

Man pleads: “Don’t taze my Granny!”



Lona Varner was tased by police
By Sarah Foster
NewsWithViews.com

EL RENO, Oklahoma – Police officers involved in the tasing of an elderly bedridden grandmother into unconsciousness at her apartment last Dec. 22 are being sued in federal court by the woman and her grandson for violations of their civil rights.

“It seems to me using some sort of high voltage on an 86-year-old woman seems inappropriate,” said attorney Brian Dell, after filing the Complaint June 21 in Oklahoma City on behalf of his clients, Lona Varner and her grandson, Lonnie Tinsley, 47. “The whole purpose of this lawsuit is they used the force on an elderly woman.”



The Complaint is more specific, stating Varner was “cruelly injured with a Taser and imprisoned for several days without probable cause,” while both she and her grandson were “wrongfully seized, assaulted [and] battered.”

The action has been brought pursuant to Title 42, U.S. Code, Sections 1983 and 1989, and the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments.

Police officers -- Thomas Duran, Frank Tinga, Joseph Sandberg and other

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TRANS CAP CORPORATION Dale St. Jean’s Ponzi scheme

By Edward Snook
Investigative Reporter

The president of TransCap Corporation of Canada, Dale St. Jean, has succeeded in bilking scores of unwary investors out of literally millions of dollars. Promising investors, “secured principle” investments (loans) and heavy interest rates, has worked like a “charm” for St. Jean and just the opposite for his victims.

Dale St. Jean structured and fronted TransCap so as to make it appear as a legitimate, strong and established company. The reassuring paperwork and level of security implied by agents, helped to convince investors that TransCap was a safe and sound investment. TransCap’s security statement reads, “Loaned funds can only be utilized for Qualified Transactions.” For years, St. Jean and his agents have maintained the false claim of investor’s

principle being secure.

St. Jean’s TransCap Corporation of Calgary, Alberta, Canada has reportedly been declared a Ponzi by a Canadian government investigator. President Dale St. Jean has been assisted in his alleged fraudulent activity by Gregory Tindall, agent Blair Carmichael and presumably, most if not all other agents in Canada, the United States, the UK, Australia and New Zealand.

Edmonton, Alberta agent Blair Carmichael is believed to have taken a very active role in the alleged, blatant defrauding of investors. Carmichael’s suspicious activity, including reported lies and outright contradictions, caused him to be one of the weak links that exposed the Ponzi. According to Observer sources, Carmichael has misled investors and will be severely reprimanded.

Canadian law-enforcement



Ponzi Agent Blair Carmichael recently encouraged a client of TransCap Corp. to file a complaint after Blair Carmichael threatened the client with causing “trouble” and claiming him to be in breach of a signed confidentiality contract.

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By Jon Rappoport
NewsWithViews.com

In 1986, **The International Journal of the Addictions** published a very important literature review by Richard Scarnati. It was called “An Outline of Hazardous Side Effects of Ritalin (Methylphenidate)” [v.21(7), pp. 837-841].

Scarnati listed a large number of adverse affects of Ritalin and cited published journal articles which reported each of these symptoms.

For every one of the following Ritalin effects, there is at least one confirming source in the

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Watergate Politics Today A Deal You Can’t Refuse

By Joseph Snook
Investigative Reporter
US-Observer

America, 2010 - Ramped up efforts towards socialism, many broken promises, failed policy and tripling the country’s debt are just a few reasons why people are calling President Obama and his staff, a modern day scandal. In order to fully understand the shape that our country is in, one must first understand politics and

politics past role in the equation. Today, it’s not Democrat or Republican, left or right, its blatant theft and a massive power grab of the peoples’ freedoms.

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Obama said it flat-out and has since signed legislation into law that goes against his promise to the people.

- **More than tripling the nation’s deficit.**
One word....BAILOUTS. Sure the first one came at the

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Chronic Systemic Dysfunction



By Ron Lee
US-Observer

We were granted the best form of government ever provided a civilization in all of history, laid out in the most perfect of documents, the Constitution. Its price was the blood of hundreds of thousands - millions if you count all of the wars since our birth as a nation - and what have we done with it? We have eroded its purity by heaping hundreds of years of bureaucracy onto it. What was once a functional republic is now a system of administrative rules and regulations, kings demands (executive orders) and non-representative legality; it is taxation without representation and limits where there should be liberties. We have at last become the Great Systemic Dysfunction, and we are just a stone's throw away from becoming an epic failure of the ages.

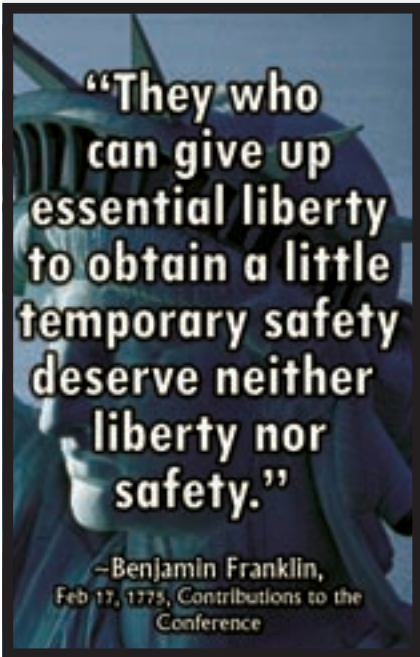
Crime, Corruption, Illegal Immigration, Injustice, Meth (drugs), and the sudden plunge toward Socialism are all symptoms of our society's and our government's dysfunction. The reasons for these dysfunctions are simple, yet so insanely positioned in front of our faces they are often over-looked. For it could not be that ultimately insidious, or could it? From the dawn of time these reasons have been the very downfall of man; wealth and power.



But how is the plague of drug addiction, especially that of Meth, endemic to this Great Systemic Dysfunction? Or, corruption? Or, illegal immigration? Simple. They make people wealthy. They give people authority. They drive the economy toward more government control with the people crying for more and still more protection. We all know protection comes at a cost. However, the average citizen of a 100-years ago - when the tide really turned against us for the sake of a more "secure" monetary system (1913, the establishment of the Federal Reserve) - didn't realize then they would be selling their great, great grandchildren, and theirs, into indentured servitude. The lawmakers knew though. They knew that by taking the wealth from the people and giving it to an independent organization for better control it would mean they would have almost unlimited power.

So, are you still confused as to

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Turning the Department of Justice into the Department of Agendas



By Bruce McQuain
Washington Examiner

One of the signal and fundamental principles of a successful democracy is the rule of law. No one is exempt, it is applied fairly and it refuses the intrusion of politics or selective application of the law. That's the way it is supposed to be.

Unfortunately that's not the way it is, at least for the moment.

First indications that the principle had been abandoned is when the Department of Justice, under the Obama administration and at the direction of our supposed chief law enforcement officer Eric Holder, refused to indict or prosecute two Black Panthers who had engaged in blatant voter intimidation at a polling place. The acts of intimidation were caught on video tape. There is no question of the fact that these two individuals were there to turn voters away by threatening them with violence.

The DoJ chose not to prosecute them. Citing the fact that they'd issued an injunction against the two barring them from polling places forever (which they later changed to 2012), they said justice had been done.

Subsequently a DoJ whistle-blower emerged claiming that though not a published policy of the department, the unofficial rule was that any case involving a white plaintiff and black defendant would not be prosecuted. Others have since said the claim is true.

Then we have Arizona. A state that is being virtually inundated by illegal immigration decides after years of pleading with the federal government to enforce its own immigration laws decides to write and enforce their own. In fact, the Arizona law is almost a rewrite of the federal law.

The Department of Justice decides that is a bridge too far, a usurpation of federal power and that Arizona is interfering where it has no right as a state to interfere. The suit alleges that only the federal government has the right to regulate and enforce immigration laws. Of course, ignored in all of this is the state of Rhode Island which has, for years, essentially had and enforced a state law that is almost a mirror of the Arizona law. There is no real difference between the two laws that I can find. The DoJ, however, chooses to selectively assert and apply federal jurisdiction in one state but not the other. Equal application of the law apparently doesn't apply when a political agenda is in play.

Finally, there are sanctuary cities. These are cities which actively and overtly refuse to be a party to the enforcement of federal immigration laws. In fact, the publicly flout them, refusing to assist federal agencies in the identification or apprehension of illegal immigrants, in many cases even those who have committed crimes. Today, the Washington Times brings us this bit of news:

A week after suing Arizona and arguing that the state's immigration law creates a patchwork of rules, the Obama administration said it will not go after so-called sanctuary cities that refuse to cooperate with the federal government on immigration enforcement, on the grounds that they are not as bad as a state that "actively

interferes."

"There is a big difference between a state or locality saying they are not going to use their resources to enforce a federal law, as so-called sanctuary cities have done, and a state passing its own immigration policy that actively interferes with federal law," Tracy Schmalzer, a spokeswoman for Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr., told The Washington Times. "That's what Arizona did in this case."

Of course that's an incredibly convoluted and sanitized explanation of what declared sanctuary cities have done. If, in fact, any entity is actively "interfering" with the enforcement of federal immigration laws, it is these cities, which refuse cooperation with federal enforcement authorities. What Schmalzer is doing, and what many legal experts claim, is willfully misrepresenting both the law in question and the role adopted by sanctuary cities.

If there is a "big difference" to be had here it is the sanctuary city is actively refusing to enforce the law while Arizona is actively attempting to enforce it.

And which is it our chief law enforcement agency decides to sue? Of course, the entity trying to enforce our laws...

While this is a understandably a very volatile and touchy civil and human rights area, the fact remains that the rule of law is fundamental to our existence as a free country. Its equal application and enforcement fulfills the pledge to the citizenry that all men will be treated equally – under the law.

The behavior of the Obama administration's Department of Justice has badly perverted this promise with

selective application and arbitrary enforcement. They have, in a very short time, turned the Department of Justice into the Department of Agendas, injecting an agenda driven politics into an area where it should never, ever be allowed. The result is a perversion of law and the breaking of a centuries old promise in our social contract.

This is both shameful and dangerous. ★★



National Grange Resolutions for a Stronger America

Oppose United States Senate Bill S.3081 "Enemy Belligerent Interrogation Detention and Prosecution Act of 2010"

The National Grange is the nation's oldest national agricultural organization, with grassroots units established in 3,600 local communities in 37 states. Its 300,000 members provide service to agriculture and rural areas on a wide variety of issues, including economic development, education, family endeavors, and legislation designed to assure a strong and viable Rural America. It was formed in the years following the American

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between United States citizens and non-citizens. Many people in the news media and our federal government are convinced that Tea Party members, 9/11 truthers, Libertarians, Ron Paul supporters and anyone with a dissenting political opinion is probably a domestic terrorist. This act also states, "Such other matters as the president considers appropriate."

Whereas: This act violates our United States Constitution Bill of Rights 1-10, plus Article 1, section 9-2, the privilege of the Writ of habeas Corpus shall not be suspended except when, in cases of rebellion or invasion, the public safety may require it.

Whereas: Under the 5th and 6th amendments, the right to a grand jury indictment and trial by jury cannot be denied an alien charged with a crime in the United States -- Wong Wing vs. United States (Supreme Court year 1986).

Whereas: If this act is passed by Congress, it will give the President of the United States of America dictatorial powers to have American citizens kidnapped, detained and interrogated on a personal whim. This act is something you would see in Communist Doctrine.

Therefore be it resolved: That the Oregon State Grange opposes the passage of United States Senate Bill S.3081 for its violation of the United States Constitution, Article 1, Section 9-2 Writ of Habeas Corpus, and Bill of Rights 1-10.

This resolution was adopted by the Deer Creek Grange #371 at its regular meeting held on April 14, 2008.

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This resolution was adopted by the Oregon State Grange at its 137th Annual Session held at Roseburg, Oregon, week of June 20-25, 2010.

Resolution:

Whereas: S. 3081 sets out a comprehensive policy for detention and trial of "suspected enemy belligerents" who are believed to have engaged in hostilities against the United States, requiring these individuals to be held in Military custody, and they are not provided with an attorney.

Whereas: This act does not distinguish



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You then rush to an attorney, pay him a retainer to cover the usual \$150.00 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 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, you are flat broke and incarcerated. You find that the very person (your attorney) you frantically rushed to retain, became your worst enemy.

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In The Nation

Armed Escorts to Accompany New Mexico Livestock Inspectors

By Joshua Rhett Miller
FoxNews.com

New Mexico Dept. of Agriculture - Armed deputies will escort livestock scale inspectors in New Mexico for the first time later this month due to increased safety concerns along the border.

When inspectors in New Mexico begin surveying 32 livestock scales along the increasingly dangerous Mexican border later this month, they'll have armed escorts at their sides.

