

Eye on the World

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Luke 21:34-36—“But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”



An article by Joshua Mitrick titled “Violence Flares Up at Israeli Border” was posted at wsj.com on June 6, 2011.

It said: “Violence along the border between Syria and the Israeli-controlled Golan Heights escalated, claiming casualties on Sunday, as Israeli soldiers opened fire on demonstrators in two locations who sought to march across the frontier on the anniversary of the outbreak of the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

“Syria’s state news agency said 23 people were killed and more than 350 injured.

“Israeli officials accused Syria of backing the protests to distract attention from its repression of weekslong antiregime protests, and said Lebanese authorities avoided a flare-up by declaring the border a closed military zone.

“It was the worst day of fighting along the border since Israel and Syria fought a major war for control of the strategic Golan Plateau in 1973. Israel had reinforced the border with trenches, barbed wire and snipers amid reports of planned border protests. Israeli officials said they wanted to prevent a repeat of demonstrations two weeks ago, when hundreds of Palestinian demonstrators surprised and overwhelmed soldiers on the border and crossed into the Golan Heights.”



A Reuters article titled “Syrian Army Launches Assault on Border Town” was posted at france24.com on June 10, 2011.

It said: "The Syrian army began a military operation in a restive town near the Turkish border, state television said on Friday, as the country braced for more violent protests against the rule of President Bashar al-Assad.

"The Syrian government said earlier that 'armed gangs' killed more than 120 security personnel in Jisr al-Shughour, a town of 50,000, earlier this week."



An article by Mark Mazzetti titled "U.S. Is Intensifying a Secret Campaign of Yemen Airstrikes" was posted at nytimes.com on June 8, 2011.

It said: "The Obama administration has intensified the American covert war in exploiting a growing power vacuum in the country [of Yemen] to strike at militant suspects with armed drones and fighter jets, according to American officials.

"The acceleration of the American campaign in recent weeks comes amid a violent conflict in Yemen that has left the government in Sana, a United States ally, struggling to cling to power."

It later said: "The recent operations come after a nearly year-long pause in American airstrikes, which were halted amid concerns that poor intelligence had led to bungled missions and civilian deaths that were undercutting the goals of the secret campaign."

It later said: "The American campaign in Yemen is led by the Pentagon's Joint Special Operations Command, and is closely coordinated with the Central Intelligence Agency."

It later said: "The extent of America's war in Yemen has been among the Obama administration's most closely guarded secrets, as officials worried that news of unilateral American operations could undermine Mr. Saleh's tenuous grip on power."



An article titled "Yemen Faces Showdown Between Rival Camps" was posted at france24.com on June 10, 2011.

It said: "Yemen's rival camps vowed to stage new rallies Friday amid reports President Ali Abdullah Saleh had left intensive care in Saudi Arabia, where he was being treated for injuries sustained in a bomb blast US experts say was probably an 'inside job.' "

It later said: "Saleh has not been seen in public since he was wounded in a bomb attack on his presidential compound last Friday [June 3] and there have been conflicting reports about Saleh's health since he was flown to Riyadh on Saturday for treatment."

It later said: "As Saleh recovers, his opponents have been pressing his deputy to establish an interim ruling council to prevent him from returning to power.

“And while regime supporters called for a mass gathering under the slogan of ‘loyalty to Saleh’ on Friday in Sanaa to celebrate his recovery, opponents announced a counter protest.”



An article by Ayesha Daya titled “OPEC Upstaged by Qaddafi in Most-Hostile Meeting Since Gulf War” was posted at bloomberg.com on June 5, 2011.

It said: “OPEC ministers meeting in Vienna this week may find themselves supporting opposing camps of a military conflict for the first time in 21 years, with hostilities in Libya complicating an agreement on oil quotas.

“Not since Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait in 1990 has the producer group gathered with some nations giving financial and military support to a movement seeking to topple the government of a fellow member [Libya].”

It later said: “Fighting in the North African country has blocked 1.4 million barrels a day. An OPEC delegate said on June 2 that producers need to boost supply by at least 500,000 barrels a day to meet demand. Saudi Arabia, the group’s biggest producer and de-facto leader, plans to raise output on its own by about 10 percent this month, according to Petroleum Policy Intelligence, a Winchester, U.K.-based industry researcher.”

It later said: “Instead of calling for concerted OPEC action to replace Libyan volumes and calm markets, some Persian Gulf and Western African members have increased output individually since March.

“Saudi Arabia has developed two blends of crude to match the quality of missing Libyan oil and is planning to add 1 million barrels a day with or without an OPEC agreement, Petroleum Policy Intelligence said on June 1.”



A Reuters article titled “OPEC Divided as Saudi Pushes for Oil Increase” was posted at cnbc.com on June 8, 2011.

It said: “OPEC oil producers on Wednesday were split down the middle on whether or not to back a Saudi-led plan to increase supplies and try to cap inflated world crude prices.

“Under pressure from consumer countries to contain fuel inflation, Riyadh hopes to convince the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to lift its production target by 1.5 million barrels a day.”

It later said: “Five countries—long-time price hawks Iran and Venezuela plus Ecuador, Iraq and Angola—say they see no need to increase output. All want to keep oil prices above \$100 a barrel.”

It later said: “As OPEC’s biggest producer and the only one with any significant spare capacity, Saudi usually gets its way. But it could be a close call.”



An article titled "Bahrain Medics 'Tortured for Confessions' " was posted at france24.com on June 7, 2011.

It said: "47 Bahraini health professionals who treated wounded anti-government protesters are being put on trial on bogus charges after being tortured into signing false confessions, family members said on Monday."

It later said: "A total of 24 doctors and 23 nurses working at Salmaniya hospital were in May referred to the court on an array of charges.



An article titled "Ouattara Forces Attacking Ivorian Civilians, UN Says" was posted at france24.com June 9, 2011.

It said: "President Alassane Ouattara's armed forces are launching attacks in Ivory Coast's southern and western regions, areas that supported ex-president Laurent Gbagbo following a disputed election last year, the UN mission to the country said Thursday."



An article by Daniel Bates titled "Obama and a White House Invite for Dictator Who Has Stolen Billions From His Impoverished African Nation" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on June 9, 2011.

It said: "Barack Obama has come under fire for extending a formal invitation to a shamed African dictator who has ruthlessly plundered billions of dollars from his own country.

"The U.S. President will today have a coveted private meeting with President Ali Bongo of Gabon in the Oval Office despite his appalling track record.

"Bongo's family has ruled the impoverished African nation with an iron fist for five decades and have used its oil riches to fund a life of outrageous luxury.

"Meanwhile one third of people in Gabon live on less than \$2 a day and thousands starve to death each year or are forced to pick through garbage to find food."



A Reuters article by Hashem Kalantari titled "Iran Sends Submarines to Red Sea: Report" was posted at yahoo.com on June 7, 2011.

It said: "Iran has sent submarines to the Red Sea, the semi-official Fars news agency reported on Tuesday, citing an unidentified source, in a move that could anger Israel."



An article titled “Iran’s Homosexuals Come Out of the Closet . . . Everywhere But at Home” was posted at france24.com on June 6, 2011.

It said: “ ‘We are everywhere’ proclaimed Iranian homosexuals around the world in a collective online ‘coming out’ over the past few weeks. They are sending out a message of solidarity, particularly to the homosexuals living in Iran whose sexual preferences could cost them their lives.”

It later said: “All sexual relations outside of traditional marriage are illegal and considered to be a violation of divine will.

