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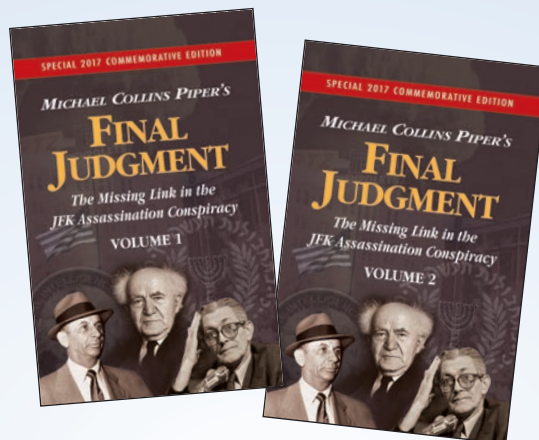
Final Judgment to Be Re-Introduced in Two Volume Set

In the years before Michael Collins Piper passed away on May 30, 2015, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, he told many of us here at AFP that he was working on some minor updates for his highly acclaimed book, *Final Judgment*. He wanted to reintroduce the book, which was already in its sixth edition, because he knew it was nearly impossible to get it anymore. Sadly, that never came to fruition before his unfortunate death, and you can now only find used copies on the Internet, at very, very steep prices.

Over the years, we can't think of any other book in our inventory that readers have requested as much as *Final Judgment*. However, at over 800 pages, the sheer size of the book has made re-publishing it a daunting effort, and we have repeatedly hedged, telling people that, some day soon, we hope we'll have it back in print.

Well, we have good news to report today. We will soon be offering print copies of Mike's incredible book once again—only this time we will be breaking it up into two manageable volumes of around 400 pages each. At this size, it will be easier to read and we have been told that the book binding will hold up for many more years than if we tried to cram over 800 pages into one soft-cover book.

For those who don't know, *Final Judgment* is considered to be one of the definitive books on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Through meticulous research, Mike pieced together multiple disparate theories on who was behind the murder, ultimately placing the blame for orchestrating this tragic event and the resultant cover-up on the Israeli government. Not surprisingly, the story is complicated. But, according to Mike, the reason Kennedy was in the crosshairs was largely due to his unwavering opposition to Is-



rael getting the atomic bomb.

To this day, Mike's book still stands the test of time. Of course, it is well known in conspiracy circles. But *Final Judgment* has also been cited by court historians and mainstream researchers, who find that Mike's logical conclusions and in-depth analysis play an important role in finding out what really happened on that fateful day in Dallas.

If you would like to help us fund this project by ordering copies in advance, that would be much appreciated. Volume I contains the main text of the *Final Judgment* book plus Mike's amazing photo section, which he encouraged Production Manager Paul Angel to publish himself should we not be able to afford to do the whole book. (Mike told Paul that the photo pages practically told the whole story.) It is 425 pages and will sell for \$25 plus \$4 S&H in the U.S.

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We also want to thank Mike's good friend Prof. Ray Goodwin of Texas, an indomitable JFK researcher himself, who agreed to write the foreword to this 2017 commemorative edition. Ray was a strong supporter of Mike's work and is a member of THE BARNES REVIEW history magazine's editorial board.

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EVEN MORE GOOD NEWS

As AFP goes to press on Jan. 26, President Donald Trump has had his first days in the White House—and what a productive time it has been. In a flurry of executive orders, Trump is making good on campaign promises on immigration, the U.S. border, free trade, and the economy. Of course, we're not happy with his unquestioning support of Israel, which has given the government there the green light to steal more land from the Palestinians. Readers can see pages 19-21 in this week's edition for more on that.

We will continue to keep our eyes firmly on Trump and his plans. But after eight long years of Barack Obama, we can say after Trump's first week in office—so far, so good.

—CHRISTOPHER J. PETHERICK
Executive Editor

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News You May Have Missed

Flurry of Executive Orders

Besides pulling the U.S. out of the Trans-Pacific Partnership, new President Donald J. Trump has issued several other executive orders, including in the area of “climate change.” Trump doubts “global warming” claims. He also signed executive orders that force U.S. federal agencies to stop wasting time and make decisions as to whether the Dakota Access and Keystone pipelines can be built. He has made the first moves to get a wall built along the 2,000-mile U.S. southern border with Mexico, to end sanctuary cities, and to step up border security. Finally, Trump signed a measure that bars U.S. taxpayer funds from supporting abortions in foreign countries.

Real News

President Donald J. Trump’s press spokesman, Sean Spicer, came out swinging during the afternoon of Inauguration Day, Jan. 20, to issue a sweeping statement about the mainstream media’s often blatantly un-factual reporting on the inauguration. Spicer took issue with some media reports, including misleading photos that purported to show an especially low turnout of people in Washington to witness Trump’s inauguration. Given initial media claims that as few as 250,000 showed up, Spicer sharply countered that the front section alone holds 250,000, thus the in-person attendance appears to have been approximately 850,000. Three days later, in his first full Q&A press conference, Spicer also announced that alternative media outlets would be given greater access to White House press conferences via Skype feeds, among other possible means. Do we finally have a president who appreciates the alternative media?

Concerns About Pompeo

Rep. Mike Pompeo (R-Kan.) was cleared by the Senate Jan. 23 in a 66-32 vote to become the next CIA chief under President Trump and was sworn in shortly thereafter. However, Republican Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) joined Vermont Independent Sen. Bernie Sanders and Democrats such as Sen. Martin Heinrich



RAND PAUL

MARTIN HEINRICH

(D-N.M.) in expressing concerns over Pompeo’s statements regarding defending Americans’ liberties amid the super-surveillance and other measures used by the CIA in a “war on terror” inherited from the Bush and Obama administrations. After five hours of floor debate on Pompeo’s nomination, Paul expressed concern that Pompeo’s “desire for security will trump his defense of liberty.” Heinrich warned of Pompeo’s apparent goal to obtain “lifestyle” information on Americans. “The federal government has no business collecting lifestyle information on its citizens,” Heinrich said. Notably, Paul voted against the Pompeo nomination.

Abortion Supporters Only

The organizers of the recent women’s march on Washington said at the outset, “It is not our differences that divide us; it is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences.” But the claim of devotion to solidarity was a fraud, because the organizers decided to ban a pro-life women’s group, the Texas-based New Wave Feminists, whose spokeswoman, Destiny Haddon-De La Rosa, said “It appears that [the women’s march on Washington] only wants to include a ‘diverse’ array of women who think exactly like them.” Left-wing feminists, who call the shots among the organizers, insisted the march must only represent unwavering support of abortion “rights.”

Fake News

Whatever one might think about Martin Luther King and the report by *Time* magazine that President Donald Trump had removed King’s bust from the Oval Office, it turns out that the story was totally made up by

Time correspondent Zeke Miller. On Jan. 24, *Time* managing editor Nancy Gibbs issued an apology, clarifying that Miller made a mistake, apologized for it, and explained details of how the mistake was made.

Obama’s Alternative Reality

Outgoing President Barack Obama said in his farewell speech, “The American people are much better off today than before I took office eight years ago.” Really? In 2009, the national debt was \$10.6 trillion; today it is \$20 trillion. The labor force participation rate was 65.8%; now, 62.8%. Home ownership rate went from 67.3% to 63.5%. Etc etc. We are much worse off now, by every economic measure—except the stock market, which is the realm of the wealthy, for the most part. Apparently, Obama simply cannot stop lying. The sad thing is some people still believe him.

Pardons Top Terrorist

In his last-minute pardoning spree, President Barack Obama commuted the sentence of communist Oscar Lopez-Rivera, 74, who masterminded the planting of 130 bombs. “Fighting for the independence of Puerto Rico,” Lopez-Rivera claimed the right to declare war on the United States and repeatedly put the lives of innocent civilians at risk. He was found guilty and sentenced to 70 years for his role in over 100 bombings in New York and other cities in the 1970s and 1980s. Lopez-Rivera has spent more than three decades in a Chicago prison and remains unrepentant.

Crimes Against Humanity

Thousands of demonstrators recently blocked the main highway in the area of the town of Ar’ara, in Israel, just northwest of the West Bank of Palestine, to protest the ongoing demolition of Arab houses by the occupying power. Israeli forces deployed water cannons and massed infantry to break up the protest. Meanwhile, the UN approved a resolution condemning Israeli settlements on Palestinian territory. Kudos to former President Obama for opposing Israel on this issue.

Ketchup King Gets Pass

Rex Tillerson, 64, owns \$233 million worth of ExxonMobil stock, of which he is CEO, and everyone is demanding he divest himself of it to serve as secretary of state under President



JOHN KERRY AND TERESA HEINZ

The king and queen of ketchup.

Donald Trump. John Kerry, 73, is married to Teresa Heinz, the ketchup heiress, who is worth \$750 million to \$1.2 billion. No one complained about Kerry being secretary of state under Barack Obama.

Good Gun Control

His name hasn’t been revealed, so they are just calling him “Good Sam”—good Samaritan. But another good citizen, Brian Schober, 44, was driving on an Arizona highway when “Sam” flagged him down. Schober pulled over and helped out at the scene. Trooper Edward Andersson had been investigating a one-car accident in which a woman passenger had been killed. For unknown reasons the driver of the accident car allegedly shot the cop in the head and chest and was proceeding to beat the officer’s head on the pavement when “Sam” arrived and shot the perpetrator dead. Arizona and virtually all states have a defense of third person law that allows someone to use deadly force against a person who is threatening or injuring a third person. Schober had nothing but praise for “Sam,” who acted as the first responder in saving the trooper’s life.

Big Brother Tightens His Grip on You

• Outgoing Obama administration enlarges surveillance state on the way out the door

By Ronald L. Ray

In the final days of the outgoing Barack Obama administration, the executive branch of the federal government gave itself permission for radically expanded, warrantless surveillance of just about anybody. New National Security Agency (NSA) procedures signed last December by then-Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper, and approved by then-Attorney General Loretta Lynch on Jan. 3, now allow broad sharing of NSA raw communications intelligence with 15 other federal spy agencies. No congressional debate, no public hearing, no public comment allowed—just a raw power grab predicated on Executive Order 12333.

Only days later, departing Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson declared elections in the U.S.—all of them, whether for presidents, propositions, or dog catchers—to be “critical national infrastructure,” giving ultimate control of those elections, shrouded behind the “national security” cloak of secrecy, to faceless, unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats. Journalist Jon Rappoport called this what it is: a coup.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) also established a “National Livestock Readiness Program” to “protect” against alleged potential “agro-terrorism,” but which ultimately helps give government control of food production, and what—or whether—you will eat.

These things are more interrelated than first glance suggests. The purview of the 16 agencies in the Orwellian “intelligence community” overlaps broadly with the 16 areas of U.S. “critical infrastructure.”

The agencies are Air Force Intelligence, Army Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency, Coast Guard Intelligence, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Energy, Department of Homeland Security, Department of State, Department of the Treasury, Drug Enforcement Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Marine Corps Intelligence, National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, National Reconnaissance Office, National Security Agency, and Navy Intelligence.

The “critical infrastructure” sectors include chemical; commercial facilities; communications; critical manufacturing; dams; defense industrial base; emergency services; energy; financial services; food and agriculture; government facilities; health-care and public health; information technology; nuclear reactors, materials, and waste; transportation systems; water and wastewater systems—i.e., everything.



Trump’s pick for CIA director, Rep. Mike Pompeo is a big government neoconservative, ultra-Zionist, who believes torture is hunky-dory and wants to collect every single scrap of information on every single individual everywhere—all without a search warrant.

Allegedly, the NSA spies on foreigners, not Americans. But if Americans exchange communications with foreigners, they still intercept those. And, according to a retired NSA employee with whom AFP has spoken, the agency simply hires Canada and Great Britain to spy on Americans within America.

Formerly, the NSA had to scrub its data of identifiable information on Americans not of interest before passing it on to another requesting agency. The new procedures allow it to provide raw, unfiltered data to others in the intelligence community. The recipients then are supposed to take precautions not to view or use information on persons not already “of interest.” But if they run across potential “criminal activity” by someone, they are to report it to the Justice Department, despite the lack of a search warrant.

