

SPOTLIGHT

# The Pain and Suffering of a Malicious Prosecution

By Joseph Snook  
Investigative Journalist

**Pahrump Nevada, 2011** – An attempt by Manuel “Manny” Mairs to inform Child Protective Services (CPS) of a traumatic situation involving his daughter (“Girl” Mairs) has left Mr. Mairs and wife Jackie, desperate for justice. Manny and Jackie Mairs of Federal Way Washington are fighting to pick up the pieces of a nightmare turned reality, that has cost them something money can’t replace.  
At only five years old, in early



Manuel Mairs

2006, while in the custody of and living with her mother Charleen (Manuel Mairs former wife), her former step father Frank Toppo and her step brothers, Girl Mairs was reportedly sexually abused. The allegations were against Frank Toppo’s sons and two neighbor boys, which was later confirmed by the Toppo’s then live in nanny, Marcia Shockley. Allegations were very serious and warranted CPS involvement once Girl Mairs described these events to her father, and police officer, Manuel Mairs.  
Little did Manuel know,

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# Corrupt Star Chamber Conviction Paul Anderson of Snohomish, WA Fights for His Vindication

A loving family struggling through a false prosecution...

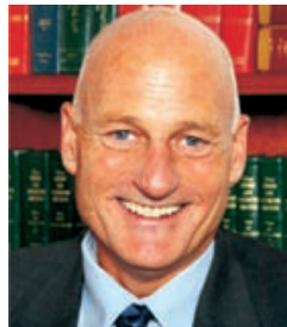
By Edward Snook  
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**Snohomish County, Washington** – On October 15, 2006, then 56-year-old Paul Anderson of Snohomish County was arrested by Sheriff Deputies and charged with Assault in the 4th-Degree DV (Domestic Violence).

Paul and Floydeen Anderson



Shortly after returning home from a Gun Show in Puyallup WA., Paul Anderson and his wife Floydeen were then confronted with their out of



Snohomish Prosecutor Mark Roe

control daughter Elizabeth, who was under the dangerous influence of Methamphetamine (Meth). Elizabeth had suffered from a Bipolar condition for a number of years. She substituted her medication with Meth

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# The Power of the Jury!

- Update on Juror’s Rights -

By Jeanne Wollman & Curt Chanler

Written in 2004, “Jury Rights! Jury Nullification” became an internet sensation and a regularly referenced work regarding the true responsibilities of a jury. Now, seven

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# Pursued by Medford Police? An Unwarranted Situation Faced by the Libby Brothers

By Joseph Snook  
Investigative Journalist

**Medford, Oregon** - After a good turn of recent events for the brothers and owners of Jackson County Security, Don and Jason Libby, a new twist occurs in their case, causing concern for themselves and their company.



Jason and Don Libby

On February 24, 2011, Donald Libby’s security license was reinstated following his suspension by the Oregon Department of Public Safety and Standards Training (DPSST) in early February, 2011. The suspension was originally instated pending the

outcome of his false, impersonating a peace officer felony citation by Medford Police Department (MPD) Officers, Sgt. Ianieri and Officer Reimer on January 23, 2010.

After further review of DPSST’s own regulations, it was apparent that Don was within his rights to retain his license, since he was never formally charged; only cited.

On March 21, 2011, Don Libby was informed that his felony citation was dropped, after Jackson County District Attorney Mark Huddleston reviewed the felony citation – rightfully deciding not to pursue charges.

What was apparently a divisive attack on the Libby’s by a few MPD officers became even more apparent when our story made headlines in February. The amount of support from Jackson County residents coupled with

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# Abusive Ex-Prosecutor Gets Slammed in Bar Complaint



Jody Vaughan

By Edward Snook  
Investigative Journalist

**Oregon** - On March 22, 2011 Oregon resident Kevin Driscoll filed an Oregon State Bar complaint against former Deschutes County, Oregon prosecutor Jody Stutsman Vaughan.

Vaughan relentlessly pursued Driscoll from January 23, 2009, when false rape charges were filed against him, until October 6, 2010, when a Deschutes County

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# Montana False Charges Result in Million Dollar Suit

By Edward Snook  
Investigative Journalist

**Stillwater County, Montana** - On January 5, 2007, Molt, Montana resident Steven Slyder was arrested and charged with Violation of a Protective Order, Intimidation and Rape. The Protective Orders were dismissed on January 8, 2008. On February 19, 2008, the Intimidation and Rape charges were dismissed by Stillwater County Attorney John Petak.



Seven-time convicted drunk driver and false accuser, Susan Maki Schaff

# “My Dearest Sweet Steve”

~ Susan Maki Schaff

Susan Maki-Schaff of Molt, Montana accused Slyder of raping her on the night of October 30, 2006. In the days following the alleged rape, Maki wrote love letters to Slyder, which were eventually used by Slyder’s attorney to force Petak to drop the

false criminal charges. The charges were supposed to be dropped with prejudice, meaning they couldn’t be brought up again, however they were dismissed without prejudice, leaving them hanging over Slyder ever since.

On the night of the false rape allegation an alleged

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**April, 2011** - After nearly nine years without the Pledge of Allegiance, Southern Oregon’s Rogue River High School is once again reciting the pledge, due to the persistence of student Chandler Cort.

During the last nine months, Chandler has encountered many

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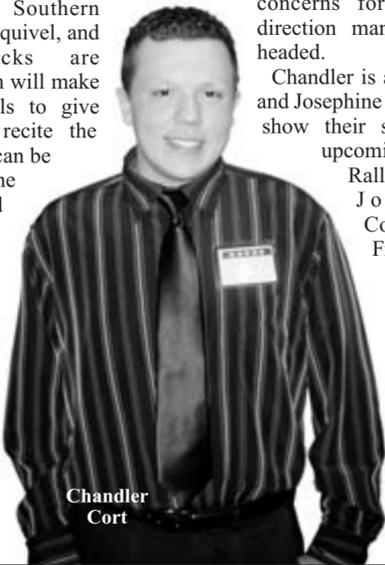
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obstacles, with an end result that is yet to be determined. Rogue River High School is now, reciting the pledge each Monday morning, over the school intercom, and Chandler has been asked to lead this for the school. This weekly reciting meets the current Oregon State Law on this issue (ORS 339.875), but many in the local community including students at Rogue River High would rather have the Pledge recited daily.

Chandler along with Southern Oregon State Reps, Sal Esquivel, and Co sponsor Wally Hicks are promoting HB3604, which will make it law for public schools to give students the option to recite the pledge, daily. The pledge can be added into the daily routine at no cost to the schools and takes less than 30 seconds to recite.

This breaking issue was first reported by the US-Observer in January and has since received attention from other local media, giving Chandler and his fellow students who have signed his petition the drive to push this issue at a "state level."

HB3604 will make its



Chandler Cort

way through legislation this year, and our elected officials need to know that our families and schools support this issue, especially during times like these.

Chandler has attended several meetings hosted by local groups, Wake Up America Southern Oregon - wuaso.com - Friends of Josephine County, and the Republican Lincoln's Dinner, all of which support our community, not only voicing his concerns for the pledge, but the direction many feel our country is headed.

Chandler is asking that both Jackson and Josephine County Oregon residents show their support and attend the upcoming Tax Day Tea Party Rally, held in front of the Josephine County Courthouse at 5:30 pm Friday April 15, 2011.

Chandler and concerned residents of Southern Oregon hope to see you on the 15th!

For those unable to attend, please show your support and spread this article to your friends via Facebook or email; others may be in need of the Pledge, too!

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short years later much has happened that further compromises the jury system.

Our Courts have systematically stonewalled juries when it comes to the knowledge of their right to decide not only the case but the law. Even Black's Law Dictionary (Sixth Edition) defines "Jury" as "A certain number of men and women selected according to law, and sworn to inquire of certain matters of fact, and declare the truth upon evidence to be laid before them." Informed jurors must educate themselves to prevent this from happening. Schools do not teach the Constitution of the United States on even the most rudimentary level, much less the rights and duties of a juror. In fact, when in school did you ever see "juror" on a spelling test?

The majority of candidates for elected office have never read much less studied the Constitution before swearing an oath to defend it. Consequently, how can we presume to think they know anything about the rights and duties of a juror? How can we expect them to intelligently make laws that do not further impinge on our rights when they don't know the basic concepts of our Constitution and the rights and duties listed? And that these rights and duties are imposed on government for our protection not theirs! Rights that we lose if we are ignorant of them.

The justice system has become such a quagmire of deceit, power, and graft that it no longer resembles what our forefathers envisioned. Do you know one of the first things a law student learns - there is no right and wrong! Do you know that one of the main precepts of an attorney is - protect yourself! Don't worry about right or wrong. Don't worry about truth and justice. Just remember that as an attorney you'll have to come before this judge and this system many times. The client rarely comes before the court; they have no real knowledge of the law, so all too often they are thrown under the bus by their attorney in favor of his aspirations and livelihood!

The Courts are mandated to enforce laws that all too often are not constitutional. They are not to make law; they are to enforce the law as written by our legislatures. Others have an agenda and as such are far too willing to bend or ignore or re-write law in order to fit that agenda. They have become militant in imposing law on us that falls far outside our Constitutional rights and their Constitutional limitations.

Today it is a whole new set of legal definitions that we labor under! If you do not believe that go to a pre-1970 Black's Law Dictionary and see how the definitions of many words have changed. Or follow a law back to its inception and see the amendments and changes made to the original, which wipes out or turns around its intended meaning.

This is why all laws must be written to conform to the U. S. and State constitutions. This is why we must elect representatives that have the courage, knowledge and backbone to bring our country back to Constitutional Law. We must also bring back morality to our country so our legal system defines their practice with truth and justice.

As a juror it is imperative that you know your rights - your duties. These must be learned on your own as the judge is not bound to tell you the truth about your rights or your duties. As a judge he will tell you what he wants even if it runs counter to the truth. That is why it is your responsibility to know that

you have not only the right but the duty to judge not only the case but also the law as it pertains to the case you are hearing.

Be prepared to stand alone when not submitting to the dictates of a judge. Even other jury members may oppose you. Be prepared to educate them. To be selected to a jury is one of the most important positions a citizen can enjoy. It should take precedence over all other concerns. It is a position of importance that few other countries afford their citizens.



Jury Rights!  
Jury Nullification

By Curt Chanler & Jeanne Wollman  
2004 - US-Observer Exclusive



Too often Americans forget they were guaranteed a republican form of government with democratic elections in order to protect our sovereignty as citizens. But even with this protection our elected representatives occasionally make laws that are not well received by the electorate.

Fortunately our forefathers anticipated that problem. They gave us a clear, basic, and forthright method of correcting unacceptable laws. It is jury nullification. Jury nullification allows the citizen to judge the law as it applies to the case.

A citizen's last bastion of justice is a trial by a jury of his peers. The judiciary has

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National Grange  
Resolutions for a Stronger America

Reject The United Nations Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)

The National Grange is the nation's oldest national agricultural organization, with grassroots units established in 37 states. Its 300,000 members provide service to agriculture and rural areas on a wide variety of issues, including economic development, education, family endeavors, and legislation designed to assure a strong and viable Rural America. It was formed in the years following the American Civil War to unite private citizens in improving the economic and social position of the nation's farm population. Over the past 137 years, it has evolved to include non-farm rural families and communities.

Each year, a listing of more than 1,400 issues of concern is published and distributed by the National Grange.

Each edition we feature another Grange resolution so you can see the issues that the Grange has taken-up in order to defend America's liberties.



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**Whereas:** These European Union (EU) dietary control laws have lead to high prices on vitamins. For example, zinc in Germany costs \$54.00 a bottle and a 3-4 day supply of synthetic Vitamin E costs close to \$200.00.

**Whereas:** Per the trade laws agreement, Article 3 of Sanitary Phytosanitary Measure (SPS) reads: To harmonize sanitary and phytosanitary measures on as wide a basis as possible, members shall base their food safety measures on international standards, guidelines or recommendations. This will make each of the Codex guidelines mandatory for all member nations of the United Nations World Trade Organization (WTO). If the United States of America doesn't comply, a Dispute Settlement Body will use the treat of trade sanctions and punitive taxes until the United States Congress repeals our food laws.

**Whereas:** The only way to save our food laws and the Dietary Supplement Health Education Act of 1994 (DSHEA) is for the United States to withdraw from the (W.T.O.) Remember, food control equals people control.

**Whereas:** The United Nations Codex Alimentarius Commission is another vehicle for consolidating powers for a one-world government.

**Therefore be it resolved:** That the Oregon State Grange requests the U.S. Congress defend our U.S. Constitution from all enemies both foreign and domestic by rejecting the United Nations Codex Alimentarius Commission's laws and withdraw the United States from the World Trade Organization.

*This resolution was adopted by the Deer Creek Grange #371 at its regular meeting held on May 8, 2006*

*This resolution was adopted by the Oregon State Grange at its 133rd Annual Session held at Molalla, Oregon, week of June 19-23, 2006.*

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Matthew, You Will Always Be Remembered

# Matthew James DeYoung - The Man, The Legend

### US-Observer

April 2011 – Almost two months have passed since an IED (improvised explosive device) took the life of Marine Sergeant, Matthew DeYoung of Southern Oregon. It was his second encounter with an IED, and one that cost him his life during a combat mission in southwestern Afghanistan's Helmand province.

"He was a marine since day one" stated DeYoung's mother, Teddi. His father Bruce who was also a Marine, and mother Teddi had coincidentally met at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, the same Marine Camp where Matthew was stationed prior to his deployment in Afghanistan.

"The world needs to know we lost a great Marine, a great son, husband, father and brother," said Bruce DeYoung, Matthew's father.

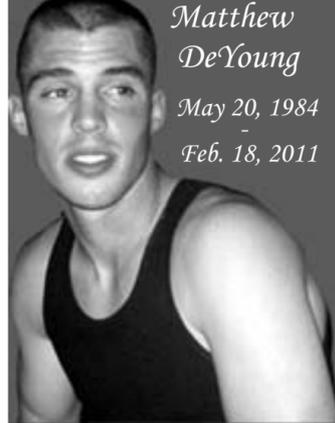
While remembering phone calls with Matthew, Bruce stated, "Even if we got disconnected, we would call back to say, 'I love you,' that was a family rule."

While speaking with Matthew's Father-in-law Tom Richmond, he said "if you ever had a son-in-law, you'd want him to be just like Matt."

During his enlistment, Matthew earned more than a dozen military honors: Purple Heart with a gold star, Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation, Good Conduct Medal with a bronze star, National Defence Ribbon, Afghan Campaign with a bronze star, Iraq Campaign with two bronze stars, Global War on Terrorism, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with two bronze stars, NATO Isaf-Afghanistan award, Navy/Marine Corps Parachute Insignia, Rival Expert 4th Award and Pistol Expert

Award.

As the DeYoung family left behind grieves, his mother Teddi stated, "It's been nine years (since the war in Afghanistan began), and what impact has it had? We are losing our sons and our daughters."



Matthew DeYoung  
May 20, 1984  
Feb. 18, 2011

"...in the dead of winter, Sgt Matthew J. DeYoung of the United States Marine Corps was put to rest at the Eagle Point National Cemetery outside Medford. As the guns were fired and taps was played you could see the snow in the surrounding hills. In front of me there was a man in a gray civilian suite that matched the gray of his hair. Prior to the ceremony he had stood at parade rest with

his hands behind his back. As the casket was taken from the hearse by the Marine Corps Honor Guard he came to formal attention where he stayed till the end of the ceremony. His back was ramrod straight, his hands cupped at his side. Two helicopters flew over in formation with Old Glory hung from one. A bagpiper played "Amazing Grace" and the Marine Corps Hymn."--Jim Wickre

A time for remember that many lives have been lost in this war and their families are left to pick up the pieces; one day at a time. I appreciate the courage Matthew exhausted to help do what he thought was necessary to defend our freedom's. He is a fallen soldier who will be remembered, always.

Matthew DeYoung is survived by his wife Aisha, Daughter, McKenzie who is now three years old, father Bruce, mother Teddi, sister Mandi, brother Bryce, sister Taylor, many other family members and friends, who will keep him in their hearts, forever.

Please help his cause and donate to the Matthew DeYoung Scholarship Fund at any Chase Bank. ★★★



"Matt was a very respected Marine among his peers. He always put his Marines above himself and that is what set him apart from any other Marine. He was a great friend and will always be missed." Sgt. James R. Owens



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# In The News

## FBI on alert for Libyan terror attack: Director

By Jim Kouri  
Law Enforcement Examiner

The United States government -- including the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Homeland Security -- is on alert for any terrorist attack emanating from Libya, which is in the midst of a rebellion and NATO military operations, according to testimony before the House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

"We want to make certain that we are on guard [against possible] terrorist attacks emanating somewhere out of Libya, whether it be Khadhafi's forces or in eastern Libya the opposition forces who may have amongst them persons who in the past have had associations with terrorist groups," FBI Director Robert Mueller told committee members.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations, or CAIR, had released a statement to Libyans living in the United States on how to protect themselves from FBI agents asking questions or requesting information.

Mueller acknowledged that the FBI has been questioning a large number of Libyans living in the United States.



FBI Director Robert Mueller

"There are individuals who were previously affiliated with the Libyan government who happen to be in the United States -- they may have been here representing Libya and at various international institutions and the like and to the extent that they have renounced or denounced Khadhafi and are willing to be interviewed and to give us information as to what may be happening in Libya, we will proceed with those interviews," Mueller explained.

"In countries such as Libya, where they have foreign establishments, there may well be intelligence officers who are part of those foreign establishments or there may be intelligence officers that are operating in and with different types of cover in the United States. We want to make certain that we've identified these individuals to assure that no harm comes from them, knowing that they may well have been associated with the Khadhafi regime," the FBI chief added.

