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**OKLAHOMA SPOTLIGHT****Atty. Reggie Whitten and the Cimarron Ranch Debacle**

By Edward Snook  
Investigative Journalist

**Cimarron County, Oklahoma** - In 2005, in Boise City, Oklahoma, Samuel Parker, manager of Cimarron River Ranch L.L.C. (CRR) and then ranch manager Roy Young, successfully bid on 24,000 acres of cattle grazing land managed by OK Commissioners of the Land Office (CLO) and agreed to pay \$273,600.00 per year for the grazing rights. These grazing leases were



Atty. Reggie Whitten of Whitten-Newman taken from local ranchers whose families had held them for generations at historically low rental rates of \$1.50 - \$2.50 per-

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**Hemp for Our Future; for Our Victory**

By Ron Lee  
Investigative Journalist

From the very beginning of our country we relied on Hemp production. Our own founders grew it and there were even municipalities that required it. Today we find ourselves needing to foster an industry that can literally provide for our services and create jobs, and Industrial Hemp can and will be that industry.

One thing that can't be said enough is that Industrial Hemp is not Marijuana. Educating the public to the benefits of the plant is a must, and I can't think of anything better than utilizing the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) own pro-hemp propaganda film, Hemp for Victory, produced in 1942 and released in

**Industrial Hemp Field**

farmers in growing the crop for the war effort.

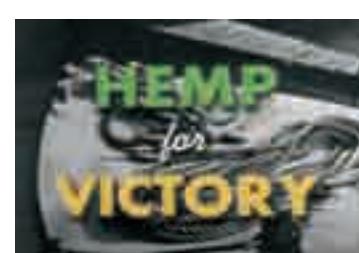
For years the existence of the film was hidden. Both the USDA and

1943. While educational on the origins and benefits of hemp, it was primarily used to interest and instruct

"Make the most of the Indian hemp seed, and sow it everywhere!"  
—George Washington,  
*The Writings of George Washington*

Library of Congress denied it had ever been made. In 1989 two copies were donated to the Library of Congress and now the video can be found all over the internet. If you can, get on-line and watch it. You will find a link to it on [www.usobserver.com](http://www.usobserver.com).

For those of you not able to watch the video the following is a transcript of that film:



"Long ago when these ancient Grecian temples were new, hemp was already old in the service of mankind. For thousands of years, even then, this

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**US~Observer Special Message**

The US~Observer would like to thank all of our supporters and those who have taken a stand against corruption with us during 2011.

We send a special thanks to those who provided confidential information that enabled us to vindicate innocent victims, especially those in the State of Florida.

Happy New Year!

Edward Snook  
US~Observer



By Attorney Nathan Wente

**"Where the people fear the government you have tyranny. Where the government fears the people you have liberty."**  
—John Basil Barnhill (1914)

This quote is so simple and yet so profound in its truth. How then do we, the people, cause our government to "fear" us so that we may maintain liberty and live free? I believe the answer is in becoming educated about our rights as they are memorialized under the law, especially under the United States Constitution. Without knowledge and exercising of our rights there is no incentive for the government to honor them.

**Plea Bargaining / Extortion**

Plea bargaining is the process where a prosecutor comes to an agreement with a defendant to resolve a criminal case. Roughly 90% of all criminal cases resolve through the process of a plea bargain. The plea bargain is a contract of sorts and the terms of the agreement may often vary considerably.

A plea bargain will always include the defendant pleading guilty to at least one crime. What varies is the crime pled to or the punishment imposed. For example, a plea bargain occurs when a defendant is charged with two separate crimes and they plead to one in exchange for a dismissal of the other. A plea bargain also occurs if the prosecutor offers a specific punishment, and the judge agrees, in exchange for pleading guilty. There are many variables that affect plea bargaining; however, the common thread in all plea bargaining is that the government avoids the burden of a jury trial and the defendant gets, in theory, a more favorable resolution of their case.

At first glance this may sound like a great idea; a win - win, right? I contend it is not. In practicality what happens is that defendants may be charged with crimes that there may be little evidence to

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The 9-12 Project is designed to bring us all back to the place we were on September 12, 2001. The day after America was attacked we were not obsessed with Red States, Blue States or political parties. We were united as Americans, standing together to protect the values and principles of the greatest nation ever created.

## The 9-12 Project

We are submitting resolutions through our organization for passage that if adopted by the entirety of the United States, our country would be in a much better place.

### **RESOLUTION**

**Subject:** Oppose Passage of United States Senate Bill S.1867 - Entitled "National Defense Authorization Act"

**Whereas:** On December 1, 2011, the U.S. Senate passed S.1867 by a vote of 93-7.

**Whereas:** Prior to the passage of S. 1867, a provision was written by Senators John McCain and Carl Levin. The added sections, Sec. 1031 and Sec. 1032, allow the current president and future presidents to order the military to arrest and detain American citizens on suspicion of being terrorists or helping terrorists. They can be locked up and sent to Guantanamo Bay without the U.S. Constitutional right to due process of a speedy trial by an impartial jury.

**Whereas:** The new classification of being a terrorist or helping one, is defined as those who have the following:

1. More than seven days of food stored in their home.
2. Weapons such as guns.
3. Ammunition that is water proof.
4. The ability to protect themselves against losing their liberty and property.

**Whereas:** When unconstitutional power is given to the President of the United States, a person must remember that the president is Commander and Chief of the Army, Navy, and Militia of the United States. This bill, S. 1867 is making an end run around the Habeas Corpus law. If you do not have the protection of this law, the very same U.S. Senators and House of Representatives can be arrested and detained by the very same laws they are trying to adopt against the citizens of the United States. We must keep in mind that during the American Civil War, the right of Habeas Corpus was suspended, and President Lincoln had the military arrest and detain U.S. Senators and House of Representatives when they disagreed with him and his policies.

**Therefore be it resolved:** The Cave Junction, Oregon Chapter of the 9.12 Project who are members of the Tea Party, oppose the passage of Senate Bill S. 1867 for its violation of the Constitution, Article 1, Section 9-2, The Writ of Habeas Corpus, Article 6, Section 2, Supreme Law of the Land, and Bill of Rights, Numbers 1, 2, 5, 6, 9 and 10 pertaining to Freedom of Speech, The Right to Keep and Bear Arms, Due Process of Law, Speedy Trial by an Impartial Jury; and in addition, the violation of the Posse Comitatus Act which states that military forces cannot be used against the State Governments and the American Citizens. We request that the House of Representatives reject Senate Bill S. 1867; and if they do not reject it, we request the Supreme Court, by using Judicial Review, reject their unconstitutional law.

**Be it further resolved:** We want to thank United States Senators, Jeff Merkley, Ron Wyden, Bernie Sanders, Rand Paul, Mike Lee, Tom Harkin, and Tom Coburn of voting against S. 1867 and for upholding their oath of office by trying to preserve,

protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.

*This resolution adopted by the 9.12 Project Members of the Tea Party at its regular meeting held on December, 28, 2011.*

The 9-12 mission is to inspire individuals and groups to connect with their communities through education, service and dedication to the 9 Principles and 12 Values to which we have committed.

### **The 9 Principles**

1. America Is Good.
2. I believe in God and He is the Center of my Life.
- God "The propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained," from George Washington's first Inaugural address.
3. I must always try to be a more honest person than I was yesterday.
- Honesty "I hope that I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider to be the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man." George Washington
4. The family is sacred. My spouse and I are the ultimate authority, not the government. Marriage/Family "It is in the love of one's family only that heartfelt happiness is known. By a law of our nature, we cannot be happy without the endearing connections of a family." ~Thomas Jefferson
5. If you break the law you pay the penalty. Justice is blind and no one is above it.
- Justice "I deem one of the essential principles of our government... equal and exact justice to all men of whatever state or persuasion, religious or political." ~Thomas Jefferson
6. I have a right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, but there is no guarantee of equal results.

Life, Liberty, & The Pursuit of Happiness "Everyone has a natural right to choose that vocation in life which he thinks most likely to give him comfortable subsistence." ~Thomas Jefferson

7. I work hard for what I have and I will share it with who I want to. Government cannot force me to be charitable.

Charity "It is not everyone who asketh that deserveth charity; all however, are worth of the inquiry or the deserving may suffer." ~George Washington

8. It is not un-American for me to disagree with authority or to share my personal opinion.

On your right to disagree "In a free and republican government, you cannot restrain the voice of the multitude; every man will speak as he thinks, or more properly without thinking." ~George Washington

9. The government works for me. I do not answer to them, they answer to me.

Who works for whom? "I consider the people who constitute a society or a nation as the source of all authority in that nation." ~Thomas Jefferson

### **The 12 Values**

Honesty; Reverence; Hope; Thrift; Humility; Charity; Sincerity; Moderation; Hard Work; Courage; Personal Responsibility; Gratitude. ★★

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acre per-year range, where Parker paid in the \$9.00 per-acre range, an indication that an artificially low rental rate was being perpetuated by the CLO, allowing several large local area ranchers to lease public land for amounts well below market rates.

The Parker's were reportedly threatened by local ranchers and told by Keith Kuhlman, then director of real estate management for the CLO, "we will be watching you through a magnifying glass."

Kuhlman then proceeded to re-configure large portions of Parker's leases, trading much of the bottom land that had water on it to neighboring ranchers, who's leases had been taken by Parker, leaving hundreds of other acres land-locked, that Parker could not access for grazing.

Parker opted to give those leases back at the end of the year, which was within his rights under the lease terms if it was re-configured. The CLO refused to take the leases back - Parker refused paying rent and sued the CLO for violation of the leases.

In May, 2009, the CLO was awarded summary judgment against CRR for \$524,000.00 in rents by the notoriously corrupt Judge Twyla Gray, who was said to

not have even read CRR's complaint before ruling. CRR appealed Gray's ruling.

With CRR's appeal pending, the CLO gave direction to Cimarron County Sheriff Keith Borth to execute on the judgment and seize possession of the CRR ranch, which they reportedly did without warning. According to witnesses, they evicted ranch manager Roy Young from the premises without notice, on threat of jail and seized all his guns.

Young was not able to round up all his cattle within the short time given him. Sheriff Borth and Randy Schriener, field representative for the CLO reportedly assured him strays would be gathered up and held for him to pick up. They were allegedly gathered up and penned without food or water and let starve to death. When Young filed a complaint with Borth for cruelty to animals, Borth allegedly refused to investigate or prosecute those responsible, which allegedly included CLO field representative Randy Schriener and himself. The Humane Society in OK City, after initially committing to investigate and prosecute, would not return any phone calls and the district attorney for Cimarron County, Michael Boring, didn't return any of Young's many phone calls concerning the matter.

Judge Twyla Mason Gray

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bounds, you must first understand that serving justice is reportedly no longer our justice system's primary goal. Convictions are what feed our courts today and this is often referred to as "Cash for convictions." A new trend of government employees who specialize in federal grant writing is on the rise - which if each grant is approved, it must be used for specific prosecutions - hence "RICO Charges."

### **HISTORY**

The defendants opened their business TCC in 2009. This business was to give Real Estate agents a service for free and in return the realtors would hand out lists of essential information for new home buyers such as contractors, security systems, pest inspectors, insurance providers, etc. The people who were added to the list by the defendants were referred to as "vendors" - or partners at a cost of \$1,999.00 per year.

After a short period of time, some vendors became anxious to see the new "Vendor List" that was to be shared by realtors to home buyers. One Vendor stated that the "Vendor list was to be part of Real Estate Agency 'Keller Williams' of Pensacola, Florida." Although Keller Williams had agents using the defendant's vendor list, and Pamela Fanning, who was both an active realtor with Keller Williams and part owner of TCC, which brought on vendors, Pam never made a claim that TCC was specifically "backed" by Keller Williams. The allegations have never been confirmed that the defendants were bringing in vendors under the guise of "Keller Williams." In fact, defendants

clearly stated to potential vendors/partners that they were in direct contact with Keller Williams Corporate in an effort to be added to Keller Williams' nationwide vendor list, but had no plans to work exclusively with Keller Williams. They had planned on utilizing many real estate companies across the country.

Upon further review, the contract that was signed by alleged victims in this case states nothing about Keller Williams, which further proves that the vendors of TCC were only under contract with TCC... period.

After attempting to resolve miscommunication with owners of TCC, some vendors became upset and demanded a refund. Some vendors even contacted local authorities. At this juncture the Defendants (owners of TCC) started refunding money to their vendors (alleged victims) in an effort to keep a good standing amongst the local business community - even though Attorney Arch Boyd told defendants that they "didn't legally have to issue a refund, because they had signed legal contracts."

Defendant Jimmy Rodgers stated in a signed affidavit, "David Ingram, an Escambia County Sheriff's deputy, lied to my partners and convinced Jeannie Weyburn (part owner of TCC) and the Killingsworths that I was a fraud and planned only to swindle money. Mr. Ingram went as far as to tell my partners that I was a 'repeat felon' and had been arrested in Memphis, TN for this exact same crime. (These false allegations by Mr. Ingram are on record through video and audio recordings taped during interviews with my partners).

"I am stating now that the only illegal acts

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that have been perpetrated have been by the aforementioned parties above. I NEVER committed any crimes in this matter. Before I entered into any legal situation, I always consulted with my attorney, Arch Boyd. Arch Boyd knew every detail of my business plan, and he instructed me concerning all legal matters. Under Arch Boyd's guidance, I was assured that my companies were in full compliance with all laws and regulations. I assured my partners of this, as well. Each of us worked diligently to make our company a strong viable business entity.



Prosecutor Bill Eddins

"I stand by my business plan and I know that each partner, as well as the business, would be thriving today if our efforts had not been thwarted."

#### WHAT THE PROSECUTOR'S DON'T WANT YOU TO KNOW...

- Signed business contracts prove that defendants aren't criminals and did not misrepresent their businesses.
- Refunds were made to every vendor, minus one - due to defendants' arrests before the funds could be returned.
- According to Jimmy Rodgers, communications between his two business partners Cliff and Clint Killingsworth and



Prosecutor Russ Edgar

in Pensacola, has one of the Defendants business plans inside the front cover and on the back cover, which poses a questionable and alleged Killingsworth role, whether direct or indirect of stealing this new business - following the arrest of Defendants.

• Clint and Cliff Killingsworth have been charged in the past for 1st Degree Felony Racketeering. This information was obtained from the Escambia County Clerk's Office. Prosecutor Dubose has intended to use the Killingsworths as his witnesses... against the innocent Defendants in this case.

• Defendants sought legal advice from Attorney Arch Boyd of Tennessee to assist with structuring

Detective David Ingram clearly shows that the Killingsworth's conspired with Ingram to have him and other partners arrested and that they have since stolen one of the Defendant's businesses. The communication referred to is in the form of taped interviews, which we have obtained and viewed...

- The new phone book "Yellow Pages"



Prosecutor John DeBose

guidelines for their new business – to make sure everything was legal.

• Realtors in Louisiana, Texas, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida were happily using the Defendant's services. This was verified through many emails, which were obtained during our investigation, along with reported statements from realtor and former Carolina Panthers NFL player, Lewis Williams.

• The alleged victims named by Prosecutor John Dubose who did not receive a refund were the Killingsworth's and Legacy Lending. The Killingsworth's were under contract to be part owners of a separate business venture with Jimmy and Pepper Rodgers. It was stated that the business would take one year to get up and running. This business was between Pest.com, which was owned at the time by the Killingsworth's

and Get Better Referrals, which was owned by the Rodgers'. No refund was necessary for brothers Cliff and Clint Killingsworth since they were now part owners of Get Better Referrals. The refund for Legacy Lending was being processed at the time of arrest, making it impossible to complete.

• Witness statements allege that the Killingsworth's attempted to offer one partner of TCC who wasn't arrested - a position in the business once they were able to secure it from the Defendants. These statements were reportedly made prior to the Defendants arrest.

• According to witnesses, the

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## ARE YOU FACING FALSE CRIMINAL CHARGES? ARE YOU A VICTIM OF A FALSE PROSECUTION?

If you are facing false charges and a prosecution then you are aware of how the 'justice' industry (racket) in America works. You (the innocent person) have been falsely charged with a crime. Most of the time you receive a myriad of stacked charges intended for the sole purpose of extracting a "plea bargain" from you.

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,

servants.

Why have a bad day when it's still possible to force justice ... right down their throats?

The US~Observer investigates cases for news and therefore we don't print that which can't be resolved. We want to win, just as you want to prove your innocence.

**Do not contact us if you are in any way guilty and for justice sake, don't wait until they slam the door behind you before contacting us if you are innocent.**

**"One false prosecution is one too many and any act of immunity is simply a government condoned crime."**

-- Edward Snook, US~Observer

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# In The News

**WHAT THE?! SPOTLIGHT**



## Homeland Security

### DHS' new excuse: Border fence threatens wildlife

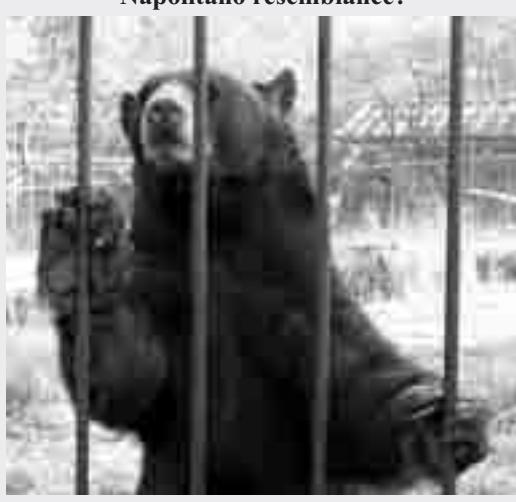


By Jim Kouri  
Law Enforcement Examiner

Despite years of discussion and planning, there is still no security fence at the U.S.-Mexico border, and if the Obama administration has run out of excuses for failing to secure the border, a group of government-paid scientists appear to have delivered a whopper for them to use, according to proponents of border security and immigration reform.