Moreover, there are loopholes so large as to make any claims of search restrictions or privacy protections risible. Recipient agencies need only claim “valid, documented foreign intelligence or counterintelligence purposes” to spy on anyone, anywhere. Attorney-client privilege protected?

Probably not. Need to use the information in court? Just ask the NSA for permission. Want to use forbidden data? Get the NSA’s and Justice Department’s permission—but if it’s an “emergency,” the “senior representative present,” acting for the recipient agency’s head, can approve; i.e., give yourself permission.

We’re not sure what these procedures actually “protect.” We are sure that they permit much broader intrusion into the private lives of innocent Americans and foreigners. The age of limited, targeted surveillance of suspects is gone. All are suspects and must expect to be monitored. If anything you say or do falls under one of the 16 areas of “critical infrastructure,” or if you are suspected of interfering in the electoral process by trying to influence its outcome—i.e., having an opinion—then you are a potential target of federal espionage. Search warrants are no longer required. The NSA and Justice Department have spat on the graves of the Fourth and Fifth Amendments.

Think that President Donald J. Trump’s new cabinet will check Big Brother’s total control of Americans’ lives? Only consider Trump’s pick for CIA director. Rep. Mike Pompeo (R-Kan.) is a big government neoconservative, ultra-Zionist, who believes torture is hunky-dory and wants to collect every single scrap of information on every single individual everywhere—all without a search warrant.

Writes the new spymaster: “Congress should pass a law re-establishing collection of all metadata, and combining it with publicly available financial and lifestyle information into a comprehensive, searchable database. Legal and bureaucratic impediments to surveillance should be removed.”

The new NSA procedures are a massive step in that dangerous direction.

U.S. presidential administrations come and go, but the bureaucracy remains forever. If Trump is serious about “returning power to you, the people,” then he must dismantle the ever-expanding, all-seeing, all-hearing, all-spying, post-9/11 security state, which—along with the banksters’ usury cartels—has made slaves of once-free citizens.

Trump can begin by undoing the Obama administration’s last-minute palace coup, moving on to repeal the unconstitutional Patriot Act and all the other “laws” that have made a farce of representative government.

Call or write to the White House today, and tell Trump just that. Otherwise, his inaugural address is just fine words thrown to the winds. ★

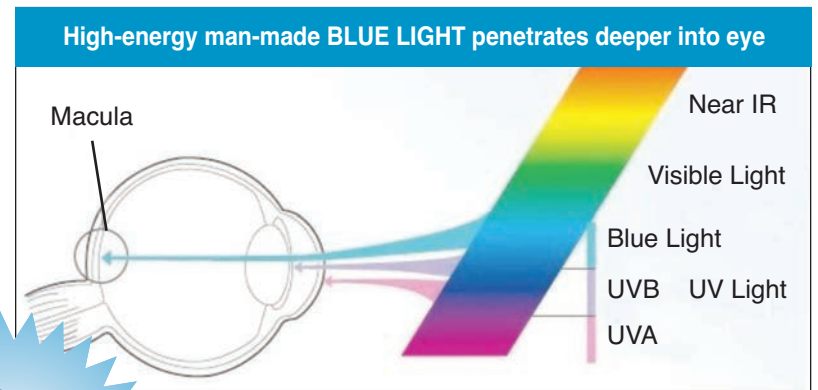
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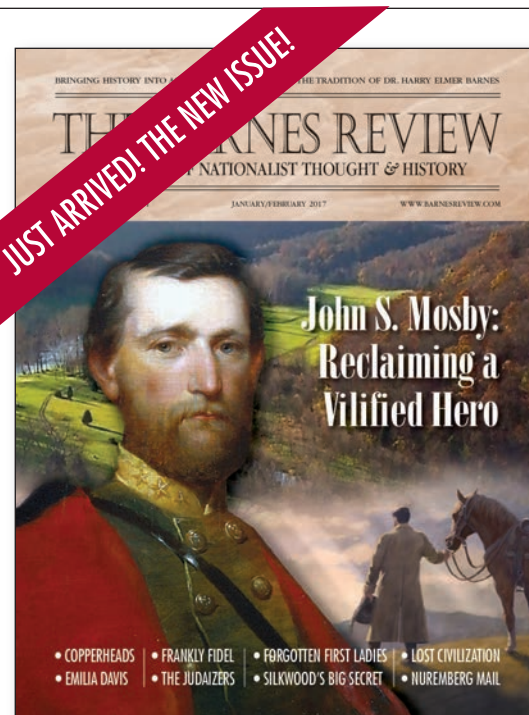
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George Soros Behind Inauguration Mayhem



- Protest marches far from “spontaneous” events
- Leftists attack Trump supporters, police, businesses

By John Friend

Thousands of anti-Trump protesters, Hillary lovers, free traders, anarchists, black victimization theory proponents and other radical leftists descended upon Washington, D.C. the weekend of Jan. 20-22, wreaking havoc on the streets of the nation's capital during the inauguration of Donald Trump as president of the United States. Protesters attacked private businesses, engaged in physical confrontations with law enforcement officials and even assaulted several Trump supporters over the course of the weekend.

The inauguration ceremony was an elegant and classy affair, featuring several righteous speeches, including an inspiring acceptance speech by

Trump himself, wherein the populist businessman doubled down on his “America first” stance on the key issues facing this once-great nation.

Blocks away, however, protesters “smashed store windows, set fire to cars and threw bricks at police,” according to the UK's *Daily Mail* newspaper. Protesters were seen jumping on vehicles, shattering the windshields of multiple cars and a limo owned by a Muslim immigrant.

Graffiti was sprayed on numerous private businesses and vehicles, storefronts were broken, law enforcement officials were attacked, and several fires were started during the chaos and mayhem that unfolded in many sections of the city. A vandalized limo was eventually set on fire, forcing Washington's fire department to come and extinguish the blaze.

According to city Police Chief Peter Newsham, at least 217 individuals were arrested for their par-

WHO ARE THE HATERS? At top of page, *U.S. News & World Report* photographer Brett Ziegler was on the scene to catch this masked hooligan smashing the front window of a Starbucks coffee shop with a trash can at 12th and I streets in Washington, D.C. on Inauguration Day. Many such protest groups—as many as 50, according to a report on a website affiliated with *The New York Times*—are directly funded by billionaire troublemaker and ultra-liberal agitator George Soros. It's time for Soros to go back to Budapest.

ticipation in the violence and mayhem during the inauguration. “The charge is rioting,” Newsham explained to reporters. “Our intention going into this event was to make zero arrests, and unfortunately, they forced our hand.”

According to a variety of media reports, the majority of those arrested, including Alexander Rubinstein, a reporter for RT, will face felony rioting charges.

“The U.S. Attorney’s Office said the offense is punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000,” CBS News reported. Several police officers were injured during the protests, and court documents filed in the case allege that rioters caused over \$100,000 in damage.

Among other Trump supporters who were attacked, was Richard Spencer, a leading spokesman of the alt-right. He was brazenly assaulted on the streets of D.C. during the protests. Spencer, the president of the National Policy Institute, was giving interviews to the media when he was sucker-punched by a radical leftist activist who recognized him. Shortly thereafter, yet another radical leftist sucker-punched Spencer, this time landing a substantial blow to the side of his face, causing the young man to stumble.

After the cowardly attacks were publicized on social media, countless leftist activists and even some professional journalists praised and defended the actions. Describing Spencer as a “Nazi” and “white supremacist,” many argued that those with pro-white racial views deserve to be violently assaulted, viewing this action by two members purportedly of the radical left as entirely appropriate and justified.

“[Nazis] lost the right to not be punched in the face when they started spouting genocidal ideologies that in living memory killed millions upon millions of people,” Warren Ellis, a prominent

British comic book writer, argued shortly after the cowardly attack. “And anyone who stands up and respectfully applauds their perfect right to say these things should probably also be punched, because they are clearly surplus to human requirements.”

Many other leftist activists and pundits also heaped praise on the actions of the violent radicals, who assaulted Spencer.

Protests against Trump continued over the weekend in D.C. and around the world. In nearly every major American city, protesters organized to voice their hysterical opposition to Trump, which is fueled largely by the dishonest fake news media and hostile political establishment. Protests also manifested in dozens of cities in the United Kingdom, Europe, Mexico, Australia, and other foreign nations. The largest protest in D.C. over the weekend was dubbed the “Women’s March on Washington,” and featured millions of anti-Trump partisans voicing their disapproval of the president’s perceived misogynist, racist, and fascist views, themes echoed by the radical leftist and anarchist protesters who took to the streets the day before.

SOROS FUNDS “WOMEN’S MARCH”

In a revealing article published by *The New York Times*, Asra Nomani, a Muslim feminist activist, documented the close connection Jewish billionaire George Soros, a top Clinton supporter and donor, has to the various groups who organized the “Women’s March on Washington,” which many media outlets falsely described as a “grassroots” and “organic” protest. Of course, nothing could be further from the truth, as Soros’s Open Society Foundations has been instrumental in financing and organizing the radical left in America for decades.

In documents published late last summer, it was revealed that Soros’s organizations are involved in funding and sponsoring not only the Black Lives

Matter movement, a destructive terrorist organization that is responsible for violence and mayhem in dozens of U.S. cities, but also a number of other radical leftist causes, including increasing the number of so-called “refugees” the U.S. admits each year.

According to Ms. Nomani, “Soros has funded, or has close relationships with, at least 56 of the march’s ‘partners,’ including ‘key partners’ Planned Parenthood, which opposes Trump’s right-to-life policy, and the National Resource Defense Council, which opposes Trump’s environmental policies.” Other organizations connected to Soros that were involved with the Women’s March include MoveOn.org, the National Action Network, the American Civil Liberties Union, Center for Constitutional Rights, Amnesty International, and Human Rights Watch, among others.

A spokeswoman for Soros’s Open Society Foundations denied Soros or his organizations are funding the protests that have swept the nation following Trump’s election and recent inauguration. However, it is clear that dozens of organizations involved with the protests have intimate financial and organizational ties to Soros, and are working to advance his radical leftist ideological agenda.

As the left becomes more emboldened and outraged with a Trump administration that eschews political correctness and is openly hostile to many of the key agendas that it tirelessly champions, tensions may continue to rise.

The polarization in America could not be more obvious, and the lines are clearly being drawn.

Will Trump muster the will to stand up to the violent, terroristic antics of the radical left and prevent them from wreaking even more destruction and chaos than they already have? ★

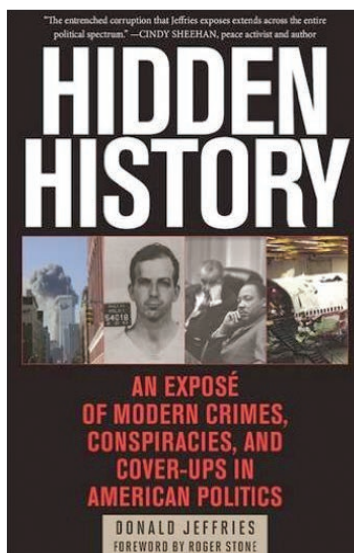
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Shop Owner Threatened by Haters

• Local computer repairman garners international attention for pro-Trump messages

By Dave Gahary

Kevin Kerwin, the 58-year-old white, conservative owner of Kevin the Geek Computer Repair Store in Lake Oswego, Ore. (population 36,619), an affluent suburb of Portland, had enough of liberals, so he put up a sign. He couldn't have known it, but it was destined to become the sign read all around the world.

Lake Oswego's racial makeup is around 90% white, 6% Asian, 4% Hispanic, and 0.7% black. "Portland and the surrounding areas, it's the whitest city in the country," said Kerwin. It's also one of the most liberal states in the nation.

