011. The country has seen

more slayings in the first quarter of 2017 than in the start of any year since 1997. Authorities attribute many of the homicides to turf wars stemming from breakdowns in the leadership of some criminal cartels—some of which have splintered into smaller gangs. From January through March, there were 5,775 murders, up 29% over the corresponding months of 2016.



RYAN BUNDY

Unfair Treatment

Ryan Bundy, a son of embattled Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy, has filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada, challenging the constitutionality of policies at the area prison where he and the other defendants are incarcerated, pending their summer 2017 federal trial. Ryan, representing himself, argues in his suit that he's being deprived of his rights after being punished for refusing to obey those policies. "Plaintiff Bundy has been forced and threatened to undergo oppressive, intrusive, and unlawful body cavity searches multiple times per day," he wrote in the suit, adding that his clothing has been removed and privates exposed.

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As news of the president's exit plan rattled markets and Congress, "Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue, and others huddled in meetings with Trump,

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urging him not to sign a document triggering a U.S. withdrawal from NAFTA," the pro-NAFTA *Washington Post* noted. Perdue reportedly convinced Trump that farmers who had voted for the president would oppose a NAFTA withdrawal.

Phone calls with Peña Nieto and Trudeau also played a role in persuading Trump to reconsider his near-exit from NAFTA.

Recalling his April 26 conversation with Nieto, Trump said, "He said to me, 'I would really appreciate [it] if we could negotiate instead of you terminating, because terminating sets a lot of things in motion that could be pretty devastating for a lot of people.'"

Although the mainstream press ignores it, the real issue with Mexico is its southern border with Belize, Guatemala, and other Central American nations whose refugees steadily stream into the U.S. by the tens of thousands, an entrenched problem that NAFTA made worse. As a key potential negotiating point, Trump could press Peña Nieto to assist the U.S. in terminating the massive human-trafficking operations that funnel so



Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto (left) and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau (right) should have known a NAFTA renegotiation was coming.

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Federal Infiltration Plot Exposed in Trial

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District Court for the District of Nevada and an assistant to Judge Navarro both confirmed that Lovelien, Parker, Drexler, and Stewart will be retried starting June 26.

That is the same date listed in the docket for the second trial, in which longtime rancher Cliven Bundy and two of his sons, Ryan and Ammon, along with Ryan Payne and Internet radio host Pete Santilli, are the defendants. It's expected to be an especially high-profile affair in which the bedrock fundamentals of federal land jurisdiction and control ought to be rigorously debated.

The third and final trial, involving Bundy's sons Mel and Dave, along with Joseph O'Shaughnessy,

Brian Cavalier, Jason Woods, and Micah McGuire, is expected to begin sometime in the fall.

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The \$50 Marijuana Investment Jackpot... Set to Begin July 1st

- The war on Marijuana is drawing to a close... and quicker than most people would imagine.

By Scott Bardelli, Agora Financial

Marijuana legalization is steam-rolling across the country...offering early investors a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build incredible wealth.

Already, more than *half* of all U.S. states allow the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes.

And a total of eight states—California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Maine, Massachusetts, Colorado and Alaska—have legalized recreational marijuana.

Over just the past six months (following the historic November elections), dozens of the tiny “penny companies” that dominate this burgeoning industry have seen share prices skyrocket by 193%, 383%, 444% or more.

One penny marijuana stock—a company that focuses on the medical side of the marijuana industry—was actually trading for less than a penny a share (\$0.0027 cents) in early October. By the end of January, share prices had climbed to \$0.057 per share.

That’s a total gain of 2,018%...enough to turn every \$50 invested into over \$1,000.

Another marijuana company based out of Colorado saw its share prices go from \$0.015 (one and a half cents) to \$0.129 over roughly the same time frame.

That’s a surge of 760% in just a few months. There are many, many more examples just like these...

And according to Ray Blanco—a senior research analyst at one of the nation’s largest independent financial firms—these gains could be just the beginning of a truly unprecedented explosion of wealth...

THE US GOVERNMENTS “WAR ON MARIJUANA” IS ENDING

As you probably already know, the marijuana industry has one major roadblock that’s

keeping these small businesses from becoming legitimate, multi-billion dollar corporations.

And that roadblock comes in the form of the United States Government.

Dating back during the Nixon Administration, the U.S. government has waged one of the longest...and most expensive wars in American history.

Even though Nixon’s own team of scientists discovered that the use of marijuana was relatively harmless (through the “Shafer Commission report”), the former president decided to list marijuana as a schedule 1 substance, anyway.

That means that—in the eyes of the Federal Government—marijuana is considered to be more dangerous than cocaine, crack, morphine, opium and crystal meth (even though there has never been a single, documented case of a marijuana overdose.)

Also, as a schedule 1 substance, marijuana is deemed to have absolutely no medical uses, whatsoever.

Of course, as we’re finding out now, that couldn’t be farther from the truth.

Scientists, medical researchers, and everyday folks from all over the world are coming forward, presenting evidence that marijuana can be extremely effective at treating a number of debilitating conditions like extreme nausea, PTSD, chronic pain, depression, and menstrual cramps, just to name a few.

The federal government has even officially listed THC—the main chemical component in marijuana—as a potential cancer fighting compound.

Not only that, but the Federal Government has filed for—and received—patent #6630507 for medical marijuana (claiming that certain substances found within the plant could hold the secret to curing Alzheimers disease, Multiple Sclerosis and even Parkinsons disease).

This patent alone could be worth a staggering \$291 BILLION for the federal government.

In other words, now that billions of dollars are on the line (in the form of taxes and potential royalties), the war on marijuana is

drawing to a close...and quicker than most people would imagine.

In fact, Virginia Republican Tom Garrett recently introduced new legislation that would end the decades-long “war on marijuana.”

This legislation is dubbed, “Ending Federal Marijuana Prohibition Act of 2017.”

It’s already backed by both Republicans and Democrats on Capital Hill...and would effectively remove marijuana from the federal controlled substances list—like other industries such as alcohol and tobacco—leaving marijuana a “state rights issue.”

Of course, this new legislation is coming off of the heels of the recent Canadian legalization announcement.

In short, this is your chance to turn mere pocket change...into an absolute fortune.

But as Ray Blanco will explain, “To make the most money from these marijuana penny stocks, you need to get in now...while most of these companies are extremely inexpensive and relatively unknown.”

“...already, some of the biggest and most successful names on Wall Street have acquired major positions in companies in the marijuana sector, investing millions, like PayPal creator Peter Thiel... Reddit CEO and founder Steve Huffman...legendary hedge fund manager Joel Greenblatt...and even Warren Buffett.”

“Once the United States Government ends federal prohibition, these companies could explode like gangbusters and it will be too late for the average investor to potentially make millions.”

And he should know...

Ray Blanco—who has tens of thousands of readers who follow his investment recommendations—was one of the first analysts to embrace the marijuana industry.

Back in May of 2016, Ray identified two incredible companies operating on the medical side of the marijuana spectrum.

Those that took his advice back then could have easily doubled...or even tripled their money over a short period of time.

Ray also accurately predicted the huge

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“win” for marijuana before the historic November elections, and pinpointed a number of hugely successful marijuana related investments.

The key to investing in the marijuana industry—according to Ray—comes from a stringent vetting process he’s developed over the past decade.

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Win or Lose, Le Pen Has Changed France

• Candidate's populist message has been embraced by millions of French nationalists

By John Friend

Two political outsiders will face off in the second round of the French presidential election after no candidate won a majority in the first round of voting, which wrapped up April 23.

Centrist Emmanuel Macron, who represents En Marche! (On the Move!), a relatively new political movement that only formed in April 2016, will compete against Marine Le Pen, long associated with the National Front, a right-wing, populist party that is critical of the European Union and mass immigration, after the two outsiders came in first and second, respectively, in the first round of voting.

The first round of voting took place during a state of emergency declared by the French government following the alleged ISIS-inspired terrorist attack on the Champs-Élysées, the world-renowned boulevard in the heart of Paris. A French policeman was reportedly killed during the attack, which occurred just days before the first round of voting. Two other French police officers were reported as wounded during the attack before the attacker, said to have been inspired by and affiliated with ISIS, was shot and killed by police.

The National Front, which is regularly vilified and demonized by France's political and media elite, has only two members of parliament and little political support among other more mainstream parties and leaders. Macron's En Marche! has no representation in parliament, yet is viewed as a more centrist political party compared to Ms. Le Pen's nationalistic National Front. Macron, who at the young age of 39 has formerly served as a deputy secretary-general under President François Hollande's first Socialist government in 2012 and later went on to serve as minister of economy, industry, and digital affairs in 2014 under Prime Minister Manuel Valls, is a former banker at Rothschild & Cie Banque and is viewed by critics as a pro-European Union globalist.

The two political outsiders each won over 20% of the popular vote in the first round of voting, besting their more established political rivals. Macron secured 23.8%, netting well over 8 million total votes, while Ms. Le Pen secured 21.7%, attracting well over 7 million total votes.

François Fillon, the center-right candidate whose campaign was plagued by scandalous accusations of abuse of public funds after it was alleged his wife and children were paid public money for work they either never did or were unqualified to do, has encouraged his voters to back Macron, as has Benoit Hamon, the Socialist can-



MARINE LE PEN

Marine Le Pen's presidential campaign allowed her to discuss contentious topics directly with French voters, despite the fact that the entrenched plutocratic elite did everything in its power to silence her.

didate. Combined, Fillon and Hamon received over 9 million votes, votes both Macron and Ms. Le Pen will be vying for in the second round showdown, currently scheduled to take place on May 7.