Napolitano resemblance?



According to a top public-interest watchdog group, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will receive unsolicited advice from a group of U.S. government scientists that claim fencing along the Mexican border threatens the black bear population.

"The esteemed researchers recently published a study warning that the border wall erected to protect the country from illegal immigration and drug smuggling [would be] an obstacle that blocks bears in migration. This may threaten the black bear population in parts of Arizona, they say. The findings were published recently in a science research journal so it didn't get much publicity until a mainstream newspaper picked it up this week," according to a Judicial Watch blog.

The New York Times goes into considerable detail about how the probe was conducted, mainly by using pieces of barbed wire to capture genetic samples of "foraging" bears. This helped scientists track various bear populations in Arizona. The population density of the border bears was substantially lower than the bears living farther north, which had a wider habitat that was less vulnerable to development, the researchers found.

"The bear study is simply the latest of many to make a case

against the southern border fence in the name of preserving wildlife. A number of others have made similar arguments, some even claiming that the barrier will lead to the extinction of certain species of wildlife. One example is a University of Texas study that found more than 300 species of amphibian, reptile, and mammals are threatened by the border barrier," states the Judicial Watch blog.

Another study accuses the U.S. government of ignoring scientific and historical evidence of the border fence's negative effects to wildlife and conservation lands. A fence is slated to traverse important ecological areas, including the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge and the Sabal Palm Audubon Center and Sanctuary, according to the university newspaper.

Other studies, less publicized by the mainstream media, have exposed how the constant traffic of illegal immigration (where there is no fence) has destroyed hundreds of acres of national forests and their habitat. Illegal immigrants have devastated national parks by leaving mountains of trash and human waste, with recurring fires and by despoiling natural springs and vandalizing historic sites. The migrants have also created damaging illegal trails and roads that destroy sensitive and federally protected vegetation.

Judicial Watch's blog entry



concludes that the bear researchers will conveniently omit this sort of information when they meet with DHS officials and other state and federal agencies to "generate innovative solutions" that take bears into consideration when border security is discussed. They want the well-being of all large carnivores to be considered when crafting border security policies.

"Apparently no one told these scientists that the Obama administration has placed the border fence project on hold," said former NYPD police detective Sid Franes. "They decided to go with a so-called virtual fence using CCTV cameras, alarms and other technology. But after a billion dollars flushed down the government toilet, that too has been suspended." \*\*\*

## Presidential appointments amount to war with Congress

By Stephen Dinan & Susan Crabtree  
The Washington Times

Defying Congress, President Obama used his recess appointment powers Wednesday to name a head for the controversial Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and three new members to the National Labor Relations board — moves Republican senators said amounted to a constitutional power grab.

The president acted just a day after the Senate held a session, breaking with at least three different precedents that said the Senate must be in recess for at least three days for a recess appointment. Mr. Obama himself was part of two of those precedents, both during his own time in the Senate and again in 2010 when one of his administration's top constitutional lawyers made the three-day argument to the Supreme Court.

Mr. Obama tapped Richard Cordray to head the CFPB and named three others to the labor board — all of which had been stymied by congressional Republicans who said Mr. Obama is accruing too much power to himself through those two agencies.

In strikingly sharp language, Republicans said the Senate considers itself still in session for purposes of blocking recess appointments, and the move threatened to become a declaration of war against Congress.

"Although the Senate is not in recess, President Obama, in an unprecedented move, has arrogantly circumvented the American people," said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, Kentucky Republican.

GOP House Speaker John A. Boehner called the move "an extraordinary and entirely unprecedented power grab by President Obama that defies centuries of practice and the legal advice of his own Justice Department."

"The precedent that would be set by this cavalier action would have a devastating effect on the checks and balances that are enshrined in our Constitution," the Ohio Republican said in a statement.

The White House, though, argues Republican senators stonewalled the nominee for so long that Mr. Obama had no choice but to circumvent them.

The president introduced Mr. Cordray during a trip to Ohio Wednesday, telling a supportive crowd that the Senate Republicans' ongoing blockade of his nomination "inexcusable."

"I refuse to take 'No' for an answer. I've said before that I will continue to look for every opportunity to work with Congress to move this country forward. But when Congress refuses to act in a way that hurts our economy and puts people at risk, I have an obligation as president to do what I can without them," Mr. Obama said.

CPFB supporters has said the lack of a top executive has blocked the fledgling agency from taking on a number of tasks in its mandate to police the financial sector and protect consumers from fraud. Mr. Cordray was accompanying the president on the trip, and briefly spoke to reporters.

He said he would begin work immediately, adding: "We're going to begin working to expand our program to non-banks, which is an area we haven't been able to touch until now."

The Constitution gives the president the power to make appointments when the Senate is not in session and able to confirm them. Traditionally, that has been

the country will have the advocate they deserve to fight on their behalf against the reckless practices that denied so many their economic security," he said.

CPFB opponents inside and outside of Congress say the agency, whose budget is not approved by Congress, will not be subject to legislative oversight and they have demanded changes in President Obama's financial regulatory overhaul law before they say they will allow a vote on a nominee to head the agency.

Senate Republicans last month filibustered Mr. Cordray's nomination, leaving him 7 shy of the 60 votes needed to get a final confirmation vote. Democrats and

Republicans have increasingly turned to filibusters to block a president's nominees when they are in the majority.

Consumer and labor groups also hailed Mr. Obama's moves Wednesday.

Mr. Cordray's appointment "was long overdue and is essential to helping restore the frayed sense of confidence that Americans have in many financial institutions and consumer financial products," said Lisa Woll, head of the Forum for Sustainable and Responsible Investment.

James T. Callahan, general president of the International Union of Operating Engineers, said Republicans "have made a determined effort to cripple the NLRB and other government agencies by refusing to act on President Obama's nominees, no matter how qualified. Leaving the NLRB without a quorum would penalize both labor and employers."

But by abrogating decades of understanding of the recess appointment power Mr. Obama threatened to spark a full legislative war with Congress.

"Breaking from this precedent lands this appointee in uncertain legal territory, threatens the confirmation process and fundamentally endangers the Congress's role in providing a check on the excesses of the executive branch," Mr. McConnell said.

Part of the confusion is that in the Constitution the word "session" has different meanings. For example, each two-year Congress is divided into two sessions.

During Tuesday's pro forma meeting, the Senate officially gavels out the first session of the 112th Congress and gavels in the second session.

And there is a precedent for making a recess appointment then. In 1903 President Theodore Roosevelt used the instant one session was gavels out and another was gavels in to make a series of appointments. That is known as an "inter-session" appointment.

But Mr. Obama did not follow that route, instead choosing to make what scholars call an "intra-session" appointment, where the Constitution is far more vague. \*\*\*



President Obama with Richard Cordray

understood to mean when the Senate has adjourned for a recess longer than 10 days, and a Clinton administration legal opinion said a recess must be at least three days.

Mr. Obama's own top constitutional lawyers affirmed that view in 2010 in another case involving recess appointments. Asked what the standard was for making recess appointments, then-Deputy Solicitor General Neal Katyal told the justices the administration agreed with the three-day rule.

"The recess appointment power can work in a recess. I think our office has opined the recess has to be longer than 3 days," Mr. Katyal said.

Mr. Katyal, who is now a professor at Georgetown University, did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment on the president's move.

The three-day rule was also the precedent Mr. Obama and his fellow Senate Democrats followed in 2007 and 2008 when they were trying to block then-President George W. Bush from making recess appointments.

"I am keeping the Senate in pro forma to prevent recess appointments until we get this process back on track," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Nevada Democrat, said on Nov. 16, 2007, as he announced his strategy of having the Senate convene twice a week for pro forma sessions.

On Wednesday, though, Mr. Reid reversed course and said he backed the president's move.

"I support President Obama's decision to make sure that in these tough economic times, middle-class families in Nevada and across

## GUEST OPINION

### Are we in for a dire choice in 2012?

By Lorne Dey

We are truly finished as a nation if Barack Obama or whoever the hell he is – is re-elected. If we as a nation can't send this imposter-president packing, we don't deserve to survive. What is also hard to swallow is – with all the decent and capable constitutional conservatives in this country, why are prospects good that our ultimate choice in 2012 will be between the liberal, corporation-taxing Romney with his kooky religion or the Marxist Obama from – it's



anybody's-guess where?

It is truly 1996 all over again when the best the Republicans could put up against the part-time womanizer and alligator hunter from Arkansas was the milk-toast moderate Bob Dole whose biggest

claim to fame was to have a Saturday Night Live skit done about him.

I ask you, in the case of Obama or Romney, what difference is there if we elect the devil himself or just one of his henchmen? Either way, the country loses. The only difference is – the speed of the

downward trajectory and out-and-out slavery or just mere misery?

**Editor's Note:** Look for Lorne Dey's columns to begin appearing in upcoming editions of the US~Observer and on-line at www.usobserver.com. \*\*\*

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## Parasite turns bees into zombies

*A fly may be responsible for wiping out half the world's honey bees*

By Eric Pfeiffer  
The Sideshow

A fly parasite is being blamed for an epidemic that has struck the honey bee population around the world. The parasite nests in the stomach of the bees and causes them to walk in circles, sometimes pursuing bright lights, before eventually dying.

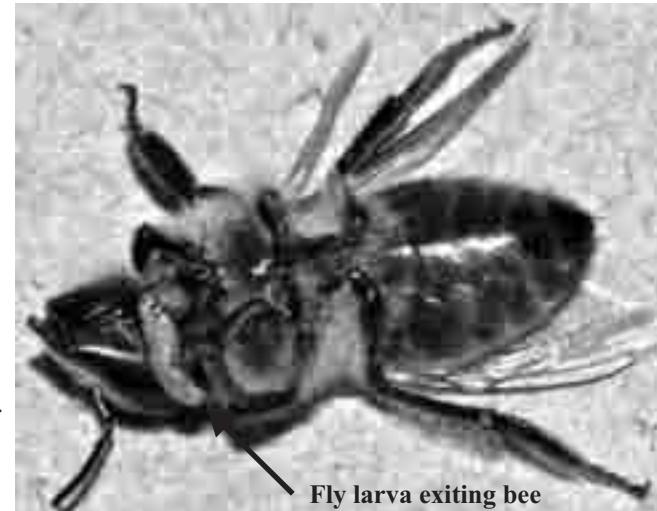


Fly laying eggs in bee

curling up before they die, said Core. But the parasitized bees were still alive, unable to stand up on their legs.

"They kept stretching them out and then falling over," he said. "It really painted a picture of something like a zombie."

And while the parasite may be causing immense damage to the honey bees population, there is an upside to their discovery, according to the Mirror, "Scientists discovered the parasite by accident but they believe it may help them discover what is causing colony collapse disorder which is devastating honey bees in Europe and America cutting some populations in half." The parasite is believed to be new and similar to one currently affecting the bumblebee population. Scientists are still figuring out exactly how the parasite works, but an early theory by San Francisco State Professor John Hafernik holds that the parasite changes the bees' "body clocks,"



Fly larva exiting bee

which causes their erratic behavior and deaths.

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The Parasitic Phorid Fly Apoclephalus borealis is responsible for the zombie transformation, laying its eggs inside the abdomen of the honey bee.

"When we observed the bees for some time, the ones that were alive, we found that they walked around in circles, often with no sense of direction," said San Francisco State University's Andrew Core lead author on the bee parasite study in the journal Plos One.

Bees usually just sit in one place, sometimes

## RUMORS OF WAR

### Federal judge rules: Iran behind 9/11 attacks

By Jim Kouri  
Law Enforcement Examiner

More than 10-years after the September 11, 2001 al-Qaeda attacks, a federal district court judge in Manhattan gave a Christmas present to the families of victims killed in the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history.

U.S. District Judge George Daniels ruled Friday that Iran and Hezbollah materially and directly supported al Qaeda in the September 11, 2001 attacks and are legally responsible for damages to hundreds of family members of 9/11 victims who are plaintiffs in the case.

This historic ruling revealed new facts about Iran's support of al Qaeda in the 9/11 attacks, as well.

Judge Daniels had announced his ruling in Havlish, et al. v. bin Laden, et al., in open court on Thursday, December 15, 2011, following a three-hour courtroom presentation by the families' attorneys. Then Judge Daniels entered a written Order of Judgment backed by 53 pages of detailed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on Friday, December 23, 2011.

Fiona Havlish, whose husband Donald perished in the World Trade Center North Tower on 9/11 said in a press statement, "This is a historic day. For ten years we've wanted the truth to be known about who was responsible for our losses. Now we have that answer."

Ellen Saracini, the wife of United Airlines 175 pilot Victor Saracini, which the hijackers crashed into the WTC South Tower, said after the hearing last week, "We just came from Judge Daniels' court where he ruled in favor of holding accountable those who perpetrated the attacks of 9/11... I just smiled up to Victor and I said we're still thinking about you... we're there for you... we'll always be there for you. But today's very special."

In Havlish, et al. v. bin Laden, et al., Judge Daniels held that the Islamic Republic of Iran, its Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Hosseini Khamenei, former Iranian president Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, and Iran's agencies and instrumentalities, including, among others, the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps ("IRGC"), the Iranian Ministry of Intelligence and Security ("MOIS"), and Iran's terrorist proxy Hezbollah, all materially aided and supported al Qaeda before and after 9/11.

The evidence was developed over a seven-year international investigation by the Havlish attorneys who pursued the 9/11 Commission's recommendation regarding an apparent link between Iran, Hezbollah, and the 9/11 hijackers, following the Commission's own eleventh-hour discovery of significant National Security Agency ("NSA") intercepts: "We believe this topic requires further investigation by the U.S. government." 9/11 Commission Report, p. 241. The Havlish evidence included sworn testimony and affidavits from the following:

Ten expert witnesses including three former 9/11 Commission staff members, two former CIA case officers, two investigative journalists, and an Iran analyst who has testified in 25 cases involving Iranian terrorism.

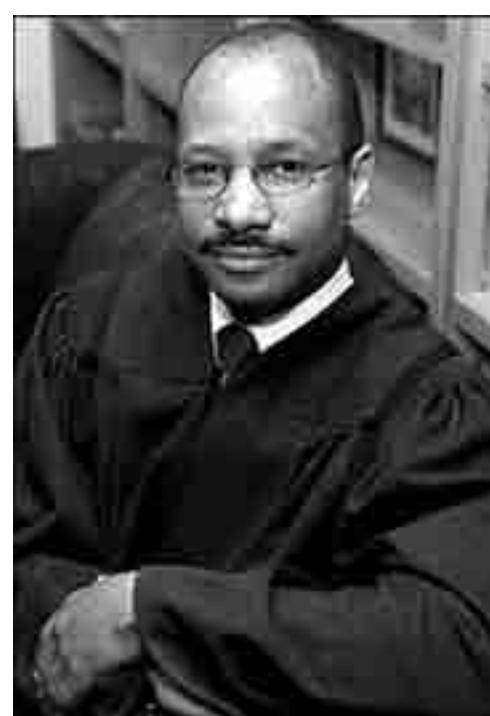
Three Iranian defectors who were operatives of MOIS and the IRGC. Witness X, whose dramatic testimony was previously filed under seal, was revealed to be Abolghasem Mesbahi, a former MOIS operative in charge of Iran's espionage operations in Western Europe. Judge Daniels found that Mesbahi has testified in numerous prosecutions of Iranian and Hezbollah terrorists, including the Mykonos case in Germany and the AMIA case in Argentina, and found to be highly reliable and credible. Judge Daniels also credited Mesbahi's testimony that he received messages during the summer of 2001 from inside the Iranian government that an Iranian contingency plan for unconventional warfare against the U.S. called "Shaitan dar Atash" had been activated.

"This is compelling proof that Iran was deeply involved in the 9/11 conspiracy," said Tim Fleming, lead investigative attorney for the Havlish group.

Included among Judge Daniels' findings in Havlish are the following:

Members of the 9/11 Commission staff

testified that Iran aided the hijackers by concealing their travel through Iran to access al Qaeda training camps in Afghanistan.



U.S. District Judge George Daniels

Iranian border inspectors refrained from stamping the passports of 8 to 10 of the 9/11 hijackers because evidence of travel through Iran would have prevented the hijackers from obtaining visas at U.S. embassies abroad or gaining entry into the United States. The 9/11 Commission Report addressed these facts and called for further investigation. 9/11 Commission Report at pp. 240-41.

Expert and U.S. government evidence also confirmed that Iran facilitated the escape of al Qaeda leaders and members from the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan into Iran and provided safe haven inside Iran after 9/11.

Abolghasem Mesbahi testified he was part of an IRGC-MOIS task force that designed contingency plans for unconventional warfare against the U.S., code-named "Shaitan dar Atash" ("Satan in Flames") which included crashing hijacked passenger airliners into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the White House. During the weeks before 9/11, Mesbahi received three coded messages from a source inside Iran's government indicating that the Shaitan dar Atash plan had been activated.