This latest presidential primary in Oregon, which took place on May 17, 2016, saw Sen. Bernie Sanders (Vt.) win the Democratic primary with almost 60% of the vote. In the general election, though, Hillary Clinton grabbed all seven electoral votes in the state, amassing over 1 million votes compared to Donald Trump's 782,000.

"I'm in the middle of 'liberal land,'" explained Kerwin, "and they keep getting in my face, and I like putting it back in their face."

On Jan. 19, AMERICAN FREE PRESS sat down with Kerwin, a Florida native who came to the Beaver State after Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans. He's been putting up signs in his window since Barack Hussein Obama gave a speech in 2012.

"I started when [Obama] gave the 'You didn't build that' speech for business owners," Kerwin explained. "I've been doing it ever since."

Obama's July 13, 2012 remarks were delivered at a campaign rally in Roanoke, Va., where he was railing against his opponent's tax proposals.

In the speech, which raised the hackles of millions of hard-working Americans, Obama said, "If you've got a business—you didn't build that. Somebody else made that happen."

AFP asked Kerwin what motivated him to put up his latest seven-foot-by-18-inch sign. "It took about three seconds into the video once I realized what was going on that I had had my last straw with these people, these liberals," he began. "The hate they had for Donald Trump was taught to them by the liberal media, by Black Lives Matter [BLM], by Al Sharpton, and all the racists—including our president—pushing the agenda that white people are nothing but white supremacists and racists. And after going through 15 months of supporting Donald Trump, and all the violence the liberals showed, when I saw that disabled kid kidnapped, I said, 'I'm gonna put a sign that's gonna punch these people in the face.' And I might lose my business, but I was so mad. I'm emotional right now just thinking about it."

The attack video Kerwin was referring to was



Above, the shop window in which the "offending" sign was placed. The message drew strong responses.



Shop owner Kevin Kerwin has been targeted for daring to post pro-Trump messages in his store window.

made on Jan. 3, in which four black 18- and 24-year-olds—two men and two women—tortured an 18-year-old white man with special needs. The disturbing 30-minute video shows him tied up with his mouth covered and cowering in the corner of a room. The attackers laugh and yell "f*%# Donald Trump" and "f*%# white people," as they assault him, including cutting into his scalp with a knife. The broadcast on Facebook Live of the beating and racial taunting led to the arrest of all four.

Kerwin's sign, reproduced in full below, went viral, after Todd Starnes, the host of Fox News & Commentary—heard on hundreds of radio stations nationwide—contacted Kerwin via Twitter to interview him.

The sign reads: "To all Ignorant Liberals including Bruce Springsteen . . . the [four] people who kidnapped [and] tortured . . . a disabled teenager just because he supports Donald Trump . . . just shows

everyone you are a party of complete morons. I'm embarrassed to call you Americans. Go straight to hell where you belong. We've had it with you idiots."

"The interview was on Friday evening," Kevin explained, "and on Saturday I got a phone call and this guy says, 'I'm in South America and I totally support your sign.' I said, 'What?'" He said, "You're on the front page of FoxNews.com."

"When the big story broke, I was getting calls and threats like crazy," he said. "Two o'clock, three o'clock, four o'clock, six o'clock in the morning, all day long, all night long."

He was forced to place a restricted call block on his phone. "Never had to do that before," he said.

AFP asked what kind of threats he was getting. "Oh, come down here and thrash me, come down here and punch me in the face, we're gonna destroy your business, we're gonna tie up your phones," he explained.

He also had supporters. "I got calls from all over the world, saying 'Right on. You said exactly how I feel,'" he said.

AFP asked about the race of the callers. "It's mostly white," Kevin said. "I think I got a black woman from Georgia one time." He's also received thousands of emails and about 20 letters by U.S. mail from all over the country, four negative.

AFP asked if his lease is in danger. "The landlord came in here and told me people are calling and saying they want me thrown out of the building," he answered. It doesn't look like that's going to happen.

Kevin has since taken the sign down and replaced it with another. "Well, I really pissed them off this time," he said. "I put up 'Oregon Welcomes President Donald J. Trump January 20, 2017' in big letters. That's like taking sandpaper and going over their sore and just rubbing it in."

Kevin had a message for the readers of this newspaper who may not speak up when confronted by those with a Marxist mentality: "Silence is consent, and I don't believe in tyranny, and I'm not gonna be a slave to it." ★

Former CIA Officer Reveals the Secret to Protecting Yourself From Violent Assaults

•...without carrying a knife, gun, or taking years of expensive martial arts classes

By Jason Hanson, *Former CIA Officer*

Hi. My name is Jason Hanson. I'm a former CIA officer. You may have seen me on the NBC Today Show, Rachel Ray, or even the hit ABC TV show Shark Tank.

If you're like me, the ability to protect yourself and your loved ones is a top priority.

Personally, I believe the best ways to do this is with a knife or a gun — but the problem is you can't legally carry these items everywhere.

However, what if I told you there was an item that you can legally carry virtually anywhere? On airplanes, in courthouses, in a number of federal buildings that are highly secure...

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Well the good news is there is such a self-defense tool, and I carry it daily —as does my wife, other family members, and friends.

Now, I should warn you, the TSA can confiscate this, since they can confiscate anything... but I have personally flown all over the world with this self-defense tool. So you may want to check out information to see if you can



"Every single American should own one of these pens."

carry it places you're trying to go.

Keep reading below, and I'll share with you full details about this amazing self-defense tool. Plus I'll share some stories about people who have literally saved their lives using it.

Right now I'm going to introduce you to the tactical pen.

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"Every single American should own one of these pens."

And that brings me to the point of this letter...

The tactical pen that my family members and I carry is actually quite difficult to find. But through a long and tedious process that I won't bore you with I've been able to secure a limited supply of tactical pens.

I've sold many thousands of these pens to my training students and here's what a few of them have to say...



In other words, not only can you use it to stop an attacker, but it can also be used as a glass-breaking device in the event of an emergency.

"Jason, I recently purchased a tactical pen while in the Ultimate Concealed Carry Course. I love it, have traveled quite a bit, including overseas, without any TSA troubles. This pen is awesome, it's lightweight, durable, and easy to carry around. I always have it with me."
— **Laura Hollingsworth, Suffolk, VA**

"I also purchased a tactical pen during the course, having already been convinced of its utility virtually anywhere (as opposed to pepper spray and the Swiss Army knife that most of the time I have to leave at home)... as I work as Congressional staff and must walk through a metal detector/bag x-ray to get to my office every day."
— **Chris Fogelberg, Arlington, VA**

"For those of us who work in one of the many highly secured federal buildings in DC, the tactical pen is the perfect solution. I can get through daily security checks with it and not worry about it getting taken away. The tactical pen definitely gives me peace of mind to know that I am not completely helpless..."
— **Katie Mullins, Arlington, VA**

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One of my students even brings his tactical pen aboard the President's plane. (He's in the military and works on Air Force One.)

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The bottom line is, with the way society is headed, getting a tactical pen is

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India: Test Case for a Cashless Society

• U.S. funds bankers' scheme to force a billion people to use digital financial transactions

By Ronald L. Ray

On Nov. 8, 2016, the plutocratic pirates who operate the usury scheme known as banking achieved a new milestone in their never-ending quest to obtain all the world's wealth for themselves. And the unsuspecting American taxpayer subsidized this latest attack on the common man. In a deceptive and disastrous "experiment," funded and promoted by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the government of India tried to force that nation's people into a "cashless society" by outlawing the two largest denominations of banknotes.

The financial pharaohs' choice of Asian Indians as their test subjects was no accident. Aside from the apparent racism, India is a major obstacle to eliminating cash worldwide, and if the elites' plot can work there, it will demonstrate its likability to "succeed" everywhere.

According to the website "Global Innovation Exchange," which in part promotes USAID's "Beyond Cash" drive for fully digital monetary transactions, 97% of retail transactions in India are by cash or check. Only 11% of Indian consumers used debit cards in 2015, and only 6% of merchants accepted digital payments. A mere 55% of Indians have bank accounts, and fewer than a third of those had seen activity in the last three months of 2015.

India's cash ban has been in the works for quite a while, through a partnership between USAID and the Indian Ministry of Finance. Their "Beyond Cash" initiative was announced publicly in January 2016 and includes the collusion of over 35 American, Indian, and international organizations. Most are from the financial services or online retail sectors—those who stand to profit the most from eliminating cash—including MasterCard, Visa, Omidyar Network (eBay), the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Ford Foundation, the World Bank, various United Nations organizations, Citigroup, and even Coca-Cola.

The conspirators freely admit that there is no grassroots desire for the digitalization of the Indian economy, presented under the fraudulent name of "financial inclusion," and so they set out to create the "need" through economic blunt-force trauma.

Just a few weeks before the November abolition of what, according to German business journalist Norbert Haering, comprised "over 80% of circulating cash by value," USAID and the Indian finance ministry announced the "next phase"



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said his government understands how millions have been affected by the ban on 500 and 1,000 rupee notes but recently used his monthly radio address to defend the policy and urge the nation's small traders and daily wage earners to embrace digital payments. Most Indians prefer cash, and huge numbers do not even have bank accounts. The government, of course, fears they are not getting their due pound of flesh (taxes).

of their sinister partnership under the title of "Cashless Catalyst."

These ostensibly selfless do-gooders disingenuously claim that by doing away with paper money and coinage and "making everyday purchases cashless," as expressed by U.S. Ambassador Jonathan Addleton, USAID mission director to India, they will create "financial inclusion" and economic prosperity, especially for the poorest segments of Indian society.

Alleging that cash is an "inefficient" medium of exchange, without really explaining why, these arrogant econocrats want to force an elitist, top-down "solution" on a problem that does not exist. Far from causing economic exclusion, cash and checks are the only way nearly the entirety of the Indian population of more than 1.33 billion are able to be paid for work, purchase daily necessities, and transact other business. The ones who are "excluded" by this cash economy are the

financial middlemen and loan-sharking usurers—a major stumbling block to the New World Order.

One way the plutocratic parasites gin up interest for their schemes is by claiming that a digital payment system will dramatically increase tax receipts—no "underground economy" allowed. That "carrot" dangling before bureaucratic greed already has ensnared numerous African and Asian governments.

What really is meant by all the high-sounding verbal abstractions is that the international bankers, credit card processors, and online merchants are not able to skim off the top of people's hard-earned money, and that these wealthy economic panhandlers are the ones "excluded" by India's cash economy. Because nearly one-fifth of the world's population is beyond their grasping claws, the banksters cannot sleep at night.

Far from relieving the poverty of the Indian millions, all the loans, interest rates and bank fees of a "cashless society," imposed by a "holistic ecosystem approach," would simply further impoverish the Indians and make them all the more certainly the slaves of the financial czars, who can thereby more easily control the people. Add to the mix India's required biometric identification card system, Aadhaar, and that population control becomes nearly total.

Just the initial "experiment," outlawing most cash and radically restricting the rest, has had devastating consequences for almost all Indians, who found themselves unable to purchase daily necessities and without pay for their work. What little savings they might have had was destroyed almost overnight. No college degree required to predict that outcome.

Cui bono? Who benefits from this deliberate destruction of the Indian economy? At the top of the list are those like the wealthiest eight billionaires—including Bill Gates, Warren Buffet, and others—whose collective wealth is greater than that of the lower 50% of the planet's population—3.6 billion people. Add to those eight the Rothschild family, which, with a collective worth of \$2 trillion, owns almost five times the other eight combined and controls almost the entirety of the world's banking system.

Why is the U.S. taxpayer forced to fund this economic enslavement, which the elites are preparing to impose on most of the rest of the world? Tell Congress and President Donald Trump to end American involvement in the "cashless economy" scam, end the Federal Reserve, and restore honest cash money. ★

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A Dedication to Health & Human Rights

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 . . .

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,” a woman was ineligible to receive the Victoria Cross!)

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 clothes together to keep children warm during the brutally cold English winters. Carrie Chapman Catt also founded



Famed American nurse and Red Cross founder Clara Barton is shown tending to a wounded soldier.