It will mark the first time armed deputies will travel with New Mexico Department of Agriculture inspectors, who certify the scales used to weigh livestock, Luna County Sheriff Raymond Cobos said.

"These scales that the ranchers use to ship their cattle are in isolated areas," Cobos told FoxNews.com. "And the administration decided since those inspectors and personnel are not armed, they wanted to be able to concentrate on their work without worrying about their security."

Cobos said that beginning on July 26, deputies will accompany inspectors to the scales in a corridor that stretches southwest from Interstate 10 at Las Cruces to the New Mexico-Arizona border, along Luna, Hidalgo and Grant counties.

"It also helps the deputies become more familiar with the ranches and their particular layouts," Cobos said. "It's a benefit to all of us."

Cobos, who will coordinate deputies from the three counties, said the deputies will work overtime to accompany the inspectors and will be paid via federal assistance from Operation

Stonegarden, a Department of Homeland Security program that gives 14 states along the border flexibility to use grant funding to enhance coordination among state and federal law enforcement agencies.

"It's a safe way of providing their personnel with protection so they don't encounter a situation that would imperil the equipment or their lives," Cobos said. "It's a relatively small cost to prevent a tragedy."

Illegal activity, such as human and drug trafficking, has "pretty much been shut down" in Luna County since 2005, Cobos said, but he acknowledged the "big potential for violence"



at any time.

Caren Cowan, executive director of the New Mexico Cattlegrowers Association, said overall safety concerns for ranchers was the "primary" topic during a May 27 meeting, exactly two months after the highly-publicized murder of Arizona rancher Robert Krentz.

"The Krentz murder woke a lot of people up to the dangers we've been dealing with down there all along," Cowan said. "In actuality, the danger down there is no greater than it was last year, but it's been brought into strong focus now. Because there's no cell service down

there, inspectors are saying, 'Wait a minute, we're in harm's way.'"

If those inspectors cannot get secure access to the scales, ranchers "can't do business," Cowan said, adding the alternative would be to ship cattle to be weighed in less remote areas, resulting in a loss of up to five percent in overall weight.

Calves, which are typically sold in the fall, can reach up to 700 pounds, but "when you load 'em up, they get agitated, get stressed and lose water weight," Cowan said. "With ranchers, your payday is once a year, and it's based on what those calves weigh."

Inspectors are required by law to test all commercial weighing devices at least once a year in New Mexico. According to New Mexico Department of Agriculture statistics, total cash receipts from livestock products in 2008 were \$2.4 billion, the second-highest cash commodity in the state.

Joe Gomez, division director of the New Mexico Department of Agriculture's Standards and Consumer Services Division, said the move to provide armed deputies for inspectors is based on "safety concerns that have escalated" over the past few years.

"Our concern is if we interrupt any [illegal] activity," Gomez said. "I really care about [the inspectors]. I don't want anything to happen to them."

Gomez said the move is a "proactive" approach designed to assuage concerns of inspectors who find themselves in very remote areas without cell service. He now wants armed escorts to accompany them for the foreseeable future.

"We're pushing for it so that it's not going to be just this year," he said. "We'd like to see it until activity settles down a little bit along the border area."

Grant County Sheriff Raul Villanueva said deputies in his jurisdiction will likely

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accompany inspectors, but he said his department was still working out details.

"It's just a safety precaution, that's the way I look at it," Villanueva said. "We want to make sure our inspectors are safe out there, that's why we're doing this."

Meanwhile, Judy Keller, who owns a 27,000-acre ranch in Luna County just five miles from the border, said she welcomed the added layer of protection, but she questioned what she saw as mixed messages from state and federal authorities.

"I don't think you can be too careful, but I think it's a little hypocritical," Keller told FoxNews.com. "In Washington, D.C., the Obama administration is telling us the border is more secure than it's ever been, yet the state agencies feel the need for more protection to come down here. So, it is safe or isn't it safe?"

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Total US financial bail-out now at \$3.7 TRILLION Support swells by \$700 bln in past year



By David Lawder

WASHINGTON, July 21 (Reuters) - Increased housing commitments swelled U.S. taxpayers' total support for the financial system by \$700 billion in the past year to around \$3.7 trillion, a government watchdog said on Wednesday.

The Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program said the increase was due largely to the government's pledges to supply capital to Fannie Mae (FNMA.OB) and Freddie Mac (FMCC.OB) and to guarantee more mortgages to the support the housing market.

Increased guarantees for loans backed by the Federal Housing Administration, the Government National Mortgage Association and the Veterans administration increased the government's commitments by \$512.4 billion alone in the year to June 30, according to the report.

"Indeed, the current outstanding balance of overall Federal support for the nation's financial system...has actually increased more than 23% over the past year, from approximately \$3.0 trillion to \$3.7 trillion -- the equivalent of a fully deployed TARP program -- largely without congressional action, even as the banking crisis has, by most measures, abated from its most acute phases," the TARP inspector general, Neil Barofsky (pictured), wrote in the report.



The total includes Federal Reserve programs and a myriad of asset guarantees, including Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. protection for bank deposits.

The increased government commitments more than offset about a \$300 billion decline in the U.S. Treasury's TARP commitments in the past year as programs have closed and banks have repaid taxpayer funds.

HOUSING PROGRAMS CRITICIZED

Barofsky also in the report ramped up his criticism of the Treasury's housing relief efforts, saying that its program to reduce monthly mortgage payments for struggling homeowners was showing "anemic" participation numbers and had failed to "put an appreciable dent in foreclosure filings."

He said Treasury had refused his repeated recommendations to announce more effective goals

and benchmarks for its mortgage modification program, which could reach up to \$50 billion in TARP funds.

"Treasury's refusal to provide meaningful goals for this important program is a fundamental failure of transparency and accountability that makes it far more difficult for the American people and their representatives in Congress to assess whether the program's benefits are worth its very substantial cost," Barofsky wrote.

Among other recommendations repeated in the report, Barofsky called for the Treasury to consider making its voluntary mortgage principal reduction program mandatory, saying this would make it less likely for "underwater" homeowners to abandon their properties.

The Treasury has declined to adopt the recommendation, citing the prospect that mandatory principal reduction would cause mortgage servicing firms to opt out of the program and fairness issues in reducing principal for both responsible homeowners hit by value declines and homeowners who overleveraged their properties in refinancings.

U.S. Treasury officials defended the Home Affordable Modification Program, saying that it was still on track to reach its goal to keep 3 million to 4 million homeowners in their homes by the end of 2012 and was adapting to changing conditions by offering forbearance to unemployed people and extra funding for the hardest-hit markets.

Herbert Allison, Treasury assistant secretary for financial stability, said the Treasury often agrees with Barofsky's recommendations, "but once in a while, we differ on what type of policy will best carry out our mandate."

The report provoked swift criticism of Obama administration housing policies from U.S. Rep. Darrell Issa (pictured), a California Republican who has taken every opportunity to blast the Treasury's handling of financial bailout programs.



"The fact that the Obama administration is treating TARP like its own personal slush-fund is beyond egregious and a complete betrayal of what the American people were told would be then when their tax-dollars were used to bailout Wall Street," Issa said in a statement, adding that the housing efforts were "dumping good money after bad". ★★★

IRS officer charged in \$1.2 mil. tax evasion scheme

By Freeman Klopott
Examiner Staff Writer



An Internal Revenue Service officer and three other Maryland men have been accused of running a \$1.2 million tax evasion scheme, according to an indictment unsealed in federal court in Greenbelt.

Potomac attorney Irvin Catlett allegedly orchestrated the scheme. The indictment says he paid IRS Revenue Officer Mark E. Hunt to provide taxpayer information and pose as Catlett's "man on the inside" to convince clients that Catlett's tax shelter scheme was safe from prosecution.

C. Andre Martin, the special agent in charge of the IRS's criminal investigation service, wouldn't directly speak about the case. But he told The Examiner that the IRS is "committed to protecting the integrity of our system of taxation" by threats from within the agency



tax losses that the car companies would claim to the IRS. They then prepared tax filings for their clients claiming the business losses on the clients' returns. The indictment says Catlett, Cullum and Unterreiner would first determine what a client would owe on their taxes without the tax shelter, and then make the fake business loss large enough to reduce the clients' taxable income to zero.

Hunt, prosecutors said, would display his IRS credentials during meetings with clients to assure them that he was an IRS employee who could protect them from the "inside."

Catlett has been charged with fraud, obstructing IRS laws, and 10 counts of aiding and assisting in the preparation of false tax returns. He faces up to 38 years in prison. Hunt faces up to 13 years in prison for fraud and lying to an IRS investigator when he allegedly denied accessing a taxpayer's account other than for official business. Cullum and Unterreiner face up to five years in prison on fraud charges.

Tax Resolutions Inc. clients have not been charged, authorities said.

"People who want to reduce their taxes should seek reliable and independent advice, and avoid con artists selling magical schemes that are too good to be true," said Maryland's U.S. Attorney Rod Rosenstein. ★★★



Agent C. Andre Martin

and outside it.

Authorities said Catlett, Walter Cullum and James Unterreiner convinced clients of Catlett's company, Tax Resolutions Inc., to "invest" in three car sale companies. The investments, however, were really payments to Catlett for bogus



Health-care law gets dire diagnosis from doc

By Bill Hess
Herald/Review

DOUGLAS - In the old frontier days, it was the U.S. cavalry that came to the rescue of the people, Dr. Elizabeth Lee Vliet said Saturday.

But now, American freedoms are in jeopardy because “The U.S. government is sending in lawyers to harass citizens” and to force other unconstitutionally distasteful political medicines down their throats, she told more than 100 people at a tea party event at the Gadsden Hotel.

One listening to her was Gabriela Mercer, who would talk about her desires to become an American citizen, but doing it legally.

For Vliet, who has a women’s health practice, what is happening in Washington, D.C., and spreading throughout the country is politicians thinking they know more “than we the people.”

The administration of Democratic President Barack Obama and the Democratic-controlled Congress are creating laws and manipulating others to their advantage, hiding in nuances of language things that are a danger to America’s freedoms she said.

Being a physician, Vliet said the national health care law and the economic stimulus package have hidden things in them that will create a true socialized medical system in the country, much like in England and Russia, neither of which are good because they ration health care. The doctor said she had treatment in both nations and prefers the U.S. system without extreme government control.

Obamacare has many faults and additional rulings that will hurt Americans, she said.

As for all the talk about how it will improve the nation’s health care, Vliet emphatically said, “The citizens were lied to.”

And, within the stimulus is a requirement for all medical records from hospitals to physicians to eventually be provided to the government, and they can be used to determine what type of care will be approved, she said.

There is nothing in the U.S. Constitution giving the federal government the right to run a national health care program, she said.

The president will eventually cut \$500 billion out of Medicare at the time more people are being enrolled in the program,



Dr. Elizabeth Lee Vliet

Vliet said.

“The cuts will mean fewer doctors, longer waiting times and less choice of care,” she said.

And, when the federal government cuts financial support under the guise of improving health care, the trickle-down of the misery at the state level will become a flood, Vliet said.

Arizona’s Medicaid program will suffer and because of the high number of illegal immigrants in the state who have no health insurance, the stress on the system will become worse, she said.

“Both parties have screwed up,” said Vliet, who says she is an independent and said she made a mistake by voting for now two-term Democratic U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

It’s an error in her judgment that will be corrected in the November election, the doctor said.

One immigrant’s perspective

Mercer said she knows illegal immigrants are getting free health care throughout America to the detriment of those who are citizens.

She said she fell in love with the United States when she visited Disneyland as an elementary student from Mexico.

She said she knew she could probably enter the U.S. illegally but wanted to do it the right way.

Entering the U.S. as a adult with an approved green card, which was hard to get, Mercer said she worked hard to become a citizen.

“I’m not a Latina, Chicano, Hispanic or Mexican-American. I’m an American of Mexican ancestry,” she said to a loud round of applause from the audience. When she mentioned her daughter is a nine-year veteran of the Marine Corps and a staff sergeant now deployed to Afghanistan, again she was applauded.

When it comes to Arizona’s Senate Bill 1070, Mercer said the Mexican media are not being truthful about it; “they’re lying.”

As the U.S. seems to be in turmoil, she said she is worried America is changing for the worse.

“That’s not the America I migrated to,” she said. ★★

Inventors unveil bionic legs for paraplegics

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AFP) – Two New Zealand inventors have produced what they claim are the world's first robotic legs to help paraplegics walk again.

The bionic legs were road-tested publicly for the first time Thursday by 23-year-old Hayden Allen who was told five years ago he would never walk again after being paralysed from the chest down in a motorcycle accident.

Allen said the experience of being able to stand up and walk when strapped into his robotic legs was fantastic and he felt like a normal human being again.

"It will be a big benefit from a social aspect, being able to talk to someone at the same eye level," he told reporters.