“According to the Iranian interpretation of Sharia law, sodomy is a crime in which both partners can be punished by death. In theory, the death penalty applies only to adult and consensual homosexual partners. Nevertheless, in 2005 two teenage boys, one of whom was a minor, were hanged in the northern city of Mashad for having sexual relations together.

“In 2007, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad proclaimed in the University of Colombia in New York that there were ‘no homosexuals in Iran.’ ”



An article by Patrick Goodenough titled “Muslim Group Offends Some Christians With Jesus Advertisements” was posted at cnsnews.com on June 3, 2011. Following is the article.

“Jesus: A prophet of Islam” states the provocative tagline in a “public awareness” advertising campaign launched by a Muslim group in Australia’s largest city.

The group, calling itself Mypeace, says its aim is to inform, not offend—but offend it has, with one Catholic bishop calling the assertion about Jesus “a direct assault on Christian beliefs.”

Roadside billboards in the metropolitan Sydney area carry one of four simple slogans: “Jesus: A Prophet of Islam,” “Holy Qur’an: The Final Testament,” “Muhammad: Mercy to Mankind” and “Islam: Got Questions? Get Answers.”

Each banner invites people to get in touch by phone or online, for literature and a free copy of the Qur’an. Mypeace says the ads will stay up for four weeks, and later this year will be run on scores of public buses in the city.

One of the billboards featuring the Jesus slogan was vandalized a day after it was erected.

Mypeace says its aim is to “address the many misconceptions on Islam, to educate fellow Australians on Islam, invite them to ask any questions that they may have.”

Islamic awareness campaigns are not new, but the slogan referring to Jesus is causing a stir. Muslims and interfaith advocates sometimes invoke Jesus to assert some sort of commonality with Christians, implying that Muslims, too, “believe in Jesus.”

But Muslims, and the Qur’an, deny the central Christian beliefs regarding Jesus—his divinity, crucifixion and resurrection.

Elsewhere on its Web site, Mypeace states that “the Qur’an . . . repeatedly reminds that Jesus was a human prophet sent by God, not part of God Himself.”

“In Australia with its Christian heritage a billboard carrying the statement ‘Jesus a Prophet of Islam’ is provocative and offensive to Christians,” Julian Porteous, auxiliary bishop at the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, responded in an article.

“Central to Christianity is the belief that Jesus Christ is more than a prophet,” he said. “He is the Son of God. He is acclaimed Lord and Savior of humanity. This statement is a direct assault on Christian beliefs.”

Porteous said religions should not “set out to antagonize those with differing beliefs.”

“Dialogue between the religions can only take place when it is founded in mutual respect. It is not fostered by provocative statements.”

Porteous urged Mypeace to withdraw the ads.

Islamic doctrine holds that the 7th century Arabian Mohammed was the last in a long line of prophets of Islam stretching back to Adam, and including Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Ishmael, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, David, Solomon, Jonah, John the Baptist—and Jesus. (The “Got Questions?” ad in Sydney also describes Abraham, Noah, Moses, Jesus and Mohammed as “prophets of Islam”.)

Mypeace did not respond to queries.



An editorial by Amil Imani titled “The Coming of the Mahdi” was posted at americanthinker.com on June 5, 2011. Following is the article.

The world is presently at its most wicked. It is beyond human help. It requires only a nudge to implode and prepare for the divine ruler, the Saheb-ul-Zaman (the Mahdi, the Lord of the Age) to come and set it aright. It is the

sacred duty and privilege of every Muslim to do all he can to hasten the death of the old world and the birth of the global Islamic Ummah. Thus goes the thinking of Iran's ruling mullahs and their hand-picked president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

It seems like the old millennialism thinking. The belief in supernatural intervention to set the world aright is scriptural to major religions, including Islam. The Jews have been earnestly supplicating the Lord for the Messiah to come; the Christians are impatiently awaiting the second coming of Christ; and, the Zoroastrians are convinced that Saoshayant is the one who shall come, defeat the trouble-making Ahriman—Satan—and make the creatures again pure. But this time around, a group of believers with tremendous resources are intent upon forcing the issue, making the conditions so dire that they leave the reluctant Saheb-ul-Zaman no choice but to appear and assume his universal reign.

Up to this point millennialism was a belief and a hope. No one ever aspired to or had the means of making the anticipated events come about. The matter was in the hands of God. The Muslims' perennial prayer recited every day, posted in mosques and even on bumpers of vehicles, has been, "O, Saheb-ul-Zaman, hasten your coming." The prayer for the advent, thus far, has been limited to passive supplications of the faithful.

It is a well-established fact that beliefs are potent impetus to action. If you believe your home is about to be burglarized, you secure the house and take other precautions. If you, under the influence of drugs, believe that a bug is burrowing into your skin, you may take a knife to your own body and try to dig the imaginary bug out.

Hence, it is shortsighted to dismiss the mullahs as a bunch of lunatics who are out of touch with reality and that they have no intention of doing catastrophic mischief to compel the Mahdi's coming—maybe some arming of the Iraqi Shiites, a little support for Hezb'allah in Lebanon and Hamas in Palestine—but no, no major idiocy. After all, they are rational people and in touch with reality. Any large-scale troublemaking spells their doom as well. Thus goes the rationalization—the greatest risky tranquilizer of the mind.

Rationalization, compounded by complacency and denial, can be deadly, particularly when the adversaries have different realities. To the fanatic mullahs ruling Iran, Sahaeb-ul-Zaman is an absolute reality and his promised advent is irrevocably ordained. This is their reality and their belief and they have every intention of leading their life according to them.

It is foolish for non-Muslims to dismiss the mullahs and the likes of the Taliban as a bunch of fringe lunatics who are going to go away simply by wishing it. The Islamist reality is that non-Muslims are the ones who deserve to be done away with; they are the ones who have refused to submit to the summons of Allah for much too long; and it is time for the faithful to get rid of them. This makes for a lopsided contest. The non-Muslims are passively wishing that nightmarish surge of Islamism is only a temporary fringe phe-

nomenon doomed to die on its own, while the other side is marshaling its huge destructive power to accomplish its aim by eradicating non-Muslims.

The cabal of fanatical mullahs ruling Iran has lost its patience, not only with the unbelievers, but also with the Mahdi as well. They aim to force his arrival. The mullahs believe they have the means to make it impossible for the Mahdi to tarry any longer by causing unprecedented death and destruction—conditions deemed essential for his coming. The world must hit the very bottom, before the savior of the world comes to the rescue, so they firmly believe.

The question is: What does prudence demand? Clearly wishing the problem to go away is not a very effective solution in the same way that wishing for the Saheb-ul-Zaman to come has not been. Reasoning and negotiating with the mullahs and their ilk hold very little, if any, lasting promise. There are always the easy ways of denial and appeasement. We are very good at both practices. No, the Muslims have been around for ages. They make some trouble from time to time. But they really are not all that bad and dangerous. We'll get along. If we have to, we'll even let them live by the Sharia—their stone-age laws—in our midst. We'll be reasonable and they will come around. We'll just have to get along. So goes the line.

One problem: The other side doesn't think this way. The Islamofascists don't believe in the notion of "live and let live." They believe that the earth is Allah's and it has been sullied by the heathens, the unbelievers and the kafir for far too long. Now that they have the means, they aim to make the world to their design and bring about the final solution—a nasty reminder of not too long ago Nazism.

Is this alarmist, or even hatemongering? You don't believe Muslims can be that intolerant and hostile toward non-Muslims and that they'll never go to the extremes? You know Muslims personally in your neighborhood or your workplace and they are nice people? The nice Muslims you personally know are presently small minorities in alien lands. They have to be nice, and they may indeed be nice. Yet, when the main force of Islam surges forward, these nice folks will either have to join it or be swept aside like the rest of the resisters.

