

The chancellor, at his seventh Bilderberg, is spending the next three days deep in conference with the heads of MI6, Nato, the International Monetary Fund, HSBC, Shell, BP and Goldman Sachs International, along with dozens of other chief executives, billionaires and high-ranking politicians from around Europe. This year also includes a visit from the supreme allied commander Europe, and a return of royalty – Queen Sofia of Spain and Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands, the daughter of the Bilderberg founder Prince Bernhard.

Back in the 1950s, when Bernhard sent out the invitations, it was to discuss "a number of problems facing western civilization". These days, the Bilderberg Group prefers to call them "megatrends". The megatrends on this year's agenda include: "What next for Europe?", "Ukraine", "Intelligence sharing" and "Does privacy exist?"

That's an exquisite irony: the world's most secretive conference discussing whether privacy exists. Certainly for some it does. It's not just birthday bunting that's gone up in Copenhagen: there's also a double ring of three-metre (10ft) high security fencing. The hotel is teeming with security: lithe gentlemen in loose slacks and dark glasses, trying not to kill the birthday vibe. Or anyone else.

Already, two reporters have been arrested trying to interview the organisers of the conference in the Marriott hotel bar. It's easy enough to keep your privacy intact when you're employing so many people to guard it.

There's something distinctly chilling about the existence of privacy being debated, in extreme privacy, by people such as the executive chairman of Google, Eric Schmidt, and the board member of Facebook Peter Thiel: exactly the people who know how radically transparent the general public has become.

And to have them discussing it with the head of MI6, Sir John Sawers, and Keith Alexander, the recently replaced head of the National Security Agency. And with people such as the head of AXA, the insurance and investment conglomerate – Henri de Castries. Perhaps no one is more interested in data collection and public surveillance than the insurance giants. For them, privacy is the enemy. Public transparency is a goldmine.

Back in 2010, Osborne proudly launched "the most radical transparency agenda the country has ever seen". However, this transparency agenda doesn't seem to extend to Osborne himself making a public statement about what he has discussed at this meeting. And with whom.

We know, from the agenda and list, that Osborne will be there with the foreign affairs