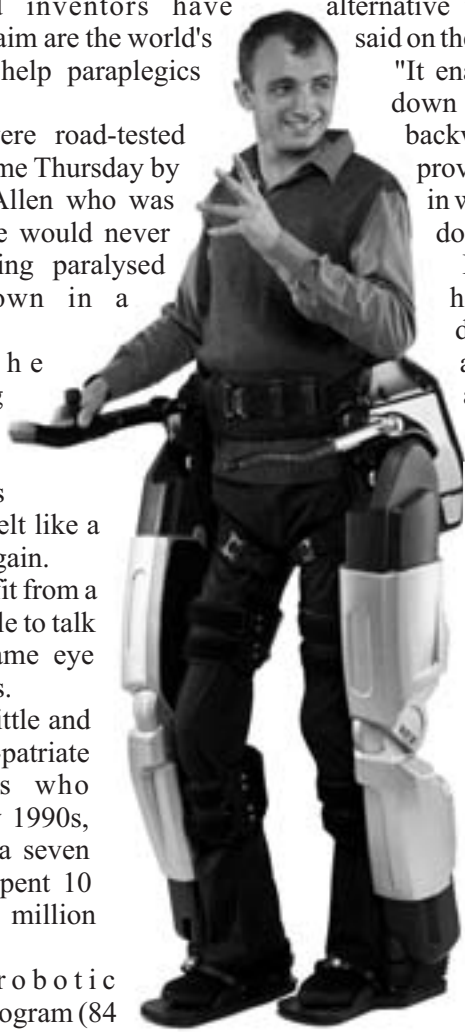
Inventors Richard Little and Robert Irving, two ex-patriate Scottish engineers who emigrated in the early 1990s, came up with the idea seven years ago and have spent 10 million dollars (7.1 million US) developing it.

Called Rex (robotic exoskeleton) the 38 kilogram (84 pound) joy-stick operated legs were inspired by the movie "Aliens" in which the character Ripley (Sigourney Weaver) climbs into a robotic exoskeleton to fight an alien.

Rex is "a realistic standing and walking alternative to wheelchairs," the inventors said on their website Rexbionics.com.

"It enables the user to climb up and down stairs, sit, stand, and step backwards, sideways and forwards -- providing the opportunity for people in wheelchairs who want to walk, to do just that."

However, Rex comes with a hefty price tag of 150,000 US dollars and at present is only available in New Zealand although the inventors said it would be sold worldwide from



next year.

Rex Bionics, which now employs 25 mechatronic and software engineers, believes demand will outstrip supply for the next few years and they have already had enquiries suggesting people will pay up to 250,000 US dollars.

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Pictured is Hayden Allen who was paralyzed after a motorcycle accident over 5 years ago. He is now able to walk. For more: rexbionics.com.



Oakland plans mass production of medical marijuana

LOS ANGELES (AFP) – California city Oakland has approved draft legislation moving it a step closer to legalizing the large-scale production of medical marijuana, a city council clerk said on Wednesday.

"The proposition passed the first reading at the city council by five yes, two nos and one abstention," said Crystal Bing, legislator recorder for the city clerk's office.

"Now it has to go for a second reading which will happen on July 27th," she told AFP.

If adopted, the measure would take effect on January 1, 2011 and would make Oakland -- across the bay from San Francisco -- the first US city to authorize large-scale production of marijuana, which is legal for medical use only in the town.

Those arguing in favor of the measure cited the tax benefits it could bring to Oakland, which is struggling with public deficits along with the rest of California.

They said other cities and regions were already moving forward with plans to allow factories to mass produce medical marijuana,

which is used by sufferers to ease the symptoms of a range of ailments.

"It's really important for Oakland to be a vital part of that growth and development for licensed facilities," council member Rebecca Kaplan was quoted as saying by the San Francisco Chronicle.

The move is opposed however by some small-scale marijuana growers, who fear factory production of the drug will push them out of the market.

The vote comes as Californians are set to vote in November on whether to completely legalize marijuana, which has been available to users with a doctor's prescription in the state for the last 14 years.

The legislation being put to the vote in November would allow any person in the state over 21 to possess an ounce (28 grams) of marijuana and cultivate the drug for personal use in a plot no larger than two square meters.

If California voters approve the law, they would become the first to legalize the drug, which remains illegal at the federal level. ★

HEALTHDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some of the latest health and medical news developments, compiled by the editors of HealthDay:

Cost of Employer-Provided Health Insurance Up 54% Since 2000



Between 2000 and 2009, the average annual premium for family health coverage provided by employers increased about 54 percent, from an average of \$8,437 (adjusted for inflation) to \$13,027, says a new U.S. government report.

During that time, the average yearly premium for single plan coverage rose 41 percent, from

\$3,308 to \$4,669, according to the latest News and Numbers from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

The analysis of data from the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey also found:

Half of the 59 million workers enrolled in employer-sponsored health plans had single coverage, 30.5 percent had family coverage, and nearly one-fifth had employee-plus-one coverage, which covers the worker plus one family member for a lower premium than full family coverage.

Among the 10 largest states, New York had the highest average premiums, ranging from \$13,757 for family plans to \$5,121 for single coverage. Ohio had the lowest average premiums, ranging from \$11,870 for family coverage to \$4,261 for single coverage.

Average annual worker contributions to premiums were \$3,474 for family coverage (26.7 percent of the total cost), \$2,363 for employee-plus-one coverage (26.1 percent of the total cost), and \$957 for single coverage (20.5 percent of the total cost).

About 21 percent of workers with single coverage, 11 percent with family coverage, and 10 percent with employee-plus-one coverage paid nothing toward their health insurance premium.



Chicken Nuggets Sold at Wal-Mart May Contain Plastic Pieces

More than 91,000 pounds of frozen chicken nuggets sold at Wal-Mart are being recalled because they may contain pieces of plastic.

The recall is for 1 lb., 13 oz. bags of "Great Value Fully Cooked Chicken Nuggets" distributed by Perdue Farms Inc., said the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service, reported CBS News and the Associated Press.

The recall was ordered after Perdue found small pieces of blue plastic in the chicken nuggets after receiving consumer complaints.



Questions Raised About Reprogrammed Adult Stem Cells



Reprogrammed adult stem cells may not offer an alternative to embryonic stem cells, according to new research.

Scientists believe that reprogrammed adult stem cells (called induced pluripotent stem cells) can be used as blank cells that can become any other type of cell. The new cells could then be used in stem cell treatments and for laboratory research.

Researchers at Children's Hospital Boston genetically engineered adult cells in mice to imitate embryonic stem cells but found that the reprogrammed cells retained characteristics of the tissue they once were, ABC News reported.

"We're finding that there's a subtle memory of where the [adult] cells came from," said Dr. George Daley, director of the

stem cell transplantation program at Children's Hospital Boston.

"We thought we could reset [blood cells] so we can make a bone tissue or other tissue types, and realized it did not make a bone tissue as well. But it did well going back to a blood cell," Daley told ABC News.

California Whooping Cough Outbreak May Be Worst in 50 Years

Children, pregnant women and elderly people in California should get vaccinated against whooping cough in order to protect them against what may be the worst epidemic of the contagious disease in the state in 50 years, warn health officials.

So far this year, nearly 1,500 whooping cough (pertussis) cases have been reported in California, nearly five times the number of cases last year, said state epidemiologist Dr. Gil Chavez, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Five infants, all under three months old, have died of whooping cough so far this year and a sixth infant death was still being investigated Monday.

Chavez said that babies younger than six months are at greatest risk because even those who've been vaccinated against whooping cough have yet to develop immunity, the Times reported.

Three-quarters of infants who get whooping cough are infected by someone in their home, said Dr. Dean Blumberg, an associate professor of pediatric infectious diseases at UC Davis.

"That's why it's important to make sure their siblings and caregivers are protected," he told the Times. ★★



UNION PENSION FUNDS, THE STATES, AND FINANCIAL RUIN

By Devvy Kidd

Back on December 15, 2008, I did a column titled, UAW President: Rob the People's bank! That brought a deluge of email from members of the UAW who emphatically stated I was a selfish b*tch, that I knew nothing about unions and without a union, workers in the auto industry would be exploited. My column was about the flat out illegal bail out of the auto makers and how free trade has killed our most important job sectors. Yet, the victims of "free" trade continue to vote the same incumbents back into office who destroyed millions of jobs and who now refuse to get H.R. 4759 passed. Get the U.S. out of NAFTA and bring home millions of jobs. I wrote about this critical bill back on March 20, 2010. There are still only 30 sponsors; two Republicans. Neither the Republicans or the Democrats in the Outlaw Congress care about the American worker. Their votes have killed our economy; the so-called financial reform bill was nothing but more smoke and mirrors.

The Democrats have had control of Congress since January 2007. They have done nothing to bring home millions of jobs by getting the U.S. out of NAFTA, CAFTA, GATT, the WTO, stop the withholding taxing scheme, demand enforcement of our immigration laws and deporting as many illegal aliens as possible. Instead, Democrats in Congress champion illegals who have stolen MILLIONS of jobs that belong to Americans of both parties. Now, unions are going to spend a massive amount of money to return the same incumbents back to Congress to continue destroying this republic:

May 21, 2010. Unions to Spend \$100 Million to Save Dem Majoritie.

Below is the mindset of the dummies coming out of the government indoctrination centers (public schools) that have inculcated the deadly communitarian doctrine (communist morality) into their heads that has led tens of millions of Americans to believe that federal government should be their caretaker throughout life. If you don't understand collectivism v individualism, it is terribly important you take the time to learn. You can listen from a master of knowledge on the issue, G. Edward Griffin. Look on-line for my interview of him.

"Individual wealth is evil. Collective wealth is the only virtue, social justice is the destination and Barack is the shepherd leading us down that path. We must remove the barriers to equality created by capitalism and embrace the righteousness of socialism."

Slick career politicians like John Boehner [R-OH] can continue belching about jobs, but his votes killed millions of jobs. He is not a sponsor of H.R. 4759 to get US out of NAFTA. Boehner, like most Republicans and Democrats use political currency to bash the other party while Americans sink further into despair and poverty. If Democrats think it's all

the fault of Bush and Republicans, they are fools. The same goes for Republicans who blame everything on Democrats. Both parties have brought this nation to financial ruin. There are hundreds of thousands of hard working Americans from both parties working feverishly to get the same buzzards reelected in November who have loaded the gun and pulled the trigger on our economy and our children and grand children's future. It is pure insanity.

Last year, a very knowledgeable man named Fred Starkey wrote two columns that really shook people up:

June 3, 2009. PERS: The Greatest Swindle in American History.

June 19, 2009. Financial Rape: PERS of Oregon.

After I read them, I brought Fred onto my radio show because pension short falls were just starting to get the long over due attention necessary to inform the American people of the dire condition of those funds. Millions of Americans depend on their retirement funds and like so many other columns I write, this one is going to give you the raw truth. Knowing the facts can help you make important decisions for you and your family. Hopefully, it will also encourage voters in November to throw out incumbents in your state legislature who have created another financial disaster that is going to badly hurt millions of Americans in the states of the Union. There are many good state legislators, but the incompetent fools from both parties out number those legislators who do know the solutions, but can't get bills passed.

Congress has NO authority to steal the fruits of your labor, my sister's, your brother or mother to bail out state pension funds because your state representative and senator have entered into long term binding agreements with unions that were never realistic --- especially in the event the economy takes a down turn. If only "down turn" were the bottom line, but tragically, the American people haven't seen anything yet. Do not send me hate mail for being the messenger. Read the facts, understand the issue and then decide how all this is/will affect you and your family. You can decide whether all these unions are good for your state. If you are a member of a union, whether UAW, SEIU or at the state level, perhaps there's something here for you to think about, too.

Too many Americans are paying little or zero attention to what's happened in Greece, Italy, Spain and other socialist countries. Many don't realize Greece has unions and now that decades of bloated government spending (like the U.S.) and massive "entitlements" have driven Greece into financial ruin, there's no more money to pay the bills, just like here in American both at the federal and state levels. The rioting has been going on for months over there and if you think it's not possible here,



think again.

Who pays the taxes for these union workers?

June 23, 2010. New York. "Man Earns \$300,000 Public Pension. One of the critical problems facing the state and local governments are pension funds that are way under funded. Fox 5 News first reported on James Hunderfund in May. The retired superintendent of the Commack School System on Long Island earns a pension of about \$316,000 a year. On top of that, Hunderfund is now the superintendent of the Malverne School District. Fox 5 obtained his contract, which shows he makes about \$225,000 annually plus he gets 18 paid sick days and 23 paid vacation days a year. His wife is the superintendent of the Locust Valley Central School District on Long Island. Her contract shows she makes \$250,000 a year. When she retires she'll get a pension. All of this is perfectly legal and paid for by taxpayers.