Hollande, the current president of France, has also encouraged voters to support Macron in the second round of voting, saying Ms. Le Pen and the National Front "deeply divide France." Ethnic and minority groups have also targeted Ms. Le Pen and the National Front, vilifying them as "racist" and "xenophobic" for their nationalistic stances on issues such as unchecked immigration.

Francis Kalifat, the leader of CRIF, an umbrella group of French Jewish communities, has described Ms. Le Pen as a "candidate of hate," and has urged his community and other French voters to support Macron regardless of his policies in order to prevent a nationalist from becoming president of the French republic.

In a move that has surprised many of her supporters, Ms. Le Pen recently announced she is stepping down as leader of the National Front in order to focus on the upcoming presidential election. The National Front has long been a polarizing feature of French political life, and Ms.

Le Pen has worked carefully to counter that image by expelling hardliners from the party, including her own father, who founded the organization.

"Tonight, I am no longer the president of the National Front. I am the presidential candidate," Ms. Le Pen declared while making her announcement on France 2, a public television news outlet. "I will feel more free and above partisan considerations."

While the establishment appears to be supporting Macron, Ms. Le Pen and her supporters are optimistic. In an interview in late January, Ms. Le Pen described Macron as an "ideal" candidate to face off with.

"A runoff between a patriot such as myself and a caricature of a diehard globalist like him is ideal," Ms. Le Pen said at the time. "It's a gift."

Nationalists across the world will be closely watching the second round of the French presidential election, especially nationalists in France concerned about the future of their people and nation. France, like most Western European nations, has seen astonishing levels of immigration from Africa and the Middle East, resulting in rampant crime, rioting, and unrest while the traditional French population is replaced with foreigners.

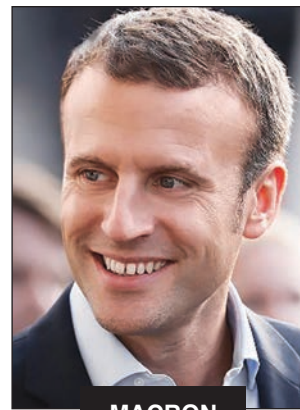
"This is the last French struggle, and we don't have much chance to defeat globalism and reverse the white genocide that is happening here, whether demographically or culturally," Electre, a French nationalist and activist, recently explained to AFP. "If Marine Le Pen doesn't win now, by the time of the next elections the foreign population—which is already outbreeding French natives—will have grown so much that the local white votes won't be able to counter foreign votes."

Electre noted she and other French nationalists will vote for Ms. Le Pen, but many are fearful that Ms. Le Pen will ultimately let down nationalists by compromising with globalist, anti-French forces.

"Even if she manages to be elected, the nationalist struggle will still not be over, because the National Front has essentially become another Republican Party," Electre explained. "She's definitely less toxic than all of the other candidates, yet I don't really trust her to save the country, because if you betray your own father, to whom you owe everything, what's holding you back from betraying your people and nation?"

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MACRON

You Pony Up \$113 Billion for Illegals

- What happens when more immigrants live on welfare than U.S. can afford?

By Frosty Wooldridge

Every year, the Treasury Department, filled by U.S. taxpayers' hard-earned money, pays over \$113 billion for illegal aliens living in America, according to the Federation for Immigration Reform (FAIR). That money pays for schooling, free breakfasts and lunches for their kids, medical care, subsidized housing, busing, food stamps, and more services, across 15 federal agencies.

On top of that, millions of legal immigrants ride U.S. welfare rolls, like many of the 100,000 Somali refugees living in Minneapolis, Minn. Lacking in education and skills other than driving cabs and running simple shops, they live on welfare.

Millions of jobless Americans also live on welfare rolls. Food banks feed millions of Americans with donations. U.S. Health and Human Services indicates that 13 million American children live below the poverty line. Poor Americans collect \$3.09 billion in taxpayers' money annually to help them with utilities. In addition, U.S. taxpayers pay for 45 million American citizens and non-citizens on food stamps at a cost of \$70.1 billion, reports "Politifact.com."

Despite five years of economic recovery, poverty remains stubbornly high in America. More than 45 million people, or 14.5% of all Americans, lived below the poverty line last year, according to the Census Bureau.

A Feb. 8, 2016 article titled "95,000 illegal immigrant children flood U.S. schools," which was posted on the news and commentary website



Every year, millions of illegal aliens cross the U.S. border with Mexico to take advantage of social services in cities across the country. This costs taxpayers billions of dollars annually, especially in so-called sanctuary states like California and New York. President Donald Trump has attempted to punish cities and states that violate immigration laws, but activist judges intervened to block it. The No. 1 issue, according to an online poll among AFP website visitors, is illegal immigration. The same can be said for millions of Americans across the nation, like the concerned patriot above.

"Breitbart.com," reported at least 95,000 illegal alien children flood U.S. schools in 50 states at a cost of \$8,000 annually per child, plus English as a second language services at \$2,000 annually per child, plus free lunches and breakfasts per child. The total cost comes up to billions upon bil-

lions annually out of your pocket.

Californians bear an enormous fiscal burden as a result of an illegal alien population estimated at over 3 million. The annual expenditure of state and local tax dollars on services for that population is \$25.3 billion. That total, reports FAIR,

The Bilderbergers: Puppet-Masters of Power?

An Investigation Into Claims of Conspiracy at the Heart of Politics, Business & the Media



Since 1954, a discrete and select group of wealthy and powerful individuals have attended a private, yearly conference to discuss matters of their choosing. This group represents European and North American elites, as well as new talent and rising stars, from the worlds of politics, business, media, academia, the military and even royalty, and has included household names such as Margaret Thatcher, Henry Kissinger, and Prince Philip. In recent years, their numbers have featured David Cameron, Tony Blair, Angela Merkel, Bill Clinton, and David Rockefeller. They are "the Bilderbergers," named for the hotel in the Netherlands where their secret gatherings were first hosted. Investigative writer Gerhard Wisniewski explores the numerous claims of conspiracy that swirl around the group, revealing names of participants, their agendas, and their goals. The scene opens in the sun-kissed seaside resort of Vouliagmeni, Greece, where Wisniewski tries to observe and report on a Bilderberg conference. He soon attracts aggressive, unwanted attention from police and undercover security, and it is made abundantly clear he is not welcome. From this rude introduction, Wisniewski works backward to the founding of the Bilderbergers in 1954 by a shadowy Jesuit with secret service allegiances. Examining records and hidden reports, the author uncovers the true history of the organization, alliances among key individuals, and their common interests. Softcover, 288 pages, \$25. Add \$4 S&H inside the U.S. (Outside the U.S. email bookstore@americanfreepress.net for S&H.) Send request with payment to AFP, 16000 Trade Zone Avenue, Unit 406, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774 or call 1-888-699-6397 toll free to charge or visit www.AmericanFreePress.net.



How long before we collapse our system, taking care of everyone else in the world?

amounts to a yearly burden of about \$2,370 for every household headed by a U.S. citizen.

In Texas, illegal immigration in 2016 cost taxpayers about \$12.1 billion. That amounts to more than \$1,197 for every Texas household headed by a native-born or naturalized U.S. citizen. The taxes paid in the state by illegal aliens—estimated at \$1.27 billion per year—do not come close to paying for those outlays.

In North Carolina, illegal immigration costs taxpayers more than \$2 billion annually. That amounts to \$578 annually for every North Carolina household headed by a native-born or naturalized U.S. citizen. The taxes paid there by illegal aliens—estimated to be at less than \$300 million per year—do not come close to paying for those outlays, and are not a true offset in any case. The burden on state taxpayers would not be alleviated by adoption of an amnesty, but could be compounded if it attracted a new surge of illegal immigration, as did the amnesty in 1986.

In other words, the cost of legal and illegal immigration to America is staggering.

As if illegal immigration is not bad enough, Congress authorizes U.S. immigration authorities to process nearly 100,000 legal immigrants every 30 days. That equates to 1 million new immigrants annually along with an estimated 500,000 thousand illegals including 350,000 anchor babies by women who jump the border to birth their child in the U.S. for instant citizenship.

The U.S. can barely take of its own as it is, so my question to you is this: How long before we collapse our system, taking care of everyone else in the world? How long before we can no longer borrow over \$2 billion daily from places like China to float our debt? What's going to happen when the U.S brings in another 100 million more legal Third-World immigrants within 30 years? Got a guess? How does this phrase—total collapse of our system—describe what's coming?

Are our children in deep trouble or what? Are we completely out of our minds to maintain endless immigration?

Call your senators and representative at (202) 224-3121 or (888) 995-2086. Demand a moratorium on all immigration until the U.S. can get its own house in order. ★

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American Red Cross Founder Clara Barton said to her male counterparts:

“We nursed you back to health and now we need your help!” But unfortunately some of her counterparts made sure help never came . . . even after thousands of women like my grandmother (Google: Nursing Sisters Port Dover) and Clara Barton went to Rochester, N.Y. and descended on the home of woman suffragist SUSAN B. ANTHONY (Clara Barton’s 6th cousin) to offer their support for a woman’s right to vote! What follows is a brief history of my family’s efforts to make lives better for men and women across the globe . . . with a wartime love story.

By John Ellis

If you Google: Nursing Sisters Port Dover, you’ll see a book by Harry B. Barrett. In that book are pictures of my grandmother and her heroic nursing sisters during WWI, including one sister who was mentioned in wartime dispatches for her heroism along with a certificate presented to her by King George V. In spite of her “valor in the face of the enemy,” after throwing caution to the wind because the love of her life had been killed in action, a woman was ineligible to receive the Victoria Cross! Heartbroken, this beautiful lady never married.

There are hundreds of letters and pictures, including one of the ambulances my grandmother donated (before we entered WWII) encouraged by her friend, suffragist CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT, who moved around the corner from my grandmother in New Rochelle, N.Y. As a youngster, I remember all the sewing machines and their many friends at my grandmother’s house sewing thousands of pre-die cut

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Two nursing sisters with wounded soldiers in a ward room at the Queen’s Canadian Military Hospital in Shorncliffe, Kent, England, circa 1916.