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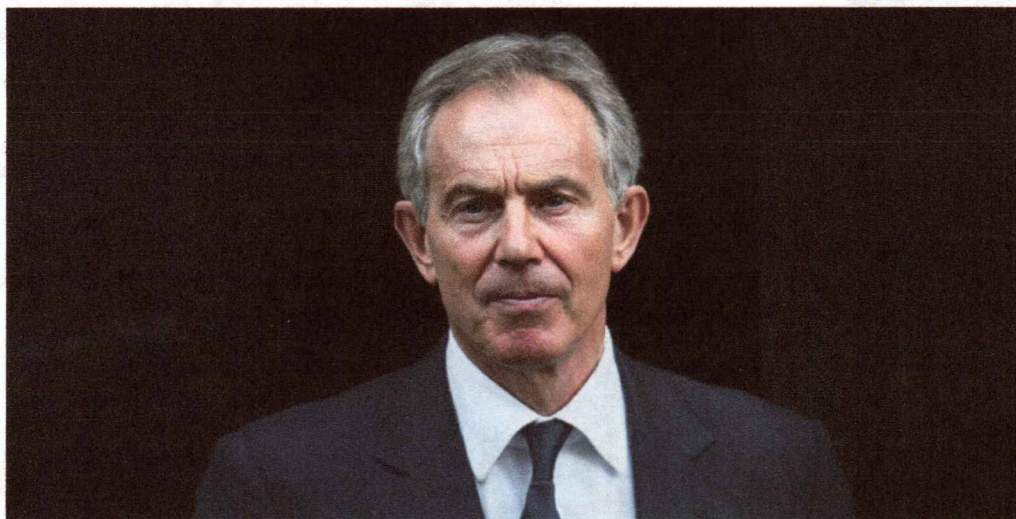
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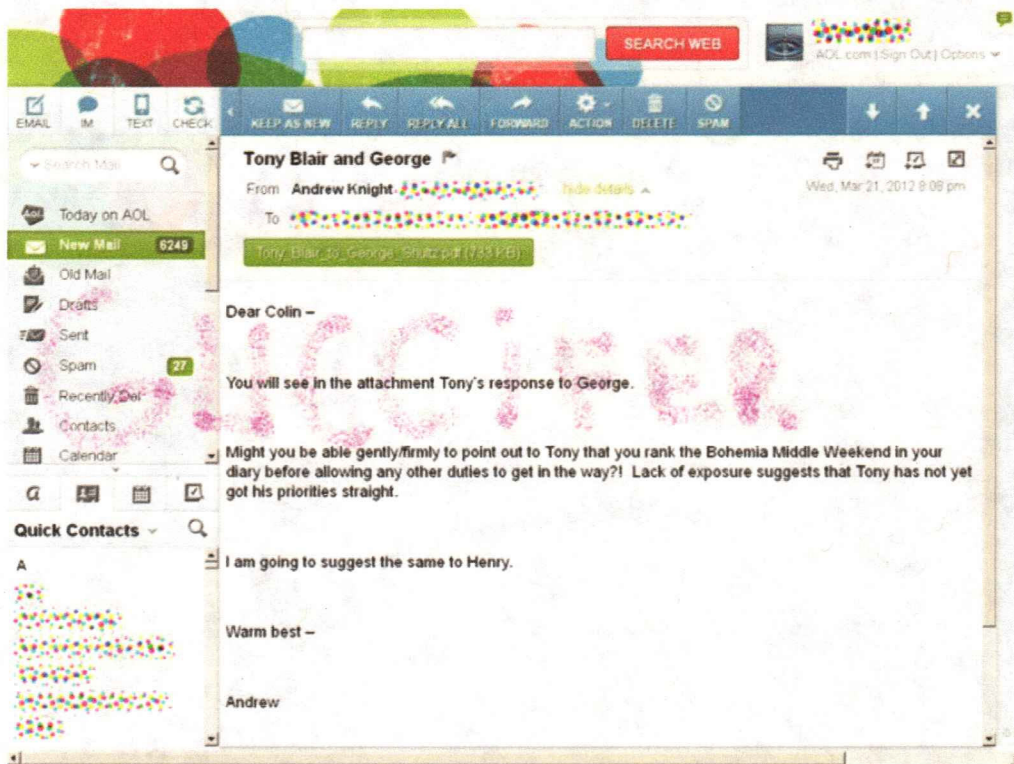
Attending the elusive Bohemian Grove retreat should be a priority for former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair, News Corp executive Andrew Knight allegedly writes in an email to US Gen. Colin Powell obtained by RT.

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The mysterious computer hacker known only as Guccifer has once again supplied RT with a trove of presumed personal emails in which the private correspondence between some of the world's most influential men is put under the looking glass. The hacker's target is once again former Secretary of State Colin Powell, and this time the discourse dives





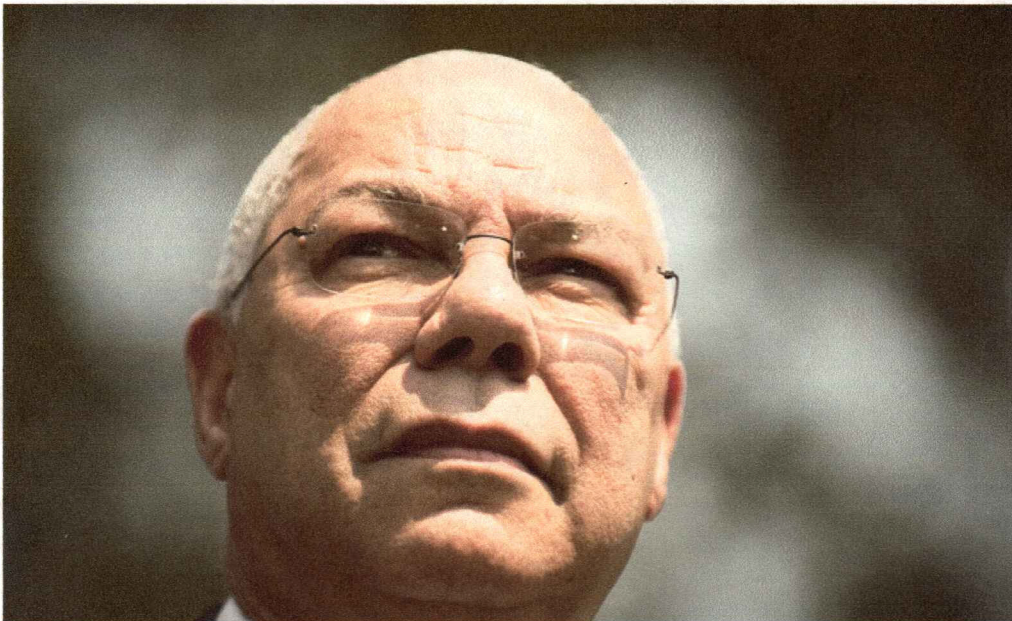
*"Might you be able gently/firmly to point out to Tony that you rank the Bohemia Middle Weekend in your diary before allowing any other duties to get in the way?!" writes Knight, a journalist who currently serves as a director of billionaire Rupert Murdoch's multinational News Corp, in the latest leaked emails. "Lack of exposure suggests that Tony has not yet got his priorities straight."*