"Fred Gorman, the founder of a watchdog group called Long Islanders for Educational Reform, says the state employee pension system is bleeding taxpayers dry and that the state Legislature needs to step up and change the system. The web site seethroughny.net lists some state pension earners. It shows a retiree from the New York Public Library earning a pension of more than \$188,000 year."

June 27, 2010. State pensions are inflated as workers boost salaries. (This is NY) "Carmen A. Granto Jr. cashed in 45 unused vacation days and 747 accumulated sick days, boosting his salary over \$200,000 in his two years before retiring.... Granto is getting a \$147,109 annual state pension in retirement. He was making \$129,000 a year when he retired in 2009. How did he do it? The same way others before him did it."

Underfunding of union pension funds isn't just a problem for those who receive that check every month. It will drastically continue to affect our economy for a long time to come - especially local economies. How? By more

rape at the federal level in taxes to illegally bail out any pension funds. While the habitual liar, Obama/Soetoro says there will be no more bail outs, it is the Outlaw Congress who can push through another grotesque and illegal plunder of the people's treasury. If the Democrats believe they will lose control of the House in November, there is a good chance they will "lame duck" this type of illegal legislation on the way out:

May 24, 2010. The Next Bailout: \$165B for Unions. "A Democratic senator is introducing legislation for a bailout of troubled union pension funds. If passed, the bill could put another \$165 billion in liabilities on the shoulders of American taxpayers. The bill, which would put the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation behind struggling pensions for union workers, is being introduced by Senator Bob Casey, (D-Pa.), who says it will save jobs and help people. As FOX Business Network's Gerri Willis reported Monday, these pensions are in bad shape; as of 2006, well before the market dropped and recession began, only 6% of these funds were doing well. Although right now taxpayers could possibly be on the hook for \$165 billion, the liability could essentially be unlimited because these pensions have to be paid out until the workers die."

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Gold Coin Sellers Angered by New Tax Law Amendment Slipped into Health Care Legislation

By Rich Blake
ABC News

Those already outraged by the president's health care legislation now have a new bone of contention -- a scarcely noticed tack-on provision to the law that puts gold coin buyers and sellers under closer government scrutiny.

Photo: On its web site, Goldline says, "For 50 years, Goldline International has served precious metals investors and collectors with a full range of products, including gold, silver and platinum coins and bars, numismatic and collectible coins, and rare currency." (ABC News)

The issue is rising to the fore just as gold coin dealers are attracting attention over sales tactics.

Section 9006 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will amend the Internal Revenue Code to expand the scope of Form 1099. Currently, 1099 forms are used to track and report the miscellaneous income associated with services rendered by independent contractors or self-employed individuals.

COIN DEALERS FLIPPING

Starting Jan. 1, 2012, Form 1099s will become a means of reporting to the Internal Revenue Service the purchases of all goods and services by small businesses and self-employed people that exceed \$600 during a calendar year. Precious metals such as coins and bullion fall into this category and coin dealers have been among those most rankled

by the change.

This provision, intended to mine what the IRS deems a vast reservoir of uncollected income tax, was included in the health care legislation ostensibly as a way to pay for it. The tax code tweak is expected to raise \$17 billion over the next 10 years, according to the Joint Committee on Taxation.

Taking an early and vociferous role in opposing the measure is the precious metal and coin industry, according to Diane Piret, industry affairs director for the Industry Council for Tangible Assets. The ICTA, based in Severna Park, Md., is a trade association representing an estimated 5,000 coin and bullion dealers in the United States.

"Coin dealers not only buy for their inventory from other dealers, but also with great frequency from the public," Piret said. "Most other types of businesses will have a limited number of suppliers from which they buy their goods and products for resale."

So every time a member of the public sells more than \$600 worth of gold to a dealer, Piret said, the transaction will have to be reported to the government by the buyer.

Pat Heller, who owns Liberty Coin Service in Lansing, Mich., deals with around 1,000 customers every week. Many are individuals looking to protect wealth in an uncertain economy, he said, while others are dealers like him.

With spot market prices for gold at nearly \$1,200 an ounce, Heller estimates that he'll be filling out between 10,000 and 20,000 tax forms per year after the new law takes effect.

"I'll have to hire two full-time people just to track all this stuff, which cuts into my

profitability," he said.

An issue that combines gold coins, the Obama health care law and the IRS is bound to stir passions. Indeed, trading in gold coins and bars has surged since the financial crisis unfolded and Obama took office, metal dealers said.

The buying of actual gold, as opposed to futures or options tied to the price of gold, has been a particularly popular trend among Tea Party supporters and others who are fearful of Obama's economic policies, gold industry members such as Heller and Piret said. Conservative/libertarian commentators, such as Fox News Channel's Glenn Beck, routinely tout precious metal on the air as being a safe, shrewd investment in an environment in which the financial system -- and paper money backed by the rest of the world's faith in the U.S. government's credit -- is viewed as increasingly fragile.

Photo: Congressman Anthony Weiner, a New York Democrat, told ABC News his office has conducted an investigation into Goldline's sales practices. He called the relationship between Goldline and conservative talk shows an "unholy alliance," and said viewers should be told "there's a dumb way and a smart way to buy gold." Weiner said Goldline pressures consumers into purchasing coins instead of pure gold, which he called a "rip off." (ABC News)

The recently revealed investigation by California authorities into consumer complaints against Goldline International, which has used Beck as a pitchman, and Superior Gold Group (which has not) has put a spotlight on what one liberal leaning politician, Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y., calls the "unholy alliance" between gold coin

sellers, such as Goldline, and conservative talk personalities, such as Beck.

Beck, who through his spokesman, Matt Hiltzik, declined to comment for this story, and Goldline marketers portray gold coins as a better alternative to owning bullion in the event that the U.S. government ever decides, as it did under FDR in 1933, to make it illegal for private citizens to own physical gold. At that time, the U.S. dollar was still pegged to the

price of gold; the gold standard was abandoned during the Nixon administration.

Rep. Daniel Lungren, R-Calif., has introduced legislation to repeal the section of the health care bill that would trigger the new tax reporting requirement because he says it's a burden on small businesses.

"Large corporations have whole divisions to handle such transaction paperwork but for a small business, which doesn't have the manpower, this is yet another brick on their back," Lungren said in a statement e-mailed to ABCNews.com. "Everyone agrees that small businesses are job creators and the engine which drives the American economy. I am dumfounded that this Administration is doing all it can to make it more difficult for businesses to succeed rather than doing all it can to help them grow."

The ICTA's Piret says identity theft is another concern because criminals may set up shops specifically to extract personal information that would accompany the filing out of a 1099.

The office of the National Taxpayer Advocate, a citizen's ombudsman within the IRS, issued a report June 30 that said the new rule "may present significant administrative challenges to taxpayers and the IRS." ★★★



North Korea

By The New York Times

Overview

North Korea is the last Stalinist state on earth, and in October 2006 it became the latest country to join the nuclear club. Over the past two decades it has swung between confrontation and inch-by-inch conciliation with its neighbors and the United States, in an oscillation that seems to be driven both by its hard-to-fathom internal political strains and by an apparent belief in brinksmanship as the most effective form of diplomacy.

After setting off its first atomic device, the secretive, isolated, heavily militarized and desperately poor country slowly moved away from confrontation -- and then slowly moved back toward it. On May 25, 2009, North Korea announced that it had successfully conducted its second nuclear test, again defying international warnings. Later that year it seized two American journalists, then abruptly released them when former President Bill Clinton paid a dramatic 20-hour visit.

A new international crisis was sparked by the sinking in March 2010 of a South Korean warship following an explosion that killed 46 sailors. In May, the South Korean government presented forensic evidence that a North Korean torpedo had struck the 1,200-ton corvette, the Cheonan, near a disputed sea border with the North.

American intelligence officials said they were increasingly convinced that Kim Jong-il, the North Korean leader, ordered the sinking of the ship to help secure the succession of his youngest son. The United Nations Security Council voted to condemn the sinking of the warship, although it did not name North Korea as the culprit because of resistance from China, the North's neighbor and most importantly.

Relations between North and South deteriorated to their worst point in many years, as the South Korean president, Lee Myung-Bak, recast North Korea as its "principal enemy" - a designation dropped during inter-Korean detente in 2004 - and the North retaliated by severing its few remaining ties with the South.

In July, the Obama administration announced that it would impose further economic sanctions against North Korea, throwing legal weight behind a choreographed show of

pressure on the North that included an unusual joint visit to the demilitarized zone by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates. The United States and South Korea also confirmed they would stage large-scale military exercises in the seas off Japan and the Korean peninsula, as a show of deterrence against the North.

Internally, North Korea's problems continue to mount. A ham-handed currency revaluation last fall, aimed at reasserting central control over the economy, is reported to have badly backfired, producing unrest and disaffection with the government. At the same time, the spread of cellphones and DVD players has broken the North's self-imposed isolation, giving many of its citizens a sense for the first time of how poor and backward their country has become.

Background

North Korea took steps in the 1990s toward warmer relations with South Korea, before questions about its nuclear ambitions plunged it back into isolation in 2002. But more broadly, North Korea has taken a consistent anti-Washington line since its creation in 1948, denouncing both the United States and South Korea as its puppet. Since the end of the Korean War in 1953, the North has not attacked its neighbor, but to this day keeps large concentrations of troops and artillery focused on Seoul, and has regularly engaged in provocations like kidnappings, submarine incursions and missile tests over the Sea of Japan.

Kim Jong-Il

The country's founder, the so-called Great Leader, Kim Il-sung, was succeeded at his death in 1994 by his son, the "Dear Leader," Kim Jong-il, an eccentric playboy invariably seen (in his public appearances) in platform shoes and a khaki jumpsuit. In 2008, Mr. Kim disappeared from sight for several months, and it was later revealed that he had suffered a stroke. American diplomats and intelligence officials

attributed the swing back to a harder line as evidence both of Mr. Kim's need to assert control over the military that is the heart of the state and a calculation that provocation might win concessions from the Obama administration.

He is expected to announce one of his three known sons -- most likely, according to observers, his youngest son, Jung-un -- as his official heir in 2012.

A History of Brinksmanship

The United States came close to military action against North Korea in 1994, as President Clinton weighed the idea of air strikes against its nuclear sites. Instead, in a last-minute deal, North Korea agreed to shelve its nuclear program. In 2002, President Bush included Pyongyang in the "axis of evil," and American officials charged later that year that North Korea had violated the earlier agreement. Pyongyang declared the agreement void and expelled international nuclear inspectors. China joined with the United States, South Korea, Japan and Russia for what became known as the six-party talks. In 2005, an agreement was



reached and then scuttled by North Korea, angered by an American-led crackdown on banks doing business with it.

The First Nuclear Tests

On Oct. 9, 2006, North Korea set off a nuclear device -- a small one, which apparently did not detonate completely, according to experts on seismic recordings. Governments around the world condemned the blast, including China, which has been Pyongyang's chief protector for decades. In a policy shift, American officials agreed to meet with North Korea for one-on-one talks concerning an international crackdown the United States had led against North Korean overseas bank accounts.

In February 2007, an agreement was reached under which North Korea would shut down its plant at Yongbyon, at which it had manufactured nuclear bomb fuel, in return for shipments of fuel oil. Early deadlines for action under the agreement came and went, with North Korea charging that funds from frozen bank accounts had not been returned. But after the funds made their way back to Pyongyang after a complicated series of transactions, the government announced in June 2007 that it was allowing international inspectors to return.

A report released in June 2008 left many questions unanswered about North Korea's nuclear program, like the extent of North Korea's nuclear proliferation activities around the globe and its suspected efforts to enrich uranium. But it was hailed by President Bush as worth rewarding by dropping the designation of Pyongyang as a sponsor of terrorism.

On April 5, 2009, North Korea failed in a highly vaunted effort to fire a satellite into orbit, military and private experts said after reviewing detailed tracking data that showed the missile and payload fell into the sea. Some said the failure undercut the North Korean campaign to come across as a fearsome adversary able to hurl deadly warheads halfway around the globe.

The International Response

Facing the first direct challenge to his administration by an emerging nuclear weapons state, President Obama declared on May 25, 2009, that the United States and



its allies would "stand up" to North Korea.

Acutely aware that their response to the explosion would be seen as an early test of a new administration, Mr. Obama's aides said they were determined to organize a significantly stronger response than the Bush administration had managed after the North's first nuclear test, in October 2006. Speaking in the Rose Garden, Mr. Obama vowed to "take action" in response to what he called "a blatant violation of international law" and the North's declaration that it was repudiating past commitments to dismantle its nuclear program.