Mesbahi also testified that in 2000 Iran used front companies to obtain a Boeing 757-767-777 flight simulator for training the terrorists. Due to U.S. trade sanctions, Iran has never had any Boeing 757-767-777 aircraft, but all the airplanes hijacked on 9/11 were Boeing 757 or 767 aircraft.

A May 14, 2001 memorandum from inside the Iranian government demonstrating that Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Khamenei, was aware of the impending attacks and instructing intelligence operatives to restrict communications to existing contacts with al Qaeda's Ayman al Zawahiri and Hizballah's Imad Mughniyah.



Twin Towers in front of Iranian flag

Documents obtained from German federal prosecutors showing that 9/11 coordinator Ramzi Binalshibh traveled to Iran in January 2001 on his way to Afghanistan to brief Osama bin Laden on the plot's progress.

Evidence from the 9/11 Commission Report that a "senior Hezbollah operative," which the Havlish evidence identifies as Hezbollah terrorist chief Imad Mughniyah, coordinated activities in Saudi Arabia and was present (or his associate) on flights the hijackers took to and from Beirut and Iran. 9/11 Commission Report at pp. 240-41. Mughniyah, a longtime agent of Iran, orchestrated a string of terror operations against the U.S. and Israel during the 1980s and 1990s. He was assassinated in Syria in February of 2008.

"The families have waited a very long time for this day and they have been through a lot. So I was greatly relieved that the families received an answer to the question that they asked me ten years ago: they asked who was the responsible party? How did this happen? Today a federal court judge has said that a principal responsible party is the Islamic Republic of Iran," said Thomas E. Mellon, Jr. of the law firm of Mellon Webster & Shelly, the lead attorney for the Havlish plaintiffs.

Attorneys emphasized that it is important to understand that Iran, Hezbollah, and al Qaeda formed a terror alliance in the early 1990s. The attorneys cited their national security and intelligence experts, including Dr. Patrick Clawson, Dr. Bruce Tefft, Clare Lopez, Kenneth Timmerman, Dr. Ronen Bergman, Edgar Adamson, and 9/11 Commission staff members Dietrich Snell, Dr. Daniel Byman, and Janice Kephart, as well as the published writings of Robert Baer, to explain how the pragmatic terror leaders overcame the Sunni-Shi'a divide in order to confront the U.S. (the "Great Satan") and Israel (the "Lesser Satan").

Iran and Hezbollah then provided training to members of al Qaeda in, among other things, the use of explosives to destroy large buildings. The Iran-Hezbollah-al Qaeda alliance led to terror strikes against the U.S. at Khobar Towers, Saudi Arabia (1996), the simultaneous U.S. embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania (1998), and the USS Cole (2000).

Shortly after the Cole attack, Iran was facilitating the international travel of the 9/11 hijackers. \*\*\*

## US, Russian, French, British warships converge on Syria, Iran

(DEBKA) - US, Russian French and British air and naval forces streamed to the Syrian and Iranian coasts over the weekend on guard for fresh developments at the two Middle East flashpoints.

The Russian carrier Admiral Kuznetsov anchored earlier than planned at Syria's Tartus port on the Mediterranean Sunday, Jan. 8, arriving together with the destroyer Admiral Chabanenko and frigate Yaroslav Mudry.

To counter this movement, France consigned an air defense destroyer Forbin to the waters off Tartus.

DEBKAfile's military sources report a buildup in the last 48 hours of western naval forces opposite Iran in the Persian Gulf and Arabian Sea in readiness for Tehran to carry out its threat to close the Strait of Hormuz.

Britain has dispatched the HMS Daring, a Type 45 destroyer armed with new technology for shooting down missiles, to the Sea of Oman, due to arrive at the same time as the French Charles de Gaulle aircraft carrier.

Our sources report too that Saturday, the giant RQ-4 Global Hawk UAV, took off from the USS Stennis aircraft carrier for surveillance over the coasts of Iran. The Stennis and its strike group are cruising in the



Russian carrier Admiral Kuznetsov

deck by a guard of honor of marines under a flyover of Russian Su-33 and Su-25 fighter-bombers. This was taken as a signal of Moscow's willingness to back the Assad regime up against any Western military intervention as well as a gesture of support for cooperation between Syria and Iran in their operational plans.

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The head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization Fereydoun Abbasi Davani declared furthermore, "...the Islamic Republic is capable of exporting services related to nuclear energy to other countries."

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RQ-4 Global Hawk UAV

happens, we can defeat that." Gen. Dempsey went on to emphasize: "Yes, they can block it. We've described that as an intolerable act and it's not just intolerable for us, it's intolerable to the world. But we would take action and reopen the straits."

Appearing on the same program, US Defense Secretary Leon Panetta warned of a quick, decisive and very tough American response to any Iranian attempt to close the Strait of Hormuz.

They both spoke a few hours after a spokesman for the Revolutionary Guards said the supreme Iranian leadership had ruled the Strait must be closed in the event of an oil embargo imposed on Iran by the European Union.

DEBKAfile's military sources report the constant escalation of military tension around Iran and Syria in recent days as not just stemming from the rapid advances Iran is making toward production of a nuclear weapon, but from fears in the West and Israel that Tehran and Damascus are in step over their military plans for the Persian Gulf and Mediterranean sectors.

After the Admiral Kuznetsov docked in Tartus Sunday with much fanfare, the Syrian Navy commander Dawoud Rajha was received on the deck by a guard of honor of marines under a flyover of Russian Su-33 and Su-25 fighter-bombers. This was taken as a signal of Moscow's willingness to back the Assad regime up against any Western military intervention as well as a gesture of support for cooperation between Syria and Iran in their operational plans.

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# The Top Ten Most Corrupt Politicians in 2011

By Jim Kouri  
Public Safety Examiner

As they do each year, officials at the successful (and feared) public-interest group Judicial Watch released their annual Ten Most Corrupt Politicians list. The 2011 list contains several well-known government officials as well as some lesser known -- but equally corrupt -- elected leaders.

This year's list includes an equal number of Democrats and Republicans. The "honorees" are listed alphabetically. The Public Safety Examiner thanks Ms. Jill Farrell, the incredible public affairs director at Judicial Watch, for providing valuable information and assistance throughout 2011.

**1. Spencer Bachus (R-AL):** He has become the face of a congressional "insider trading" scandal that has rocked the Washington establishment as 2011 draws to a close. Rep.



Spencer Bachus

Spencer Bachus, Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, was one of the principal targets of a (CBS News) 60 Minutes investigative report on the scandal, which aired on CBS TV in September 2011.

The report was based, at least in part, on the book Throw Them All Out by author Peter Schweizer, which outed a slew of members of Congress who allegedly profited in the financial markets by trading on insider information. Bachus was not the only congressman cited by 60 Minutes -- others included Speaker of the House John Boehner and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi -- but the Alabama Republican stood out for his remarkable "good fortune" in shorting the stock market.

According to the allegations made by Schweizer and 60 Minutes, Congressman Bachus, at the time the ranking Republican on the Financial Services Committee, traded short-term stock options in 2008 after receiving a private briefing for congressional leaders by Secretary of the Treasury Hank Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke. The subject of the briefing: the pending meltdown in the global economy. Those privileged to attend the meeting reportedly sat around a table in Pelosi's office, having left their cell phones outside the room to avoid leaks.

Congressman Bachus's aggressive trading practices, in which he was able to benefit by betting on falling stock prices, reportedly earned him substantial profits from some of the 40 trades placed during the months of July through November 2008, many of the trades occurring after the September meeting.

In the wake of the congressional insider trading scandal, legislation banning insider trading is under consideration in Congress. The Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee advanced a bill banning insider trading on December 14, 2011. Similar legislation (pushed by Rep. Bachus himself, obviously to deflect criticism) has stalled in the House. Critics have suggested, and so has the House Ethics Committee, that the law already prohibits insider trading by members of Congress.

**2. Former Senator John Ensign (R-NV):**

John Ensign, former U.S. Senator from Nevada and former Chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, was forced to resign from office in May 2011 as the result of an investigation by the Senate Ethics Committee. In a scandal that first broke in 2009, Senator Ensign publicly admitted to an affair with the wife of long-time staffer Douglas Hampton. Ensign then allegedly tried to cover up the affair by bribing the couple with lucrative gifts and political favors.

According to The New York Times, after Hampton discovered the affair involving his wife Cynthia, the senator bought his silence by giving him "a strong boost into a lobbying career." Ensign asked political backers to find Hampton a job. "Payments of \$96,000 to the Hamptons also were made by Senator Ensign's parents, who insist this was a gift, not hush money. Once a lobbying job was secured, Senator Ensign and his chief of staff continued to help Mr. Hampton, advocating his clients' cases directly with federal agencies."

These lobbying activities seemingly violated the law related to the Senate's "cooling off" period for lobbyists. According to Senate rules, former Senate aides "may not lobby the Member for whom he worked or that Member's staff for a period of one year after leaving [their] position." Hampton began to lobby Ensign's office immediately upon leaving his job on Capitol Hill.

In November 2010, the Federal Election Commission dismissed a complaint that Ensign had violated campaign-finance laws,

and in December, the Obama Department of Justice announced that it would file no criminal charges against the senator. Ensign, however, was unable to avoid the ongoing investigation by the Senate Ethics Committee. In May 2011, the Senate Ethics Committee issued a devastating report that summarized the evidence against Ensign and made the extraordinary recommendation that

the Justice Department reopen a criminal investigation.

**3. Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL):** In a year full of shocking congressional sex scandals, perhaps none is more serious than that involving Florida Rep. Alcee Hastings, who allegedly sexually harassed a female government employee and then engaged in a cruel campaign of retaliation when she rebuffed his advances. (On March 7, 2011, Judicial Watch filed a lawsuit against Hastings on behalf of the victim, Ms. Winsome Packer.)

The alleged harassment and retaliation began in 2008 when Hastings (an impeached federal judge) served as Chairman of the United States Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Ms. Packer served as his employee. According to Judicial Watch's complaint, "Mr. Hastings' intention was crystal clear: he was sexually attracted to Ms. Packer, wanted a sexual relationship with her, and would help progress her career if she acquiesced to his sexual advances."

These advances included: Making multiple demands that Ms. Packer allow Rep. Hastings to stay in her apartment while she served as the Commission's lead staff representative overseas; subjecting Ms. Packer to unwanted physical contact, including hugging her with both arms while pressing his body against her body and his face against her face; inviting her on multiple occasions to accompany him alone to his hotel room; making sexual comments and references to Ms. Packer; and asking Ms. Packer humiliating and inappropriate questions in public, such as "What kind of underwear are you wearing?"

In addition, Hastings seems to have abused his office by using government travel as a cover for sightseeing and by soliciting gifts and campaign contributions from congressional staff.

On November 28, 2011, The House Ethics Committee announced that it will take an additional 45 days to determine whether to launch a full investigation into the allegations against Hastings.

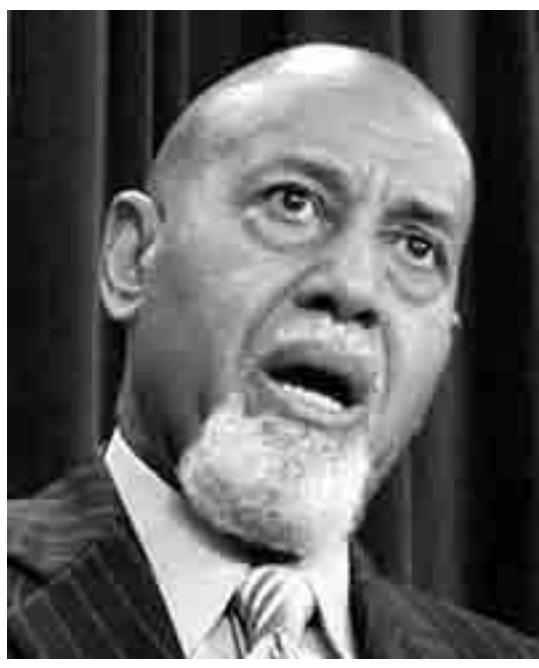
**4. Attorney General Eric Holder:**

Attorney General Eric Holder now operates the most politicized and ideological Department of Justice (DOJ) in recent history. And revelations from the Operation Fast and Furious scandal suggest that programs approved by the Holder DOJ may have resulted in the needless deaths of many, including a federal law enforcement officer.

Fast and Furious was a DOJ/Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) "gun-running" operation in which guns were sold to Mexican drug cartels and others, apparently in hopes that the guns would end up at crime scenes. This reckless insanity seems to have resulted in, among other crimes, the murder of Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry, who was killed in a shootout with Mexican criminals in December 2010. Fast and Furious guns were found at the scene of his death.

The Fast and Furious operation by itself should have resulted in Holder's resignation, but it is the cover-up that has prompted serious calls for Holder's ouster.

On May 3, 2011, in a House Judiciary Committee hearing chaired by Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX), Holder testified: "I'm not sure of the exact date, but I probably heard about Fast and Furious for the first time over the last few weeks." Newly released documents show he was receiving weekly briefings on Fast and



Rep. Alcee Hastings

Furious as far back as July 5, 2010. It appears Holder lied to Congress. (Judicial Watch sued the DOJ and the ATF to obtain Fast and Furious records. The Judicial Watch investigation continues.)

Unfortunately, when it comes to Holder's corruption and abuse of office, Fast and Furious is just the tip of the iceberg.

On February 23, 2011, Attorney General Eric Holder announced that DOJ lawyers

would no longer

defend the constitutionality of Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), as applied to homosexual couples. DOMA had passed Congress by a vote of 85–14 in the Senate and a vote of 342–67 in the House. President Clinton signed the act into law on September 21, 1996.

Judicial Watch filed two Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuits against the DOJ (including one on behalf of the Family Research Council) for records related to this pro-homosexual marriage decision. This failure to defend this federal law is unprecedented and raises serious questions as to whether President Obama and Eric Holder are upholding their oaths of office and following the Constitution's command to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed."

The DOJ continues to stonewall the release of information regarding Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan's participation in Obamacare discussions when she served as Solicitor General. In addition to forcing Judicial Watch to file a lawsuit to obtain this information, Holder's DOJ thumbed its nose at Congress by failing to release this material to the Senate Judiciary Committee during Kagan's judicial confirmation hearing. Holder continues to personally resist requests from Judicial Watch and Congress for additional information on this controversy. Kagan's role in these discussions is especially significant now that the U.S. Supreme Court has announced it will consider challenges to the constitutionality of Obamacare in Spring 2012.



Attorney Gen. Eric Holder

New revelations emerged in 2011 about the DOJ's Black Panther scandal. Judicial Watch uncovered evidence that the liberal special interest group National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) may have had an inappropriate amount of influence on the DOJ's decision to

drop its voter intimidation lawsuit against the New Black Panther Party for Self Defense. This comes on the heels of sworn testimony that the Civil Rights Division of the Holder DOJ makes enforcement decisions based upon race.

Most recently, Judicial Watch obtained shocking documents suggesting the Holder DOJ is conspiring with scandal-ridden Project Vote (President Obama's former employer and ACORN front) to use the National Voter Registration Act to increase welfare voter registrations. One former ACORN employee (and current Project Vote Director of Advocacy), Estelle Rogers, is even helping to vet job candidates for the Justice Department's Voting Rights Division! (ACORN and Project Vote have a long record of voter registration fraud.)

Seeming to affirm ACORN's hijacking of the DOJ, Holder recently said in a speech that he plans to use "the full weight" of the agency in 2012 to attack states that are enforcing laws that protect against fraud in the voting booths. This speech ended the pretense that the DOJ is

independent from the Democratic National Committee and the Obama campaign – as it repeated almost verbatim the partisan arguments made by the Democratic Party against voter ID laws.

Holder must go. Pick your reason – Black Panthers, race-based decision making, abandoning the Defense of Marriage Act, Fast and Furious killings and lies, or turning the DOJ into an arm of the radicalized left -- but Holder must go.

**5. Rep. Jesse Jackson, Jr. (D-IL)** and the Blagojevich Co-Conspirators: It took more than two years and two trials, but disgraced former Illinois Governor Rod "Blago"

Blagojevich was finally brought to justice on June 27, 2011, for a number of crimes, including his efforts to "sell" President Obama's vacant Senate seat to the highest bidder. He became the state's fourth governor, and one of at least 79 Illinois public officials, to be found guilty of a crime since 1972, proving that Illinois has certainly lived up to its reputation as a cesspool of corruption.

As the trial unfolded, it became clear that many hands were dirty in the Blago scandal. (See Chicago Mayor and former Obama Chief of Staff Rahm "Rahmbo" Emanuel, who was finally forced to testify during this second Blago trial – for a whopping five minutes – and President Obama himself, who was interviewed by the FBI in the scandal even before he took office.)

But all of the focus now seems to center on Rep. Jesse Jackson, Jr.

The House Ethics Committee announced on December 2, 2011, that it will continue its investigation into allegations that "Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. or someone acting on his behalf offered to raise campaign cash for then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich in exchange for a Senate appointment in 2008....The committee also released an initial report from the Office of Congressional Ethics that said there was "probable cause" to believe that Jackson either directed a third party or had knowledge of a third party's effort to convince the since-convicted Blagojevich to appoint Jackson Jr. in exchange for campaign cash.