Every year thousands visit the grave of suffragette Susan B. Anthony, a fighter for women’s rights.

the League of Woman Voters and is most famous for her Congressional speech resulting in the 19th Constitutional Amendment that gave woman the right to vote in 1920!

All this took place after Susan B. Anthony died in 1906 in Rochester, N.Y. where my grandfather baked his first loaf of BOND BREAD in 1915, resulting in 50 factories producing over 1.5 million loaves of bread a day . . . a Horatio Alger success story which enabled my grandmother to help further woman’s rights. She was inculcated with a sense of moral responsibility by her family who emigrated here in 1720 and then moved to Canada because they were Loyalists to the King and the Church of England.

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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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AMAZING POWER PROPERTIES

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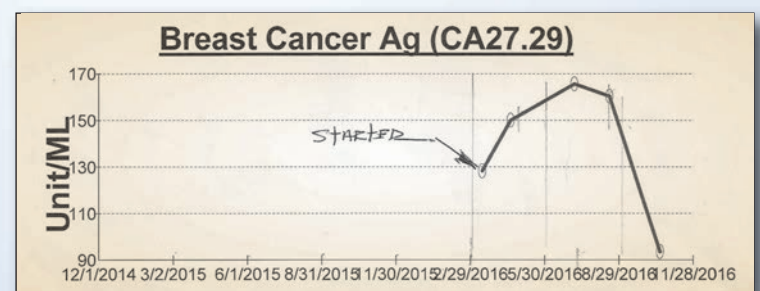
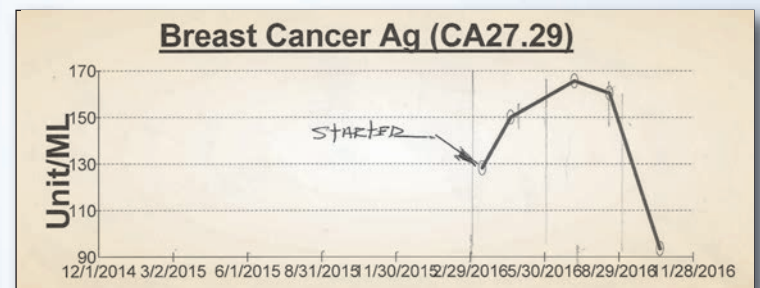
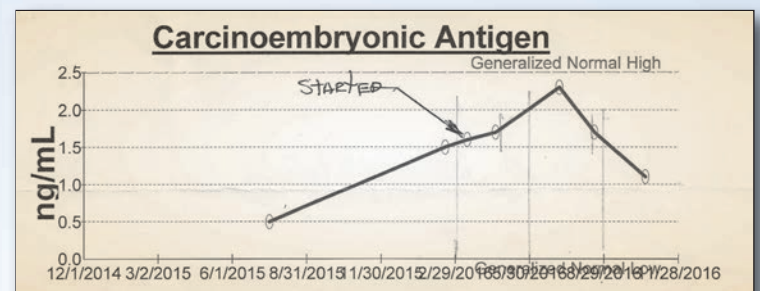
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Trump Begins New America-First Era

• Billionaire businessman seems to understand what U.S. policymakers have failed to grasp

Today is a new day for the United States with the inauguration of the Trump administration. While the elites whine and moan about the end of globalism, the man in the streets celebrates the return of jobs as the new president puts America first.

By Patrick J. Buchanan

“Don’t make any sudden moves” is the advice offered to the new president by Richard Haass of the Council on Foreign Relations, which has not traditionally been known as a beer hall of populist beliefs. Haass meant the president should bring his National Security Council together to anticipate the consequences before tearing up the Iran nuclear deal, moving the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem or shooting down a missile being tested by Kim Jong Un.

In arguing against rash action, Haass is correct.

Where the CFR and the establishment are wrong, and Donald Trump is right, however, is in recognizing the new world we have entered.

The old order is passing away. Treaties and alliances dating from the Cold War are ceasing to be relevant and cannot long be sustained.

Economic patriotism and ethnonationalism, personified by Trump, seem everywhere ascendant. Transnationalism is yielding to tribalism.

The greater danger for Trump is that the movement he led will be abandoned, its hopes dashed, and the agenda that Trump rejected and routed will be reimposed by a Republican establishment and its collaborators in politics and the press.

Again, it was Trump who read the nation right, which is why he is taking the oath today.

The existential threat to the West no longer comes from the East, from a Russian army crashing through Poland and Germany and driving for the Elbe and Fulda Gap.

The existential threat to the West comes, instead, from the South.

The billion-plus peoples of the Maghreb, Middle East, and sub-Sahara, whose numbers are exploding, are moving inexorably toward the Mediterranean, coming to occupy the empty places left by an aging and dying Europe, all of whose native-born populations steadily shrink.

America’s bleeding border is what concerns Americans, not the borders of Estonia, South Korea, Kuwait, or the South China Sea.

When Trump calls NATO “obsolete,” he is saying that the great threat to the West is not Putin’s recapture of a Crimea that belonged to Russia for



One bit of advice for Donald Trump: Don’t tear up the Iran nuclear deal. For all the bad things that President Barack Obama did, one of his shining accomplishments was to broker the nuclear deal with Iran, preventing what looked like inevitable war with Persia.

150 years. And if the price of peace is getting out of Russia’s face and Russia’s space, maybe we should pay it.

George Kennan himself, the architect of Cold War containment of Stalin’s Russia, admonished us not to move NATO to Russia’s border.

Of Brexit, the British decision to leave the EU, Trump said this week, “People, countries want their own identity, and the U.K. wanted its own identity . . . so if you ask me, I believe others will leave.”

Is he not right? Is it so shocking to hear a transparent truth?

How could Europe’s elites not see the populist forces rising? The European peoples wished to regain their lost sovereignty and national identity, and they were willing to pay a price to achieve it.

Apparently, the Davos crowd cannot comprehend people who believe there are more important things than wealth.

Yet while Trump should avoid rash actions, if he is to become a transformational president, he will spurn an establishment desperately seeking to hold onto the world that is passing away.

Article V of the NATO treaty may require us to

Build the wall, secure the border, impose tariffs, cut taxes, free the U.S. economy, bring factories home, create jobs and keep us out of war.

treat a Russian move in the Baltic as an attack on the United States. But no sane president will start a war with a nuclear-armed Russia over Estonia.

No Cold War president would have dreamed of so rash an action.

Rather than risk such a war, Ike refused to send a rifle or bullet to the heroic Hungarian rebels in 1956. Painful, but Ike put America first, just as Trump pledged to do.

And given the strength of ethnonationalism in Europe, neither the eurozone nor the EU is likely to survive the decade. We should prepare for that day, not pretend that what is taking place across Europe, and indeed worldwide, is some passing fever of nationalism.

Notwithstanding Secretary of State-designate Rex Tillerson’s diktat, the United States is not going to force China to vacate the fortified reefs in a South China Sea she claims as her national territory.

Stick to that demand, and we had best prepare for war.

As for the Taiwan card, it was played in 1972 by Richard Nixon as the price of his opening to China. Four decades ago, Jimmy Carter cut diplomatic ties to Taiwan and terminated our security pact.

For Xi Jinping to accept that Taiwan might be negotiable would mean an end of him and the overthrow of his Communist Party of China.

The Chinese will fight to prevent a permanent loss of Taiwan.

The imperative of the new era is that the great nuclear powers—China, Russia, the United States—not do to each other what Britain, France, and Germany did to each other a century ago over a dead archduke.

Trump should build the wall, secure the border, impose tariffs, cut taxes, free the American economy, bring the factories home, create millions of jobs and keep us out of any new wars.

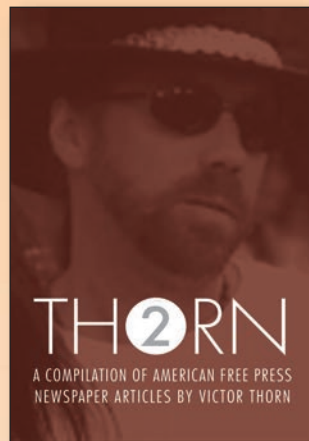
With rare exceptions, wars tend to be fatal to presidencies. ★

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Plutocrats Lament Rise of Nationalism

- President Trump sends massive Trans-Pacific free trade deal to a watery grave

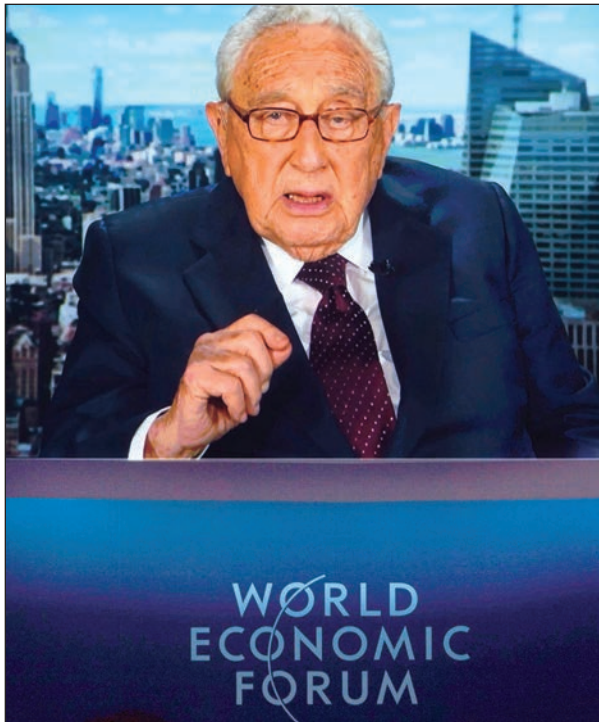
With the TPP officially dumped by Trump, top bankers, global speculators, and powerbrokers who met at an annual Swiss Alpine retreat know more than ever that the rise of populism and nationalism in the United States and Europe are a real threat to the NWO.

By Mark Anderson

Many of the gilded glitterati gathering in Davos, Switzerland amid the towering Alps for the annual World Economic Forum (WEF) see the populism sweeping much of the world as a fascinating trend. They certainly enjoy talking about it. But their academic chitter-chatter is starting to take on a panicked tone over the implications of the common man demanding a better life—a life without poverty in the face of plenty and without nonstop unwinnable wars, among other vexing problems.

Newly sworn in President Donald Trump began rocking the Davos worldview in a big way. On Jan. 23, his very first full day in office, he signed an executive order pulling out of the 12-nation Trans-Pacific Partnership, or TPP, a “crown jewel” of trade treaties.

The TPP would’ve added to the existing treachery wrought by the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which has eroded nationhood through mandated globalization of production-distribution-consumption—so no one nation can stand on its own feet and limit its imports mainly to vitals that cannot be domestically produced.



Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger addressed the Davos confab on a giant screen via video conference on the closing day of the 47th annual meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos.

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Trump’s new overall strategy “starts by withdrawing from the TPP and making certain that any new trade deals are in the interests of American workers. Trump is committed to renegotiating NAFTA. If our partners refuse a renegotiation that gives American workers a fair deal, then the president will give notice of the United States’ intent to withdraw from NAFTA,” the Trump White House’s website further explains.

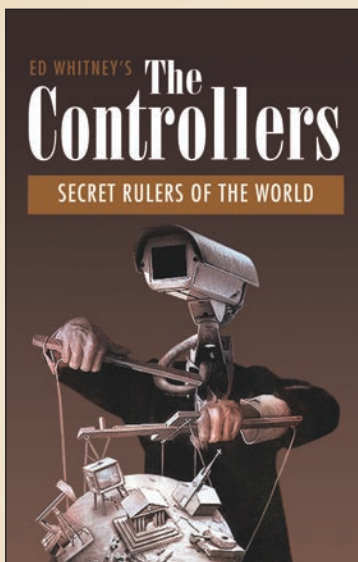
Even before this year’s WEF started on Jan. 17,

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American public television personality Charlie Rose—a frequent attendee of the much more exclusive Bilderberg meetings that AFP has doggedly covered since 1975—was interviewing several guests about this topic on his well-known talk show. Rose’s guests fretted over several trends that suggest there’s a devolution from globalism in the works—call it “de-globalization.”

