



# The Passport

World Affairs Council of the Monterey Bay Area (www.wacmb.org)

December 2016

## THE UNITED STATES AND LIBYA IN THE AGE OF ISIS

**Dr. Ethan Chorin, CEO, Perim Associates**

**Friday, December 16, 2016**

**11:30 am registration ~ noon luncheon ~ 1:00-2:00 program**

**Rancho Canada, Carmel Valley Road**

In March 2011, the United States intervened in Libya, ostensibly hoping to tip the balance in the region towards greater popular participation following the outbreak of the Arab Spring. Instead, we inadvertently facilitated a counter-revolution in the North African country where radical tendencies were not only weak, but highly unpopular. In that context, the attack on the U.S. mission in Benghazi assumed particular importance—not only for the future of Libya, but also the 2016 American presidential election. The oil-rich country is now riven by ISIS and various militias fighting for power.



Join us when our guest, Ethan Chorin, evaluates the Obama administration's legacy in Libya and North Africa and addresses the question of what might be expected from a Trump Presidency in Libya and the wider region.

Dr. Ethan Chorin is CEO of Perim Associates, LLC, a legal and policy consultancy focused on the Middle East and Africa. Chorin was one of a small number of U.S. diplomats posted to Libya at the start of the U.S.-Libya rapprochement (2004-2006) and returned to Libya East several times during and after the revolution, most recently in October 2016. He was a member of President Obama's Foreign Policy Advisory Group for the 2008 campaign and testified before Congress on the Benghazi attack. He is author of two books on Libya, *Translating Libya* (2008/2015) and *Exit the Colonel: the Hidden History of the Libyan Revolution* (2012). His articles have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, the *Financial Times* and other major publications.

*(Please see page 3 for reservation details.)*

### Calendar of Events

Thursday, December 1	Board meets in Conference Room, McCone building, MIIS. Open to members.	4:30 pm
Monday, December 5	OLLI Great Decisions Discussion Group, meets at 8 Upper Ragsdale Drive, 2nd floor, Ryan Ranch.	4-5:30 pm
Monday, December 12	<i>Looking Ahead to the South China Sea.</i> Discussion Group meets in Room 101, Social Science building, MPC.	4-5:30 pm
Wednesday, December 14	WAC Book Club meets at Monterey Public Library, Community Room reviewing <i>Hillbilly Elegy</i> by J. D. Vance.	5-6:30 pm
Friday, December 16	<i>The United States and Libya in the Age of Isis.</i> Luncheon and presentation at Rancho Canada, Carmel Valley Road	11:30—2 pm

## October program report ...on

### *Foreign Policy and the Presidential Election: A Nonpartisan Assessment*

At the October World Affairs Council lunch, Professor John Arquilla, Chair of the Department of Defense Analysis, Graduate School of Operational and Information Sciences at the Naval Postgraduate School, examined how each party's candidate for president (Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, and Green) might approach national security. Among the issues the new president will face are: Russia, challenges to NATO, China's actions in Asia, and Iran and North Korea's nuclear ambitions. In addition many players and powers have shown a capacity for waging cybernet warfare against Europe and the U.S. which threatens to disrupt the infrastructure societies depend on.

Gail Sheridan

#### **BOOK CLUB**

*Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J.D. Vance is the appropriate selection to be reviewed at the next meeting of the World Affairs Council's new Book Club on December 14 from 5-6:30 pm in the large Community Room of the Monterey Public Library.

*Hillbilly Elegy* is #1 on the New York Times Bestseller List and is ranked four out of five stars on Amazon.

According to the Kirkus Review of books "*Hillbilly Elegy*" is "A Yale Law School graduate's account of his traumatic hillbilly childhood and the plight of the American angry white working class." Detailing life in the Marines and at Yale Vance "...learned to make responsible adult choices and overcome the learned helplessness that characterizes many in the working class" - a class "whose health and economic problems are making headlines this election year."

Attendance is free and open to the public. Contact the WAC office 831-643-1855 for information.



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Every dollar received counts! I urge those who have never donated to this fund in prior years to consider making an end-of-the-year donation now. I thank our past donors and hope their generosity will continue.

With best wishes to all,  
Naomi Terman

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December 16, 2016  
Registration 11:30 am  
Luncheon at noon  
Program 1 pm

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Mail form & check or credit information to:  
WAC - P.O. Box 83, Monterey, CA 93942  
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**LUNCHEON MENU**

*Hearts of Romaine Salad with  
Walnuts and Raspberry Vinaigrette*

*Chicken Marsala  
with  
Portabella Mushrooms  
Roasted Red Potatoes and  
Vegetable Medley*

*Chef's Choice Dessert*

*(vegetarian)  
Pasta Primavera*



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