The concern is not with individual Muslims who live as solid citizens in democratic societies. They may have developed a taste for the freedom democracy bestows or have simply learned to tolerate it. Our concern is with the gathering Islamic storm from the heart of Islamdom. To truly appreciate Islam, you must experience firsthand Islam in power. Take a quick trip to the lands of the Muslims and find out for yourself how horribly they treat the non-Muslims, even the "People of the book," Jews and Christians. Try to have a Bible study group or build a church in Saudi Arabia and discover the benevolence of Islamic rule.

I urgently call on President Obama and the Secretary of State Clinton to redirect the U.S. foreign policy in line with our nation's lofty ideals and prin-

ciples. I urge the Administration to proclaim its unequivocal support for the Iranian people and back that claim with concrete effective peaceful actions. It is the best investment that the U.S. can make to attract the powerful nation of Iran as vital ally and concurrently refrain from foolishly undermining its present sole friend, Israel. Recall that it was Iranian people's massive magnificent movement against the re-election of the fraud Ahmadinejad that inspired the Arab Spring.

The world is a laboratory where the experiment with Islam shows irrefutable results. To the extent that Islam rules any society, that society is stagnant, backward thinking, repressive and violent. The Islamic Republic of Iran represents the cutting edge for the newly petrodollar-invigorated Islam. It is determined to complete its task of ending the world of "Dar-ul-Harb"—the non-Muslim world to be warred upon—and establishing the "Dar-ul-Solh," or "Dar-ul-Salam"—the Muslim world of the Ummah under the rule of the Mahdi. If achieving this aim hinges on the conflagration of cataclysmic nuclear World War, the mullahs are happy to make it happen.



A Reuters article by Felipe Iturrieta, Antonio de la Jara and Jorge Otaola titled "Chile Volcano Erupts, Spews Towering Ash Column" was posted at yahoo.com on June 4, 2011.

It said: "A volcano dormant for decades erupted in south-central Chile on Saturday [June 4], belching an ash cloud more than 6 miles high that blew over the Andes and carpeted a popular ski resort in neighboring Argentina."

It later said: "Chile's government said it was evacuating 3,500 people from the surrounding area as a precaution. Officials said the volcano was spitting molten rock, but there [were] no visible lava flows."



An article by Demitri Sevastopulo and Kathrin Hille titled "China Defends Naval Actions" was posted at ft.com on June 5, 2011.

It said: "General Lian Guanglie, China's defence minister, has rejected criticism that his country was acting belligerently in the South China Sea."

It later said: "Speaking days after Vietnam and the Philippines accused China of aggressive behavior in the South China Sea, Gen Liang denied that China was threatening security in the strategically important and energy-rich disputed waters."



An article titled "Friends in High Places: Bilderberg 2011 Kicks Off" was posted at cnbc.com on June 9, 2011.

It said: "Dominique Strauss-Kahn, naturally, isn't attending this year, and his likely successor Christine Lagarde is in China, but the Bilderberg Conference which kicks off in the Swiss resort of St. Moritz on Thursday retains its conspiratorial chic and pulling power.

"The attendee list of Bilderberg is still pretty much the only thing that is not a closely guarded secret, as 120 of the world's richest and most powerful individuals meet behind closed doors."

It later said: "The first Bilderberg meeting in 1954 was an attempt to stamp out post-war anti-Americanism in Europe, bringing together senior US and European figures to meet and discuss the international challenges of the day. Since then, it has continued to meet."

The article quoted the official Bilderberg website as saying: "Bilderberg is a small, flexible, informal and off-the-record international forum in which different viewpoints can be expressed and mutual understanding enhanced. Bilderberg's only activity is its annual Conference. At the meetings, no resolutions are proposed, no votes taken, and no policy statements issued."

The article quoted Andrew Kakabadse (professor of international management development at Cranfield University and co-author of a book *Bilderberg People*) as saying: "It's a meeting. It's not an organization. It's not an official summit. It's basically a meeting of friends.

"The Bilderbergs are probably the most influential global network of all time. It's an honor to be invited, it's a tremendous honor. Part of it is recognition for work done and part of it is for contribution to enabling world affairs.

"The people we talked to are quite genuine. Mostly they don't understand the conspiracy bit, because they say when you go there, what you find is people of all sorts of varying views. But the fact they've been invited is indicative of the position that they've reached in life."



A Reuters article titled "Furious Greeks Pack Streets to Protest Austerity Proposals" at cnbc.com on June 5, 2011.

It said: "Greek government plans for yet more austerity to satisfy its international lenders brought at least 80,000 protesters on to a central Athens square on Sunday to vent their fury at the nation's plight.

"With Athens struggling to avoid a debt default, the cabinet will discuss a medium-term economic plan on Monday which promises several years at least of extra budget cuts and faster privatisations, its side of a deal to get a second financial bailout in a year from the European Union and IMF."

It later said: "Greeks are showing signs of reaching the limits of their endurance as budget cuts imposed under Greece's first bailout a year ago have helped push unemployment close to 16 percent.

"Police said more than 80,000 people packed the main Syntagma square outside parliament on Sunday, although protesters accuse the authorities regularly of underestimating their numbers.

"Protesters have gathered on the square every night for 12 days but Sunday's was by far the biggest rally so far in the series that draws inspiration from similar protests in Spain."



A Reuters article titled "Global Economy: Obama Presses Europe, Pledges Help for Greek Crisis" was posted at cnbc.com on June 8, 2011.

It said: "President Barack Obama on Tuesday urged European countries and bondholders to prevent a 'disastrous' default by Greece and pledged U.S. support to help tackle the country's debt crisis."

It later said: "A proposal for a second Greek bailout package worth 80 billion to 100 billion euros over three years was taking shape, euro zone sources said."



An article by Stephen Dinan titled "Bipartisan Congress Rebuffs Obama on Libya Mission" was posted at washingtontimes.com on June 3, 2011.

It said: "Crossing party lines to deliver a stunning rebuke to the commander in chief, the vast majority of the House voted Friday [June 3] for resolutions telling President Obama he has broken the constitutional chain of authority by committing U.S. troops to the international military mission in Libya."

It later said: "Taken together, 324 members of Congress voted for one resolution or both resolutions, including 91 Democrats or nearly half the caucus. The size of the votes signals overwhelming discontent with Mr. Obama's handling of the constitutional issues surrounding the Libya fight."



An editorial by Geoffrey P. Hunt titled "Obama's Undeclared War on America" was posted at americanthinker.com on June 9, 2011. Following are excerpts from the article.

Republican US House Speaker John Boehner, and US Senate Foreign Relations Committee ranking minority member Richard Lugar, are both obsessed with bringing President Obama to account under the War Powers Act for his intervention in Libya.

Whatever Obama's disposition of the War Powers Act concerning Libya, it is still trivial stuff compared with Obama's undeclared War on America. Boeh-

ner and Lugar need to stand down from the snipe hunt over Libya and pay attention to Obama's destruction here at home.

Obama's undeclared War on America has been as intense, unrelenting, costly, and devastating as any undeclared war since Korea. Obama's carpet-bombing through taxes, regulations, energy policies, and pledging to do more of the same has paralyzed and bankrupted the nation, plunging it into a despondency not seen since eight decades ago.

Even Obama's own erstwhile cheerleader for doomed Obamanomics, Austan Goolsbee, chief economic advisor to the president, has found either the task overwhelming or the companionship insufferable—take your pick—after only 10 months on the job.