"With regard to students or visitors from Libya here in the United States who may have information on what is happening in Libya, we have an outreach effort to them as well to obtain what information they might have that may alert us to any attempts at retaliation within the United States or elsewhere by pro-Khadhafi individuals." \*\*\*

## Corn prices hit record highs

By Germain Moyon

NEW YORK (AFP) -- Corn prices surged to record peaks in the United States Thursday amid tight supply and fierce demand driven in part by rapid expansion of biofuels production.

With demand outpacing supply despite a massive runup, and high oil prices adding to the pressure, analysts saw little respite in sight for buyers.

On the Chicago Board of Trade, a bushel (about 25 kilograms) of corn for delivery in May rose to an all-time high \$7.72.

At more than \$300 a ton, the price of the grain, used to feed humans and animals and produce biofuels, has surpassed its last record peak in July 2008, when high food prices sparked riots in several countries and led generated political instability.

Corn futures prices, which have more than doubled from the same time last year, have risen further since March 31, when the US Department of Agriculture highlighted that supplies were limited in the US, the world's leading corn exporter.

"Despite higher US plantings, demand remains robust, inventories hover at dangerously low levels and weather remains a risk as ever," Barclays Capital analysts said in a client note.

Corn, or maize, is the most widely produced feed grain in the United States. But last year the US had a disappointing harvest, while the demand for commodities climbed as the global economy recovered from recession.

In the meantime, a severe drought in Russia in the summer of 2010 reduced Russian wheat exports, intensifying demand for corn.

"Corn prices are actually being driven by robust demand," said analysts at Commerzbank.

"Unlike most agricultural commodities, the shortage of corn is not due to supply losses... Quite the opposite, global corn production should reach a record level in the current crop year, at 814 million tons."

And record prices are encouraging US farmers to plant more corn. The acreage devoted to corn is expected to reach its highest level since 1944, according to USDA estimates.

"The demand is limited by the supply -- there is not enough," said Bill Nelson of the agricultural research firm Doane Advisory Services.

"Prices have to go higher" for supply and demand to balance out, he noted.



With meat prices garnering steep price rises in the US, corn still remains affordable for farmers to feed their animals.

Higher energy prices are also fueling corn prices: 40 percent of US maize production is used for production of ethanol, a biofuel mixed with gasoline and sold at American gas stations.

And with the recent surge in crude oil prices on the back of unrest in the Arab world, the price of ethanol, while high, remains competitive enough to be used in gasoline.

The trend appears likely to continue.

Last October, President Barack Obama's administration, vowing to wean the world's biggest oil consumer off foreign oil, gave the green light for gasoline to contain up to 15 percent ethanol, compared with the current 10 percent cap, for a limited number of vehicles.

In January, the Environmental Protection Agency sharply expanded the pool of vehicles eligible to use the blended fuel -- adding to the demand.

But this could mean hardship for the world's consumers of corn, a staple particularly in Africa and Latin America, said said Shenggen Fan, head of the International Food Policy Research Institute, based in Washington.

"Most maize is used for biofuel production, so there is less to export and other countries have less to import."

He warned that higher corn prices carry a heavy social cost, affecting poor people where corn is a major element of their diets.

"Higher food prices will make them poorer and make them hungry," he said. \*\*\*



## Supreme Court rules against exonerated death row inmate who sued prosecutors

By Robert Barnes



An ideologically divided Supreme Court on Tuesday stripped a \$14 million award from a wrongfully convicted man who

had spent 14 years on death row and successfully sued New Orleans prosecutors

Conservative justices prevailed in the 5 to 4 ruling, which shielded the district attorney's office from liability for not turning over evidence that showed John



John Thompson

Thompson's innocence.

Justice Clarence Thomas said Thompson could not show a pattern of "deliberate indifference" on the part of former district attorney Harry Connick Sr. in training his staff to turn over evidence to the defense team.

It was the first decision of the court term that split the justices into ideological camps, and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg emphasized her disagreement by reading a summary of her dissent from the bench.

"I would uphold the jury's verdict awarding damages to Thompson for the gross, deliberately indifferent and long-continuing violation of his fair trial right," she said, adding that she was joined by Justices Stephen G. Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan.

She said the actions of prosecutors under the control of Connick, who left office in 2003 and is the father of the famous

singer of the same name, "dishonored" the obligation to turn over evidence favorable to the accused established in Brady v. Maryland nearly 50 years ago.

But the court has protected prosecutors from civil liability when they take cases to court to allow them to go about their work without fear of being sued. The question for the justices was whether a chief prosecutor could be sued for not ensuring that those who worked for him were properly trained and followed the law.

There is no dispute that one of Connick's prosecutors did not turn over a blood test that would have shown Thompson innocent of one of the charges against him. But Thomas said that a single incident is not enough to prove liability for the district attorney's office and that Thompson did not show a pattern of similar violations.

Lawyers are trained and ethically bound to honor Brady, Thomas wrote, regardless of whether additional training is provided. "A district attorney is entitled to rely on prosecutors' professional training and ethical obligations," Thomas said.

The court's decision marks the apparent end of a decades-long trip through the legal process for Thompson, whose experience has produced a book, a potential movie deal and a dying confession from the prosecutor who withheld the evidence.

Thompson was convicted of armed robbery in 1985, before he stood trial for the murder of Raymond Liuzza, the son of a prominent New Orleans hotel owner. Prosecutors used the armed robbery conviction as a way to coerce Thompson not to take the stand in his own defense, and, after conviction, to secure the death penalty.

A pair of lawyers at a large Philadelphia law firm took up his case to spare him death; at one point, Thompson came within weeks of execution.

But in 1999, an investigator discovered that a blood test conducted in the armed robbery

case showed that Thompson was not the perpetrator. Prosecutors acknowledged that it was withheld from Thompson's attorneys.

The armed robbery charge was dismissed. A new trial in the murder case introduced new evidence and resulted in a verdict of not guilty. Thompson then sued the district attorney's office, and a jury awarded him \$14 million. In all, he was imprisoned for 18 years, 14 of them in isolation on death row.

Thompson returned to New Orleans, where he runs an organization to help exonerated inmates and travels frequently to speak about wrongful convictions.

Thomas was joined in his opinion by Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. and Justices Antonin Scalia, Anthony M. Kennedy and Samuel A. Alito Jr. Scalia and Alito wrote separately to emphasize their position that additional instruction from the district attorney would not have changed Thompson's case.

It "was almost certainly caused not by a failure to give prosecutors specific training but by [a] miscreant prosecutor" determined to railroad Thompson, Scalia wrote.

But Ginsburg said there were other instances of prosecutors withholding evidence, such as a police report's description of the shooter in the Liuzza killing that did not match Thompson.

"Ample evidence presented at the civil rights trial demonstrated that Connick's deliberately indifferent attitude created a tinderbox in which Brady violations were nigh inevitable," she wrote.

Thompson attorneys J. Gordon Cooney Jr. and Michael Banks said in a statement that the evidence showed "multiple constitutional violations by multiple prosecutors."

"If prosecutors' offices cannot be held accountable under the facts of this case, it is difficult to imagine when they would be accountable," they said.

The case is Connick v. Thompson. \*\*\*

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## Judge loses shot at getting job back

By Scott McCabe

A federal judge has thrown out a wrongful-termination lawsuit by the former D.C. judge who was fired as news of his \$54 million lawsuit over a pair of pants gained international attention.

U.S. District Judge Ellen Huvelle dismissed Roy Pearson's claims that he was wrongly terminated for exposing corruption within the department where he worked as a administrative judge, the District's Office of Administrative Hearings.

"This case is a classic example of a plaintiff pleading himself out of court by alleging a host of facts that only serve to totally undercut his claims," Huvelle wrote in her 36-page opinion.

D.C. Attorney General Peter Nickles said he hoped the ruling would mark the end of the litigation by the "pants judge," but he was expecting Pearson to appeal.

"This is a national and international embarrassment that a guy with nothing to say can go through court proceedings and waste the times and the resources of our judges and lawyers for so long," Nickles said.

Pearson claimed that his firing violated his First Amendment right to free speech and the D.C. whistleblower laws. He argued that the city used the fact that he was being vilified in the media to cut him out of his \$100,000-a-year job. He sought his old job back, in which he often ruled on disputes between city agencies, and more than \$5 million in compensation. He could not be reached for comment Monday.

Although the District's judicial

commission did not cite Pearson's lawsuit as the reason for firing Pearson, Huvelle suggested that there was a "strong basis" to do so.

"[Pearson's] interest in pursuing his lawsuit was outweighed by his employer's interest in maintaining the integrity of the OAH and its judiciary," Huvelle wrote in her ruling Thursday. Huvelle cited criticism by the presiding judge in the pants suit case who noted Pearson's "misrepresentations" and expressed "significant concerns that the plaintiff is acting in bad faith."

Pearson's 10-year appointment as an administrative law judge was reversed last year as the news media became aware of his lawsuit. The saga began when Pearson filed his multimillion-dollar civil suit against Jin Nam and Ki Chung, the owners of Custom Cleaners in Northeast Washington. Pearson claimed the Chungs lost a pair of his favorite pants and that the "Satisfaction Guaranteed" sign was deceptive. He eventually lowered his claim to \$54 million.

In June 2007, Judge Judith Bartnoff ruled in favor of the



Ex-Judge Roy Pearson



Mr. and Mrs. Chung

Chungs, who eventually closed their shop because of the costs in defending the lawsuit. \*\*\*

## FBI: 'Unprecedented' level of violence in Mexico

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Using unusually blunt language, FBI Director Robert Mueller told US legislators on Capitol Hill Wednesday that there is an "unprecedented" level of violence in Mexico linked to the country's drug wars.

"I would not call it a full-scale war," Mueller told members of the House of Representatives as he discussed his agency's 2012 budget.

"I would say there are full-scale warring factions that utilize homicide as a mechanism of retaliation, staking out one's turf, retribution, that have contributed substantially to the number of deaths in Mexico," Mueller said.

There have been some 35,000 homicides in the past four years, Mueller said. "I think it's fair to say that it's unprecedented," he said. "The last couple of years, I think, have been particularly bad."

The frank words are uncommon for a senior US official: the US ambassador to Mexico resigned in March after

Mexican President Felipe Calderon said diplomatic cables written by the envoy — in which he depicted the Mexican military leadership as unprepared for the war on drugs — damaged bilateral ties.

And Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in September had to back off of comments that the Mexican drug cartels "are showing more and more indices of insurgencies," and that the country is "looking more and more like Colombia looked 20 years ago, when the narco-traffickers controlled certain parts of the country."

Even though the Mexican military and police "have undertaken substantial efforts" to address the violence, "it's certainly not under control at this point," Mueller said.

The FBI director said the investigation is continuing into the murder of US Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent Jaime Zapata, who was shot dead on February 15 in northern Mexico. A second ICE agent was wounded in the ambush.

"We have had access to the evidence from the scene. We have had access to the scene itself. And we've been working with the Mexican authorities to make certain that everyone involved in that sees justice," Mueller said.

It was the first death of a US agent in Mexico since the abduction and murder of Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena in 1985.

Mexican police said Tuesday they had captured a member of the Zetas drug cartel who allegedly participated in the February attack on the ICE agents.

Mexico and the United



States share a 2,000-mile (3,200-kilometer) border and have strong economic and demographic ties.

About 95 percent of the estimated cocaine flow towards the United States transits through Mexico, according to a March State Department report. The report said that Mexico was also a major supplier of heroin, marijuana and methamphetamines to the US.

Washington has promised training and equipment to Mexico's security forces under the three-year, \$1.3-billion Merida Initiative to tackle organized crime.

Separately, experts meeting at a global anti-drug summit in Cancun said that that drug cartels were expanding operations to Central America and even Africa.

Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador were especially affected, said Mexican Secretary of Security Genaro Garcia Luna. He credited the Mexico's crackdown for squeezing out the cartels.

The cartels were also moving operations to west Africa with the goal of smuggling drugs to Europe, according to a report from the UN's International Narcotics Control Board (INCB).

The head of Colombia's police, General Oscar Naranjo, said that Mexicans and Colombians linked to the cartels have been captured in Freetown, Sierra Leone, setting up safe houses.

Seven Colombian drug cartel leaders were captured in mid-2010 in Liberia, said US Drug Enforcement Agency chief Michele Leonhart.

Europe has become the world's second most important market for cocaine, according to the INCB report.

The report singled out Britain, Spain, Italy, Germany and France as growing markets. ★★★

## Errors still common in U.S. hospitals

CHICAGO (Reuters) — About one in three people in the United States will encounter some kind of mistake during a hospital stay, U.S. researchers said Thursday.

The finding, which is based on a new tool for measuring hospital errors, is about 10 times higher than estimates using older methods, suggesting much work remains in efforts to improve health quality.

"Without doubt, we've seen improvements in health care over the past decade, and even pockets of excellence, but overall progress has been agonizingly slow," said Susan Dentzer, editor-in-chief of Health Affairs, which published several studies on a special issue on patient safety.

The special issue came 10 years after an influential Institute of Medicine report that found significant gaps in health quality.

"It's clear that we still have a great deal of work to do in order to achieve a health care system that is consistently high-quality — that is, safe, effective, patient-centered, efficient, timely, and devoid of disparities based on race or ethnicity," Dentzer said.

Medical errors can range from bedsores to objects left in the body after surgery to life-threatening staph infections.

A study by David Classen of the University of Utah and colleagues compared a new quality yardstick developed at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement in Massachusetts, with two common older methods of detecting errors — reports of errors voluntarily included in the medical record and an older method for assessing errors developed by the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, or AHR.

"A key challenge has been agreeing on a yardstick for measuring the safety of care in hospitals," the researchers wrote.

To find the best yardstick, the team tested three methods of tracking errors on the same set of medical records from three different hospitals.

Among the 795 patient records reviewed, voluntary reporting detected four problems, the Agency for Healthcare Research's quality indicator found 35, and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's tool detected 354 events — 10 times more than AHR's method.

"Our findings indicate that two methods commonly used by most care delivery organizations and supported by policy makers to measure the safety of care ... fail to detect more than 90 percent of the adverse events that occur among hospitalized patients," the team wrote.

The findings suggest there may be many errors that go undetected.

In a separate study in the same issue, a team led by Jill Van Den Bos and colleagues at the Denver Health practice of the Milliman Inc consulting firm, used insurance claims to estimate the annual cost of medical errors that harm patients to be \$17.1 billion in 2008 dollars.

They found that 10 types of errors accounted for more than two-thirds of the total cost, with the most common ones being pressure ulcers or bedsores, postoperative infections and persistent back pain following back surgery. The researchers recommended that those three types of errors receive top priority for intervention and improvement.

Both studies were supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which focuses on U.S. healthcare issues. ★★★

(Editing by Peter Cooney)

## US: North Korea may be considering more attacks

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — North Korea may be considering additional attacks and provocations, a top U.S. general told Congress on Wednesday, adding Washington needed to be prepared to respond appropriately if necessary.

"I do worry that there are additional attacks and provocations that are being considered within North Korea," said the commander of U.S. forces in South Korea, General Walter Sharp.

Tensions with North Korea rose to their highest since the 1950-53 Korean War after last year's sinking of a South Korean warship and the bombing of a South Korean island in the sea off the peninsula's west coast.

Those attacks killed more than 50 South Koreans.

Pyongyang denies any involvement in the sinking and accuses Seoul of goading it into launching the later artillery attack — claims dismissed by Seoul and the United States.

Sharp, testifying before the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee, renewed U.S. concerns that last year's attacks may be only a sign of things to come, especially as ailing North Korea leader Kim Jong-il prepares his son Kim Jong-un for succession.

"There are some real challenges from North Korea that we need to be prepared to deter, and if deterrence does not work, be prepared to respond to," Sharp said, without predicting what kind of response might be necessary.

U.S. deterrence strategy has included stepping up joint military exercises with South Korea. Washington has also pressed China, North Korea's closest ally, to lean on Pyongyang to avoid additional provocations. ★★★

## Continued from page 2 • Power of the Jury

eliminated, eradicated or simply ignored many rights but a jury still may judge both the law and the case before them. To accomplish this they must ignore a small portion of the "judges' instructions to the jury," and in so doing all jurors will know in their hearts they are doing the right thing. They will also live with a much cleaner conscience.

For whatever reason, the government is turning more frequently to the administrative courts to determine the law. These administrative courts negate most judicial safeguards. Most particularly, the right to appeal the hearing officer's or tribunal's decision and the right to a jury trial are not part of administrative law.

In the Oregon system, judges would like you to think that only the judge can dictate the law. However, the jury has the ultimate responsibility and duty to determine the case and the law. The decision of the jury cannot be re-examined by any Court of the United States. Is it any wonder that the legal system would like to eliminate, or at least control, juries?

Research has established that the intent of the signers of our Constitution regarding juries was that they were to judge the law as well as the case. Oregon's Article 1, Section 16 states that jury decisions must be made "under the direction of the Court as to law" but the jury will determine the "law as well as the facts."

In Oregon, judges are not required to inform the jury of their rights and they do not. Lawyers are not allowed to bring up jury nullification and they do not. That does not make jury nullification any less legal or applicable in coming to a decision.

"Jury stacking" is a common tactic of Oregon judges and attorneys who select only those who promise to abide by the direction of the court as to the law. This would be much more difficult if those who appeared for jury duty knew their rights, and more importantly their duty, as jurists.

Uninformed juries, in fear of the consequences that the judge might mete out, cave-in to the coercive actions of the presiding officer. This would be less likely to happen if schools were teaching the rights and duties of the citizen jurist as part of their curriculum.