North Korea's renewed nuclear challenges to the West are seen by many observers as the result of an internal struggle to replace Mr. Kim, who had only recently began appearing in public again after recuperating from what South Korean and Western intelligence officials have said was a stroke.

The Security Council unanimously passed a resolution on June 12, 2009, to tighten sanctions targeting North Korea's nuclear and missile development programs, including encouraging United Nations members to inspect cargo vessels and airplanes suspected of carrying weapons and other military materiel.

China and Russia, key North Korean allies, were heavily involved in drafting the resolution during the nearly three weeks after the second nuclear test, but they resisted making the inspections and some other measures mandatory.

Clinton Mission Sparks Reassessment

When former President Bill Clinton landed in Pyongyang on Aug. 4, 2009, to win the release of two imprisoned American journalists, senior officials said he met an unexpectedly spry Kim Jong-il, who welcomed him with a long dinner that night, even proposing to stay up afterward.

More than anything else, senior officials said, Mr. Clinton's visit served to clear up some of the shadows surrounding Kim Jong-il's health. After suffering a stroke in

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unknown police officers – are not the only defendants. The city of El Reno is also named for having a policy of “deliberate indifference” towards training and disciplining its police officers “concerning the rights of citizens” and for failing to sanction and discipline officers who violate those constitutional rights.

“DELIBERATE INDIFFERENCE”

It was this “deliberate indifference” on the part of city officials that led police to engage in the “unlawful conduct” described in the lawsuit – conduct that has been likened by online commenters to Reno 911, the television series that recalls the old Keystone Kops comedies. Indeed, the scenario is so bizarre that some thought it couldn’t be true but must have been a spoof piece created by the staff at the The Onion.

It involved a dozen or so cops storming Varner’s apartment against her wishes, deploying a Tazer to “subdue” her in response to a few verbal threats she may or may not have made, handcuffing her while she was unconscious, cutting her arm, and after a few hours at Parkview Emergency Room, hauling her 20 miles east to a psychiatric hospital in Oklahoma City where she was kept through Christmas and several days following.

The incident began when Tinsley, at the request of his father, drove to his grandmother’s apartment which is less than two miles from his own. Because Varner has had several strokes, she takes various medications – just what or how many she’d taken that afternoon Tinsley did not know and she could not or would not,

tell him. He was concerned that she might have overdosed deliberately. He couldn’t be sure.

So he did what we’re supposed to do in such emergencies – he called 911, requesting paramedics to come and check on Varner and make sure she was alright.

"She says ... her life is over. She wants to end it. ... She's taken some medicine. I don't know what she's taken," Tinsley said in the 911 call. "I can't get her to tell me what she took. ... She's kind of upset and everything else."

That was at about 6:30 in the evening.

The dispatcher said an ambulance was started, but instead of an emergency medical team, an armed police officer, Thomas Duran, showed up. Tinsley met him outside and warned him that Varner would not want him to enter her home.

Varner’s small apartment is on the ground floor, and she has her hospital-style bed set up in the living room. That way she can watch the front door, and she has her phone, table, television, and the oxygen concentrator upon which she depends for easier breathing.

When attorney Roger Everett, co-counsel, was approached to take the case he could hardly believe that the police had actually used a tazer on Varner, in part because of her age, but also because of the potential danger of using such a device in a room where there’s an oxygen concentrator.

“On the front door there’s a piece of paper that says there’s oxygen in use here, that’s so we don’t have people bringing in any kind of flammable stuff or smoking,” he said. “You’d think if you saw that on the door you’d figure it might not be a good idea to shoot this gizmo that

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KEEPING THE PUBLIC INFORMED



By Dr. Tony Phillips
NASA

Huntsville, AL - NASA-funded researchers are monitoring a big event in our planet's atmosphere. High above Earth's surface where the atmosphere meets space, a rarefied layer of gas called "the thermosphere" recently collapsed and now is rebounding again.

"This is the biggest contraction of the thermosphere in at least 43 years," says John Emmert of the Naval Research Lab, lead author of a paper announcing the finding in the June 19th issue of the Geophysical Research Letters (GRL). "It's a Space Age record."

The collapse happened during the deep solar minimum of 2008-2009-a fact which comes as little surprise to researchers. The thermosphere always cools and contracts when solar activity is low. In this case, however, the magnitude of the collapse was two to three times greater than low solar activity could explain.

"Something is going on that we do not understand," says Emmert.

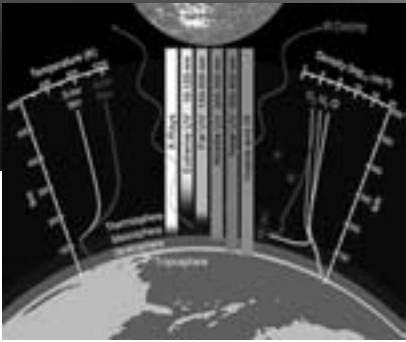
The thermosphere ranges in altitude from 90 km to 600+ km. It is a realm of meteors, auroras and satellites, which skim through the thermosphere as they circle Earth. It is also where solar radiation makes first contact with our planet.

The thermosphere intercepts extreme ultraviolet (EUV) photons from the sun before they can reach the ground. When solar activity is high, solar EUV warms the thermosphere, causing it to puff up like a marshmallow held over a camp fire. (This heating can raise temperatures as high as 1400 K-hence the name thermosphere.) When solar activity is low, the opposite happens.

Lately, solar activity has been very low. In 2008 and 2009, the sun plunged into a century-class solar minimum. Sunspots were scarce, solar flares almost non-existent, and solar EUV radiation was at a low ebb. Researchers immediately turned their attention to the thermosphere to see what would happen.

How do you know what's happening all the way up in the thermosphere?

Emmert uses a clever technique: Because satellites feel aerodynamic drag when they move through the thermosphere, it is possible to monitor conditions there by watching satellites decay. He analyzed the decay rates of



more than 5000 satellites ranging in altitude between 200 and 600 km and ranging in time between 1967 and 2010.

This provided a unique space-time sampling of thermospheric density, temperature, and pressure covering almost the entire Space Age. In this way he discovered that the thermospheric collapse of 2008-2009 was not only bigger than any previous collapse, but also bigger than the sun alone could explain.

One possible explanation is carbon dioxide (CO2).

When carbon dioxide gets into the thermosphere, it acts as a coolant, shedding heat via infrared radiation. It is widely-known that CO2 levels have been increasing in Earth's atmosphere. Extra CO2 in the thermosphere could have magnified the cooling action of solar minimum.

"But the numbers don't quite add up," says Emmert. "Even when we take CO2 into account using our best understanding of how it operates as a coolant, we cannot fully explain the thermosphere's collapse."

According to Emmert and colleagues, low solar EUV accounts for about 30% of the collapse. Extra CO2 accounts for at least another 10%. That leaves as much as 60% unaccounted for.

In their GRL paper, the authors acknowledge that the situation is complicated. There's more to it than just solar EUV and terrestrial CO2. For instance, trends in global climate could alter the composition of the thermosphere, changing its thermal properties and the way it responds to external stimuli. The overall sensitivity of the thermosphere to solar radiation could actually be increasing.

"The density anomalies," they wrote, "may signify that an as-yet-unidentified climatological tipping point involving energy balance and chemistry feedbacks has been reached."

Or not.

Important clues may be found in the way the thermosphere rebounds. Solar minimum is now coming to an end, EUV radiation is on the rise, and the thermosphere is puffing up again. Exactly how the recovery proceeds could unravel the contributions of solar vs. terrestrial sources.

"We will continue to monitor the situation," says Emmert. ★★★

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signatory hand of Bush, but it was the democratically controlled Congress, including Obama, that voted for it.

- Obama recently stated “many people have to get car insurance, and that isn’t a tax increase, why would you think mandatory medical coverage is?” The justice department has since deemed this “fee” as a tax.

And who is to head the regulation of this “fee”? None other than the IRS, and last time I checked, the IRS is the agency responsible for collecting “taxes”.

- “Saved” or Created Jobs.

If you can’t see through this, you’d be better off taking orders at the local fast food drive-thru. Oh wait...That’s if they’re hiring.

- Bribes for Healthcare Votes.

Mr. “Watergate” Nixon would probably agree with me on this when I state the infamous quote: “Actions speak louder than words”. Google all the sweet back-door deals for healthcare. Can’t miss’em.

- Bribes to political candidates of Pennsylvania and Colorado respectively, by offering federal appointments to Rep. Joe Sestak and Andrew Romanoff to pull out of their campaigns for jobs in DC.

Admissions by the candidates and direct emails confirm this “allegation”.

- 7 Vacations when your Country is arguably in the most dangerous shape ever.

Cameras work wonders these days...Can’t rebut this “allegation”.

- And last but not least, for all of the people out there who still say Obama wins your vote, this one might sting a little...

FAILURE TO GET OUR TROOPS OUT OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

Just watch Fox, CNN or any other mainstream media source, or better yet, fly on over there and do some investigating.

This is not intended to defend Bush either, just clarifying the “blame game” for those who have Obama-vision.

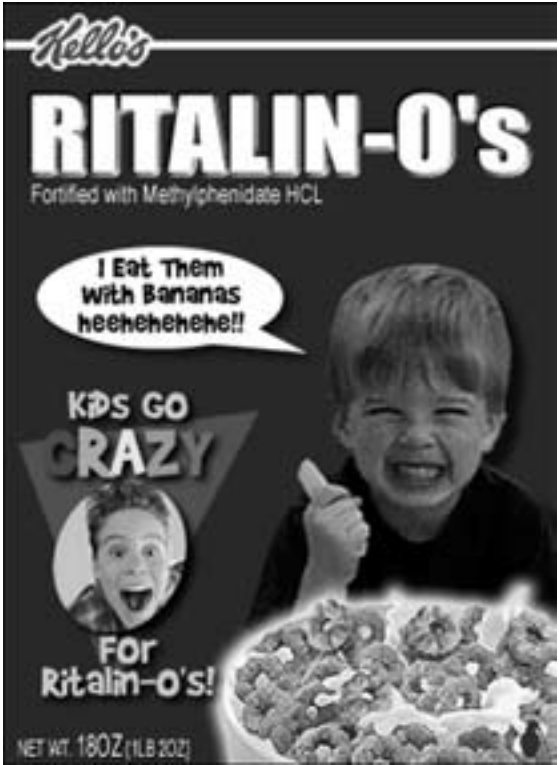


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medical literature:

- Paranoid delusions
- Paranoid psychosis
- Hypomanic and manic symptoms, amphetamine-like psychosis
- Activation of psychotic symptoms
- Toxic psychosis
- Visual hallucinations
- Auditory hallucinations
- Can surpass LSD in producing bizarre experiences
- Effects pathological thought processes
- Extreme withdrawal
- Terrified affect
- Started screaming
- Aggressiveness
- Insomnia
- Since Ritalin is considered an amphetamine-type drug, expect amphetamine-like effects
- Psychic dependence
- High-abuse potential DEA Schedule II Drug
- Decreased REM sleep
- When used with antidepressants one may see dangerous reactions including hypertension, seizures and hypothermia
- Convulsions
- Brain damage may be seen with amphetamine abuse.

Many parents around the country have discovered that Ritalin has become a condition for their children continuing in school. There are even reports, by parents, of threats from social agencies: “If you don't allow us to prescribe Ritalin for your ADHD child, we may decide that you are an unfit parent. We



psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh, said, “There is no current validated diagnostic test [for ADHD].”

Yet at every level of public education in America, there remains what can only be called a voracious desire to give children Ritalin (or other similar drugs) for so-called ADD or ADHD.

The 1994 Textbook of Psychiatry, published by the American Psychiatric Press, contains this review (Popper and Steingard): “Stimulants [such as Ritalin] do not produce lasting improvements in aggressivity, conduct disorder, criminality, education achievement, job functioning, marital relationships, or long-



Medicating the play out of our children

may decide to take your child away.”

This mind-boggling state of affairs is fueled by teachers, principals, and school counselors, none of whom have medical training. Yet even if they did...

The very existence of the “illnesses” for which Ritalin would be prescribed is unproven. It is merely assumed.

In commenting on Dr. Lawrence Diller's book, Running on Ritalin, Dr. William Carey, Director of Behavioral Pediatrics, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, has written, “Dr. Diller has correctly described... the disturbing trend of blaming children's social, behavioral, and academic performance problems entirely on an unproven brain deficit...”

On November 16-18, 1998, the National Institute of Mental Health held the prestigious “NIH Consensus Development Conference on Diagnosis and Treatment of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder [ADHD].” The conference was explicitly aimed at ending all debate about the diagnoses of ADD, ADHD, and about the prescription of Ritalin. It was hoped that at the highest levels of medical research and bureaucracy, a clear position would be taken: this is what ADHD is, this is where it comes from, and these are the drugs it should be treated with. That didn't happen, amazingly. Instead, the official panel responsible for drawing conclusions from the conference threw cold water on the whole attempt to reach a comfortable consensus.