Temperamentally Obama is a drone unleashing as much destruction on the American psyche as his drones have done to destroy military targets in Afghanistan. Devoid of honest analytics, Obama continues to issue phony reports from the domestic battlefield. Even *The Washington Post*, fiercely loyal to Obama's personality and politics, has had enough of his lies about the success from the auto industry bailouts.

If Obama's game is to perfect an undeclared War on America, he is succeeding. It remains to be seen whether the Republicans can summon enough nerve to reprise Gen. McAuliffe's famous retort to the German demand for surrender at Bastogne in December of 1944, "Nuts."

Only Congress can now do what the voters sent them to do—disarm and defund Obama's undeclared War on America. And for 2012, who shall be the Republicans' Gen. Patton, coming to America's rescue?



An article by Glenn Kessler titled "President Obama's Phony Accounting on the Auto Industry Bailout" was posted at washingtonpost.com on June 7, 2011.

It said: "With some of the economic indicators looking a bit dicey, President Obama traveled to Ohio last week to tout what the administration considers a good-news story: the rescue of the domestic automobile industry. In fact, he also made it the subject of his weekly radio address.

"We take no view on whether the administration's efforts on behalf of the automobile industry were a good or bad thing; that's a matter for the editorial pages and eventually the historians. But we are interested in the facts the president cited to make his case.

"What we found is one of the most misleading collections of assertions we have seen in a short presidential speech. Virtually every claim by the president regarding the auto industry needs an asterisk, just like the fine print in that too-good-to-be-true car loan."



An Associated Press article titled “Ohio Restaurant Referenced by Obama Is Closing” was posted at fox19.com on June 9, 2011.

It said: “An Ohio restaurant mentioned last week by President Barack Obama as an indirect beneficiary of the government’s Chrysler bailout will go out of business Sunday after a more than 70-year history.”



An article by Kim Hjelgaard titled “McDonald’s and Other May Jobs Fun” was posted at marketwatch.com on June 3, 2011.

The article posed a question about “the McDonald’s effect” on the government’s May report about jobs.

The article quoted Steve Goldstein as saying: “McDonald’s ran a big hiring day on April 19—after the Labor Department’s April survey for the payrolls report was conducted—in which 62,000 jobs were added.

“That’s not a net number, or course, and seasonal adjustment will reduce the Hamburglar impact on payrolls. (In simpler terms—restaurants always staff up for the summer; the Labor Department makes allowance for this effect.)

“Morgan Stanley estimates McDonald’s hiring will boost the overall number by 25,000 to 30,000. The Labor Department won’t detail an exact McDonald’s figure—they won’t identify any company they survey—but there will be data in the report to give a rough estimate.

“There’s a case to be made for the benefit of fast-food restaurant employment, but it’s obviously not the foundation for sustained economic growth.”



An article by Tom O’Connell titled “CBS’ Schieffer Takes Pelosi to Task on Economy” was posted at newsmax.com on June 6, 2011. Following is the article.

CBS News correspondent Bob Schieffer took a hard line in his grilling of House Democratic Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi on “Face the Nation.”

After exchanging brief niceties and welcoming the California Democrat to the show Sunday, Schieffer laid out several grievances against the state of the economy under President Barack Obama.

He cited first-quarter data that paints a grimmer-than-expected picture of the nation, including an unemployment figure of 9.1 percent. He also ticked

off a list of sectors with dismal numbers: job creation, home prices and sales, consumer confidence, and food and gas inflation.

"I have to say, Congresswoman, many of the experts thought the recovery would be well underway by now, but it looks like we're going backwards now," said Schieffer, who said he foresees a potential "double-dip recession" on the horizon.

Pelosi insisted that Obama has been working hard to create new jobs and resurrect the economy. Schieffer fired back: "The president has been there two and a half years . . . why hasn't he done that yet, what's happened?"

The former House speaker and now minority leader suggested that the current economic quagmire is fallout from dramatic steps Obama took in 2008: "He pulled us from the brink of the financial crisis . . . and now we have to dig out of a deep debt, and we have to also make it clear that we're not getting into this situation again."

Schieffer asked Pelosi about her criticism of the economy under the "failed" leadership of George W. Bush, when unemployment was at 5 percent and gas was \$3 a gallon.

"Don't [Republicans] then have the right to say [Obama] has failed the American people?" he said.

"We can talk about the past all you want; the public wants to know about the future," Pelosi responded, and reiterated her position that the administration is focused on creating jobs and fixing the economy.

Schieffer pulled no punches in summarizing his view on how the government has taken on the crisis: "Congress has been in session since January and has done basically nothing."



An article by Paul Bedard titled "Coal Regs Would Kill Jobs, Boost Energy Bills" was posted at usnews.com on June 8, 2011.

It said: "Two new EPA pollution regulations will slam the coal industry so hard that hundreds of thousands of jobs will be lost, and electric rates will skyrocket 11 percent to over 23 percent, according to a new study based on government data."



An editorial by Wesley Clark, MD, titled "Impeach the Czars!" was posted at americanthinker.com on June 3, 2011. Following are excerpts from the article.

Since taking office, President Obama has adorned himself with a crown of czars. It's time for Congress to pry them loose.

The United States Constitution requires that most senior federal officers must be confirmed by the Senate before assuming office. Included are appointments for positions throughout the federal government, for the Cabinet and subcabinet, for members of regulatory commissions, for ambassadorships, for judgeships, and for members of numerous advisory boards.

Over the last two years, there has been extensive and prolonged political grumbling over President Obama's appointment of numerous "czars": administration officials with considerable management and sometimes almost dictatorial authority, arbitrarily made not subject to the constitutional requirement for Senate approval of their appointments.

In many cases, these positions were filled by individuals whose approval by the Senate would have been extremely unlikely, and their activities have often usurped the normal and constitutional role of Cabinet Secretaries and other duly appointed and confirmed officials.

This is a conspicuously devious maneuver by Obama (and a gross expansion of the practices of previous presidents) to circumvent the constitutional requirement of congressional confirmation. It has also been resented by members of both parties and by both Houses of Congress, whose power has been arrogated by the Presidency.

During the final maneuvering of Congress to fund the government for 2011, the House of Representatives attached a rider to HR 1473, the Full Year Continuing Resolution Act of 2011, that specifically denied funding for several of President Obama's "czars."

Sec. 2262 of HR 1473 reads:

"None of the funds made available by this division may be used to pay the salaries and expenses for the following positions:

"(1) Director, White House Office of Health Reform. [Cabinet responsibility: Secretary of Health and Human Services]

"(2) Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change. [Cabinet responsibility: Secretary of Energy]

"(3) Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Treasury assigned to the Presidential Task Force on the Auto Industry and Senior Counselor for Manufacturing Policy. [Cabinet Responsibility: Secretary of the Treasury]

"(4) White House Director of Urban Affairs. [Cabinet responsibility: Secretary of Housing and Urban Affairs]"

When this critical budget bill was passed by both Houses of Congress, and presented to the President for signature, he had the constitutional choice of

either accepting it as written and signing it, or rejecting it by vetoing it (and being solely responsible for a government shutdown).

The concept of a "line item veto" has been specifically rejected by the Supreme Court as unconstitutional, after Congress actually voted to grant that authority in 1996. Justice John Paul Stevens (widely regarded as a very liberal justice) wrote the majority opinion, stating "there is no provision in the Constitution that authorizes the president to enact, to amend or to repeal statutes[.]