Council on Foreign Relations President Richard Haass and Chicago Council on Global Affairs President Ivo Daalder in early December 2016 confided to Rose that they’re jittery over the current populist surge, most visibly represented by Trump’s ascent to the presidency—and above all by what his election says about the worldview of a sizable cross section of the American people. Simply put: Globalization is losing its grip on the human psyche.

Daalder feebly tried to say that largely unregulated “integration” is the Western “tradition,” without mentioning that the kind of forcible integration that’s taking place—largely due to wars waged by Western powers that force people out of their homelands and into places they wouldn’t otherwise live—creates cultural clashes, crime, and upheaval. This could all be avoided if world government promot-



THE CONTROLLERS: SECRET RULERS OF THE WORLD

Throughout history, there have always been powerful people who work secretly behind the scenes to advance their own objectives, often to the detriment of the public. President Woodrow Wilson said in 1913, “Some of the biggest men in the United States, in the fields of commerce and manufacturing, are afraid of somebody, are afraid of something. They know that there is a power somewhere so organized, so subtle, so watchful, so interlocked, so complete, so pervasive, that they had better not speak above their breath when they speak in condemnation of it.” Twenty years later, FDR said in a private letter, “A financial element in the large centers has owned the government of the U.S. since the days of Andrew Jackson.” Jackson himself said, “I weep for the liberty of my country when I see at this early day of its successful experiment that corruption has been imputed to many members of the House of Representatives, and the rights of the people have been bartered for promises of office.” President Eisenhower added

this: “In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence . . . by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist.” The situation is no different today. A few thousand wealthy and influential people who operate secretly behind the scenes largely control the world. This book identifies them, exposes some of their past activities, and sets forth ways of dealing with them.

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ers would stop trying to mold the world according to their portfolios and to their impractical, sometimes demented visions of world governance.

Rock band U2's vocalist, Bono, and Ian Brenner of the Eurasia Group were among other guests on Rose's show in early January. They, too, greeted the populist revival with a mix of fascination and barely muted alarm.

Silver-spoon WEF attendees—and the like-minded corporate media that usually does their bidding—are acknowledging more than ever before that populism is undermining what's typically called globalism. This is the credo practiced by those who want to knit the world into a singular economic-political-cultural construct lacking the rich and varied landscape that can only be produced by a world of distinct nation-states with unique cultures.

This doesn't mean, though, that those bent on world-rule are about to flatline. The private, usurious central banking system that stole the people's credit and put everyone's land and labor in hock is their chief weapon. Without it, their press control would shrivel and the rest of their influence would wane to the breaking point. But at least real freedom-seekers know that key monetary and financial reforms of the proper sort are the core pathway to ending the "new world order."

TOUGH ADMISSIONS

"Davos Glitter in the Gloom of Populism" topped the front page of the Jan. 17 *New York Times* on the first day of the WEF, which ran through Jan. 20, the day of Trump's inauguration as the 45th U.S. president—the first one ever so clearly defined as a "populist." The *Times* sub-headline added: "Elites grapple with working-class rage."

The article itself noted that the 2017 WEF attendees included Bilderbergers like International Monetary Fund head Christine Lagarde and Microsoft co-founder-turned-"philanthropist" Bill Gates, along with smug mattoids like JPMorgan Chase chief executive Jamie Dimon and film stars like Matt Damon and Angelina Jolie. Also attending this year's Davos event is Chinese president Xi Jinping, who reportedly stated that populism, de-



President Donald Trump shows the executive order withdrawing the U.S. from the Trans-Pacific Partnership after signing it in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington on Jan. 23. RON SACHS/ZUMA PRESS/NEWSCOM

efined as "support for the concerns of ordinary people," is seen as a threat to globalism.

Populism is a system wherein people of all classes and creeds, from the bottom up and not the top down, secure their share in the economic pie and are therefore ensured upward mobility in alliance with secure voting rights and the ability to effect change, while having the freedom to preserve their property—and their family, community, and ethnic-national heritage—without undue "political correctness" fouling up the works. In its purest form, populism opposes business monopolies and vaguely defined free-market ideologies, especially predatory banking, and therefore seeks an economic democracy without state socialism. It's not precisely right-wing, nor is it left-wing.

The *Times* article succumbed to the realization that the elites' long-sought notion of world government may be fundamentally doomed.

Each year, the WEF crowd talks (mainly on the basis of global investment-class perspectives) about their typical topics of climate change, inequality, and the economic challenges facing developed and emerging nations. But, as the *Times* continued, "Missing from these high-minded conversations have been meaningful challengers or critics of the underlying theme that was seemingly stipulated from the birth of this (WEF) 46 years ago: Globalization has the potential to benefit everyone."

Of particular note, the *Times* piece quoted economist John Mauldin as saying: "Trump's election victory is a clear indication that the majority of people are not interested in a world government, but want to return to a classical local democracy. Strange as it may seem to the Davos men, most people tend to love their 'patria,' the land of their fathers."

Several other recent headlines from big media outlets similarly represent the same basic admission by the plutocratic oligarchy (rule by the rich few who constitute "the establishment") that they are on particularly shaky ground due to the populist tremors emanating from recent events including the Trump presidency, the June 23, 2016 affirmative "Brexit" vote that, if fully consummated, would allow the UK to officially exit the European Union, from the prospect of noted populist candidate Marine Le Pen gaining even more political ground in France, and so on. ★

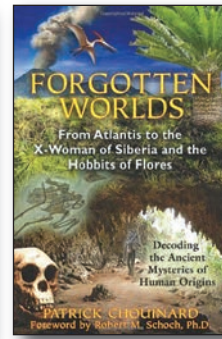
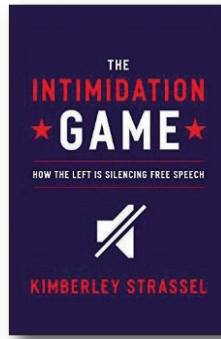
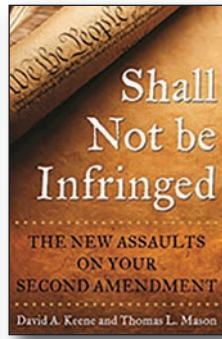
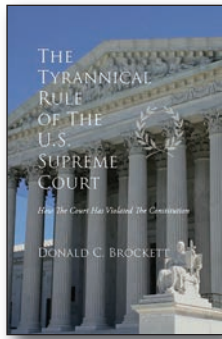


Swiss Federal Councillor Johann Schneider-Ammann (left) listens to World Trade Organization Director Gen. Roberto Azevedo during a press conference on the WTO trade negotiations at the 47th annual meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. The meeting brought together the cream of the crop of global elites from Jan. 17-20.

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The Battle for Jerusalem

- Does Israel see Trump election as green light to steal remainder of Palestine?

By Dr. Kevin Barrett

Several Middle Eastern cities have seen fierce battles during recent years. Syria's recapture of Aleppo last month was only the latest example. Many other Syrian, Iraqi, and Yemeni cities have also been devastated or destroyed in endemic urban warfare. But all of these battles are really just skirmishes. There is only one major contested city in the Middle East, and that is Jerusalem, known in Arabic as al-Quds, "the Holy City." It is around this battle that all other warfare in the region revolves.

The hardline Zionists running Israel are determined to finish ethnically cleansing Jerusalem and the rest of the West Bank. They view Jerusalem as the "eternal undivided capital" of Greater Israel, their supposedly God-given real estate tract stretching from the Nile to the Euphrates. And they will stop at nothing in pursuit of its conquest.

The rest of the region, and the world, is resisting. The international community agrees with the Palestinian leadership that Israel is illegally occupying East Jerusalem and must withdraw. That is why no U.S. president has ever agreed to move the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. If President Donald Trump follows through on his stated intention to move the embassy, he could set off an explosion of bloodshed that will make the past few decades look like a peaceful golden age by comparison.

To understand how the battles for Aleppo, Mosul, Damascus, Fallujah, Daraa, Hama, Homs, Tripoli, Sana'a, and so many other Middle Eastern cities are actually skirmishes in the larger battle for Jerusalem, we need to consider the historical background.

Jerusalem is the heart of the Holy Land for all Abrahamic monotheists, including nearly 2.5 billion Christians, more than 1.5 billion Muslims, and slightly fewer than 15 million Jews. That means that, out of every 267 people for whom Jerusalem is a holy city, 266 are either Christian or Muslim, while only one is Jewish. Yet within that tiny Jewish minority of monotheists, an even tinier minority known as Zionists has managed to orchestrate the invasion, occupation, and ethnic cleansing of the Holy Land, expelling most of the Christians and Muslims who lived there, subjugating or killing the rest, and setting up an ever-expanding Jewish-superiority state in which non-Jews are second-class citizens.

The 1948 Nakba (Palestinian holocaust) and the 1967 Zionist war of aggression were the two key



President Donald Trump's America-first policies are a breath of fresh air after decades of trade policies that were devastating to American industry. But his unquestioning support of Israel has many people concerned that his statements are emboldening the Israelis to step up crimes against Arabs living inside Israel as well as the Palestinians. Above, bulldozers stand parked next to Palestinian homes that were razed to make room for an illegal Jewish settlement.

historical moments when the Zionists grabbed Jerusalem. In 1948 they took West Jerusalem, storming the rest in 1967. Though Israeli leaders assert they are only holding 1967-stolen land as a bargaining chip for peace (i.e., Palestinians permanently surrendering any claim to the land stolen in 1948) the reality is that they have never intended to relinquish Jerusalem, which is why they keep expelling Palestinians and building settlements. Stealing the Holy City, after all, was the main reason they launched the 1967 war in the first place.

So what does this have to do with the devastation in Iraq, Syria, Yemen, and Libya?

The Middle East has been destabilized by the Zionist colonial incursion. Throughout the region, ordinary people are unanimously opposed to Zionism. But ruling elites have been bribed and bullied to surrender to the Zionists against the wishes of their people. The resulting turmoil has bred instability and radicalization.

The neocon Zionists tried to redraw the map of the Middle East with their 9/11 coup d'état, which was designed, as Gen. Wesley Clark revealed, to "take out seven countries in five years, starting with Iraq, and then Syria, Lebanon, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, and, finishing off, Iran." All seven of these countries had leaders who refused to surrender to Zionism. So they were slated by the Zionists for destruction, using a U.S. military hijacked by the 9/11 false-flag operation.

The U.S. invasion of Iraq was designed to de-

stroy that nation as a technologically and economically advanced state. "ISIS," informally known as Israeli Secret Intelligence Service, continues to pursue the same mission in Syria as well.

The Saudi royals and other Gulf leaders have joined the Zionist onslaught on the remaining independent (anti-Zionist) forces in the region, including in Syria, Yemen, and—the big prize—Iran. Why? Because like the Zionists, the Saudi royals and other Persian Gulf despots depend on U.S. and Israeli backing. An independent Middle East would spell doom for the rulers in Riyadh as well as the leaders in Tel Aviv.

Shortly before Christmas, the Obama administration helped pass a UN resolution re-stating the U.S. and international position: Israeli settlements on land stolen in the 1967 war are illegal, and Israel must withdraw from that land, including Jerusalem. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu went ballistic—and expanded settlement projects.

Now, with Trump backing Netanyahu, we are between a Dome of the Rock and a hard place.

Let us all pray that Zionist belligerence does not explode into World War III. ★

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Jordan Warns Against Embassy Move

• Trump must resist calls for U.S. to move embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem

By Richard Walker

Jordan, America's most loyal Arab ally, has warned of serious consequences should President Donald Trump follow through with pledges to his Jewish donors and the Israeli government to move the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. The move would pave the way for Israel to declare Jerusalem its capital.

According to Jordan's leaders, this would cross a red line, inflaming passions across the Middle East.