Also included in the email is a PDF attachment — unavailable to RT's reporters — said to include a response of sorts from Mr. Blair to George Shultz, a longtime member of Washington's elite that worked as secretary of state underneath US Pres. Ronald Reagan in the late 1980s while Gen. Powell held the position of national security advisor. In his own right, Shultz has been associated with the secretive Bohemian Grove group for decades.

In the leaked emails, Knight says to Powell, "I'm going to suggest the same to Henry," likely implying that the journalist was determined to make sure Mr. Kissinger — who served as secretary of state under Pres. Nixon and Ford, and before that was national security advisor himself — was preparing to attend last year's event.







*Former US Secretary of State Colin Powell (AFP Photo / Jim Watson)*

*Several sources online tie Powell, Shultz, Knight and Kissinger to Bohemian Grove, but Blair has only been long rumored to be an attendee at the annual soiree. In 2006, Blair did visit San Francisco, California — less than 100 miles away from the Grove's gated campsite—where he dined with Shultz.*

*"There was speculation that Mr. Blair might even have been a guest at the male-only event, following in the footsteps of John Major and Prince Philip," the UK's Daily Mail reported at the time. "As it is, the Shultz party was said to have been littered with guests who had left the Grove in order to meet Mr. Blair."*

The San Francisco Chronicle also reported that summer that Prime Minister Blair was rumored to be attending the festivities, which have long become a topic of debate and discussion of conspiracy theorists, largely due to the sheer elusiveness of an event that attracts high-profile men of power with a strict embargo on admitting the media.

*"Less than a mile from us there are millionaires, billionaires, people who control the world, control the central banks, build nuclear weapons. This is their summer playground," Sonoma State University sociology professor Peter Phillips told RT in 2011. "We know for sure that Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan sat down and had conversation about who was going to run for president when and they made a deal." The Washington Post has even **reported** that a planning meeting for the Manhattan Project occurred at the grove in 1942, leading eventually to the creation of the atom bomb.*



Since the list of attendees is kept under lock and key, only a confirmation from Powell or Blair themselves could verify whether or not the four star general did in fact convince the prime minister to attend last year's event.

In his email to RT, Guccifer signed with the signature, "*illuminati free world.*"

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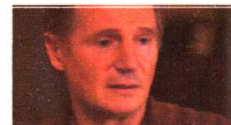
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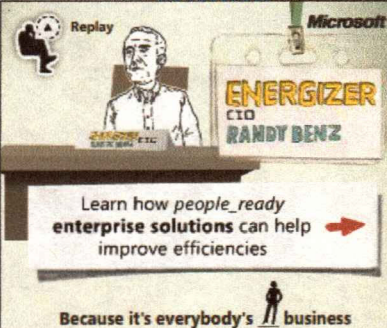
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Mr. Bush, like his father and grandfather before him, has refused to talk openly about Skull and Bones. But as a Bonesman, he was required to reveal his innermost secrets to his fellow Bones initiates.

"They're supposed to recount their entire sexual histories in sort of a dim, a dimly-lit cozy room. The other 14 members are sitting on plush couches, and the lights are dimmed," says Robbins. "And there's a fire roaring. And the, this activity is supposed to last anywhere from between one to three hours."

What's the point of this?

"I believe the point of the year in the tomb is to forge such a strong bond between these 15 new members that after they graduate, for them to betray Skull and Bones would mean they'd have to betray their 14 closest friends," says Robbins.