Nevertheless, President Obama decided to create his own personal version of a line item veto, by signing the legislation while using a "signing statement," in which he declared his intent to violate the law that he was signing:

"Section 2262 of the Act would prohibit the use of funds for several positions that involve providing advice directly to the President. The President has well-established authority to supervise and oversee the executive branch, and to obtain advice in furtherance of this supervisory authority. The President also has the prerogative to obtain advice that will assist him in carrying out his constitutional responsibilities, and do so not only from executive branch officials and employees outside the White House, but also from advisers within it.

"Legislative efforts that significantly impede the President's ability to exercise his supervisory and coordinating authorities or to obtain the views of the appropriate senior advisers violate the separation of powers by undermining the President's ability to exercise his constitutional responsibilities and take care that the laws be faithfully executed. Therefore, the executive branch will construe section 2262 not to abrogate these Presidential prerogatives."

Despite his arrogantly stated intent to "construe" the meaning of the law to mean exactly the opposite of what it says, unless Obama's czars serve without pay from now on he will have to illegally re-allocate funds appropriated by Congress for some other purpose, to fund their continuing salaries and expenses.

When President Reagan's administration attempted this same illegal diversion of funds to support the Contras in the Iran-Contra scandal, they at least had the decency to keep it a secret, rather than to brazenly declare the intention to defy the Constitution that he had sworn to protect and defend.

Ironically, constitutional scholar Obama relies upon the "separation of powers" to justify his plan to fund his czars, when the sole power of appropriations resides constitutionally in the Congress, and when it is this very doctrine that he seeks to circumvent. He states categorically that he does not intend to comply with the unmistakable intent and unequivocal language of the law.

Clearly, by continuing to employ these Czars as Civil Officers of the United States, that have not been approved by the Congress, and after their employment has been explicitly disapproved, Obama is in violation of the

Constitution and the Laws that he has sworn to protect, and could be a valid target for Impeachment. However, such a strategy would be politically undesirable and practically unsuccessful toward any goal of removing him from office.

The House of Representatives has the power to impeach each and every one (or only some of the most objectionable) of the czars, requiring the Senate to decide whether to retain these czars in office, or to remove them from office.

The political implications and embarrassment of impeachment of the czars would be extremely negative for Obama, but would avoid a direct attack on, or an attempt at impeachment of President Obama himself, a tactic that would be fraught with all the uncertainties of political pitched battle, including the inevitable allegations of racism, as well as the governmental paralysis associated with Presidential impeachment and trial by the Senate.

In most if not all cases, the impeached officers would be expected to preemptively resign, eliminating the problem while simultaneously emphasizing the embarrassment to the President.

The Republican leaders of the House of Representatives should strongly consider immediately taking action to impeach the unconstitutionally appointed and unlawfully maintained positions of the Czars of Obama.



An article by Ben Tracy titled "Chronic Unemployment Worse Than Great Depression" was posted at cbsnews.com on June 5, 2011.

It said: "About 6.2 million Americans, 45.1 percent of all unemployed workers in this country, have been jobless for more than six months—a higher percentage than during the Great Depression."

It later said: "The problem of course is the economy, but some industries, especially certain manufacturing jobs, are not ever expected to come back. Experts say unemployed workers need to be prepared to change careers."

It later said: "Here's another problem: more than 1 million of the long-term unemployed have run out of unemployment benefits, leaving them without the money to get new training, buy new clothes, or even get to job interviews."



An article by Hugh de Payns titled "Jaw-Dropping" was posted at american-thinker.com on June 3, 2011. Following is the article.

Imbecility has no known limits. The logic, if one can call it that, that is on display here in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals is so circular and so deformed, it is jaw-dropping.

President Obama's solicitor general, defending the national health care law on Wednesday, told a federal appeals court that Americans who didn't like the individual mandate could always avoid it by choosing to earn less money.

What type of a response is that?

ObamaCare is a can of worms. That much is not only clear, but becoming more difficult to ignore as each day passes. ObamaCare is unrealistic and is built upon a socialist fantasy that ignores the reality of human dynamics and the laws of economics. Thus its defenders are left with little but twisted logic and deliberate ignorance of facts.

Let's see if the legacy media bother to report on this.

"One has to belong to the intelligentsia to believe things like that: No ordinary man could be such a fool." —*George Orwell*



An article by Dan Joppich titled "Krugman Says Medicare Is 'Sustainable' " was posted at americanthinker.com on June 6, 2011. Following is the article.

According to Nobel laureate economist and ultra-left columnist Paul Krugman, Medicare in its current form is sustainable. That is, as long as you make some major changes to it.

Super-Smart Ultra-Liberal Nobel laureate *NY Times* columnist economist Paul Krugman posted that Medicare is sustainable in its current form. That is as long as there are fundamental changes made to what it covers.

"I keep seeing people say that Medicare in its current form is not sustainable, as if that were an established fact. It's anything but," claims Mr. Krugman. That lead-off statement seems clear enough for even idiots like us to understand. He goes on to say,

"What is true is that the U.S. Medicare is expensive . . . that's because Medicare American-style is very open-ended, reluctant to say no to paying for medically dubious procedures, and also fails to make use of its pricing power over drugs and other items.

"So Medicare will have to start saying no; it will have to provide incentives to move away from fee for service, and so on and so forth. But such changes would not mean a fundamental change in the way Medicare works."

He's proposing that Washington bureaucrats will be making more medical decisions for our seniors. Now, I may not be a super smart Nobel laureate

economist but I think that I can figure out that saying “no” more often and changing the way things are paid would be seriously fundamental change. For him to claim otherwise is absurd.

And what’s with the “and so on and so forth” comment? I think he’s referring to pretty big so ons and and so forths.

But then again, according to Mr. Krugman’s post, if we think otherwise we are just too “stupid” to understand what he is saying so we’ll have to take his word for it.



An article titled “Two Men Caught Dismantling Manteca Railroad Tracks Hoping to Cash in on Metal” was posted at cbsacramento.com on May 26, 2011.

It said: “A pair of thieves spent hours dismantling a section of the Manteca railroad tracks, only to have their plan derailed by a neighboring worker.”

It later said: “The two men stripped 100 yards of the tomato company’s track, hoping to get away with a hefty load of iron to then cash in as scrap metal.

“But deputies arrived before the thieves could leave.”

The article quoted Sgt. Les Garcia (of the San Joaquin Sheriff’s Department) as saying: “To take parts of a train track, come on, that’s pretty brazen.”

The article later said: “The destruction caused a hold-up to the Union Pacific line because crews had to check for missing parts.”



An article by Charles Winokoor titled “CSX Train Derails in Taunton; Police Investigate Theft of Railroad Tracks” was posted at tauntongazette.com (Taunton, Mass.) on June 3, 2011.

It said: “A CSX railroad engine en route to a delivery in Taunton’s Myles Standish Industrial Park derailed Wednesday [June 1] afternoon after thieves cut away two 8-foot sections of solid steel track, authorities said.

“No one was injured as a result of the incident, which observers on [the] scene said ranks as the most audacious example of metal theft in recent memory.”



A Reuters article titled “Alabama Pass Tough New Law on Immigration” was posted at france24.com on June 10, 2011.

It said: “Republican Governor Robert Bentley on Thursday signed into law a crackdown on illegal immigration in Alabama that both supporters and critics consider the toughest in the nation.

“The measure will require public schools to determine the immigration status of students—an aspect not covered in an Arizona law that has been at the forefront as several U.S. states seek to crack down on illegal immigrants.

“Under the Alabama law, police must detain someone they suspect of being in the country illegally if the person cannot produce proper documentation when stopped for any reason.

“It also will be a crime to knowingly transport or harbor someone who is in the country illegally. The law imposes penalties on businesses that knowingly employ someone without legal resident status. A company’s business license could be suspended or revoked.”