Europeans believe Israel has no legal right to claim Jerusalem as its capital before final negotiations with Palestinians on the status of the city are reached. The European position is that Washington should not act unilaterally in relation to such a prickly issue.

Israel seized East Jerusalem in 1967 and annexed it, claiming it as its own in contravention of international law. In fact, Israel's claim to West Jerusalem is also legally questionable.

In the event Trump—and the House GOP, who have been backing his promise to relocate the American embassy—follows through with his pledge, the likelihood is that it will finally put an end to a two-state solution and encourage Europeans and others to punish Israel. It will add greater impetus to the global movement to boycott Israeli settlement goods.



Benjamin Netanyahu leads possibly the most extreme Israeli regime in its long and bellicose history.

None of this may matter to Israel, which is ruled by the most extreme government in its history. It interprets the Trump presidency as a green light to seize even more Palestinian land for settlements and to enact extreme laws to allow the state to force Palestinians out of their homes in East Jerusalem.

The obvious signs that Israel was going to be handed a blank check to continue settlement building and to pursue its strategy of demolish-

ing the homes of the relatives of Palestinian men, women, and teenagers it has shot, often in questionable circumstances, were apparent the moment Trump was victorious. He unequivocally announced his backing for all the political plays of Israeli leader Benjamin Netanyahu and his extreme cabinet colleagues like Naftali Bennett of the Jewish Home Party.

In November, following Trump's victory, large posters declaring "Trump—Make Israel Great Again" were displayed throughout Israeli cities. They had been there for months to encourage Israelis with dual U.S. citizenship to vote for Trump after he made it clear he was aligned with Israel's far-right Zionists.

Trump has effectively given Netanyahu permission to speed up settlement building at a time when there are Israeli plans already in place for the construction of thousands of new homes on land Palestinians had set aside for a new state. Trump's presidency coincides with the fact that almost 50% of Israelis would like to kick Arab citizens of Israel out of the country.

While some Christian Evangelicals have openly advocated for the relocation of the embassy, based on the premise that it will establish a "Christian Embassy" in Jerusalem, the conviction is not publicly supported by Christian leaders worldwide. The traditional Christian position has been that the status of Jerusalem should be resolved through political negotiation and not be imposed by Israel or the U.S.

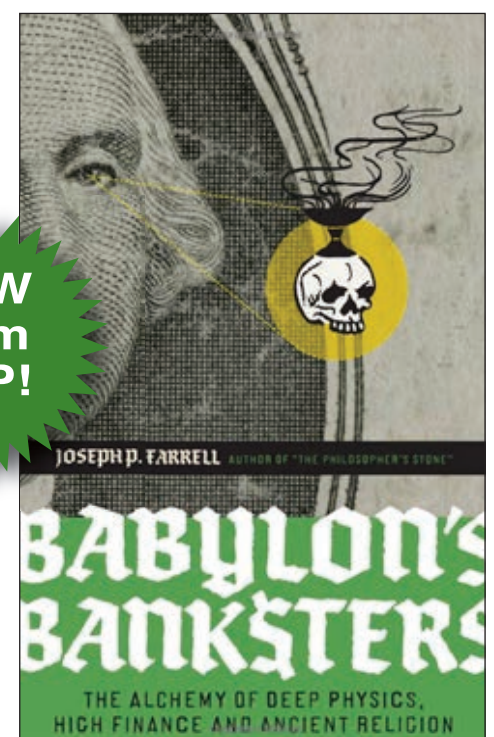
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Donald Trump's plan to move the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem could spell trouble for peace.

sisted demands to move the embassy, believing it would destroy prospects for a two-state solution and ignite a firestorm across the Middle East. Palestinians have always declared their intention to have East Jerusalem as their capital in the event of an agreement with Israel.

Moving the embassy will make the U.S. complicit in ending any future prospect for dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians.

The Hashemite kingdom of Jordan, which is seen by the West as a moderate ally, has a special role in managing Islam's third holiest mosque, in East Jerusalem. It genuinely fears the embassy move will attract a backlash, undermining its authority in the Arab world.

Arab citizens of Israel and many Israelis are equally concerned about the continuing descent of Israel into an extreme Zionist entity. They have taken to the streets of several Israeli cities to protest the controversial shootings of Arab citizens, the seizure and demolishing of their homes, and the deliberate policy of the state and its security forces to lie about the circumstances related to the use of lethal force. Protesters have also been angered by the fact that the courts have

been used to label Palestinian homes illegal structures so they can be demolished, acquired by the state, and then sold to Jews.

There are genuine fears that Netanyahu's cabinet colleagues have plans to acquire large swaths of Palestinian land, not only for settlement development, but for the construction of new military outposts in parts of the West Bank. Those plans were said to have been classified so they could only be publicly unwrapped once the Trump presidency was fully in place.

One of the real dangers of Trump acolytes Jared Kushner, his son-in-law, and his ambassador to Israel, David Friedman, reversing American policies and turning a blind eye to extreme Israeli legislation is that they will force the collapse of the Palestinian Authority. The result will be an emboldened Hamas and a weakening of U.S. alliances with Arab states in the region.

In a highly unstable part of the world, tinkering with the internationally recognized legal status of Jerusalem will undoubtedly have a destabilizing outcome. That is something Palestinian leaders have forcefully made clear to the international community. ★

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Fired Professor Fights for Free Speech

• Researcher awaits monumental decision in landmark free speech case

Arguably the most important free speech case in U.S. history moves through the courts with barely a notice

By Dave Gahary

Dr. James F. Tracy, the tenured professor and award-winning media analyst who gained national notoriety for daring to publicly question the mainstream media and government view of what happened at Sandy Hook Elementary in 2012 filed an amended complaint last month to his wrongful termination lawsuit against Florida Atlantic University (FAU)—a public school—for violating his rights to free speech following his firing on Jan. 6, 2016.

The original complaint, filed in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, revealed in great detail how Tracy was harassed, hated, and even hunted for having unconventional opinions on several alleged mass shoot-

“Agree with Dr. Tracy or not, AFP believes he and all citizens have the right to state their opinions on the most controversial of subjects.”

ings. Because Tracy espoused views different from those offered by the controlled corporate media and the government, he was targeted for attack and removal.

The mainstream media set their sights on Tracy a few days after the Sandy Hook event,* as a warning to others to never dare question the official version of events.

On Jan. 5, AMERICAN FREE PRESS spoke with Tracy's attorney, Louis F. Leo IV, to discuss the many aspects of the case. He started out by explaining how the attack began.

“There was this media blitz against Professor Tracy that was a result of his personal blogging,” Leo began. “He was on his blog on his own time writing about a matter of public importance, this mass casualty event, and he provided coverage to the American people that the national and international media failed to. And for whatever reason

they targeted him and his job.”

What Tracy wrote “was constitutionally protected, so regardless of what his opinion was on the lack of evidence of the shooting, he had the right to say it,” said Leo.

“On Jan. 11, 2013, CNN dedicated 15 or 20 minutes just to Professor Tracy,” Leo said, “shaming him, showing the entire United States where Professor Tracy lives. They were literally outside his house.”

CNN's Anderson Cooper led the charge against Tracy, stating in the aforementioned broadcast, “shame on you, FAU, to even have someone like this on your payroll.” Cooper, who has no formal journalistic education, spent two summers following his sophomore and junior years at Yale—a well-known recruiting ground for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)—interning at their headquarters, in a program for students interested in intelligence work. CNN, which confirmed details of Cooper's CIA involvement to “Radar Online,” claims his involvement with the CIA ended there, although it is more likely he was trained by the spy agency as part of their ongoing Operation Mockingbird, a large-scale program begun in the early 1950s whose purpose is to propagandize the media to influence public opinion.

“That was really the gist of all the media publications about Professor Tracy,” Leo explained. “None of them talked about his research or the basis for his opinions. They just called him crazy.”

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Leo did his due diligence before he took on the case.

“I discovered really quickly that he’s not crazy,” Leo said. “I explored extensively his blog and his opinions and I’ve read the Newtown Police report, I’ve looked at all the evidence, heavily-redacted reports, I should say. And I was extremely disturbed by what I read. Not only what I saw, but what I didn’t see.”

Although the process of discovery—a pre-trial procedure in a lawsuit in which each party obtains evidence from the other party—has not yet begun, it appears that the faculty union, ostensibly there to protect Tracy, was actually hurting him.

“It remains to be seen exactly what the reasoning of the union was in failing to represent him, misleading him, misadvising him, not to mention discouraging him, coercing him, and really acting in a way that FAU was acting,” Leo explained. “They were basically doing FAU’s bidding by subjecting him to unlawful directives and ultimately violating his civil rights and his right to freedom of speech, and academic freedom, as well as his right to due process.”

Records were obtained utilizing Florida’s “Sunshine Laws,” which generally refer to Florida’s freedom of information legislation, the most expansive laws of their kind in the U.S. Specifically, Florida’s “Government in the Sunshine Law,” which passed 50 years ago but with precedent back to 1905, “requires that all meetings of any state, county, or municipal board or commission be open to the public, and mandates that any official action taken at the closed meet-



In this March 2016 photo, James F. Tracy holds his youngest son. Dr. Tracy, who has four children, was fired from his job simply for voicing an alternative view on what happened at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

ing not be binding.”

AFP asked how much was received.

“Hundreds and hundreds of pages of internal communications, records, and his personnel file,” Leo said, “and what we did receive and review was pretty shocking. These internal communi-

cations show that they’re really not firing him because of a policy that he didn’t comply with. He’s being fired because of the controversy surrounding his personal blogging.”

Leo highlighted the significance of this case beyond FAU and Florida.

“This is alarming because it’s not just happening at FAU, and this case is not going to affect just this one university,” Leo explained. “This is really a test case. This is something that universities are going to be using in the future when shaping their policies or dealing with the speech of their faculty members, as well as other employees and students,” he said.

“This is the First Amendment under attack,” Leo said. “If you allow Professor Tracy to be disciplined and fired for his personal blogging, what’s next, and where does it stop? And what is the First Amendment if this can happen to somebody like Professor Tracy, who has an unremarkable academic record, literally has no complaints about his teaching?”

Contributions to this case can be submitted in the form of personal check or money order, payable to James Tracy Legal Defense Fund, 300 NW 36th Court, Boca Raton, FL 33431. You may also visit www.tracylegaldefense.org ★

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What Will Replace Obama's Failed Universal Healthcare?

By John Tiffany

President Obama's "legacy" is rapidly vanishing. The Senate's Budget Committee chairman, Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.), has set in motion the GOP promise to repeal Obamacare, as the first major legislative item on its agenda. Enzi introduced a resolution allowing for the repeal of the 2010 so-called Affordable Care Act (ACA).

By using a budget resolution, the Republicans can proceed to dismantle Obamacare without any Democratic votes in a filibuster-proof way. Budget resolutions require only a simple majority to pass in the Senate, rather than the usual 60 votes for other bills. Of the 100 senators, 52 are Republicans.

The repeal process could take months to complete, while developing replacement health insurance plans may be the work of years.

"Today we take the first steps to repair the nation's broken healthcare system, removing Washington from the equation and putting control back where it belongs—with patients, their families, and their doctors," Enzi said in a press release.

Republicans can essentially gut the ACA by getting rid of subsidies that help low-income people pay for medical insurance and removing the taxes (on insurance companies, medical devices, and wealthy individuals) that help pay for those subsidies.

Enzi called on the Senate to get a bill to the Budget

Committee by Jan. 27.

Much hated by Republicans is the "individual mandate," which requires both sick and healthy people to buy health insurance, and that seems sure to go. However, getting rid of the mandate could mean a collapse of the individual insurance market, as many healthy people would forego insurance, leaving the price of coverage for sick people to spiral out of control.

It is "a prescription for disaster during this transition and brings into question just how many plans would stay in the program for 2018," said health policy consultant Robert Laszewski.

The federal government, we should note, is not authorized by the Constitution to meddle in medicine, healthcare, or health insurance. However, if Uncle Sam is going to meddle anyway, various Republicans have offered proposals for reform. Some would permit insurance to be sold across state lines—but critics say this means companies in states with lax regulations would then be able to sell substandard plans elsewhere.