One can't help but make certain comparisons with the mafia, for example. Secret society, bonding, stakes may be a little higher in one than the other. But everybody knows everything about everybody, which is a form of protection.


"I think Skull and Bones has had slightly more success than the mafia in the sense that the leaders of the five families are all doing 100 years in jail, and the leaders of the Skull and Bones families are doing four and eight years in the White House," says Rosenbaum.

Bones is not restricted to the Republican Party. Yet another Bonesman has his eye on the Oval Office: Senator John Kerry, Democrat, Skull & Bones 1966.

"It is fascinating isn't it? I mean, again, all the people say, 'Oh, these societies don't matter. The Eastern Establishment is in decline.' And you could not find two more quintessential Eastern establishment, privileged guys," says Rosenbaum. "I remember when I was a nerdy scholarship student in the reserve book room at, at the Yale Library, and John Kerry, who at that point styled himself 'John F. Kerry' would walk in."

"There was always a little buzz," adds Rosenbaum. "Because even then he was seen to be destined for higher things. He was head of the Yale Political Union, and a tap for Skull and Bones was seen as the natural sequel to that."

David Brooks, a conservative commentator who has published a book on the social dynamics of the upwardly mobile, says that while Skull & Bones may be elite and secret, it's anything but exciting.

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THE PARANOID STYLE IN AMERICAN POLITICS by Richard Hofstadter. 315 pages. Knopf. \$5.95.

The Great Conspiracy Against America first came to light in 1797, when the pulpits of New England rang with denunciations of the Illuminati, a sinister society of freethinkers who were purportedly prepared to attack the U.S. with a number of secret weapons—among them a tea that caused abortion and a "method for filling a bedchamber with pestilential vapours." By 1835, control of the conspiracy had passed to the Pope, whose Jesuits were reported "prowling about all parts of the United States in disguise" and conjugating in clandestine convents with unnatural nuns. By 1951, according to Senator McCarthy, the perennial enemy had planted agents in the Truman Cabinet. By 1958, according to "detailed evidence" collected by the founder of the John Birch Society, President Eisenhower had actually been converted into a "dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy." And soon after that, still others with inside information reported that supreme command of the U.S. armed forces had secretly been transferred to a Russian colonel attached to the United Nations.

In the four long essays that make up the better part of this book, Historian Richard Hofstadter (*The Age of Reform*) briskly traces the history of political paranoia in the U.S., and wittily examines the political pathology that produced and sustained the legend of the Great Conspiracy. He concludes, somewhat magisterially, that the nomination of Senator Goldwater was the "triumphal moment of pseudo-conservatism in American politics," and finds that the ironic result was that Goldwater's "campaign broke the back of our postwar practical conservatism."

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### Jon Ronson goes looking for 'Them'

By Todd Leopold

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**(CNN) -- Every generation gets its world-controlling cabal.**

The Middle Ages had the Knights Templar. The 18th century had the Masons and the Illuminati.

Our modern age has golf-playing businessmen and 12-foot lizard-men. Or so Jon Ronson was led to believe.

Ronson, a 35-year-old British writer, humorist and documentarian, kept reading and hearing about the "tiny elite [that] rules the world from inside a secret room" -- so he decided to go in search of it.

He met with extremists of many stripes: Ku Klux Klansmen with a PR bent, Muslim rabble-rousers, a wacky Hollywood director, the Northern Ireland political leader and cleric Ian Paisley, and others convinced that a New World Order meant the end of the world. He sought out the industrialists of groups such as the Bilderberg Group and Bohemian Grove.

He wrote about his experiences in "Them" (Simon & Schuster/Touchstone paperback).

If a reader is looking for foaming-and-ranting psychotics, "Them" ain't them. Indeed, Ronson's extremists seem rather normal. Some are very much aware of how their views marginalize them. Others aren't, but couldn't care less.

There was the Arkansas Klansman Thom Robb, for example, who couldn't quite figure out where he fit in. "He wanted to give the Klan an image makeover, by banning the robes and the hoods and the 'N word' -- as he always called it ... and hatred in general," Ronson says in an e-mail interview, "even though his members were always sidling up to him and whispering, 'Uh, Thom, we kind of joined the Klan because we *wanted* to hate people.'"

Robb, he continues, "was desperate to be accepted by the mainstream. I'll never forget him whispering to me one day, 'Do you think I'm weird?'"