An article by Aaron Gee titled “NPR Defends Palin?” was posted at americanthinker.com on June 7, 2011. Following is the article.

While coming home I often listen to our local NPR station. This afternoons “All Things Considered” asked the question “How Accurate Were Palin’s Paul Revere Comments?” The story started out with:

“Sarah Palin is defending her knowledge of American history.”

Here we go again. I was prepared for the usual “Palin is a moron” storyline. Surprisingly that didn’t happen. What I got was Robert Allison, a professor and historian at Suffolk University, telling the NPR host that Palin basically got it right.

The interviewer, Melissa Block, tries to cajole a different narrative out of the professor and historian, throwing out the question “Are there other historians professor, whom you’ve talked with, that say you’re being entirely too charitable toward Sarah Palin here?”

Ms. Block starts to chuckle toward the end of the question. The professor doesn’t let her finish the before responding.

The result is a classic public radio moment wherein the good professor gets to the heart of the matter; Sarah Palin is a lightning rod for the media, and NPR wouldn’t have been talking to him about Paul Revere or the American Revolution if it hadn’t been for an off the cuff remark from an Alaskan politician.

Take a moment and listen to the short piece yourself. I don’t think it quite turned out the way the producers had imagined.



An editorial by Fay Voshell titled "A Subtle Tyranny" was posted at americanthinker.com on June 5, 2011. Following are excerpts of the article.

Tyranny does not always initially come like the wolf on the fold, red in tooth and claw. Sometimes it comes tip-toeing on velvet little feet, quietly, one soft step at a time.

It often comes in simple guise, as seemingly reasonable requests made one at a time. Incremental demands accumulate, build up noiselessly and slowly, but eventually with increasingly rapid pace.

All we want is for you to register your ethnicity. What is the harm of putting down the fact that your parents are Jews? Now all we want is for you to wear a gold star. Everyone should be aware of who you are. Next, all we want is for you to practice your separate ways within a small section of the city. (Never mind it is a ghetto—and, by the way, fork over your possessions, as you are too rich and others could use your wealth.)

All we want is for Germans to live under one national entity. After all, the Sudetenland has millions of Germans living under Czech rule who are yearning to be part of *das Volk*. When we have that piece of land, Germany will be satisfied. (Never mind that you Czechs, including the Jews among you, have no say in the matter.)

All we want is for Israel to return to the pre-1967 borders. Palestinians have a right to their ancestral homelands. (Never mind that such a return would render Israel indefensible and open to another Holocaust.)

Honestly, that's all we want. We're only being reasonable.

And now, a subtle tyranny, an unhealthy smog has crept in on little cat's feet, and sits on silent haunches overlooking San Francisco Bay.

"Reasonable" folks in San Francisco want an end to circumcision of infant males. That's all we want! It's such a simple and rational thing. A mere proposal for a referendum set for a November ballot. Let the public have their say. Let the people rule on this matter. We're only proposing that circumcision be prohibited among males under 18. After all, babies have no choice against a practice of mutilation that serves no discernible purpose.

We believe in adult choice. Further, we think a fine of \$1,000 and up should be enforced as a deterrent measure. And—ahem—by the way: There will be no religious exceptions.

Those who are familiar with Jewish history, which obviously San Franciscan Lloyd Schofield, who spearheads the effort against circumcision, either doesn't know or care about, know Jews have much at stake concerning his obviously anti-Semitic proposal. (See this shocking anti-Semitic literature from the campaign editor.)

What is at risk for American Jews and America itself? It's what has been at stake for millennia; namely, the forcible Hellenizing of Jews and all Americans, all of whom must resist the attempt to force a unified world view on everyone.

That lure of a unified world view enforced by elites on entire populaces has never died.

The name Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175-164 B.C.), whose humble last moniker means "God made manifest," usually doesn't ring a bell except among scholars of Hebrew and Greek history, but his actions have been typical of rulers, ancient and modern, whose desire has been the eradication of Jewish culture and faith and the establishment of a mono-culture.

Antiochus, an heir to Alexander the Great's dream of unifying the entire world by means of the extant Greek culture, was gripped by what he saw as the sophisticated and indubitably intellectually superior Greek culture. Unlike Alexander, who generally tolerated the Jews, Antiochus decided the Jews were to be forcibly assimilated into the Hellenistic practices of the day.

Ultimately, assimilation would be good for them, he believed, for it would rid them of their superstitious and outdated religious practices, bringing them into the light of progressive Greek civilization, whose mentors included enlightened and elite rulers who knew what was best for everyone.

To that end, Antiochus, The Divinely Enlightened One, began to enforce anti-Jewish laws. He forbade the observance of the Sabbath. He declared that the Torah could no longer be studied. He also banned the practice of circumcision, which he saw as mutilation and thus utterly abhorrent, as Greeks worshiped the body as beautiful, particularly the male body.

Antiochus culminated his persecution of the Jews by erecting a statue of Zeus in the temple and sacrificing a pig on the sacred altar, by so doing not leaving any possibly offensive stone unturned.

Lest anyone think accession to Hellenizing forces was optional or that Jewish religious rites could continue to be practiced within the privacy of one's home, the Jewish historian and Rabbi Berel Wein makes clear in *Echoes of Glory*, no exceptions were allowed. When incremental laws and persuasion did not achieve the desired conversions to Greek culture and religion, Antiochus and his henchmen became as vicious as Nazis when it came to enforcing their anti-Jew campaign:

"Women who allowed their sons to be circumcised were killed with their sons tied around their necks. The scholars of Israel were hounded, hunted down and killed. Jews who refused to eat pork or sacrifice hogs were tortured to death . . . Even the smallest hamlet in Judah was not safe from the oppression of the Hellenists. The altars to Zeus and other pagan deities were erected in every village, and Jews of every area were forced to participate in the sacrificial services."

Not to be outdone by the Greeks, whose culture they admired and imitated, many Roman rulers followed in the footsteps of the Greeks they conquered, making persecution of the Jews a staple of their governing policies.

For instance, in 40 A.D., Caius Caligula ordered the erection and worship of his statue in the Temple, ordering the governor of Syria to carry out the desecration even if it meant war with the Jews. While more sensible heads such as Petronius temporarily prevailed over the emperor's insanity, "Little Boots" Caligula most assuredly would have persisted had it not been for his timely demise at the hands of his Praetorian guard.

Caligula's hostility was imitated by the emperor Hadrian, who also forbade circumcision, putting his law in terms eerily similar to the proposed ban on circumcision now before San Franciscans for ratification. Simon Be Kosiba, a Jewish historian, writing around 130-136 A.D., made note of the decree, writing:

"Hadrian forbade castration and circumcision, making a law against a practice that had offended Greek and Roman sensitivities for a long time. There are indications that he did not forbid circumcision as such, but only the circumcision of boys who had not yet reached the age to consent with the operation; but whatever the precise meaning of the measure, the Jews explained this law as directed against them."

Given their past history, how could the Jews see the measure as anything but "against them"? After all, the rulings of Antiochus IV and the wars of the Maccabees still lingered in Jewish memories. But the law seemed entirely rational to Hadrian. After all, it was a reasonable law, unworthy of a kerfuffle.

Recent history also should give Jews pause, as attacks against their 4,000-year-old foundational religious ritual, believed to be a sign of the covenant between Jehovah and his people, have also been a characteristic of fascist and communist regimes, with both the National Socialist and Communist parties of Hitler's Germany and Stalin's Russia adamantly opposed to circumcision.

