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BILDERBERG MEETS IN SECRET

WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL GLOBALISTS GATHER IN ST. MORITZ

By James P. Tucker Jr.

ST. MORITZ, Switzerland—The AFP coverage team has arrived here in the Engadine Valley, just miles from the highest summit in the Eastern Alps, where this year's secretive Bilderberg meeting is taking place. The 2011 venue for the yearly billionaire globalist confab is the posh Suvretta House, one of three possible resort hotels reported on in previous issues of AFP. Swiss police and private security personnel are already out in force in this usually sleepy Swiss resort. Motorcades of vans with tinted windows have been seen in the area as well, headed for the conference site. As I write this, the elusive and exclusive Bilderbergers—the richest movers and shakers on the planet—are poised to meet June 9-11 to decide how they will advance their secret internationalist agenda. Some Swiss and German newspapers are already reporting on the impending meeting, a stark contrast to the nearly complete media blackout in the U.S. My colleague Mark Anderson and I have already been approached for interviews by three European news outlets, eager for truth about the goings-on. Foreign journalists, bloggers and activists, including the social justice group “We Are Change,” are also arriving in force.

Read our reports on pages 12-13, and look for more detailed coverage next week. ★

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Windy, rainy weather did little to damp the spirits of AFP's reporting team as well as the young activists who descended on the picturesque town of St. Moritz in Switzerland in early June to greet the world's elites at the annual Bilderberg meeting. Pictured above is a file photo of the Suvretta House hotel, the site where, this year, David Rockefeller, Henry Kissinger, Swiss President Doris Leuthard and about 150 other top globalists, financiers, bankers, politicians and other moguls are gathering to conspire in secret on the pressing issues of the day.



Timothy Pawlenty and his CFR connections

Tim Pawlenty is in the race for the GOP presidential nomination, but there's more to his campaign than meets the eye. Read our exclusive report.

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New book reveals Sarah's dark side

This AFP interview gives readers an insider's view of Sarah Palin's dark side, including her notorious temper, scheming ways and vindictive nature.

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BILDERBERG 2011

As the American economy continues to sputter—some may even say it’s tanking back into a double-dip recession—a cabal of millionaires and billionaires is gathering behind guarded gates at a luxury resort in St. Moritz, Switzerland. While Americans are hurting on Main Street, USA, Bilderberg’s elite once again huddle in the rarified air separating them from us.

Considering the obvious class distinctions, will our nation’s most recognized newspapers and media outlets cover this pivotal event? If the past 50 years are any indicator, it’s safe to assume that they’d rather focus on lewd photos of New York Rep. Anthony Weiner than chronicle a surreptitious meeting of those who plot the course of our planet.

However, it goes without saying that AMERICAN FREE PRESS, including veteran reporter Jim Tucker, will be there, as he has for the past quarter-century. (AFP roving editor Mark Anderson will also be there.) During these globetrotting jaunts, super-sleuth Tucker has exposed a variety of politicians in attendance who didn’t want their constituents knowing what they were up to on the sly, using taxpayer money to boot.

Interestingly, at least one Swiss publication, *Basler Zeitung*, devoted front-page coverage to this annual pilgrimage of the high and mighty. Unfortunately, commentator Markus Diem downplayed the significance of this clandestine conference with the headline: “The Impotence of Bilderberg.”

Their article conveys a none-too-subtle message: readers shouldn’t be fearful of so-called conspiracy theories. These men and women aren’t an unelected world government, even though the most powerful bankers, industrialists, heads of state, businessmen, computer software magnates (like Bill Gates and Google’s Eric Schmidt) and economists will be hunkered behind closed doors, unaccountable for the decisions they make.

Also, let’s not forget that members of the U.S. media shall also be in the meeting, most noteworthy being annual attendees from *The Washington Post*. Will they report that Dominique Baettig, a representative of the Swiss People’s Party, called for authorities to arrest Henry Kissinger on war crimes charges?

Further, as AFP recently outlined, there may be an internecine battle being waged among various factions within the global community, as was witnessed when France’s Dominique Strauss-Kahn was thrown to the wolves. Everyday citizens can take comfort if these hidden rulers continue eating their own.

Whatever the case, AFP will be there to keep readers updated.

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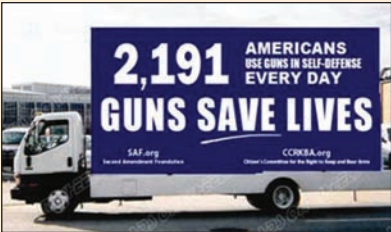
U.S. Supreme Court Supports Hazleton

In early June, the Supreme Court knocked down a federal appellate court decision that ruled a Hazleton, Pa., illegal immigration ordinance is unconstitutional. The case, which had been brought against Hazleton by the ACLU, was related to a city ordinance mandating that business owners and landlords check the immigration status of prospective hires and renters. It had dragged on for years. “This is great news for the city of Hazleton and all municipalities and states who are trying to cope with the substantial burden imposed by illegal immigrants,” Lou Barletta, the former mayor of the town, told reporters. Barletta is now a U.S. congressman.

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TAX BREAKS

Citizens for Tax Justice, along with dozens of national and state organizations, contend that, by closing tax loopholes for major corporations like GE, they can force them to pay a large share of the country’s annual budget deficits rather than slapping more debt on America’s working class. So far, though, the message has fallen on deaf ears in the White House and in Congress. Instead, Washington wants to close the loopholes plus give mega-corporations a tax cut, leaving Main Street with the bill for running the federal government.



2ND AMENDMENT RALLY A SUCCESS

Patriots rallied recently to counter gun-grabbing NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg and the group calling itself Mayors Against Illegal Guns. Instead of debating the issues, Bloomberg and his group are trying to circumvent the democratic process by sending a billboard truck to major cities across the nation to promote the bald-faced lie that guns are a “net social cost.” Supporters of gun ownership rights unveiled their own truth truck with billboards explaining how guns are a net social benefit. For each criminal who kills with a firearm in a crime, there are 64 law-abiding citizens who use a gun in legitimate self-defense.

The Gaffe Heard 'Round the World

Many history books will have to be rewritten if, somehow, it turns out Sarah Palin is right. She is sticking to her guns on a statement made earlier that Paul Revere rode to warn the British as well as the Americans. The possible presidential candidate insisted: “I didn’t mess up” with her earlier remark about Paul Revere. “Part of his ride was to warn the British that were already there, that they weren’t gonna be takin’ away our arms, by ringing those bells and, um, making sure as he’s riding his horse through town to send those warning shots and bells, that, uh, we were gonna be secure and we were gonna be free, and we were gonna be armed. . . . You are not going to beat our own well-armed persons, individual, private militia that we have. He did warn the British.” Palin is flat-out wrong. No one was warning the Redcoats that the Redcoats were coming. And this is the first time we’ve ever heard that Revere and crew rang bells and fired warning shots. Even worse, as readers probably know, Revere did not finish his famous ride at all. Revere and two fellow riders, John Dawes and Dr. Samuel Prescott, were arrested by a British patrol. Dawes and Prescott escaped quickly and continued on, but Revere was held for some time and released. His horse was confiscated, but he did make it to Lexington to witness the battle.



MAN FORECLOSES ON BANK

Tragically, Bank of America foreclosed on the home of Maurenn Nyerger and her husband. But the fact is, the Nyergers paid cash for their home and never borrowed a dime from the bank. A county judge ordered Bank of America to pay the homeowners’ legal fees. The bank ignored the court order for five months—so the Nyergers seized the bank’s assets. Sheriff’s deputies, movers and the Nyergers’ attorney went to the bank and foreclosed on it. They were even allowed to remove cash in the teller drawers. After being locked out of the bank, the bank manager handed the attorney a check for the legal fees.

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ILLEGAL STUDENTS

The Supreme Court ruled against an organization in California that argued that the state should not provide illegal aliens with in-state tuition at state universities. In a one-line statement, the high court paved the way for 11 other states to offer the same benefits to individuals who are in this country in violation of the law.

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CRIME RATE

Statistics recently released by the Justice Department reveal that half of all people sentenced in the United States for federal felony crimes are Hispanics. Of that number, 87 percent are related to immigration violations.

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WITH FRIENDS LIKE THAT . . .

Friends of accused serial sex offender and former IMF director Dominique Strauss-Kahn reportedly approached the impoverished African family of the woman Kahn is accused of raping and offered them a cash bribe to make the case go away, reports *The New York Post*. “He won’t spend time in jail. The woman will get a lot of money,” a source told the *Post*.

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Rezko Says He Was Taken Down by Rahm Emanuel

By Bill White

Tony Rezko, a prominent Obama fundraiser and Chicago real estate mogul convicted in 2008 of extortion and bribery in a public corruption case, told this writer while in prison that he was set up by the Mossad and, particularly, its agent—former White House chief of staff and the current mayor of Chicago, Rahm Emmanuel.

Rezko was targeted in a federal sting operation beginning in 2006, when he and Stuart Levine, a Jewish Republican financier who had recently switched sides to the Democrats, were accused of extorting money in exchange for the use of their political influence over the Illinois Teachers System Board and the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board. Levine flipped on Rezko and testified against him in exchange for a five-and-a-half-year sentence.

After his conviction, the government placed Rezko in abusive conditions in the Chicago Metropolitan Correctional Center. When this author first spoke to Rezko in prison in November 2008, he was being held in a “cold cell,” an unheated cell, in the middle of the Chicago winter and was joking with a corrections official, “shouldn’t it be 68 degrees in here?”—the temperature mandated by Chicago building code.

After suffering several months of so-called “soft torture,” Rezko agreed to cooperate with the government and provided them substantial information, particularly

about the competition between the Jewish Mossad and Chicago’s black leadership to buy Obama’s Senate seat from then Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

Yet, according to Rezko, the entire sting operation was organized by a clique around Emmanuel, who, Rezko claimed, is connected to the Mossad.

“They didn’t want a Syrian close to the president,” Rezko said, as he described his close relationship to the Obamas, whose early election campaigns he helped finance and whose run for the presidency he helped organize. “They saw an Arab coming to a position of political power and they had to destroy him.”

According to Rezko, Emmanuel and his backers in the Zionist intelligence community ordered Obama to pressure Blagojevich into selling the seat to a Jewish politician. Blagojevich, though, was offered a better deal by a group of Chicago black activists led by Jesse Jackson, who wanted the seat sold to his son, Rep. Jesse Jackson III (D-Ill.). When Blagojevich bucked the Jewish offer, the decision was made to arrest him. Blagojevich’s public corruption trial is still ongoing.

Emmanuel and the others involved were never charged in the scandal, allegedly because Rezko lied and concealed assets from the government during his initial interrogations, and thus his testimony could not be used.

After he agreed to cooperate, the government used information Rezko gave them about his business dealings to bring several additional cases against him, increasing their power over him. This is a typical feder-

al tactic, in which a man who is convicted in a shaky case that may be overturned is tortured and then flipped in an agreement where he provides information that is used to trump up additional charges, which the victim then confesses to, legitimizing the prosecution.

In addition to being targeted by the Zionists, Rezko was also targeted during the Obama campaign by their allies in the Republican Party, who published several books claiming that Rezko was a link between Obama and Saddam Hussein and that he was part of an “Arab conspiracy” to control the presidency.

Accordingly to Rezko, Jewish control over Obama intensified during Obama’s presidential campaign.

“There are a lot of Jews around [Obama],” Rezko said, reflecting, “Many of them came when he ran for president. Many Jews have made him who he is today.”

And despite the abuse he has received, Rezko remains loyal to his candidates. He asked this writer: “Whatever you believe, you should talk to [Obama]. He will listen to you. I know him—he does care about people, and whatever your beliefs, he will listen.”

Rezko remained confident he will receive a pardon at the end of the Obama presidency.