### Personable people

So the people of "Them" are people who are all too human -- even if they would deny others their humanity.

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Jon Ronson went in search of "Them," and found plenty of people who wanted to help.

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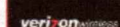
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## Masked man enters, attacks Bohemian Grove 'Phantom' expected armed resistance

Peter Fimrite, Chronicle Staff Writer  
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A bumbling, hooded commando calling himself the "Phantom Patriot" invaded the fabled grounds of the Bohemian Grove during the weekend hoping for a shootout.

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What he got was a good night's sleep in a cot reserved for one of the club's captains of industry and a date with a prison psychologist.

Richard McCaslin, 37, of Carson City, Nev., pleaded not guilty in Sonoma County Superior Court yesterday to five felony counts including arson, burglary and

brandishing a weapon at a peace officer after he allegedly sneaked into the exclusive Russian River encampment carrying an arsenal of weapons.

He told The Chronicle during a jailhouse interview that he went to the Monte Rio retreat Saturday night intent on exposing child abuse and human sacrifice and punishing the perpetrators.

"I was expecting armed resistance and I would have fired back if I was fired upon," he said.

The bizarre episode is the latest brouhaha involving San Francisco's Bohemian Club, which for years has provided fodder for conspiracy theorists and been attacked by women's groups.

Club representatives insist that the nonprofit organization -- founded in 1872 by five newspapermen, a Shakespearean actor, a vintner and a local merchant -- is dedicated to the simple enjoyment of music, literature and drama.

"We're very concerned and disturbed by the fact that this individual would trespass on our property armed as he was with the intent of doing harm," said Matt Oggero, general manager of the Bohemian Club. "His allegations . . . are totally irresponsible, highly offensive and grossly false."

But the well-spoken and seemingly lucid McCaslin is convinced that there are hidden torture chambers and other horrors at the club. He told how he was inspired by Austin, Texas, radio personality Alex Jones. Jones says he has seen "bizarre, Luciferian ceremonies" at the idyllic 2,000-acre redwood grove during the club's annual two-week summer encampment, which draws U.S. presidents and other luminaries.

Jones' Web site has dark, spooky-looking but completely indistinct pictures of the club's "Cremation of Care Ceremony."

Horrified by the images, McCaslin said he spent a year collecting weapons, staking out the grove and planning the commando-style operation.

"I was acting on reports that inside the Bohemian Club were incidents of child abuse and

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### MAN WITH STOCKPILE OF WEAPONS FACES CHARGES

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A man who was stockpiling weapons and ammunition for what he said was an upcoming battle with a secret organization was arrested on federal firearms and narcotics charges, authorities said.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms arrested Davaughn L. Roper, 25, at his Staten Island home Friday after a three-day investigation. Agents seized about 15 pistols and rifles, 3,000 rounds of various-caliber ammunition, 29 envelopes of what appeared to be cocaine, \$1,700 in cash and literature on the "New World Order," said Joseph G. Green, an ATF spokesman.

Henry J. Ballas, an ATF agent, said Roper said he was preparing for battle against the "Illuminati," a secret organization he believed was gathering forces for a worldwide revolution.

Police detectives learned of Roper's firearms and notified the ATF. The federal agents said Roper sold cocaine and used the money to buy weapons.

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## CFR Shadow Government is Destroying America

By [www.FDRS.org](http://www.FDRS.org) Friday, October 5, 2007

Learn About the CFR Shadow Government and its Connection to the Illuminati Banking Families.

The CFR shadow government is a major threat to American sovereignty.

The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) was established in 1921.

Colonel Edward M. House, who was a close advisor of then-President Woodrow Wilson, was very influential in the establishment of the CFR.

In 1919, Colonel House set up a meeting between influential Americans and Brits and they established the Royal Institute of International Affairs (RIIA) in England and the Institute of International Affairs in the U.S.

In 1921, Colonel House helped reorganize the Institute of International Affairs into the Council on Foreign Relations.

Ever since, the CFR shadow government has been working steadily to undermine all that the [United States Constitution](#) gave to the American people.