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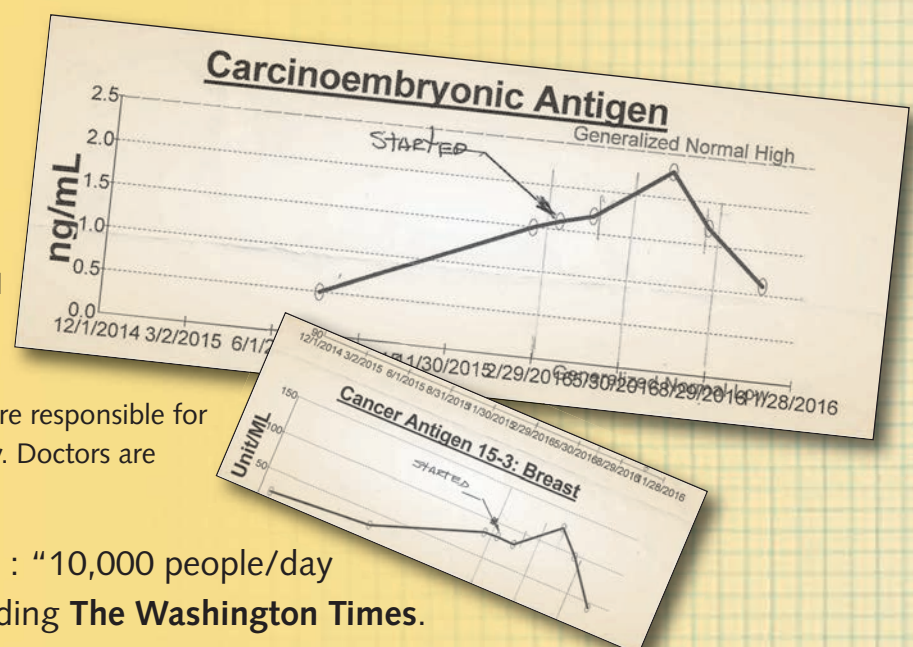
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Judge Sides With ‘Sanctuary Cities’

• Activist jurist says cities can break U.S. law and protect criminal aliens

By John Friend

President Donald Trump’s efforts to follow through on his campaign pledges relating to immigration have once again been stymied by an activist judge. Trump has vowed to restrict or withhold federal funds from so-called sanctuary cities, which are local jurisdictions across the nation that actively prevent local law enforcement officials from cooperating with federal immigration authorities.

Many major U.S. cities, including New York City, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Houston, proudly describe themselves as sanctuary cities, and have policies in place that limit or outright restrict their local police departments and other local governmental agencies from cooperating with federal authorities. Additionally, in most sanctuary cities, law enforcement officials are barred from asking about an offender’s immigration status, and many fail to report illegal aliens to federal authorities for prosecution and deportation.

Judge William Orrick, a federal judge who sits on the U.S. District Court in San Francisco, issued the ruling, which temporarily blocks the Trump administration’s efforts to restrict and withhold federal funding from sanctuary cities. In the ruling, Orrick argued that the president’s policy “overstepped” his powers when he tied billions of dol-



WILLIAM ORRICK

lars of federal funding to immigration enforcement in an executive order signed in January. Orrick argued that only Congress has the ability to place conditions on spending, not the president.

“The Constitution vests the spending powers in Congress, not the president, so the order cannot constitutionally place new conditions on federal

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Liberal activist judges are becoming more and more of a problem for the future of the U.S.

funds,” Orrick wrote in his decision. “Federal funding that bears no meaningful relationship to immigration enforcement cannot be threatened merely because a jurisdiction chooses an immigration enforcement strategy of which the president disapproves.”

The ruling came after the city and county of San Francisco as well as the county of Santa Clara, Calif. challenged the president’s executive order. Both jurisdictions would have lost significant amounts of federal funding due to their sanctuary policies.

Trump and his administration immediately went on the offensive against the federal judge’s ruling, with Trump taking to Twitter to describe the recent ruling as well as previous rulings hampering and in some cases stalling his efforts to restrict immigration from predominantly Muslim countries without proper vetting as “ridiculous” and vowing

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The White House press secretary also released a statement shortly after the decision was announced lambasting the judge's decision, arguing the ruling undermined the rule of law in America, to wit:

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The statement also declared that the president was confident his efforts to defund sanctuary cities and restrict immigration from dangerous countries would ultimately prevail in the Supreme Court, and further pledged to "pursue all legal remedies to the sanctuary city threat that imperils our citizens, and continue our efforts to ramp up enforcement to remove the criminal and gang element from our country."

While Trump's efforts to implement his America-first immigration proposals have been hindered by activist judges and the dishonest mainstream mass media, his rhetoric and public spotlighting of illegal immigration have proven effective in advancing his immigration agenda. Additionally, federal authorities have pursued immigration enforcement raids in many jurisdictions across the United States in a very public way since Trump took office, demonstrating that the president is serious about enforcing federal immigration law.

According to a recent report in *The Washington Post*, the number of legal and illegal migrants entering the United States is declining, and deportations of illegals have increased.

"The world is getting the message," Trump declared at a recent speech to the National Rifle Association. "They know our border is no longer open to illegal immigration, and if they try to break in you'll be caught and you'll be returned to your home. You're not staying any longer. If you keep coming back illegally after deportation, you'll be arrested and prosecuted and put behind bars."

Trump will certainly have his work cut out for him as he faces off against a largely hostile judicial system and a dishonest mass-media apparatus. Activist groups are also taking to the streets almost daily in protest against the president and his agenda. Leftist judges, lawyers, and educators have been coaching illegal aliens on how to deal with federal authorities to avoid prosecution and deportation as well.

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Radical Leftists Behind Rally Violence

- “Anti-fascists” pushing “tolerance” need to practice what they’re preaching

By John Friend

The 2016 presidential election campaign was marked by heated rhetoric, polarization and division, and massive public protests and demonstrations. The rise of now-President Donald Trump and the America-first message he championed angered many on the left, who viewed his populist message as bigoted and hateful. Then-candidate Trump’s speeches and rallies were regularly disrupted by unruly protesters, and many more took to the streets in cities and towns across America in protest of the Republican candidate.

Since Trump’s election, the outrage and anger seem to have only grown, and the anti-Trump protests show no signs of abating.

Many of the anti-Trump protests have been organized by self-described anti-fascist, or “antifa,” groups who espouse an anti-racist, anarchist, or communist political perspective. Despite the controlled mass media baselessly demonizing Trump supporters as being violent and hateful, antifa protesters have proven on multiple occasions across the United States that it is they who are the violent and hateful ones. During the campaign, Trump supporters were regularly assaulted by anti-Trump protesters, many of whom were members of or affiliated with antifa groups.

As this newspaper has previously reported, antifa groups terrorized the nation’s capital when Trump was inaugurated, destroying private property, accosting and even physically assaulting Trump supporters, and disrupting Washington, D.C. infrastructure and public transportation.

Richard Spencer, the president of the National Policy Institute and a leading figure in the burgeoning alt-right movement, was sucker punched



Radical leftist protesters like the one pictured above preach tolerance for anyone opposed to Donald Trump’s policies while at the same time praising those who murder policemen. Unbiased witnesses with no affiliation with “fascists” or “leftists” have said they were shocked at the violent nature of these “antifas.”

in the head by an antifa protester on Inauguration Day, an act that was caught on camera. Following the brazen and cowardly attack, leftists and antifa apologists commended the spineless assault on Spencer and argued “white nationalists” deserve to be violently attacked.

Since the election, antifa protesters have disrupted and ultimately shut down speaking engagements of prominent conservative figures, in-

cluding Milo Yiannopoulos and, most recently, Ann Coulter. Both Yiannopoulos and Coulter were scheduled to speak at UC Berkeley before the events were canceled due to safety concerns, rioting, and violence from antifa-affiliated groups. Radical leftist and antifa protesters caused over \$100,000 worth of damage to the campus during the protests and rioting that prompted the cancellation of Yiannopoulos’s speech. Other events



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across the United States have been disrupted or canceled due to antifa protests and threats of violence.

In Portland, Oreg., the opening parade to kick off the city's iconic Rose Festival was recently canceled by organizers as a direct result of threats believed to have been leveled by antifa groups. The Multnomah County Republican Party was scheduled to participate in the parade, prompting antifa groups to openly pledge they would protest and disrupt the event. Soon after antifa groups announced their intentions of openly protesting and disrupting the parade, an anonymous email was sent to the organizers of the event instructing them to cancel the GOP group's invitation to participate.

"You have seen how much power we have downtown and that the police cannot stop us from shutting down roads so please consider your decision wisely," the email read, referring specifically to the chaotic and violent protests that swept Portland following Trump's 2016 presidential victory. "This is non-negotiable."

In the email, the person or group who sent it vowed to "not give one inch to groups who espouse hatred toward LGBT, immigrants, people of color or others." The 82nd Avenue of Roses Business Association, which organizes the annual parade, canceled the parade in response to the threatening email.

"Following threats of violence during the parade by multiple groups planning to disrupt the event, 82nd Avenue of Roses Business Association can no longer guarantee the safety of our community and have made the difficult decision to cancel the parade," the group announced in an official statement.

Portland also saw violent and chaotic protests during a recent May Day protest, which took place in other major cities in America and across the world as well. The May Day march in Portland "devolved into a full-scale riot with random acts of vandalism," according to local police, where 25 individuals were arrested for their role in the destruction and attacks on police and emergency response personnel.