If we abolish the tyrannical mandate that requires everyone to buy insurance or be fined, but we keep the idea of requiring insurers to cover folks with pre-existing conditions, already high premiums will skyrocket and deductibles will also soar.

Most Americans favor expanding Medicare. We could initially lower the qualifying age from 65 to 55 and in a few years to 45, then 35, and so on until we have Medicare for all. Not everyone will benefit—working seniors will be hit with tax increases while not gaining anything—but such is the na-

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ture of governmental involvement.

"These tradeoffs are inevitable in any kind of big-picture healthcare plan," says John Rother, president of the National Coalition on Healthcare, a non-partisan coalition seeking to reduce health costs.

Sen. Bernie Sanders (D-Vt.) would love this.

But while some citizens may benefit in the short run, with usury forcing governments around the world to curb spending, look for a precipitous drop in the quality of care patients receive. It has already happened in Britain, where the National Health Service (NHS) has been forced to cut tens of billions of dollars from its budget. The NHS has cut over 20,000 employees from its payroll and has shut down a number of hospitals.

The U.S. is likely to wind up with a mixed system in which the lower-middle class and late-middle-agers are added to government-run health insurance along with the poor, aged, and disabled. The individual market will survive as a high-risk, overpriced pool, and the employer mandate will prop up employer-based health insurance for a small section of the population.

The bottom line is that socialized medicine is unconstitutional. Who but a socialist can argue that the government can force you to buy health insurance, force you into a government-run health system, force you to pay for your neighbor's healthcare (especially if his sickness is the result of his own lifestyle choices), force you to contract with doctors and hospitals exclusively on terms dictated by Big Brother, and perhaps make it a crime for you to obtain care for your family outside of the government's system?

No patriot would make or buy into such arguments. ★

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Bohemian Grove: Cult of Conspiracy

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Schultz and Henry Kissinger; international bankers; heads of big oil companies (ARCO, Mobil, Pennzoil, Texaco), and corporate CEOs frolic in the redwoods with some of the most famous creative people in history: Mark Twain, Ambrose Bierce, Bret Harte, Jack London, Will Rogers, Douglas Fairbanks, Charlie Chaplin, and Art Linkletter all "let their hair down" here.

Even Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth showed up in 1983. Her Majesty was honored with an ecstatic pagan dance ceremony, complete with expensive, elaborate stage props such as Egyptian pyramids and Babylonian ziggurats. Yet, even the Queen of England could not join this club if she applied for membership. Why? Because this club is exclusively all male. Women have never been allowed since the club's founding in 1873.

So what is this ultra-elite club with the bizarre Druidic customs? They are the Bohemians, formally known as the Bohemian Club. They practically own their own county north of San Francisco, a 2,700-acre summer camp they call the Bohemian Grove. Since the 1890s, the "Grover" (as they are known to intimates) have gathered amongst these redwood trees to "get away from it all," have a little summer vacation fun, and avoid business dealings altogether for two weeks. At least, that's the official story.

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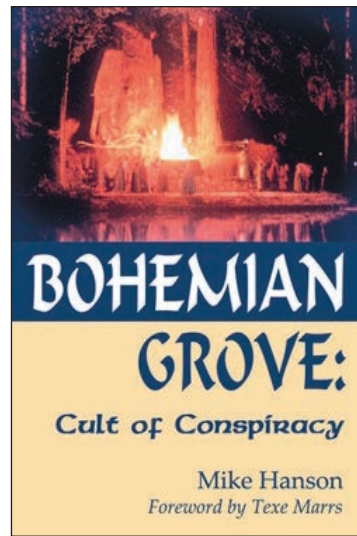
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Antibiotic Resistance & the Food Supply

• Use of antibiotics to fatten livestock exacerbating pathogenic bacteria plight

By James Spounias

Antibiotic resistance is in the news again, but there's nothing new about this pervasive problem. In the Feb. 26, 2001 edition of *The Spotlight*, Tom Valentine warned about the danger of antibiotics in America's food supply, predicting that "antibiotic 'wonders' may be turning into a terrible health catastrophe, as greed and abuse provoke a serious 'counter-revolution' by pathogenic bacteria. Today virtually every public health institution is wary that antimicrobial resistance is a problem of 'growing urgency.'"

The galling aspect of Valentine's story was that antibiotics were not used for the health of animals but rather to fatten them up so they will fetch more money. The fatter the animal, the more money big agriculture gets, health be damned.

Valentine chastised big agriculture, big pharma, and do-nothing federal agencies for allowing this practice, without any concern for the health and welfare of the American people.

Valentine quoted the Union of Concerned Scientists, who issued a stern warning: "Tetracycline, penicillin, erythromycin, and other antimicrobials that are important in human use are used extensively in the absence of disease for nontherapeutic purposes in today's livestock production. Cattle, swine, and poultry are routinely given antimicrobials throughout much of their lives."

While the prospect of antibiotic resistance has been reported for a long time, alarm bells should now be ringing loudly, not just every time someone is said to have died of "antibiotic" resistance.

Is it any surprise that big agriculture, big pharma, and government ignore the obvious except when they desire to promote some other agenda?

Sixteen years after Valentine's *Spotlight* article, National Public Radio (NPR) reported, on Dec. 22, 2016, that more antibiotics are being used in agriculture, in spite of the marketing pitches of restaurants and food companies pledging to sell animal



products with minimal or no antibiotics.

NPR reported: "The FDA and other public health agencies have been pushing farmers to rely less on these drugs. Heavy use of antibiotics both in human medicine and in agriculture has led to the emergence of drug-resistant bacteria, complicating the task of treating many infections."

Let's get this straight: State and federal agencies have conducted SWAT team raids on raw-food providers, vitamin sellers, and medical professionals practicing alternative medicine, but somehow can't "push" farmers (i.e., big agriculture) to use fewer or no antibiotics, which they know are putting the nation's health at risk?

Such wimpy sentiment would be comical were the health of Americans not in peril.

One case in September 2016 involving the death of a Reno, Nev. woman, who passed away due to antibiotic resistance, received national at-

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Many times, antibiotics are not used for the health of animals but rather to fatten them up so they will fetch more money.

tention but not without an agenda.

The unnamed woman's case was reported in the Jan. 13 Centers for Disease Control *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, which noted that the patient had *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, a bug that is often implicated in urinary tract infections and is in a class of bacteria known as carbapenem-resistant enterobacteriaceae (CRE), which is considered highly resistant.

Doctors in Reno stated the patient's infection was resistant to 14 different antibiotics, and samples sent to the CDC in Atlanta showed resistance to 26 antibiotics.

Dr. Alexander Kallen of the CDC stated: "I think it's concerning. We have relied for so long on just newer and newer antibiotics. But obviously, the bugs can often [develop resistance] faster than we can make new ones."

With all due respect, "newer and newer antibiotics" are not the solution, as we in the sane health movement have been warning for decades.

It's also worth noting that because the patient had traveled to India and received medical care there, the CDC's handwringing involved mention of the need to find out where patients had traveled and whether they've been hospitalized abroad.

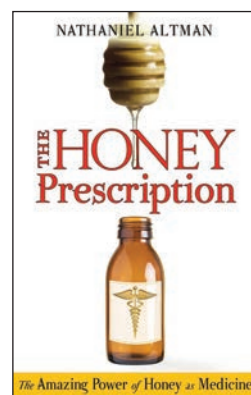
How curious, given the fact that antibiotic resistance is anything but a "foreign" problem.

The unstated agenda of keeping more extensive track of Americans via microchips or other high-tech means will be seeded into the subconscious part of American "memory" as necessary to thwart the spread of superbugs. ★

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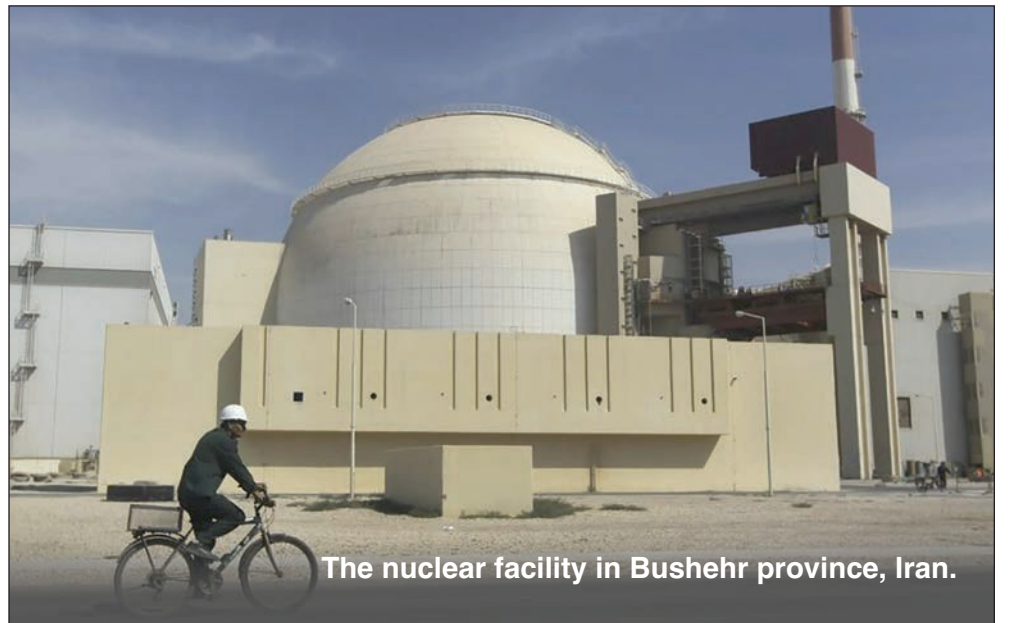
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Is the Iranian Nuclear Deal Alive or Dead?

With the U.S. fighting multiple wars, why risk another with the Iranians?



The nuclear facility in Bushehr province, Iran.

On the campaign trail, Donald Trump said the U.S. deal with Iran over its nuclear program was a mistake. However, the deal was unprecedented in how far it went to shut down a burgeoning nuclear program. Also, the Iranians have been honorable and lived up to the agreement. With the U.S. fighting a half-dozen wars at the moment, why tear it up now?

By Patrick J. Buchanan

Though every Republican in Congress voted against the Iran nuclear deal, “Tearing it up . . . is not going to happen,” says Sen. Bob Corker, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee. Hopefully, the chairman speaks for the new president.

During the campaign, Donald Trump indicated as much, saying that, though the U.S. got jobbed in the negotiations—“We have a horrible contract, but we do have a contract”—he might not walk away.

To Trump, a deal’s a deal, even a bad one. And we did get taken.

In 2007 and 2011, all 17 U.S. intelligence agencies assured us, “with high confidence,” that Iran did not have an atomic bomb program.

Yet our folks forked over \$50 billion for an Iranian show and tell to prove they were not doing what our 17 intelligence agencies told us, again and again, they were not doing.

Why did we disbelieve our own intelligence, and buy into the “chicken little” chatter about Iran being “only months away from a bomb”?

Corker also administered a cold shower to those who darkly warn of a secret Iranian program to produce a bomb: “In spite of all the flaws in the agreement, nothing bad is going to happen relative to nuclear development in Iran in the next few years.

It’s just not.”

Under the deal, Iran has put two-thirds of the 19,000 centrifuges at Natanz in storage, ceased enriching uranium to 20% at Fordow, poured concrete into the core of its heavy water reactor at Arak, and shipped 97% of its enriched uranium out of the country. Cameras and United Nations inspectors are all over the place.

Even should Iran decide on a crash program to create enough fissile material for a single A-bomb test, this would take a year, and we would know about it.

But why would they? After all, there are sound reasons of state why Iran decided over a decade ago to forego nuclear weapons.

Discovery of a bomb program could bring the same U.S. shock and awe as was visited on Iraq for its nonexistent WMD. Discovery would risk a preemptive strike by an Israel with scores of nuclear weapons. Saudi Arabia and Turkey would have a powerful inducement to build their own bombs.