As a matter of fact, Colonel House gave us a glimpse into the attitude the CFR shadow government has toward the Constitution when he said,

*"America is the most undemocratic of democratic countries. Our Constitution and our laws have served us well for the first hundred years of our existence, but under the conditions of today they are not only obsolete, but even grotesque."*

This quote comes from Colonel House's 1912 book, "Philip Dru: Administrator: A Story of Tomorrow". In the same book, his main character states that only through dictatorship could "socialism as dreamed of by Karl Marx" be set up in America.

Getting a sense for the kind of scum that is leading the CFR shadow government and who controls the [corrupt officials in the US government](#)?

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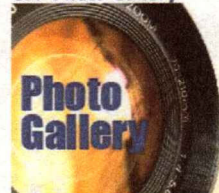
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A34, A35. It detailed some points that are disturbingly a part of today's America:

- Promotion of free trade between all nations regardless of communist affiliation and regardless of whether or not items could be used for war
- Promotion of the need to raise children away from the "negative" influence of parents
- Usage of technical decisions in the courts to weaken basic American institutions by claiming their activities violate civil rights
- Promotion of the United Nations as the "only hope for mankind"
- Disintegration of the family as an institution and encourage promiscuity and easy divorce
- Elimination of prayer or any phrase of religious expression in the schools on the grounds that it violates the principles of "separation of church and state"
- Elimination of the American Constitution by calling it inadequate, old-fashioned, out of step with modern needs, a hindrance to cooperation between nations on a worldwide basis
- Acquisition of all key positions in radio, TV, and motions pictures
- Infiltrate the press and gain control of book reviews, editorial writing, policy-making positions
- Takeover of the education system in order to promote New World Order viewpoints to children

*"The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) is the American Branch of a society which originated in England ... (and) ... believes national boundaries should be obliterated and one-world rule established."* - Carroll Quigley, "Tragedy and Hope"

#### CFR SHADOW GOVERNMENT: ILLUMINATI BANKING CONNECTION

The CFR shadow government is an extension of the Illuminati. Since most of the Illuminati families are foreign to the U.S., most of them changed their names to sound as if they were American. Aside from the CFR in America and the RIIA in England, there are Illuminati organizations in other countries like Germany or France that are similar in nature.

These Illuminati front organizations take control of the media, education, and government. The big thing to understand is that the international bankers (such as the Rothschilds) are at the top of the entire pyramid. The banksters are the criminals playing the war games (and profiting from both sides) and causing the middle class to become poorer and the poor to become absolutely desolate.

#### ROCKEFELLER CONNECTION TO CFR SHADOW GOVERNMENT & MORE ILLUMINATI FRONT GROUPS

#### CFR SHADOW GOVERNMENT: BRIBES CREATE CONTROL

How does the CFR shadow government take control? Very easily. It uses sex and money to bribe officials inside the schools, media, and government. Once under Illuminat control, these people are kept "in line" through threats of financial ruin, public exposure, and blackmail. Threats of death to their family or themselves work quite nicely, too.

Here's a telling quote regarding the far reaching influence of the CFR shadow government from "THE ILLUMINATI AND THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS", by Myron Fagan:

"Do you know who owns and controls our mass-communications media? I'll tell you. Practically all the movie lots in Hollywood are owned by the Lehman's; Kuhn, Loeb, and Company; Goldman-Sachs; and other internationalist bankers. All the national radio and TV channels in the nation are owned and controlled by those same internationalist bankers.

"The same is true of every chain of metropolitan newspapers and magazines, also of the press wire-services, such as Associated Press, United Press, International, etc. The supposed heads of all those media are merely the fronts for the internationalist bankers, who in turn compose the hierarchy of the CFR, today's Illuminati in America.

"Now can you understand why the Pentagon Press agent, Sylvester, so brazenly proclaimed that the government has the right to lie to the people? What he really meant was that our CFR controlled government had the power to lie to and be believed by the brain-washed American people." p. 7

*"Once the ruling members of the CFR shadow government have decided that the U.S. Government should adopt a particular policy, the very substantial research facilities of (the) CFR are put to work to develop arguments, intellectual and emotional, to support the new policy, and to confound and discredit, intellectually and politically, any opposition."* - Admiral Chester Ward, former CFR member and Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Navy

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## Korn Frontman: 'Obama Is an Illuminati Puppet'

Jonathan Davis says the president has 'dragged this country down'

by MATTHEW PERPETUA

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**Korn** frontman Jonathan Davis has **blasted President Obama**, calling him an "Illuminati puppet" in a new interview. "He's basically dragged this country down into the worst it's ever been," Davis **told *Billboard***. "Like I say about the White House, 'You've built this house of shame.' Everybody looked up at the White House and America and now I think it's like a house of shame. I miss the old days when people were proud to be American."

