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I should also point out I disagree with the Chamber

taking on a large debt in order to compete with existing landlords in town as a matter of principle.

I had experienced a troubling episode with the Chamber previous to this. Before I became ill, a downtown merchant had requested my help gathering signatures to help revitalize the downtown. I said sure, as I was touring the area anyways for my business, and am always happy to volunteer for something like this. The private revitalization exercise evolved into a push to create a downtown business association and as a long time Chamber supporter, I argued that a Chamber board member should be one of the signatories for forming the association

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## From Sagitiwa to Whitecourt A Salute to the Pioneers - Part 9

*By Jerry Graham. Thank you to John Dahl and the late Vic Young for their help in obtaining the original manuscript.*

Moving south we come to the farm of Mike Prestlien and nearby the farm of G. Leary. Then up the hill and over, Ed. Olson and Ole Tekset held forth. Good solid Scandinavians. Ole was under a scheme for returned soldiers known as Soldier Settlement as were a great many other ex-soldiers in the area. The scheme, while possibly a good one in principle, was not entirely too successful.

Briefly, the men were given aid to take up land, given loans for purchase of equipment and machinery, the loans extending over a long period of years. For those with some knowledge of farming, and with some land available and ready for crops, as was the case with Ole Tekset it worked very well. With others with little or no knowledge of farming, and little or no land ready for cropping, it proved something of a disaster. Tekset was a worker and would, in the opinion of the author, have made a go of it under almost any scheme, and it was indeed unfortunate

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*Below, Ole Tekset in Downtown Whitecourt*





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and also that the push for highway billboard signage go through the Chamber. There was some strange feedback from the Chamber and Town and the original proponent of the downtown business association withdrew, saying she couldn't handle the politics involved.

The Chamber push to take over OZ's premises at the front of the building provided an opportunity to get some facts straight about current Chamber operations, up close and first hand. I am the first to admit I am in a conflict of interest here, but essentially, this is an investigative article. Is the Chamber becoming more like another layer of government, rather than a voice to government? Much of the following is backed up by documentation, such as texts and emails.

For starters, the Chamber was very slow in letting OZ Media know about plans for my business premises. When there was no information forthcoming after the rumours had started about my business premises being at risk, I phoned a director for information. I was at first told nothing would change except the name on the rent cheque. When pressed about the takeover of my office at the front, he said he would send an email out to other board members on the matter. There was no answer as the weeks passed. At this point I naturally became quite vocal about getting some accurate information about what was going on.

Another tenant told me they were given assurances about plans for their space, shortly after the rumours started, and well before the Chamber takeover was official, as it should be. Yet I was told by one Chamber person nothing could be said until the takeover was official. Regardless, it is quite common to discuss possibilities instead of certainties in business, especially where there is a stated intent by the Chamber to minimize disruptions to businesses during their takeover of the building.

Months after the initial rumour, I was finally asked to take a meeting with the four executive members of

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## When our institutions fail us

by Dan Parker

A political revolt is brewing in the West. The alienation between citizens and long-time establishment vehicles continues to grow. According to a U.S. Gallup poll, trust in the mainstream media continues to fall and is at record lows. Less than a third of respondents replied that they had trust or a fair amount of trust in the mainstream media (MSM). Amongst Republicans in the U.S., that figure dropped to the single digits. Canadian MSM is facing similar challenges. Fake news, alternative facts, propaganda wars — it's been a rough few years for journalism in the West.

Younger people showed the least amount of trust in the MSM, which does not bode well for the future credibility of this institution. It is not a coincidence that young people use the Internet and social media more than older generations.

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that he was not spared to bring matters to a successful conclusion. He died quite young.

Ed. Olson had been in Alaska and was another one really suited to conditions here. Somewhat farther on, Percy Richardson, Jack Willis, the Crocker Brothers, Jules Couasnon, Charles Stone, George Jackson, Jack Wilson and Robert Greene were busy trying to get established.

Mention might be made while in this area of one or two of the more colorful characters found here. Jules Couasnon, known as "Frenchy", a name to which he answered unfailingly, and no wonder, when one considers the trouble the average English speaking person might have in pronouncing "Koos-non", correctly. Jules had been educated at the Sorbonne in Paris, or had at least studied at some university or similar seat of learning in Paris. He loved to argue, and it was indeed unfortunate that he was confined to the use of the English language when he did so. He loved to use what are known as "two dollar words", the pronunciation of which were not always straight Webster. As the words flowed and the argument warmed up, the arm swinging and other gestures intensified, and one could only surmise that many of the debates had their origin with nothing more than this in mind. His opponents kept goading him on, and he kept reaching and reaching for greater points to clinch his contentions, all the while accompanying each sentence with some extra facial contortion or "body English".