The evidence suggests Jackson, Jr. attempted to bribe his way into the U.S. Senate. And it will take a monumental lack of attention on the part of the House Ethics Committee to overlook the Illinois Congressman's role in this serious scandal.



**6. President Barack Obama:** President Obama makes Judicial Watch's "Ten Most Wanted" list for a fifth consecutive year. (The former Illinois Senator was also a "Dishonorable Mention" in 2006.) And when it comes to Obama corruption, it may not get any bigger than Solyndra. Solyndra was once known as the poster child for the Obama administration's massive "green energy" initiative, but it has become the poster child for the corruption that ensues when the government meddles in the private sector. Solyndra filed for bankruptcy in September 2011, leaving 1,100 workers without jobs and the American taxpayers on the hook for \$535 million thanks to an Obama administration stimulus loan guarantee.

Despite the Obama administration's reticence to release details regarding this scandal, much is known about this shady deal. White House officials warned the president that the Department of Energy's loan guarantee program was "dangerously short on due diligence," nonetheless the Obama administration rushed the Solyndra loan through the approval process so it could make a splash at a press event. The company's main financial backer was a major Obama campaign donor named George Kaiser. While the White House said Kaiser never discussed the loan with White House officials, the evidence suggests this is a lie. And, further demonstrating the political nature of the Obama administration's activities, the Energy Department pressured Solyndra to delay an announcement on layoffs until after the 2010 elections. Despite the public outrage at this scandalous waste of precious tax dollars, President Obama continues to defend the indefensible and has refused to sack anyone over the Solyndra mess.

President Obama continues to countenance actions by his appointees that undermine the rule of law and constitutional government:

• Despite a ban on funding that Obama signed into law, his administration continues to fund the corrupt and allegedly defunct "community" organization ACORN. In July 2011 Judicial Watch uncovered a \$79,819 grant to AHCOA (Affordable Housing Centers of America), the renamed ACORN Housing which has a long history of corrupt activity. In absolute violation of the funding ban, Judicial Watch has since confirmed that the Obama administration has



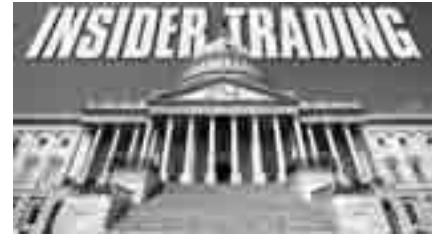
Rep. Jesse Jackson

# Insider trading legal for members of Congress

By Devvy Kidd

**"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*



How many times have we seen stories about individuals going to federal prison for insider trading? Prominent individuals like Martha Stewart. How about billionaire Dallas Mavericks owner, Mark Cuban? He was pursued relentlessly for years by the SEC for alleged insider trading. It was dismissed by a judge, but you can imagine his legal bills.

Have you ever wondered why an incumbent in the Outlaw Congress goes into office with a net worth of a hundred grand or so and within a decade is worth millions?

Being in the trenches nearly 24/7 going on 21 years, very few things shock me anymore. However, when I found out insider trading is legal for members of the U.S. Congress, I was speechless.

People wonder why I refer to the U.S. Congress as the Outlaw Congress? They are outlaws. There is no longer any concern for the U.S. Constitution and too many of them have been lining their pockets using insider knowledge of bills likely to pass where they will benefit financially.

Too many of those miscreants violate laws everyday of the week with impunity because they know by promising "bacon" to their district (along with the massive electronic vote fraud and illegals voting), they'll get right back into office. Here's another example courtesy of Worldnetdaily.com:

## Just what is Congress illegally downloading?

(Dec. 28, 2011)

"Are members of Congress online pirates, stealing copyrighted material and viewing porn while they are, ironically, working on federal legislation to stop Internet theft of intellectual property? The answer is yes, according to a report that examines the downloading habits – legal and illegal – of the U.S. House of Representatives.

"Online monitors at TorrentFreak researched the surfing habits of lawmakers via YouHaveDownloaded.com in the analysis. 'YouHaveDownloaded is a treasure trove full of incriminating data on alleged BitTorrent pirates in organizations all across the world,' the report states..."

"The U.S. House was targeted for review since lawmakers are drafting the much-discussed Stop Online Piracy Act, or SOPA, which some fear could be a tool for mass censorship in the name of copyright protection.

"Since it's the birthplace of the pending SOPA bill, we wondered how many of the employees there have engaged in unauthorized copying. The answer is yet again unambiguous – they pirate a lot," the report says. "In total we found more than 800 IP addresses assigned to the U.S. House of Representatives from where content has been shared on BitTorrent. After a closer inspection it quickly became clear the House isn't just using it for legitimate downloads either, quite the opposite."

"Congressional downloads include pornographic material."

Aww. Probably just "research" and if you believe that, I can sell you some sand over in the Gobi Desert.

A bill is languishing in the Outlaw Congress to stop insider trading for members of the Outlaw Congress:

"The Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge (STOCK) Act of 2011, which would prohibit members or employees of Congress, as well as executive branch employees, from using nonpublic information obtained through their public service for investing or any attempt at personal financial gain. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., is introducing a slightly different version of the legislation on Wednesday.

"Like everyone else, members of Congress are subject to current insider trading laws. However, current insider trading laws do not apply to nonpublic information about current or upcoming congressional activity -- that's because members of Congress aren't technically obligated to keep that information confidential.

"So, for instance, if a lawmaker learns an upcoming bill will grant a company a large government contract, which could boost that company's stock, he or she is free to buy that stock ahead of the bill's public introduction. This form of 'insider trading' is one of the reasons why there are so many wealthy members of Congress, CBSNews.com reported earlier this year.

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complaints about inappropriate contacts with House pages by former Rep. Mark Foley. On December 8, 2006, the committee reported that while Hastert had acted negligently, he had not violated any House rules."

Lots of beltway doublespeak.

## Failure to disclose real estate trust

"On June 14, 2006, Bill Allison of the Sunlight Foundation reported that Hastert used an Illinois trust to invest in real estate near the proposed route of the Prairie Parkway, a highway project in Illinois. In Congress, Hastert was then able to secure \$207 million in earmarked appropriations for the project, which includes an exit near his land. According to the report, the trust has now transferred 138 acres of the land to a real estate development firm that plans to build a 1,600-home community, located just a few miles from the north-south connector Hastert has championed in the House.

"Hastert's 2005 financial disclosure form, released June 14, makes no mention of the real estate trust. Hastert lists several real estate transactions in the disclosure, all of which were in fact done by the trust.

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Thomas Jefferson

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that sort of separation is hard to maintain...The federal government pays \$6,300 per month to rent an office for Hastert and his staff in Yorkville, Ill. Hahn conceded that Hastert has no other office set aside for lobbying work in Illinois but said that the former speaker travels to Washington frequently for work.

"In addition to the office, the government pays the salaries of three of Hastert's assistants in his Illinois office — each more than \$100,000 in 2008. Bryan Hardin, Hastert's administrative assistant (the title often used by a chief of staff in a congressional office) earned \$138,000.

"The office of the former speaker has specific functions that are tied to Denny being the former speaker, but he does not receive any compensation and is not an employee," Hahn said. "There are three staffers that carry out the functions — archiving, correspondence, speaking engagements — and working with the Hastert Center" at Wheaton College.

"House disbursement records show that the office is spending an additional \$2,000 per month in taxpayer money on a consulting firm, Burnham Strategies, that is run by several of Hastert's former staffers, including Hahn. Altogether, the firm was paid \$30,000 through Sept. 30 of this year, records show. Taxpayers also make the lease payments on a 2008 GMC Yukon and pay for a satellite TV subscription, cell phones, laptops and other expenses." (Source: Politico.com)

The STOCK Act was originally introduced in the 109th session of the House of Representatives on Mar. 28, 2006. Here we are in 2011 and buzzards in the Outlaw Congress are still making themselves rich while spending us into poverty.

Now, one would think given the complete distrust of the American people today of the Outlaw Congress and an approval rating of 9%, those liars, crooks and cowards would immediately pass a bill to

stop what amounts to insider trading: H.R. 1148 -- Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act.

The bill was introduced in March 2011. According to Open Congress, it now has 241 sponsors. Why hasn't it been brought to a vote by Speaker John Boehner, another rotten, corrupt political animal?

"On Dec. 6, 2011, House Financial Services Chairman Spencer Bachus (R-AL) scheduled a markup of the STOCK Act for Dec. 14, 2011. House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-VA) indefinitely postponed the markup session on Dec. 7, 2011, stating that 'a large group of bipartisan members of the committee felt the legislation was flawed and being recklessly moved solely in response to media pressure. Members of both sides of the aisle wanted more time to gather information and develop appropriate alternatives.'" (Source: Procon.org)

The bill has been around six years. How much more time do they need? More time to make money on insider information.

"On Dec. 13, 2011, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee advanced the STOCK Act by a vote of 7-2. Senators Tom Coburn (R-OK) and Ron Johnson (R-WI) dissented, calling the bill "unnecessary and rife with potential unintended consequences." Senator John McCain (R-AZ) also opposed the bill, but was absent from the vote." (Source: Insidertrading.procon.org)

Perhaps you should call your U.S. Representative and demand that bill get passed. As for S. 1871, it reads virtually the same as the house bill, but don't expect the corrupt U.S. Senate to get it passed unless there is massive heat from the American people - if they can fit it in between putrid "reality" tv shows, sports, boozing it up at the local watering hole, walking the malls or skiing the slopes. \*\*\*

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# COMMENTARY

## 2012 predictions



By Jon Talton

(Seattle Times) - It's New Year's prediction time, which reminds me of the advice that may have come from Lincoln: "It is better to remain silent and be thought a fool than open one's mouth and remove all doubt."

For the record, New York University star economist Nouriel Roubini, aka Dr. Doom, puts the probability of a recession this year at 60 percent, principally because of government austerity and budget cutting, along with the eurozone mess.

BofA Merrill Lynch Global Research warns: "Investors should expect another turbulent year of market volatility during 2012 from a mix of heightened policy risk, political uncertainty, low growth and low interest rates, all of which will translate into modest investment returns."

Seattle's Russell Investments foresees continued global deleveraging from our big debt overhang. Also, "Lower standards of living, high unemployment, lower returns and higher volatility should all be expected."

The Atlantic magazine's "wild" predictions include Microsoft as company of the year, buying Nokia to build a smartphone better than Apple's iPhone; a dramatic China slowdown; Bank of America pulls a dramatic turnaround, and the economy begins a real recovery. Good luck with that.

Predictions notwithstanding, we know some of the key issues that will influence 2012.

Among the immediate dangers: Will Iran or North Korea do something crazy? The former is threatening to cut off the industrial world's oil lifeline at the Strait of Hormuz, while the latter is a Stalinist dictatorship prone to provocation, possessing nuclear weapons, in the midst of a leadership change and situated in Asia's economic heart.

There's Iraq, which fell into sectarian squabbling only days after the official exit of American troops. As with Iran, instability here will affect oil prices.

The eurozone gained time by the larger-than-expected intervention of the European Central Bank, but only that. The problems of resetting sovereign debt, exposed banks, political paralysis and recession will keep Europe a danger zone for the world economy.

Back to China: A serious slowdown would be another event to put the kibosh on even a mild recovery and maul the Pacific Northwest trade economy. Can Beijing manage a soft landing? (Russell's strategists argue that it can) The whole world is watching.

At home, the upcoming election will further harden, if that's possible, the political divide that has made it impossible to address the jobs crisis, climate change, the decline of the middle class or failing American education, infrastructure and competitiveness.

It would be valuable if the presidential contest led to a serious discussion about the way forward from a calamity worse than any since the Great Depression, and in many ways like it. That we could actually hear the truth from our leaders. I can fearlessly predict that won't happen.

The housing market will not recover to become the prime driver of a new boom and masker of deep, long-percolating rot in the American economy. Neither will the Federal Reserve. Or even the financial sector.

The U.S. economy continues to have a huge crater of demand left by the Great Recession. Politics made a meaningful stimulus, one that would have created plenty of jobs and positioned us to compete in the new century, impossible. And this year the Obama stimulus will be petering out. Further pressure on recovery will come from continued cutbacks in government jobs.

The new year will bring continued misery to millions of Americans, including the jobless, those facing housing trouble and many who had hoped to retire but must work on — if they're lucky enough to have a job. After the recession and the lost decade of the 00s, the typical American household's real income is back at 1997 levels.

Very slow growth makes it almost impossible to rescue this situation for years. Indeed, the danger of long-term contraction — and how does a society based on fairly high growth manage it — is real.

But millions of others are doing well, especially those in finance, the innovators whose ideas are rewarded in the marketplace and beneficiaries of intergenerational wealth. Average working stiffs aren't seeing their wages rise much if at all, but they're employed.

Big U.S. companies remain strong and cash-rich. While some smaller firms still struggle for loans, others are prospering again. Some sectors are seeing modest signs of expansion.

Steve Gordon, president of Pacific-based Gordon Trucking, is one of my front-line sources whose position in transportation gives him an early view of trends. "We support nearly all the big retailers as well as the big food and other (consumer package group) folks, and they're mostly stronger going into" 2012, he told me.

"Even our home-improvement and building-products customers feel like they're coming off the bottom. ... The market for drivers has been noticeably tighter, usually a good sign for the labor market."

These are some of the things we know this first day of the year. But the leading edge of history never loses its capacity to surprise. ★★

# Your Right to Speak Out

## The NDAA Codifies Obama's Power Grab



By Ron Paul

(Daily Paul) - Little by little, in the name of fighting terrorism, our Bill of Rights is being repealed. The 4th amendment has been rendered toothless by the PATRIOT Act. No more can we truly feel secure in our persons, houses, papers, and effects when now there is an exception that fits nearly any excuse for our government to search and seize our property. Of course, the vast majority of Americans may say "I'm not a terrorist, so I have no reason to worry." However, innocent people are wrongly accused all the time. The Bill of Rights is there precisely because the founders wanted to set a very high bar for the government to overcome in order to deprive an individual of life or liberty. To lower that bar is to endanger everyone. When the bar is low enough to include political enemies, our descent into totalitarianism is virtually assured.

The PATRIOT Act, as bad as its violation of the 4th Amendment, was just one step down the slippery slope. The recently passed National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) continues that slip toward tyranny and in fact accelerates it significantly. The main section of concern, Section 1021 of the NDAA Conference Report, does to the 5th Amendment what the PATRIOT Act does to the 4th. The 5th Amendment is about much more than the right to remain silent in the face of government questioning. It contains very basic and very critical stipulations about due process of law. The government cannot

imprison a person for no reason and with no evidence presented or access to legal counsel.

The dangers in the NDAA are its alarmingly vague, undefined criteria for who can be indefinitely detained by the US government without trial. It is now no longer limited to members of al Qaeda or the Taliban, but anyone accused of "substantially supporting" such groups or "associated forces." How closely associated? And what constitutes "substantial" support? What if it was discovered that someone who committed a terrorist act was once involved with a charity? Or supported a political candidate? Are all donors of that charity or supporters of that candidate now suspect, and subject to indefinite detainment? Is that charity now an associated force?

Additionally, this legislation codifies in law for the first time authority to detain Americans that has to this point only been claimed by President Obama. According to subsection (e) of section 1021, "[n]othing in this section shall be construed to affect existing law or authorities relating to the detention of United States citizens, lawful resident aliens of the United States, or any other persons who are captured or arrested in the United States." This means the president's widely expanded view of his own authority to detain Americans indefinitely even on American soil is for the first time in this legislation codified in law. That should chill all of us to our cores.

The Bill of Rights has no exemptions for "really bad people" or terrorists or even non-citizens. It is a key check on government power against any person. That is not a weakness in our legal system; it is the very strength of our legal system. The NDAA attempts to justify abridging the bill of rights on the theory that rights are suspended in a time of war, and the entire United States is a battlefield in the War on Terror. This is a very dangerous development indeed. Beware. Future is unknowable. Consequently, we do not have solutions for today's problems; we only have choices. For 5,000 years, gold has been the world's preferred money. Being tested time and again over the millennia, gold's proven record continues to make it the preferred choice for a future that is always uncertain. ★★



## Anarchists are bad guys?

By Larry Laborde

The lovely Miss Puddy accompanied me to the latest Sherlock Holmes movie last night. In the movie a series of bombings supposedly by anarchist was terrorizing Europe. This begs the question, what is an anarchist?

Webster defines anarchy as: a. absence of government, b. state of lawlessness due to absence of government or c. utopian society who enjoy complete freedom without government.

Therefore the opposite of communism (the 100% control of society by government) is anarchy (the 0% control of society by government). Jefferson envisioned a society where freedom would flourish to be somewhere around 10% control of society by government. In his vision government would act as a referee to arbitrate contracts in the courts and to provide for mutual defense as well as to secure private property rights. This is an over simplification but it is all about what is the correct amount of government that is appropriate for freedom to exist.

Socialism is probably somewhere around 50% to 90% government control of society. Obama care put us somewhere around 65% government control of our society. This past year alone tens of thousands of new laws were passed that further controlled and restricted society by our government. Every time we pass a new law or a new rule we relinquish a little more freedom while we march a little further down the scale towards 100% government control. God gave Moses only 10 commandments to live by. Jesus simplified these to



Guy Fawkes

just one law with the golden rule. Somehow government feels the need to expand these with hundreds of thousands of laws.