Acquiring a nuclear weapon would almost surely make Iran, a Persian nation on the edge of a sea of Arabs, less secure.

If, however, in the absence of a violation of the treaty by Iran, we tore up the deal, we could find ourselves isolated. For Britain, France, and Germany also signed, and they believe the agreement is a good one.

Do we really want to force these NATO allies to choose between the deal they agreed to and a break with the United States?

If the War Party is confident Iran is going to cheat, why not wait until they do? Then make our case with evidence, so our allies can go with us on principle and not from pressure.

Also at issue is the deal signed by Boeing to sell Iran 80 jetliners. Airbus has contracted to sell Iran 100 planes and begun delivery. List price for the two deals: \$34.5 billion. Tens of thousands of U.S. jobs are at stake.

Is a Republican Congress prepared to blow up the Boeing deal and force the Europeans to cancel the Airbus deal?

Why? Some contend the planes can be used to

transport the Iranian Republican Guard. But are the Iranians, who are looking to tourism, trade, and investment to rescue their economy, so stupid as to spend \$35 billion for troop transports they could buy from Vladimir Putin?

The Ayatollah’s regime may define itself by its hatred of the Great Satan. Still, in 2009, even our War Party was urging President Barack Obama to publicly back the Green Movement uprising against the disputed victory of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

In 2013, moderates voted Hassan Rouhani into the presidency, where he began secret negotiations with the United States.

New elections will be held this year. And while the death of ex-President Rafsanjani this weekend has removed the powerful patron of Rouhani and strengthened the hard-liners, Ayatollah Khamenei is suffering from cancer, and the nation’s future remains undetermined.

Iran’s young seek to engage with the West. But if they are spurned, by the cancellation of the Boeing deal and the re-imposition of U.S. sanctions, they will be disillusioned and discredited, and the mullahs will own the future.

How would that serve U.S. interests?

We still have sanctions on Iran for its missile tests in violation of Security Council resolutions, for its human rights violations, and for its support of groups like Hezbollah. But we also have in common with Iran an enmity for the Sunni terrorists of al Qaeda and ISIS.

We are today fighting in Libya, Yemen, Syria, Iraq, and Afghanistan, as the War Party works to confront Beijing in the South China Sea, Russia in Ukraine, and North Korea over its nuclear and missile tests.

Could we perhaps put the confrontation with Iran on hold? ★

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not Permissible When You Say It, But It's OK When They Say It?

I am writing in response to AFP's article in the Dec. 5 & 12, 2016, edition, titled "Reporter Fired for Applauding Trump." *The Houston Chronicle* published the comments [fired Houston journalist Scarlett Fakhar] made on Facebook that resulted in her termination. It's worth mentioning that she was merely expressing her own opinions regarding stories she covered.

What is more amazing, though, is that, when one of *The Houston Chronicle* newsmen was sued for libel because he had gotten the facts wrong causing me defamation and damage, the paper claimed they were expressing their right of free speech to use the new Texas Citizens Participation Act to have the \$10 million libel suit dismissed.

You can read all about this in an article [in the January 4 & 11, 2016, issue of AFP] on me concerning my lawsuit against the *Chronicle* by AFP roving editor Mark Anderson.

RON AVERY
Texas

God Protect Trump

Foreign countries have taken advantage of America and the unpatriotic, traitorous politicians

who sold their souls to foreign entities. They all have made wars to protect one entity spending trillions of dollars from American taxpayers, and they are not ashamed about it. They want more.

Our corrupt government has brought drugs, wars, crime, illegal immigration, and murderers into this country. The intelligence agencies work for organized crime. The CIA brings drugs from all over the world to destroy our younger generation.

Donald Trump is right to stand up for American workers, and those with money and power do not like it. They are going to try to kill him, as they did with John F. Kennedy. May God protect Trump.

ISAAC MADRID

Via email

Bring Them Up Right

Blacks make up 17% of the U.S. population, but commit 50% of the crime. Then they riot, because more blacks are arrested than whites. Most of the problem lies in the way blacks in inner-city ghettos are raised. Ghetto blacks are raised to believe that all white people are racist against them and that white people are the reason they are poor. Ghetto blacks be-



lieve the police arrest them because they're black, not because they commit crimes. So now we have black youths out playing gangsters, attacking and sometimes killing people, and the police are racist when they try to stop them.

Bring up your children in the right way, and when they are old they will not depart from it.

RICHARD EMERY
Missouri

Border Reform Tops List

While I have not read Donald Trump's proposal for immigration reform and border security, the immediate steps are obvious.

Trump needs to triple the security force patrolling the border and build a tall, barbed-wire-topped wall or fence, equipped with security cameras and patrolled with drones. He also needs to roll out guard-dog assisted border security and well-manned border crossing centers. Congress should pass a law requiring mandatory background verification of all present employees with severe fines for any company that fails to release any non-citizen employees.

When a person is apprehended, the police should perform an immediate hearing and then send them home, be it Central or South America, Africa, Asia, India, China, Europe or the Caribbean.

Finally, he needs to set up a committee to determine what changes, if any, should be made concerning immigration in gener-

al. The past eight years have been a joke, and it's been played on the American public.

DALE PATTERSON
Michigan

Climate Change Madness

In regard to Mark Anderson's article on the climate change conference [in the Jan. 2 & 9, 2017, edition of AFP], how about yesterday's global cooling theories that never panned out with millions expected to die—most of which were promoted by the very same people who now say the oceans will soon boil?

And now, just since Edward Griffin's conference, there have been two or three huge snowstorms and ultra-cold temperatures during the current global warming craze.

The Griffin conference actually carried useful, reasonable counter-arguments that certainly showed that the reality-deniers are those who actually need "global warming" to be true, lest they lie awake all night in some sort of permanent panic.

The usual muddle-headed lefties always have their famous "tolerance" on full display, always accusing others of what they are guilty of.

SAMUEL ZEPEDA
Texas

"Former" Lawman?

I am writing AFP to complain about your article [in the Dec. 19 & 26, 2016, edition of AFP] on



Sheriff Joseph Arpaio's defeat.

How could you, as a longtime newsman, name Joe as a "former Arizona lawman"? At the time that you wrote the article and at the time readers got the issue he was still in office. By listing him as a former lawman you were reducing his credibility. Let America's enemies do that. Please be positive always. Every little bit helps.

MICHELE MCDONALD
Massachusetts

Afghan War II

People forget that, many years ago, Russia wanted to put an oil pipeline through Afghanistan and have a warm-weather seaport. Their war cost 100,000 troops and lots of military equipment. They ended up having to give up after such terrible losses.

First President George W. Bush and then President Barack Obama sent thousands of our troops to

Afghanistan. The Afghan people never attacked us. Over 2,000 of our troops are now dead, though. Our forefathers said, "Stay out of other countries' business but trade with them." Those are wise words to follow.

ROY F. MCGREW
Ohio

A Voice of Reason

I have been around since FDR, and the statement broached by so many politicians today is that Donald Trump is not qualified to lead this nation. Would they have said the same if Hillary Clinton won? The Democrats who did not attend Trump's inauguration fail to realize that they were elected by the same people who voted for Trump.

I still say that Trump has one heck of a job and only has eight years to accomplish this task before someone like Sen. John Mc-



Cain would get elected.

The professional politicians have run the country for so long that we are due for a change. The mainstream media is really having

a field day. Your paper is the only voice of reason, and I hope you are around for a long time.

CLINTON A. NALL
Washington

Time to Decrease Warfare/Welfare State Budget

By Dr. Ron Paul

This week, Congress passed a budget calling for increasing federal spending and adding \$1.7 trillion to the national debt over the next 10 years. Most so-called "fiscal conservatives" voted for this big-spending budget because it allows Congress to repeal some parts of Obamacare via "reconciliation." As important as it is to repeal Obamacare, it does not justify increasing spending and debt.

It is disappointing, but not surprising, that the Obamacare repeal would be used to justify increasing spending. Despite sequestration's minor (and largely phony) spending cuts, federal spending has increased every year since Republicans took control of the House of Representatives. Some will attribute this to the fact that the Republican House had to negotiate with a big-spending Democratic president—even though federal spending actually increased by a greater percentage the last

time Republicans controlled the White House and Congress than it did under President Obama.

The history of massive spending increases under unified Republican control of government is likely to repeat itself. During the presidential campaign, President-elect Donald Trump came out against reducing spending on "entitlements." He also called for a variety of spending increases, including spending \$1 trillion on infrastructure.

One positive part of the infrastructure proposals is their use of tax credits to encourage private sector investments. Hopefully this will be the first step toward returning responsibility for building and maintaining our nation's infrastructure to the private sector.

Unfortunately, the administration appears likely to support increased federal spending on "shovel-ready" jobs. Claims that federal spending helps grow the economy rely on the fallacy of that which is not seen. While everyone sees the jobs and economic growth created by government infrastructure projects, no one sees the greater number of jobs that could

have been created had the government not taken the resources out of the hands of private businesses, investors, and entrepreneurs. Despite what some conservatives seem to think, this fallacy applies equally to both Republican and Democrat spending.

President Trump has criticized the past two administrations' reckless foreign policy, and he has publicly shamed the powerful Lockheed Martin company for wasting taxpayer money. Yet he continues to support increasing the military budget and has called for increased military intervention in the Middle East.

The fact is the United States already spends too much on militarism. Not only does the United States spend more on the military than the combined military budgets of the next eight highest spending countries, but Pentagon waste exceeds the total Russian military budget.

America can no longer afford to waste trillions of dollars on a militaristic foreign policy. Donald Trump should follow up his attacks on wasteful military spending by dramatically changing our foreign

policy and working to cut the Pentagon's bloated budget.

If the new administration and Congress increase spending, they will need the Federal Reserve to monetize the growing debt. The need for an accommodative monetary policy gives the Federal Reserve and its allies in Congress and in the deep state leverage over the administration. This leverage could be used, for example, to pressure the administration to abandon support for the Audit the Fed legislation.

Fed action can only delay the inevitable day of reckoning. Raising levels of federal spending and debt will inevitably lead to a major economic crisis. This crisis is likely to be reached when concerns over our national debt cause more countries to reject the dollar's status as the world's reserve currency. The only way to avoid this crisis is to stop increasing spending and instead begin reducing spending on all aspects of the welfare-warfare state. ★

Ron Paul, a former U.S. representative from Texas and medical doctor, continues to write his column "Texas Straight Talk" for the Foundation for Rational Economics and Education, located at www.the-free-foundation.org.

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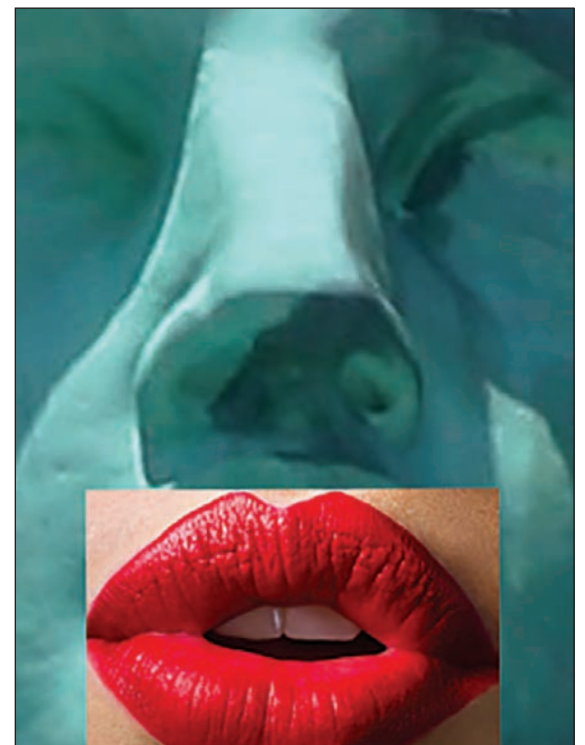
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