*"His opponents kept goading him on, and he kept reaching and reaching for greater points to clinch his contentions".*

Then Charlie Stone, who rivaled Dave Allen as a raconteur, with tales of derring do in and around the Vashon Islands. He would have been an instant success on the radio program instituted by Ben-net Cerf some years ago and presented under the name of "Can you top this one?" He really deserves special attention.

Neither Charlie nor Dave were exactly young men, and the respect usually accorded elders prevented some of the younger members from ex-

pressing disbelief, although at times it was not hard to see that everything was not being accepted at its face value. On one occasion, when things were getting just a bit out of hand, one young fellow went as far as to interject, "You know, I would sooner hear you fellows tell it than have been there". A meeting of Stone and Allen always was something special as it was evident that one doubted the other, while the audience doubted both! The tales they told and the heights they scaled baffled imagination.

Jack Wilson and George Jackson had joined forces in the East and had arrived in Whitecourt under the Soldier Settlement scheme mentioned earlier. Both, a few years later, left the farms and resided and worked in the hamlet. This friendship endured through good years and bad, and while both men have passed away, their widows still give meaning to what is referred to as "a lasting friendship".

To the west some distance, a short wiry man, by the name of Danny Fraser, had a trap line at what was then known as Bessie Creek. Nothing gave Danny as much pleasure as fiddling at the dances. No matter what the weather was like, and it was often unpleasant to say the least, it was imperative that word be sent to Fraser. With his passion for playing the violin he could not, and must not be overlooked. His Georgia Camp Meeting must be still echoing somewhere in the valley.

While in this area to the south it might be a good idea to mention early settlement in Whitecourt. While it is true that many of the early settlers came

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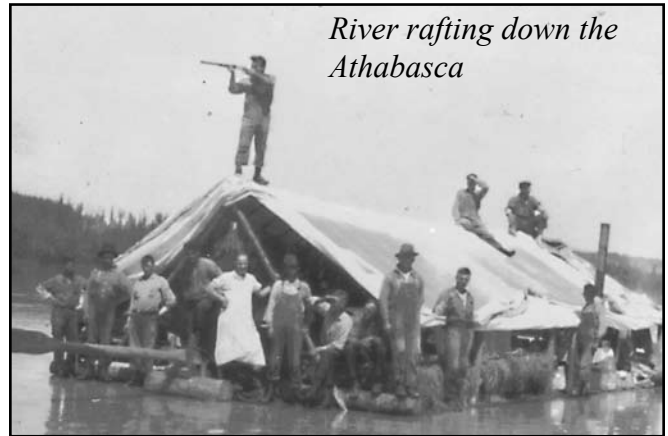
overland, some no doubt looking for a direct road to the Peace River Country, --- and it was direct, if possibly more than a bit portentous --- a great many of them came down one river or the other, most of them favoring the McLeod.

Such as did usually left the train at Peers, built a scow there, loaded the provisions etc. and set sail. The other route down the Athabasca was for experienced river men, and when using this route the people left the train at Hinton. Practically all freight used the Peers route, and many a scow or barge got "hung up" on an outcropping of rock somewhere around Sandstone Canyon.

The fast water in the canyon made passage very hazardous, and only if luck was with one did he safely circumvent what approximated the Inchcape Rock. Not that any loss of life ever took place here as far as can be learned, but many a load of settler's effects and an occasional scow of groceries and supplies became something more than damp. It all made for excitement, if indeed anyone

craved more of that commodity than was supplied by avoiding "sweepers" (trees which have become uprooted along the river bank, and have fallen into the stream).

Many of the early settlers became recognized rivermen and made regular trips as navigators down the McLeod, but none of them, as far as can be learned, guaranteed any safe passage or even dry feet. They just hung to the pole rigged in the fashion of a rudder at the back of the scow and hoped for the best.



*River rafting down the Athabasca*

### MONTHLY QUIZ SPELLING

1) Lung disease; "em fi see mah" 2) Powerful studio light; "kleeg" 3) This narrow pasta; "fet u chee nee"

### VOCABULARY

1) Throe: toss, severe pain pang, iceberg, easily accomplished 2) Tincture means dissolved in: water, oil, iodine, alcohol 3) Titian: Greek god, Roman, god, golden auburn, huge person

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the Chamber to discuss 'potential' changes, I contacted a fellow tenant, a lawyer that I had worked with for many years, to ask his preferences. He informed me that he had been told the day before that the Chamber would now be doing his reception, and use my premises at the front to do so. When I emailed the Chamber about this, stating the lawyer had no reason to lie, I received a reply that no decisions had been made. There's a joke in here somewhere, in that I believed the lawyer and did not meet.