The most famous anarchist that immediately comes to mind is Guy Fawkes. Fawkes was captured in 1605 while guarding 36 barrels of gunpowder that had been placed under the House of Lords. The Gunpowder Plot called for the assassination of King James in order to bring back a catholic monarch in England. In the movie "V for Vendetta" the main character wears a Guy Fawkes mask and overthrows a future fictional totalitarian government in the UK that controls every aspect of daily life. V tells the people they can manage their own affairs without the help of such an all-controlling government.

**Remember, remember the 5th of November  
The gunpowder treason and plot,  
I know of no reason why gunpowder treason  
Should ever be forgot.**

Perhaps anarchists (people who believe in 0% government control) are not that bad if they can pull us back down the scale closer to Jefferson's 10% government. There are certainly a number of forces pulling us in the opposite direction.

Upon a little reflection there are several functions of government that could be done by the private sector. Collection of trash is already done privately in many parts of the country. Many water, gas and other utilities are privatized. In some states there are private toll roads. Why couldn't insurance investigators look into property crimes? Even space travel is now being privatized. Money itself could easily be privatized if legal tender laws were abolished. Private firms like GoldMoney.com that use digital gold banking accounts could easily facilitate trade without the use of government central banks. The constitution itself even provides for letters of marque that subcontract war itself to privateers.

While extremism is usually bad on both ends of the spectrum I

*"... on this most auspicious of nights, permit me then, in lieu of the more commonplace sobriquet, to suggest the character of this dramatic persona. Voila! In view humble vaudevillian veteran, cast vicariously as both victim and villain by the vicissitudes of fate. This visage, no mere veneer of vanity, is a vestige of the 'vox populi' now vacant, vanished. However, this valorous visitation of a bygone vexation stands vivified, and has vowed to vanquish these venal and virulent vermin, vanquishing vice and vouchsafing the violently vicious and voracious violation of volition.*

*The only verdict is vengeance; a vendetta, held as a votive not in vain, for the value and veracity of such shall one day vindicate the vigilant and the virtuous.*

*Verily this vichyssoise of verbiage veers most verbose, so let me simply add that it's my very good honour to meet you and you may call me V."*



find myself aligned closer to the 10% government envisioned by Jefferson and therefore closer to anarchy than the present administration's 65% control of society which is closer to communism. Maybe anarchists aren't all bad?

Governments around the world that are strapped with gigantic debts are cutting back on services. Perhaps we don't need such big governments after all.

**"Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable."**

~John F. Kennedy

**"More law, Less justice"**  
~Cicero

**"The greater the number of laws and enactments, the more thieves and robbers there will be."**

~Lao-tzu

**"Men fight for freedom, then they begin to accumulate laws to take it away from themselves."**

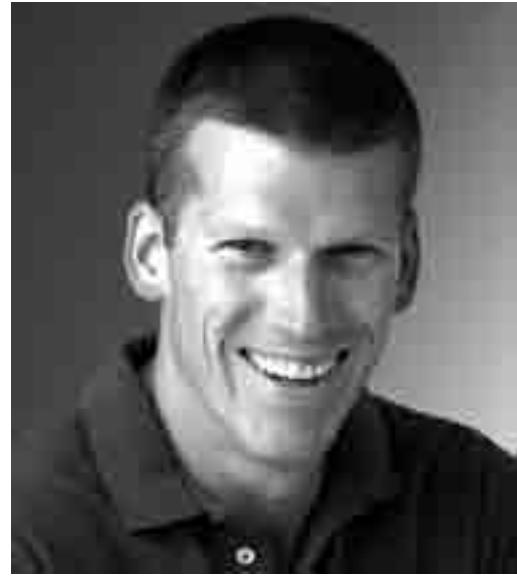
~Unknown

**Larry Laborde lives in the South with his wife Puddy. ★★**

"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



By Mike Adams

**(NaturalNews)** - One of the most extraordinary documents in human history — the Bill of Rights — has come to an end under President Barack Obama. Derived from sacred principles of natural law, the Bill of Rights has come to a sudden and catastrophic end with the President's signing of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), a law that grants the U.S. military the "legal" right to conduct secret kidnappings of U.S. citizens, followed by indefinite detention, interrogation, torture and even murder. This is all conducted completely outside the protection of law, with no jury, no trial, no legal representation and not even any requirement that the government produce evidence against the accused. It is a system of outright government tyranny against the American people, and it effectively nullifies the Bill of Rights.

In what will be remembered as the most traitorous executive signing ever committed against the American people, President Obama signed the bill on New Year's Eve, a time when most Americans were engaged in the consumption of alcohol. It seems appropriate, of course, since no intelligent American could accept the tyranny of this bill if they were sober.

This is the law that will cement Obama's legacy in the history books as the traitor who nullified the Bill of Rights and paved America's pathway down a road of tyranny that will make Nazi Germany's war crimes look like child's play. If Bush had signed a law like this, liberals would have been screaming "impeachment!"

#### Why the Bill of Rights matters

While the U.S. Constitution already limits the power of federal government, the Bill of Rights is the document that enumerates even more limits of federal government power. In its inception, many argued that a Bill of Rights was completely unnecessary because, they explained, the federal government only has the powers specifically enumerated to it under the U.S. Constitution. There was no need to have a "First Amendment" to protect Free Speech, for example, because there was no power granted to government to diminish Free Speech.

This seems silly today, of course, given the natural tendency of all governments to concentrate power in the hands of the few while destroying the rights and freedoms of



will. As of January 1, 2012, we have all been designated enemies of the state. America is the new battleground, and your "right" to due process is null and void.

Remember, this was all done by the very President who promised to close Guantanamo Bay and end secret military prisons. Not only did Obama break that campaign promise (as he has done with nearly ALL his campaign promises), he did exactly the opposite and has now subjected all Americans to the possibility of government-sponsored kidnapping, detainment and torture, all under the very system of secret military prisons he claimed he would close!

"President Obama's action today is a blight on his legacy because he will forever be known as the president who signed indefinite detention without charge or trial into law," said Anthony D. Romero, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union.

#### Obama's signing statement means nothing

Even while committing an act of pure treason in signing the bill, the unindicted criminal President Obama issued a signing statement that reads, in part, "Moving forward, my administration will interpret and implement the provisions described below in a manner that best preserves the flexibility on which our safety depends and upholds the values on which this country was founded..."

Anyone who reads between the lines here realizes the "the flexibility on which our safety depends" means they can interpret the law in

their own people. But in the 1780's, whether government could ever become a threat to future freedoms was hotly debated. By 1789, enough revolutionary leaders had agreed on the fundamental principles of a Bill of Rights to sign it into law. Its purpose was to provide additional clarifications on the limitation of government power so that there could be absolutely no question that government could NEVER, under any circumstances, violate these key principles of freedom: Freedom of speech, the right to bear arms, freedom from illegal searches, the right to remain silent, the right to due process under law, and so on.

Of course, today's runaway federal government utterly ignores the limitations placed on it by the founding fathers. It aggressively and criminally seeks to expand its power at all costs, completely ignoring the Bill of Rights and openly violating the limitations of power placed upon it by the United States Constitution. The TSA's illegal searching of air travelers, for example, is a blatant violation of Fourth Amendment rights. The

government's hijacking of websites it claims are linking to "copyright infringement" hubs is a blatant violation of First Amendment rights. The government's demand that all Americans be forced to buy private health insurance is a blatant violation of Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution — the "commerce clause."

Now, with the passage of the NDAA, the federal government has torpedoed the entire Bill of Rights, missing it completely and effectively promising to violate those rights at

any way they want if there is a sufficient amount of fear being created through false flag terror attacks. Astute readers will also notice that Obama's signing statement has no legal binding whatsoever and only refers to Obama's momentary intentions on how he "wishes" to interpret the law. It does not place any limits whatsoever on how a future President might use the law as written.

"The statute is particularly dangerous because it has no temporal or geographic limitations, and can be used by this and future presidents to militarily detain people captured far from any battlefield," says the ACLU.

What this means is that the next President could use this law to engage in the most horrific holocaust-scale mass round-up of people the world has ever seen. The NDAA legalizes the crimes of Nazi Germany in America, setting the stage for the mass murder of citizens by a rogue government.

#### United States of America becomes a rogue nation, operating in violation of international law

Furthermore, the NDAA law as written and signed, is a violation of international law as it does not even adhere to the fundamental agreements of how nations treat prisoners of war:

"...the breadth of the NDAA's detention authority violates international law because it is not limited to people captured in the context of an actual armed conflict as required by the laws of war" says the ACLU.

In 1789, today's NDAA law would have been called "treasonous," and those who voted for it would have been shot dead as traitors. This is not a call for violence, but rather an attempt to provide historical context of just how destructive this law really is. Men and women fought and died for the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. People sacrificed their lives, their safety and risked everything to achieve the freedoms that made America such a great nation. For one President to so callously throw away 222 years of liberty, betraying those great Americans who painstakingly created an extraordinary document limiting the power of government, is equivalent to driving a stake through the heart of the Republic.

In signing this, Obama has proven himself to be the most criminal of all U.S. Presidents, far worse than George W. Bush and a total traitor to the nation and its People.

Remember, Obama swore upon a Bible that he would "protect and defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic," and yet he himself has become the enemy of the Constitution by signing a law that overtly and callously nullifies the Bill of Rights.

This is nothing less than an act of war declared on the American people by the executive and legislative branches of government. It remains to be seen whether the judicial branch will go along with it (US Supreme Court).

#### Origins of the Bill of Rights

The Bill of Rights, signed in 1789 by many of the founding fathers of our nation, was based on the Virginia Declaration of Rights, drafted in 1776 and authored largely by George Mason, one of the least-recognized revolutionaries who gave rise to a nation of freedom and liberty.

Mason was a strong advocate of not just states' rights, but of individual rights, and without his influence in 1789, we might not even have a Bill of Rights today (and our nation would have slipped into total government tyranny all the sooner). In fact, he openly opposed ratification of the U.S. Constitution unless it contained a series of amendments now known as the Bill of Rights.

SECTION ONE of this Virginia declaration

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## Rest in Peace: Bill of Rights 1789 – 2011

of rights states:

*"That all men are by nature equally free and independent and have certain inherent rights, of which, when they enter into a state of society, they cannot, by any compact, deprive or divest their posterity; namely, the enjoyment of life and liberty, with the means of acquiring and possessing property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety."*

Section Three of the declaration speaks to the duty of the Citizens to abolish abusive government:

*"That government is, or ought to be, instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security of the people, nation, or community; of all the various modes and forms of government, that is best which is capable of producing the greatest degree of happiness and safety and is most effectually secured against the danger of maladministration; and that, when any government shall be found inadequate or contrary to these purposes, a majority of the community hath an indubitable, inalienable, and indefeasible right to reform, alter, or abolish it, in such manner as shall be judged most conducive to the public weal."*

By any honest measure, today's U.S. government, of course, has overstepped the bounds of its original intent. As Mason wrote over 200 years ago, the People of America now have not merely a right but a duty to "reform, alter or abolish it," to bring government back into alignment with its original purpose — to protect the rights of the People.

#### Obama violates his Presidential Oath, sworn before God

Article II, Section I of the United States Constitution spells out the oath of office that every President must take during their swearing in:

*"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my Ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."*

In signing the NDAA law into office, Obama has blatantly and unambiguously violated this sacred oath, meaning that his betrayal is not merely against the American people, but also against the Divine Creator.

Given that the Bill of Rights is an extension of Natural Law which establishes a direct heritage of sovereign power from the Creator to the People, a blatant attack upon the Bill of Rights is, by any account, an attack against the Creator and a violation of universal spiritual principles. Those who attempt to undermine the Bill of Rights are attempting to invalidate the relationship between God and Man, and in doing so, they are identifying themselves as enemies of God and agents of Evil.

Today, as 2012 begins, we are now a nation led by evil, and threatened with total destruction by those who would seek to rule as tyrants. This is America's final hour. We either defend the Republic starting right now, or we lose it forever.

#### Read the language analysis of WHY and HOW the NDAA applies to American citizens

Many people have been fooled by the obfuscated language of the bill, and they wrongfully believe the NDAA does not apply to American citizens. They have been hoodwinked!

Make no mistake, folks: The U.S. government has just declared all Americans to be "enemy combatants," and that the USA is now a "battleground" over which the military has total control. We are now a nation living under military dictatorship, whether you realize it or not. ★★

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funneled \$730,000 to the ACORN network, a group that has a long personal history with President Obama. In 2011, JW released a special report entitled "The Rebranding of ACORN," which details how the ACORN network is alive and well and well-placed to undermine the integrity of the 2012 elections – evidently with the assistance of the Obama administration.

•Barack Obama apparently believes it is his "prerogative" to ignore the U.S. Constitution and the rule of law when it comes to appointing czars. According to Politico: "President Barack Obama is planning to ignore language in the 2011 spending package that would ban several top White House advisory posts. Obama said this ban on "czars" would undermine "the President's ability to exercise his constitutional responsibilities and take care that the laws be faithfully executed." In other words, Barack Obama believes he must ignore the U.S. Constitution to protect the U.S. Constitution. Many Obama administration czars have not been subject to confirmation by the U.S. Senate as required by the U.S. Constitution. In 2011, JW released a first-of-its-kind comprehensive report on the Obama czar scandal, entitled "President Obama's Czars."

•In an historic victory for Judicial Watch and an embarrassing defeat for the Obama White House, a federal court ruled on August 17, 2011 that Secret Service White House visitor logs are agency records that are subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. U.S. District Judge Beryl Howell issued the decision in Judicial Watch v. Secret Service. The Obama administration now will have to release all records of all visitors to the White House – or explain why White House visits should be kept secret under the law. The Obama White House continues to fight full disclosure and has stalled the release of records by appealing the lower court decision. (Judicial Watch gave Obama a "failing grade" on transparency in testimony before Congress in 2011.)

•In 2011, the Obama National Labor Relations Board sought to prevent the Seattle-based Boeing Company from opening a \$750 million non-union assembly line in North Charleston, South Carolina, to manufacture its Dreamliner plane. Judicial Watch obtained documents from the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) showing this lawsuit was politically motivated. Judicial Watch uncovered documents showing NLRB staff cheerleading for Big Labor, mouthing Marxist, anti-American slurs and showing contempt for Congress related to the agency's lawsuit against Boeing, including email correspondence attacking members of Congress. And it starts at the top. Obama bypassed Congress and recess-appointed Craig Becker, who is connected to the AFL-CIO, the SEIU and ACORN, to the NLRB.

•Obama's corrupt Chicago dealings continued to haunt him in 2011. Obama's real estate partner, campaign fundraiser and Obama pork recipient Antoin "Tony" Rezko was finally sentenced to jail this year as was former Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich, who is now set to serve 14 years for attempting to sell Obama's former Senate seat to the highest bidder. The FBI continues to withhold from Judicial Watch documents of its historic interview of then-Senator Obama about the Illinois corruption scandal. The FBI interview was conducted in December, 2008, about one month before Obama was sworn into the presidency.



**7. Rep. Laura Richardson (D-CA):** A first-timer on Judicial Watch's "Ten Most Wanted" list, Rep. Laura Richardson is in hot water for reportedly misusing her congressional staff for personal and political gain. Rep. Richardson is now under investigation by the House Ethics Committee regarding allegations by former staff member Maria Angel Macias. Macias alleges that she was required by Richardson to order other staffers to run personal errands for the Democrat congresswoman – such as picking up her dry cleaning – and to work on her re-election campaign at taxpayer expense.

Richardson's alleged behavior would violate federal law, which protects federal employees from "being forced by job-related threats or reprisals to donate to political candidates or causes." House ethics rules also specify that "in no event may a member or office compel a House employee to do

campaign work."

Macias indicated to the Committee that Richardson regularly directed her to call staff members outside of office hours to "make them work at campaign events." According to former employees, they were required to work the extended hours "under threat of dismissal," and reportedly, were even required to act as servers at such events. Shirley Cooks, chief of staff for Representative Richardson, was also directed to ensure that staff members "volunteered" for off-hour campaign projects.

Rep. Richardson has responded by denying that she has ever forced employees to volunteer on campaigns, and then played the "race card," claiming she is being targeted because she is black and because she is a woman. Richardson has further indicated that she would explore whether the Ethics Committee "has engaged in discriminatory conduct" ... which is a blatant attempt to intimidate committee members and undermine the investigation.

Richardson is not new to controversy and investigations of ethics violations. Complaints against her include commandeering emergency helicopters in her California district for use as sightseeing vehicles for her staff and of her receiving special treatment when a bank rescinded the sale of a foreclosed home Rep. Richardson owned in Sacramento and then restructured her mortgage. (This was the third home on which Rep. Richardson had missed payments.)

The House Ethics Committee failed to punish her over the foreclosure deal (no surprises there) and approximately one year later Richardson again defaulted on her payments. True to form, however, Richardson failed to take responsibility for her actions, claiming the default was due to a "clerical error."



**8. Rep. David Rivera (R-FL):** Rep. David Rivera, U.S. Representative for Florida's 25th congressional district, is mired in numerous ethics controversies stemming from charges of money laundering and tax evasion schemes initiated when Rivera served in the Florida House of Representatives. The Republican congressman, serving his first term, is currently under investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Miami-Dade Police public corruption unit, and the Miami-Dade State Attorney's office.

Of particular interest is the investigation by the FBI and the IRS regarding Rep. Rivera's dealings with the Flagler Dog Track, now known as the Magic City Casino. The basis for the investigation relates to payments reportedly totaling as much as \$1 million made by the casino to Millennium Marketing in the guise of a consulting contract. Most of the money is said to have been paid in 2008.