Schools could teach of leaders such as John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, John Jay and Alexander Hamilton who spoke out on the rights of the jury. Citizens should know that in 1972, Justice Byron White and Justice Thurgood Marshal spoke out on the duty of the juror to judge the law as well as the case before them. Also South Carolina in U.S. v. Gaudin (1995) ruled that juries are empowered to determine relevance and materiality.

U.S. vs. Dougherty, 473 F2d 1113, 1139, (1972) states "The pages of history shine on instances of the jury's exercise of its prerogative to disregard instructions of the judge..."

Citizens must understand that they are NOT obliged to set

aside their conscience and their beliefs to follow the direction of a court official. The fact that the court chooses to ignore the rights and duties of the jury in no way obligates the jury to obey



a judge who instructs them to perform against their conscience.

As far back as 1894, Alexander Hamilton admonished that, "Jurors should acquit even against the judge's instruction...if exercising their judgment with discretion and honesty they have a clear conviction that the charge of the court is wrong." Today, knowledge of this statement is even more important as we see juries blindly obey agenda-driven judges.

As Justice Byron White in Duncan v. Louisiana, 391 US 145, 156 (1968) stated, "Providing an accused with the right to be tried by a jury of his peers gave him an inestimable safeguard against the corrupt or overzealous prosecutor and against the compliant, biased, or eccentric judge."

It is the duty and obligation of anyone called for jury duty to know his/her rights and to exercise them. When you come before a court for jury selection you may simply state, "Your Honor, I know it is my duty as well as my right to judge both the case and the law."

In many states this will undoubtedly be cause for dismissal but you will have alerted others in the courtroom of their rights and duty. Hopefully, this would help curtail judges and the legal profession from controlling and directing the outcome of cases that are to be placed in the hands of a jury. It would also alert the lawmaking body of our government that they cannot continue to make laws that infringe on the rights of Americans.

We as citizens must remember that our forefathers gave us the ultimate veto power to use when the government fails us. The jury is our last protection against tyrannical law and an out of control government that only pays lip service to our rights and

their oath of office. It is the duty of the jury to correct these mistakes.

The trial jury has more power than Congress, the President, or even the Supreme Court because they have the final veto power over all wrongful "acts of the legislature," in both criminal and civil proceedings.

It is also the responsibility of the juror to insist that his/hers vote be respected by all other members of the jury. The juror is not there to agree with the majority, but to act as a qualified judge to see that justice is done. Each juror must step forward to protect all innocent Americans from unjust laws.

It is strongly urged that every citizen log on to the many internet sites which describe and define jury rights and the rights of jury nullification. Remember, if you do not exercise your rights you will lose your rights! ★★★

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# Obama to Seek Second Term

## Why Obama should be indicted but won't

By Devvy Kidd  
US-Observer Exclusive

*"It is impossible to calculate the moral mischief, if I may so express it, that mental lying has produced in society. When a man has so far corrupted and prostituted the chastity of his mind as to subscribe his professional belief to things he does not believe he has prepared himself for the commission of every other crime."*

~Thomas Paine, *The Age of Reason*

The crisis over Obama/Soetoro's constitutional eligibility has raged on since September 2008. There is a segment of our society that care nothing for the U.S. Constitution and believe it doesn't matter whether the putative president is eligible or not as long as he keeps promising to hand them the largess of the people's bankrupt purse. The "mainstream" media and cable news anchors like O'Reilly, Beck, Hannity and others have poo-poo'd this serious issue from day one. It's obvious to anyone who has spent the countless hours necessary to understand the "natural born" citizenship issue that none of the aforementioned has done anything but parrot the lies pumped by a prostitute media.

Then along came The Donald. Trump has certainly changed the game with his slew of appearances over the past month by asking the question: Why won't Obama produce his birth certificate? He's spent well over a million dollars hiding it. Why?

Millions of Americans according to the polls don't believe the usurper is constitutionally eligible. There are many who know and are co-conspirators in the fraud and cover up. Obama/Soetoro/Dunham or whatever his real name is has had a lot of help along the way. He is a creation groomed by a known communist in Hawaii, Frank Marshall, Jr. As Trump has remarked, Obama/Soetoro has a very shady past and his facilitators like Nancy Pelosi and others should also be indicted under the RICO statutes.

In 2004, the impostor president ran for the U.S. Senate. Allegedly, with help from ACORN and the massive vote fraud we see every election, he won a seat in the U.S. Senate under a law that does not exist.

One year later, Sarah Herlihy, an associate at the Chicago firm of Kirkland & Ellis gets her paper published in the Kent University Law Review on line. Herlihy claims in her paper that the citizenship requirement of the U.S. Constitution has been called "stupid and discriminating." Of course, she never tells us who makes this claim. Please note that a partner at the same law firm was one Bruce I. Ettelson, who apparently had a working relationship on finance committees for Obama and buffoon, Sen. Richard Durbin. Herlihy's paper,

which shows "author approved editing" as November 23, 2005, is titled, "Amending the Natural Born Citizenship Requirement: Globalization as the Impetus and the Obstacle."

Somewhere along the way, the issue of Obama's father being a Kenyan national and under British rule (British Neutrality Act of 1948) surfaced while the new Messiah was being groomed to steal the White House. Obama is a lawyer and has spent a great deal of time around other high power lawyers. Someone along the way said, uh, we have a problem. Beginning not too long after Obama became a U.S. Senator, the thorny problem of the U.S. Constitution had to be dealt with and out comes a paper by his lawyer friend, Herlihy, which opens up the discussion. Next comes the smoke screen legislation which was really to "qualify" Obama. Of course, it didn't work, so with the help of the useful fools in the dominant media and cable news networks like FOX, CNN and MSNBC, the issue was covered up and/or ridiculed as nothing more than sore losers or conspiracy nuts.

Several members of Congress tried to legislate his citizenship last year. It didn't work. In February 2008, Democrats (and one Republican) began pushing legislation on the issue of citizenship:

"...on February 28, 2008, Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-MO) introduced a bill to the Senate for

scrubbed from the internet, with only a shadow-cached copy left, that only the most curious public can find....

"Within only five short weeks after Senate Bill 2678 faded from the floor, we find Sen. Claire McCaskill back again, making another attempt with Senate Resolution 511. On April 10, 2008, she introduced a secondary proposal in the form of a non-binding resolution, recognizing John McCain as a "natural born citizen" in defiance of the Constitution. Curiously, it contained the same identical co-sponsors, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton.

"One has to wonder — what dire urgency could there possibly have been in persisting with trying to legislate a candidate into being a "natural born citizen"? Certainly providing a birth certificate and reading the Constitution would be more than sufficient. Why did these candidates and their wishful nominees go to such lengths in the Senate when obviously, they had more pressing matters to attend to? And why were there two Senators co-sponsoring such an issue, twice, who were in direct competition with John McCain in the 2008 election?"

Even if Obama were born in Hawaii and there is no proof he was, that still does not make him constitutionally eligible. His father's citizenship is the legal reason why Obama can never be constitutionally

# Devvy Kidd

*"That liberty [is pure] which is to go to all, and not to the few or the rich alone."*

—Thomas Jefferson



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## Knowledge is Power

indicted and convicted for carrying out a "scheme to defraud" the public via their "dishonest services." See, as an example, *United States v. Frega*, 179 F.3d 793 (9th Cir. 1999). The wire fraud statute, 18 U.S.C. § 1343, provides as follows:

"Whoever, having devised or intending to devise any scheme or artifice to defraud, or for obtaining money or property by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises, transmits or causes to be transmitted by means of wire, radio, or television communication in interstate or foreign commerce, any writings, signs, signals, pictures, or sounds for the purpose of executing such scheme or artifice, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both. If the violation affects a financial

fraudulent documents. Neil Sankey is a retired Scotland Yard Elite Officer and is a licensed investigator. They know fraud when they see it, but wait! Do you know that in November 2010, the Colorado Supreme Court ruled that a man who used his real name but someone else's Social Security number to obtain a car loan was not guilty of "criminal impersonation," overturning convictions by lower courts! In 2008, U.S. District Judge Harry S. Mattice ruled using a fake SSN might not qualify as breaking the law.

With theft identity ruining the lives of millions, Colorado's high court and a federal judge have said it's okay to use someone else's SSN to obtain a car loan or employment! Obama/Soetoro used a fake SSN for college admission, bar admission and along every step of his life littered with rot and corruption to the White House. Does anyone give a damn anymore for the law?

None of this trail of lies, deceit and violating federal law matters to his supporters and the lackeys in both electronic and print media who purport to be "fair and balanced" or the "most trusted name in news". How shameful.

How my beloved country has gone so far into the sewer that truth no longer matters. Where we have a Department of Justice headed up by a corrupt racist political animal while the Outlaw Congress sits on their hands. Where millions upon millions of Americans care only about the next elimination round of Dancing with the Stars, American Idol, who will win the college basketball tournament, the latest filth coming from "Lady" Gaga, NASCAR racing or playing every weekend instead of demanding justice because no one is above the law - least of all an individual who has lied and hustled his way into the White House. How shameful.

Where is honor and decency anymore in this country? Where are any men or women who will refuse to be cowed or intimidated by the race card in pursuing charges against Obama/Soetoro? Nowhere to be found. I can assure you. Remember the Ten Commandments and something about lying, cheating and stealing? Sadly for our constitutional republic, those three sins are now normal as well as

us should be required to obey any laws.

Of course, the biggest hurdle is the U.S. Attorney General, Eric Holder who worships Obama/Soetoro and would never uphold the law if it meant putting his boss in prison. Holder is not only a racist, but another corrupt individual who should have been indicted and charged with obstruction of justice in the Michael Trentadue murder investigation. Even though leaky Leahy (Sen. Patrick) knew at the time of Holder's obstruction, he pushed through Holder's confirmation anyway.

On top of the crime of wire fraud, Obama/Soetoro has been using a fake social security number. He used his fake number on his selective service registration. The individuals who have spent hundreds of hours investigating are not some flaky "right wing nut jobs." Susan Daniels is a private investigator with 15 years experience in tracking down

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consideration. That bill was known as S. 2678: Children of Military Families Natural Born Citizen Act. The bill was co-sponsored by Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL), Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-NY), Sen. Robert Menendez (D-NJ), and Sen. Thomas Coburn (R-OK).

"Bill S. 2678 attempted to change article II, section 1, clause 5 of the Constitution of the United States with reference to the requirements of being a "natural born citizen" and hence; the entitlement to run for President of the United States. This bill met the same fate that similar attempts to change the Constitution have in the past. Attempts such as The Natural Born Citizen Act were known to have failed and the text

eligible. His father was a foreign national visiting the U.S. (Hawaii) at the time of his birth. Under the British Nationality Act of 1948, Obama/Soetoro's citizenship was unequivocally based on his father's status at the time. Obama/Soetoro was born with dual citizenship and no amount of clever word smithing or name calling can change that legal fact.

Do you know the State of Illinois Election Board says they have no paperwork on Obama when he ran for the Illinois State Senate? How can that be? I know this to be a fact because I filed State Record Act requests and was astonished by the lack of any paperwork to determine if Obama/Soetoro was even eligible for office under Illinois Election laws.

Why did Obama *aka Soetoro* lie on his Illinois Bar Application when he said he has never used any other name but Barack Hussein Obama when public records show he used several aliases? Obama used Barry Soetoro as his legal name while attending Occidental College.

Barack Hussein Obama *aka Barry Soetoro* and so forth has always known he was not eligible to run and he did anyway. He committed wire fraud by using his campaign to illegally raise over \$600 million dollars both on radio, television and the Internet; some \$200 million illegally from foreign sources. The Federal Election Commission refuses to investigate.

If we had a real U.S. Department of Justice, a federal grand jury would be convened. There's no doubt in my mind Obama/Soetoro would be



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# Connecticut estate case exposes inheritance rights realities



By Lou Ann Anderson

People believe they have the right to determine their final asset distribution. The legal

industry perpetually promotes proper estate planning as a vehicle to ensure wishes are honored. Greed and self-interest, however, can derail even the most well-prepared of plans and today's probate system is increasingly home to such actions. The estate of Josephine Smoron, an elderly Connecticut woman with expressly clear wishes, exposes the harsh realities of American property rights and rights of inheritance.

Josephine Smoron believed estate planning documents would ensure her longtime caretaker Sam Manzo's inheritance of Smoron's 80-acre farm and cows valued at more than \$1 million. Recognizing local interest in developing her property, Smoron was adamant that churches previously involved in a dispute over her brother's estate have no claim to her estate. These wishes were clearly expressed in a 1996 will and an updated 2004 version.

As Smoron's health deteriorated, Manzo was replaced as her conservator by a court-appointed conservator under the orders of Southington Probate Judge Bryan F. Meccariello. Before Smoron's June 2009 death at age 92, Meccariello approved a change in her will designating all property be given to three area Catholic churches. Manzo was disinherited and there appeared no evidence this change reflected Smoron's wishes.

A purchase agreement with local developer Carl Verderame promptly surfaced and plans for Smoron's farm becoming home to an \$18 million indoor sports complex generating \$200,000 of new tax revenue were announced. Manzo filed a complaint with Connecticut's Council on Probate Judicial Conduct that resulted in Meccariello being "censured" for the second time in three years causing the judge to withdraw his bid for re-election.

An attorney for Verderame says the land sales contract is still valid while Sam Manzo, the rightful heir, is suing to overturn Meccariello's disregard of Smoron's estate plan and diversion of her assets. Manzo may regain control of the property to which he is legitimately entitled, but this hijacking will cost him money and time that will never be recovered.

Smoron took responsible steps to document her final wishes.

Not only did she specify that she wanted Manzo to have her property, but she also specified – evidently due to the dispute over her brother's estate – "all churches in previous wills are intentionally, not inadvertently, omitted."

The probate system theoretically charged with ensuring the execution of those wishes instead undermined the elderly woman's estate planning efforts both during her last years of life and posthumously. The stunning course of events related to the Smoron estate should serve as a warning to all Americans.

Courts are indeed about laws and rules, but their application often is tailored to benefit the courts themselves and their legal industry allies. Meccariello changing Smoron's will is one such example. Though Manzo and other distant Smoron relatives were named in the previous will and had been notified of other previous proceedings, Meccariello did not provide those named parties notice of the hearing which disinherited Manzo upon authorizing creation of the new trusts designating Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in New Britain, Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church in New Britain and Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church in Southington as Smoron's beneficiaries.

The May 12, 2009, hearing was based upon an application by John T. Nugent, Smoron's court-appointed conservator and a deacon at one of the churches named as a trust beneficiary. Meccariello was the only other party at the hearing. The Bristol Press later reported that Valerie DePaolo, Smoron's court-appointed attorney, said she arrived at the hearing late, found it was already over and never followed up to see what had happened.

Nugent was appointed by Meccariello in January 2008 to replace Manzo as Smoron's conservator. He moved her to a nursing home, but, per The Press, didn't visit her because she was suffering from dementia. By September 2008, Nugent reportedly negotiated a contract to sell Smoron's farm for \$2 million though it was later reduced to \$1.5 million.

Based on a complaint filed by Sam Manzo, the Council on Probate Judicial Conduct censured Meccariello in September 2010. "There is no justifiable reason why a judge of probate, knowing of a pre-existing will which documents the ward's testamentary intent, should approve the creation of a trust that vitiates the purpose and language of the will," the council said in its decision. This was Meccariello's second admonishment

by the council in three years. The judge fortunately withdrew his bid for re-election days after the censure.

The three churches have declined their interests in Smoron's estate as the case has become so public. Their position is understandable – grave robbing is most desirably accomplished in private or else via a public guise of entitlement, respectability or morality. This effort only laughingly falls into any of those categories.

December 2010 brought several notable developments including an investigative panel for the Statewide Grievance Committee finding probable cause that attorney John T. Nugent engaged in unprofessional conduct while handling the estate of Josephine Smoron. Disbarment is hopefully an option as that process moves forward. In that same timeframe, Verderame filed a lawsuit against Nugent and others citing their failure to release the Smoron land for construction of the \$18 million sports complex.

This cast of corrupt characters only grows as Nugent's attorney, Jacek Smigelski, was recently suspended with regard to his owing nearly \$300,000 in interest, penalties and fees in connection with another probate case in which he overcharged clients.

Sam Manzo continues working through the legal system to find resolution in a situation that occurred thanks to greed and a corrupt legal system. Recent indications suggest that progress toward resolution is underway. That would be welcomed news!

While agreed that people with all levels of assets should engage in estate planning, it's also important to note that probate instruments (wills, trusts, guardianships, powers of attorney) are not the ultimate safeguards as promoted by the legal industry. Probate abuse is happening with growing frequency impacting estates of all sizes in all areas.

Beware and be aware! Start watching what's happening in your backyard. Probate realities don't necessarily equate with inheritance or other property rights – in Connecticut or anywhere else.

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# 10 History-Shattering Events That Have Shaken The Financial World To The Core

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2011 has already had more history-shattering events than almost any other year since World War 2. Revolutions have swept the Middle East and much of Africa, a new war has erupted in Libya, Japan has experienced an unprecedented tsunami and a horrific nuclear crisis, the price of oil is skyrocketing, multiple nations in Europe are experiencing a financial meltdown and budget issues have pushed the U.S. government to the verge of a shutdown. In past years, it always seemed like there was time to "catch our breath" between each major crisis, but now huge events are striking in rapid-fire succession. We live at a time when wars, rumors of wars, natural disasters, bizarre occurrences and major financial problems are becoming so common that they hardly shock us anymore. 2011 truly has been one wild and crazy year, and the world is literally being transformed right in front of our eyes.