Finally, I received an eviction notice regarding my premises that confirmed the rumours, and what the lawyer had told me. It gave about 5 weeks notice. This happened on the day I had complained to the Alberta Chamber of Commerce about the lack of real communication. For some reason the notice was dated days before I received it. Business experts recommend planning a commercial move 9 months in advance, with 3 to 6 months being the minimum. This is because location is so important for businesses.

The approximately five weeks notice was also in direct conflict with a previous text, sent to a third party, by a Chamber executive board member, stating that the board had voted on 90 days notice, help with moving to another room etc. while they took over my premises. I acted in good faith on this and responded by outlining how to ensure a smooth transition for key elements, such as Internet service, which I was now providing, and about four or five other points that would make a smooth transition. There was no response to this email.

A couple of weeks later I asked again about my email regarding a smooth Internet changeover etc. and was given the answer oh yes, we got it, and the Internet changeover is planned for July 1. Nice to know. Then they missed the July 1 date. I left the Internet service up for them for a bit after I reminded them to fulfill this obligation. As of July 19, I was still providing Internet service to an existing business in the building because the Chamber had still not provided them this needed service. I also found out a new business that moved in had been given the use of my Internet, without my permission. A fiasco all round in my opinion, at my cost, and easily avoidable, by following the suggestions in my email.

I was also informed that any of my items left in the common area after August 1st (the day after my move out date) would be disposed of. The message seemed out of place. In my experience with other landlords, and being a landlord, I have never heard this threat given without a reason. Then a note was placed on some items I had in the common area demanding removal by June 29 or they would be put in storage, where I would be unable to use the items and then disposed of after August 1st. The note was in breach of contract regarding the previously August

1 date communicated, in writing, for common area items; and the note could very well have been missed by myself, and the lawyer on holidays for two weeks.

On July 9, I received an email that the alarm codes were changing, and if I did not choose one by July 10, one would be chosen for me. I did not receive a new alarm code by July 11. Apparently the codes did not change, but I didn't receive a correction on this and was again left in the dark about access to premises that I was still paying rent on.

Part of the Chamber stance on minimizing disruptions to existing businesses was to offer them another room in the building. As such, I was offered a room in the back. However the lease offered was unworkable. Perhaps the worst clause was that the landlord gets to set the business hours, despite the well-known fact that most tenants in the building work irregular hours. The only place this clause has merit is in such conditions as where a mall owner might want to have all businesses open at the same time. Otherwise, it basically leaves tenants with no rights, basically at the mercy of how the landlord chooses to enforce the clause. The rates did, at first glance, seem excellent, at \$4.50 a square foot all in. However, given the rents being paid, this figure seems grossly inaccurate and is likely a result of the Chamber calculating rents on a monthly square footage basis, rather than the yearly square footage basis used by all others in town. One more example of why a group of ever changing volunteers should not be in the landlord business.

In conclusion, it seems there was no serious attempt to minimize the disruptions to my business during the Chamber takeover. Instead there were breaches of contract regarding common area items and 90 days notice, alarm change misinformation, failure to answer my original query about rumours that contradicted the line that just the name on the rent cheque was changing, failure to answer a considerate email on making a smooth transition after I thought I finally had some real information with the 90 days notice etc. In my business experience spanning 40 years, this was my worst experience in getting accurate information in a timely manner. And I couldn't just walk away earlier, because the traditional 30 days notice was requested for those not signing the lease.

Finally, I would still like to know the details of the involvement of two of the Chamber executive in my eviction, as they could be in a conflict of interest in this matter. I honestly do not think there was an intentional breach here, but if someone is involved in discussions to evict or move a business to a less desirable location; and that someone is managing a business that offers the same business services, then the matter must be addressed; and an answer should be provided as to how this will be prevented in the future.



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An establishment campaign launched against 'fake news' to try to throw doubt on alternative news sources has backfired spectacularly. The catchy term meant to disparage news not under establishment control is increasing being applied to the MSM itself.

A worthwhile point to remember is that many alternative news sources do carry fake news. The MSM of course report on these and make insinuations that all competing sources are likewise compromised. They do this while ignoring their own terrible transgressions in this regard. Alternative news sources are the only ones honestly reporting on many important matters, such as the Syrian war and how our money system really works. As such, their influence continues to grow. As one commentator put it "the Internet's a driving force in the change from mass media, to 'my media', in which consumers will be their own programmers".