Millennium Marketing is owned by Rivera's mother and godmother, and Rivera supposedly benefited from the arrangement, and is thus the subject of a tax evasion inquiry. Income from the consulting contract was never reported by Rivera on his tax forms, nor did he mention the Millennium deal in financial disclosure forms filed with the Florida Ethics Commission. Instead, Rivera indicated that he had worked as a consultant for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), in addition to being a member of the Florida House of Representatives. He reported no income for USAID, however, and the agency had no record of his having ever worked there.

For a long time, Rep. Rivera denied ever receiving any income from the dog track, but just before heading to Congress, Rivera admitted receiving \$132,000 in "undisclosed loans" from Millennium. He claims he paid the money back.

Participating in the dog track inquiry – and at one time having had the lead on the case – is the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, assisted by the Miami-Dade Police. Investigators are also taking a close look at Rivera's campaign spending, including \$75,000 he paid in 2010 "to a now-defunct consulting company owned by the daughter of a top aide."



**9. Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA):** Rep. Maxine Waters is one of the most senior and one of the most outspoken members of Congress. She is also one of the most corrupt.

In August 2010, an investigative subcommittee of the House Ethics Committee charged Rep. Waters with three counts of violating House rules and ethics regulations in connection with her use of power and influence on behalf of OneUnited Bank. She was expected to face an ethics trial in late 2010, but the committee delayed the trial indefinitely on November 29, 2010, citing newly discovered documentary evidence that may impact proceedings.

The delay apparently has less to do with evidence and more to do with infighting on the panel. Ultimately, an outside counsel was retained and a recommendation was expected by January 2, 2012. However, the Committee announced that the Waters probe will be extended until July 31, 2012.

According to The Associated Press, the charges currently under the House Ethics

Committee microscope "focus on whether Waters broke the rules in requesting federal help [bailout money] for a bank where her husband owned stock and had served on the board of directors." At the time she requested the help, Waters neglected to tell Treasury officials about her financial ties to OneUnited Bank.

Without intervention by Waters (and a big assist from her co-conspirator Rep. Barney Frank), OneUnited was an extremely unlikely candidate for Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) funding. The Treasury Department indicated that it would only provide bailout funds to healthy banks to jump-start lending. However, Judicial Watch uncovered documents detailing the deplorable financial condition of OneUnited at the time of the cash infusion. In fact, just prior to the bailout, OneUnited received a "less than satisfactory rating."

Aside from OneUnited, there was yet another scandal with Waters' fingerprints all over it.

According to The Washington Times: "A lobbyist known as one of California's most successful power brokers while serving as a legislative leader in that state paid Rep. Maxine Waters' husband \$15,000 in consulting fees at a time she was co-sponsoring legislation that would help save the real-estate finance business of one of the lobbyist's best-paying clients..."

Real-estate finance businesses, such as the one helped by Waters' influence, were labeled a "scam" by the IRS in a 2006 report.

Despite all of her ethical woes, Maxine Waters seeks to take over the retiring Barney Frank's position as the ranking Democrat on the House Financial Services Committee. It is quite obvious that Rep. Waters has neither the integrity nor the ethics necessary to hold such a position of public trust.



**10. Rep. Don Young (R-AK):** Rep. Don Young may have achieved a new level of corruption in 2011. The House Ethics Committee announced just before Christmas that the Alaska Republican Congressman was cleared of allegations by the House Ethics Committee that he exceeded the limit on campaign donations to his legal defense fund – which was set up to defend Young against an entirely different set of corruption charges!

There was good reason the House Ethics Committee released this decision after most of official Washington left for the Christmas holiday: because the Committee's "exoneration" is a joke.

House ethics rules prohibit contributions from any single source that exceed \$5,000. Young received \$63,000 from "twelve companies that...were in fact owned by Gary Chouest, his wife, and his five children, or some combination of those seven individuals." Despite an independent analysis by the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) that the shell-game was a rather transparent violation of the contribution limit, the House Ethics Committee gave Young a free pass because the 12 companies controlled by essentially one individual were "separate legal entities!"

On July 24, 2007, the Wall Street Journal reported that Young was under federal investigation for taking bribes, illegal gratuities, and unreported gifts from VECO Corporation, an Anchorage, Alaska-based company. Two executives in the company, including former company CEO Bill Allen, had already pled guilty to bribing members of the Alaska legislature. Reportedly, Young received \$157,000 from VECO.

Rep. Young has developed a legendary reputation for steering federal dollars to Alaska. As The New Republic put it, Rep. Young is "well known for his sharp elbows and generous appetite for legislative pork," including the \$223 million he secured to build the so-called "Bridge to Nowhere." Eventually, lawmakers responded to the mounting criticism and the bridge was defunded.

Over the years, Rep. Young has been linked to lobbyist Jack Abramoff's illegal efforts to lease government property, and he has been criticized for adding a \$10 million earmark to a transportation bill for a short piece of road in Florida near Fort Myers, called Coconut Road. The local real estate developer who owned 4,000 acres along the road helped raise \$40,000 for Young's campaign, which might go a long way toward explaining why the Alaska congressman aggressively pushed to build a road in Florida.

## Dishonorable Mentions for 2011



•Former Senator John Edwards (D-NC)



•Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA)



•Fmr House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-GA)



•Sec.of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano



•Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)



•Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY)



•Rep. Hal Rogers (R-KY)



•Sec. of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius

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# Stop SOPA - Federal Government's bid to censor the Internet

By Michael  
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Right now, there are two pieces of legislation in Congress that would change the Internet forever if they are enacted. The Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) and the Protect Intellectual Property Act (PIPA) would give the federal government the ability to potentially shut down millions of websites. SOPA (the version being considered in the U.S. House of Representatives) is the more dangerous of the two. It would essentially be the equivalent of a nuclear bomb being dropped on the Internet. It would give government officials unlimited power to very rapidly shut down any website that is found to "engage in, enable or facilitate" copyright infringement. That language is very broad and very vague. Many fear that it will be used to shut down any websites that even inadvertently link to "infringing material". Can you imagine a world where there is no more Facebook, Twitter or YouTube? Sites like those would be forced to hire thousands of Internet censors to make sure that no "infringing material" is posted, and many prominent websites may simply decide that allowing users to post content is no longer profitable and is just not worth the hassle. Are you starting to get the picture? That is why we must stop SOPA. If SOPA is enacted, it could be the death of the free Internet.

But this is exactly the kind of bill that the establishment media has been waiting for. It would give them back control. SOPA is being heavily promoted by big media corporations. If they are able to shut down free speech on the Internet, then suddenly everyone would be forced to rely on them for news and entertainment once again.

That is why SOPA and PIPA must be stopped. A recent editorial in the New York Times described how these new laws would work....

The bills would empower the attorney general to create a blacklist of sites to be blocked by Internet service providers, search engines, payment providers and advertising networks, all without a court hearing or a trial. The House version goes further, allowing private companies to sue service providers for even briefly and unknowingly hosting content that infringes on copyright — a sharp change from current law, which protects the service providers from civil liability if they remove the problematic content immediately upon notification. The intention is not the same as China's Great Firewall, a nationwide system of Web censorship, but the practical effect could be similar.

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support. This process is called "overcharging." Overcharging works to threaten the defendant into accepting a plea bargain. The fear of criminal sanctions associated with the overcharged allegations is a deterrent for individuals to exercise their right to a jury trial because of the uncertainty of the outcome.

It gets worse though. Judges are responsible for sentencing and, generally speaking, they have wide discretion in how severely any given defendant is punished. However, it is illegal for a judge to punish someone for going to trial. In other words, if a person demands their right to a trial and they are convicted, the judge should not impose a more severe sentence after the trial than one the judge would have imposed had the person just pled guilty.

The issue then is, if a person could get the same sentence after a trial that they'd get before trial what incentive is there for them to give up their right to trial by pleading guilty? The answer of course is that there isn't much incentive at all. So again, as a practical matter, many judges commonly impose more severe penalties after a trial to provide additional incentive to plead.

As support for this claim I offer California Rule of Court 4.423(b)(2). This provision allows a judge to be more lenient in sentencing a defendant who, "...voluntarily acknowledged wrongdoing before arrest or at an early stage of the criminal process." Obviously, a person who exercises their right to trial loses the benefit of this provision and a more severe sanction may be imposed.

So, when does discovering truth and

achieving justice occur within a system where defendants are being "threatened" by the executive and judicial branches of government to enter a plea and give up their right to a trial? Who knows. I contend the government's primary goal is not justice but to get convictions. This goal is plainly stated by this quote from prosecutor Michael Mermel, "The taxpayers don't pay us for intellectual curiosity. They pay us to get convictions."

The truth is unless society takes proactive measures to eliminate plea bargaining it is here to stay. In 2011, California introduced 725 new laws. I believe 5-10 of them were laws directed at criminalizing previously legal behavior. Each year more and more laws are passed at the Federal, State, County, and City level. Across the United States there are literally tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, of criminal laws that the citizenry risks running afoul of. What is legal today may not be legal tomorrow. With the number of people being charged, and the growing number of criminal laws available to charge us, our system would collapse if the citizenry actually exercised their right to a trial. The plea bargain has become an effective tool (as evidenced by the 90% statistic given above) in our government's bag to nullify our rights, further its growth, and to keep the criminal cases moving.

The truth is that a citizenry with rights is a burden upon the government in achieving its agenda. The government most certainly fights to achieve its agenda; but are we fighting to protect our rights? \*\*\*

Everyone would be deathly scared of allowing anything to be posted on their websites in such an environment. Free speech on the Internet would be a thing of the past.

An article on lifehacker.com explained how easy it would be to bring a claim against a website under SOPA....

If it's possible to post pirated content on the site, or information that could further online piracy, a claim can be brought against it. This can be something as minor as you posting a copyrighted image to your Facebook page, or piracy-friendly information in the comments of a post such as this one. The vague, sweeping language in this bill is what makes it so troubling.

Fortunately, some of the biggest names on the Internet are rallying to defeat SOPA. For example, Google Executive Chairman Eric Schmidt says that he believes that SOPA will actually "criminalize" links....

"By criminalizing links, what these bills do is they force you to take content off the Internet"

Another huge name, Google co-founder Sergey Brin, is alarmed that SOPA would give the U.S. government the power to censor search results without even having to go through a court trial....

"I am amazed by my astonishment when the newest threat to free speech has come from none other but the United States. Two bills currently making their way through congress -- SOPA and PIPA -- give the U.S. government and copyright holders extraordinary powers including the ability to hijack DNS and censor search results (and this is even without so much as a proper court trial)"

In the United States, we used to believe that the government should not take our property away without a fair trial.

But now SOPA would allow the U.S. government to hit Internet websites with a "death penalty" without even having to go to court.

If SOPA becomes law, the Internet will change dramatically.

If there were no websites where people could post thoughts and ideas, what would the world look like?

Over recent months we have seen how sites like YouTube, Twitter and Facebook can literally change the face of the globe. The following comes from the same New York Times article referenced above....



YouTube, Twitter and Facebook have played an important role in political movements from Tahrir Square to Zuccotti Park. At present, social networking services are protected by a "safe harbor" provision of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, which grants Web sites immunity from prosecution as long as they act in good faith to take down infringing content as soon as rights-holders point it out to them. The House bill would destroy that immunity, putting the onus on YouTube to vet videos in advance or risk legal action. It would put Twitter in a similar position to that of its Chinese cousin, Weibo, which reportedly employs around 1,000 people to monitor and censor user content and keep the company in good standing with authorities.

Do we really want Chinese-style Internet censorship in America?

Thankfully, the Internet community is fighting back against SOPA really hard.

Initially, GoDaddy.com was publicly supporting SOPA, but a boycott organized on Reddit has hit them really hard. In fact, GoDaddy lost more than 70,000 domains just last week.

All of this pressure forced GoDaddy to renounce its support for SOPA. However, they are not actively opposing the bill at this point.

Congress is in recess right now, so action on SOPA and PIPA is stalled for now. But the battle is far from over.

And the stakes are incredibly high. One blogger recently put it this way....

"If either the U.S. Senate's Protect IP Act (PIPA) & the U.S. House's Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) become law, political blogs such as Red Mass Group [conservative] & Blue Mass Group [liberal] will cease to exist"

Yes, the free Internet that we all love and enjoy today is under assault.

If we do not stand up now, we may lose it forever.

Every single day, control of the Internet gets tighter and tighter. For example, did you know that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is now watching everything that is said on Facebook and Twitter?

The following comes from a recent Daily Mail article....

The Department of Homeland Security makes fake Twitter and Facebook profiles for the specific purpose of scanning the networks for 'sensitive' words - and tracking people who use them.

Simply using a word or phrase from the DHS's 'watch' list could mean that spies from the government read your posts, investigate your account, and attempt to identify you from it, according to an online privacy group.

But it is one thing for them to watch the Internet.

It is another thing for them to shut down free speech on the Internet entirely.

Please do what you can to save the open and free Internet.

The Electronic Frontier Foundation is helping to organize users of the Internet to protest this draconian legislation. The following is from a statement that the EFF recently put out....

As drafted, the legislation would grant the government and private parties unprecedented power to interfere with the Internet's domain name system (DNS). The government would be able to force ISPs and search engines to redirect or dump users' attempts to reach certain websites' URLs. In response, third parties will woo average users to alternative servers that offer access to the entire Internet (not just the newly censored U.S. version), which will create new computer security vulnerabilities as the reliability and universality of the DNS evaporates.

It gets worse: Under SOPA's provisions, service providers (including hosting services) would be under new pressure to monitor and police their users' activities. While PROTECT-IP targeted sites "dedicated to infringing activities," SOPA targets websites that simply don't do enough to track and police infringement (and it is not at all clear what would be enough). And it creates new powers to shut down folks who provide tools to help users get access to the Internet the rest of the world sees (not just the "U.S. authorized version").

The Electronic Frontier Foundation has created a page that makes it very easy to send a letter about SOPA to your representatives in Congress. You can find it right here.

There is also a website called "Stop American Censorship" that has even more ways to let the federal government know that you do not want SOPA to pass. You can find that site right here.

We must stop SOPA. The Internet has made it possible for average people all over the world to communicate with one another on a grand scale, and this is a direct threat to the establishment and the big media corporations that they control. They are going to try again and again to take back control over the flow of information. We must not allow them to succeed. \*\*\*

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## Americans buy guns in record numbers for New Year



By Nick Allen  
The Telegraph

According to the FBI, over 1.5 million background checks on customers were requested by gun dealers to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System in December. Nearly 500,000 of those were in the six days before Christmas.

It was the highest number ever in a single month, surpassing the previous record set in November.

On Dec 23 alone there were 102,222 background checks, making it the second busiest single day for buying guns in history.

The actual number of guns bought may have been even higher if individual customers took home more than one each.

Explanations for America's surge in gun buying include that it is a response to the stalled economy with people fearing crime

waves. Another theory is that buyers are rushing to gun shops because they believe tighter firearms laws will be introduced in the future.

The National Rifle Association said people were concerned about self defence because police officer numbers were declining.

A spokesman said: "I think there's an increased realisation that when something bad occurs it's going to be between them and the criminal."

But anti-gun campaigners said those who already owned weapons were simply hoarding more of them due to "fear-mongering" by the NRA.

A spokeswoman for the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence said: "The research we've seen indicates fewer and fewer people are owning more and more guns."

Dave LaRue, of Legendary Guns in Phoenix, Arizona, said Christmas sales were up 25 per

cent on the previous year and ammunition sales were also "brisk".

He said: "There are a lot of people concerned about pending gun legislation and the sense about the current administration. People think future availability will be limited and there's a feeling of get it while you can."

The record for gun sales in a single day was set in November, on the day after Thanksgiving, when 129,166 background searches were carried out on customers buying weapons.

Since the near-fatal shooting of congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords by a deranged gunman in Tucson, Arizona last January there have been increasing calls for tighter gun control. Miss Giffords survived being shot in the head with a semi-automatic handgun, and six other people were killed.

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## Mobile Mayor's Hypocrisy Showing in Burglary Case



Mobile Mayor Sam Jones

(CCRKBA) - BELLEVUE, WA - Mobile, Alabama Mayor Sam Jones has some explaining to do in the wake of a highly-publicized incident during which he held a burglary suspect at gunpoint, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms said today.

Jones, a Democrat, is a member of Mayors Against Illegal Guns, an organization that has campaigned for stricter gun control laws that affect average private citizens.

But Jones is no average private citizen. According to published reports, Jones was returning home from an errand, driving his private vehicle. "His bodyguard, who drives the mayor's city vehicle, was not on duty," the Press-Register newspaper reported. And now there are questions about whether the mayor has an Alabama carry permit.

"Here is a municipal mayor who has a bodyguard, and believes it is okay for him to carry a gun, but he belongs to an organization that consistently works to keep everyone else from carrying," said CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb. "If the mayor is legally licensed, why does he belong to a group that has fought to prevent law-abiding citizens from exercising their self-defense right?"

"If Mayor Jones doesn't have a permit," he continued, "then he is a poster child for the double standards that elites like Mayor Michael Bloomberg believe separates them from the citizens they serve. Either way, Mayor Jones owes it to his constituents to show them his carry permit, and to oppose any further attempts by Mayors Against Illegal Guns to prevent private citizens from exercising their constitutionally-protected right to keep and bear arms."