Panel member Mark Vonnegut, a Massachusetts pediatrician, said, “The diagnosis [of ADHD] is a mess.”

The quite conventional and orthodox panel essentially said it was not sure ADHD was even a valid diagnosis. In other words, it virtually admitted that ADD and ADHD might be nothing more than attempts to categorize certain children's behaviors---with no organic cause, no clear-cut biological basis, no provable reason for even using the ADD or ADHD labels.

The panel found “no data to indicate that ADHD is due to a brain malfunction [which malfunction had been the whole psychiatric assumption].”

The panel found that Ritalin has not been shown to have long-term benefits. In fact, the panel stated that Ritalin has resulted in “little improvement on academic achievement or social skills.”

Panel chairman, David Kupfer, professor of

term adjustment.”

Parents should also wake up to the fact that, in the aftermath of the Littleton, Colorado, school-shooting tragedy, pundits and doctors began urging much more extensive “mental health” services for children. Whether you have noticed it or not, this no longer means, for

the most part, therapy with a caring professional. It means drugs. Drugs like Ritalin.

In December 1996, the US Drug Enforcement Agency held a conference on ADHD and Ritalin. Surprisingly, it issued a sensible statement about drugs being a bad substitute for the presence of caring parents: “[T]he use of stimulants [such as Ritalin] for the short-term improvement of behavior and underachievement may be thwarting efforts to address the children's real issues, both on an individual and societal level.

The lack of long-term positive results with the use of stimulants and the specter of previous and potential stimulant abuse epidemics, give cause to worry about the future. The dramatic increase in the use of methylphenidate [Ritalin] in the 1990s should be viewed as a marker or warning to society about the problems children are having and how we view and address them.”

In his book, Talking Back to Ritalin, Dr. Peter Breggin expands on the drug's effects: “Stimulants such as Ritalin and amphetamine... have grossly harmful impacts on the brain -- reducing overall blood flow, disturbing glucose metabolism, and possibly causing permanent shrinkage or atrophy of the brain.”

In the American press, although many articles have appeared covering “the debate” about Ritalin and ADHD, no newspaper or TV network has taken it upon itself to hammer on all the lies, day after day, month after month. That kind of campaign could turn around the whole nation on this vital subject---but of course, pharmaceutical advertising is a more powerful force.

And one should not forget that Ritalin came out of a Swiss drug giant called Ciba Geigy (now Novartis) fifty years ago. That company once had very close business ties with the infamous Nazi cartel, IG Farben. Farben stood for inhuman experiments on human beings. Read the adverse effects of Ritalin again, and consider that millions of children take those pills every day.

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A 1988 Ritalin Ad

Consider hemp over canola for oilseed production

By Angela Eckhardt
CapitalPress

Just about everyone would prefer biofuels to petroleum, but choosing the right fuel crops for cultivation in North America isn't easy, especially for Western states. That's because one of the most viable crops - hemp - is legally off-limits.

Instead, canola is getting all the attention. The June 2006 report, "Assessment of Biodiesel Feedstocks in Oregon," prepared for the Portland Development Commission, presented canola as the best oilseed crop for the region. Last month, the Oregon Legislature's Emergency Board agreed to finance a \$235,000 canola research study.

But not everyone is cheering over canola. Vegetable seed producers have serious concerns not only over cross-pollination, but over the potential for canola to spread diseases that are already a problem in the Brassica species, including blackleg, Sclerotinia stem rot and club root.

"This is dangerous," said Sen. Kurt Schrader, D-Canby, at the legislative hearing. "There's no reason on God's green earth to introduce a known weed and carrier of pests."

We might take our chances with canola if there were no alternatives, but that's not the case.



Hemp



Canola

The 2002 American Society for Horticultural Science publication, Trends in New Crops and New Uses, describes an excellent oilseed alternative in a chapter entitled "Hemp: A New Crop with New Uses for North America," (<http://www.hort.purdue.edu/newcrop/ncnu02/v5-284.html>).

Hemp is celebrated for weed and pest resistance, and like canola, it boasts extensive root systems that improve soil tilth. Moreover, the markets for hemp products are virtually infinite. In 1938, Popular Mechanics magazine declared that hemp "can be used to produce more than 25,000 products, raging from dynamite to cellophane."

Though hemp has not been cultivated for oil yield until recently, even the strains cultivated

for fiber already rival soybeans in oil output.

Advances in hemp oilseed production have been rapid and encouraging since March 1998, when Canadian law was changed to allow commercial hemp cultivation. Whereas European countries have focused on hemp fiber production, Canada is specializing in oilseed production and processing.

"Hemp, in our opinion, is particularly suited to be developed as an oilseed crop in North America," the ASHS report proclaims, noting that, "While the breeding of hemp fiber cultivars has proceeded to the point that only slight improvements can be expected in productivity in the future, the genetic potential of hemp as an oilseed has scarcely been addressed."

The biggest challenge for using hemp as a fuel source is yet another sign of its great potential, say proponents: it is the very high value of the oil. But prices would become more reasonable once Americans could legally cultivate hemp rather than relying on imports. In the meantime, farmers could see strong profit margins by selling the highly nutritious edible seed and oil.

As reported by USAgNet, "Oregon Governor Ted Kulongski has signed SB 676 into law, which permits the production, trade and possession of industrial hemp commodities and products. ...The new law sets up a state-regulated program for farmers to grow industrial hemp which is used in a wide variety of products, including nutritious foods, cosmetics, body care, clothing, tree-free paper, auto parts, building materials, fuels and much more."

Many other states have successfully passed bills to legalize hemp cultivation in direct challenge of federal law. You can read about these efforts at www.votehemp.com, www.hempreport.com and www.thehia.org.

For more on the debate about Canola as a healthy cooking alternative go to: www.naturalnews.com and search "Canola". The article, "Canola Oil: There is the Good, the Bad and the Ugly" will be the top article. ★★



By Lou Ann Anderson
estateofdenial.com

Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn (pictured right) had a bill signing road trip on Saturday that included a measure to “protect Illinois’ seniors from the most commonly reported form of elder abuse: financial exploitation. The new law requires financial institutions across the state to play a stronger role in identifying and reporting financial exploitation of older adults.”

We know a few folks with elderly family members in Illinois who absolutely have been financially (and otherwise) exploited through Involuntary Redistribution of Assets (IRA) actions. Ironically, some with financial institutions as key players in the perpetration of such acts.

A prepared statement says:
Earlier this month, the Governor Quinn proclaimed July as Elder Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month in Illinois. The month-long campaign encourages people to “Break the Silence” and report suspected incidents of elder abuse. Today’s bill signing further strengthens the state’s awareness and prevention efforts. The new law was sponsored by Sen. Mattie Hunter (D-Chicago) and Rep. Art Turner (D-Chicago) and takes effect immediately.

At EoD we believe that financial exploitation of anyone (regardless of age or other factors) is a ratty thing and are therefore



not fans of segregationalist legislation that sets precedent for unequal protection under the law. Having said that, though, if indeed this is a chosen course of action - let’s at least make it impactful.

So this bill requires financial institutions to play more of a role in identifying/reporting financial exploitation as well as strengthens the state’s awareness/prevention efforts. Identifying, reporting, awareness, prevention - it all sounds good, but when do we **strengthen** action taken against the perpetrators of such acts? Anyone for prosecution? Incarceration? Probably not members of the legal industry many of which often populate state legislatures - but that’s another part of the problem...

Gov. Quinn (or staff), please feel free to contact us here at EstateofDenial.com and we’ll be glad to connect you with our folks who have experienced financial exploitation there in Illinois. They will be happy to provide input for action that creates far more than a photo opp. ★★

Omega imbalance can make obesity 'inheritable': study

PARIS (AFP) – Overeating combined with the wrong mix of fats in one's diet can cause obesity to be carried over from one generation to the next, researchers in France reported Friday.

Omega-6 and omega-3, both polyunsaturated fatty acids, are each critical to good health.

But too much of the first and not enough of the second can lead to overweight offspring, the scientists showed in experiments with mice designed to mirror recent shifts in human diet.

Over the last four decades, the ratio of omega-6 to omega-3 in a typical Western diet has shifted from a healthy five-to-one to 15-to-one in much of Europe, and up to 40-to-one in the United States.

In the breast milk of American women, the average ratio has gone from six-to-one to 18-to-one.

Earlier studies have established a link between such imbalances and heart disease.

But "this is the first time that we have shown a trans-generational increase in obesity" linked to omega intake, said Gerard Ailhaud, a biochemist at the University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis and main architect of the study.

"Omega six is like a fat-producing bomb," he told AFP by phone.

Experts differ on whether obesity is more importantly due to the percentage of fat in one's diet or the sheer amount of calories consumed.

The findings, published in the US-based Journal of Lipid Research, add yet another dimension to the debate, and could shed new light on the obesity epidemic that has swept across the globe, mainly in rich nations.

They also suggest that persistence within families of health-threatening weight gain -- while not genetic in origin -- may not be entirely due to environmental factors either.

The link between omega imbalance and



obesity "is probably epigenetic," said Ailhaud, referring to the complex process whereby the information in genes is translated into chemical activity.

"The genome and the DNA of the rodents has not been modified, but these factors can influence the way in which certain genes are expressed."

In the experiments, four generations of mice were fed a 35-percent fat diet with the omega imbalance now found in much of the developed world.

The result was progressively fatter mice at birth, generation after generation.

The rodents also developed insulin-resistance, a telltale symptom for diabetes 2, one of the most common -- and debilitating -- consequences of obesity in humans.

The equally undesirable increase in omega-6 and drop in omega-3 can be partly explained by the change from grass-fed to grain-fed livestock, Ailhaud explained.

Grass is rich in omega-3. "But to increase productivity, feed was shifted to grain meal, especially corn, which contains a high concentration of omega-6," he said.

Adding a small quantity of flaxseed oil to animal feed could help restore a healthy omega balance in meat and dairy products, he added.

There are three types of fatty acids -- saturated fats, monounsaturated fats and polyunsaturated fats.

In France, health authorities recommend that fat intake should be between 30 and 40 percent of calories consumed, while the US Food and Drug Administration suggests a range of 20-to-30 percent.

Both governments agree that most of that intake should be from polyunsaturated and monosaturated fats such as fish, nuts and vegetable oils rather than the saturated fats found in red meat and dairy products. ★★

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2008, he looked frail in photos, spurring questions about who might replace him.

Conciliatory Signals Amid Missile Tests

North Korea has often mixed provocations with conciliatory gestures when it seeks to nudge the United States and other nations to the negotiating table.

In 2009, North Korea announced that it was ready to return to six-nation talks on ending its nuclear program — but only if it saw progress in bilateral talks with the United States. For months, the nation had insisted that it would never return to the talks demanded by the United States, calling them “dead.”

Its reversal came after China signed a series of agreements that promised aid for the North and an expansion in economic exchanges, including the construction of another bridge across their tightly controlled river border.

The Currency Devaluation

The Nov. 30, 2009, currency devaluation, apparently an attempt



Pyongyang

to prop up a foundering state-run economy, was for some North Koreans the worst disaster since a famine that killed hundreds of thousands in the mid-1990s.

Interviews in May 2010 with eight North Koreans who recently left their country - a prison escapee, illegal traders, people in temporary exile to find work in China, the traveling wife of an official in the ruling Workers' Party - paint a haunting portrait of desperation inside the country, and of growing resentment toward Kim Jong-il.

In one 2007 Central Committee communiqué, Kim Jong-il complained that the markets had

money.

The Sinking of the Cheonan

By 2010, South Korea’s “sunshine policy” of rapprochement with the North was in tatters. The South cut all shipments of fertilizer and food after the North pulled out of nuclear talks. It also shut down a jointly operated tourist resort in the North after the North’s military killed a South Korean tourist.

In May 2010 South Korea formally accused North Korea of responsibility for the sinking of the warship Cheonan, in one of the deadliest provocations since the two countries ended the Korean War in a

truce in 1953. The investigation included experts from the United States, Britain, Sweden and Australia as well as South Korea. The evidence included part of a torpedo propeller with what investigators believed was a North Korean serial number. The United Nations Security Council condemned the attack, but at the behest of China refrained from naming North Korea as the culprit.

With Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton calling the Korea situation “highly precarious,” the Pentagon and South Korea announced they would soon conduct joint naval exercises, including antisubmarine drills in the Yellow Sea.

North Korea’s state news agency said the North would cut off all communications between the countries, including a Red Cross contact at the border, as long as the South Korean president, Lee Myung-bak, was in office. The North also said it was expelling all South Korean officials, but not workers, from a joint industrial park at the North Korean town of Kaesong.