The fake news term looks likely to fade away, as it becomes increasingly meaningless the more it is applied to both sides of the current information wars. What looks likely however, is that the damage done to the credibility of the MSM is permanent, and rightly so. This is a good thing for democracy in the West, where a few huge corporate conglomerates, whose interests are often at odds with the average citizen, attempted to control information through their media empires.

The significant rejection of official news sources has naturally led to a rejection of establishment politics. Canada hit the stage in the West's political rebellion with the election of Rob Ford in Toronto. The establishment did their best to discredit him, with Mr. Ford helping out through his personal peccadillos. However, his popularity did not wane. The MSM could no longer fool most of the people most of the time. Most voters cared more about the issues than the scandals, and liked how Ford was dealing with matters important to them.

The MSM attributed Ford's continuing popularity to such things as he returned his phone calls, the common person could identify with him and

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# TLC FOR YOUR REA

One of the messages the Alberta Federation of REAs (AFREA) puts on materials distributed to our member Rural Electrification Associations (REAs) is that: *"We are here to support you in sustaining the REA way of life in rural Alberta."* It's a message that attempts to get to the heart of why we do what we do.

But we print it and read it so many times, it's easy to stop noticing it.

## SOCIAL CAPITAL: DOES YOUR REA HAVE ANY?

Nothing other than an REA co-op could have brought power to rural Alberta because there was *no social or community will* within government or the private sector to overcome the cost hurdle. That social will, or social capital, still exists today in many rural communities. It shows up in the form of a rural Albertan helping a neighbour plant their crop when sickness gets in the way. It evidences itself in communities that rally around families who have lost loved ones, in order to ensure things get done on the farm that need to be done. Social capital is present when humans come together to cooperate and support one another in meeting a need.

It's that simple... and that complicated.

REAs started with lots of social capital but over time some have lost touch with how to maintain and build it. Others have failed to pass the principles of social capital on to the next generation. This isn't unique to REAs. Studies in the cooperative sector show that co-ops, like any other organization, have a life-cycle. It is normal for co-ops to go through periods of waning social capital.

The big question is what are you going to do about it?

Maybe it is time to get a read on your REA's social capital and then take action. You may need to perform emergency resuscitation, or you may just need to apply some TLC. Whatever the level of re-

sponse, one thing is certain—your REA co-op will not survive and thrive without a strong dose of social capital at work and in action.

It is common to experience lots of cooperation and participation by your members when a co-op is new. Then it is common in any member-based organization to see that level drop and complacency set in. The health of an REA, like any co-op, is tied to the member community and the level of trust and participation in the organization. Coming together to fill a community need fuels social capital. But then what do you do? After sixty or seventy years of mundane existence, social capital can disappear.

## THE SECRET OF SOCIAL CAPITAL

What is the secret to building and maintaining social capital for the long haul?

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## IT IS **COOPERATION** IN ACTION



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other meaningless commentary. The reality can be found on alternative sources online, where Rob Ford is shown cancelling such perks like free trips to the zoo and free parking, along with free rides for the 45 Toronto Councillors and their families. This and other royalty-like prerogatives were estimated to put 25 million to 30 million back into Toronto coffers for such things as helping keep taxes low. Deprived of their treats, most councillors subsequently engaged in such childlike tantrums as turning their backs on Rob Ford when he was speaking in chambers.

Where there is agreement here with the MSM is that there were far better candidates for mayor of Toronto than Rob Ford. What was missing on the MSM side was an awareness of the far more serious deficiencies of their preferred candidates. The MSM choices would have presented a much smoother image, but behind the smiles and soothing words, it would be generally more of the same, with higher taxes, bigger government, less efficiencies; and consequently less individual freedom. Services to the citizens would often play second fiddle to the self-aggrandizement of the elected officials.

The recent election of Doug Ford as premier of Ontario is yet another victory over the establishment forces. Fittingly, he gave brief five to ten minute MSM conferences, while his opponents traditionally took advantage of all the coverage they could get. The MSM bemoaned that this was leaving Mr. Ford 'ill-served' to not engage in the traditional media scrum of shouting reporters. Instead he communicated through calm, short news conferences and put out his message through a non MSM interviewer. The voters didn't seem to mind this lack of the MSM carnival, as Doug Ford went on to win a convincing majority. One of Ford's first moves was to cut Toronto City council from a proposed 47 seats to 25 seats. Some establishment politicians and media columnists are raising an uproar over this. However, in the comments section, the average person is in strong support of Doug Ford's move.