The antifa protesters threw Molotov cocktails, smoke bombs, rocks, and other items at law enforcement officials in Portland during the rioting, and vandalism was rampant.

"Various fires were set in the street and in garbage cans, a police car was spray-painted and vandalized, and there were attempts to set at least one business on fire," Portland police reported. "Numerous projectiles were thrown at or launched at police and firefighters including rocks, bottles, ball bearings, fireworks, smoke bombs, and road flares."

Many have come to view antifa groups, which are largely locally organized and loosely affiliated nationally, as a direct threat to law and order in America. Given their often violent and unlawful tactics while protesting, there are currently efforts to declare antifa a terrorist organization. A petition on the popular website Change.org, which currently has over 82,000 signatures, is publicly requesting that Trump declare antifa a terrorist organization. ★

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How 9/11 Destroyed America

• False-flag attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 the beginning of the end for America

By Paul Craig Roberts

The events on Sept. 11, 2001 changed the world. It was the excuse for the U.S. government to launch military attacks on seven Middle Eastern countries, causing civilian casualties in the millions and sending waves of Muslim refugees into the Western world. The U.S. government wasted trillions of dollars destroying countries and murdering women and children, while public infrastructure in the U.S. deteriorated, Americans' homes were foreclosed, and American health needs went unattended. Sept. 11 was also the excuse for the destruction of the protection that the Constitution provided to ensure the liberty of the American citizen. Today, no American has the protection of the civil liberty that the Constitution guarantees.

On Sept. 11, 2001, when a neighbor called and told me to turn on the TV, I stopped what I was doing and turned on the TV. What I saw was the two World Trade Center towers blowing up. I had often enjoyed lunch in the rooftop restaurant in one of the towers across the street from my *Wall Street Journal* office.

A miniscule by comparison frail aluminum airliner hit one massive steel tower and then another aluminum airliner hit the other. There were

some plumes of orange outside the buildings. Then approximately after one hour—less in one case, more in the other—the two towers exploded floor by floor as they fell into their own footprint.

This was precisely the way the news anchors described what I was seeing. “It looks exactly like a controlled demolition,” the news anchors reported. And indeed, it did. As a Georgia Tech student I had witnessed a controlled demolition, and that is what I saw on television, just as that was what the news anchors saw.

Later that day Larry Silverstein, who held the lease on the World Trade Center, explained on TV that the free-fall collapse in the late afternoon of the third WTC skyscraper, Building 7, into its own footprint was a conscious decision to “pull” the building. Pull is the term used by controlled demolition to describe a building wired with explosives to be destroyed. Building 7 had not been hit by an airliner, and suffered only minor and very limited office fires. Silverstein’s statement was afterwards corrected by authorities to mean that the firemen were pulled from the building. However, many videos show the firemen already out of the building with the firemen stating that the building was going to be brought down.

As there is no doubt whatsoever that Building 7 was wired for demolition, the question is why?

Because Americans are an insouciant and trusting people and confident of the inherent goodness of their country, years passed before



LARRY SILVERSTEIN

even experts noticed that the official story stood in total contradiction to known laws of physics, was in total contradiction to how buildings collapse from asymmetrical damage and could not have collapsed due to being hit by airliners, as the buildings met all code requirements for withstanding airliner collisions. Many did not even know that the third skyscraper, Building 7, had collapsed.

Prof. Steven E. Jones, a professor of physics at BYU, was among the first to see that the official story was pure fantasy. His reward for speaking out was to have his tenure contract bought out by BYU, many believe under orders from the federal government backed up with the threat that all federal support of science at BYU would be terminated unless Jones was.

Cynthia McKinney, a black woman who represented a Georgia congressional district in the House of Representatives, was either much brighter or much braver than her white colleagues. She raised obvious questions about 9/11, questions begging to be asked, and lost her seat.

Approximately five years after 9/11, San Francisco architect Richard Gage noticed that the three WTC buildings did not fall down in any way consistent with the official explanation. He formed Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth (A&E for 9/11 Truth), which currently has about 3,000 members. This group includes high-rise architects and structural engineers who actually are



After publicly questioning the official story of the Sept. 11 attacks, Prof. Steven Jones, an American physicist, was censored by the university he worked for and placed on administrative leave.

experienced in the construction of skyscrapers. In other words, they are people who know what they are talking about.

These 3,000 experts have said that the official explanation of the collapse of three skyscrapers stands in contradiction to known laws of physics, architecture, and structural engineering.

In other words, the official explanation is totally impossible. Only an uneducated and ignorant public can believe the official 9/11 story. The U.S. population fits this description.

A&E for 9/11 Truth is gradually gaining assent from architects and engineers. It is very difficult for an architect or engineer to support the truth, because the American population, which includes patriotic construction companies, whose employees fly American flags on their trucks, don't want to hire architects and engineers who are "enemies of America aligned with Arab terrorists." In America, if you tell the truth, you are in great danger of losing your customers and even your life.

Think now about physicists. How many physics faculties do you know that are not dependent on federal grants, usually for military-related work? The same for chemistry. Any physics professor who challenged the official story of 9/11 with the obvious fact that the story contravenes known laws of physics would endanger not only his own career but the careers of his entire department.

Truth in America is extremely costly to express. It comes at a high cost that hardly any can afford.

Our masters know this, and thus they can dispense with truth at will. Moreover, any expert courageous enough to speak the truth is easily branded a "conspiracy theorist."

Who comes to his defense? Not his colleagues. They want rid of him as quickly as possible. Truth is a threat to their careers. They can't afford to be associated with truth. In America, truth is a career-killing word.

In America, truth is becoming a synonym for "Russian agent." Only Russian agents tell the truth, which must mean that truth is an enemy of



Even though over 3,000 scientists with Richard Gage's Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth have questioned the veracity of the official story behind the collapse of the World Trade Towers, most Americans remain woefully ignorant of what really happened on Sept. 11, 2001. Above, Gage is shown in front of a billboard asking whether Americans know that a third tower fell on Sept. 11, 2001.

America. Lists are being prepared of websites that speak truth to power and thus are seditious. In the United States today people can lie at will without consequence, but it is deadly to tell the truth.

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Are Americans so insouciant that they will stand aside while a dozen neoconservatives destroy the world? ★

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Operation Gotham Shield 2017

- Are we and North Korea being set up for a false-flag attack on U.S. soil?

By Ronald L. Ray

What do the Departments of Energy and Defense, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and Northern Command (NORTHCOM) have in common with the offices of emergency management in the states of New York and New Jersey and the city of New York? Answer: Operation Gotham Shield 2017, a full-scale exercise (FSE) to test federal, state, and local abilities to respond to a nuclear explosion. The long-planned event took place from April 18 to May 5 and was the cause of widespread concern over a possible “false-flag” disaster to be initiated by the federal government or the “deep state.”

While Gotham Shield focused in and around New York City, it also included emergency management exercises in Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania, and Connecticut. Some sources claimed it was only a “table-top” exercise, but “crisis actors” and private-sector medical personnel participated with all levels of government and military officials in the long-planned event, proving it was indeed a FSE.

For example, MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. saw dozens of area ambulances and a mobile emergency room from Hackensack University Medical Center assembled, as emergency response teams practiced nuclear decontamination and other skills. Other hospitals in the region likewise participated.

While FEMA, under the Department of Homeland Security, apparently led Gotham Shield, a number of other military and civilian exercises and events strangely coincided with the drill. This unusual conjunction, which was seen before or concurrent with the events of Sept. 11, 2001, the Boston Marathon bombing, the Sandy Hook school shooting, and other supposed terror events, rapidly raised concerns internationally, including, for once, in a few mainstream media outlets, including “The Drudge Report” and Britain’s *Daily Mail*.

This journalistic exposure caused consternation among various Gotham Shield participants—who then made their previously public announcements “disappear”—and may have kept the exercise from “going live,” in the sense of a real nuclear detonation. If so, this is good, since the program was premised on the detonation of a ten-kiloton improvised nuclear device, either in the west end of the New York-New Jersey Lincoln Tunnel, near Weehawken, N.J., or in the air above that location.



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In all, four nuclear bombs—apparently fictitious, although the official description strangely does not specify—figured in Gotham Shield’s program.

If a nuclear blast of that magnitude were really to occur at Weehawken, it was projected that more than 13,000 would die and 130,000 would be injured—numbers many experts consider too low, given the area’s high population density.

New York radio and Internet Superstation 95 even obtained and published maps and charts showing the predicted range of damage and number of casualties from a nuclear explosion of the type just described. Because the station is within the impact range, its report authors were more than a bit unnerved.

Another exercise under the Gotham Shield umbrella involved America’s amateur (ham) radio operators and the U.S. Army MARS radio messaging system. It is believed that high shortwave radio frequency bands have the best possibility of maintaining communications following a nuclear detonation and the consequent electromagnetic pulse (EMP), although no one explained how the broadcasting equipment will be shielded from EMP damage.*

In the Sept. 10, 2012 edition of AMERICAN FREE PRESS, writer Dave Gahary addressed this issue in an interview with Dr. Peter Vincent Pry, the executive director of the Task Force on National and Homeland Security. Pry’s group was set up by Congress with a mandate to “provide technical, operational policy advice and legislative help to Congress” to get the nation protected against a catastrophic EMP.

And what about the simultaneous electrical blackouts in three major U.S. cities shortly before the main Gotham Shield events of April 24-26? They fell during the broader exercise date range, yet the

lamestream media were almost uninterested in learning the cause. If not actual terror activities, were they part of Gotham Shield, and, if so, what does that say about the federal government’s willingness to create chaos and mayhem among its own people?

As of this writing, no actual nuclear event has occurred, and one may hope that Gotham Shield and the other exercises were just that. But given the current world situation and the federal government’s established history of false-flag terror operations to justify the growing police state at home and massive wars of aggression overseas, a real nuclear event easily could occur soon.