“How can he not pardon me?” Rezko told one fellow prisoner. “I made him.” ★

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Arkansas Police, SWAT Badly Cover Up Killings

By Pat Shannan

A year ago, two West Memphis, Ark. police officers were gunned down at an I-40 exit by perpetrators described in an all points bulletin (APB) put out by a West Memphis Police Department (WMPD) dispatcher as “three [or more] Hispanic men with automatic weapons and dark complexions riding in a white Dodge Caravan with an orange top.” An hour and a half later, Jerry Kane, 45, and his teenage son Joe, both Caucasians, who were traveling across country in an all-white Plymouth Voyager, were attacked and killed in a Wal-Mart parking lot only a mile away by a large police SWAT team. The two Kanes were found to be legally carrying one handgun and one rifle—but no automatic weapons.

The police riddled the man and boy and their vehicle with hundreds of bullets. The Kanes were blamed for the police killings, and the investigation was closed—or so the world was told by the local news media.

It was a strange case from the start and had people wondering who would be so foolish as to hang out in a small town and shop at a Wal-Mart only one exit away after killing two police officers.

Then it only got more perplexing as the facts slowly unfolded. Not only was Police Chief Bob Paudert’s initial report contrary to the official story, the official story was actually disputed by the WMPD’s own dash-cam video. Worse yet, that video was not released until 41 days after the incident and was immediately dubbed “a fraud” by those with the knowledge and expertise to



Above, 16-year-old Joe Kane dead at the scene of the SWAT team shooting. Note the missing license plate on the vehicle. Where is the vehicle’s “orange top”?

spot the discrepancies.

The biggest critic of the West Memphis cover-up is Jerry Kane’s widow Donna, of Clearwater, Fla., who has sued the city and its police force. She says her husband and stepson were brutally murdered in a case of mistaken identity by police overreacting in retaliation for the deaths of their fellow officers. By doing so, Kane and his son were killed, then blamed for something they knew nothing about.

Mrs. Kane filed a lawsuit against Arkansas officials after amassing a huge pile of incriminating evidence against Chief Paudert and others who she says instigated the cover-up after they realized that their SWAT

team had killed two innocent people.

Almost a year after collecting incriminating police report information, contrived dash-cam videos and autopsy reports, Mrs. Kane has exposed the WMPD cover-up and proved it to be so laden with mistakes that it is hard to imagine that this would be made available to the public and expected to be believed. This shocking evidence can be found on the Internet at justiceforjerryandjoekane.com.

From the alleged testimony of a FedEx truck driver, that apparently did not exist when Chief Paudert conducted a press conference five days after the incidents on May 25, Mrs. Kane has uncovered the most blatant mistake of all.

On the police dispatch audio, FedEx driver Vincent Brown identifies the license number as “Romeo Papa (RP) 77753, Ohio white Caravan,” which his female passenger first recites from her notes. However, Jerry Kane’s white Plymouth Voyager’s license plate number is EDE 8396, which is correctly displayed on the photo-shopped dash-cam video released at the end of June. Now the blockbuster: RP 77753 was Jerry Kane’s (expired) drivers license number. How could a stranger in another state have such information?

Also, as Mrs. Kane observes, patrolmen routinely call in the plate numbers on all traffic stops, yet it is obvious from the recorded exchange within this reenactment that these dispatchers had no idea who or where these policemen were that had just been killed.

Mrs. Kane says: “The faked audio and video are merely a creation of false evidence by Bob Paudert and WMPD. The Kanes didn’t kill anybody.” ★

Fed Judge Demands FBI Provide Hidden Data on Bombing

By Pat Shannan

An ongoing court case related to the April 19, 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Building in Oklahoma City has unearthed how federal law enforcement uses multiple computer systems to bury key and often damning information that is relevant to cases with which it is involved.

Thanks to the efforts of Utah attorney Jesse Trentadue and the attention called to it by AFP, a federal judge has finally ordered the FBI to explain by June 30 its unknown recordkeeping system that manages to hide evidence from defense lawyers. In addition to its notoriety for redaction of pertinent names, the FBI has a tainted history of putting information in locations unknown outside the bureau, making it almost impossible to access from the outside.

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) process in particular is greatly marginalized by the agency’s deceptive use of these tactics.

Trentadue’s brother was murdered in the Oklahoma City Federal Transfer Center in August 1995. Evidence showed Kenneth Trentadue was beaten from head to toe—even the bottoms of his feet were bruised—yet the death was officially passed off as a suicide. The med-

ical examiner later admitted that he was coerced by federal agents to sign off falsely on something that he knew not to be true. Trentadue contends his brother was mistakenly identified by the FBI as an accomplice in the Oklahoma City bombing and was then murdered while he was being interrogated.

Thus began a decade-and-a-half long series of innumerable FOIA requests that eventually led the Utah attorney onto the trail of the FBI’s falsification of the Oklahoma City bombing case and its cover-up.

“If it wasn’t such an affront to the Constitution it’d be humorous,” said Trentadue. “The fact that the FBI has set up another [computer] drive with the same purpose but a different name creates a constantly moving target. You think you’ve exposed them . . . and they set up another.”

He speaks of the use of shared computer drives accessible only to FBI agents that was begun in 1996 when the bureau began keeping files on something known as the “I-Drive.” Trentadue is not the first lawyer to criticize its practice. It has been a way for the bureau to choose what information is made public and what is kept secret—even from federal judges and prosecutors.

The goal of the I-Drive was to have FBI agents file all their information into one place. A supervisor would

then review the information and decide what would be discarded and what would go into official FBI files.

While this may appear to be a good way to streamline the massive amounts of case data gathered by the bureau, some defense lawyers and judges condemn the system because anything not included in the official case file is not considered to be available for court discovery, which means it does not have to be turned over to anyone outside the bureau and that the bureau can ignore any FOIA requests that would otherwise apply.

On May 11, Trentadue was in court demanding information from the I-Drive when a Justice Department attorney mentioned another computer “hideout” known as the “S-Drive.” Judge Clark Waddoups, presiding over the case in Utah, ordered the FBI to provide more information by the end of June.

Trentadue is one of many lawyers who say the system is indefensible.

“They do it for two reasons,” Trentadue said, “to avoid handing information over to defense counsel in a criminal case, evidence that could be exculpatory, and to frustrate the people making FOIA demands.

“The bureau has its own culture, and part of that culture is helping the prosecutor out by not messing up the case, by not giving info that would hurt the case.” ★

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by Mike Walters
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Unfortunately, the truth is we are well past the point of no return and there's little you and I can do about it. However appealing it may be to write our Congressman, attend Tea Party meetings or march in the streets, deep down we know that the moral, political and economic state of America today resembles that of ancient Rome on its way down.

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Scheming, Unscrupulous Gold Dealers and Financial Advisors Cannot Be Trusted When It Comes To Your Future!

I've been watching this crisis for years and slowly, discreetly preparing for my own family's financial future. At the same time, I've been watching in disgust as gold dealers and financial advisors provide misleading, incomplete and downright bad direction to well-meaning folks who simply want to protect themselves against a dollar default.

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The book "Gold Buyers Survival Manual - How to Buy Gold Without Getting Ripped Off" is a treasure trove of information for the serious gold buyer. It takes a complex and difficult subject and presents everything you need to know in practical, step-by-step instructions that anyone can understand. I share secrets to buying gold that will save you thousands of dollars, including:

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- Which coins you should NEVER buy if you expect chaos in the streets
- How to buy gold or silver legally without raising red flags
- The best coins to own if things really collapse
- The tough questions to ask dealers to show them you're a gold-buying pro!

- How to safely and inexpensively store your precious metals... where no one will ever find them!

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- Why gold trades unlike any other commodity, and how to profit like an insider
- A secret market signal that alerts you to a shortage and when gold prices are about to take off (this secret could be worth tens of thousands of dollars to you)

- How central banks are working together to depress gold prices... and what happens when they run out of chips to play (this is the biggest thing that will ever hit the gold market!)
- A special kind of gold that, while unusually volatile, is extremely profitable to own

And what the real, inflation-adjusted value of gold is today (you're not going to believe this one... it's much, much higher than current prices), and...

Why You Haven't "Missed Out" If You Don't Own Gold Yet

I also reveal some real "down and dirty" secrets the gold dealers don't want you to know, including:

- The actual spread/premium that legitimate dealers charge
- How to immediately recognize if a gold dealer is trying to rip you off
- Three common ways to buy gold that could be disastrous
- The #1 rule to use to determine the real value of gold coins
- Why shopping based on price alone can come back and bite you hard
- And why, if you're preparing for an economic meltdown, you should never buy numismatics or collectible coins. (This could save you tens of thousands of dollars and a lot of heartache later on).

Of course, not everyone is buying gold to prepare for an "end of the world" scenario. If you're looking for a hedge against inflation, currency devaluation, or just want to diversify, "How to Buy Gold Without Getting Ripped Off" explains exactly how you can:

- Invest in gold funds, without losing your shirt!
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- Leverage your buying power by 10, 20, even 50%!
- The five questions you must ask before buying any gold stock
- And even how to buy gold on an installment plan... with as little as \$100 a month!

As you can see, I'm holding nothing back. And for good reason. The world economy today is in ruins, and unfortunately it will likely get much worse. Millions of people are living dangerously on the edge, while millions more are mindlessly following the government line, blissfully unaware that the slightest hiccup could bring the whole house of cards down.

With each passing day, the risk goes up exponentially as our country -- and the world -- hastens toward the inevitable financial collapse.

But you don't have to live a life of financial anxiety and uncertainty. With the secrets in this book, you can prepare your family for the worst possible economic and societal collapse...

The Coming Economic Collapse May Be Inevitable, But Your Family Can Avoid the Worst of It

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"Use these gold buying secrets dealers don't want you to know about to save thousands on your next investments!"

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- Ways to keep your gold liquid while remaining completely secure
- How to take advantage of market movements... like an insider
- The right way... and wrong way... to buy gold so you stay "under the radar"

And most importantly, you'll have knowledge and peace of mind that no one can ever take from you to insure yourself from the worst risks and provide for your family's future, no matter how bad things get!

Now, if you're like most people I know, you probably have some assets left that you need to know what to do with. As a Christian Patriot, I feel it's my duty to help you in any way I can so you can avoid becoming an innocent victim of this crisis. You deserve to get the very best advice... while you can still get it.

I've seen a few other manuals on this topic selling for as much as \$299, but none with the scope of information or the time-sensitive, practical advice found within. Still, I want to help as many people as I can to prepare for the financial storm that's coming, so I've cut the price in half. For a limited time, you can buy "Gold Buyers Survival Manual - How to Buy Gold Without Getting Ripped Off" for only: \$99.00 \$49.

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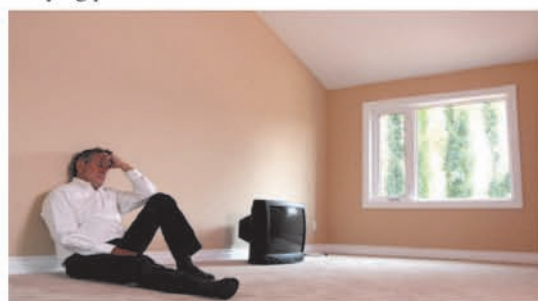
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"The Coming Economic Collapse May Be Inevitable, But Your Family Can Avoid The Worst Of It"

American Citizens to the Rescue In Tornado-Ravaged Missouri

By Frank Whalen

On May 22 a category EF-5 tornado raged through Joplin, Mo., leaving behind a path of destruction almost a mile wide and six miles long. At present, the death toll stands at 123 lives lost, with 10 still unaccounted for. This reporter interviewed an eyewitness to the aftermath, Josh Nowell, a volunteer from Arkansas who recounted his tale of spending a day assisting those who had survived that nightmarish evening.

"It's hard to find words to describe it," said Nowell. "It was complete devastation."

He arrived on the morning of May 29, less than a week after the tornado.

"My first thought when seeing the city was: How couldn't the number of deaths be higher?" he recalled.

Nowell described pickup trucks wrapped around telephone poles and cars rolled into a ball. He saw a two-by-four wooden plank shoved completely through a concrete curb and an umbrella that had pierced a telephone pole.

"The trees still standing were stripped bare of their leaves and replaced with debris," he said of the 200-plus mile-per-hour winds that tore through the area.