For a moment, let's review some of the history-shattering events that we have witnessed this year so far and the impact that they have had on the financial world....

### #1 The Japanese Tsunami

When the tsunami struck Japan back on March 11th, most of us did not even understand what we were seeing. After all, who had ever heard of a massive wall of water sweeping 6 miles inland?

Thousands upon thousands of Japanese were killed and entire cities were wiped off the map. The Japanese economy has been absolutely devastated. Global supply chains are in a state of chaos.

Prior to this disaster, Japan was the third largest economy in the world. But now it is going to take them decades to fully recover. Some towns and cities may never be rebuilt. Japan will not be in a position to buy up more U.S. government debt for a long, long time. The economic balance of power in Asia is going to shift even more in the direction of China.

### #2 The Japanese Nuclear Crisis

We will probably not know the full extent of the nuclear crisis in Japan for quite some time. Every day the news just seems to get worse. According to the Los Angeles Times, seawater

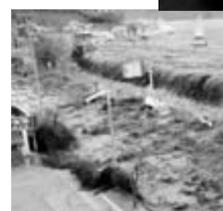
near the Fukushima nuclear complex was recently found to contain "iodine-131 at 7.5 million times the legal limit".

If that wasn't bad enough, now Japanese authorities have announced that 11,500 tons of "moderately radioactive" water are going to be purposely released into the Pacific Ocean.

Japan's neighbors are becoming increasingly alarmed. Some South Korean schools closed on Thursday due to fears about radioactive rain and India has banned all imports of food from Japan.

The future of the nuclear power industry in Japan is in serious doubt. There are some people that believe that the Japanese seafood industry is going to be absolutely destroyed by all of this.

Even more importantly,



there is going to be at least some portion of northern Japan that is going to be uninhabitable even after this crisis has been resolved. In addition, the health impact of this crisis is going to be felt for decades and will probably never be fully known.

### #3 Revolutions in Middle East And Africa

For some reason, revolutions have erupted all over the Middle East and Africa this year. First we saw revolutions take place in Algeria and Tunisia and then we witnessed the unprecedented events in Egypt. Now there are protest movements in almost every major Arab country.

All of this chaos in the Middle East is pushing the price of oil up to frightening levels. At last check, U.S. oil was above \$110 a barrel and Brent crude was far higher than that. The last time oil prices were this high

was in 2008 and by the end of that year world financial markets had absolutely crashed.

Will the same thing happen again this year?

Also, could it be that we have reached the end of the "cheap oil" era? If so, what will that mean for the future of the global economy?

### #4 War In Libya

For some reason, the U.S. and the EU have decided that it is a good idea to go to war in Libya. But they aren't putting any boots on the ground yet. Right now they are just sticking to air strikes.

But it doesn't look like air strikes alone are going to be enough to force Gadhafi out.

So are the U.S. and the EU going to invade Libya at some point? If not, would they actually allow Gadhafi to remain in control of Libya



after everything that

has happened? But Libya is not the only place where international forces have gotten involved. UN forces have also been conducting air strikes in the Ivory Coast.

So is this how it is going to be from now on? The "international community" is going to start bombing whenever the internal political situation in a nation is not "acceptable"?

The global elite may believe that "policing the world" is a good idea, but the truth is that it sets a very dangerous precedent and it makes the globe a much less stable place.

### #5 U.S. Government Shutdown?

If the Republicans and the Democrats do not come to a budget agreement before midnight tomorrow, there will be a government shutdown. This will not be the end of the world and it has happened a number of times before. If it does happen, hopefully it will be

for just a few days.

But this shows just how bitter politics have become in American right now. The truth is that the amounts they are arguing over aren't even that large. The Republicans are proposing \$61 billion in budget cuts which would cut the budget deficit for 2011 by only 3.8 percent. The Democrats are proposing \$33 billion in budget cuts which would cut the budget deficit for 2011 by just 2.1 percent.

So what is going to happen when it comes time to raise the debt ceiling?

And what is the battle over next year's budget going to look like?

Sadly, the truth is that neither party seems to be serious about balancing the budget any time soon.

As I have written about previously, the U.S. government has a very serious debt management problem. Something needs to be done about this debt crisis immediately. We simply cannot stay on the road that we are on.

It is being projected that U.S. government debt will rise to about 400 percent of GDP by the year 2050. Of course that will never happen because we will have a complete and total financial collapse in this country long before then if nothing changes.

### #6 The European Debt Crisis

Guess what? Portugal has decided that they are going to need a bailout after all.

Greece and Ireland have already received bailouts. There are persistent rumors that both of them will need more bailouts at some point.

Spain, Italy, France and Belgium are also drowning in an ocean of unsustainable debt. The European debt crisis just seems to get worse with each passing month. The bonds of several European nations have been significantly downgraded in recent weeks. More rating downgrades are being threatened.

It is getting very expensive for some of these governments to continue to borrow money. For example, the yield on 10-year Greek bonds recently reached an astounding 12.82%. This is putting an incredible amount of pressure on the European financial system.

For now the bailouts are continuing, but the Germans cannot bail everyone in Europe out forever. At some point this entire mess may

# COMMENTARY Your Right to Speak Out



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I'll begin this editorial by providing the following quote:

*"Police officers routinely lie, particularly to save their own skins, and when they do, they make credible witnesses."* --Judge Richard Neely - West Virginia Supreme Appellate Court

After reading Judge Neely's remark, is there anyone out there who feels that "justice will prevail" if ever faced with defending themselves against criminal charges that have been levied against them?

One can safely assume, that if an Appellate Court Judge has the wherewithal to ascertain that Police Officer's "routinely lie" that other Judges (from Municipal Court Judges to Supreme Court Justices and everywhere in between) also know this to be true. Having said that, WHY isn't something being done about it and WHY is it not a criminal offense for Police Officer's to perjure themselves and also for Judges (in any capacity) whom allow it to "routinely" occur in their courtrooms? Certainly, ANY Judge whom relies on the testimony of a Law Enforcement Officer to obtain convictions knows that it's a common practice to "bend",



Judge Richard Neely

stretch" and "break" the truth to get the job done. It's also a safe assumption to say that it's common-place for the involved District Attorney's Office to know where the proverbial bear is "pooping in the woods", thus making the D.A. and it's Minions a willing accomplice in the crime of perjury by a Law Enforcement Officer.

The bottom line in this most unfortunate situation would be that the Law Enforcement community in general (to include District Attorney's and the Judicial System) has been given too much power, authority and immunity from any type of "policing", "oversight" and "sanctioning" that might of course serve to prevent "falsification of statements" from happening so "routinely", to "save their own skins" as Judge Neely had so eloquently put it. Sadly, we the people of this once erstwhile country have no one to blame but ourselves, for not demanding that it be so (decades ago already) and we now are suffering the consequences. Bringing about change in this regard certainly isn't an impossible task, however the situation has gotten so out of control that seeing reform come to fruition is going to require a united front and fortitude like never seen before. Additionally, we can rest assured that since the Legislative process at the highest levels would need to be involved (necessary to enact any laws that protect us citizens from Law Enforcement perjury), that we'd be in-store for an incredibly long, expensive and uphill battle.

Being that we've seen a steady increase in corruption and criminal activity (let's call it what it is) amongst current Law Enforcement and the Judicial System, there are some simple and effective measures that we can take as individuals that will "slow-down" the

onslaught and at least provide ourselves a fighting chance in courtrooms should we ever end-up in one. First and foremost, know that you should NEVER, EVER speak to a Law Enforcement Officer without an Attorney present and NEVER, EVER provide them with a written statement no matter how innocent of any wrong-doing you might be! Do not be so naive as to think that "the truth shall set you free" because Law Enforcement is NOT interested in obtaining the truth or in setting you free. Law Enforcement is ONLY interested in obtaining convictions and will take whatever statements you make (written or spoken) and create a reason to charge you, stopping at nothing (see Judge Neely's quote) to see you convicted. Provide them with NO ammunition to make a case against you, and your chances of surviving the ordeal improve exponentially.

I do write this composition with some knowledge of the tactics that L.E.O.'s will (and often do) employ, as back in the early 1980's I had obtained a Police Science education with aspirations of becoming a D.N.R. Game Warden in my home State. I'll not forget the words of my "Patrol Procedure" course instructor (a former Police Officer himself of 20 plus years) when he told the class "it used to be that we Cops were allowed to use our own judgment in the field, needing to have 'probable cause' to stop, question and of course arrest a suspect. Now however, all that is required to do any of the aforementioned is "reasonable suspicion" and the mantra of the day is 'arrest 'em all and let the D.A. sort 'em out". How very sad and yet how very prophetic that statement (made almost 30 years ago) was, as reasonable suspicion (obviously often fabricated) is honored in most every arrest by unscrupulous D.A.'s and Judges everywhere. On a side note, I never actually did seek a position in Law Enforcement, choosing instead to become a Certified Firefighter and Licensed E.M.T., at the prompting of a great-uncle whom had retired only a few years previously as a

Captain on a Police Department in our community. His advice was, "think twice about going forward with it Jeff, Police work in today's day and age is NOTHING like it was when I started out...you'll feel like nothing more than a glorified revenue collector." Thank you Uncle George for leading me in the right direction, as in retrospect I realize that I could have never survived in a L.E.O. position that not only accepted, but also ENCOURAGED me to be deceitful as a "means to an end", subsequently prosecuting and/or locking away innocent individuals for the sake of creating municipal and State revenue.

In closing, I'll say that as a nation we need to be wise, be resourceful and most importantly be pro-active in demanding that change happen within our Law Enforcement and Judicial systems. We need to relentlessly be contacting our Congressmen, Senators and anyone else in a position to investigate this type of criminal wrong doing, and vote any elected official out of office whom refuse to cooperate. The system has long been broken and is in serious need of repair, and we can bet that the "fix" won't happen (nor be initiated) from within, as enormous amounts of revenue are created annually to fund the system as it operates today. Remember that, the process all begins with Police Officers "routinely lying" to "save their own skins", thus becoming "credible witnesses" against the innocent. This should not, and can not any longer be considered an acceptable practice if our beloved Republic is to survive.

*Editor's Note; Mr. Appleton recommends you have an attorney present when speaking with an officer of the law. The US-Observer warns all of our readership that you better know who your attorney is and what his winning record is before involving them in any plight you might face where you are innocent. You would be better served to have the US-Observer involved in your case.*

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Each year I drive my car to work and back, I starve approximately 80 people around the United States. So do you. In addition to this, every time I race my car at the drag strip, I expend about a quarter of the food that the average human eats in a year, and assuming I race about 30 times a year, the total comes out to about 88 peoples' supply of sustenance I put into my gas tank annually. If you're wondering how I could be so cruel, the answer comes from a little alcoholic intruder in our gasoline called ethanol. Ethanol can be made from a number of sugary food sources, such as beets, sweet potatoes, or most commonly, the "vampire crop" corn. While the statement of starving so many people is somewhat of an exaggeration (being that very few humans could stand to live solely off of these crops), it still brings home the fact that mixing ethanol into our fuel is having a huge negative impact on national and international food supplies.

Granted, there is a large following that favors the use of ethanol to help decrease the amount of fossil fuels that the U.S. must use. They also believe it will help to ease the impact that petroleum has on the environment. After all, our fuel, which currently is made up of a mixture of ten percent ethanol to ninety percent gasoline, does produce a modest decrease in the emissions of carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas, when compared to straight petroleum. It also doesn't require drilling into the earth to access like crude oil, the American Coalition for Ethanol points out. They mention the fact that the world's supply of crude oil will run out someday, and that is definitely a concern most people should share. Eventually we must, as a whole, find a new fuel source other than crude oil to drive our ever modernizing economies.

However, ethanol, from any source, is not the

## The Biofuel Blues... Alcohol Sucks!

right answer to wean the world from its opium-like addiction to oil. There are many reasons why, the most pressing of which is its destructive effect on our families' kitchens.

The wallets of corn farmers are becoming raging alcoholics. Currently, about 33 percent of the corn we produce is being used to make ethanol. With this decrease in corn entering our food markets, the law of supply and demand means that food prices aren't just skyrocketing as a result, they're space-rocketing. Tom Lutley, a reporter for The Billings Gazette, recently wrote that because of these price jumps, local farmers in Montana were all struggling to make ends meet. "Corn, used in everything from ethanol to soda to animal feed, is in extremely short supply," he said. The statistics would have to agree; during an interview with the Billings Gazette, Gary Brester, a Montana State University economist, said that corn prices affect the prices of almost all other foods. He found that our nations' reserve of food is at its' lowest level in thirty seven years. Corn prices doubled from June of 2007 to 2008, and this pushed the price of beef and pork up twenty five percent (Lutley). It is becoming apparent that we're essentially collapsing the gold mine on top of us if we think that lower fuel prices will offset these extreme jumps in prices of edibles. Come to think of it, its' more like we're plowing our own body parts into the soil to help fertilize it...

Another study that highlights the issue appeared in the 2009 issue of the Harvard International Review (a newsletter at Harvard University.) David Pimentel, the Professor Emeritus of Entomology, Systematics and Ecology at the prestigious college, talks about the staggering quantities of corn (and other plant matter) required to convert their energy content into the high octane fire water in his article Corn Ethanol as Energy. In his piece, he pointed out that if the U.S. were to switch all corn to fuel production we would only have about four percent of the oil we currently consume.

"To fill the tank of an SUV with corn ethanol requires a total of 660 pounds of corn or food." (David 50) That's just one fill up. The Corn Belt farmers may certainly be prospering right now, but with 18 percent of America below the poverty line (and most citizens working harder and harder to keep the pantry full), most of us may as well have all of our teeth pulled, as we

will no longer need them if our meals become much more expensive.

Of course it's not just the U.S. with a food shortage or that is using ethanol in its fuel; much of the world is experiencing the same pitfalls of food shortages and price spikes.

As a result of this issue, we have to ask ourselves; should we put our fuel supply before our food supply?

Beyond the edibles issue, many believe that ethanol is easier on the environment than fossil fuels. The Air and Waste Management Association, which is an organization of over 8,000 environmental scientists from around the world, would have to disagree. They publish a document once every month that compiles and displays their most recent research on air quality and other environmental issues. Titled simply the Journal of the Air and Waste Management Association, the publication documents the impact that ethanol has on tailpipe emissions in automobiles. They have found that not only do vehicles consuming E85 (a mixture of ethanol and gasoline that is 85 percent ethanol to 15 percent gasoline) use a greater mass of fuel than vehicles using straight gas, they also emit 60 percent more nitrous oxide (NOx) and hydrocarbons (HCs'), both of which are greenhouse gases. Hey, at least maybe the price of laughing gas (NOx) at the hospital will come down...

Their journal says that "E85 is perceived as environmentally friendly" as opposed to gas but that "there are significant tradeoffs in which emissions of some pollutants" decrease and increase "substantially" between the two choices (Zahl; et. al. 912).

Some would also press the point that mixing our fuel with alcohol helps to protect sensitive wilderness areas by having to drill for less oil in places like Alaska. While this may be true, a study recently published in the Journal of Environmental Engineering shows that growing such copious quantities of corn to create the flammable liquid greatly degrades an area's topsoil within a few years. In the study, the amount of land we are affecting by growing so much corn was revealed. The numbers are mind blowing; nationwide in



2007, over 93 million acres of corn were grown, which was an increase of 12 million acres from the previous year. All of this is destroying farmlands and dumping harmful sediments from the fields into rivers and streams. (Thomas; et. al. 1123) David Pimentel further backs up these claims, saying that "it takes 500 years to produce a single inch of farmland soil," and that with our current corn production levels we are eroding it seventeen times faster than it is being created. (David 51) Yikes! In short, it sucks the earth it is grown upon completely dry of nutrients, hence the plant's nickname, "The Vampire Crop." Basically we're just picking the Alaskan wilderness over the Midwest plains if it's drilling for oil versus draining the land in the Great Plains.

Another issue is the copious amounts of water required to grow corn; so much that it takes 1,700 gallons of H2O to produce one gallon of ethanol!

As if this wasn't enough destruction to water supplies, the pesticides and weed killers used to treat the payloads of corn are also creating a "dead zone" in the Gulf of Mexico as the runoff from irrigation drains into the Gulf, killing shrimp, ruining seafood harvests and damaging wildlife at an ever increasing rate. (David 51)

But what about the supposed godsend called cellulosic ethanol? Cellulosic ethanol at first looks so much easier to produce than starch-based ethanol, being that it can come from non-food related plant sources such as switchgrass, leftover crops, or just about any plant matter imaginable. Some tout this as a viable alternative to corn produced ethanol, however there is a teeny weeny little problem with this; it is about as efficient to produce as trying to make bread from wheat chaff. The U.S. currently produces about two billion tons of biomass a year. This includes all of our natural growing forests as well as our

"Congress has not unlimited powers to provide for the general welfare but only those specifically enumerated.  
... A wise and frugal government... shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned."  
--Thomas Jefferson

# COMMENTARY



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## Dumb and Dumber and Dumberer

Jim Carrey starred in the movie 'Dumb and Dumber' in 1994. The movie told the story of the two stupidest humans on earth - Lloyd Christmas and Harry Dunne. They were 'dumb' and 'dumber'. But, even this over the top portrayal of these two stupid characters could not possibly equal the stupidity of the real characters that run our world today. They can only be described as 'dumberer'. Even worse, our 'leaders' must think of the rest of us as 'dumbererest'.