SC3, a major contractor for the military-industrial-intelligence complex, for example, continues to advertise for crisis actors for Washington, D.C. and for “surveillance actors” with secret security clearances for work in Newport News, Va.—right across the harbor from the world’s largest naval base and shipyard in Norfolk, Va.

Given President Donald Trump’s newfound friendship with the Zio-Trotskyite warmonger party and the rogue “deep state,” is a false-flag disaster planned for the near future in order to accomplish the New World Order’s goals of martial law in America, more war profits abroad, and an extensive depopulation event? Will it be used to justify war against North Korea? Syria? Russia or China? Will the American sheeple fly their flags and march lockstep to their own death and destruction? ★

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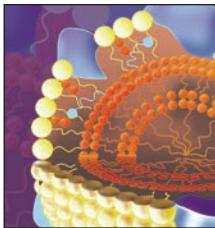
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The Rise of the Generals

- Most ominous surprise from Donald Trump is his about-face on foreign intervention

By Patrick J. Buchanan

Has President Donald Trump outsourced foreign policy to the generals? So it would seem. Candidate Trump held out his hand to Vladimir Putin. He rejected further U.S. intervention in Syria other than to smash ISIS.

He spoke of getting out and staying out of the misbegotten Middle East wars into which Presidents Bush II and Obama had plunged the country.

President Trump's seeming renunciation of an anti-interventionist foreign policy is the great surprise of the first 100 days, and the most ominous. For any new war could vitiate the Trump mandate and consume his presidency.

Trump no longer calls NATO "obsolete," but moves U.S. troops toward Russia in the Baltic and eastern Balkans. Rex Tillerson, holder of Russia's Order of Friendship, now warns that the U.S. will not lift sanctions on Russia until she gets out of Ukraine.

If Tillerson is not bluffing, that would rule out any rapprochement in the Trump presidency. For neither Putin, nor any successor, could surrender Crimea and survive.

What happened to the Trump of 2016?

When did Kiev's claim to Crimea become more crucial to us than a cooperative relationship with a nuclear-armed Russia? In 1991, Bush I and Sec-



This photo by Al Drago of *The New York Times* shows Gen. Joseph Dunford, center, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, applauding President Trump during a speech in late February. Before the election, critics claimed Mr. Trump had no foreign policy experience. "Don't worry," supporters said. "He will surround himself with admirals and generals." Perhaps he should be surrounding himself with diplomats and peacemakers.

retary of State James Baker thought the very idea of Ukraine's independence was the product of a "suicidal nationalism."

Where do we think this demonization of Putin and ostracism of Russia is going to lead?

To get Xi Jinping to help with our Pyongyang

problem, Trump has dropped all talk of be-friending Taiwan, backed off Tillerson's warning to Beijing to vacate its fortified reefs in the South China Sea, and held out promises of major concessions to Beijing in future trade deals.

"I like (Xi Jinping) and I believe he likes me a

What's the Real Secret They're Hiding About ISIS?

Did the "Islamic State" spring full-blown into spontaneous being as the fanatical scourge of the Middle East, or was it helped along by state sponsors? In *ISIS Is Us*, a panel of cutting-edge researchers tells what ISIS really is, and what has been going on secretly in Iraq, Syria, and Libya. The conclusion: ISIS is Iran-Contra all over again.

In the 1980s, the Reagan administration wanted to topple the government of Nicaragua, using right-wing mercenary death squads, based in Honduras. But Congress passed a law prohibiting that. So they went around it, by financing the Contra army via Iran.

Three decades later, Washington hawks wanted to topple the elected governments of Libya and Syria, and crush

the popular resistance in Iraq. Once again, they planned to do this using death squads. They got around Congress by having Qatar and Saudi Arabia finance it. To set up ISIS in Iraq, they sent Ambassador John Negroponte to Baghdad in 2004—the same man they sent to Honduras as ambassador from 1981 to 1985.

Then in 2011, the U.S. strategy planners sent some of those killers from Iraq to Libya to overthrow Qaddafi, with NATO air cover. From Libya, they were sent on to Syria to start the killing there, in a war directed by Negroponte's man, Ambassador Robert Stephen Ford.

Over the next couple of years, the embedded mockingbird media perversely pinned the killings of civilians on Syria's Bashar al-Assad. Only Russia's UN veto spared Syria. Still, the sheikhs kept on fi-



nancing the "rebels"—and the U.S. pretended to fight them—until they grew into the ISIS terror army.

Today, in spite of Russian military intervention, ISIS and its backers are not giving up. Even Fox News is saying the U.S. coalition against ISIS is a myth. That was shown quite clearly when the Russian military hit more ISIS targets in a week than the U.S. and its allies did in two years. The authors of *ISIS Is Us* dig deeper and look harder than any to bring you the full story that is being hidden by the U.S. government and twisted by CIA-controlled media outlets.

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Before deciding to follow the advice of his military advisors, Trump needs to see if they supported the invasion of Iraq.

lot,” Trump said this week. One recalls FDR admonishing Churchill, “I think I can personally handle Stalin better than . . . your Foreign Office. . . . Stalin hates the guts of all your people. He thinks he likes me better.”

FDR did not live to see what a fool Stalin had made of him.

Among the achievements celebrated in Trump’s first 100 days are the 59 cruise missiles launched at the Syrian airfield from which the gas attack on civilians allegedly came, and the dropping of the 22,000-pound “Mother of All Bombs” bomb in Afghanistan.

But what did these bombings accomplish?

The War Party seems again ascendant. Sens. John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) are happy campers. In Afghanistan, the U.S. commander is calling for thousands more U.S. troops to assist the 8,500 still there, to stabilize an Afghan regime and army that is steadily losing ground to the Taliban.

Iran is back on the front burner. While Tillerson concedes that Tehran is in compliance with the 2015 nuclear deal, Trump says it is violating “the spirit of the agreement.”

How so? Says Tillerson, Iran is “destabilizing” the region, and threatening U.S. interests in Syria, Yemen, Iraq, and Lebanon.

But Iran is an ally of Syria and was invited in to help the UN-recognized government put down an insurrection that contains elements of al Qaeda and ISIS. It is we, the Turks, Saudis, and Gulf

Arabs who have been backing the rebels seeking to overthrow the regime.

In Yemen, Houthi rebels overthrew and expelled a Saudi satrap. The bombing, blockading, and intervention with troops is being done by Saudi and Sunni Arabs, assisted by the U.S. Navy and Air Force.

It is we and the Saudis who are talking of closing the Yemeni port of Hodeida, which could bring on widespread starvation.

It was not Iran but the U.S. that invaded Iraq, overthrew the Baghdad regime, and occupied the country. It was not Iran that overthrew Col. Qaddafi and created the current disaster in Libya.

Recently, the USS *Mahan* fired a flare to warn off an Iranian patrol boat, 1,000 meters away. Supposedly, this was a provocation. But Iranian foreign minister Javad Zarif had a point when he tweeted: “Breaking: Our Navy operates in—yes, correct—the Persian Gulf, not the Gulf of Mexico. Question is what is the U.S. Navy doing 7,500 miles from home.”

Who is behind the seeming conversion of Trump to hawk?

The generals, Bibi Netanyahu, and the neo-cons, congressional hawks with Cold War mindsets, the Saudi royal family, and the Gulf Arabs—they are winning the battle for the president’s mind.

And their agenda for America?

We are to recognize that our true enemy in the Mideast is not al Qaeda or ISIS, but Shiite Iran and Hezbollah, Assad’s Syria, and his patron, Putin. And until Hezbollah is eviscerated, Assad is gone, and Iran is smashed the way we did Afghanistan, Iraq, and Yemen, the flowering of Middle East democracy that we all seek cannot truly begin.

But before President Trump proceeds along the path laid out for him by his generals, brave and patriotic men that they are, he should discover if any of them opposed any of the idiotic wars of the last 15 years, beginning with that greatest of strategic blunders—George W. Bush’s invasion of Iraq and occupation of Baghdad. ★

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Saudis Buy License to Kill Civilians

• Western powers refuse to demand end to indiscriminate attacks in Yemen

By Richard Walker

It is somewhat ironic that the nations condemning the continuing slaughter of women and children in Yemen are Russia and China, not the U.S. and its allies that have financial and military ties to Arab leadership. Rights groups have confirmed that a child is dying every ten minutes in Yemen. The deaths are either from bombing or malnutrition.

The Chinese and Russians have called for a stop to the indiscriminate bombing of civilian targets by Arab countries in the region, but Washington, London, and Paris have remained silent. They have fostered decades-long links to the Saudi royal family and have had made hundreds of billions of dollars selling them sophisticated weaponry, ensuring the kingdom has one of the most advanced militaries in the world.

According to French journalists, France-Saudi ties have always been riddled with corruption, and the U.S. ties to the Arab world are no different.

In return for Arab arms deals and the large fees paid to lobbyists connected to both parties in Congress, Washington has ignored the Saudi financing of groups and individuals that led to the rise of al Qaeda, the attack on the USS *Cole* in Yemen, and the creation of ISIS and the al-Nusra Front in Syria and in Iraq.

Now President Donald Trump, like Obama before him, is helping Arab countries run their air campaign that is killing thousands of innocents.



Is it any wonder America is reviled across the Muslim world? Above is shown the result of a bombing of a Yemeni city in a Houthi-controlled section of Yemen. Amnesty International, the Red Cross, Russia, China, and others have pleaded with the U.S., France, and England to step in and stop the burgeoning humanitarian disaster occurring now in Yemen—made possible by U.S. support for the Saudi elite.

Yemen has descended into a hellish conflict zone with most of the population starving because several Arab countries are blocking food imports.