Alberta of course made a huge misstep in its

initial foray into the revolt, with an NDP government made possible by the splitting of the Wild Rose and Progressive Conservative vote. To be fair to Albertans, this result was helped along in no small part by the importation of establishment figure, erstwhile banker, Jim Prentice, God rest his soul. Enough Wild Rose MLAs, including the leader, were seduced by the promises of power that they betrayed their principles and crossed the floor to sit with the PCs. This crippled the Wild Rose going into the next election and the NDP subsequently won with 40% of the vote; well behind the combined total of the PCs and Wildrose.

The United Conservative Party looks poised to win the next election. However, even though leader Jason Kenney will alleviate the tax burden somewhat if he keeps his word about the eliminating the carbon tax and so on, he is again essentially a creature of the Canadian establishment. It is likely he was shipped out west to replace Prentice with the same goal of destroying the Wild Rose Party, which contained just a bit too much real anti-establishment flavour to suit the powers that be.

All that remains out of yet another attack on western populism by the eastern establishment is the Alberta Advantage Party. Erstwhile Wild Rose Party members, who refused to compromise on their principles, established this new political entity. It doesn't have a hope at the polls currently, but at least it provides a home for those who put principles before power.

The big story in North America regarding anti-establishment politics is of course Donald Trump. As one commentator put it "nothing makes the gap between the political establishment and rank and file Americans more evident than the fact that Washington – the national capital and the seat of the federal government – voted 93 per cent for Hillary Clinton". The deep state has forced Trump to backtrack on many of his promises, particularly ones which went against the interests of the military industrial complex. Because Trump is for smaller government, the MSM focusses on his considerable shortcomings, while ignoring or misrepresenting his considerable achievements in many areas

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that promote American interests. But again, less and less people are paying attention to the MSM.

For the rest of the West, the latest setback for the establishment is the election of a populist Italian government that is heavily critical of the EU. An astonishing development was an attempt by the largely ceremonial President of Italy to overturn the democratic vote, and bring in an ex IMF banker to run the country's finances. Imagine if our Governor General insisted on appointing Canada's finance minister? After some tense weeks, this direct attack on democracy by the establishment was beaten back. With the Brexit vote, advocating withdrawal from the EU, the Brits have tentatively joined the revolutionary side. All across Europe, anti-establishment parties are making significant gains.

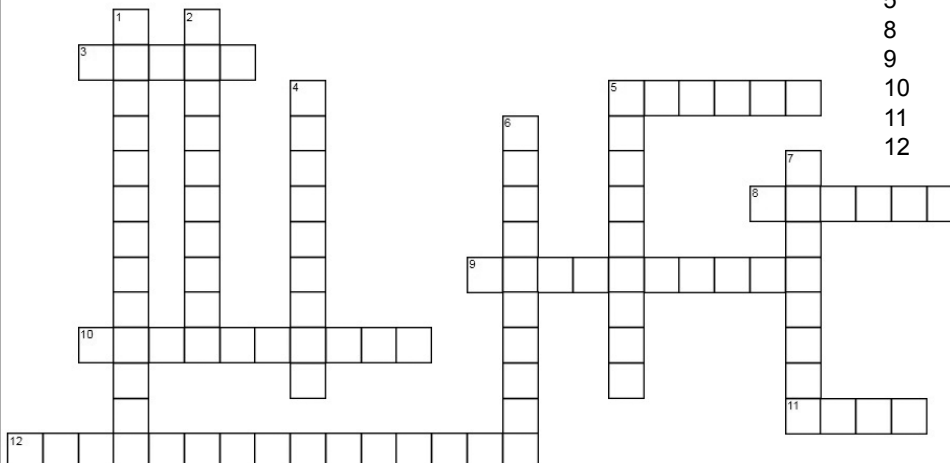
The backdrop to the revolt in the West, is the ascendancy of the East allied under the leadership of China and Russia. One of their organizations, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) represents almost half of the world's population, with the recent addition of India and Pakistan. Regarding the 2018 meetings of the G7 and SCO, Adam Garrie, a geopolitics expert wrote: "It is virtually guaranteed that the SCO meeting hosted by Xi Jinping will be more objectively successful than the G7 meeting hosted by Justin Trudeau."