"Major media outlets had their cameras trained on the hospital, but if they had swung around the other direction, they would have showed the neighborhood directly across from it, or where it used to be." Nowell said, "[The tornado] didn't go through farmland or over

pastures. It went through the residential areas, wiping them away to ground level."

Locals told Nowell how they gathered their loved ones into the most interior rooms to wait out the storm. After emerging, they discovered that room to be the only one left standing in the entire house.

"I saw a home completely ripped away, with only a bathroom remaining. Towels were still hanging and the toilet paper sitting on the countertop," Nowell said. He photographed one house with devastation all around it, while the home itself remained untouched. "There were flowers still in the ground and a pitchfork that hadn't shifted from where it was placed."

Nowell also recounted how people had arrived on the scene within days claiming to be representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). They promised debris removal the next day with advance payment. In shock, some survivors handed over money only to discover that these individuals skipped town that night. There was also some looting within hours of the rain stopping.

When asked about an actual FEMA presence in Joplin, Nowell stated that he didn't see any.

"I saw a few military vehicles and some law enforcement, but they seemed to only be riding around and observing," he said. An 8 p.m. curfew had also been instated. However, locals told him about what went on in the darkness.

"Search-and-rescue officials brought in bright, construction-type lights and did nighttime searches for bod-



Country star Jo Dee Messina handed over the proceeds from a Kansas show to the Red Cross relief effort in Joplin, Mo., after tornadoes devastated the town last month, claiming the lives of 134 locals and leaving many more without homes. Messina and other average citizens have donated funds to help their fellow Americans.

ies in the rubble," he said.

Nowell was also a part of several conversations where locals shared what they had heard.

According to one, an unnamed source in the Joplin fire department said that in the two days immediately following the tornado, officials kept everyone out of the area. The media claimed it was to find survivors and prepare for the next round of violent weather. However, his source in the fire department said it was because there were bodies everywhere.

Nowell spoke of how impressed he was with the people he met, saying that rebuilding had already begun. "The Japan and Haiti earthquakes were international relief efforts, but Joplin was a national effort. Americans were helping Americans. There wasn't thought about congressional mandates or bureaucratic red tape, just people coming here on their own to do the right thing."

He told about volunteers who cooked and helped with debris removal. There were contractors who brought staff and machinery to assist, while people helped others locate scattered belongings. He saw one man who went door to door handing out cash to his neighbors because his house had been left untouched and another man who carved crosses into broken stumps of trees.

In Joplin, lives have been lost, but reborn in their place are both hope and faith. In the aftermath of at least one catastrophic weather event, God's mercy and American resilience and self-reliance have once again been tested and found to be immovable. ★



Volunteers Tim Dalton (left) and Joe Head, both from Salem, Ill., help clear rubble left from the May tornado in Joplin. Thousands of Americans from across the nation headed to Missouri and other storm-ravaged sites to pitch in and help those affected by the twister. The tornado that hit May 22 was rated an EF-5—the strongest possible according to experts—and was rated the deadliest single twister in the United States since 1936.

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Obama Says Help U.S. Workers Or He'll Shelve 3 Free Trade Pacts

THE WHITE HOUSE IS THREATENING to put three pending free trade agreements (FTAs) on perma-hold if Congress refuses to help American workers whose jobs have been exported to foreign shores.

Specifically, the future of FTAs with South Korea, Panama and Colombia rest on legislators expanding the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program (TAA), which provides federal funding to retrain Americans who have been put out of work when their jobs were given away to foreigners in third world countries. The White House has the power to hold up the agreements, as the executive branch is responsible for drafting them and submitting them to Congress.

"We will not submit the FTAs without an agreement on an enhanced TAA," said Gene Sperling, director of Barack Obama's National Economic Council. "But we also believe we can work on congressional leadership to get that accomplished."

AFP applauds the president for doing what no other administration has done for the past 20 years: halt free trade agreements, which are devastating America's working class.

VOCAL SUPPORTERS OF FREE TRADE

The Republicans, at the behest of their corporate backers, have been the most vocal proponents of pressuring the White House to fast track these FTAs.

Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), the top Republican on the Senate Finance Committee, blasted Obama, claiming that the FTAs somehow, somewhere benefit American industry and create new jobs in the United States. Hatch then whined about the cost of the feder-

al program that helps struggling Americans who have lost their jobs to Chinese or Indian workers because they are willing to work for near slave wages.

"It makes no sense to shut the door on increasing U.S. exports by over \$10 billion in order to fund a costly program," Hatch said. "With our economy struggling and our nation broke, it's time to stop the excuses and give our exporters fair access to international markets."

THE TRUTH ABOUT FREE TRADE

The truth is, the only things these free trade agreements export are American jobs. Corporate executives and their boards love them, however, because goods can be made cheaply in China, India, Korea and other global sweatshops and can then be dumped into the United States for huge profits. So not only do Americans lose their jobs, the FTAs also undercut American businesses that are unable to compete with cheap labor in Asia.

On Obama's side were 41 senators, who signed on to a public letter in support of Main Street America. The letter read, in part:

"We have an obligation to take care of American workers and American industry first. . . . Too often, we pass free trade agreements and then turn our backs on the American workers who have watched their jobs go to Mexico or China. . . . [We] applaud the president for standing with workers on this issue. With more and more American jobs moving to countries like China and India, we need to ensure that these hard-working men and women have the skills to compete for new jobs." ★



Rand Paul Advocates Deportation, Prison for 'Radical' Thinkers

SEN. RAND PAUL (R-Ky.) ran afoul of his Libertarian supporters when he recently stated on neo-conservative Sean Hannity's radio show that anyone in the United States who attends a controversial speech in this country should be arrested and deported.

Paul was talking about profiling terrorists. He said he opposed profiling anyone based on the color of his skin or his religion, but he added that it is just fine to detain or deport people based on their thoughts or with whom they associate.

"You might have to indirectly take into account whether or not they've been going to radical political speeches by religious leaders," Paul told Hannity. "If someone is attending speeches from someone who is promoting the violent overthrow of our government, that's really an offense that we should be going after—they should be deported or put in prison."

Not surprisingly, Hannity did not disagree with Rand's attack on Americans' First Amendment right to assemble and hear free speech without fear of government retribution. ★

Congress Approves Patriot Act Extension Despite Illegality

AT THE VERY LAST MINUTE, Congress approved a four-year extension of three of the most controversial aspects of the Patriot Act in spite of warnings from key senators that federal law enforcement has "twisted" the law into a tool for "secret surveillance." As AFP reported in previous editions, the bill had been tossed back and forth between both chambers of Congress for months before it was passed.

The three provisions give law enforcement the power to conduct roving wiretaps, to search business and library records with a secret warrant and to monitor so-called lone wolves, who are "not connected to an identified terrorist group."

"I believe that when more of my colleagues and the American public come to understand how the Patriot Act has actually been interpreted in secret, they will insist on significant reforms, too," said Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), who tried to block the renewal.

The Senate approved the final version of the Patriot Act by a 72 to 23 vote on May 26. The House passed it the next day with a 250 to 153 vote, and President Obama signed it later that evening. ★

President Rebuked for War on Libya

THE HOUSE VOTED 268-145 on May 3 to rebuke President Barack Obama for starting a war in Libya without congressional approval.

It has been almost four months since Obama went before the UN to get the nod to attack Libya, a country that has done nothing to the United States. On March 19, U.S. and European jets and ships started bombing the country, even going so far as to attempt to assassinate Libya's leader Muammar Qaddafi. One of his sons and a grandchild were killed in this un-American, immoral attack.

The House bill, which was drafted by Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio), was only a symbolic measure and had no teeth. A much stronger bill that called for a withdrawal in 15 days had been introduced by Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio) on the same day, but was shot down in an earlier vote.

Nonetheless, Boehner's bill sent a message to the president that he cannot just arbitrarily start wars

without going to Congress first.

Multiple legislators, including many fellow Democrats, took to the floor to blast the White House for sending U.S. troops to war without discussing it with the country.

"It cannot be that America is the 911 call for the world and we are the ones who have to respond everywhere, every time," said Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.).

Rep. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.) had his fellow congressmen in his sights for failing to end the war.

"The greater threat today, in my view, is the perpetual acquiescence of this body in situations such as we face today in Libya," said Flake, "where we tolerate the use of force when the threat to our national security is less obvious."

Rep. Ron Paul (R-Texas) came out to defend Kucinich's bill to end the war in 15 days.

"Since we went in abruptly and illegally," said Paul succinctly, "we need to abruptly leave." ★

Depleted Uranium: It's a Strange Way To Protect Libyans

By David Wilson

In the first 24 hours of the Libyan attack, U.S. B-2s dropped 45 2,000-pound bombs. These massive bombs, along with the Cruise missiles launched from British and French planes and ships, all contained depleted uranium (DU) warheads.

DU is the waste product from the process of enriching uranium ore. It is used in nuclear weapons and reactors. Because it is a very heavy substance, 1.7 times denser than lead, it is highly valued by the military for its ability to punch through armored vehicles and buildings. When a weapon made with a DU tip strikes a solid object like the side of a tank, it goes straight through it, then erupts in a burning cloud of vapor. The vapor settles as dust, which is not only poisonous, but also radioactive. This black dust remains suspended in the air and, according to wind and weather, can travel over great distances.

Internalized DU can cause kidney damage, cancers of the lung and bone, skin disorders, neurocognitive disorders, chromosome damage, immune deficiency syndromes and rare kidney and bowel diseases. Pregnant women exposed to DU may give birth to infants with genetic defects. Once the dust has vaporized, don't expect the problem to go away soon. As an alpha particle emitter, DU has a half life of 4.5 billion years.

In the "shock and awe" attack on Iraq, more than 1,500 bombs and missiles were dropped on Baghdad alone. Jewish author Seymour Hersh has claimed that the U.S. Third Marine Aircraft Wing alone dropped more than "500,000 tons of ordnance," all of it DU-tipped.

Al Jazeera reported that invading U.S. forces fired 200 tons of radioactive material into buildings, homes, streets and gardens of Baghdad. A reporter from the *Christian Science Monitor* took a Geiger counter to parts of the city that had been subjected to heavy shelling by U.S. troops. He found radiation levels 1,000 to 1,900 times higher than normal in residential areas. With its population of 26 million, the U.S. dropped a one-ton bomb for every 52 Iraqi citizens or 40 pounds of explosives per person. ★

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Tim Pawlenty's CFR Connection

By Michael Collins Piper

Tim Pawlenty is in the race for the GOP presidential nomination, but there's more to his campaign—and the people behind it—than meets the eye. The former Minnesota governor doesn't have much charisma. Some even say he's boring. Pawlenty doesn't have movie-star good looks, nor is he descended from distinguished GOP "royalty."

Instead, Pawlenty has "regular folks" appeal. One of five children of a milk truck driver and the first kid in the family to get a college degree, Pawlenty lost his mother to cancer when he was just 16 and later worked his way through high school, college and law school. After a brief period as a labor law attorney, Pawlenty went on to serve as vice president of a software company before entering politics. He and his wife Mary, a former Minnesota district court judge, have two daughters.

A five-term member in the Minnesota state House of Representatives, where he was eventually voted majority leader, Pawlenty was elected governor of Minnesota in 2002 and re-elected in 2006—winning both contests by narrow margins in three-way races.

His gubernatorial years were notable and quite distinguished in the eyes of conservatives. Pawlenty balanced the state budget, reduced the growth of spending and cut taxes. On social issues, Pawlenty is distinctly conservative.

Running for president, Pawlenty is working to present himself as a tough-talking, no-nonsense candidate. Media reports variously say Pawlenty wants to appear "bold and decisive" and as "the GOP's blunt talker." As such, Pawlenty is adopting hard-line rhetoric, particularly in the foreign policy arena, that places him in the

center of the warmongering neo-conservative realm.

Even as Pawlenty is asking Americans to accept cuts in Social Security and Medicare benefits and suggesting we should work longer years before getting Social Security at all, he's even taken Barack Obama to task for not charging more forcefully and immediately into the U.S. imperial military venture in Libya—even as the U.S. budget is already strapped.