While secularized Jews such as Schofield—himself a Jew—may shrug off or even support the proposed ban on circumcision, observant Jews and Christians should take note of and adamantly resist the efforts to forcibly demolish the foundations and symbols of their faiths, now ongoing for at least two generations under the increasing domination of contemporary Hellenists, the Progressives.

The fact is that contemporary Progressives are indeed like the Hellenists of old in thought, word and deed. Convinced of the superiority of their generally godless worldview, committed to the principle that their view of change and progress is inarguable as well as ineluctably triumphant,

Progressive hostility toward Christians and Jews alike has manifested itself in increasing degrees.

Contemporary Hellenists vigorously and unceasingly attack sacred festivals such as Christmas and Easter, try to silence public prayer, especially in schools; attempt to eliminate the Ten Commandments from display, and seek to ban religious jewelry. Constant attempts to intimidate and/or silence priests, rabbis, and pastors are evidenced in the convoluted tax codes forbidding political speech, spurious and malicious interpretations of the principle of separation of church and state; and in increasing regulation of church properties by means of zoning laws and "green" regulations.

In and of themselves, one or two isolated incidents of Progressive/leftist attacks on Jews and Christians may seem insignificant; but there is a pattern which has developed over the last several generations which is cumulative in its effect.

The result, should the "progress" continue, will be, and in some cases already is, a sort of dhimmitude, whereby Christians and observant Jews are consigned to second-class citizenship, kept out of public dialogue and influence, and relegated to the fetid and smothering backwaters of civilization, effectively ghettoized.

Velvet step by velvet step, little by little, freedom of religion is being eroded while people of faith are largely silent, acceding to the diminution of their rights as equal citizens.

In the end, will the religious be vanquished by "reasonable" people who only want "reasonable" measures to be followed? Will they continue to be intimidated by authorities who say, "That is all we want. Honestly. If you just do this, we'll be content"?

A new Hellenistic worldview of a unified, global civilization has invaded the Western world, and its progressive proponents desire that civilization be completely unified by their weltanschauung. Like Alexander, Antiochus, Caligula, Hadrian, and a roster of contemporary tyrants including Hitler and Stalin, their desire that their view prevail is being gradually forced on our country, bit by bit, piece by piece, regulation by regulation.

It may be that Progressives won't resort to burning Torah scrolls, as did the Roman military leader Apostomus in 50 A.D. just before the Bar Kokhba revolt. Such means as burning Jews in order to enforce their worldviews and eliminate Jewish practices are certainly not yet in mind. But extermination of a people and their faith traditions does not have to happen by such measures. What may not be achieved by ferocity can be achieved just as assuredly by incrementalism.



Eye on the World comment: We have not included many articles about the Obama birth-certificate controversy, so why are we running the following article? It's because the events of the past few days have escalated the discussion of possible evidence of a fabricated and therefore inauthentic birth certificate released by the White House. The reporting and discussions transcend politics and involve typewriters, typography, typefaces and type sizes that were not as much a factor in earlier reporting.

Dixon Cartwright, who helps copy-edit Eye on the World, has a background in typography, having operated type and graphics businesses in the 1970s through the 1990s. Mr. Cartwright says he agrees that, technically, something strange is going on here with the latest version of the birth certificate. He sees the forensic typewriter evidence as the equivalent of fingerprints in a murder mystery.



An article by Jerome R. Corsi titled "Expert: Obama Doc Is 'Proof'—of Fraud" and subtitled "Typeface Analysis Shows Images Come From Different Machines" was posted at worldnetdaily.com on June 7, 2011. Following are excerpts of the article.

The online image of a Hawaiian "Certificate of Live Birth" was trumpeted by the White House when it was released on April 27 as "proof positive" that Barack Obama was born in Hawaii.

Now an expert in typefaces and typography says it sure was "proof," but not of what the White House would have wanted.

Paul Irej, a retired professional typographer with 50 years' experience in his business, says an analysis of the typefaces used in the Barack Obama's long-form birth certificate that the White House released on April 27 reveals it absolutely to be a forgery.

"My analysis proves beyond a doubt that it would be impossible for the different letters that appear in the Obama birth certificate to have been typed by one typewriter," Irej told WND.

"Typewriters in 1961 could not change the size and shape of a letter on the fly like that," he said. "This document is definitely a forgery."

Irej acknowledges that an IBM Selectric typewriter could have produced different typefaces in a given document, but only if the Selectric ball was changed every time a different typeface letter was struck which would be unlikely to have been done to produce the word "Student," for example, that had two different styles of the lower case "t."

"This would have been a cumbersome procedure and the average hospital clerk typist would have no reason to change typeface with each individual letter in preparing a birth certificate," he noted.

Additionally, he argued, IBM only introduced the Selectric in July 1961.

Such machines were in short supply in August 1961, when Obama's birth certificate purportedly was prepared by the nurses or clerks at Kapiolani Hospital, and few government offices could afford to make the switch from manual typewriters to the expensive top-of-the line Selectric typewriters when they were first introduced.

Irey told WND that he is convinced the Obama birth certificate released by the White House is a cut-and-paste composite created by using different parts of presumably authentic birth certificates that had been typed in Hawaii in 1961 on different typewriters.

Irey has concluded that the forgers worked from authentic Hawaii birth certificates from 1961.

"The forgers did not want to make the same mistake Dan Rather made," he said. "So they used letters they picked up from actual 1961 birth certificates, making sure the typeface that appeared in the document was authentic to the era."

The mistake, Irey claims, was to use more than one birth certificate from which to select the letters.

"Even if the typeface was from the period," he said, "the mistake was to forget that each typewriter has its own fingerprint. No two typewriters, even of the same make and model, will type any given letter exactly the same."

It was in 1967 that Irey started Bergan Graphics in Fort Lee, N.J., and the company at its height had 60 employees working three round-the-clock shifts. It later operated out of the company office at Marine Plaza in Guttenberg, N.J., with a satellite office in Manhattan at 6th Avenue and 31st Street.

Irey was a pioneer in photo typography, working with prestige clients that included Montgomery Ward and Acme Markets ads for the east coast.

In 2007, CBS News anchor Dan Rather lost his job after Internet bloggers discovered that the typeface on what became known as the "Killian documents" attacking George W. Bush's Texas Air National Guard service during the Vietnam War were forgeries because the typeface in the documents was unavailable in military typewriters in the 1970s.

A report from the Center for Journalism Ethics at the University of Wisconsin, in fact, said critics of the Democrats in the 2004 election campaign, outraged over what they considered fabrications in the documents, "set about proving as much, pointing to the fact that one of the fonts used in the memos didn't even exist when the documents were said to have originated. Others recreated the exact papers in Microsoft Word."

"The network soon realized its documents couldn't be verified and admitted its mistake."

