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discrepancies have been found so far? Does it appear that the recount could result in Hillary Clinton's election?

G.P.: Yes, the recount could change the result. We know because of a massive "red shift" — the fact that the exit polls showed Clinton winning all these states. It indicates that people *thought* they voted (for Clinton), but didn't realize their vote was voided — their provisional ballot rejected, their ballot tagged as under- or over-voted, etc.

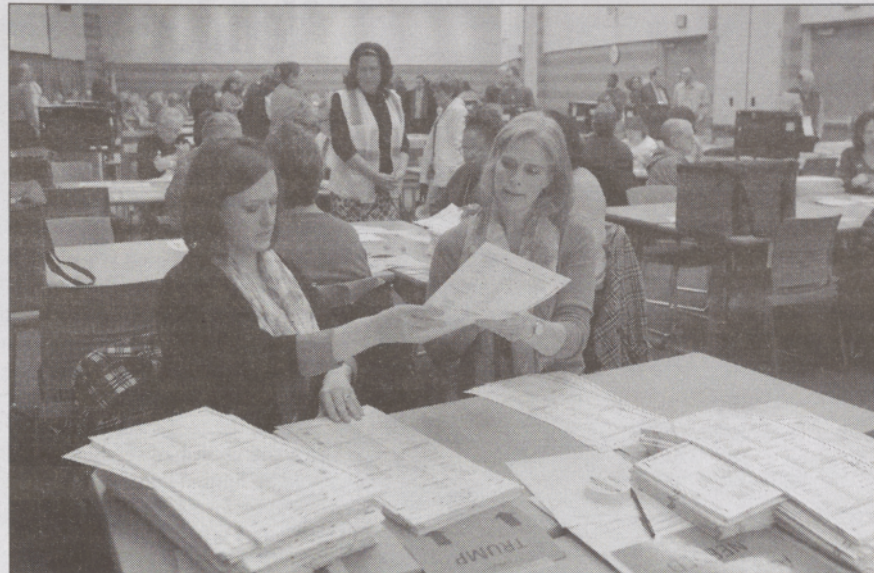
S.Q.: *Portland has been described as an epicenter for street demonstrations against Donald Trump. Do you have any message for the protestors here and around the country?*

G.P.: Oregon has the fewest voting problems of any state in the nation. So, I'm glad that the "voting privileged" are marching for the rest of us. Glad people are opening their mouths. Democracy should not go gently into that good night. Now, Portlandians, open your ears and eyes. Get the info on *how* the vote is stolen, so we can rebuild a voting rights movement to preserve what we have.

An easy way to begin is to watch the movie, "The Best Democracy Money Can Buy" or, hell, read the book. In the film, I show you how Trump would steal it. He did, exact to the plan. If a movie or book is too much for you to handle, you can get the free comic book by Portland's own resident genius with a pen, Keith Tucker. "The Best Democracy Money Can Buy" is a free download at GregPalast.com

S.Q.: *You've written that up to 1.1 million voters had their registrations erased before this election, mostly voters of color across 30 states. Isn't this illegal? Who can stop this?*

G.P.: That's Crosscheck, explained in my Rolling Stone series and in my movie and comic book. It's the system described above of falsely saying Maria Isabel Hernandez of Virginia is the same voter as Maria Cristina



Oakland County clerks count election ballots during a recount of presidential ballots in Waterford Township, Mich., Dec. 5.

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Hernandez of Louisiana — and both lose their right to vote. It's mad, it's racist, and yes, it's utterly illegal. Congressman Alcee Hastings of Florida said, "I'm a former federal judge — and I know a criminal conspiracy when I see one. These people (Kobach and the GOP operatives who run the system) ought to be indicted."

Hastings asked the U.S. Attorney General to do just that. But, as we all know, the Obama Justice Department moves slowly. I'm going to Washington to meet with Justice — joined by the leaders of 18 Million Rising bringing tens of thousands of signatures of pissed-off Asian-Americans who are targeted by Crosscheck. The idea is to open the investigation before Trump's man, Jeff

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Sessions, an Alabama race-baiting con man, becomes Attorney General.

S.Q.: *A leader of one of Trump's PACs, Carl Higbie, recently cited Japanese internment as sound legal precedent for a proposed "Muslim registry." Do you see a relationship between comments like this and the racist impact of the Crosscheck system?*

G.P.: There's an intimate relationship: the man who created the so-called Muslim-tracking software is the same guy, Kris Kobach of Kansas, who operates Crosscheck. Worse, Kobach's the odds-on favorite as Trump's choice to run Homeland Security. I hope you look good in orange.

S.Q.: *You recently wrote that "Stopping Crosscheck is the Standing Rock of racist vote suppression." What do you mean by that?*

G.P.: Sameera Khan is my correspondent in Standing Rock, where one of 10 thousand poisonous, Earth-murdering pipelines has been stopped. Symbolically, it slowed the snake — and, as she notes, that single story of the Lakota told the story that steady, implacable resistance is what wins the battle and ultimately the war. It's how Martin Luther King, Jr. won the Voting Rights Act, as he said, "Steady, loving confrontation."

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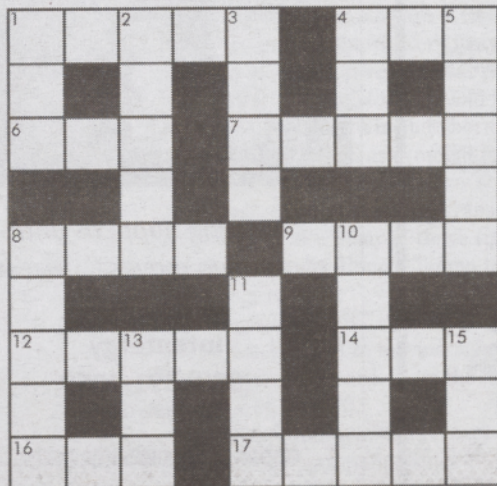
S.Q.: *Donald Trump once promised to demand a recount if he lost the election. Now he is against counting the votes.*

G.P.: He's a coward and a hypocrite, in other words, the perfect presidential candidate.

S.Q.: *What can people do if they want to support the recount effort and ongoing coverage of voter suppression?*

G.P.: What the recount needs now is to spread real information about the effort — what it can do (see above), what it doesn't do (hunt for Russians) and what it can't do — there's so much obstruction by GOP officials that I have doubts whether a real recount is possible. So, rip out this interview, make copies and spread it around. Or, a bit easier, pass it around electronically — and follow my reports at GregPalast.com. Also, BBC, The Guardian, Democracy Now, The Thom Hartman show, even the comedy program "Lee Camp's Redacted" on RT (a Russian network) is better than the mainstream crapola coming from the idiot box.

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- 12. Ground grain
- 14. The gift of ___
- 16. Tease or ridicule
- 17. Francis or Kevin?

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