A former Roman Catholic who converted to evangelical Christianity, Pawlenty is an unabashed supporter of Israel—to which he made the standard politician's pilgrimage this past December.

Pawlenty recently charged that the Obama administration "has shown an astonishing unwillingness to stand by Israel at the UN," a position that will endear him not only to well-heeled Jewish campaign contributors who bankroll upwards of 70 percent of all national Republican campaign funds, but also to his fellow evangelical voters who are steadfast Israel supporters.

Some Pawlenty critics believe his close and longstanding friendship with former Rep. Vin Weber (R-Minn.)—a key Pawlenty campaign advisor—does not reflect well on Pawlenty, however.

A member of the board of directors of the Council on Foreign Relations—the New York offshoot of the London-based Royal Institute for International Affairs, the foreign policymaking arm of the Rothschild banking dynasty—Weber is a key figure in the global elite.

Weber is also a veteran of the now-infamous Project for the New American Century (PNAC), which once declared the need for a "new Pearl Harbor" to stimulate American grassroots support for global interventionism. During the early 1980s, Weber urged the GOP to become "America's new internationalist party."



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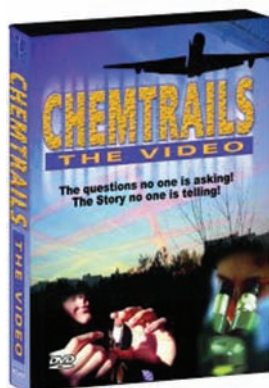
As a member of Congress from 1981 to 1993—who retired abruptly after being caught up in the House banking scandal, where he was found to have written 125 bad checks on his House bank account—Weber engaged in a scurrilous effort to smear Liberty Lobby, the populist publisher of the newspaper *The Spotlight*, for its efforts to focus public attention on Israel's deliberate attack on the *USS Liberty* on June 8, 1967, resulting in the slaughter of 34 Americans and the grievous wounding of 172 others. (See page 17.)

Weber charged that *The Spotlight* played a pivotal role in nearly causing his own reelection defeat after it publicized Weber's betrayal of the men of the *Liberty*.

The Weber-CFR-PNAC connection says much about the presidential aspirations of Pawlenty and is a point that savvy GOP primary voters need to keep in mind. Pawlenty clearly has some powerful negative influences lined up behind him. ★

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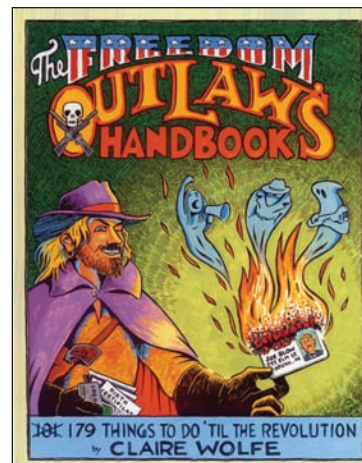
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Author-Editor Reveals Sarah Palin's Darker Side

By Victor Thorn

They called her Alaska's Joan of Arc, but a new book entitled *Blind Allegiance* gives an insider's view of Sarah Palin's darker side. During a May 27 interview, Jeanne Devon—co-author of this tell-all expose and managing editor of *The Mudflats*—described to this writer how the former governor feeds off adversity.

"She's a plant that needs water," Ms. Devon said. "Whenever Sarah became a bit complacent, her staff deliberately produces a negative article and shows it to her. That always put the fire back in her belly."

Ms. Devon continued: "Criticism acts as a fuel to Sarah. It's like poking a bear with a stick. She's extremely competitive. Life and politics are sporting events to her. She really is a barracuda."

Ms. Devon related how Frank Bailey, Mrs. Palin's fixer for numerous years and co-author of *Blind Allegiance*, witnessed Palin's outbursts.

"Sarah had these crazy, raging, angry episodes where she'd be red-faced and slamming things," said Ms. Devon. "With her volatile mood and temperament, she's not a level-headed leader who'd calmly lead the ship."

According to Ms. Devon: "Sarah has definite trust issues. That's why she tends to always change people. If a leak ever occurred, Sarah would immediately think her phones were tapped and her emails were being read. She'd even plant false information to catch the leakers."

Apart from her paranoia, a number of scandals were also concealed during her tenure as governor. Ms. Devon mentioned how Mrs. Palin's camp illegally coordinated with the Republican Governors Association to receive an infusion of cash for campaign ads.

Ms. Devon explained: "Alaskan politicians were especially dirty back then. . . . Then Sarah Palin rode in on her white horse as a reformer. This information would have been devastating to her campaign."

To her credit, Mrs. Palin did fracture Alaska's "Corrupt Bastards Club," while at the same time taking on Exxon and divvying up oil profits for state residents. Amazingly, Mrs. Palin also cut government spending and pork projects at a time when they were running a

surplus, an act that's unheard of today.

Still, Ms. Devon has misgivings about Mrs. Palin's style, especially the role played by her husband. "Todd was known as the shadow governor, part of her inner circle. During a scandal known as Troopergate, Todd began a smear campaign and dug up dirt on a state trooper involved in a messy divorce from Sarah's sister. Todd became obsessed with him, even following the policeman around on his snowmobile," Ms. Devon said.

She added: "When it comes to attacking their enemies, it's a joint effort between Sarah and Todd. They definitely share common traits in this regard."

Revenge seems to play an important role in the Palins' lives. "I'm really surprised by the amount of time and mental energy they spend on things that most people would find petty and inconsequential. But they allow these ongoing vendettas to be mind consuming," Ms. Devon elaborated.

As an example, Ms. Devon cited the brouhaha that took place last year on a television talk show hosted by David Letterman.

"Letterman told a tasteless joke, but Sarah kept manipulating the situation to cast herself as a victim and stay in the media limelight," said Ms. Devon.

Ms. Devon also broached the subject of Mrs. Palin's mysterious 2008 pregnancy in her book. Some say the baby actually belonged to her daughter.

When queried as to whether Mrs. Palin can be elected, Ms. Devon said: "Sarah is Clintonesque in that she has a commanding presence on stage. She has this uncanny ability to make it seem as if you're the only person in the room that she's speaking to." ★



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Top Swiss Officials Will Attend Bilderberg

By James P. Tucker Jr.

ST. MORITZ, SWITZERLAND—Even before AFP's coverage team finally reached Switzerland's most mountainous area to cover the annual Bilderberg meeting, things started getting rocky. It was learned that the nation's current president, Doris Leuthard, will attend the Bilderberg group meeting, as the local press revealed, even while trying to minimize the meeting's significance and downplay her role in it.

Meanwhile, some area media, while they did announce the Bilderberg meeting, began attacking anti-Bilderberg activists.

However, just as unsettling but far less expected, according to Bilderberg critics gathering in the Canton of Graubünden for the June 9-12 Bilderberg meeting, is that the top cantonal civil law enforcement official, Janome Barbara Steiner, will actually attend the Bilderberg meeting, at least briefly. This is highly troubling to many observers, since she was just asked in a letter from national legislator Dominique Baettig to scrutinize the secretive Bilderberg group's many rogue members and see who among them may be wanted for various crimes. [See the story on page 13.—Ed.]

It's not all that unusual for local and national officials of a host nation to pay the Bilderbergers a visit, but the situation in Switzerland is different, in that these Swiss officials, in a nation that prides itself on grassroots democracy, strong sovereignty and neutrality, were given ample notice by Baettig that Bilderberg is bad news for Switzerland and the world. Some concerned citizens protesting Bilderberg see Mrs. Steiner's conduct as a slap in the face—in a nation that is hanging on to the increasingly fragile but important traditions for which the Swiss are legendary.

Citing Switzerland's home rule that frowns on elitist attempts to centralize government into huge unaccount-



The front page of the June 8 *Bündner Tagblatt* German-speaking newspaper. Translated, the top headline says: "[Doris] Leuthard Is Also at the Bilderberg Meeting." The subheadline notes that "the 'secretive' meeting in St. Moritz begins tomorrow." Bilderberg is big news in Switzerland, but still blacked out in America.

able structures, Baettig, in his most recent high-profile letter, asked Mrs. Steiner to deny Bilderberg the opportunity to meet in Switzerland. In so doing, he pointed out that Bilderberg members have been involved in war crimes and other nefarious dealings.

Yet Mrs. Steiner failed to respond and is reportedly attending the meeting, even though Baettig stressed to her that frequent Bilderberg attendance by NATO officials, whose aggressive military actions are killing scores of people in Libya and Afghanistan, could invite terrorist reprisals against Switzerland.

As AFP has reported, Baettig already wrote to the top federal law enforcement official, Simonetta Sommaruga, on this matter.

Baettig informed both of these police officials that many Bilderberg attendees are not democratically elect-

ed yet they meet—while holed up in posh hotels, encircled by armed guards—to form broad policy objectives.

In the June 4 *Engadiner Post*, a local paper, Mrs. Steiner claimed there would be no hindrance to the public during the Bilderberg meeting. At presstime, the possible closure of public roads around Suvretta House, where the Bilderberg meeting is taking place, appeared unlikely—unless activists get too close, as police told them. ★

AFP editor emeritus James P. Tucker Jr. is the premier Bilderberg hunter in the world today. Tucker is the author of *Jim Tucker's Bilderberg Diary: One Man's 25-Year Battle to Shine the Light on the World Shadow Government*. Bound in an attractive full-color softcover and containing 272 pages—loaded with photos, many never published before—the book recounts Tucker's experiences over the last quarter century at Bilderberg meetings. \$25 from AFP. Add \$3 for S&H inside the U.S.



Left, this photo from the Hotel Suvretta on the outskirts of St. Moritz shows guards from the private firm Securitas marching in a rough formation. Swiss police showed up later to assist. Uniformed Securitas personnel and Swiss police handle the outside perimeter security, while various secret service and other private security hired by



Bilderberg, wearing plainclothes, perform security inside and direct Securitas and Swiss police. Photo at right shows a perimeter fence being set up. The fence was then covered with a wide white tarp to form a wall to block the view by the public of what was happening on the grounds of the Bilderberg venue.

Swiss Media Attack Bilderberg Critics as 'Nuts'

By Mark Anderson

ST. MORITZ, Switzerland—The same German-language newspaper, *Bunder Tagblatt*, that reported Swiss president Doris Leuthard's Bilderberg attendance plans for 2011 attacked anti-Bilderberg activists in the group We Are Change as "conspiracy nuts," or to that effect, as a headline noted. This report surfaced June 8, the day before the four-day Bilderberg meeting started.

Yet, as AFP and its predecessor, *The Spotlight*, have maintained for five decades, the powerful figures in the Bilderberg group, which was formed in 1954, have met as secretly as possible ever since.

Plutocrats with far-reaching plans have been Bilderberg attendees. For example, Claude Monet, the father of what would become the continental European Union, attended Bilderberg meetings in the early days. The EU was born as the European Coal and Steel Community. It has swallowed and injured most of Europe, save for Switzerland, which hangs in the balance as traditional forces battle the politicians and media mavens within Switzerland who would sell out their nation to the EU if allowed to do so.

Another area newspaper, *Aargauer Zeitung*, also



Cars and vans, filled with plainclothes security personnel and high-ranking dignitaries from North America and Europe, wait on the grounds of the hotel Suvretta House to be checked by Swiss police and private security officers before being allowed entry.

attacked activists to a degree, with columnist Christian Nunlist, headlining his June 8 piece, "No Secret World Government." His column claims Bilderberg critics are "fantasizing" that Bilderberg

represents a danger to freedom and prosperity. He also makes the mistake of saying Bilderberg is "not a secret world government," missing the point that critics never said Bilderberg itself is a secret government—only that it secretly meets to lay the basic groundwork toward globalism for governments and their financial masters in private banking to follow later.

The highest circulation Swiss paper, *Blick*, carried a more neutral account of Bilderberg 2011, quoting a protester and announcing that Hotel Suvretta is the scene of this major exclusive meeting.

The more serious-minded newspaper *Tages-Anzeiger* on June 9 reported on the anti-Bilderberg movement in a somewhat more positive light, noting that We Are Change/Switzerland is "exposing Bilderberg, saying they are not secret anymore."