STATE OF HAWAII		CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH			DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH		
				FILE NUMBER	61 10641		
				151			
1a. Child's First Name (Type or print)		1b. Middle Name		1c. Last Name			
BARACK		HUSSEIN		OBAMA, II			
2. Sex	3. This Birth	4. If Twin or Triplet, Was Child Born		5a. Birth Date	Month	Day	Year
Male	Single <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Twin <input type="checkbox"/> Triplet <input type="checkbox"/>	1st <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd <input type="checkbox"/>		August	4,		1961
6a. Place of Birth: City, Town or Rural Location						6b. Island	
Honolulu						Oahu	
6c. Name of Hospital or Institution (If not in hospital or institution, give street address)					6d. Is Place of Birth Inside City or Town Limits? If no, give judicial district		
Kapiolani Maternity & Gynecological Hospital					Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
7a. Usual Residence of Mother: City, Town or Rural Location			7b. Island		7c. County and State or Foreign Country		
Honolulu			Oahu		Honolulu, Hawaii		
7d. Street Address				7e. Is Residence Inside City or Town Limits? If no, give judicial district			
6085 Kalaniana'ole Highway				Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
7f. Mother's Mailing Address						7g. Is Residence on a Farm or Plantation? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
8. Full Name of Father			9. Race of Father				
BARACK HUSSEIN OBAMA			African				
10. Age of Father	11. Birthplace (Island, State or Foreign Country)	12a. Usual Occupation		12b. Kind of Business or Industry			
25	Kenya, East Africa	Student		University			
13. Full Maiden Name of Mother			14. Race of Mother				
STANLEY ANN DUNHAM			Caucasian				
15. Age of Mother	16. Birthplace (Island, State or Foreign Country)	17a. Type of Occupation Outside Home During Pregnancy		17b. Date Last Worked			
18	Wichita, Kansas	None					
I certify that the above stated information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.		18a. Signature of Parent or Other Informant			Parent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		18b. Date of Signature
		<i>Stanley Ann Dunham Obama</i>					8-7-61
I hereby certify that this child was born alive on the date and hour stated above.		19a. Signature of Attendant			M.D. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D.O. <input type="checkbox"/> Midwife <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>		19b. Date of Signature
		<i>David A. Simola</i>					8-8-61
20. Date Accepted by Local Reg.	21. Signature of Local Registrar			22. Date Accepted by Reg. General			
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23. Evidence for Delayed Filing or Alteration							

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I CERTIFY THIS IS A TRUE COPY OR ABSTRACT OF THE RECORD ON FILE IN THE HAWAII STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

Alvin T. Onaka, Ph.D.
STATE REGISTRAR

Exhibit 1: To prove his point, Mr. Irey used as a source document the Xerox copy of the Obama birth certificate the White House press staff handed to the press assembled in the White House pressroom on April 27, as seen in this exhibit (each exhibit is on a separate page at the end of this article).

AAEEKKMM								
144	146	11	176	124	148	17	159	
RRSSUUss								
3	145	151	201	8	192	88	198	
aaaaaa cc								
23	56	118	125	130	236	77	229	
ee ff gg ii								
25	67	162	181	81	138	58	63	
llnpprr								
47	79	62	193	57	89	163	182	
tttttttt								
32	66	71	91	179	186	191	200	232
uuyy ll22								
101	105	72	201	35	225	40	168	

Exhibit 2: From this source, Mr. Irey extracted individual typed letters and prepared a chart listing each typed letter in the document.

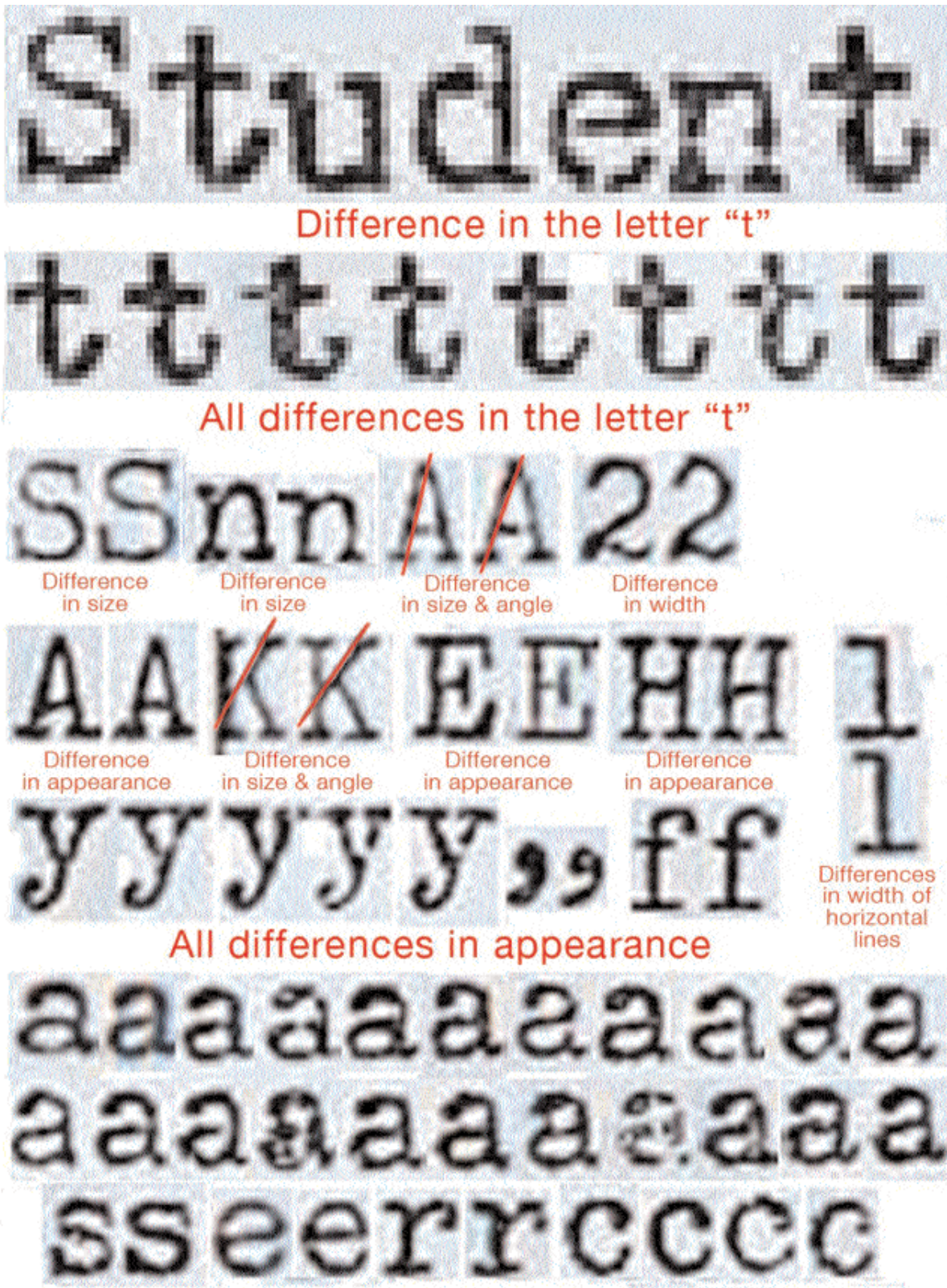


Exhibit 3: From there, Mr. Irey compared different individual letters, producing a chart, seen here, in which the different typefaces used in the document are evident by comparison.

BARACK HUSSEIN OBAMA, II
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 Honolulu Oahu
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 Kapiolani Maternity & Gynecological Hospital
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 BARACK HUSSEIN OBAMA African
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 25 Kenya, East Africa Student University
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Exhibit 4: To make the point even clearer, Mr. Irey annotated differences in typefaces that he felt made the argument the Obama birth certificate released by the White House on April 27 was a composite document constructed by extracting letters as needed from various authentic 1961 Hawaiian birth certificates that had originally been typed on different typewriters, as seen in this exhibit.

These are selected letter comparisons from Obama's birth certificate. If all the letters are from the same typewriter ... why don't they match? It appears that it was put together with letters from different sources and this means it's a forgery!

AAEEKKMM
RRSSUU ss
aaaaaa cc
ee ff gg ii
ll nn pp rr
tttttttttt
uuyy 1122

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Exhibit 5: In this exhibit Mr. Irey draws his conclusion that the typeface analysis of the individual letters in the White House-released Obama birth certificate makes clear the document is a forgery.



Isaiah 55:6-11—“Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. ‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”