Russia already tossed out the establishment, plundering oligarchs, and Putin enjoys by far the highest approval ratings of any leader of a major nation for doing so. Russia's primary sin is not reunification with Crimea, which was cut off from Russia and put under the Ukrainian soviet administration by the previous U.S.S.R some decades ago. Crimea's Russian majority naturally voted to rejoin their mother country, once the western backed coup against the democratically elected Ukraine leader succeeded, as they knew the people behind the coup were the same gang that brought the criminal oligarchs to power. Russia's primary sin is that they are increasing rejecting the world monetary fraud, and consequently have a far better balance sheet now that most Western countries, including the U.S. and Canada.

It's been a long bumpy road in our political evolution. The goal, as always, is to protect individual rights from those who would abuse them, laying the groundwork for more freedom. The preeminent German philosopher Friedrich Hegel perhaps summed this up best with "the history of the world is none other than the progress of the consciousness of freedom". As always, there are those who seek to use dishonest means to obtain as much power over the lives of others as possible, at high and low levels. But now, more and more, there are dissenting voices, made increasingly effective through our new technologies.

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## Fox in the Hen House: Why Interest Rates Are Rising

by Ellen Brown

*Editor's Note: As usual, the same developments are underway in Canada, and the same dynamics are at play here. Although currency in circulation will have a country's name on it, the most significant impacts on how many dollars are in circulation comes from decisions made on an international level; many through the Bank of International Settlements.*



The Fed is aggressively raising interest rates, although inflation is contained, private debt is already at 150% of GDP, and rising variable rates could push borrowers into insolvency. So what is driving the Fed's push to "tighten"?

At the end of March the Federal Reserve raised its benchmark interest rate for the sixth time in 3 years and signaled its intention to raise rates twice more in 2018, aiming for a fed funds target of 3.5% by 2020. LIBOR (the London Interbank Offered Rate) has risen even faster than the fed funds rate, up to 2.3% from just 0.3% 2-1/2 years ago. LIBOR is set in London by private agreement of the biggest banks, and the interest on \$3.5 trillion globally is linked to it, including \$1.2 trillion in consumer mortgages.

Alarmed commentators warn that global debt levels have reached \$233 trillion, more than three times global GDP; and that much of that debt is at variable rates pegged either to the Fed's interbank lending rate or to LIBOR. Raising rates further could push governments, businesses and homeowners over the edge. In its Global Financial Stability report in April 2017, the International Monetary Fund warned that projected interest rises could throw 22% of US corporations into default.

Then there is the US federal debt, which has

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more than doubled since the 2008 financial crisis, shooting up from \$9.4 trillion in mid-2008 to over \$21 trillion in April 2018. Adding to that debt burden, the Fed has announced that it will be dumping its government bonds acquired through quantitative easing at the rate of \$600 billion annually. It will sell \$2.7 trillion in federal securities at the rate of \$50 billion monthly beginning in October. Along with a government budget deficit of \$1.2 trillion, that's nearly \$2 trillion in new government debt that will need financing annually. (Canadian Federal, Provincial and household debt are also at historically alarming levels, as is widely publicized by even the mainstream media).

If the Fed follows through with its plans, projections are that by 2027, US taxpayers will owe \$1 trillion annually just in interest on the federal debt. That is enough to fund President Trump's original trillion dollar infrastructure plan every year. And it is a direct transfer of wealth from the middle class to the

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wealthy investors holding most of the bonds. Where will this money come from? Even crippling taxes, wholesale privatization of public assets, and elimination of social services will not cover the bill.

With so much at stake, why is the Fed increasing interest rates and adding to government debt levels? Its proffered justifications don't pass the smell test.

### "Faith-Based" Monetary Policy

In setting interest rates, the Fed relies on a policy tool called the "Phillips curve," which allegedly shows that as the economy nears full employment, prices rise. The presumption is that workers with good job prospects will demand higher wages, driving prices up. But the Phillips curve has proven virtually useless in predicting inflation, according to the Fed's own data. Former Fed Chairman Janet Yellen has admitted that the data fails to support the thesis, and so has Fed Governor Lael Brainard. Minneapolis Fed President Neel Kashkari calls the continued reliance on the Phillips curve "faith-based" monetary policy. But the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC), which sets monetary policy, is undeterred.

"Full employment" is considered to be 4.7% unemployment. When unemployment drops below that, alarm bells sound and the Fed marches into action. The official unemployment figure ignores the great mass of discouraged unemployed who are no longer looking for work, and it includes people working part-time or well below capacity. But the Fed follows models and numbers, and as of April 2018, the official unemployment rate had dropped to 4.3%. Based on its Phillips curve projections, the FOMC is therefore taking steps to aggressively tighten the money supply.