Also, at presstime, AFP confirmed that at least two Swiss legislators, Dr. Pirmin Schwander and Lukas Reimann, will show up to speak at a planned Bilderberg protest. AFP interviewed Schwander last December at the parliament in Bern about Swiss political traditions that run against the grain of the seamless, centralized world rule that the Bilderbergers seek. ★

Bilderberg Expected to Push More War at 2011 Confab

By James P. Tucker Jr.

ST. MORITZ, Switzerland—As Bilderberg luminaries began gathering in this quaint, posh resort community, they were hopeful of pushing their agenda but wary that public exposure would continue to stifle their efforts.

Even before departing for St. Moritz, luminaries were reportedly grumpy, according to a source within Bilderberg who has been proven correct in reports for more than two decades. "It gets tougher to accomplish anything every year," Henry Kissinger was heard saying. "In fact, what have we accomplished in recent years?"

Bilderberg "has to find another way of meeting," said current Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, a former top official at the New York Federal Reserve bank, the most powerful of the Fed's 12 branches.

International financiers expect outgoing U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates to continue globalist advances by maintaining a huge military deployment throughout the world and to defy the U.S. Constitution by not having Congress endorse America's endless wars. Breaking this law is a position dictated by Bilderberg

leaders who want the United States to continue sending troops throughout the world to do their bloody bidding.

But some news is bad for the Bilderberg boys on several fronts as public awareness, especially in Europe, continues to hamstring their efforts. Referring to the financial crises in Greece, Spain and Portugal, Peter Osborne wrote in *The Irish Times* of Dublin: "Mercifully, we did not sign up to the single currency, and are therefore completely independent of the common economic government imposed upon eurozone countries by the European Central Bank."

Polls show that most Brits oppose surrendering national sovereignty to the European Union, although most of the Bilderberg-controlled leaders want to join.

Greece's European Union commissioner, Maria Damanaki, warned May 25 that the debt crisis threatens its use of the euro: "Either we agree with our borrowers on a program of tough sacrifice . . . or we return to the



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drachma [the former Greek national currency]."

Her comments came as Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou tried to persuade countrymen to accept EU-demanded cutbacks on social spending.

Expanding the European Union into a continental superstate is a major goal of Bilderberg, but several countries are considering opting out and rejecting the euro.

Notably, nuclear power promotion is big with Bilderberg because it generates huge profits for these sons and grandsons of smokestack industries that comprise part of Bilderberg.

Interestingly, bad news for Bilderberg may come from this year's host country, Switzerland. The Swiss Cabinet has called for the elimination of the country's five nuclear power reactors and for new energy sources to replace them. But this must be approved by parliament. German officials have also announced that they are moving away from nuclear power. ★

Communication Terrorists Attack First Amendment Rights in Seattle

By Dave Gahary

Pro-Israel “communication terrorists” are once again chipping away at the Bill of Rights, setting their sights on the U.S. Constitution’s First Amendment. Using incessant and threatening telephone calls, emails, postal letters and physical confrontation, they harassed public and private entities in Seattle into changing “anti-Israeli” policies.

Their target this time is the Seattle Mideast Awareness Campaign (SeaMAC), a nonprofit organization that educates citizens about how U.S. tax dollars are used by Israel in its abasement of the Palestinians.

SeaMAC purchased advertising space on billboards and buses in the Seattle area in their quest to use “mainstream advertising media to increase public awareness of U.S. taxpayer complicity in Israel’s denial of Palestinian rights,” according to the group’s website.

Although the county bus system and the outdoor advertising company accepted their payment, the county later rescinded their respective agreements and refused to run the ads. [See AFP issue #3, 2011.—Ed.]

The bus ad’s text read, “Israeli War Crimes: Your Tax Dollars at Work,” accompanied by a photo of a bombed-out building in Gaza, compliments of the Zionist state’s *Operation Cast Lead*, which was responsible for the deaths of nearly 1,500 innocent Palestinian civilians.

The billboard’s text read, “Equal Rights for Palestinians: Stop funding the Israeli military,” accompanied by a photo of a Palestinian child peering through a chain-link separation fence.

The billboard ads ran for almost a week, but the bus ads were never attached to vehicles.

As news of the pro-Israeli success in stifling free speech spread, Washington state’s American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) rushed forward and filed a lawsuit in Seattle’s U.S. district court, claiming, “King County’s refusal to allow the ad on Metro buses violated [SeaMAC’s] First Amendment rights.”

Kathleen Taylor, ACLU executive director, said: “In a free society, we cannot allow the government to suppress lawful speech, even speech that may stir emotions. Chipping away at fundamental free speech rights is not the answer.”

Ms. Taylor added: “We should keep in mind that mild speech doesn’t need protection. It’s when we’re faced with controversial speech, speech that is intensely upsetting to some people, that our adherence to the First Amendment is most important.”

“The ACLU described this as a classic case of violation of free expression,” Ed Mast, a spokesperson for SeaMAC, said in an exclusive interview with AFP.

“We’re very concerned about this,” explained Mast. “The fact that now both a public organization and a private organization have done the same thing: They’ve examined one of our messages, approved it, and then due to pressure from some parts of our community, they’ve taken it down.”

Mast pointed out the double standard when it comes to criticizing Israel. “We object to the term ‘anti-Israel.’ . . . If I want to criticize human rights violations in China, people are not inclined to say, ‘Oh, you’re anti-



One of the billboards calling for equal rights for Palestinians that has been displayed in the Seattle area.

China.’ We’d like Israel to be treated with the same standard everybody else is.”

Mast explained that when Jewish communication terrorists conducted their operation against the bus company, some of their identities were revealed.

“Interestingly, when King County cancelled our bus ads,” said Mast, “they cited the threats they’d received. They had to take the safety of their passengers into account, [although] none of them saw fit to contact law enforcement, even though they had names and phone numbers . . . people who delivered the threats.”

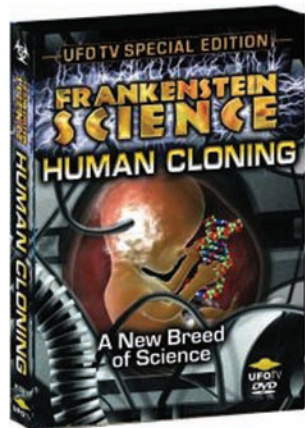
Although SeaMAC’s plans were thwarted, they’re certainly not about to throw in the towel. Their trial is scheduled to take place in October.

“We’re thinking about our next messages and our next venues,” explained Mast. “There are other billboard companies and other public media companies.”

If you’re interested in helping SeaMAC get their messages out, they accept U.S. donations only. You can send a check or money order to Seattle Mideast Awareness Campaign, PO Box 70141 Seattle, Wash. 98127. ★

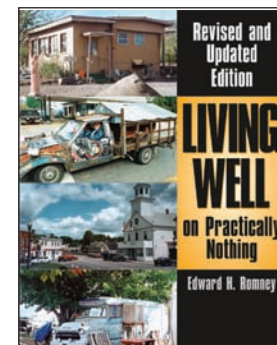
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Anti-Obama Author Demands Barack's Birth Certificate

By Victor Thorn

Why did billionaire developer Donald Trump make such an issue out of President Obama's missing birth certificate and then drop the matter once White House officials released an apparently fake, computer-enhanced version on April 27? During a May 24 interview with the author of *Where's the Birth Certificate*, Dr. Jerome Corsi protested to this writer: "I said from the beginning that I didn't trust Trump. He pumped me for information, but I never knew who he worked for."

Corsi pressed further, "If Trump were serious, he'd demand forensic evidence from the state of Hawaii. But the cover-up is still alive and well. Trump professed to be interested in this issue, but when presented with crucial information, his attention span seemed to wane."

On May 25 Trump resurfaced, claiming that his experts concluded that Obama's long-form certificate was indeed a forged, computer-generated document.

Corsi agreed, telling Colorado's *Greeley Gazette* on June 1: "The White House could not put out a request for a proposal to get the best forger in the country for the job. They are stuck with a small inner group. Forging a document in this day and age is difficult because there are so many experts who can spot a forgery right away."

Interestingly, on June 1 Douglas Vogt, owner of Archive Index Systems, filed a 22-page criminal complaint with the FBI. Vogt charges, "I have irrefutably proven that the certificate of live birth that President Obama presented to the world on April 27 is a fraudulently created document put together using the Adobe Photoshop or Illustrator [computer] programs."

If given a fair chance in court to prove his claims, Vogt predicted, "It will surpass all previous scandals including the Watergate scandal of the Nixon administration." ★

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Conspiracy of the Six-Pointed Star

Texe Marrs Lays Out the Facts in Stunning New Book

BOOK REVIEW by Michael Collins Piper

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A prolific writer and speaker through his Power of Prophecy ministry, Marrs has put together a powerful—and substantial—collection of some of his most pivotal writings in an eye-opening 426-page volume, *Conspiracy of the Six-Pointed Star*.

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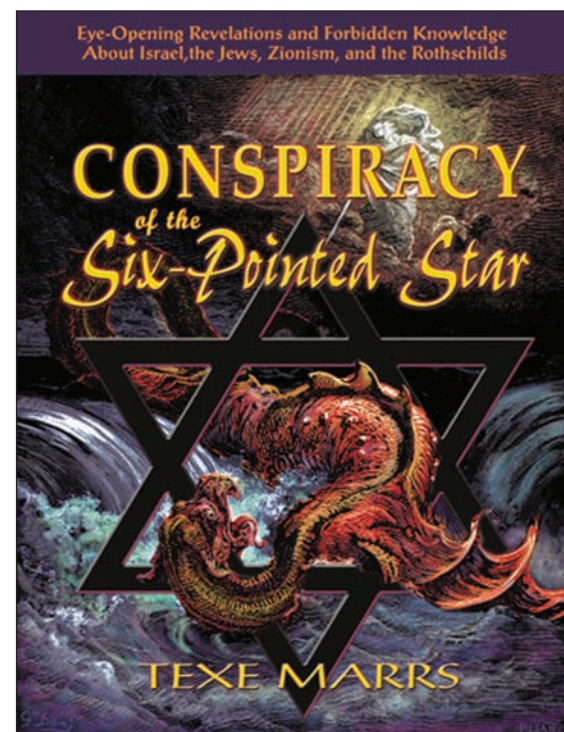
A career U.S. Air Force officer who spent five years as an assistant professor of aerospace studies, teaching American defense policy, strategic weapons systems and related subjects at the University of Texas, Marrs also taught international affairs, political science and psychology at two other universities.

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A brief (and most assuredly not anywhere near complete) overview of just some of the contents of *Conspiracy of the Six-Pointed Star* reflects the diverse selection of subjects that Marrs pursues in no uncertain terms.

Launching his inquiry into the realm of little-known mysticism in ancient Jewish teachings—and no, we don't mean the Old Testament—Marrs dissects the Satanic origins of the conspiracy that holds the reins in our world today. The truth about the secret origins of communism and the intrigue that links that gangster philosophy to both the Zionist movement and international banking in the Rothschild sphere of influence is also unveiled.

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Marrs lays out some disturbing facts about the origins of the Bush and Clinton dynasties and also bares the truth about other big names including John McCain, Glenn Beck, Sarah Palin and—needless to say—Barack Obama as well as some of the hidden controllers manipulating the good grassroots Americans who have rallied behind the pro-Israel factions of the tea party movement.

A particularly fascinating segment of the book explores the little-known history of famous American chess champion Bobby Fischer who—although of Jewish origin—became a fervent critic of international Zionism. Nobody anywhere has ever examined Fischer so thoroughly as Marrs has. You will be absolutely overwhelmed by Fischer's story.

You simply have to get this book and, when you do, you'll marvel at the amount of data that Marrs has put together in these pages. If you're looking for a book grounded in good-old-fashioned Christianity—real Christianity, that is—and Americanism that puts everything together in a fast-moving, easy-reading fashion, *Conspiracy of the Six-Pointed Star* is it. This summer, take the time to sit down with Texe Marrs and find out what the people behind this conspiracy don't want you to know.