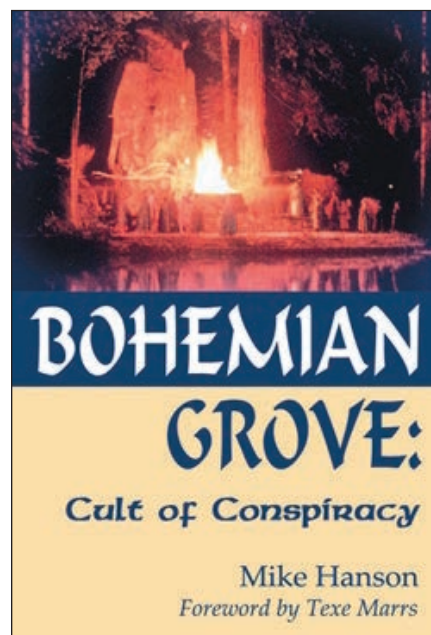
The silence in Western capitals has been deafening in the face of evidence from Amnesty International and the Red Cross of war crimes. The U.S. mainstream media has also been complicit in turning its back on the truth about Yemen, instead

permitting the Saudis, for example, to frame the narrative that Iran is behind all the violence.

While none of the sides in the conflict has clean hands, the major players that have had the firepower to cause most of the civilian deaths and infrastructure damage have been the Saudis, with the help of their Western allies. The British and the French have provided satellite surveillance and tar-

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getting experts, who operate from the Saudi air command center, but the Trump administration has refused to disclose the specific military and intelligence elements it has embedded in the war in Yemen.

Meanwhile, Trump and his British counterpart, Prime Minister Theresa May, have signed off on new arms deals with Saudi Arabia. Prime Minister May recently visited Riyadh where journalists found it bizarre that she could answer questions about an Easter egg debate back in Britain but could not address the Yemen conflict. Nor did she acknowledge that Scotland Yard has been running an investigation into Saudi war crimes against Yemeni civilians.

During his election campaign, Trump was critical of Saudi Arabia, but he has since reversed course. Now he is focused on getting the Saudis to put more money in Washington's coffers in return for U.S. military backing.

That is not a decisive response to big issues in the region, especially the growing strength of al Qaeda and ISIS in Yemen where the Saudi campaign has devastated the country, creating a lawlessness that has benefited the violent, radical groups.

Given that Trump was angered by the deaths of civilians in Syria one would have expected him to say something about the killing of innocents in Yemen. It appears, however, he has no desire to jeopardize the prospect of the Arab leaders



Is son-in-law Jared Kushner formulating Donald Trump's Mideast policy? If he is, it might explain the recent shift in U.S. policy in the region drifting from Trump's promised America-first tack to that of neocon Lubavitcher Kushner.

coughing up more money for Washington's "security support," which really means turning a blind eye to excesses in Yemen.

Another factor that has shaped Trump's policy somersault on the Middle East issue is Saudi Arabia's anti-Iran alliance with Israel that has the backing of Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, who is in charge of Middle East policy. Kushner is a close family friend of Israeli leader Benjamin Netanyahu. Kushner and his father have also had major financial interests in Israel and have done business with its banks.

In Congress, members of the powerful pro-Israel lobby have deliberately avoided criticizing the Saudis, but have had no such reservations about attacking Russia's Syria campaign. The double standards of condemnation on Capitol Hill have now reached into the White House, providing the Saudis with perfect cover for their war crimes.

If Trump continues to rely on his son-in-law to shape his Middle East policy, it may take on familiar neocon characteristics.

Israel and its backers in Congress have been promoting a new military alliance with Sunni Arab states against Shiite Iran and Iraq. Before long, America could be back in an axis-of-evil era, facing new wars. ★

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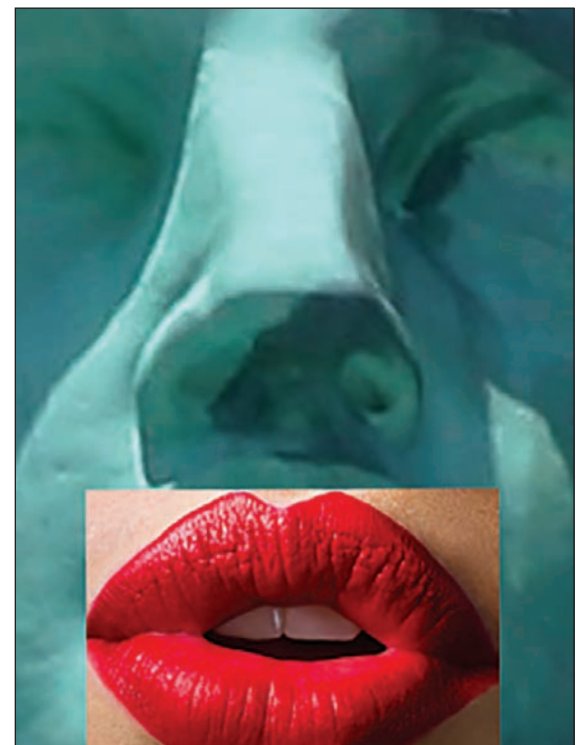
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Lobby's Grip on Trump Tightens

• If you doubt the power of the Zionist lobby, look how it's silencing any and all critics

By Kevin Barrett

Like President Donald Trump, this writer is being harassed by the Zionist lobby. But unlike Trump, I am not giving an inch. Somebody—presumably the attack-dog wing of the lobby—just “nuked” an online fundraiser I was holding. A grand total of \$1,015 disappeared from my account on the website “GoFundMe.” It was “refunded” to donors. Worse, my main database of supporters has disappeared.

Meanwhile, someone named Spencer Sunshine has written to the Left Forum Conference, one of the largest gatherings of left-wing activists, urging them to cancel my speaking appearances there, scheduled for June 2-4.

“I am writing to you, on behalf of a group of NYC activists, to express our objection to a number of anti-Semitic conspiracy theorists and Holocaust deniers who appeared on the ‘Deep State track’ last year,” wrote Summers. “The most well-known of these speakers, Kevin Barrett, bragged on the far right website ‘Veterans Today’ that they had tricked the Left Forum into hosting their speakers. . . . We hope that these individuals, and those with similar views, will not be invited back to the Left Forum.”

I called Sunshine to find out more about why he is trying to silence me. Who are the alleged other members of the “group of NYC activists” he purportedly represents?

Sunshine refused to discuss whether the alleged group is real or fabricated. He accused me of anti-Semitism, claiming that I knew “Sunshine” was a Jewish name and that therefore I must have called him a Zionist on my radio show because I knew he was Jewish and assumed that all Jews were Zionists. He refused to believe me when I explained that I had no idea that “Sunshine” is a common Jewish surname. In fact, I had assumed he was a Zionist because of his efforts to silence critics of the Zionist lobby in the United States.

Meanwhile, here in Madison, Wisc., an event for Gilad Atzmon that I am organizing is under attack and will likely have to change its location. Atzmon, an Israeli-born philosopher and jazz musician, is a leading critic of Jewish identity politics, a central component of Zionism.

The event was proposed as “The Gilad Atzmon Debate Challenge.” I tried to find a qualified opponent to debate Gilad. There were no takers.

Clearly, the lobby is trying to silence its most articulate critics rather than refute them. Why? The lobby knows it would likely lose any debate.

Meanwhile, the Trump administration has also found itself under attack by the lobby. But,



The Israeli lobby has been targeting and harassing critics of Israel to the point that it has become nearly impossible for them to hold a job or even carry on an otherwise normal life. For instance, AFP writer Dr. Kevin Barrett (pictured above) has been personally attacked, has had his online fundraisers taken down, and has had talks and conferences he is organizing arbitrarily canceled due to his political views.

unlike me, Trump has capitulated.

In early March, Trump suggested that “anti-Semitic” attacks on Jewish targets were false flags. The *Jewish Daily Forward*, in a story headlined “Why Trump’s ‘False Flag’ Comment About Jews and Anti-Semitism Is So Dangerous,” wrote:

Threats (against Jewish targets) are not genuine, he [Trump] suggested. They are “the reverse,” he said—carried out by his political opponents “to make people, or to make others, look bad.”

The comments might seem bewildering. But in far-right, conspiracy-fixated circles, many believe these anti-Semitic threats are in fact “false flags,” nefariously carried out by Jews in order to tear down Trump. Analysts call this Jewish “false flag” allegation one of the oldest—and most effective—anti-Semitic “dog whistles” out there.”

As it turned out, Trump was right. The threats were false flags. Most were perpetrated by an Israeli-American dual citizen named Michael Ron David Kaydar. But did Trump’s Zionist critics apologize? Hardly! Instead, they wanted Trump to apologize—for being right.

So Trump began kowtowing to the Israel lobby. He delivered a bizarre Easter message that looked like a hostage video. In it, Trump went on and on about how wonderful Israel is, wishing everyone a happy Passover, and barely mentioning Easter as an afterthought.

Then, a little over a week later, Trump visited the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. and once again debased himself before the high altar of Zionism. Lavishing the late serial liar Elie Wiesel with sycophantic adulation, Trump said:

Denying the Holocaust is only one of many forms of dangerous anti-Semitism that continues all around the world. We’ve seen anti-Semitism on university campuses, in the public square, and in threats against Jewish citizens. Even worse, it’s been on display in the most sinister manner when terrorists attack Jewish communities, or when aggressors threaten Israel with total and complete destruction.

This is my pledge to you: We will confront anti-Semitism. [Applause.] We will stamp out prejudice. We will condemn hatred. We will bear witness. And we will act. As president of the United States, I will always stand with the Jewish people—and I will always stand with our great friend and partner, the State of Israel.