"It is no surprise that average American citizens are fed up with government officials at all levels," Gottlieb observed. "We're glad that Mayor Jones had the means and the willingness to protect his property, but we are stunned and disappointed that he belongs to an organization whose very essence is to make it virtually impossible for average citizens to do likewise."

*With more than 650,000 members and supporters nationwide, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms is one of the nation's premier gun rights organizations. As a non-profit organization, the Citizens Committee is dedicated to preserving firearms freedoms through active lobbying of elected officials and facilitating grass-roots organization of gun rights activists in local communities throughout the United States. The Citizens Committee can be reached by phone at (425) 454-4911, on the Internet at [www.ccrkba.org](http://www.ccrkba.org). \*\*\**

## Mother With a Gun

By Rich Lowry  
National Review

If the National Rifle Association had an award for Mother of the Year, it might already have a winner. When two men began to break into her home on New Year's Eve, Sarah Dawn McKinley of Blanchard, Okla., popped a bottle into her crying three-month-old baby's mouth and reached for her guns.

According to her account and that of police, she defended herself and her child in terrifying circumstances. To say McKinley was in the middle of nowhere would exaggerate the centrality of her location in a sparsely populated area about 25 miles outside of Oklahoma City. To say her home was vulnerable would exaggerate the security of a trailer with no alarm system or safe rooms. To say she was on her own would probably exaggerate her sense of connectedness, by herself, tending to her infant, after her husband had died of lung cancer on Christmas Day.



hand," she told the operator. "Is it OK to shoot him if he comes in the door?"

This would seem a superfluous question if you believe your safety is at risk at the hands of someone forcibly entering your home. But not all states have the same "castle doctrine" as Oklahoma that gives homeowners an unambiguous right to shoot unlawful intruders. And not all jurisdictions are rational about firearms....

... the 911 operator was cagey, if unmistakable: "I can't tell you that you can do that, but you do what you have to do to protect your baby." That's all the permission McKinley needed. The confrontation ended badly for Justin Martin, a 24-year-old who McKinley says had been harassing her. Police found him dead of a single gunshot wound, armed with a knife. His accomplice told police that they both were high on prescription painkillers and thought they could find medications used by McKinley's late husband.

McKinley says she is sorry about Martin's death, but would do it again. As Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. wrote in a case nearly a century ago, "detached reflection cannot be demanded in the presence of an uplifted knife."

Instances of self-defense are the anecdotes that gun controllers never want to hear. The NRA keeps a running list of them on its website: attempted armed robberies, home invasions, and other attacks rebuffed every month by the would-be victims. Surely, Sarah McKinley's assailants thought the young, slender, widowed mother was an easy mark. Her shotgun meant they were wrong. Who would have it any other way? Otherwise, the intruder has the knife and she has nothing except a cellphone and the wan hope that someone armed with a gun makes it to her in time. \*\*\*

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media this deceptive tool is used. Fortunately, for those who are more active and those who have educated themselves on what the mainstream media does - the difference between "left and right" is becoming a mute issue. Today's active citizen's know the real issue isn't left or right - it is simply "right or wrong and more so - constitutional or not."

Many examples have been made regarding the recent Occupy Wall Street movement and the ongoing Tea Party movement.

Ron Paul's grassroots organizers are heavily credited for starting the Tea Party movement shortly after the 2008 presidential election which has been hammered by mainstream media across the country and the same goes for Occupy Wall Street. Instead of shining the light on the real issue (why these huge movements exist) the media has simply focused their publicity on the "welfare recipient", "homeless" Occupy Movement (Fox News), and the "racist", "radical gun worshiping" Tea Party Movement (CNN).

Ron Paul shares the same concerns which are greatly embedded in both movements and his popularity has soared since the 2008 election, which was obvious as the results were announced in the Iowa Caucus. I am a strong supporter and part of the Tea Party, and in recent months have become enthused to get to know and understand local Occupy Movements, which I can accurately report as "people who share the same disgust with government and big business" as the Tea Party.

As a former medic in the 82nd Airborne Division, I cringe when I hear "conservatives" claim that Ron Paul's foreign policy is weak, broken and Un-American. Let me be clear when I state that I fully support Ron Paul's foreign policy from a constitutional stance and so does a large part of "active" military, as Ron Paul receives MORE FINANCIAL support from active military personnel than the other candidates COMBINED. There is a reason for that and it's not because he's soft.

Ninety-nine percent (the occupy movement motto) of America is absolutely fed up with how out of control our big business and federal government have become - which I will twist in a way that reflects that same motto, but in a new light. Ninety-nine percent (estimated) of what our federal government does today is simply unconstitutional, which directly reflects Ron Paul's stance.

It is this simple: If the power wasn't granted to the federal government within the Constitution (the document upon which this country was founded), it is NOT the job of our Federal Government. Our country is BROKE people, WAKE UP! Drastic changes have to be made, because drastic unconstitutional agencies and regulations exist that have flat out broke the moral and financial state of this country.

One candidate has given a clear message since day one. His message has never changed, nor



has his actions. The blowback from unconstitutional wars has damaged our country severely. The Fed, which was created in 1913 has crippled our currency. The theft of States Rights has furthered our plunge into a UNITED STATE - giving Americans a mute voice when taking on the GIANT "One-percenters" (including the federal government).

The sad part of what I see today is the average American who puts their trust in a system that has absolutely failed the will of the people. Children have obtained higher education in hopes of getting the "stable government job" or have simply become dependent upon that same government to feed them because they have been programmed to think they can't provide for themselves. Private sector jobs are quickly disappearing and many that still exist, are doing so on a very small budget, which trickles down to each employee, whether through under-employment or wage cuts.

I am fortunate enough to have a job which gives me first-hand knowledge that many aren't exposed to. If I was tasked to write this article just three years ago, I wouldn't have had a clue as to how bad our problems really are...

While I don't expect everyone to jump up and have a change of heart and get involved, I do hope that those of you who aren't as active, will do something, even if small in nature - to help better your life, and your community. Ron Paul is the hope that many have been looking for, he is the ONLY viable candidate for President.

In this day, social networking and digital media are becoming more useful for the common person. Instead of logging into iTunes, take a few minutes to share a link to something that you stand for, watch a video regarding real issues that directly affect YOUR life. Contact somebody who can help direct you in a way that is productive. Get INVOLVED. Your future and the United States of America's future depends on each and every one of us.

Most importantly, take the time to educate yourself on the issues that we all face together. Remember, Ron Paul's stance on every issue stems from what our Constitution says...Read it.

**Writer's Note:** Please feel free to contact me via email - [joe@usobserver.com](mailto:joe@usobserver.com). I am more than willing to share important information that can help you determine if Ron Paul is or is not the candidate for you.

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"...I as a juror saw how [Prosecutor] John DuBose lied continually throughout a case. We - all of the jurors were so utterly disgusted... we saw the truth and set free an innocent man framed by egregious prosecution." --*Juror Comment - INNOCENCE PROJECT*



Killingsworth's contacted Defendant Pepper Rodgers' wife in an effort to get negative statements and information about Pepper from her while she and Pepper were having marriage problems. According to direct statements from Mrs. Lindsey Rodgers, the Killingsworth's contacted her over 40 times. They certainly didn't make the calls for any other reasons than to cause the Rodgers problems, which makes the allegations that they were out to steal the business very believable.

The Killingsworth's had paid \$220,000.00 towards this new venture with the Rodgers, which is small in comparison to the total appraised value of the business once it was up and running, which was reportedly estimated to produce around 52 million dollars annually.

Pepper Rodgers recently obtained a Nelson hearing, which is a hearing where you ask for new court appointed counsel for various reasons, specifically "ineffective representation." Pepper stated on the record that his court appointed attorney, Scott Tatum had attempted to coerce him into lying to the court. Tatum had reportedly told Pepper during a conversation that it was "Time to start pointing the finger." Pepper also disclosed the fact that his attorney had not taken part in a number of the depositions that had taken place in his case, making it impossible for him to present an adequate defense for Pepper.

When Judge Nobles responded to these allegations, she did nothing but make excuses for Tatum and the court. The statement that really stuck, was the Judge's analogy of a "Pack of Wolves" that had to stick together - alluding that since there were four other defendants involved - it was okay, since the other defendant's attorneys were deposing witnesses. Court appointed Attorney Scott Tatum told Judge Nobles that he also recommended being taken off this case and Prosecutor John Dubose was in court making positive statements about Tatum in an effort to protect his fellow attorney. Without question, there was obviously a severed relationship between attorney/client and it clearly appeared to this writer that Prosecutor Dubose and Attorney Scott Tatum were working hand-in-hand with each other and against Pepper Rodgers. Judge Nobles was unable to see the "ineffective representation" in all of this and DENIED the request for new council.

Killingsworth's Attorney Robert Beasley reportedly stated under oath that he had never done "due diligence" on behalf of the Killingsworths, referring to their

partnership with the defendants. He further stated they, "put in more money to be a bigger part of that advertising campaign and buy some folders or signs." An email that was entered into evidence clearly shows prior communication between Attorney Beasley and his client Clint Killingsworth wherein Beasley stated, "I called the sign company and they appear to be real." This clearly shows that Attorney Robert Beasley had performed some due diligence on the Defendants and that he had in fact, stated to Clint Killingsworth, "They appear to be real."

**Editor's Note:** The *US~Observer* has given the Prosecutors conducting this false prosecution every opportunity to examine the facts and drop their false charges. Prosecutors Bill Eddins, Russ Edgar and John Dubose have turned a deaf ear and have refused to serve justice. We consider each of these prosecutors to be corrupted and unethical. They have not provided justice and they are destroying innocent lives as they "play God."

### Who is Ultimately Responsible for this Malicious Prosecution?

Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi is the chief prosecutor in the State of Florida, making her responsible for the actions of Eddins, Edgar and Dubose. Bondi has declared on the Attorney General's website that she, "considers open government and transparency the linchpin of government accountability." We will soon find out if her statement is valid or if it is simply deception...

Her boss, Florida Governor Rick Scott is responsible for the actions or inactions of AG Pam Bondi. The *US~Observer* fully intends to hold both of these elected public officials accountable publicly for this false prosecution should they fail to investigate this case and then act on the facts we have presented. If either of these Public Officials think that they are "untouchable," they will be making a big mistake – a mistake that will create a firestorm of controversy concerning their political careers, from a source that is very capable of "Demanding Accountability."

Any one with information regarding corruption or wrongdoing on the part of anyone in this article is urged to contact Joseph Snook at 541-226-8235 or email to [joe@usobserver.com](mailto:joe@usobserver.com).

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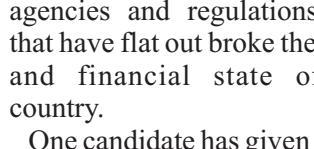
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CRR's ranch was sold at auction on April 14, 2010, despite CRR's request to await the pending appeal, which is customary. Personal items of the Parker family were also reportedly seized, including dishes, clothing and other keepsakes and put in an open field and auctioned off, despite affidavits signed by the Parkers stating they were personal and not owned by CRR. Judge Twyla Gray allowed the auction to go forward. Some of the items auctioned were irreplaceable.

Reggie Whitten, attorney for the Whitten/Newman Foundation and of the Whitten/Burrage Law Firm in OK City was the high bidder. It is alleged by credible sources that although no monies were deposited with the court clerk, he began to assert his ownership of the ranch.

Notes filed against the ranch property by Parker's father James Parker in excess of one million dollars, lent for development of the ranch, legally prohibited Whitten from acquiring clear title, according to US~Observer legal experts.

On October 15, 2010, the OK Court of Civil appeals found District Judge Twyla Gray erred in granting CLO's summary judgment and reversed summary judgment. The OK Supreme Court denied a CLO petition for certiorari and mandate was issued on June 7, 2011. Since the reversal of the CLO's counterclaim, CRR has repeatedly requested the proceeds from the Sheriff's sale and full and complete possession of CRR's ranch be given back, which to date the CLO has refused.

When CRR discovered in late June, 2011, that Whitten had reportedly moved into the ranch house on CRR's ranch, turned on electricity and began structural renovation of the property, CRR sued Whitten and his brother-in-law Robert Newman for trespass and damages. Whitten reportedly answered by sworn affidavit that he was given permission by the CLO and Sheriff Borth to enter upon CRR property and take possession of it.

On July 28, 2011, after being sued for trespass, Whitten reportedly paid the CLO \$420,000.00 - the balance of the purchase price for the ranch at auction and asked for title to CRR's ranch on the now over-turned invalid judgment. The CLO reportedly accepted Whitten's payment on the over-turned judgment and issued a Sheriff's deed to Whitten on July 28, 2011, signed by Sheriff Keith Borth. Whitten reportedly continues to occupy CRR's ranch.

CRR however, had given a deed in lieu of foreclosure to Belize Land and Development Ltd. Belize, Central America (B.L.&D.) on July 13, 2011, for non-payment of its one-million-plus loan that CRR could not repay B.L.&D.

CRR is currently continuing, through the court in Boise City, OK to assert B.L.& D.'s claim to ownership. They presented their argument for summary judgment against Whitten/Newman before Associate District Judge Ronald Kincannon in August of 2011. Kincannon to date has not ruled on the matter, however he has stated in numerous phone conversations with this reporter over the past few months that he intends to "try and get a

ruling out soon."

When alleged large scale damages to structures on CRR's property were discovered by CRR in the fall of 2011, CRR appealed to Judge Kincannon to stop Whitten until the judge had made his decision. Kincannon reportedly told Whitten that no work was to be done on the property until he made his decision. This reportedly occurred in a verbal restraining order between the CRR's attorney and Whitten's attorney in November of 2011.

US~Observer sources have informed us that CRR's attorney subsequently conducted an on-site inspection to confirm Judge Kincannon's order of restraint against Whitten and found large-scale renovation of the property continuing. Kincannon has reportedly refused CRR's attorney's repeated requests for a conference call to Whitten's attorney and refuses to put his restraining order in writing so that it can be enforced.

The CLO in August of 2011, canceled leases held by Roy Young and his business partner Leroy Durham, contiguous to CRR ranch, for overgrazing and has refused to refund the unused portion of the annual rent of \$41,000.00. Incidentally, the leases had reportedly not been grazed since February of 2010, when the CLO seized the ranch and the grass was high enough to constitute a fire hazard.

Young and Durham filed suit over their canceled leases in fall 2011, against the CLO.

R.S.J. Investments L.L.C., another Parker family company, filed suit against CLO in January, 2011, over these same leases. When the CLO discovered that R.S.J. was Parker owned, they refused to grant the leases, even after R.S.J. was the successful bidder at auction in October of 2010.

This ongoing war between CRR and the CLO was featured on the front page of The Oklahoman newspaper in OK City on Sunday March 20, 2011 and again on the front page of the Oklahoman on March 27, 2011 - written by corruption watchdog reporter Randy Ellis: [rrellis@opubco.com](mailto:rrellis@opubco.com).

As we go to press with this edition, we have been informed that CRR continues their waiting on Kincannon's embarrassingly long delay in ruling on their summary judgment motion filed with his court in August 2011 in this case.

The US~Observer is currently digging into this case. Reggie Whitten has refused to return our phone calls, which tells us plenty about this "behind the scenes" attorney from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

**Anyone with information on this case is urged to contact the US~Observer by calling 541-474-7885 or via email at: [editor@usobserver.com](mailto:editor@usobserver.com).**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Oklahoma County District Judge Twyla Mason Gray died Monday, Oct. 3, 2011, but her failed rulings and the prison sentences she imposed on innocent individuals live-on and continue to inflict damage.

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Judge Ronald Kincannon

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plant had been grown for cordage and cloth in China and elsewhere in the East. For centuries prior to about 1850 all the ships that sailed the western seas were rigged with hempen rope and sails.

"For the sailor, no less than the hangman, hemp was indispensable. A 44-gun frigate like our cherished Old Ironsides took over 60 tons of hemp for rigging, including an anchor cable 25 inches in circumference. The Conestoga wagons and prairie schooners of pioneer days were covered with hemp canvas. Indeed the very word canvas comes from the Arabic word for hemp. In those days hemp was an important crop in Kentucky and Missouri. Then came cheaper imported fibers for cordage, like jute, sisal and Manila hemp, and the culture of hemp in America declined.

"But now with Philippine and East Indian sources of hemp in the hands of the Japanese, and shipment of jute from India curtailed, American hemp must meet the needs of our Army and Navy as well as of our Industry. In 1942, patriotic farmers at the government's request planted 36,000 acres

of Kentucky or in central Wisconsin. It must be loose and rich in organic matter. Poor soils won't do. Soil that will grow good corn will usually grow hemp.

"Hemp is not hard on the soil. In Kentucky it has been grown for several years on the same ground, though this practice is not recommended. A dense and shady crop, hemp tends to choke out weeds. Here's a Canada thistle that couldn't stand the competition,



dead as a dodo. Thus hemp leaves the ground in good condition for the following crop.

"For fiber, hemp should be sewn closely, the closer the rows, the better. These rows are spaced about four inches. This hemp has been broadcast. Either way it should be sewn thick enough to grow a slender stalk. Here's an ideal stand: the right height to be harvested easily, thick enough to grow slender stalks that are easy to cut and process.

"Stalks like these here on the left yield the most fiber and the best. Those on the right are too coarse and woody. For seed, hemp is planted in hills like corn. Sometimes by hand. Hemp is a dioecious plant.