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New Digital Currency vs. the Fed

By Keith Johnson

“**B**itcoins” are the world’s first digital fiat currency. Discreetly launched in 2009 by a mysteriously reclusive software designer named Satoshi Nakamoto, bitcoins can be traded over the Internet without going through a central bank or clearinghouse.

In February, bitcoins briefly reached exchange parity with the U.S. dollar after a spike in demand for the coins pushed prices slightly above one U.S. dollar to one bitcoin. As of this writing, one bitcoin can be exchanged for \$7 U.S.

Gavin Andresen, bitcoin’s current lead technician, describes the project as “the purest form of fiat currency,” a 100 percent predictable unit of exchange that cannot be affected by inflation or government manipulation.

Bitcoins are produced using complex computer algorithms generated by users using computer software. These algorithms generate “coins” at a predictable and limited rate. Currently, there are only 6 million bitcoins in existence, and the project staff promises that there will never be more than 21 million produced over the course of the next 140 years.

Andresen likens this limited supply to the scarcity of

precious metals.

Unlike government-controlled fiat currencies, bitcoins can be anonymously transacted online without leaving a trail that snooping regulators traditionally seize upon to freeze bank accounts and track financial activity.

Although the bitcoin franchise has thus far eluded restrictive legislation, it is unlikely that they will be allowed to continue doing business much longer before being confronted with a serious challenge from the U.S. federal government. History has shown that central bankers don’t take kindly to those who infringe upon their monopoly, and will use their assets in Washington to effectively shut down and prosecute anyone who dares to do so.

In 2009, the U.S. Secret Service brought money-laundering charges against the proprietors of *E-Gold*, a gold-backed digital currency that allowed the instant transfer of gold ownership between online subscribers. In their case, U.S. prosecutors argued that the medium of exchange invited online con artists who might use the venue to introduce pyramid schemes and high-yield investment programs.

A more recent example is the case brought against Bernard von NotHaus, founder of the *Liberty Dollar*. In



The Bitcoin electronic money concept has been accepted enthusiastically by many people. These patches bear the Bitcoin logo and can be attached to a jacket by users to show their support for the alternative currency.

2007 federal government agents seized approximately two tons of coins that featured the image of Rep. Ron Paul (R-Texas). On Mar. 18 von NotHaus was found guilty on three counts of counterfeiting-related charges and labeled a domestic terrorist for simply creating an alternative currency and encouraging others to use it as a store of value and unit of monetary exchange. ★

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The Washington Post’s ‘Guerrilla Registration’ Swindle

By Ralph Forbes

A stealth scam is threatening the U.S. economy, and this criminal enterprise has been kept a secret for years, thanks to *The Washington Post*, which is one of the biggest beneficiaries of this racket.

According to *Business Insider*, in 2009 alone, 105 newspapers have been shuttered, 10,000 newspaper jobs have been lost, print ad sales fell 30 percent in the first quarter of that year and 23 of the top 25 newspapers reported circulation declines between 7 percent and 20 percent. Why is *The Post* immune from bankruptcy? The real story, that *The Post* doesn’t want you find out, is they’re growing fat ripping off the taxpayers.

Dick Simmons, past president of the Washington Post Co., the corporation that owns this leading daily newspaper, said the newspaper was “sinking, sinking, sinking” in 1984 when *The Post* bought Kaplan Test Prep (KTP) for \$40 million from Stanley Kaplan, with the blessings of Warren Buffett. Soon, there followed a number of changes in federal law and regulations that turned Kaplan into a goldmine—courtesy of the taxpayers.

The financial magazine *Barron’s* computed that the Post Co. is worth about \$8.5 billion—and \$5 billion of that value is from Kaplan. But the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, the Education Department, the GAO, state governments etc. are investigating whether the company stole billions from the taxpayers—and as a sideline, ruined the lives of countless persons.

The “warning alarms” the government uses to make sure the public is not being ripped off—default rates to make sure the schools aren’t signing up winos, drug addicts or people that can’t possibly repay the loans—were blaring like tornado sirens, but no one did anything about them.

Kaplan University has a dismal failure rate. Nearly three-quarters of students aren’t paying down their student loans. Two-thirds of Kaplan’s students drop out before graduating, and nearly one-third of them default within three years of leaving the school.

In 2010, Kaplan University reported that 91.7 percent of its revenue came from Title IV student loans—exceeding the 90 percent that is the maximum allowed by law. Kaplan targets vets because loans from the Department of Veterans Affairs do not count toward the 90 percent ceiling that can be obtained from the Education Department.

Veterans groups also charged Kaplan with aggressively recruiting vets. One manual used in 2009 that urged recruiters to use “FUD”—fear, uncertainty and doubt—to convince prospects to sign up within 48 hours. Kaplan claims “FUD” has not been used since the summer of 2010. A similar document from Kaplan University encourages recruiters to, “Keep digging until you uncover their pain, fears and dreams”; and, “Get to their emotions and you will create the urgency!”

The Government Accountability Office released a report about misleading sales tactics by Kaplan. Investigators armed with hidden cameras posed as applicants at 15 schools. In a video shot in Pembroke

Pines, Fla., a Kaplan campus that opened in January 2010, one recruiter pooh-poohs an applicant’s concern about repaying the loans.

The education racket, like the mortgage racket, urged lower-income people to take out loans they couldn’t repay. By the time these students defaulted, Kaplan, *The Post* etc had already walked off with profits, leaving taxpayers to pick up the tab. Students, unlike homeowners who can walk away from mortgages if they declare personal bankruptcy, must bear that debt until they die.

For example, Arlen Castillo enrolled, but had to quit Kaplan because of a medical emergency. Kaplan told her the registration fees could not be refunded, but that was all she owed. Yet a year and a half later, collection agents began hounding her, demanding she pay some \$10,000 in supposedly overdue tuition charges. Despite having attended only two online sessions, Castillo had remained officially enrolled at Kaplan for nearly a year after her withdrawal.

Castillo’s experience is typical of a practice known informally inside Kaplan as “guerrilla registration.” Kaplan’s “academic advisors” enrolled students in classes they never took—without their consent—even after they had withdrawn from the university, in order to maximize Kaplan’s revenues, according to interviews with former employees.

Four former employees filed whistleblower lawsuits, accusing the company of breaking the law to recruit more students. Kaplan denies this. ★

Mom Releases Poignant Letter from Attack Survivor

The following was one of the first articles ever printed by an American newspaper exposing the Israeli attack on the *USS Liberty* on June 8, 1967, as being deliberate. For over nine years, the American media and the government suppressed this big story. *The Spotlight* exclusively carried it in its issue of April 26, 1976. During the month of June, AMERICAN FREE PRESS will be rerunning several articles on the *Liberty* from the old *Spotlight* newspaper. Amazingly, these articles are as fresh and as valuable as they were back in 1976.

“I’ll be proud the rest of my life of our Navy’s sailors. The wounded helped the worse wounded and even badly wounded insisted I first try to help the men who were dying.”

Those dramatic words were contained in a letter written nine years ago by then-Lt. Richard F. Kiepfer to his mother in Brooklyn.

That five-page letter and the wounded and lifeless bodies are still fresh in Kiepfer’s mind in his everyday work as a doctor of nuclear medicine at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland.

He has more precise recollections of that day and his own ideas and further insights into that unprovoked Israeli sneak attack on June 8, 1967, which left 34 Americans dead and 75 more wounded.

Although he is not allowed to speak, the excerpts from his letter do tell a lot about what really went on, on that infamous day.

That five-page letter, postmarked Malta, does give an understanding of that day. It gives a detailed and poignant account of incredible heroism, sacrifice and compassion on the part of the ship’s crew.

Kiepfer, then a lieutenant who was assigned to the ship just nine days earlier after two years of surgical residency, gives a fair reading of the events preceding and immediately following the air and torpedo attack:

“We were cruising along, and it was a beautiful day under clear skies, and the men were commenting about the Mediterranean pleasure cruise and what a fine day it was for swimming. I heard the first explosion and then the jets were raking the decks with machinegun and rocket fire.

“Our .50-caliber machineguns, which are our only armament, had a chance to return some small fire before another wave of jets knocked out the gun mounts and destroyed all the lifeboats and life rafts.”

Kiepfer wrote that fires broke out and that the fire parties trying to extinguish them were cut down by strafing planes. The sick bay was knocked out by four rocket hits. The young medical officer, a bullet hole in his own right leg seeping blood and a shattered left



Many of the ship’s hatches were targeted with rocket fire. The most reasonable explanation as to why is that as doors leading to the outside, Israel wanted to disable their functionality so that little chance existed for survivors to make their way topside. And, of course, the life rafts and lifeboats were destroyed early in the attack.

kneecap sending spasms of pain to his brain, set up an emergency hospital in the mess hall. He then labored there for 28 straight hours.

Kiepfer credited one man with averting the sinking of the badly listing ship. He said that with only seconds to spare after a direct torpedo hit, Lt. James Pierce secured a hatch on a flood hold. It had threatened to send tons of water into the boiler room, sinking the ship.

In order to secure the massive steel door, Pierce had to stay inside the flooded compartment. He is now listed among the killed in action.

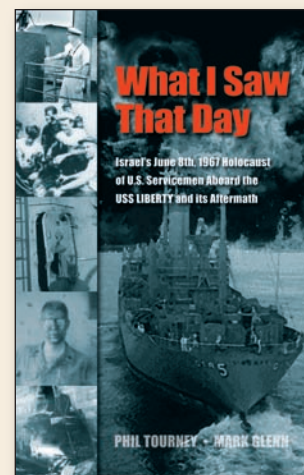
“I saw one man with a broken arm dangling at his side, using his good arm to help carry a badly wounded man on a stretcher,” Kiepfer wrote.

“I had another man with ruptured kidneys, liver and pancreas, who I thought had no chance of surviving the way he was, so I decided to give him his only chance to life and operated on him. He died on the table.” ★

What I Saw That Day

The June 8, 1967 Holocaust of U.S. Servicemen Aboard the *USS Liberty* and Its Aftermath

WHAT I SAW THAT DAY is more than just a book about the attack on the *Liberty*, although the blow-by-blow description of the attack and the valiant 18-hour effort of the remaining crew members to keep the ship afloat comprise a great deal of the manuscript. And, I add, a goodly portion of the book is also dedicated to the official U.S. and Israeli cover-up of the event and the threats leveled at the crew of the *Liberty* to shut up or face the dire consequences. . . .



We also tell the story of the brave men—at all levels—all the way up to Admiral Moorer—who tried to right the wrong that had been dealt to the men of the *Liberty* starting on June 8, 1967.

But this book is also about the personal toll this event levied upon my co-author, *Liberty* survivor Phil Tournay. Not one man aboard the *Liberty* came away from this incident without emotional scars—and Phil was no exception. These are scars only the truth has been able to begin healing.

It was my honor to tell Phil’s story and the tragedy that was the *Liberty* attack. We are not worried about money or profits. We want the truth told and are grateful that you, dear reader, have picked up the torch for the *USS Liberty* by reading this book. All profits go to getting more books out to the public so one day all will know the harrowing truth about what happened on June 8, 1967 and the days and long years of pain that followed.

—MARK GLENN

WHAT I SAW THAT DAY (softcover, 282 pages, \$30 plus \$3 S&H) is available from AFP, 645 Pennsylvania Avenue SE, #100, Washington, D.C. 20003. Call 1-888-699-NEWS toll free to charge. Outside U.S. add \$11 S&H. Free bonus: AFP will send a copy of its 12-page *Remember the USS Liberty* report.

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Reality Check: It's Not OK to Borrow More Than You Earn

By Jim Traficant

The “spin” is on—faster than a Maytag washing machine in hyperdrive. I am talking about the informational “spin cycle” regarding the national debt.

If you observe what they’re reporting in the mainstream media, you’ll be convinced that our United States has no debt worth worrying about. The nation’s devious spinmeisters say they are convinced that our awesome national debt is not only not that bad, but is actually good for our country. They actually state that our gigantic national debt, and the continuing annual budget deficits that help compile that debt, are good for us and our future—including our kids’ futures.

But let’s peruse the media’s steady bombardment of verbiage that can best be described as carrying water for our federal government and its masters in the banking industry.