Apparently, criticism of Israel is now equated with Holocaust denial and is forbidden in the United States. ★

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Kevin Barrett, Ph.D., is an Arabist-Islamologist scholar and one of America’s best-known critics of the War on Terror. From 1991 through 2006, Dr. Barrett taught at colleges and universities in San Francisco, Paris, and Wisconsin. In 2006, however, he was attacked by Republican state legislators who called for him to be fired from his job at the University of Wisconsin-Madison due to his political opinions. Since 2007, Dr. Barrett has been informally blacklisted from teaching in American colleges and universities. He currently works as a nonprofit organizer, public speaker, author, and talk radio host. He lives in rural western Wisconsin.

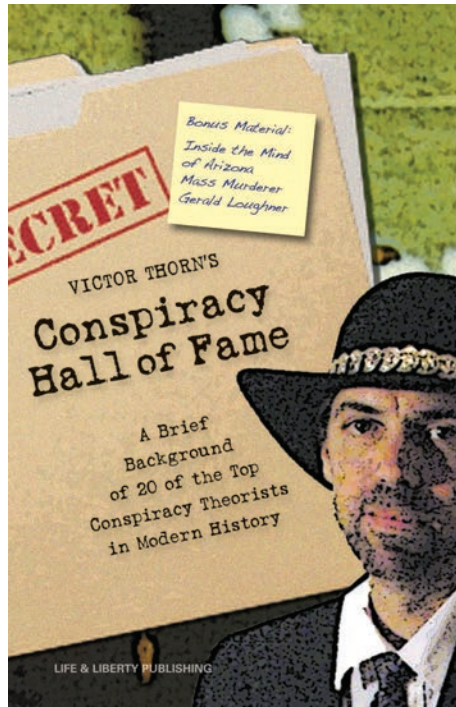
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Erasing Southern History

• Many New Orleans residents outraged at removal of Confederate monuments

By Dave Gahary

The North is once again waging a war of aggression against the South, but this time instead of charging the Confederate lines with a Springfield Model 1861 rifle or an Enfield 1853 rifled musket, they're using "highly skilled crane operators and riggers" and 18-wheelers to remove some of the most sacred monuments to Southern heritage and history in The Big Easy, New Orleans, La. (NOLA).

The first monument unceremoniously torn from the ground—which was unsuccessfully attempted in 1981 and 1993—was the 15,000-pound "Battle of Liberty Place" obelisk, erected in 1891. Three other monuments targeted for removal "sooner rather than later" are: Confederate Gens. Robert E. Lee and P.G.T. Beauregard and Confederate States of America President Jefferson F. Davis.

Construction crews, donning helmets, flak jackets, masks, and full-body suits to conceal their identities, began the removal of the first of four Confederate monuments in the wee hours on April 24 in the dark of night, where NOLA police officers gave protective cover to the workers from the rooftops of a nearby hotel and parking garage. Despite their attempts at stealth, the workers weren't alone. Protestors were present, some holding candlelight vigils.

One of those speaking at a vigil in front of the Jefferson Davis statue was Charles Edward Lincoln III, a NOLA resident.

At the vigil, Lincoln stated, "If they really want to get rid of the heritage of slavery in New Orleans, what they need to do is bulldoze the French Quarter, bulldoze the Garden District, destroy everything that makes New Orleans a great city and a world attraction."

On May 2, AMERICAN FREE PRESS conducted an exclusive interview with Lincoln, a Tulane, Harvard, and Chicago University-trained anthropologist and lawyer (not practicing) to gain more insight into this matter. We asked him to first explain the aforementioned remarks.

"They say that these are monuments to slavery," he explained. "Quite apart from the fact they are not, New Orleans is a monument to slavery. The city is a monument to one of the most brilliant cultural achievements of a slave society since ancient Rome and Greece. All of the Garden District, all of the French Quarter, were built mostly by the hands of slaves.



"All of the historic buildings in New Orleans are part of one single monumental city," he continued. "I see the city as a living museum, the ruins of an ancient civilization, and it needs to be treated and protected as such."

Lincoln touched on NOLA's Democrat mayor, Mitchell Joseph "Mitch" Landrieu, who played a big role in the removal of the monuments.

"I really think that Mitch Landrieu is part of a great, global conspiracy to dumb-down the American population," he said, "to make us less conscious of our task, to fail to understand the relationship between the people represented on these monuments and the architecture and the environment of New Orleans, which affects millions of people every year. This city would be nothing without its history. They're trying to erase the cultural uniqueness of the city."

Although the city has recognized "32 or 33 monuments," Lincoln explained that a pro-monument group formed about 20 years ago "developed a list of over 150 monuments in the city," which doesn't "include a single house or public building."

Lincoln's outspoken support of the heritage sites of the city has produced some blowback, as is almost always the case for politically incorrect speech.

"Earlier today, I was asked to leave my favorite coffee shop on St. Charles and told never to return," he said, "because my position on the monuments had been publicized and made all the—100% white—employees of the Avenue Café feel unsafe."

A white protester (above, right) holds a sign accusing the African-American woman at left of "racism" because she holds the Confederate battle flag at a gathering in New Orleans in support of honest Southern history. She, like many white and black people, understands that the War Between the States was not predominantly about slavery. Only approximately 4% of Southerners owned slaves, yet average Americans—both black and white—from all across the South fought for the Confederacy. Did Texans, Alabamians, Floridians, Carolinians, Mississippians, Kentuckians, Arkansans etc come all the way to Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania to fight and die so the institution of slavery could be maintained? We think not. They were defending their homeland against tyranny. Unfortunately, political correctness holds sway today. Right now, New Orleans is shamefully disassembling and carting away monuments featuring heroes like President Jefferson Davis, Gen. Robert E. Lee, Gen. Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard and other Southern culture heroes. When will it stop?

Lincoln summed up the clash between those who want to preserve Southern heritage and those who want to erase it, by referring to Jefferson Davis, and a powerful speech he gave on Dec. 26, 1862.

"To take this man's statue down and to try to make people forget about him is all about trying to make people forget about constitutional government," he said. ★

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.

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Maker of Shingles Vaccine Faces Lawsuits

• Legal action against pharmaceutical giant sheds light on vaccination dangers

By James Spounias

A group of lawsuits that allege pharmaceutical giant Merck's Zostavax—a vaccine that is purported to prevent herpes zoster (shingles)—caused damage is shedding light on the possible dangers of this highly advertised medical treatment.

In 2015, sales of Zostavax topped \$749 million.

Trial lawyer Marc Bern reports he is gathering “thousands of complaints” yet to be filed in Philadelphia.

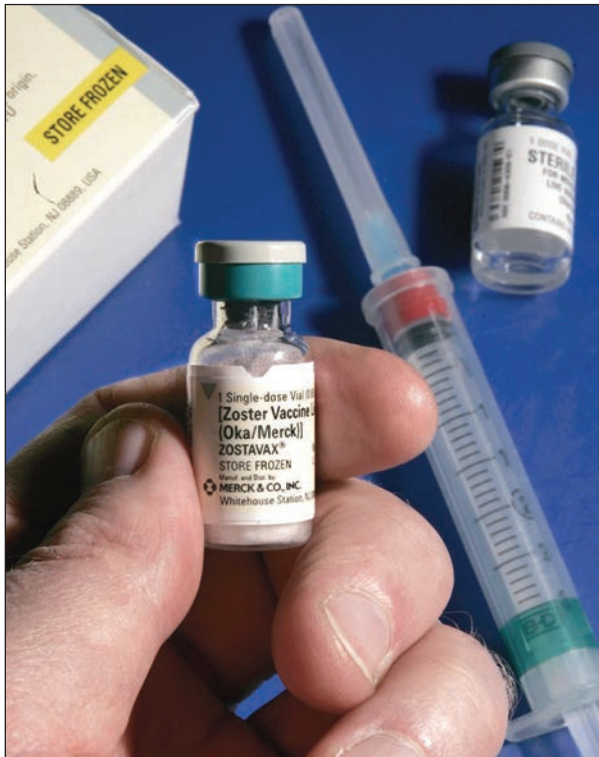
Bern told pharmaceutical news website “FiercePharma,” “I think Merck has failed terribly . . . to warn about the very serious side effects and the failure of the vaccine to do what they claim it does.”

Bern filed what is believed to be the first lawsuit against Merck. Plaintiff Jorja Bentley, from Nevada, claims that Merck failed to warn of the risk of viral infection and that she suffered a headache, dizziness, and blurred vision shortly after receiving the vaccine. She stated that she continues to suffer from injury to her right eye, elevated blood pressure, headaches, and dizziness.

Bern stated: “We’ve been looking at this potential case for some time, and we believe it is highly meritorious. We believe the vaccine is at best 50% effective. Either it is not effective, or it has caused shingles and other issues, like in this case, where it has caused a serious [eye] complication.”

The fact that Zostavax may be implicated in eye-damage claims became better known when Merck got permission from the FDA in 2016 to include a warning that reads, “Eye Disorders: necrotizing retinitis (patients on immunosuppressive therapy).”

Tellingly, another side effect of the shingles vaccine is shingles. According to an Aug. 28, 2014 ap-



Hailed as a miracle vaccine against the plague of shingles, Merck's Zostavax has instead displayed a host of dangerous side effects.

proval letter, the FDA granted Merck's request “to include ‘infections and infestations: Herpes zoster (vaccine strain)’ and to update the patient package insert to include ‘shingles’ in the ‘What are the possible side effects of Zostavax?’ section.”

In 2011, “gastro-intestinal disorders: nausea” was added as well.

Most claims against vaccine makers never make it to court because the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act (NCVIA) of 1986 created a compensation program for vaccine injuries, the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP), run through the Department of Health and Human Services.

Many, but not all, vaccines are registered with the VICP, and because Zostavax is not registered, individuals are allowed to pursue litigation against Merck.