The notion that shrinking the money supply will prevent inflation is based on another controversial model, the monetarist dictum that "inflation is always and everywhere a monetary phenomenon": inflation is always caused by "too much money

chasing too few goods." That can happen, and it is called "demand-pull" inflation. But much more common historically is "cost-push" inflation: prices go up

because producers' costs go up. And a major producer cost is the cost of borrowing money. Merchants and manufacturers must borrow in order to pay wages before their products are sold, to build factories, buy equipment and expand. Rather than lowering price inflation, the predictable result of increased interest rates will be to drive consumer prices up, slowing markets and increasing unemployment — another Great Recession. Increasing interest rates is supposed to cool an "overheated" economy by slowing loan growth, but lending is not growing today. Economist Steve Keen has shown that at about

150% private debt to GDP, countries and their populations do not take on more debt. Rather, they pay down their debts, contracting the money supply; and that is where we are now.

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## Shop Local portal comes to Whitecourt

I first ran across the Shopcity.com idea in 2009, and considered taking on this franchise in Whitecourt. However, I had enough on my plate. I did keep abreast of how this Canadian/American partnership was developing. The idea here is to help small businesses compete with chain stores and on-line shopping. A key part is leveraging an IT team to create an online presence for businesses that could

never afford to do so by themselves.

Now Arlene and Bryan Merrill have taken the plunge and brought the Shopcity.com franchise to Whitecourt. As the franchisee website explains:

It's true that more than half of all jobs are created by small businesses and that local businesses return 3 times more to their communities than chains. But what makes local really matter is unique to each of us...

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For some people it's a desire to protect their local economy. For others it feels good to be known by name at local shops. The environmental benefits of minimizing transport are important to many of us. And who doesn't want to create local jobs and support local entrepreneurs? For all those reasons and more, shopping locally makes sense and is the best way to create a more sustainable, prosperous and pleasurable world to live in.

Personally, I'd love to see if this website can expand its coupon idea to where a digital local currency could be implemented. There are successful experiments in this concept around the world, but a main drawback has always been the number of volunteer hours required. As new technology develops, this barrier could be on the way out.

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The Fed's reliance on the Phillips curve does not withstand scrutiny. But rather than abandoning the model, the Fed cites "transitory factors" to explain away inconsistencies in the data. In a December 2017 article in The Hill, Tate Lacey observed that the Fed has been using this excuse ever since 2012, citing one "transitory factor" after another, from temporary movements in oil prices, to declining import prices and dollar strength, to falling energy prices, to changes in wireless plans and prescription drugs. The excuse is wearing thin.

The Fed also claims that the effects of its monetary policies lag behind the reported data, making the current rate hikes necessary to prevent problems in the future. But as Lacey observes, GDP is not a lagging indicator, and it shows that the Fed's policy is failing. Over the last two years, leading up to and continuing through the Fed's tightening cycle, nominal GDP growth averaged just over 3%; while in the two prior years,

nominal GDP grew at more than 4%. Thus "the most reliable indicator of the stance of monetary policy, nominal GDP, is already showing the contractionary impact of the Fed's policy decisions," says Lacey, "signaling that its plan will result in further monetary tightening, or worse, even recession."

“The largest U.S. lenders could each make at least \$1 billion in additional pretax profit in 2018 from a jump in rates,,

### Follow the Money

If the Phillips curve, the inflation rate and loan growth don't explain the push for higher interest rates, what does? The answer was suggested in an April 12th Bloomberg article by Yalman Onaran, titled "Surging LIBOR, Once a Red Flag, Is Now a Cash Machine for Banks." He wrote:

The largest U.S. lenders could each make at least \$1 billion in additional pretax profit in 2018 from a jump in the London interbank offered rate for dollars, based on data disclosed by the companies. That's because customers who take out loans are forced to

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pay more as Libor rises while the banks' own cost of credit has mostly held steady.

During the 2008 crisis, high LIBOR rates meant capital markets were frozen, since the banks' borrowing rates were too high for them to turn a profit. But US banks are not dependent on the short-term overseas markets the way they were a decade ago. They are funding much of their operations through deposits, and the average rate paid by the largest US banks on their deposits climbed only about 0.1% last year, despite a 0.75% rise in the fed funds rate. Most banks don't reveal how much of their lending is at variable rates or is indexed to LIBOR, but Oneran comments:

JPMorgan Chase & Co., the biggest U.S. bank, said in its 2017 annual report that \$122 billion of wholesale loans were at variable rates. Assuming those were all indexed to Libor, the 1.19 percentage-point increase in the rate in the past year would mean \$1.45 billion in additional income.