One national publication declared that our debt scenario was actually a good business practice. They compared our government’s figures to IBM. This particular spin states that Uncle Sam generates approximately \$14.5 trillion in gross domestic productivity (GDP) each year and carries a current \$14.3 trillion in debt. So, their economic snapshot depicts a debt-to-income ratio of roughly one to one for the U.S.

This ratio is then compared to that of IBM, one of the leading corporations in America. They maintain that IBM borrows twice as much as it earns annually—a debt-to-income ratio of two to one. The conclusion, to

them at least, is IBM’s success isn’t so much that it makes money each quarter and has high stock value. Rather, it’s that IBM is successful in the long term because it “invests” in future business opportunities by “borrowing more money to develop new areas of practice” to ultimately grow the company even more.

IBM just happens to be profitable while they do all this “planned” borrowing. However, borrowing is not forced on IBM; it is a strategic tool. The U.S. doesn’t enjoy such a luxury. Uncle Sam must borrow. It is not a strategic tool. It is a mandatory burden.

And today’s cerebral master debaters in academia, media and government consistently fail to explain that difference—all of them except AMERICAN FREE PRESS.

Let’s look at this debt-to-income analysis further. The DuPont Corp. has a three-to-one ratio. United Technologies’ ratio is three to one as well. The huge Boeing Corp. has a four-to-one ratio. Caterpillar has a 14-to-one ratio, and JPMorgan Chase has a whopping 50-to-one ratio. Think about it: JPMorgan Chase borrows 50 times more than it earns, getting \$50 from lenders for every \$1 it makes.

These so-called think tank experts then compare Uncle Sam to JPMorgan Chase—a bank. They maintain that our nation would be in danger at the borrowing levels of Chase bank, but that at our current one-to-one ratio there is nothing to worry about.

I thought I’d seen it all folks. This is really unbelievable. I only hope the American people are not totally asleep. The spinmeisters want you to think, “Don’t worry, be happy.” Does that mean it’s OK for you to pile

up new debt? Why not? It’s evidently fine for Uncle Sam to do so. After all, these spinsters see nothing wrong with \$1.5 trillion annual budget deficits and \$14.3 trillion (and growing) debt burden.

Maybe somebody should point out that some of this national debt was accumulated by having to bail out many of these very same corporate giants. If Chase goes bellies up, Uncle Sam will bail it out. Maybe that’s why these big corporate barons carry such large debt-to-income ratios. Why not? They’re covered—by us.

If you continue to believe this rationalization, you’ll witness the breakup of the U.S. in your lifetime.

My dad was a truck driver. He always said, “If you buy more than you sell, you’ll go bankrupt.” Thus, you can’t buy more than you sell without borrowing in today’s world, where purchasing power for the common man always lags way behind outstanding debts and the attached interest charges.

America is already bankrupt, but it seems these masters of spin, the real beneficiaries of this system, just want you to feel comfortable using all those credit cards. But nations, like individuals, who buy more than they sell, go bankrupt. Just ask the old Soviet Union.

Get back at me!



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ON THE MARK WITH PAUL CRAIG ROBERTS

Checks and Balances on Chief Executive Disappearing

By Paul Craig Roberts

Although the financial press speculates about a downgrade of the U.S. government’s credit rating and default if political impasse prevents the debt ceiling from being raised in time, I doubt anyone really believes that the debt ceiling will not be raised. It is just all a part of the political theater of the next couple of months.

Republicans will blame the budget deficit and accumulated national debt on Medicare and Social Security. Wall Street sees billions of profits in privatizing either one, and debt rating agencies will oblige their Wall Street paymasters by opining from time to time that U.S. Treasury bonds might be downgraded “unless entitlements can be addressed and the deficit brought under control.”

Democrats will say that the budget deficit cannot be addressed without an increase in tax revenues, especially from the rich, whose incomes have exploded upward while their tax rates have declined.

All the while, the pressure of an approaching deadline for default will be used to reshape the U.S. social contract, most likely in the further interest of the rich.

However, regardless of whether the debt ceiling is raised, the U.S. government is not going to go out of business. Why does anyone think that the president, who does not obey the War Powers Act, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, U.S. and international laws against torture, or any of the laws and procedures that guard civil liberty, is going to feel compelled to obey the debt ceiling?

As long as the U.S. is at war, the American president is a caesar: He is above the law. The U.S. Justice (sic) Department has ruled this, and Congress and the courts have accepted it.

Moreover, the Federal Reserve is independent of the government. In its approach to regulatory matters and bailouts, the Fed has ceased to follow its own rules. Regardless of the debt ceiling, the Fed will continue to purchase the Treasury’s bond issues, and the Treasury will continue to fund the federal deficit with the proceeds. If Goldman Sachs is too big to fail, certainly the U.S. government is.

As Congress has abandoned its powers over war, how can Congress hold on to its powers over spending? It cannot. Indeed, an impasse between the political parties over the debt ceiling would be welcomed by the

executive branch as more proof that Congress is incapable of doing its part in governing and, therefore, the task has of necessity passed to the executive branch, which already does most of it.

If the president can declare on his own authority, without statutory basis and in defiance of the U.S. Constitution, that he can assassinate U.S. citizens who he considers to be a threat to national security, he certainly can declare that default is a threat to national security and that it is within his powers as commander-in-chief to ignore the debt ceiling.

Indeed, the executive branch would jump at the chance. Then it could reshape the budget to its own pleasing without having to consult Congress on spending any more than the executive branch consults Congress on war.

The Bush-Cheney regime nearly brought accountable government to an end. If Obama doesn’t finish the process, the next in line will.



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50 Billion Acres of Globe Up for Sale to Top Bidders

By Richard Walker

Corporations from some of the world's richest nations, including gulf oil states like Saudi Arabia and Qatar, are engaged in the greatest land grab in history. Their aims are to make huge profits while feeding the populations of their own countries cheaply for the rest of this century.

A Saudi billionaire, who sees food as the new "oil," has bought up large tracts of the most fertile land in Ethiopia on a 99-year lease to grow grain. He is one of a new breed of colonialists purchasing tens of millions of acres of land across the globe, knowing the world will face increasing prices for food as well as shortages in the years ahead due to weather patterns and commodity speculation.

The sheer scale of the land grab on the African continent has been ignored by the UN and its Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO). The FAO has even argued land purchases can be a good form of inward investment. The population of Madagascar did not see it that way and threw out its government when it learned it was about to offer half the country's fertile land to South Korea's corporate giant Daewoo, on a 99-year lease with no taxes attached.

Since 2005, 50 Western European corporations have purchased millions of acres of African land to grow a plant called *Jatropha curcas*. Its seeds are used to make biodiesel. The companies have been helped by a European Union stipulation that 10 percent of energy usage must be biofuel-driven by 2015. To achieve the EU goal, it was estimated 40 million acres of African land would be needed for cultivation of *jatropha*, producing massive profits for the companies.

The biggest land grab culprits so far have been gulf



Earth's most fertile farmland—tens of millions of acres, mainly in Africa, Asia and Latin America—is being bought up or leased not only by nations like Saudi Arabia, India, China and South Korea, but also by corporate plutocrats. Many of the nations being targeted are in desperate need of cash. Experts predict that the trend could mean the devastation of entire regions if genetically modified crops and unchecked use of pesticides and fertilizers are employed.

nations, as well as China and India. Most of their purchases have been in Africa, followed by Latin America and parts of Asia.

China and India have been so eager to get in on the racket they have secretly provided special financial incentives to some of their large corporations to scour Africa and Latin America for as much cheap land as they can buy. India has even created a select group of companies to focus on the task. Both nations know food and fuel supplies will be vital to sustaining their economic growth as the global population increases, possibly by an additional 10 billion by 2050.

In Sudan, the government there claims 95 percent ownership of all land and has been "selling" thousands of square miles to the Saudis, Chinese, Indians and

South Koreans on 99-year leases. New York-based Jarch Capital, owned by Phillippe Heilberg, a former commodities broker with AIG, negotiated the purchase of millions of acres in the south of the country.

Liz Alden Lily, a British scholar who lives in Kenya, warns the land grab phenomenon will eventually make this century a bloody one. By her calculation, there are 50 billion acres of land across the globe vulnerable to purchasing. There is also the certainty the mega-land grab will bring unchecked use of fertilizers, pesticides and genetically modified crops that can cause widespread havoc to people, native plant species and insects. ★

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'Weinergate': Is This What We Pay Congressmen to Do?

By Victor Thorn

Rep. Anthony Weiner's (D-N.Y.) latest controversy has him in a pickle. The long and the short of Weinergate can be summarized as such: On May 27, the seven-term congressman sent a lewd photograph over the Internet via Twitter to a 21-year-old Seattle college student named Gennette Cordova.

Twitter, for those who don't know, is the online social media network whereby users can post messages and photos called "tweets" to the Internet. The messages can either be private or they can be public for anyone who chooses to be on a particular mailing list.

Instead of being transmitted as a private message sent solely to Miss Cordova, Weiner's provocative picture went to everyone on Weiner's "Twitter" list. Four minutes later, the inappropriate picture was removed, but not before being captured for posterity and posted on the Internet.

That's when Weiner began backpedaling. Initially, the congressman claimed that his account had been hacked. Such an offense is a federal crime, and if this obvious breach of security had occurred, Weiner should have filed a complaint with the FBI or Capitol Hill's own police force.

Rather, Weiner backtracked, saying the affair was a prank to "distract him from doing the people's work."

To further arouse suspicions, on May 31 Weiner engaged in a contentious, argumentative press conference where he called one reporter a "jackass" and refused to answer whether he sent the tweet, if the picture in question was his, or if any legal action had been taken. Humiliated, on June 1 Weiner continued his smokescreen by telling CNN that he "couldn't say with certitude" if the "Weinergate" photo, as it is being called by some commentators, was of his own anatomy or some other man's.

Considering the number of high-profile hacking incidents that have recently taken place, one would assume that an elected representative would immediately want this matter handled in a judicious manner.

A DOJ computer crimes prosecutor stated that one phone call to the FBI would have allowed them to subpoena Twitter's records within five minutes and identify the hacker's location. But such a move would require the authorities to inspect Weiner's computer. Obviously, the embroiled congressman balked at such a notion, explaining that he didn't want to "make a federal case" out of this prickly situation.

Ironically, Weiner—one of the most vocal proponents of big government in the House of Representatives—hinted at wanting to save the taxpayers money, so he said he hired a private Internet firm to investigate this alleged act of sabotage.

Researchers have since discovered a predominance

of attractive young women on Weiner's Twitter account, including a porn star named Ginger Lee. After Lee posted that she wanted to engage in intimate relations with Weiner, she began receiving personal messages from the congressman.

On June 3, the recipient of Weiner's original lewd photo, Miss Cordova, stated that she didn't believe Weiner's account had been hacked, but that he intended to send the photo and got confused because their names were similar.

"Her name is Ginger. It makes sense he might have mixed us up," Miss Cordova surmised.

Also on June 3, Weiner—who refused to call Capitol Hill police to report his alleged "mystery hacker"—did in fact call the police to remove veteran reporter Marcia Kramer from the hallway outside his office after she tried to interview him.

Eventually, on June 6—some 11 days after the incident had occurred—Weiner finally admitted that the picture was in fact of his own anatomy, this after repeatedly hedging and lying, saying he owed an apology to his wife, Huma Abedin, who is a practicing Muslim.

Amid all the jokes, wisecracks and doubts regarding Weiner's preposterous story, the Jewish congressman from New York is squandering his taxpayer-paid time flirting with a bevy of sycophants and sending lewd photos to pretty girls instead of fixing our nation's serious financial problems. ★

THE RYAN REPORT FROM VINCE RYAN

You Can Stop Reckless Judicial Power—and Win

By Vince Ryan

When the time is right and the powerful campaign financiers begin to choose sides and candidates you will know that election time is drawing near. Even now, big media and other arenas of liberal activism are flexing their political muscles, just aching to sucker punch the naïve electorate into submission.