While I must admit that government has the general citizenry pretty well characterized (readers of articles such as this excluded), there are times when those of us who know better must speak out. It seems that every calamity in modern times gives the central banks an excuse to plunder treasuries and enrich the banking cartel. The big banks get rich and the rest of us pay for it. We willingly allow for such pilfering as long as the stock market goes up. Every move from the central banks is targeted to do just such a thing. An earthquake/tsunami struck Japan on March 11, 2011. The yen immediately appreciated and their stock market fell. The central banks of the G-7 immediately intervened to sell trillions in yen to stem the market plunge. The insanity is this: Why can't the 'market' decide where the yen or the market should be priced? The people of Japan needed help. A nuclear power facility threatened to 'melt down'. Yet, the BOJ's could only think of supporting the stock market. The US central bank is no different. Every disaster is a license to manipulate. Central banks intervene in market price discovery. For instance, our Fed is currently busy with QE2 intervention.

The absurdity with which our government behaves, the arrogance with which they dictate, and the preposterousness of their economic imposition is an insult to any life form beyond a jelly fish. In case you don't know, jelly fish are an organism without a brain. They also use the same orifice to feed and excrete. For reasons such as these, I tend to associate jelly fish with our rulers (government) - the Federal Reserve. Allow me to shed some light on the effects of intervention so we can decide if it is helpful.

The latest episode of insanity directed to the dumbest occurred on Tuesday, March 22, 2011. The Federal Reserve announced that 2010 brought forth record profits. (Remember - a lot of dumb people think the Fed is a part of the US government.) No, not for us - for them! The Fed made a record \$81.7 billion in 2010 'largely on investments made to help the economy and banks weather the 2007 - 2009 financial crisis'. As per their mandate, they turned over the bulk of the loot to the US Treasury - some \$79.3 billion. (Remember - there are a lot dumber people that think the Fed does not operate as a 'for profit', 'private bank'.) This adds to the \$47.4 billion the Fed transferred to the Treasury in 2009. The Fed would like us to believe this is a wonderful

development in that they have transferred to the Treasury a sum of \$126.7 billion over the past two years. (Remember, there are a lot of dumberest people that actually think the Fed acts only in the best interests of its subjects. There are more Pelosi types running around than you would think.)

How again did the Fed earn \$87.7 billion in a year? They are, of course, an intervening market manipulation machine. And, they are indeed a bank and banks make money by lending it. Don't forget trading securities and derivatives is also profitable if you have all the inside information. The Fed has an advantage in that they can simply conjure money out of thin air for which to lend. Better yet, they can simply 'create' money on spreadsheets for which to lend. And, on all the money they steal from their subjects, uh..., I mean 'create', they charge interest! Could there be a better business model for pure profits? Now, think for a moment. Wouldn't a profound financial crisis to a government present an opportunity to lend huge sums of money and impose vast power? Think a little harder. Name a company that profited more from the financial meltdown of the last decade than the Federal Reserve?

For perspective, Exxon made an estimated \$30 billion for the year 2010. Yet, somehow the dumbest of the dumber society malign companies like Exxon as corporate pigs. These people think companies that make tens of billions of dollars in profits are obscene and they should be subjected to 'windfall' taxation. The Fed beat Exxon by a factor of 3! Do we hear any complaining? In reality, we can now say that the Federal Reserve is by earnings the largest company operating in the US. And yes, for the dumbest people, the Fed is a 'private corporation' feeding on the US taxpayer. How did they make their money again? Oh yeah, they were 'helping' their banking friends through a crisis. Please, tell that to Lloyd Christmas! The real question is, are we now better off for all the Fed's intervention? After all, the Fed did give the Treasury \$126.7 billion in windfall earnings over the last two years. While I admit that I graduated from public schools, I decided to make like Jethro Bodine and commence to do a little ciphering.

Besides the forfeiture of capitalism, freedom, dignity, and sovereignty, how much did this \$125.7 billion cost us? From the end of 2008 to the end of 2010, the national debt grew from \$10.7 trillion to \$14 trillion. That's an increase of \$3.3 trillion. That was the capital the Fed used to 'help the economy and banks' through the financial disaster that they, the Fed, helped to generate. That \$3.3 trillion was borrowed at an average interest rate of 3.1% (according to the Fed). Once I cipher \$3.3 trillion times 3.1% using my 'times-its table' (okay, I used a calculator), I come up with \$102 billion in interest coupons on the extra debt. \$125.7 billion minus the \$102 billion nets the Treasury about \$24 billion on the deal. That is, until we have to roll the debt over in another seven to ten years and then it costs the

tax payers another \$102 billion (or whatever the prevailing interest rates might dictate) and now the whole deal is a loser to the tune of hundreds of billions on top of the tens of trillions that the country already cannot repay. Yet, the Federal Reserve rakes in record profits from this action. The tax payers accumulate record debt. If we focus on that aspect, we miss the point of the Fed's intent. The most important thing is that Mr. Dimon of J.P. Morgan and Mr. Moynihan of Bank of America got their \$20 million dollar compensation packages. That makes me feel better, anyway!

So we are supposed to believe that the Fed has our best interest at heart. They are working hard to revive the economy and restore our portfolios. Please, we would have to be dumber than the dumbestest person on earth to believe that! Let's look at how dumb the Fed thinks we are.

The Fed produces a report on the fiscal condition of the citizenry in the US.

From the Federal Reserve statistical release year 2010 'Flow of Funds Accounts of the United States' page 118:

'Balance Sheet of Household and Nonprofit Organizations with Equity Detail' - From 2008 to 2010, 'Assets' grew from \$65.5 trillion to \$70.7 trillion. Let us make note, however, that 'Tangible assets' fell from \$24.3 trillion to \$23.1 trillion. Where did the 'Asset' increase come from? 'Equity shares at market value' rose from \$12.4 trillion to \$18.1 trillion. 'Net Worth' rose from \$51.3 trillion to \$56.8 trillion. Net worth increases were a function of the stock market only. Real assets like real estate continued to contract. The Fed is using market manipulation to fool its audience. After all, the top 10 percent of income earners own 90% of all stocks. Mutual fund ownership is even less than 50% of the US populace. The 'net worth' increase is confined to stock owners and even then, to large stock owners. We can corroborate this notion with all the other analysis out today showing an ever widening gap between rich and poor. Therefore, modern economic improvement only holds true for a slim minority of already very wealthy friends of the Fed.

**What is the fiscal condition of the US government?**

Same release, page 68 - 'L.106 Federal Government' - 'Total financial assets' grew from \$1.268 trillion to \$1.650 trillion. That roughly \$400 billion dollar gain came from two areas. One, 'Agency- and GSE-backed securities' grew from \$54 billion to \$225 billion and two, 'Consumer credit' grew from \$111 billion to \$317 billion. In case you want to know, the 'agency' stuff is bad mortgage paper held by Fannie and Freddie (the Fed 'transferred' the 'equity' to us, the taxpayers, while they kept the 'loan') and 'consumer credit' is actually 'student loans' (I followed the asterisk). Yes, 'student loans' are actually counted as an 'asset'. Aren't student loan default rates pretty high?

This is information we need to know so allow me to expand my topic here. The student loan default rate reported by the government is currently 7%. According to Mark Kantrowitz of FinAid (in an article published by msn.com, 2010), there is about \$730 billion in outstanding federal and private student loan debt and only 40% is actively being repaid. You can do your own ciphering on the real default rate but 7% ain't the right answer. Don't forget to carry the knots when you do your 'gozendas'! Of course Sallie Mae accounts for half of this figure but we must remember, the new government regulations now give Sallie a virtual monopoly in student loans. Two last points. First, this type of debt cannot easily be washed away by bankruptcy and can therefore be carried on the books regardless of potential collectibility. That makes the assets of the government seem larger than reality. Also, one of the players in the student loan world is a company named Student Loan Corp. They are a division of - guess who? - Citigroup. Do I smell rat droppings? Yes, again, the bank makes the money to service the loan and the tax payer is on the hook for defaults. Second, with the default numbers as bad as they really

are, student loans that experience a stoppage of payment after two years of commencement are no longer statistically factored. Those loan defaults are not counted. That's why the 7% government number is so ridiculous.

Also interesting, Federal liabilities grew in 2010 by a little over \$3 trillion and almost all of that was of course 'Treasury securities'. So, the Fed wants us to believe that government assets are growing and total \$1.650 trillion. Yet, the Federal Reserve now boasts of assets totaling over \$2.4 trillion!

So, the Fed has assets of \$2.4 trillion and no debt (everything they have is guaranteed by the taxpayers and everything they buy comes from money they 'print' from our Treasury) and the US government has assets of \$1.6 trillion and \$14 trillion in debt. Yes, it should be apparent to even the dumbest of dumb, we have been swindled. See my previous article on the Fed's swindle: The Fed's Furtive Filching. But there's more.

All this manipulation and stimulation and intervention has pumped a ton of money into the big bank cartel's hands. Uh, I mean the 'financial system'. And yes, a lot of that money has made its way into rallying the stock market. Let's go even dumber with the Fed. Uh, I mean, 'deeper'.

March 22, 2011 - Dallas Federal Reserve Bank President Richard Fisher said he is "beginning to see the signs of speculative excess" in the US. He added, "There's a lot of liquidity sloshing around the US financial system". I didn't get the transcript of the entire speech but he must have also expressed his sudden realization that the Earth was not really flat! Maybe he is seeing signs that the Earth orbits the Sun! Perhaps he is also seeing signs that the invention of the wheel might be useful! We must remind ourselves that Mr. Fisher is known to be a 'hawkish' member of the Fed. We currently have earthquakes and tsunamis exacting severe economic damage (Japan's HAARP-ing), riots spurred by economic disparity (Mideast and Northern Africa, parts of Asia), countries bowing to central banks for debt bailouts (the US, Greece, Ireland,...), inflation threatening the fastest growing economies (China, India, Brazil), a melting US currency, the worst new home sales for the month of February, 2011 in history (since 1963 when statistics were started), falling durable goods orders for the fourth month in a row in February (2011), military conquests everywhere, no budget in the US because the gutless Congress can neither cut spending nor sign off on another \$1.5 trillion in borrowed money to add to the already \$14.2 trillion debt that cannot be repaid, and economies totally supported by central bank injections. And yet, the stock market rallies on. Speculative excess? Boy, I wonder what finally opened Mr. Fisher's eyes? Sadly, he also thinks that the economy is improving (in the face of new home sales falling to the lowest level since records began in 1963), unemployment is 8.9% (despite a 3/23/2011 IBD< front page story reporting the 'real' number of 22% confirming that absolutely no one in the entire solar system believes the fake-o US government numbers), and that Fed-induced inflationary effects would be 'transitory' (as they always are until rising prices eventually collapse an economy). Dumb, dumber, dumberest, and even dumberestest.

Why do we accept so many lies? Why do we tolerate a government of mendacity? How has a country conceived by geniuses like Jefferson and Madison (framed a constitution to greatly limit the powers of the federal government), and guided by the sheer indomitable courage of Andrew Jackson (vetoed the charter of the central bank of his time) fallen so far? Why has surrender to these evils of government and central banking come so easily? Because, our country is not only inhabited by the Lloyd Christmases and Harry Duneses of the world, but we are led by these intellectual dwarfs. Dumb and dumber and dumberest indeed!

Thank you for taking time to read this piece. Now spread the truth. Me? I've got stocks to buy to keep the speculative excess going!

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farmland production. To turn biomass into enough fuel to power the whole U.S. vehicle fleet with this method, it would take about 1.6 billion tons of biomass, which is 80 percent of our wild growing fauna, farmed crops and garden trimmings (David 50-51). Harvesting more than three quarters of all plant life in the United States might not be such a healthy alternative to drilling some holes in the ground after all, unless we want our forests to resemble the surface of the moon.

I could go on about the supposed negative effects ethanol laced gas has on older cars (older style rubber fuel lines and seals melting and beginning to leak fuel, the water in ethanol separating from the fuel causing excessive cylinder pressures and damaging engine components, or sugary deposits gumming up carburetors) but this is a point that is difficult to prove other than through word of mouth from mechanics, and many of them seem to disagree on the topic. Suffice it to say that although this may or may not be true, it hardly looks like an important issue when compared to the findings of David Pimentel, Gary Brester, the scientists and researchers at the Air and Waste Management Association and many other experts across the globe, all of which highlight the negative effects that ethanol is having on the international food supply, the land in the Corn Belt and on most of our already battered wallets.

Truth be told, although the people advocating biofuel are mostly just trying to help wean the world off of fossil fuels, I thoroughly dislike the idea of using up precious food stocks to pursue my already selfish- enough exploits of drag racing and driving down to the local Taco Smell when I'm hungry for something wrapped in a warm corn tortilla (usually something expensive these

days.) It can be seen with all of the evidence presented here that alcohol laced fuel just plain sucks corn cobs.



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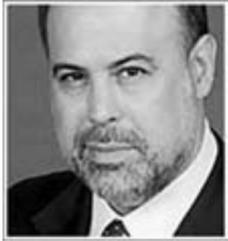
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By Brian Kennedy

# It's Never Just the Economy, Stupid

**(IMPRIMIS) - WE ARE OFTEN TOLD** that we possess the most

powerful military in the world and that we will face no serious threat for some time to come. We are comforted with three reassurances aimed at deflecting any serious discussion of national security: (1) that Islam is a religion of peace; (2) that we will never go to war with China because our economic interests are intertwined; and (3) that America won the Cold War and Russia is no longer our enemy. But these reassurances are myths, propagated on the right and left alike. We believe them at our peril, because serious threats are already upon us.



Let me begin with Islam. We were assured that it was a religion of peace immediately following September 11. President Bush, a good man, believed or was persuaded that true Islam was not that different from Judaism or Christianity. He said in a speech in October 2001, just a month after the attacks on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon: "Islam is a vibrant faith. . . . We honor its traditions. Our enemy does not. Our enemy doesn't follow the great traditions of Islam. They've hijacked a great religion." But unfortunately, Mr. Bush was trying to understand Islam as we would like it to be rather than how countless devout Muslims understand it.

Organizationally, Islam is built around a belief in God or Allah, but it is equally a political ideology organized around the Koran and the teachings of its founder Muhammad. Whereas Christianity teaches that we should render unto Caesar what is Caesar's and unto God what is God's—allowing for a non-theocratic political tradition to develop in the West, culminating in the principles of civil and religious liberty in the American founding—Islam teaches that to disagree with or even reinterpret the Koran's 6000 odd verses, organized into 114 chapters or Suras and dealing as fully with law and politics as with matters of faith, is punishable by death.

Islamic authorities of all the major branches of Islam hold that the Koran must be read so that the parts written last override the others. This so-called theory of abrogation means that the ruling parts of the Koran are those written after Muhammad went to Medina in 622 A.D. Specifically, they are Suras 9 and 5, which are not the Suras containing the verses often cited as proof of Islam's peacefulness.

Sura 9, verse 5, reads: "Fight and slay the unbelievers wherever ye find them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem of war. But if they repent, and establish regular prayers and practice regular charity, then open the way for them. . . ."

Sura 9, verse 29, reads: "Fight those who believe not in Allah nor the Last Day, nor hold that forbidden which hath been forbidden by Allah and His Apostle, nor acknowledge the religion of truth, even if they are of the 40 people of the Book, until they pay the jizya with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued."

Sura 5, verse 51, reads: "Oh ye who believe! Take not the Jews and the Christians for your friends and protectors; they are but friends and protectors to each other. And he amongst you that turns to them for friendship is of them. Verily Allah guideth not the unjust."

And Sura 3, verse 28, introduces the doctrine of taqiyya, which holds that Muslims should not be friends with the infidel except as deception, always with the end goal of converting, subduing, or destroying him.

It is often said that to point out these verses is to cherry pick unfairly the most violent parts of the Koran. In response, I assert that we must try to understand Muslims as they understand themselves. And I hasten to add that the average American Muslim does not understand the Koran with any level of detail. So I am not painting a picture here of the average Muslim. I am trying to understand

those Muslims, both here in the U.S. and abroad, who actively seek the destruction of America.

Here at home, the threat is posed by the Muslim Brotherhood and its organizational arms, such as the Council on American Islamic Relations, the Islamic Society of North America, and the various Muslim student associations. These groups seek to persuade Americans that Islam is a religion of peace. But let me quote to you from a document obtained during the 2007 Holy Land Trial investigating terrorist funding. It is a Muslim Brotherhood Strategic Memorandum on North American Affairs that was approved by the Shura Council and the Organizational Conference in 1987. It speaks of "Enablement of Islam in North America, meaning: establishing an effective and a stable Islamic Movement led by the Muslim Brotherhood which adopts Muslims' causes domestically and globally, and which works to expand the observant Muslim base, aims at unifying and directing Muslims' efforts, presents Islam as a civilization alternative, and supports the global Islamic State wherever it is."

Elsewhere this document says: The process of settlement is a "Civilization-Jihadist Process" with all the means. The Ikhwan [the Muslim Brotherhood] must understand that their work in America is a kind of grand Jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and "sabotaging" its miserable house by their hands and the hands of the believers so that it is eliminated and Allah's religion is made victorious over all other religions. Without this level of understanding, we are not up to this challenge and have not prepared ourselves for Jihad yet. It is a Muslim's destiny to perform Jihad and work wherever he is and wherever he lands until the final hour comes. . . .

Now during the Bush Administration, the number of Muslims in the U.S. was typically estimated to be around three million. The Pew Research Center in 2007 estimated it to be 2.35 million. In 2000, the Council on American Islamic Relations put the number at five million. And President Obama in his Cairo speech two years ago put it at seven million.