The North also banned South Korean ships and airplanes from using its territorial waters and airspace. On May 25, the South’s two main airlines, Korean Air and Asiana, began rerouting passenger jets to avoid North Korean airspace.

On July 21, the Obama administration announced that it would impose further economic sanctions against North Korea, throwing legal weight behind a choreographed show of pressure on the North that included an unusual joint visit to the demilitarized zone by Ms. Clinton and Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates. The measures were aimed at counterfeiting, money laundering and other dealings that she said the North Korean government used to generate hard currency to pay off cronies and cling to power. While the United States already places heavy sanctions on North Korea, American officials insisted the new measures would further tighten the financial vise around the country's secretive and ailing leader. Jong-il, who, according to regional intelligence, is in declining health.

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COMMENTARY

Your Right to Speak Out



UNESCO: Its Purpose and Its Philosophy, Blueprint for a New World Order

Hegel’s Dialectic: Erasing Christianity through the Psycho-Political ‘Consensus Process’



By Linda Kimball

Julian Huxley, the head of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1947, wrote a book titled, “UNESCO: Its Purpose and Its Philosophy.” His book was a blueprint for a New World Order that called for a single ‘new’ spirituality—a mixture of Buddhist materialist-pantheism, Liberalized



Julian Huxley, UNESCO

‘pantheistic’ Christianity, Gnosticism, and other occult traditions— one language, and one way of thinking. He believed a global order could be brought about through the universal implementation of Hegel’s Dialectic process.

Huxley observed, “The task before UNESCO...is to help the emergence of a single world culture with its own philosophy and background of ideas and with its own broad purpose.” Huxley spoke of two opposing worldviews—one founded on supernatural creation and the other on atheist evolutionism—confronting each other from the West and the East. In describing them he said, “You may categorize the two philosophies as...individualism versus collectivism or as the American versus the Russian...or as capitalism versus communism, or as Christianity versus Marxism. Can these opposites be reconciled, this antithesis be resolved in a higher synthesis? I believe...this can happen...through the inexorable dialectic of evolution.”

The concept of dialectics has been around for a long time. In the American Dictionary of the English Language, 1828, Noah Webster defined dialectics as: “That branch of logic which teaches the rules and modes of reasoning.” Simply stated, dialectics refers to ‘position’ versus ‘opposition’ or ‘thesis’ versus ‘antithesis,’ or ‘truth’ versus ‘falsehood.’ By the traditional rules of conduct, if thesis is correct, then it follows logically that antithesis is incorrect. Georg Hegel, a master magician in the Hermetic tradition and an Enlightenment shock trooper of evil, discarded the rules and turned the concept upside-down by equalizing thesis and antithesis, which resulted in moral relativity. ‘New truth,’ a merging of truth and falsehood

and/or Buddhist materialist-pantheism and Christianity for example, is now found in something called ‘synthesis,’ or ‘consensus,’ the favored vernacular of Progressive Liberals.

Hegelian Dialect is a perfect example of what J. Budziszewski, the author of “What We Can’t Not Know” termed the “black magic spells of imposture and unraveling.” Hegel’s form of dialectics is an impostor and its purpose is to deceptively unravel truth and norms and then replace them with a ‘new truth’ which is yet another impostor.

Hegel’s ‘black magic’ Dialectics is the strange fire fueling the weapon of mass destruction unwittingly wielded by mind-conditioned Americans and Westerners on behalf of Transnational Progressive New Agers and fellow travelers in their war against the West’s traditional Christian-based worldview and cultural infrastructure. Called “group dynamics” or the “consensus process,” Hegel’s dialectic is a psycho political behavior and belief modification technique used with great success by Vietnamese communists against American POWs and by Chinese communists against dissidents.

The foundation and key strategy of the consensus process is the knowledge that all individuals have an inherent fear of being alienated from the group. During sensitivity-training and diversity-training sessions, skillful change-agents (facilitators) psychologically manipulate this fear to herd selected victims toward a preplanned conclusion that induces them to compromise both conscience and position. This is the consensus process in a nut shell, and when we hear Liberals screaming for ‘consensus,’ they’re really demanding that they be allowed to ‘facilitate’ the compromise of conscience which leads to the abandonment of Christian-based Western ideals and principles.

There are three steps to the consensus process. They are called, “Unfreezing the present level, moving to the new level, and freezing group life on the new level.” In order to speed up the unfreezing phase, communists resorted to physical torture, shock ‘therapy,’ and mind-altering drugs. In America, emotional pain, intimidation, and fear are precipitated by way of vicious psychological bullying such as sadistic ridicule, character assassination, destructive criticism, labeling, and spreading lies. Until total control has been achieved, psycho politics will remain the preferred method.

There are four key elements necessary for a successful ‘consensus process’ operation. They are:

Multicultural and/or diverse groups, for instance ‘gays,’ atheists, Wiccans, or Muslims, fueled by resentment and envy— necessary for causing social conflict.

A traditional social or cultural issue around which conflict can be created. For example, the Boy Scouts, Christmas, traditional marriage, and male-female sex norms are demonized as ‘unfair, exclusionary, insensitive, intolerant, racist, homophobic, and hurtful’ to diverse groups.

The dialoguing to consensus process.

The predetermined outcome. For example: Christmas parades successfully recast as “Festival of Lights” or “Winter Holiday” parades that are inclusive of gay ‘erotomaniac’ celebrants; traditional marriage compromised

by ‘gay’ unions.

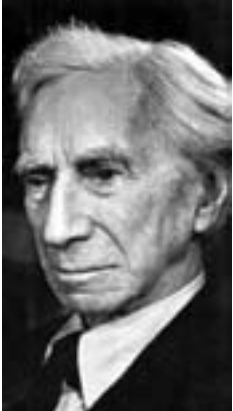
The consensus process has been so successful at unraveling the West’s traditional culture that here in America for example, Christianity has been banned from government on all levels as well as from schools and increasingly from public areas. Christians have lost their jobs, been jailed, and their children harassed and even suspended for daring to express their Christian beliefs in any way. Anti-Christian bigotry has become so bad that John Gibson observed,

“There is this kind of casual and accepted bias against Christians and Christian symbols.” (The War on Christmas: How the Liberal Plot to Ban the Sacred Christian Holiday is Worse Than You Thought, John Gibson).

Shock-troopers of evil concur:

“We have battled in America since the century’s turn to bring to nothing...all Christian influences and we are succeeding. You must work until officials of city, county, and state will not think twice before they pounce upon religious groups as public

enemies. (there must) be a...foaming hatred of religion...a belief that Christian practice is vicious, bad, insanity causing, publicly hated and intolerable.” (Red Communist Textbook on Psychopolitics)



“I think the subject which will be of most importance politically is Mass Psychology. Its importance has been...increased by the growth of modern methods of propaganda. Although this science will be diligently studied, it will be rigidly confined to the governing class. The populace will not be

allowed to know how its convictions were generated.”—Bertrand Russell (pictured).

John Gibson asked a Eugene, Oregon city manager why he had banned Christmas trees. His politically correct mind-conformed



response, “Well, because they’re Christian.” This manager and countless scores of other Americans testify to the enormous success thus far achieved by psycho political operatives. Having been “unfrozen” from the level whereon America’s traditional worldview resides and successfully ‘moved’ to the desired level and then ‘frozen’ there, they now serve their new masters evil desires by mindlessly destroying the source of both their liberties and their human worth— Christianity.

“Oh but, Christianity has nothing to do with either the founding of our nation or with our rights and freedoms,” proclaim mind-conditioned scoffers, doubters, atheists, and skeptics, both here in America and throughout the West. The truth, however, has been ‘hiding’ in full view, but because their minds are darkened by black magic spells and their eyes made sightless by black magic dust, the mind-conditioned cannot see Truth even when it looks them in the face. In boasting of his clever blueprint, Huxley for example, unwittingly ‘confessed’ the truth when he said of the two opposing philosophies, “You may categorize the two philosophies as...Christianity versus Marxism.” ★★★

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When There is No Rule of Law

By Ron Paul

There was some promising news on finally stopping the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Unfortunately, the administration still seems to believe that shutting down working oil

wells is a higher priority than effectively dealing with the broken one. They are again issuing a moratorium on off-shore drilling, while maintaining a de facto ban on new permits even for shallow water drilling, which they previously stated would be unaffected. The courts have twice declared this unconstitutional, over 70 percent of the people see this as unreasonable, yet the administration seems determined to simply end off-shore drilling, at least for those producers that cannot afford to sit idle for an unknown period of time until the ban is lifted.

Whether or not this latest effort will hold up in court is yet to be seen. Sadly, many smaller oil producers in the Gulf see the writing on the wall, and instead of waiting around and risking their livelihoods on the whims of American politicians and judges, they are leaving for friendlier business climates. What is happening to this country when the Republic of Congo is better for business than the United States? One big factor is regime uncertainty.

Regime uncertainty is the opposite of the rule of law. It is the rule of the whims of the people in charge and what mood they are in on any particular day. It is usually associated with third world dictatorships and plays a major role in why some countries remain poor. When a business cannot predict whether a government will issue a permit, confiscate or nationalize their capital investments, tax them into bankruptcy, or arbitrarily stall their operations, they tend to do business elsewhere. This type of

government hostility is not conducive to wealth creation and it is tragic to see it chasing away businesses here when we need the jobs and productivity more than ever.

When the rule of law is respected, it provides business with some measure of predictability so they can plan and operate smoothly. When it is not respected, there are just too many variables, too much risk of loss or waste.

Of course, disregard of the rule of law creates other problems too. For the larger and better-connected businesses, it creates the opportunity of regulatory capture. If the government becomes too unpredictable, one business survival strategy is to become so involved in government and regulatory bodies that they effectively gain

control over the very entities that are supposed to keep them in line. In other words, if you can’t beat the government, become the government. A business that achieves regulatory capture is also able to write and implement laws and regulations that it can deal with, but its competitors cannot. The eventual outcome is that companies use regulation to drive everyone else out of business until a monopoly is achieved, putting consumers at its mercy.

Meanwhile, the people develop a false sense of security, assuming that the many regulatory bodies in place are protecting them. Without respect for the rule of law, however, those bodies and their regulations are more likely protecting and enabling big business at the expense of small business and the consumer.

We see this not only with big oil, but big banking, big defense contractors, you name it. This is why, especially in a crisis, we should uphold the Constitution. It is the ultimate consumer protection from crony corporatism.★★★



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-Thomas Jefferson

COMMENTARY

Obama: Mr. Incredible



By David Keene
The Hill

During the healthcare debate, President Obama and his operatives assured congressional Democrats and the media that once Obama-Care passed, all would be well. The president himself said the GOP focus on process would be forgotten quickly by a public far more interested in “policy than process.”

However, the public has made it clear it likes neither the product (about which more is being learned by the day) nor the process that led to passage. Many of the deals needed to piece together majorities in the House and Senate received enough publicity at the time to outrage many, but as time goes on revelations about additional concessions made to woo votes are justifying what were dismissed as simple partisan attacks during the debate.

Moreover, the possible consequences of the bill are making many wake up and take note.

When critics of the legislation alleged during the debate that the enforcement of its many provisions would vastly increase the power of

the IRS and empower tax collectors to go where they had never gone before, administration spokesmen reacted in outrage. The president’s critics, they charged, were not just wrong, but lying to scare people.

It turns out that the critics were dead right and that if there was any lying going on, they weren’t the guilty ones. In the days since passage, we have learned that the IRS will have to hire literally thousands of new agents, auditors and analysts to make sure everyone required to buy into the program does so and to catch those who violate its many provisions as well as to collect the data that will be required of small businesses to help the government collect new taxes to pay for the scheme.

The result is that small-business owners who were promised they would benefit from the new law are up in arms as they discover that they will in fact be targets of an IRS planning to impose even more regulations on the way they operate. The absolute ludicrousness of the new requirements is that business owners will apparently now be required to file forms reporting on aggregate annual payments of as little as \$600 to “vendors” like Staples or the office coffee supplier.

Meanwhile, it turns out that while some members of Congress were being promised one thing in return for their votes, others were

being assured that such promises would never be kept. Thus, while members concerned about whether benefits would be extended to illegal immigrants were assured that this would not be the case, members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus in the House were being told that they shouldn’t worry about any restrictions in the healthcare bill because they would be removed later ... in the administration’s promised immigration reform bill.

Recent news reports that Democratic leaders promised Hispanic Caucus members that provisions inserted in the healthcare to win the votes of others would be removed later suggest that South Carolina Rep. Joe Wilson’s (R) charge that President Obama’s denial that the healthcare bill would cover illegal aliens was a lie was dead on.