That's probably why the American people appear to be so high strung. They sense danger in the air and are looking for someone or some movement to lead them. They aren't finding this leadership in the schools and colleges—haven't for decades. Nor are most of their churches and civic organizations, service clubs and even labor unions providing them with the honest leadership that they so ardently desire.

If we look carefully we will notice that the executive and legislative branches of government on both the federal and state levels are weak. In fact, those in leadership positions here, both elected and appointed, have abdicated the very offices they had sworn to uphold and defend, leaving the people at the mercy of a judiciary that is accountable to no one.

Take the rare instance when Congress did impeach and remove a federal judge—Rep. Alcee L. Hastings (D) of Florida, who's now in his 10th term in Congress.

President Jimmy Carter in 1979 appointed Hastings as a U.S. district judge for southern Florida. In 1988, Hastings was charged with bribery and perjury. He was impeached by the House and, in 1989, he was removed from office by the Senate, becoming the sixth federal judge to be removed from office by the Senate.

An interesting and important website for you to check out is BrownsLegalResearch.com, presided over by Michael H. Brown, a self-described "ex-felon" who has personal, hands-on experience with jails, prisons, lawyers, prosecutors, judges and corrupt courts.

In September 1974 Mike was arrested by the federal government and sentenced to 25 years in federal prison for trying to burn down the UN. An avid reader, he spent his prison time in the law library reading and educating himself on the legal system.

His diligence paid off and the 25-year sentence was reduced to 10 years and then five years. Brown was released in January 1978, spending less than four years of the original 25-year sentence. In prison he gained notoriety as a jailhouse lawyer and has a long series of court victories with cases that appeared to be hopeless.

Brown is also the author of a powerful pocket book* that case by case and example by example shows how you can successfully outwit the con-men and profiteers who control the American judicial system. It contains the Constitution and Bill of Rights in the first 16 pages and

141 pages of common sense interpretation.

He points out that the words "separation of powers" are not to be found in the Constitution (though the separation is implied in Articles I, II and III). In citing cases he names judges and lawyers involved.

Let's look at the First Amendment, which states "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Brown carefully examines and explains the Bill of Rights by painstakingly examining and explaining in understandable English each of the 10 amendments that make it up.

It is up to you to buy this handbook, read it and discuss it with your friends and family. The author guides you through the tangled jungle of the U.S. judicial system. He can show you the ropes because he has mastered them himself. ★

*Mike Brown's *Bill of Rights Handbook* is available from AMERICAN FREE PRESS for only \$6. It's a wonderful 100-page, perfect-bound presentation that fights right in your pocket. See ordering information on page 16 of this week's issue for a handy ordering coupon.

Vince Ryan is the chairman of the AFP READERSHIP COUNCIL.



Ed Steele Report Is a Blockbuster

I consider the special report about the judicial lynching of Edgar Steele one of the most important pieces you have done in a long time. I wish all Americans could read this. And to think that his speech was given eight years ago. I see that we have only degenerated into a worse America. We all need to support this true American hero with money and anything we can to help him. Do you have this insert in digital form?

RALPH KOLSTAD
Texas

[FDFA has the eight-page special print report on the jailing of Ed Steele, titled *The Judicial Lynching of Attorney Edgar Steele*, available (one to five copies are \$3 each, six to 39 are \$1.65 each and 40 or more are 50¢ each) and in electronic format as a PDF download for free at www.americanfreepress.net. You can order copies of this special report directly from FDFA, 645 Pennsylvania Avenue SE, Suite 100, Washington, D.C. 20003.—Ed.]

REMEMBER THE USS LIBERTY

I saw in a recent issue of AMERICAN FREE PRESS that you will be dedicating pages of AFP during the month of June to the USS *Liberty* attack. I myself have been working for years to get the truth out about the attack that killed 34 servicemen and wounded another 171. I have been circulating to VFWs and other veteran groups your AFP supplement on the *Liberty* attack and also my own 11-by-17-inch flyer, which I invite others to hand out as well. The flyer says, in a nutshell,

that Israel should have been turned into a parking lot on June 9—the day after the attack. I believe June 8, 1967 was the “real day of infamy.”

If you would like to help get the word out about the *Liberty*, please contact me at 704 Magee Street, Watkins Glen, NY 14891 or call (607) 535-2319 and I will work with you to get you some great materials to let people know about this massacre.

RICH SCUTERI
New York

ETHANOL BALONEY

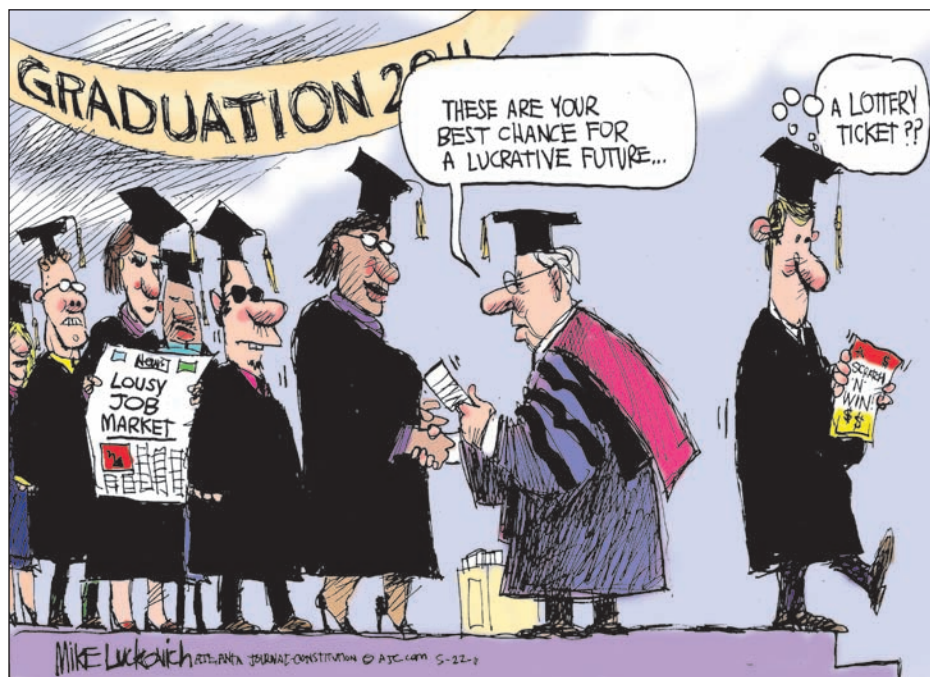
This letter is in response to AFP’s touting of the industry titled “Most Criticisms of Ethanol Are Big Oil Baloney” by Willis A. Carto in the May 23 edition. The article pushes ethanol but ends up referring to various biofuels. Biodiesel may be a worthy endeavor, but not corn ethanol. At least two studies in 2005 basically come to the conclusion that ethanol is a waste of oil to produce.

MIKE CZYSH
Wisconsin

PLAN TO STARVE THE WORLD

The article by Willis Carto on ethanol is disappointing. We could stop eating food and turn all U.S. cropland into corn production and still not have enough ethanol fuel to keep the nation on wheels. The internationalist cabal loves this program. You should be writing about compressed natural gas as a possible fuel for the future.

ED LESTER
Via email



BIG OIL BALONEY

I’m surprised at some of the reaction to my article, “Most Criticisms Are Big Oil Baloney,” which appeared on page five of the May 23 issue of AFP. Most correspondents missed the fact that I cited 20 natural substances that can be used to distill ethanol in addition to corn. One correspondent pointed out that many unused acres in America are subject to flooding and therefore not perfect for agriculture. Of course this is true, but my main argument still stands.

Others argue that the fuel to distill mash costs more than the product, but this is also untrue. For generations Americans have been making moonshine (ethanol), including George Washington, who had five stills operating on his plantation, and they have always used wood for fuel, which is generally free.

WILLIS CARTO
Washington, D.C.

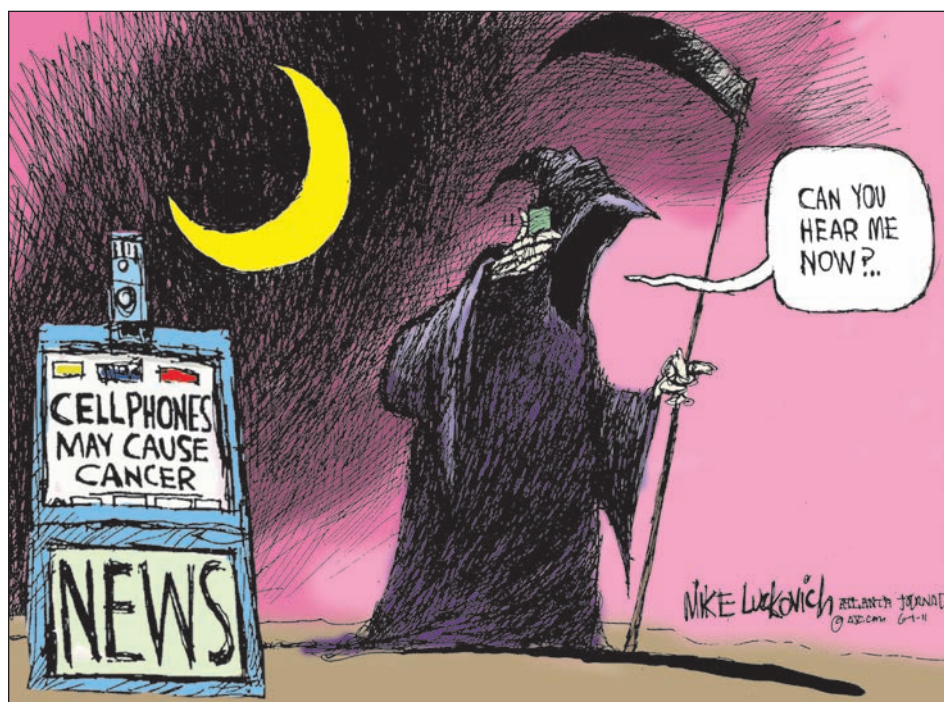
FREE TRADE AND THE MASONS

How do you explain it when a writer rightfully criticizes free trade and calls the

perpetrators banksters, greedy American corporations and parasites committing a shameless fraud? At the same time, how do you explain it when the same writer endorses a presidential candidate (Ron Paul), who embraces free trade as a tool to create open borders? The only explanation is that both the author and the presidential candidate are both Masons. It is a rule among Masons to do damage control for a fellow Mason.

DENNIS JAMES
Michigan

[We have no Masons on our staff at AFP. However, we are told that Ron Paul is a Mason. While AFP disagrees with Paul’s dangerous stance on free trade, we also believe he would accomplish several things if elected president: (1) end the wars and bring the troops home; (2) audit the Fed and rein in Wall Street; (3) get the federal government out of the abortion business; and (4) nominate judges who refuse to legislate from the bench. Mason or no, that would be a pretty good start.—Ed.]



AFP’s JUST FOR LAUGHS: CONGRESSIONAL MATERIAL

An older couple had a 21-year-old son still living at home. The parents were a little worried, as the son was unable to decide about his future career, so they decided to do their own small test.

They took a \$50 bill, a Bible, a bottle of Jack Daniels whiskey and a *Playboy* magazine, and put them on the front hall table.

The father’s plan was as follows: “If our son takes the money, he will be a businessman, and that’s okay. If he takes the Bible, he will be a preacher. If he takes the bottle of whiskey, our son will be a drunkard. And, finally, if he takes the girlie magazine, he’s just going to be a skirt-chasing womanizer, and that’s the worst.” The parents hid in a nearby closet and waited nervously. Peeping through the keyhole, they watched as their son came through the door. The young man immediately noticed the items they had left.

First, the son took the \$50 bill and slid it in his pocket. After that, he took the Bible, leafed through it rather quickly, and placed it under his arm. Then, he grabbed the bottle, opened it and took an appreciative swig to be assured of the quality. Finally, he picked up the girly magazine and admired the pictures in that month’s centerfold. Then he left for his room, carrying all four items.

Turning to his wife, the father slapped his forehead and said: “Honey, it’s even worse than I could ever have imagined! Our son is going to be a U.S. congressman!”

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