"The female flower is inconspicuous. But the male flower is easily spotted. In seed production after the pollen has been shed, these male plants are cut out. These are the seeds on a female plant. Hemp for fiber is



of seed hemp, an increase of several thousand percent. The goal for 1943 is 50,000 acres of seed hemp.

"In Kentucky much of the seed hemp acreage is on river bottom land such as this. Some of these fields are inaccessible except by boat. Thus plans are afoot for a great expansion of a hemp industry as a part of the war program. This film is designed to tell farmers how to handle this ancient crop now little known outside Kentucky and Wisconsin.

"This is hempseed. Be careful how you use it. For to grow hemp legally you must have a federal registration and tax stamp. This is provided for in your contract. Ask your county agent about it. Don't forget.

"Hemp demands a rich, well-drained soil such as is found here in the Blue Grass region



ready to harvest when the pollen is shedding and the leaves are falling.

"In Kentucky, hemp harvest comes in August. Here the old standby has been the self-rake reaper, which has been used for a generation or more. Hemp grows so luxuriantly in

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Kentucky that harvesting is sometimes difficult, which may account for the popularity of the self-rake with its lateral stroke. A modified rice binder has been used to some extent. This machine works well on average hemp. Recently, the improved hemp harvester, used for many years in Wisconsin, has been introduced in Kentucky. This machine spreads the hemp in a continuous swath. It is a far cry from this fast and efficient modern harvester, that doesn't stall in the heaviest hemp.

"In Kentucky, hand cutting is practicing in opening fields for the machine. In Kentucky, hemp is shucked as soon as safe, after cutting, to be spread out for retting later in the fall.

"In Wisconsin, hemp is harvested in September. Here the hemp harvester with automatic spreader is standard equipment. Note how smoothly the rotating apron lays the swaths preparatory to retting.

"Here it is a common and essential practice to leave headlands around hemp fields. These strips may be planted with other crops, preferably small grain. Thus the harvester has room to make its first round without preparatory hand cutting. The other machine is running over corn stubble. When the cutter bar is much shorter than the hemp is tall, overlapping occurs. Not so good for retting. The standard cut is eight to nine feet.

"The length of time hemp is left on the ground to ret depends on the weather. The swaths must be turned to get a uniform ret. When the woody core breaks away readily like this, the hemp is about ready to pick up and bind into bundles. Well-retted hemp is light to dark grey.

"The fiber tends to pull away from the stalks. The presence of stalks in the bough-string stage indicates that retting is well underway. When hemp is short or tangled or when the ground is too wet for machines, it's bound by hand. A wooden bucket is used. Twine will do for tying, but the hemp itself makes a good band. When



Hemp after going through the braking process

it. Spinning American hemp into rope yarn or twine in the old Kentucky river mill at Frankfort, Kentucky. Another pioneer plant that has been making cordage for more than a century. All such plants will presently be turning out products spun from American-grown hemp: twine of various kinds for tying and upholster's work; rope for marine rigging and towing; for hay forks, derricks, and heavy duty tackle; light duty fire hose; thread for shoes for millions of American soldiers; and parachute webbing for our paratroopers.

"As for the United States Navy, every battleship requires 34,000 feet of rope. Here in the Boston Navy Yard, where cables for frigates were made long ago, crews are now working night and day making cordage for the fleet. In the old days rope yarn was spun by hand. The rope yarn feeds through holes in an iron plate. This is Manila hemp from the Navy's rapidly dwindling reserves. When it is gone, American hemp will go on duty again: hemp for mooring ships; hemp for tow lines; hemp for tackle and gear; hemp for countless naval uses both on ship and shore. Just as in the days when Old Ironsides sailed the seas victorious with her hempen shrouds and hempen sails. Hemp for victory."

Our victory won't come through warfare, only financial stability and individual and state sovereignty. However, in this climate of Federal expansionism, becoming self-reliant will be a fight; as it was for our founders. This time, however, it's not going to be tea dumped into a harbor, rather it will be seeds planted in the ground that symbolize the independence of the people. Beyond the symbolism and show of resolve, the planting of industrial hemp can and will bolster our local economies and strengthen the entirety of the United States, if we would simply move ahead and plant.

Look for Josephine County, Oregon to be first. Stay tuned. \*\*\*

conditions are favorable, the pickup binder is commonly used. The swaths should lie smooth and even with the stalks parallel. The picker won't work well in tangled hemp. After binding, hemp is shucked as soon as possible to stop further retting.

"In 1942, 14,000 acres of fiber hemp were harvested in the United States. The goal for the old standby cordage fiber, is staging a strong comeback. This is Kentucky hemp going into the dryer over mill at Versailles.

"In the old days braking was done by hand. One of the hardest jobs known to man. Now the power breaker makes quick work of



## Freedom of the Press

Excerpt from the 1954 book,  
*The Anti-Capitalistic Mentality*  
By Ludwig von Mises

Freedom of the press is one of the fundamental features of a nation of free citizens. It is one of the essential points in the political program of old classical liberalism. No one has ever succeeded in advancing any tenable objections against the reasoning of the two classical books: John Milton's *Areopagitica*, 1644, and John Stuart Mill's *On Liberty*, 1859. Unlicensed printing is the lifeblood of literature.

A free press can exist only where there is private control of the means of production. In a socialist commonwealth, where all publication facilities and printing presses are owned and operated by the government, there cannot be any question of a free press. The government alone determines who should have the time and opportunity to write and what should be printed and published.

Compared with the conditions prevailing in Soviet Russia, even Tsarist Russia, retrospectively, looks like a country of a free press. When the Nazis performed their notorious book auto-da-fes, they exactly conformed to the designs of one of the great socialist authors, Cabet.

As all nations are moving toward socialism, the freedom of authors is vanishing step by step. From day to day it becomes more difficult for a man to publish a book or an article, the content of which displeases the government or powerful pressure groups. The heretics are not yet "liquidated" as in Russia nor are their books burned by order of the Inquisition. Neither is there a return to the old system of censorship. The self-styled progressives have more efficient weapons at their disposal. Their foremost tool of oppression is boycotting authors, editors, publishers, booksellers, printers, advertisers, and readers.

Everybody is free to abstain from reading books, magazines, and newspapers he dislikes and to recommend to other people to shun

these books, magazines, and newspapers. But it is quite another thing when some people threaten other people with serious reprisals in case they should not stop patronizing certain publications and their publishers. In many countries publishers of newspapers and magazines are frightened by the prospect of a boycott on the part of labor unions. They avoid open discussion of the issue and tacitly yield to the dictates of the union bosses.

These "labor" leaders are much more touchy than were the imperial and royal majesties of bygone ages. They cannot take a joke. Their touchiness has degraded the satire, the comedy and the musical comedy of the legitimate theater and has condemned the moving pictures to sterility.

In the *ancien régime* the theaters were free to produce Beaumarchais's mocking of the aristocracy and the immortal opera composed by Mozart. Under the second French empire, Offenbach's and Halevy's Granduchess of Gerolstein parodied absolutism, militarism and court life. Napoleon III himself and some of the other European monarchs enjoyed the play that made them ridiculous. In the Victorian Age, the censor of the British theaters, the Lord Chamberlain, did not hinder the performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's musical comedies which made fun of all venerable institutions of the British system of government. Noble lords filled the boxes while on the stage the Earl of Montararat sang, "The House of Peers made no pretence to intellectual eminence."

In our day it is out of the question to parody on the stage the powers that be. No disrespectful reflection on labor unions, cooperatives, government operated enterprises, budget deficits and other features of the welfare state is tolerated. The union bosses and the bureaucrats are sacrosanct. What is left to comedy are those topics that have made the operetta and the Hollywood farce abominable. \*\*\*

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Our Government today, is anything but something to be proud of, and Wake Up America has taken the responsibility of doing what our elected officials haven't been for far too long. Realizing that we the people are the government, we must get off our asses and band together.

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.

Come join us, see what we're about and get involved today! Help your community and support our children's future. Caution: We support our Constitution, and that includes the First Amendment, so if you're easily offended and can't handle someone's right to voice their opinion, we might not be the "politically correct" group for you.

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# In Loving Memory

Every so often people enter our lives who make indelible marks on our souls; who teach us; who guide us; who share with us our most precious of memories. Recently, our world lost two such individuals. Both were patriots and both had families and friends who can attest to the wonder they brought into so many lives. They will be missed by all...



## To My Father

Words cannot describe the respect, love, and gratitude I have for you. As a little boy I would watch people talk to you and I could tell immediately that they respected you in a way that is rarely seen now days. You conducted business on the idea that a man's word and his handshake supersedes anything that can be written in ink. You were without a doubt the most honest man I knew and this can be backed up by anyone who did business with you. There was never any problem that you couldn't fix and at 68 years old you still outworked every 25 year old I know (including myself).

Many people know and respected the way you worked; what many people don't know is how generous you were. Whenever somebody would be in a bind you would always be the first to step up and help them in any way you could; you always put others before yourself.

You raised Michelle and I as a single parent and couldn't have possibly done a better job. You taught us the value of hard work and honesty above all else. Most importantly you allowed us to choose our own path, never forcing us into the business you loved so much. All

the trips we took and the places we were able to visit would make any kid jealous of the childhood you provided us.

What I am most proud of you for is fighting for your country. It can't be overstated the service you provided. When you came home, you didn't talk about what you encountered or the actions that were required of you, you just went back to work and moved on with your life.

Finally, when I hike out Silver Trail, past Little Paradise, I'll take a quick glance at the Elk Horn tree and head out to the Big Pines. We'll meet at your stand and push some elk around pretending that we know which direction they're heading in. If we get one down, we'll ask each other why we hiked so far out knowing we have to hike all the way back to camp uphill, with an elk on our backs. Just know that I love you, I am proud to call myself your son, and am deeply grateful for everything you have taught me. We'll see you soon dad.

~Dan

*P.S. I imagine heaven has some pretty massive branch bulls roaming around, so save a few for me!*

## The Passing of a Patriot

Every once in awhile we will meet a man that is unlike anyone else we will ever meet in our lifetime. Someone that seemed to be pure raw energy and power that could be released at any time in the way they worked, played, loved or fought. Someone who's honesty and integrity in business was never in question by anyone that knew him. His friendship was unconditional and without reservations and when his friends or family needed him - he came, when his Country needed him - he came.

Yes I believe that you could say that about the first born and only son of Calvin and Isabell Chanler. Born Dennis Noble Chanler March 22, 1943 in the middle of a world at war and Died November 24, 2011 in a world of economical failure and disaster. Denny Chanler would be the first to tell you, sing no sad songs for me, because for the almost 69

years Denny Chanler lived on this planet he never let life live him, instead he always lived life and he lived it to the fullest.

Living with Denny Chanler was like living with a force of nature and it did not matter whether he was partying with his friends, hunting, fishing or just working. If you were with him for any amount of time there would be certain words you would always use to describe your time and experience's with Denny.

Words like incident, affair, aftermath, concern, consequence, fun, laughter, fear and excitement. Denny Chanler was many things to many people. As someone that has spent 60 yrs involved in your life, thanks for the ride and the memories' my friend - you are loved and you will be missed but never forgotten.

~Curt Chanler

I can honestly say the last 4 years of my life have been the happiest since I was a small child during the short twenty six years I have been alive. I have learned immensely from past mistakes and have consciously tried my best to not make them again. I have become more the person I have wanted to become and always try to lead by example. I strive to always be true to my word, understanding of others, and become someone I am proud of everyday. I am explaining these aspects of myself because the main contributor to these past four years of change in me is my Father Dennis Noble Chanler.

One of the best decisions I have ever made was to move back to Oregon and accept his offer to have me work in his business. I couldn't be more thankful, not just for the experience and generous offer to run a business, but because we got the chance for the first time since I moved away from home, adventuring my way through college, to really be close and have a good father daughter relationship. I have been able as an adult to truly see my father for all that he is and through this, many of our differences from the past slowly faded away. He was able to see me for who I had become as a young women and how much we really are alike in so many ways.

Dennis Noble Chanler, who was not just a man but truly a legend, could not have been given a more fitting middle name. When you look up the definition of noble you could just as well as put a picture of my father, as opposed to the words that are written. But, what is written is Noble: Possessing eminence, elevation, dignity.

Denny Chanler was my true friend. Over the past 12 years Denny and I spent many hours dealing with issues of corruption that he had decided to take on and we became personal friends. Denny was a very rare man - a

## Denny Chanler

### Rest in Peace, Dad...

Noble: above whatever is low, mean, degrading, or dishonorable; magnanimous; to have a noble heart. A noble heart this man had. With his noble heart, and fiery soul Dennis made an impression on every person that crossed his path. He was undoubtedly the most honorable businessman I will ever know and taught me a great deal of what it means to be successful and respected, and the importance of every deal you do, whether it is worth a dollar or worth thousands. It wasn't about the money at the end of the day; it was about what it took to make it.

Wrenches and curse words may have been thrown at times in all directions, but I watched my father make bonds with men stronger than any form of steel with a simple handshake and his word. My dad was the most generous man I have known, especially to my brother and I. There was never anything he wouldn't do for us. He taught me more in the first five years of my life than most people get the chance or opportunity to learn in a lifetime, from walking, to dirt bike riding, to chopping wood, and everything in between. He loved us with all he had and showed it in all the ways he knew how.

My father served in the armed forces as a young adult in Vietnam, only he was drafted, this was not a matter of choice like it is today. But he served proudly and honorable and never spoke more than a few words about it. Much of my generation has no idea the magnitude of what that means. I have only just recently in the past few years began to realize through my own research of the war itself, but will never truly understand. I just know the more I learn the more grateful I am for what my father did

without hesitation, along with all the Americans who have fought for this country.

This man certainly was a patriot through and through. He exemplified what it meant to be a patriot for years to come after the war, by always sticking up for what he believed in and he was willing to fight for it in a matter of seconds. He spoke his opinion if he was passionate about it; he'd even post it on a board on the top of a crane and string Christmas lights to it, so even in the darkest of nights you knew how he felt. He lived life to the extreme and lived it to the absolute fullest. He never spent a day looking back and wondering of the what-ifs and the could-haves or the should-have-beens. My father took life head on every single day of his life. I can only hope and pray that I keep living in his light and that my actions will be snapshots of what he has taught me. That the love I give and allow will be a reflection of what he has instilled in me, and that those who I meet will get to see a glimmer of who he was in me.

Cherish every single moment you have with those that you love. In times of struggle or disappointment, be forgiving and understanding. Realize that there is nothing more sacred and meaningful than those you love and those that love you, despite your flaws or shortcomings. Show them how much they mean to you and voice your love to them every chance you get, because tomorrow is never promised and today is nothing but a gift.

I thank you, and I love you, Dad.

With Love and Gratitude,  
You're Daughter,

~Michelle

### Goodby My Friend

man's man. I trusted Denny. This is something I can't say about very many.

In a world where there is so much corruption, so many unethical and immoral people, Denny made a difference - he stood against the evils and called

a lie a lie. He loved truth and justice...

I believe my life has been better for having known him and I trust that God is now rewarding my friend for his integrity.

~Edward Snook • US~Observer



Paul and Lorraine Walter

## Lorraine Walter

It is with the heaviest of heart that I again pen a remembrance of a dear friend. Lorraine Walter, wife of Paul Walter, editor of NewsWithViews.com, passed away on December 7, 2011, after a short battle with cancer.

Lori was a wife, mother and wise woman filled with knowledge. While I have been writing for NWVs going on ten years this coming March, I didn't meet Lorraine until June 2007. Paul and Lori put on another local speaking engagement and I was honored to be among those who shared the microphone. They also put me up in their little guest house and we were able to spend several days together sharing laughs, life's moments, and of course, our agony about what was/is happening to our beloved republic.

I shall always remember sitting down at their table with a few other guests one evening. Good, wholesome food, fine company and listening to Lori impart her many words of wisdom and humor.

Sometimes the reading public of news and commentary web sites don't know a lot about the owners; editors and folks behind the scenes who make sure every day of the week, 52 weeks a year a site is up and running. I can tell you that Lori was right beside Paul each and every day of the week as the other half of getting NWVs ready, fielding phone calls and taking care of pesky paperwork - without pay. Her dedication to the cause of freedom was tied with Paul like a knot that could not be broken. And, like so many of us wives who are busy fighting for freedom and liberty, the work doesn't stop at the stove.

When Paul called the following morning to let me know Lori had passed, I cried and my heart went out to him. Lorraine was the love of his life. If you ever have been around two people who love each other unconditionally through life's wonders and challenges, you've seen what two people devoted to each other are really like "just around the house." For all the years

Paul and Lori were married, now begins the most difficult of time for Paul as he continues along life's journey without his mate. Fortunately, as God intended, I believe, Paul's daughter and family will be moving to his area. I know their presence will help in so many ways as well as bring him comfort and the joy of just them being there.

My dear friend, Lori: Thank you for all the advice about things like vegetarian apple cider vinegar capsules. All the articles from years gone by pertinent to our current battle you sent which took precious time out of your day. For loving Sammy, that sweet dog, the cats and all your hard work in the garden which provided such wonderful food while I was

visiting. I shall miss our chats on the phone, but as our Heavenly Father has called you home, you now sit in grace with God and who am I to argue with Him?

You are missed, dear friend, but never forgotten.

Goodbye, Lorraine...

~Devvy Kidd