### Photos: Random Notes

Obama came up in Davis' discussion of the new Korn song "Illuminati," which appears on the group's latest album, *Path of Totality*. The set, their 10th record overall, finds the nü-metal rockers experimenting with dubstep and drum and bass music with guest producer Skrillex.

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Who really controls the world?

That's the question The Illuminati want you to think about when you listen to their music.

In a music scene that's saturated by local bands, it's important to have something that makes you stand out. The same bands play Zanzibar, Hannah's Bar, The Cavern, Barfly...the list is endless so if you call yourself the "paranoid kings of conspiracy rock" you just might catch someone's attention.

The band says The Illuminati is a secret society who runs the world. Lead singer Alec Joyce says "they run the monetary, religious and political groups of the world....it's our responsibility to expose the conspiracy". Hmmmm, it's all firmly tongue in cheek but it's a good image.



And the band uses it to full effect. They use their knowledge of technology to make their point. Darren Cartwright plays the drums and also edits material for a video that plays alongside the band at their gigs. "The theme is Big Brother and institutions. We only did it to cover up the fact we have no stage presence!" The band filmed footage from Liverpool city centre, CCTV cameras, shoppers, familiar scenes from across town. They acknowledge it was an ambitious project. The film was ready to go and played at their second gig at the Zanzibar in early August and went down well with the 300 strong crowd.

**"The theme is Big brother and institutions. We only did it to cover up the fact we have no stage presence!"**

Darren Cartwright

We didn't want a sound like other bands whose formula is verse, chorus, verse, instrumental".

But it's not all image. Inspired by bands like Metallica, Primus, Nirvana and Entombed (the usual suspects) they've developed a heavy rock sound reliant on strong guitar riffs. But I'd throw in a band called The Mars Volta. They've spearheaded a progressive rock which the illuminati would love to emulate. Alec says "the whole band contributes 25 %. We start with a guitar riff and form it into progressive songs.

The band says it wouldn't have been possible if it wasn't for LIPA. Both Darren and Alec

### The Illuminati

by Laura Keegan

**Liverpool's, The Illuminati will be rocking the Cavern this September. Find out more about the rock conspiracy theorists.**

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## FDA approves computer chip for humans

Devices could help doctors with stored medical information



The VeriChip, the size of a grain of rice, is inserted under the skin with a needle in a procedure that takes less than 20 minutes to complete.

**AP** Associated Press

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WASHINGTON — Medical milestone or privacy invasion? A tiny computer chip approved Wednesday for implantation in a patient's arm can speed vital information about a patient's medical history to doctors and hospitals. But critics warn that it could open new ways to imperil the confidentiality of medical records.

The Food and Drug Administration said Wednesday that Applied Digital Solutions of Delray Beach, Fla., could market the VeriChip, an implantable computer chip about the size of a grain of rice, for medical purposes.

With the pinch of a syringe, the microchip is inserted under the skin in a procedure that takes less than 20 minutes and leaves no stitches. Silently and invisibly, the dormant chip stores a code that releases patient-specific information when a scanner passes over it.

Think UPC code. The identifier, emblazoned on a food item, brings up its name and price on the cashier's screen.

### Chip's dual uses raise alarm

The VeriChip itself contains no medical records, just codes that can be scanned, and revealed, in a doctor's office or hospital. With that code, the health providers can unlock that portion of a secure database that holds that person's medical information, including

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## Microchips in humans spark privacy debate

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VeriChip Corp. has sold 7,000 microchips worldwide, of which about 2,000 have been implanted in humans. More than one-tenth of those have been in the United States, generating "nominal revenues," the company said in a Securities and Exchange Commission filing in February.

By Todd Lewan, Associated Press

CityWatcher.com, a provider of surveillance equipment, attracted little notice itself — until a year ago, when two of its employees had glass-encapsulated microchips with miniature antennas embedded in their forearms.

The "chipping" of two workers with RFIDs — radio frequency identification tags as long as two grains of rice, as thick as a toothpick — was merely a way of restricting access to vaults that held sensitive data and images for police departments, a layer of security beyond key cards and clearance codes, the company said.