Raising the fed funds rate can be the same sort of cash cow for US banks. According to a December 2016 Wall Street Journal article titled "Banks' Interest-Rate Dreams Coming True":

While struggling with ultralow interest rates, major banks have also been publishing regular updates on how well they would

do if interest rates suddenly surged upward. . . . Bank of America . . . says a 1-percentage-point rise in short-term rates would add \$3.29 billion. . . . [A] back-of-the-envelope calculation suggests an incremental \$2.9 billion of extra pretax income in 2017, or 11.5% of the bank's expected 2016 pretax profit . . .

As observed in an April 12 article on Seeking Alpha:

*“Even a modest rise in interest rates will send large flows of money to the banking sector. This will be cost-push inflationary as finance is a part of almost everything we do, and the cost of business and living will rise because of it for no gain.”*

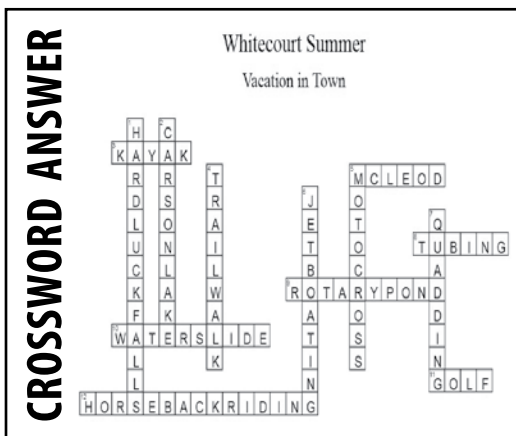
About half of mortgages are . . . adjusting rate mortgages [ARMs] with trigger points that allow for automatic rate increases, often at much more than the official rate rise. . . .

One can see why the financial sector is keen for rate rises as they have mined the economy with exploding rate loans and need the consumer to get caught in the minefield.

Even a modest rise in interest rates will send large flows of money to the banking sector. This will be cost-push inflationary as finance is a part of almost everything we do, and the cost of business and living will rise because of it for no gain.

Cost-push inflation will drive up the Consumer Price Index, ostensibly justifying further increases in the interest rate, in a self-fulfilling prophecy in which the FOMC will say, "We tried – we just couldn't keep up with the CPI."

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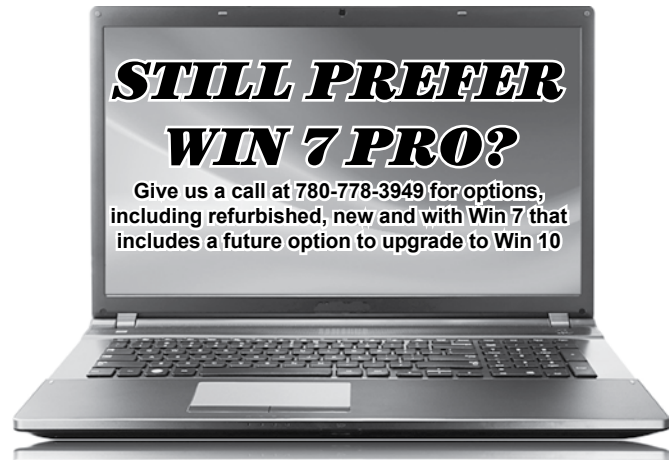
## A Closer Look at the FOMC

The FOMC is composed of the Federal Reserve's seven-member Board of Governors, the president of the New York Fed, and four presidents from the other 11 Federal Reserve Banks on a rotating basis. All 12 Federal Reserve Banks are corporations, the stock of which is 100% owned by the banks in their districts; and New York is the district of Wall Street. The Board of Governors currently has four vacancies, leaving the member banks in majority control of the FOMC. Wall Street calls the shots; and Wall Street stands to make a bundle off rising interest rates.

The Federal Reserve calls itself "independent," but it is independent only of government. It marches to the drums of the banks that are its private owners. To prevent another Great Recession or Great Depression, Congress needs to amend the Federal Reserve Act, nationalize the Fed, and turn it into a public utility, one that is responsive to the needs of the public and the economy. (Ed. The Bank of Canada is already nationalized, but is not being used for its intended

purpose of serving the public. What is more, the B of C has previously served as a public utility, creating half the money supply to end the Great Depression and help keep interest rates low in the post war era; enabling the construction of many great infrastructure projects, like the St. Lawrence Seaway, all while keeping government debt low).

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