In that light, consider a 2007 survey of American Muslim opinion conducted by the Pew Research Center. Eight percent of American Muslims who took part in this survey said they believed that suicide bombing can sometimes be justified in defense of Islam. Even accepting a low estimate of three million Muslims in the U.S., this would mean that 240,000 among us hold that suicide bombing in the name of Islam can be justified. Among American Muslims 18-29 years old, 15 percent agreed with that and 60 percent said they thought of themselves as Muslim first and Americans second. Among all participants in the survey, five percent—and five percent of the low estimate of three million Muslims in America is 150,000—said they had a favorable view of al Qaeda.

Given these numbers, it is not unreasonable to suggest that the political aims and ideology of the Muslim Brotherhood represent a domestic threat to national security. It is one thing to have hundreds of terrorist sympathizers within our borders, but quite another if that number is in the hundreds of thousands. Consider the massacre at Fort Hood: Major Nidal Malik Hasan believed that he was acting as a devout Muslim—indeed, he believed he was obeying a religious mandate to wage war against his fellow soldiers. Yet even to raise the question of whether Islam presents a domestic threat today is to invite charges of bigotry or worse.

And as dangerous as it potentially is, this domestic threat pales in comparison to the foreign threat from the Islamic Republic of Iran and its allies—a threat that is existential in nature. The government in Tehran, of course, is enriching uranium to convert to plutonium and place in a nuclear warhead. Iran has advanced ballistic missiles such as the Shahab-3, which can be launched from land or sea and is capable of destroying an American city. Even worse, if the Iranians were able to deliver the warhead as an electromagnetic pulse weapon from a ship off shore—a method they have been practicing, by the way—they could destroy the electronic infrastructure of the U.S. and cause the deaths of tens of millions or more. And let me be perfectly clear: We do not today have a missile defense system in place that is capable of defending against either a ship-launched missile attack by Iran or a ballistic missile attack from China or Russia. We do not yet today have such a system in place, even though we are capable of building one.

Since I have mentioned China and Russia, let me turn to them briefly in that order. The U.S. trades with China and the Chinese buy our debt. Currently they have \$2 trillion in U.S. reserves, about half of which is in U.S. treasuries. Their economy and ours are intimately intertwined. For this reason it is thought that the Chinese will not go to war with us. Why, after all, would they want to destroy their main export market?

On the other hand, China is building an advanced army, navy, air force, and space-based capability that is clearly designed to limit the U.S. and its ability to project power in Asia. It has over two million men under arms and possesses an untold number of ICBMs—most of them aimed at the U.S.—and hundreds of short- and medium-range nuclear missiles. China's military thinking is openly centered on opposing American supremacy, and its military journals openly discuss unrestricted warfare, combining traditional military means with cyber warfare, economic warfare, atomic warfare, and terrorism. China is also working to develop a space-based military capability and investing in various launch vehicles, including manned spaceflight, a space station, and extensive anti-satellite weaponry aimed at negating U.S. global satellite coverage.

Absent a missile defense capable of intercepting China's ballistic missiles, the U.S. would be hard pressed to maintain even its current security commitments in Asia. The U.S. Seventh Fleet, however capable, cannot



withstand the kinds of nuclear missiles and nuclear-tipped cruise missiles that China could employ against it. The Chinese have studied American capabilities, and have built weapons meant to negate our advantages. The destructive capability of the recently unveiled Chinese DF-21D missile against our aircraft carriers significantly raises the stakes of a conflict in the South China Sea. And the SS-N-22 cruise missile—designed by the Russians and deployed by the Chinese and Iranians—presents a daunting challenge due to its enormous size and Mach 3 speed.

China has for some time carried out a policy that has been termed "peaceful rise." But in recent years we have seen the coming to power of what scholars like Tang Ben call the "Red Guard generation"—generals who grew up during the Cultural Revolution, who are no longer interested in China remaining a secondary power, and who appear eager to take back Taiwan, avenge past wrongs by Japan and replace the U.S. as the preeminent military power in the region and ultimately in the world.

However far-fetched this idea may seem to American policymakers, it is widely held in China that America is on the decline, with economic problems that will limit its ability to modernize its military and maintain its alliances. And indeed, as things stand, the U.S. would have to resort to full-scale nuclear war to defend its Asian allies from an attack by China. This is the prospect that caused Mao Tse Tung to call the U.S. a "Paper Tiger." Retired Chinese General Xiong Guong Kai expressed much the same idea in 1995, when he said that the U.S. would not trade Los Angeles for Taipei—that is, that we would have to stand by if China attacks Taiwan, since China has the ability to annihilate Los Angeles with a nuclear missile. In any case, current Chinese aggression against Japan in the Senkaku Islands and their open assistance of the Iranian nuclear program, not to mention their sale of arms to the Taliban in Afghanistan, would suggest that China is openly playing the role that the Soviet Union once played as chief sponsor of global conflict with the West.

Which brings us to Russia and to the degradation of American strategic thinking during and after the Cold War. This thinking used to be guided by the idea that we must above all prevent a direct attack upon the U.S. homeland. But over the past 50 years we have been taught something different: that we must accept a balance of power between nations, especially those possessing nuclear ballistic missiles; and that we cannot seek military superiority—including defensive superiority, as with missile defense—lest we create strategic instability. This is now the common



liberal view taught at universities, think tanks and schools of foreign service. Meanwhile, for their part, conservatives have been basking in the glow of "winning the Cold War." But in what sense was it won, it might be asked, given that we neither disarmed Russia of its nuclear arsenal nor put a stop to its active measures to undermine us. The transformation of some of the former captive nations into liberal democracies is certainly worth celebrating, but given the Russian government's brutally repressive domestic policies and strengthened alliances with America's enemies abroad over the past 20 years, conservatives have overdone it.

Perhaps it is not surprising, then, that our policy toward Russia has been exceedingly foolish. For the past two decades we have paid the Russians to dismantle nuclear warheads they would have dismantled anyway, while they have used those resources to modernize their ballistic missiles. On our part, we have not even tested a nuclear warhead since 1992—which is to say that we aren't certain they work anymore. Nor have we maintained any tactical nuclear weapons. Nor, to repeat, have we built the missile defense system first proposed by President Reagan.

Just last month, with bipartisan backing from members of the foreign policy establishment, the Senate ratified the New Start Treaty, which will further reduce our nuclear arsenal and will almost certainly cause further delays in building missile defenses—and this with a nation that engages in massive deception against us, supports our enemies, and builds ever more advanced nuclear weapons.

At the heart of America's strategic defense policy today is the idea of launching a retaliatory nuclear strike against whatever nuclear power attacks us. But absent reliable confidence in the lethality of forces, such a deterrent is meaningless. In this light, deliberating about the need for a robust modernization program, rather than arms reductions through New Start, would have been a better way for Congress to spend the days leading up to Christmas—which is to say, it would have been supportive of our strategic defense policy, rather than undercutting it.

But what about that strategic policy? Some of New Start's supporters argued that reducing rather than modernizing our nuclear arsenal places us on the moral high ground in our dealings with other nations. But can any government claim to occupy the moral high ground when it willingly, knowingly, and purposely keeps its people nakedly vulnerable to nuclear missiles? The Russians understand well the intellectual and moral bankruptcy of the American defense establishment, and have carefully orchestrated things for two decades so that we remain preoccupied with threats of North Korean and now Iranian ballistic missiles. We spend our resources developing modest defense systems to deal, albeit inadequately, with these so-



Russia's Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and China's Premier Wen Jiabao

called rogue states, and meanwhile forego addressing the more serious threat from Russia and China, both of which are modernizing their forces. Who is to say that there will never come a time when the destruction or nuclear blackmail of the U.S. will be in the interest of the Russians or the Chinese? Do we imagine that respect for human life or human rights will stop these brutal tyrannies from acting on such a determination?

If I sound pessimistic, I don't mean to. Whatever kind of self-deception has gripped the architects of our current defense policies, the American people have proved capable of forcing a change in direction when they learn the facts. Americans do not wish to be subjected to Sharia law, owe large sums of money to the Chinese, or be kept vulnerable to nuclear missiles. Having responded resoundingly to the economic and constitutional crisis represented by Obamacare, it is now time for us to remind our representatives of the constitutional requirement to provide for a common defense—in the true sense of the word.

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phone call came in to the Stillwater County Sheriff's Office Dispatch claiming that Maki, who was caretaking for an elderly woman named Opel Sutherland, was being abused by Snyder. Snyder was staying with Maki, who was living with and caretaking for Stillwater County resident Opel Sutherland at the time.

Stillwater County Deputy Sheriff Randy Smith arrived at Opel Sutherland's residence shortly after the alleged call was made. Smith was greeted at the door by Maki at 11:30 p.m. that night. Snyder states that Maki had been on a lengthy phone call with Thomas Devlin and almost immediately after she hung the phone up, Smith appeared at the door, making the alleged call to dispatch nearly impossible.

Snyder's claims to have had a love affair with Maki, are well substantiated by the letters used by Petak as his reason for dropping the false charges. Snyder claims that Petak had the letters in his possession before he filed the charges. One love letter from Maki to Snyder states, "My Dearest Sweet Steve - Words don't say and can't say - our journey together - what life brings with such 'zoo-ber-ance' oh my God you have touched my life like no other... Forever Suzi." Another letter states, "Here Dear Steve - walnuts for your kind loving heart - Love Me" This certainly doesn't sound like a poor abused rape victim writing to her rapist does it?

Snyder has held that Susan Maki was under the control of a third party in the filing of her

false charges and that she didn't have any choice in the matter. Snyder also stated that the alleged phone call to dispatch could not have taken place and no dispatch record has been produced.

This writer secured special visiting privileges at the Montana State Women's Prison in Billings with Maki in the fall of 2009. Maki had obtained funding from her Mother Leona Maki and hired the Observer to attempt to get her out of prison. During phone conversations with Susan Maki, I informed her that in order for me to be able to help her that she would have to tell me who it was that was controlling her life - forcing her to do their bidding. Before I scheduled my trip to the Prison, Maki fully agreed to disclose the names of those controlling her. After three days of semi-private visits at the prison, Maki refused to make the disclosure. Maki continued to slander Snyder throughout my visits and ironically Snyder continued to support both Maki and his claims that someone was controlling her. This scenario

might just support the saying that, "Love is Blind." During my interviews Maki admitted writing her love letters to Snyder after he allegedly raped her and then when I

confronted her about this, she starting lying, saying, "Oh no, I was mistaken, it was before the rape." She continued on making other excuses for the letters, however the letters speak loud and clear - they say what they say...and Maki admitted writing them...after the alleged rape.

## Snyder's Lawsuit

Named defendants include the County of Stillwater, Susan Maki Schaff, Tom Devlin, Stillwater County Sheriff's Deputy Randy Eugene Smith, Stillwater County Under Sheriff Woody Claunch, Deputy Stillwater County Attorney Patrick Begley, Deputy Stillwater County Attorney Matt Erickson and Stillwater County Attorney John I. Petak.

The suit claims, "Defendants knowingly, without probable cause falsely charged Plaintiff (Snyder) with Felony crimes." The

suit continues, "As part of bringing the false charges Defendants aided/abetted in the obtaining of protective orders, which terminated Plaintiff's constitutional rights to possess firearms and hunting licenses under Montana and federal laws. In the interest of justice, the District Judge nullified the protective orders on January 8, 2008 and Plaintiff's rights were restored by the Honorable Russell C. Fagg of the Thirteenth Judicial District, when the Honorable Blair Jones recused himself." I should note that it was Judge Fagg's responsibility to inform the federal data base that Snyder's charges were dismissed - this never happened until April 4, 2011 and the only reason they were dismissed on April 4, 2011 is because Snyder himself notified the authorities and had them correct the record.

It is clear that Steve Snyder's relationship with Susan Maki Schaff and the subsequent actions taken by government officials and others has ruined his life. He now suffers from a severe heart condition caused in part by stress and he has certainly suffered great public humiliation. Snyder is seeking approximately one million dollars in damages as a result.

**Editor's Note: Look for much more on Steve Snyder's Lawsuit. Anyone with information on this case is urged to contact Edward Snook at 541-474-7885 - All calls are strictly confidential. ★★**



County Attorney John I. Petak

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Jury acquitted him. Vaughan's actions during her attempted false prosecution were not mere "Ethics Violations," they were flat-out evil attacks on this innocent young man.

The efforts of the US-Observer totally defeated Vaughan's attempts to ruin Kevin Driscoll's life and he was spared many years in prison. Vaughan and her boss, Deschutes County District Attorney Michael Dugan, both lost their jobs over this case - Dugan was voted out of office after the US-Observer newspapers flooded Deschutes County and Vaughan was fired when Patrick Flaherty was sworn in as the new Deschutes County District Attorney.

The US-Observer was successful in taking the Driscoll case into the "Court of Public Opinion" and winning and now that Driscoll has filed his valid bar complaint against the prosecutor who falsely and unethically attempted to prosecute him, the US-Observer will take the Oregon State Bar into that same "Court of Public Opinion."

The Oregon State Bar is factually a brotherhood organization that supposedly controls attorneys in the State of Oregon, while they pretend to discipline Oregon attorneys for their unethical conduct. The truth of the matter is, the Bar is an organization that only disciplines an attorney when their conduct becomes so egregious that it can't be swept under the carpet or when they decide an attorney is threatening their monopoly - a monopoly that attorneys have perfected to allow them to completely fleece their clients. There are rare exceptions, but they are rare indeed.

## Driscoll's Oregon State Bar Complaint - Verbatim:

## COMPLAINT REGARDING ATTORNEY:

Jody Stutsman Vaughan

March 22, 2011

TO: Oregon State Bar  
Client Assistance Office  
PO Box 231935  
Tigard, OR 97281-1935

## Ethics Violations By: Jody Stutsman Vaughan

I hereby lodge an official complaint against Jody Stutsman Vaughan who is licensed in the State of Oregon, and is

therefore subject to the Oregon Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

## Nature of the complaint:

**Mrs. Vaughan** engaged in several acts of unethical behavior, while assigned to case 09FE0114ST as the Deputy District Attorney in Deschutes County as detailed below:

1. Mrs. Vaughan engaged in undignified behavior by forwarded copies of police reports, witness statements and arrest orders to my employer. I feel Mrs. Vaughan engaged in the behavior to cause a loss of job and to restrict me financially so it would be difficult to have a proper defense.

2. On December, 25 2009 Mrs. Vaughan engaged in releasing a false statement by means of public communication through The Bend Bulletin. Mrs. Vaughan stated publicly that I was engaged with two other women in "extremely rough", "very painful" and "forceful" sex. Mrs. Vaughan knowingly released this false statement to the public to sway the jury pool in her favor.

3. Mrs. Vaughan participated in the creation of false evidence by submitting pictures that clearly altered the actual characteristic and color of forensic photographs.

4. Mrs. Vaughan knowingly used perjured testimony of witness Kathy Wade, Melissa Leahy and Patrick Murphy.

5. On October, 5 2010 Mrs. Vaughan knowingly made a false statement by presented evidence to the court by stating "the bruises, nobody saw them in the hot tub." When it was clearly stated on the record, by two separate individual witnesses that bruises were seen and reported. Mrs. Vaughan knowingly made this false statement to direct the jury from the truth.

6. On October, 5 2010 Mrs. Vaughan knowingly made a false statement of the evidence to the court by saying "Pictures of the bruises were taken four days later." This was a false statement because the bruises were actually taken the same day. Mrs. Vaughan knowingly attempted to conceal and disclose evidence to convince the jury of her false statement.

7. On October, 5 2010 Mrs. Vaughan knowingly made a false statement to the court by stating "when Ms. Leahy was asked if he put his mouth on your vagina she answered, maybe or not." This question was asked directly to Ms. Leahy and the answer was "Yes." Mrs. Vaughan clearly

misrepresented this testimony to convince the jury of her false statement.

8. On October, 5 2010 Mrs. Vaughan knowingly made a false statement of the evidence to the court by stating "Look at the video, it will show Pete coming out the open garage." This video clearly showed Pete Rusjker exiting out the side gate, not the garage as Mrs. Vaughan stated. Mrs. Vaughan made this statement to the jury knowing the jury had not viewed the video at this time. This is a false statement or Mrs. Vaughan failed her duties as an Attorney to review all evidence in question before prosecuting a case.

9. On October, 20 2010 Mrs. Vaughan attempted to refuse to release my personal belongings that were ordered by the court to be returned. Once Mrs. Vaughan found out the local police returned the belongings at the courts request; she became angry and contacted my stepfather. Mrs. Vaughan threatened legal action unless she receives pictures that my Defense Attorney had. This was clearly not the professionalism or conduct the officers of our courts should uphold.

Dates of Violation: January, 23 2009 to October, 20 2010

## Other Relevant Information:

I feel the conduct Mrs. Vaughan demonstrates is in direct violation of DR 7-102(A)(3), 7-102(A)(4), 7-102(A)(5), 7-102(A)(6), 7-106(C)(6), 7-107(A), 7-107(B). There are also several other violations from Oregon Code of Professional Conduct and Oregon Code of professional responsibilities.

If needed I can provide you with all the witness information, court audio transcripts, altered picture, articles from The Bend Bulletin, and recorded phone call between my stepfather and Mrs. Vaughan.

I am fully aware of the high standards The Oregon State Bar requires of its officers. I believe Oregon State Bar will find these matters worthy of investigation, and I look forward to hearing from you as to the disposition of this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information or have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kevin Driscoll

**Editor's Note: Don't miss our upcoming article on the results Kevin Driscoll's Oregon State Bar Complaint. ★★**

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come crashing down.

## #7 The Protests In Wisconsin

As the recent protests in Wisconsin demonstrated, the American people are not going to take austerity measures sitting down. New life has been breathed into the organized labor movement in America. As a result, in many areas of the country it is going to be really hard for state and local governments to make the deep budget cuts that many believe are necessary.