The VICP reviews vaccine injury claims, which are not limited to childhood vaccines. Roughly \$3 billion has been awarded to victims since its creation in the 1980s, even though nearly two out of three claims are denied compensation.

Vaccine skeptics have plenty to say about the shingles vaccine.

Anne Dachel, media editor for “AgeOfAutism.com,” which is a website devoted to assisting those who believe that autism is an environmentally induced illness, interviewed Dr. Kenneth Stoller, an integrative physician who practices in San Francisco. Dr. Stoller is the author of *Incurable Me*,* a book that exposes some of the dark-

est secrets of the medical industry.

Stoller told Ms. Dachel that there is “zero credible safety data” on vaccines.

“Vaccines are not tested for safety against a saline placebo,” he said. “They are tested against a solution that contains all of the adjuvants, metals, DNA, and other toxins etc., but just minus the infectious disease itself—in this case the varicella virus. So the safety data and adverse event data Merck cites in their package does not have a lot of meaning.”

How our immune systems respond to viruses cannot be reduced to the simplistic idea that a vaccine will protect us against a virus, and that those who are unvaccinated pose a risk to those who may be immune compromised. Introducing live or dead viruses into our system, by injection or orally, with or without “dangerous adjuvants,” is not the answer to fighting disease, according to some medical professionals.

Ms. Dachel posted a statement by Robert Krakow, former prosecutor and co-author of “Unanswered Questions from the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: A Review of Compensated Cases of Vaccine-Induced Brain Injury,” a 2011 article published in *Pace Environmental Law Review*.

Krakow, now in private practice, handles vaccine injury claims and gave this statement to Ms. Dachel: “Given the obvious risk of serious injury from the Zostavax vaccine, any person over 50 should proceed with caution regarding the commercially promoted recommendation to get this vaccine. While shingles can be serious in rare cases, my view is that efforts to maintain good health and a strong immune system will serve us better in preventing shingles than obtaining this vaccine, which has the undeniable risk of serious injury. There are almost 5,000 reports of adverse events after Zostavax. The vaccine contains substances that can provoke autoimmunity. . . . As with many other vaccines, I am not convinced that the vaccine or its components have been properly tested. The promotion of Zostavax on television and other places is as irresponsible as it is inappropriate. The value of the vaccine is overstated, while the risk of adverse reactions is downplayed.”

Whether someone should get the shingles vaccine is a matter of personal choice. This writer and AMERICAN FREE PRESS do not give medical advice. We do believe it is our obligation, though, to provide information for readers to research further and consult with their medical professionals. ★

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Turkish Referendum a Blow to NWO

• Turkey's overtures to Russia, China could threaten future of NATO

By Matthew Raphael Johnson

Much maligned in the mainstream press, a constitutional referendum approved by Turkish voters on April 16 is actually good for the forces of national sovereignty that continue fighting the New World Order.

The referendum in question introduced 18 amendments to the country's constitution. The changes implement a purely presidential system over the older English-style parliamentary system. The most important aspect of the changes is that the president now has greater control over judicial and cabinet appointments that previously had to be approved by parliament. To calm claims of dictatorship, the total number of members in the new parliament was raised from 550 to 600 seats. Parliamentary approval of executive actions is gone.

The referendum was held under martial law, which remains in place since the coup attempt of last year. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan won this by a small majority.

The constitutional referendum has been a program of the ruling party and the Islamic nationalist movement for years, but a trauma like the coup was needed to bring it about.

Proponents had argued that it would get rid of unstable coalition governments, which have run Turkey since 1960.

Erdogan has gone so far as to argue that those who reject this measure are supporters of the failed coup attempt.

The campaign was met with predictable accusations of state suppression of the partisans of the old system. Allegedly, major Turkish figures such as Meral Aksener, Umit Ozdag, Sinan Ogan, and Yusuf Halacoglu were all subject to both violence and restrictions on their political life. On the other hand, European governments were accused of repressing the nationalist movement of Turks abroad. Millions of Turks work in Europe.

The main criticism of the government's proposals centered around the charge that the separation of powers would be destroyed by these amendments. It is argued that this would reduce parliament to utter powerlessness. The basic argument is that the executive will dominate both the legislative and the judiciary. More abstractly, it would destroy secularism, since this is the desire of the Islamic parties. Some even made the argument that this is the adoption of the Syrian constitution, a multiparty democracy with a very powerful president.

European Parliament rapporteur on Turkey Kati Piri minced no words, saying: "This is a sad day for all democrats in Turkey. It is clear that the coun-



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try cannot join the EU with a constitution that doesn't respect the separation of powers and has no checks and balances. If the package is implemented unchanged, this will have to lead to the formal suspension of the EU accession talks. Continuing to talk about Turkey's integration into Europe under the current circumstances has become a farce."

Piri's statement might only make the proposals all the more interesting to nationalists the world over.

It might be that Turkey has yet again rejected the EU and will move closer to China. *The Economist* of London, the mouthpiece of the Rothschild clan, stated hyperbolically that "a vote for 'Yes' would saddle the country with an elected dictator." Corporate non-governmental organizations, such as Human Rights Watch, also condemned the measure.

The truth is, corporate power cannot rule Turkey under a strong, centralized state. Only the unstable coalitions of years past guaranteed a weak state easily manipulated by international capital.

In Erdogan's first years in power, the economy grew by 5%-7%. Interest rates were low, and credit was widely available. He focused on the poor, bringing many into middle-class status. However, as soon as the credit was taken up, foreign capital left the country, leaving a broke and unemployed population. This is what Erdogan wants to

avoid happening again.

According to a European Union report on Turkey from last year, extensive legal immunities are given to counterterrorism forces and military intelligence. Unfortunately, few see this as anything other than a necessity. For these to be subject to parliament would be to hamper their efforts in a war their enemies have made very dirty. In many ways, this is no different from the U.S.

One very negative change is that Erdogan replaced hundreds of generals, leading to a radical shift in long-term planning and a lessening in military effectiveness and preparedness.

According to Alon Ben-Meir, a professor and senior fellow at New York University's Center for Global Affairs and a senior fellow at the World Policy Institute: "Turkey defies the NATO charter that requires its members to 'safeguard the freedom, common heritage, and civilization of their peoples, founded on the principles of democracy, individual liberty and the rule of law.' By not adhering to these principles, Turkey risks being potentially expelled, especially now that Erdogan appears to be increasingly gravitating toward Moscow."

This means that these proposals are Turkey's means of eliminating their dependence on the New World Order. Only a strong state can do this.

The world's media are going into convulsions because a strong presidency, such as the ones in Russia and Belarus, is needed to sever a nation's dependence on Western capital.

Despite being a NATO member and having one of the strongest militaries in that alliance, Turkey is flirting with Russia. This is the main reason for the attacks on Erdogan's plans for a more centralized state.

Recently, Erdogan purchased the S-400 Russian air defense system and has allied with China on several key areas. The West is terrified. It would be a shocking blow to the New World Order.

However, it should be noted that after the purge of the military last year, a full third of the military overall has been removed. Turkey's air force has been reduced to 140 combat aircraft, where it had been around 300 before the coup.

Even worse for the New World Order has been Turkey's purchase of Iranian oil using gold, eliminating the dollar in that transaction.

Turkey is as large as Germany. If it turns its back on "European values," then the NATO alliance itself is in danger.

Turning to Russia means that all NATO's secrets fall into its hands. Turkey no longer cares about globalization, since it has seen the destruction it can wreak on a country. They no longer want to be a part of the indebted and increasingly reviled European Union.

This series of events is truly significant: Turkey's departure to Russia could potentially start a massive chain reaction to bring the NWO down. ★

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Publicize the Censorship

AFP should stand up and tell them to get lost or go jump in a lake with their idiot ideas. Plain English that everyone can understand is the key. Do not fear. Keep us informed so we can physically back you up if necessary. And let's make the censorship public before it's too late. Maybe we can get others to help, too?

JO ELLEN CARLSON
Wisconsin

Witch Hunt

To all of the self-appointed protectors of political correctness, I am sure that you are all very proud of yourselves for conducting the current witch hunt against AMERICAN FREE PRESS. As a subscriber to the newspaper, I know for certain that the members and contributors are all lovers of journalistic truth. Are you? When one adopts a freedom-destroying ideology, one is not free to change it. The ideology changes you.

JULIAN BAIDY
Louisiana

Miserable Vultures

To all you hateful, miserable vultures: To hell with you and your hateful commie New World Order. I, for one, will never be silenced, bent, bowed or broken. Even without free media, my jaw will flap and spout truth until the day I drop. I'd rather fight and die on my feet than live on my knees before you parasitic vermin.

DEANO FEHRMAN
Washington

Free Speech Is Dead

You think we have free speech in America? You are wrong. Say what you feel about topics that might "hurt someone's feelings" and you will find yourself unemployed or the newspaper you subscribe to shut down. Trust me. I know. I was dismissed from my job as a college teacher for refusing to allow affluent students from several foreign caliphates to cheat on their exams.

JOHN McMASTERMAN
Tennessee

Land of the Slaves

We are slaves to the New World Order. We do not have the right to say or even think what we want anymore. The country I fought to defend in World War II is gone. Who ruined it? People who can't quite understand that newspapers like AMERICAN FREE PRESS are why we still have the few rights we do.

ANTONIO CHINCAGRANA
Maryland

Stand Up or We're Done For

I have a loud-mouthed friend who spouts off about everything. I hardly ever agree with him, but I would never silence him. It makes me proud to live in a nation where we can say what we want. Well, I should say, "lived" in a nation [with free speech]. If we don't all stand up and defend those few organizations left that are willing to tell the truth, we're done for.

TOM JEFFERSON
Virginia

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