"To protect high-end secure data, you use more sophisticated techniques," Sean Darks, chief executive of the Cincinnati-based company, said. He compared chip implants to retina scans or fingerprinting. "There's a reader outside the door; you walk up to the reader, put your arm under it, and it opens the door."

Innocuous? Maybe.

But the news that Americans had, for the first time, been injected with electronic identifiers to perform their jobs fired up a debate over the proliferation of ever-more-precise tracking technologies and their ability to erode privacy in the digital age.

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To some, the microchip was a wondrous invention — a high-tech helper that could increase security at nuclear plants and military bases, help authorities identify wandering Alzheimer's patients, allow consumers to buy their groceries, literally, with the wave of a chipped hand.

To others, the notion of tagging people was Orwellian, a departure from centuries of history and tradition in which people had the right to go and do as they pleased, without being tracked, unless they were harming someone else.

Chipping, these critics said, might start with Alzheimer's patients or Army Rangers, but would eventually be suggested for convicts, then parolees, then sex offenders, then illegal aliens — until one day, a majority of Americans, falling into one category or another, would find themselves electronically tagged.

The concept of making all things traceable isn't alien to Americans. Thirty years ago, the first electronic tags were fixed to the ears of cattle, to permit ranchers to track a herd's reproductive and eating habits. In the 1990s, millions of chips were implanted in livestock, fish, dogs, cats, even racehorses.

Microchips are now fixed to car windshields as toll-paying devices, on "contactless" payment cards (Chase's "Blink," or MasterCard's "PayPass"). They're embedded in Michelin tires, library books, passports, work uniforms, luggage, and, unbeknownst to many consumers, on a host of individual items, from Hewlett Packard printers to Sanyo TVs, at Wal-Mart and Best Buy.

But CityWatcher.com employees weren't appliances or pets: They were people made scannable.

"It was scary that a government contractor that specialized in putting surveillance cameras on city streets was the first to incorporate this technology in the workplace," says Liz McIntyre, co-author of "Spychips: How Major Corporations and Government Plan to Track Your Every Move with RFID."

Darks, the CityWatcher.com executive, dismissed his critics, noting that he and his employees had volunteered to be chip-injected. Any suggestion that a sinister, Big-Brother-like campaign was afoot, he said, was hogwash.

"You would think that we were going around putting chips in people by force," he told a reporter, "and that's not the case at all."

Yet, within days of the company's announcement, civil libertarians and Christian conservatives joined to excoriate the microchip's implantation in people.

RFID, they warned, would soon enable the government to "frisk" citizens electronically — an invisible, undetectable search performed by readers posted at "hotspots" along roadsides and in pedestrian areas. It

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# Human microchips seen by some in Virginia House as device of antichrist

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RICHMOND, FEB. 9 -- The House of Delegates is scheduled to vote Wednesday on a bill that would protect Virginians from attempts by employers or insurance companies to implant microchips in their bodies against their will.

It might also save humanity from the antichrist, some supporters think.

Del. Mark L. Cole (R-Fredericksburg), the bill's sponsor, said that privacy issues are the chief concern behind his attempt to criminalize the involuntary implantation of microchips. But he also said he shared concerns that the devices could someday be used as the "mark of the beast" described in the Book of Revelation.

"My understanding -- I'm not a theologian -- but there's a prophecy in the Bible that says you'll have to receive a mark, or you can neither buy nor sell things in end times," Cole said. "Some people think these computer chips might be that mark."

Cole said that the growing use of microchips could allow employers, insurers or the government to track people against their will and that implanting a foreign object into a human being could also have adverse health effects.

"I just think you should have the right to

control your own body," Cole said.

The religious overtones have cast the debate into a realm that has made even some supporters uneasy and caused opponents to mock the bill for legislating the apocalypse.

Del. Robert H. Brink (D-Arlington) said on the House floor that he did not find many voters demanding microchip legislation when he was campaigning last fall: "I didn't hear anything about the danger of asteroids striking the Earth, about the threat posed by giant alligators in our cities' sewer systems or about the menace of forced implantation of microchips in human beings."

Microchips, which use radio frequency identification, have been used in pets to identify and track them. Proponents suggest that such chips could be invaluable in making people's medical records portable and

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