What the protests in Wisconsin also showed is that America is a deeply, deeply divided nation. Liberals hate the Tea Party and the Tea Party hates liberals. The growth of frustration and anger in American politics is alarming.

Meanwhile, both sides are not even focusing on the real sources of our economic problems. Most Americans don't really understand what a "trade deficit" is and most Americans certainly cannot adequately describe what the Federal Reserve is.

The ignorance of the American people is staggering. In fact, 63 percent of Americans between the ages of 18 and 24 cannot find Iraq on a map and 90 percent of Americans in that same age group cannot find Afghanistan on a map.

But what Americans do know is that they are mad and that they want to take it out on someone. Sadly, we will probably continue to take it out on each other as the real problems go unaddressed.

## #8 Quantitative Easing

QE2 technically started late last year, but the effects really only began to kick in this year.

Essentially what the Federal Reserve is doing is that they are creating money out of thin air and using it to buy up huge amounts of U.S. Treasuries.

In the process, the big Wall Street banks are making substantial profits (because they are who the Fed buys the Treasuries from) and the U.S. money supply is exploding.

Just check out what all of this quantitative easing is doing to the U.S. monetary base....

## #9 The Global Food Crisis

All of the crazy money printing that the major central banks

around the globe have been doing is starting to have some very serious consequences.

One thing that is happening is that the global price of food is soaring. Earlier this year the UN announced that the global price of food hit a brand new all-time record high.

For people in rich countries higher food prices are an inconvenience, but in third world nations a 20% increase in the price of food can mean the difference between life and death.

The truth is that the globe is headed for a massive food crisis. The price of almost every major agricultural

commodity has skyrocketed over the past year.



For example, the price of corn has more than doubled over the last 12 months. Not only that, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture U.S. corn reserves will drop to a 15 year low by the end of 2011.

If things get much worse we will likely see many more food riots begin to erupt around the world.

## #10 George Soros Attempts To "Rearrange" The World Financial System

It hasn't gotten much attention in the mainstream media, but George Soros is actually attempting to restructure the global financial system.

Soros is holding an international financial conference from April 8th to April 11th in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire.

Many are referring to this conference as "Bretton Woods II". The following is how a recent article on AmericanFreePress.net described this conference....

This "Bretton Woods II" comes along just as the Trilateral Commission will be meeting at the same time in Washington, D.C. With an apparent goal of creating nothing less than a new global economy, Soros is spending \$50 million in New Hampshire to bring together up to 200 academic, business and government policy leaders under his Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET).

As AFP goes to press, the attendees are to include ex-Fed Chairman Paul Volcker, former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown and World Bank executive and Nobel Prize winner in economics Joseph Stiglitz. The conference is slated for the Mount Washington Hotel, site of the historic 1944 Bretton Woods conference, which established the post-World War II international financial architecture.

So is this conference going to change the financial world as we know it?

Only time will tell.

But the truth is that George Soros is not afraid to swing for the fences and he is very obsessed with his globalist agenda.

In any event, it is undeniable that 2011 has been a really wild and crazy year so far.

So what will the rest of the year bring?

Hopefully the chaos will settle down a bit, but I wouldn't count on it. The entire global financial system is starting to come apart and so the economic nightmares are probably just beginning.

If your dream was to live in stable, peaceful times than you are probably not going to enjoy the years ahead very much.

But if you always wanted to live during a time when history was being made and when there are great adventures to be experienced then the years ahead are going to present a great opportunity for you.

It is when times are the darkest that the greatest heroes arise. Yes, the world as we know it is crumbling all around us, but that just means that there are going to be amazing opportunities to make a real, significant difference in the world.

So don't spend your life on the couch in front of the television. Life is a race that you only get to run once. Run this race in a way that you will be proud of when it is all said and done. ★★

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## Grassroots gun rights groups gain momentum

By Alan Gottlieb

(SAF) - Considering that there are an estimated 80 million gun owners in the United States, it should be no surprise that local organizations devoted to protecting and promoting gun rights - especially in the wake of the 2008 Heller ruling and the 2010 McDonald decision by the U.S. Supreme Court - have been springing up, growing in numbers and gaining political clout.

As founder of the Second Amendment Foundation, which brought the landmark case of McDonald v. City of Chicago to the high court with the cooperation of the Illinois State Rifle Association, I have witnessed this surge in gun rights interests with delight. Today, SAF is proudly involved in legal actions with several grassroots organizations, challenging onerous state and local gun laws.

For example, SAF is cooperating with Grass Roots North Carolina, a pro-gun-rights organization, in a challenge of North Carolina's emergency powers statute that allows the governor or local officials to suspend Second Amendment rights outside of the home during a declared emergency.

In California, SAF has partnered with the CalGuns Foundation on several lawsuits to protect the rights of gun owners.

Our lawsuit against a discretionary - and essentially discriminatory - gun permit law in Maryland has gotten financial support from Maryland Shall Issue. Likewise, a SAF lawsuit against a similar law in New York's Westchester County is being supported by Long Island Firearms and the Shooters Committee On Political Education (SCOPE).

Our newest legal challenges to anti-gun rights laws against the state of New Jersey and New York City were filed with local plaintiffs, the New Jersey Association of Rifle and Pistol

Clubs and the New York Rifle and Pistol Association.

This emergence of pro-gun grassroots organizations evidently surprises the mainstream press, which has long believed that the National Rifle Association, and only the NRA, speaks for gun owners and lobbies on their behalf. While it is certainly true that the NRA effectively lobbies for gun owners on Capitol Hill and in state legislatures, it is also true that alternate gun rights groups including state-level concealed and open carry organizations, and groups fashioning themselves after the Virginia Citizens' Defense League, Gun Owners' Action League of Massachusetts, Ohioans for Concealed Carry and Buckeye Firearms Association, Arizona Citizens Defense League, the Montana Sport Shooting Association and Oregon Firearms Federation, have risen to handle their own affairs rather than depend entirely on a national association to do their bidding.

This presents no small dilemma for the media, and for gun prohibitionist groups that have long tried to demonize the so-called "gun lobby" as a monolithic organization with the initials "NRA." Instead of a lobby, the emergence of various strong local gun groups is a movement with a broad and diverse membership representing all walks of life, all races, professions and genders. It is very difficult to demonize a movement that represents a cross-section of Americana, which may be exemplified by the NRA, but not necessarily as the only group on the map.

Alas, the NRA may have fallen into that trap, itself, by recent actions that have included a publicly embarrassing attempt to secure for itself - and no other gun rights groups - an exemption from the DISCLOSE Act. While that was bad enough, the association went one

step further by suggesting in its own magazines that the McDonald case was the NRA's, when it was not.

As an NRA member, I have been proud when SAF and our sister organization, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, have fought side-by-side with the NRA on such major issues as the lawsuit against New Orleans to stop gun confiscations after Hurricane Katrina. We invariably shared credit for that effort, and our joint lawsuits against attempted gun bans in the cities of San Francisco and Seattle. We look forward to more such actions, because we have yet to lose one of these cooperative cases in court.

We are equally pleased to work with local grassroots organizations, though. We operate, and cooperate, under no illusions. Fighting to protect existing gun rights and regain those we have lost is a job that will require grassroots activism as well as a strong unified national voice.

Today's gun rights movement perhaps best typifies the "big tent" inside of which there may sometimes be discord and lively debate, but ultimately we all want the same thing: The free exercise of our constitutionally-protected fundamental civil right to keep and bear arms.

The mainstream media and gun-hating editorialists can no longer take the lazy approach by simply heaping scorn on the NRA as some sort of evil lock-step enterprise. These gun prohibitionists are now facing a much larger and formidable front, perhaps with NRA at its center, but with other strong and vocal national and local groups on the flanks. Gun owners realize we are all in this together, and that's the only way we will restore those rights that have been eroded: together.

*Alan Gottlieb is founder and executive vice president of the Second Amendment Foundation.*

## ATF Agent Charged With Stealing Guns, Cigarettes, For Resale



By Melissa Jeltsen

April 7, 2011 (TPM) - A special agent with the Bureau of Alcohol,

Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) allegedly stole guns and stockpiles of cigarettes from the agency with the intention of selling them for his own financial benefit, according to a federal indictment unsealed on Wednesday.

In a 20-count indictment, 43 year old Virginia resident Clifford Dean Posey has been charged with wire fraud, embezzlement, possessing stolen firearms, making false



statements and money laundering.

According to the press release, Posey frequently came into contact with guns and cigarettes as part of his duties as a special agent. However, in 2007, he allegedly began falsifying documents so he could keep the goods for himself. In written reports, he claimed that firearms were released to owners or destroyed, while he's accused of actually taking them for himself. In one case, he's alleged to have advertised guns he had taken from ATF stockpiles for sale.

In the summer of 2010, Posey was the lead



agent in an undercover tobacco investigation. According to the indictment, Posey had access to a storage unit containing cigarettes intended to be used in undercover investigations. He allegedly stole cigarettes out of the unit and sold them on at least four separate occasions.

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## Arizona House passes law allowing guns on campuses



PHOENIX, AZ - Thu, Apr 7 (Reuters) - The Arizona House on Thursday approved a landmark bill allowing guns on campuses, making it only the second state in the nation to allow firearms to be carried at colleges and universities.

The Republican-led House voted 33 to 24 to allow firearms to be carried in the open or concealed in public rights of way, such as campus streets and roadways.

"We're allowing people to defend themselves," said Rep. David Gowan Sr., a Republican, who voted for the bill.

"The purpose of carrying a gun with you is to defend yourself against that aggressor," he added.

The measure now goes to Arizona's Republican Governor Jan Brewer. She has not said if she will sign it into law but has been a strong gun-rights advocate in the past.

If the measure is enacted, Arizona would join Utah as the only states to specifically allow such gun rights. Utah goes one step further, allowing firearms inside campus buildings.

The move comes as opponents and supporters face off across the country over gun laws, with nine states this year seeking to broaden citizens' rights to tote firearms on campuses.

Supporters of Arizona's bill argue that a person's

constitutional right to bear arms should not be taken away just because he or she is on a campus. They claim that allowing guns there could save lives in the event of a campus shooting.

But the bill faced widespread opposition from college and university administrators, faculty and law enforcement officials.

Opponents claimed it would put campus police at a dangerous disadvantage in trying to prevent campus shootings.

Faculty groups at the state's three universities passed resolutions against the bill.

Rep. Steve Farley, a Democrat, said the idea strikes at the heart of higher education and will make it

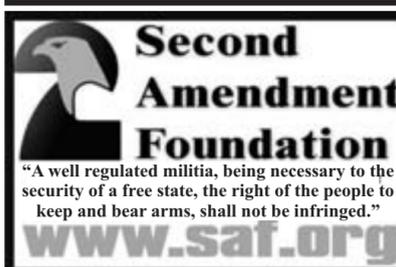
hard to attract top-flight faculty and staff.

"I don't believe this is a good move for us," he told legislators during the vote. "I think it compromises the key core goal of our universities ... (to) have a free and unintimidating exchange of ideas."

Other lawmakers questioned the bill because it does not specifically define what constitutes public rights of way. They said a legal challenge is likely.

(Reporting by David Schwartz; Editing by Tim Gaynor and Ellen Wulfhorst)

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contacting CPS was only the start of his problems.

What unfolded is an absolute travesty of justice and a heart-wrenching story that should cause extreme concern and outrage to every family.

#### The Confirmed Allegations?

With allegations lingering over Girl Mairs' former step father, Dr. Frank Toppo, who is also one of Nye County's local Doctors, he reportedly sought personal help from his “close friends.” The Nye County District Attorney at that time, Robert Beckett, who was a patient of Dr. Toppo's, had reportedly escaped a DUI charge with what was believed to be a little help from Dr. Toppo. Beckett reportedly stated he was ready to fight the suspected DUI charge with his newly discovered medical condition he identified as being, “border-line diabetic.” This DUI charge came after he wrecked a county vehicle, followed by wrecking his own vehicle just hours later. After the second crash, the California Highway Patrol reported that Beckett's blood-alcohol level was .10 percent. Dr. Toppo would later testify, under oath, that he was not only Mr. Beckett's close personal friend, but he was also his physician and that he had seen and administered medical treatment to Beckett, shortly after the two crashes.

Pahrump attorney Tom Gibson, who represents Dr. Toppo, reportedly said that Beckett had in fact asked Toppo to assist with his defense during the DUI case. Now, it was seemingly time for Beckett to return yet another favor.

(See the Las Vegas Review Journal's “Nye County prosecutor dogged by new lawsuit” dated

6-17-10 at www.lvrj.com.)

The 2006, CPS/Sheriff's Investigation turned up evidence that confirmed the Mairs' fear of sexual abuse, but instead of pursuing criminal charges and serving justice, as the Nye County Sheriff's investigators requested, District Attorney Beckett, reportedly with the help of Toppo and his attorney, pursued a malicious attempt to further the



Dr. Frank Toppo

damages to the Mairs family.

Not only did Gibson, Toppo and Beckett make every effort of hiding the truth about the original sexual abuse/molestation claims made in 2006, it appears in 2008, they were again sweeping new information the child was saying under their dirty little carpet. According to the new documents obtained by the *US-Observer*, the child had disclosed information that she had been abused, threatened and intimidated by her mother, Charleen Toppo-Mairs and Step-Father, Frank Toppo, to not discuss any information about the original sexual abuse/molestation incident to any of the Mental Health Professionals the child was currently seeing. Toppo, Beckett and now Nye County Asst. Sheriff Richard Marshall, were reportedly

attempting to divert all the attention away from the child's disclosures and mislead the Clark County Courts by producing documents stating that Nye County had already investigated the 2008 disclosures of threats and intimidation, back in 2006.

When Mr. Mairs was informed in 2008 that his daughter was now being abused, threatened and intimidated to not discuss the previous incidents with any mental health professionals, he once again came to his daughters' aid. He immediately requested and received a temporary protection order in Washington State under the UCCJEA (Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act).

On December 16, 2008 a Clark County Nevada Family Court ordered that there was to be no contact between Girl Mairs and Mr. Toppo, or his two sons. Additional restrictions were also placed upon members of the mother's family. On December 18, 2008, just two days later, Nye County Asst Sheriff Richard Marshall filed a complaint of Felony Perjury charges against both Manuel and Jackie Mairs. To date, we have been unable to obtain any report or documentation indicating that the Nye County Sheriff's Office or Asst. Sheriff Richard Marshall had conducted any investigation supporting the alleged crimes. According to Asst. Sheriff Richard Marshall's complaint, he was simply alleging that Manuel and his wife had made all of the 2006 sexual abuse/molestation claims up, and that they had Suborned Perjury upon the live-in Nanny, Marsha Shockley, in her original statements and affidavits which were all submitted to the Clark County Nevada Family Courts.

As we had reported in an earlier article about this case, it did not take long for Justice of the Peace Tina Brisbell, who heard the case brought against the Mairs's, to recognize that Shockley was now attempting to retract her original statements. However, it was a futile attempt because Mr. Toppo had actually testified to the fact that most of what Shockley had said in all of her statements/affidavit was true and accurate.

#### Heartaches and Losses

On January 7, 2009, Manuel Mairs, a police officer with the Federal Way Police Department in Washington State, was placed on administrative leave - pending the outcome of the charges.

In addition to the false criminal charges against the Mairs, the abuse of their daughter, and now, economic losses, Manuel missed out on an opportunity for promotion to the Lieutenant rank during his administrative leave, greatly affecting his potential income.

Upon receiving information of criminal charges being brought against them, both Manuel and Jackie were initially shocked. But their shock, quickly turned to despair. “We knew we were not supposed to be charged with a crime for filing a CPS report. There are laws that protected people from this kind of retaliation. At first, it appeared to be nothing more than a ploy to pressure a settlement in the pending civil case.” After a few weeks, which ultimately turned into the longest and most unbearable months, Jackie had literally “checked out” on the family. Having now to deal with countless, sleepless nights, the continuous crying and relentless nightmares of somehow being jailed because of these fictitious charges, would eventually lead Jackie to begin to lose focus with most of the simple things in life. And, one of those things was traversing a flight of stairs in their home. Jackie had fallen down a flight of stairs, severely injuring her knee. The injury required multiple doctor visits. The surgery to fix ligaments and alleviate pain had discovered that the injury would require a knee replacement surgery, which has yet to take place.

Jackie said that she is in fear of even being near Nye County, Nevada for what Beckett and Toppo have done to her and her family. Although she still has family in Nevada, she hesitates to visit, due to her fears. Jackie said she was very fearful of the false criminal charges, “I was consumed by them. I actually thought I was going to

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and for months prior to this encounter, she had been on a downward spiral.

Anderson was a model citizen, with no criminal history. He possessed a Federal Firearms License - a license obtained only after extensive law-enforcement scrutiny - he didn't even have a traffic infraction on his perfect record.

Anderson was literally shocked when his daughter attacked him in front of his home that night, falsely accusing him of past sex abuse. After assaulting her father, Elizabeth called 911 and claimed that her father had assaulted her and had threatened her with a weapon.

Sheriff's deputies appeared at the Anderson home shortly after the 911 call and without much discussion with Anderson; they handcuffed him, placing him under arrest. Anderson was taken to jail for the first time in his life.

Like most people, Paul Anderson rushed to an attorney, paid him a retainer and was assured that everything would turn out good. After no meaningful investigation whatsoever, Anderson's attorney Rene Cespedes of Bellevue, WA led Paul to trial in front of Snohomish County District Court Judge Patricia L. Lyon.

**“I Felt Horrible and Dark Inside ... I Needed to Take It Out on Somebody”**  
-- Elizabeth Anderson

Snohomish County Prosecutor Andrew Alsdorf chose to prosecute Anderson even though Anderson's daughter had recanted prior to trial. Even though Elizabeth had stopped taking Meth and had faced the deceptive world she had created, Alsdorf was not willing to investigate her claims, much less

listen to her attempts to tell the truth.

Elizabeth had falsely accused her father of prior sex abuse and before starting the trial Alsdorf wanted to use the term past sex abuse in front of the jury. Judge Lyon ruled that he could use past abuse, but not past sex abuse, as it would be too prejudicial to Anderson. Her ruling was not only wrong, it verged on insanity and without question, it mirrored rulings made by the Star Chamber courts of England from 1487-1641.

Many times during the trial Alsdorf mentioned past abuse in front of the jury and in closing arguments he used the term a total of six times. In my thirty-years of court experience I have never encountered worse corruption in any trial. A naïve jury sat for a short six-hours and heard about Anderson's past abuse of his daughter - Alsdorf never stated what the abuse was or when or where it occurred. The fact is, there was never any prior abuse, but yet the jury had to have believed that the defendant in the case they were listening to was a cruel and dangerous person - He was exactly the opposite.

Even in light of the unfair and corrupt trial, this jury deliberated for nine-hours before rendering their guilty verdict. Honestly, what option did they have, given the Star Chamber trial they witnessed and the fact that they were an “uninformed jury,” meaning that like most juries of today, they had no idea what the true rights of a jury are.

According to Anderson, upon being convicted he received the routine response from his attorney, “I can't believe this. We will win this on appeal.” So, Anderson rushed out to an appellate attorney, hands them \$7,000.00 and waits for a corrupted Superior Court's decision. The Superior Court ruled against Paul Anderson and then a longtime Commissioner of the Court of Appeals did the same. This

distraught man gave up at that point, until he hears from a friend that there is an organization called the *US-Observer* that might be able to help him.

Paul was successful in obtaining the assistance of the *US-Observer* and we have conducted a thorough investigation of his case - concluding that Paul Anderson is innocent, that he didn't receive a fair trial and that the system that attacked him, did so in an extremely prejudice and unfair manner.

#### Snohomish County Prosecutor Mark Roe is Now Responsible

Prosecutor Mark Roe didn't prosecute Anderson and he wasn't the elected prosecutor at the time of Anderson's conviction, but he is now solely responsible because he is the elected official that can reverse Paul Anderson's unwarranted tragedy. Above all else, Roe's job is to seek justice, something most prosecutors forget as they conduct their duties of protecting the public from dangerous criminals.

The *US-Observer* has discovered new evidence in this case, which we fully intend to use to vindicate Anderson, however Paul Anderson should not have to pay any more attorneys in order to have his conviction vacated - period.

On March 3, 2011, I called Roe's office and was informed by his clerk that he would return my call. I didn't receive the call. On March 8, 2011 I mailed Prosecutor Roe a letter, requesting that he call me and discuss new evidence as well as the unfair trial. On March 21, 2011 I received a letter from Roe explaining that he had a deputy prosecutor “look into the matter.” Roe's facts regarding procedure were right on point, however truth was absent...

Given Mr. Roe's stance of being tough on crime, I believe that he and I would get along just fine. His unwillingness to discuss the truth

regarding the Anderson false conviction is apparently placing us at odds.

It is the practice of the *US-Observer* to give public officials we encounter in any given case a chance to do the right thing before we take our issues public. Prosecutor Roe was given the opportunity to contact us. Prosecutor Roe chose to not discuss this matter or even inquire as to what evidence we have obtained that proves Paul Anderson's innocence. The *US-Observer* will now take this case into the “Court of Public Opinion.”

In this case no one can blame the jury, because they heard very little truth - they did however, hear false and damaging charges without any basis whatsoever.

Prosecutor Mark Roe would be wise and better serve justice if he would take the time to look into how the *US-Observer's* Court of Public Opinion works. He simply needs to Google Deschutes County, Oregon District Attorney Michael Dugan or Nye County, Nevada Prosecutor Robert Beckett to read the results.

Don't miss our next edition wherein we will provide a more detailed account of Paul Anderson's false prosecution and subsequent conviction. Anyone with information about Prosecutor Mark Roe, Deputy Prosecutor Andrew Alsdorf and Judge Patricia Lyon is urged to contact Edward Snook at 541-474-7885.

All information is deemed strictly confidential.

**Edward Snook's Note: On the positive side - Elizabeth Anderson is turning out to be a productive, quality person and has turned her life completely around, due in great part to her father's love. How ironic - while most men would have disowned a daughter for what transpired, Paul Anderson and his wife Floydeen realized their daughter needed help and they committed themselves to helping her - it worked... ★★★**

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prison. With all of the crying and emotions I was going through, I literally lost sight of family members, family members who were always right in front of me. The most unforgettable things about this whole ordeal are the reality checks you get along the way." She described an incident when her 7 year old son, Ronnie, stopped her in the hallway one day. "I heard the obvious pain in his heart and the innocence in his voice when he asked me, "Mommy why don't you take care of me, don't you love me anymore?" It just kills me to even think that he had such a painful thought in his mind."

I can't think of anything worse than a loving parent losing the life of a child. For Manuel and Jackie, that has become a reality. It's a shame that whenever the Mairs' think about their niece Brittany, who had passed away during this awful nightmare, they will be reminded of what if - What if we would have been there for her? What if Nye County hadn't pursued false charges against us?

Jackie shared some her memories of Brittany with us. "I can see her face the day I was given custody of Brittany. She was only 9 years old." Brittany was her brother's child and, due to some poor choices her brother had made, she was asked to step in to take care of Brittany. "I loved her and treated her as if she was my own child." Jackie said. "Brittany and I had grown very close, she was my soul mate. Other family members would often comment that it seemed we could talk to each other without ever saying a word. We just knew what each other needed or wanted of the other." Jackie went on to describe some of the events that led to the death of Brittany. "During this unbelievable ordeal, the undeniable devotion and constant support I give each and every person in my family, had quickly unraveled. I simply lost focus of my duties of protecting and helping them, especially Brittany. I failed to see that Brittany

was being torn apart over the thought of somehow losing me if I was to be arrested and jailed. Brittany was literally self destructing right in front of me and I was not focused. I never saw it. It wasn't until I received the devastating news that she had died in a car crash, did I realize just how much of an impact that these false charges had upon us. I will never forget that what I've had to endure was simply because of a few self-centered and self-serving vicious individuals, who clearly



Robert Beckett

abused each and every aspect of one's professional and personal principals, morals and ethics. They simply felt that a personal favor and/or a friendship was a good enough reason to maliciously prosecute someone for nothing more than filing a CPS report."

March 2011, marked the two year anniversary since the death of Brittany.

Manuel stated that he worries about Jackie every day. He believes she still hasn't recovered from Brittany's death. "We were so wrapped up with Nye County that we were never able to catch our breath. We really had no time or opportunity to sufficiently grieve the initial impact of losing Brittany." The pain Manuel feels should be about the loss of Brittany, but it was very apparent that the pain and suffering he has, is for his wife, Jackie.

"Sometimes I hear Jackie quietly crying in the other room, obviously trying not to disturb anyone." He says it is sometimes hard to hold back his emotions. "There are times when I take a few moments to just sit and cry, when I think I'm alone. But, I'm afraid Jackie will walk in and see me crying. I just can't imagine how she would feel to see me crying when I'm supposed to be the one she leans on when she gets down."

**Threats of Criminal Charges**

Building a case against the Mairs, Beckett and Attorney Gibson reportedly threatened Girl Mairs' Nanny with criminal charges if she didn't retract her previous statements confirming the abuse. Under threat of criminal charges, Nanny Shockley agreed to change her story and was given immunity from prosecution in exchange.

**The US-Observer Enters**

Shortly after they were charged, the Mairs contacted the US-Observer for help. We conducted an in-depth investigation and exposed everyone involved who had attempted to imprison the Mairs. The corruption that was uncovered was unbelievable to say the least.

In short order, the US-Observer and Mairs' Attorney, Lisa Rasmussen were able to give back the Mairs their freedom. On June 25, 2009 Judge Tina Brisbell dismissed the Mairs' charges when the state's main witness, Nanny Marcia Shockley failed to show up to testify against the Mairs. She must have had a guilty conscience (committing perjury?) due to pressure applied by the US-Observer and clearly had a change of heart favoring Girl Mairs best interest.

**Continued Malicious Prosecution**

What seemed like a bitter-sweet ending to a tragic turn of events, became a nightmare once again. District Attorney Beckett attempted to reinstate the felony charges two more times against the Mairs, but was shut down both times. Finally the Mairs had prevailed.

Beckett eventually lost his re-election for District Attorney, followed by another DUI charge just before losing his job. Currently Nye County faces a separate reported three million dollar lawsuit filed by Detective Boruchowitz, naming none other than "Beckett" as the defendant.

The Mairs have filed their own Civil Lawsuit against Nye County. Because of the events leading up to the lawsuit, such as the relentless pursuit to ruin their careers and the repeated attempts to maliciously prosecute the Mairs's, they've been forced to discontinue contact with Girl Mairs. "It's very sad, these monsters have made it crystal clear to me that I cannot protect my child," Manuel said. "Of course I want them all held accountable for what they are doing. They have publicly shown that they will not hesitate to go beyond any and all types of criminal activity to hide the truths or prevent me from helping her."

The Mairs filed their Lawsuit on June 30, 2010 and the depositions of Beckett and others named are currently scheduled for the week of April 18, 2011. District Court Judge James C. Mahan is scheduled to preside over the suit.

*Editors Note: The Mairs are literally broke and have experienced a tragedy most won't ever have to go through. Please help them and spread this story to everyone you know. Help serve justice and hold the dangerous people who ruined their lives accountable. Make "Former" District Attorney Beckett and Dr. Toppo pay for their reported crimes.*  
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an in-depth investigation left only one question in this writer's opinion - how bad does it get with the Medford Police Department?

Being a strong advocate of local public safety myself, I've noticed there is often the concern about police abusing their authority while talking to local residents of Southern Oregon, and the Libby's story makes those concerns a reality for all who are law-abiding - especially as the reported "abusive" MPD Officer list increases.

**"We'll be more than happy to issue you a refund"**



Darcey Mann-Self

During the 57th annual Pear Blossom Parade in Jackson County last year, the Libby's were asked to perform security for the event. They reportedly accepted, ensuring a safe and fun parade for Jackson County residents. Security for the event was reportedly "donated" by the Libby's, in an effort to help their community.

Don stated: "It was Jackson County Security's way of giving back to our community, which we are proud to be a part of."

Approaching the 2011 Pear Blossom Parade, Don and Jason Libby never received a return invite to provide security, so they decided to attend the parade as customers, and submitted their application to attend the event.

Shortly after the application was submitted, Don received

notice that the application was "approved" and Darcey Mann-Self, President of the Pear Blossom Parade stated that she was



Don Libby and his children

excited to have them. She also reportedly stated that she knew their father very well and their uncle was her teacher long ago. She was reportedly so excited to have Jackson County Security as part of the Parade; she informed Don that the \$100.00 entry fee would cost only \$50.00 for Jackson County Security.

Excited to be part of the Parade, Don and Jason spent hundreds of dollars on banners and other supplies for Jackson

County Security in preparation for the event.

Don reportedly received a phone call weeks later from Darcey, wherein she explained to him, "the board wanted to inform Jackson County Security they weren't allowed to carry their weapons, since they weren't sworn police officers." Don stated, "A totally different tone was coming from Darcey during this phone call than previous ones." She told Don, "if we weren't okay with leaving our weapons behind that she would be fine with cancelling our acceptance into the parade and would issue us a refund." Don said he told Darcey that there was no need to cancel their acceptance, nor issue a refund, and that if Jackson County Security decided to withdraw from the Parade, he would contact her.

**Pear Blossom Parade and MPD Officers**

Two reported Pear Blossom Festival Board Members are MPD Officers, Greg Nichols and Officer Schweizer. Given the recent issues between Jackson County Security and MPD, could the change in Darcey's tone be caused by MPD officers? How come Jackson County Security was "asked" to perform security last year, weapons included - and not asked, or allowed to carry their weapons, which they are licensed to carry in this year's parade?

On April 2, 2011, Don received mail confirmation that Jackson County Security had been "taken out of the parade" and a refund was issued - after Don told Darcey he would contact her if Jackson County Security decided to withdraw from the parade. Given the reported change in tone by Darcey since her previous conversations with Don, could MPD's harassment against the Libby's be continuing through the Pear Blossom Festival Board President and fellow board members, and also MPD Officers?

*Editors Note: Public support has inundated us with pertinent information regarding this case, and we hope it continues! The Libby's have sent a notice of intent to sue MPD, and the information received thus far has helped them tremendously. It was also reported that Pear Blossom Festival President, Darcey Mann-Self reinstated Jackson County Security's Application to be in the parade which took place on Saturday April 9, 2011. A phone call to Darcey Mann-Self was made with no return call.*  
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Our members study what every elected politician takes an oath to uphold and defend, but only few know; the United States Constitution. We are comprised of County Commissioners, Police Officers, Realtors, Self Employed Business Owners and even a few un-employed. We come from all walks of life, we are Southern Oregon residents, residents who want our rights back that have been stripped from us.

We deal with local issues, because local issues are what we can realistically resolve. We take on anything from supporting local businesses to stopping unconstitutional threats against our freedoms. If we don't do something to preserve our freedoms, they will become long forgotten by our children.

If Wake Up America is Anti-Government, then so is every elected politician. Simply put, we want the ability to buy food from the Growers Market, we want to reap the benefits of our natural resources so we aren't reliant on handouts with "strings attached" from the federal government. We believe that our future rests in the hands of - US.

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## Nye County Nevada Fifth Judicial District Court Vacancy Former District Attorney Robert Beckett's Right Hand Man Applies

By Joseph Snook  
Investigative Reporter

Nye County, Nevada - Tom Gibson, a partner at Gibson and Keuhn, Attorneys at Law in Pahrump, Nevada is on the list of potential candidates for the vacant judicial position in Nye County, Nevada.

Gibson is better known for representing Dr. Frank Toppo. Dr. Toppo reportedly helped former Nye County District

Attorney Robert Beckett escape DUI charges by allegedly giving false statements to California State Troopers following Beckett's 2008 vehicle accidents. Beckett wrecked two vehicles (one county owned) within a six hour period on June 20, 2008. His Blood Alcohol level was reportedly at .10, but after Toppo



Robert Beckett's wrecked vehicle



Robert Beckett

came to his rescue, the DUI charge went "bye-bye."

Soon after the wrecks, Dr. Toppo was facing alleged child molestation issues within his family regarding the sexual abuse of his former step-daughter by his two sons. Dr. Toppo retained Attorney Tom Gibson. In short,

Gibson, Toppo and Beckett have been accused of bringing false charges against the very person who made the claim against Toppo. These charges were later dropped and now Nye County faces a multi-million dollar civil lawsuit for the alleged corrupt actions of Toppo and Beckett. Gibson's involvement was intricate to the corruption, according to US-Observer sources. Google search "Mairs, US-Observer" for details.

Rest assured that Tom Gibson has "reportedly" ruined the lives of many innocent people in Nye County. He currently is listed as a public defender - I'd love to see how many citizens he's defended "publically," who haven't been forced into a plea bargain. If "long-shot" Gibson somehow manages to get



Tom Gibson

elected, rest assured that the US-Observer will resurrect our spot-light over Nye County, Nevada.

*Editor's Note: US-Observer is watching what goes on with Beckett, Toppo and Gibson. While we compile our information, we are waiting to see if the legal system in Nevada serves justice. Those with jurisdiction over the civil cases should do the right thing in seeing that the victims of these criminal actions are compensated. If not, we will deal with them publicly. ★★*

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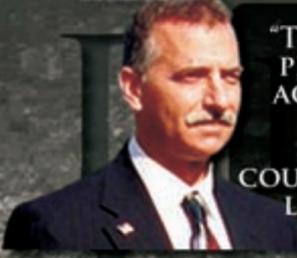
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You then rush to an attorney, pay him a huge retainer to cover the usual \$175.00 per hour (if not higher), which he/she charges, to supposedly defend your innocence. The attorney usually files some motions, writes some worthless letters and makes many unproductive (unless they pertain to you accepting a plea bargain) phone calls until you are broke. Generally you haven't even started your trial and 99% of the time the attorney hasn't

you are flat broke and incarcerated. You find that the very person (your attorney) you frantically rushed to retain, became your worst enemy.

There is only one way to remedy a false prosecution: Investigate the accusers, the prosecutors, the detectives and then watch the judge very carefully. In other words, complete an in-depth investigation before you are prosecuted and then take the facts into the public arena.

The *US-Observer* newspaper will not waste your time or your money. This is not a game, it's your life and your freedom. We do not make deals. If you are innocent, then nobody has the right to steal what belongs to you, most of all, your liberty. Nobody! That includes your attorney - as well as your supposed public

## WELCOME TO THE LARGEST RACKET IN HISTORY: THE AMERICAN JUSTICE SYSTEM

completed any investigation.

All of a sudden your attorney is telling you that you can't win your case and you should accept the benevolent plea bargain that the almighty district attorney has offered you. "Do you want to take the chance on spending 30-40 years in prison when you can plea bargain for 18 months," your attorney tells you. What happened to: "I think we can win this case, it's a good case." Remember? Isn't that pretty close to what your attorney told you as he/she was relieving you of your money?

You then accept a plea bargain and go to jail or you have a jury trial, you're found guilty (because your attorney hasn't produced enough evidence-if any and because the judge directs the jury to find you guilty) and then you go to jail. When you finally wake up you realize that on top of now being a criminal,

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