The healthcare bill as passed and signed into law prohibits illegals from buying into the so-called healthcare exchanges that will be established under the law and denies even temporary legal immigrants access to Medicaid unless they’ve been here for five years. Hispanic Caucus leaders are now charging that the administration specifically promised to eliminate these and other restrictions and are vowing to hold the president and congressional Democratic

leaders to that promise.

Under the Obama plan, of course, Medicaid has been expanded and something like half of all illegals in the country would qualify if the restrictions written into the law are removed, increasing the costs of a program that is already expected to exceed the estimates publicized by the administration before its passage by tens of billions of dollars.

The monetary cost of delivering on this promise would be enormous, but the political cost could be even higher. President Obama gives pretty good speeches, but fewer and fewer Americans are paying much attention to what he says. Some are beginning to ignore him for lack of follow-through or because he’s overexposed, but increasing numbers of those who were initially shocked by Wilson’s outburst are becoming convinced that he was right.

A president’s credibility is key to his success. When those he deals with in Washington or those on whose votes he relies for reelection conclude that his word isn’t worth much, his ability to lead vanishes.★★★

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By Peter Schiff

There is overwhelming agreement among economists that the Second World War was responsible for decisively ending the Great Depression. When asked why the wars in Iran and Afghanistan are failing to make the same impact today, they often claim that the current conflicts are simply too small to be economically significant.

There is, of course, much irony here. No one argues that World War II, with its genocide, tens of millions of combatant casualties, and wholesale destruction of cities and regions, was good for humanity. But the improved American economy of the late 1940s seems to illustrate the benefits of large-scale government stimulus. This conundrum may be causing some to wonder how we could capture the good without the bad.

If one believes that government spending can create economic growth, then the answer should be simple: let's have a huge pretend war that rivals the Second World War in size. However, this time, let's not kill anyone.

Most economists believe that massive federal government spending on tanks, uniforms, bullets, and battleships used in World War II, as well the jobs created to actually wage the War, finally put to an end the paralyzing "deflationary trap" that had existed since the Crash of 1929. Many further argue that war spending succeeded where the much smaller New Deal programs of the 1930s had fallen short.

The numbers were indeed staggering. From 1940 to 1944, federal spending shot up more than six times from just \$9.5 billion to \$72 billion. This increase led to a corresponding \$75 billion expansion of US nominal GDP, from \$101 billion in 1940 to \$175 billion by 1944. In other words, the war effort caused US GDP to increase close to 75% in just four years!

The War also wiped out the country's chronic unemployment problems. In 1940, eleven years after the Crash, unemployment was still at a stubbornly high 8.1%. By 1944, the figure had dropped to less than 1%. The fresh influx of government

Why Not Another World War?

spending and deployment of working-age men overseas drew women into the workforce in unprecedented numbers, thereby greatly expanding economic output. In addition, government spending on wartime technology produced a great many breakthroughs that impacted consumer goods production for decades.

So, why not have the United States declare a fake war on Russia (a grudge match that is, after all, long overdue)? Both countries could immediately order full employment and revitalize their respective manufacturing sectors. Instead of live munitions, we could build all varieties of paint guns, water balloons, and stink bombs.

Once new armies have been drafted and properly outfitted with harmless weaponry, our two countries could stage exciting war games. Perhaps the US could mount an amphibious invasion of Kamchatka (just like in Risk!). As far as the

child in the country. Surely, the tremendous GDP growth created by such spending would make short work of the so-called Great Recession.

The big question is how to pay for it. To a degree that will surprise many, the US funded its World War II effort largely by raising taxes and tapping into Americans' personal savings. Both of those avenues are nowhere near as promising today as they were in 1941.

Current tax burdens are now much higher than they were before the War, so raising taxes today would be much more difficult. The "Victory Tax" of 1942 sharply raised income tax rates and allowed, for the first time in our nation's history, taxes to be withheld directly from paychecks. The hikes were originally intended to be temporary but have, of course, far outlasted their purpose. It would be unlikely that Americans would accept higher taxes today to fund a real war, let alone a pretend one.

That leaves savings, which was the War's primary source of funding. During the War, Americans purchased approximately \$186 billion worth of war bonds, accounting for nearly three quarters of total federal spending from 1941—1945. Today, we don't have the savings to pay for our current spending, let alone any significant expansions. Even if we could convince the Chinese to loan us a large chunk of the \$20 trillion (on top of the \$1 trillion we already owe them), how could we ever pay them back?

If all of this seems absurd, that's because it is. War is a great way to destroy things, but it's a terrible way to grow an economy.



What is often overlooked is that war creates hardship, and not just for those who endure the violence. Yes, US production increased during the Second World War, but very little of that was of use to anyone but soldiers. Consumers can't use a bomber to take a family vacation.

The goal of an economy is to raise living standards. During the War, as productive output was diverted to the front, consumer goods were rationed back home and living standards fell. While it's easy to see the numerical results of wartime spending, it is much harder to see the civilian cutbacks that enabled it.

The truth is that we cannot spend our way out of our current crisis, no matter how great a spectacle we create. Even if we spent on infrastructure rather than war, we would still have no means to fund it, and there would still be no guarantee that the economy would grow as a result.

What we need is more savings, more free enterprise, more production, and a return of American competitiveness in the global economy. Yes, we need Rosie the Riveter — but this time she has to work in the private sector making things that don't explode. To do this, we need less government spending, not more. ★★★





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Tight budgets and fewer cops - time for citizens to 'arm up'

By Alan Gottlieb and Dave Workman

Government is supposed to provide certain services, chief among them public safety. Over the years, budget priorities have become whatever self-serving politicians wanted them to be, however, special programs for key special interest groups have taken priority over basic services, and have become "entitlement" projects. Some who have made a career of elected office rather than a temporary detour from private enterprise - as the Founding Fathers had originally envisioned public service - evidently never believed that the well would run dry. They were horribly wrong and the public is about to pay the price.

The Drudge Report posted this headline: "Criminals Delight: Oakland Cops Won't Respond to

Minor' Crimes." It is a sad, and sorry, signal to be sent by a law enforcement agency, but this situation must be kept in perspective. Perhaps many Americans will now re-discover what made this nation great in the first place:

"SELF-RELIANCE"

This is not a call for anarchy but for a return to reality. Too many in public office have tried to create




their Utopian dream on the backs of taxpayers, and at the expense of basic public needs. In the process, they have squandered fortunes on projects that were good for a headline, but didn't work and

accomplished nothing.

There is a saying in the firearms community: "When seconds count, police are minutes away." This is about to change, in Oakland and elsewhere that police agencies are financially strapped and facing reductions in staff and service. Rural agencies may be hit the hardest. When seconds count, police may be hours away, if they come at all. Faced with that potential, citizens have two choices: submit to victimization or fight back.

Nobody is advocating "vigilantism," which is what gun prohibitionists say when private citizens arm themselves for personal protection. Nobody is "taking the law in their own hands." Armed citizens who carry guns or keep them in their homes or businesses are acting within



existing law, and thanks to the Supreme Court's recent McDonald ruling, they now have the full force of the Second Amendment behind them.

Some communities may be in for a rough ride, and people who heretofore have been indifferent about their personal safety may find themselves grateful we have a right to keep and bear arms. Instead of anarchy, that right may insure order and civility.


Alan Gottlieb is executive vice president of the Second Amendment Foundation. Dave Workman is senior editor of Gun Week. They are co-authors of America Fights Back: Armed Self-Defense in a Violent Age.

★★★

Professor thanks 'four black men and a gun'

Examiner

"I thought I should take a moment to mention four Americans who have made a relatively uncelebrated contribution to the freedom I cherish and enjoy," Stanford Law Professor Marcus Cole writes at PileusBlog.com. "I owe a special debt to four black men, and one gun."



Marcus Cole

WHICH FOUR MEN? AND WHY?

The first was his father, who, after being severely beaten in front of his children to the point of needing reconstructive surgery, bought a gun.

There were no more incidents, at least not any that I can recall, after my father exercised his Second Amendment right. It was his contribution to "non-violence" in our neighborhood.

Indeed. Read this tribute. And learn of the other influences acknowledged by Professor Cole:

Abolitionist Frederick Douglass, who maintained "[c]itizenship...rested upon three boxes: 'the ballot box, the jury box, and the cartridge box.'"

Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, who "bravely read the constitution the way it was written, with little regard for how his opinion would be attacked from both the left and the right. His opinion acknowledged that the right to bear arms was clearly one contemplated by the framers of the 'privileges or immunities' clause."

Otis McDonald, who pressed the recent landmark Supreme Court case and "is that black man, the fourth to whom I owe so much. As I attempt to raise my two sons to be strong, confident and secure Christian men, I am grateful that this 76-year-old grandfather fought for my right to protect them from those who might try to do them harm."

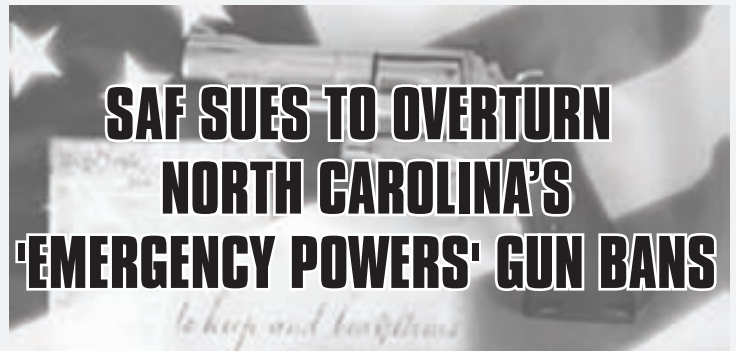
As the truism goes, slaves don't own guns. The Second Amendment is the ultimate right of all free men.

All too often we see media-crowned "leaders" within both the black and the academic communities who reject the wisdom Marcus Cole shares with us here, and instead disparage and attack the right to keep and bear arms as both a way of obtaining attention and maintaining their political influence. And all too often we see true leaders who reject marching in politically correct lockstep ostracized and repudiated by that faction.

So there is one other black man I would like to thank: Professor Cole, although, in truth, I look forward to the day when the color notation is considered irrelevant.

Bravo, sir. I appreciate the bravery you show, "with little regard for how [your] opinion would be attacked."

★★★



BELLEVUE, WA – The Second Amendment Foundation on Monday filed a federal lawsuit in North Carolina, seeking a permanent injunction against the governor, local officials and local governments from declaring states of emergency under which private citizens are prohibited from exercising their right to bear arms.

Joining SAF in this lawsuit are Grass Roots North Carolina – the state's leading gun rights organization, and three private citizens, Michael Bateman, Virgil Green and Forrest Minges, Jr. Named as defendants in the federal lawsuit are North Carolina Gov. Beverly Perdue; Reuben Young, secretary of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety; Stokes County and the City of King. The lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

The lawsuit contends that state statutes that forbid the carrying of firearms and ammunition during declared states of emergency are unconstitutional. Plaintiffs also contend that a North Carolina law that allows government officials to prohibit the purchase, sale and possession of firearms and ammunition are also unconstitutional because they forbid the exercise of Second Amendment rights as affirmed by Monday's Supreme Court ruling in McDonald v. City of Chicago, the landmark Second Amendment ruling that incorporated the Second Amendment to the states.

SAF and the Illinois State Rifle Association took the McDonald Case to the Supreme Court.

"Through this lawsuit in North Carolina," said SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan Gottlieb, "we intend to show that state emergency powers statutes that allow government officials to suspend fundamental civil rights, including the right to bear arms, are unconstitutional and therefore should be nullified. Citizens do not surrender their civil rights just because of a natural or man-made disaster."

SAF is once again being represented by attorney Alan Gura, who led the legal effort in the McDonald case and also won the historic Heller ruling that overturned the District of Columbia handgun ban in 2008. Local counsel are Andrew Tripp and Kearns Davis with the firm of Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard, LLC in Raleigh.

The Second Amendment Foundation (www.saf.org) is the nation's oldest and largest tax-exempt education, research, publishing and legal action group focusing on the Constitutional right and heritage to privately own and possess firearms. Founded in 1974, The Foundation has grown to more than 650,000 members and supporters and conducts many programs designed to better inform the public about the consequences of gun control. SAF has previously funded successful firearms-related suits against the cities of Los Angeles; New Haven, CT; and San Francisco on behalf of American gun owners, a lawsuit against the cities suing gun makers and an amicus brief and fund for the Emerson case holding the Second Amendment as an individual right.

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Letters to the Editor



Three Cheers!

Three cheers for the Observer team. I don't believe there's anything worse than a corrupt public official; especially one with the power to prosecute and destroy citizens lives and/or reputations. Keep up the good work guys.

Keith Allison

Elder Abuse

Dear Mr. Snook,

I read your story about Wisconsin's state sanctioned elder abuse, and it frightened the hell out of me...

How does something like this occur? Was it that Harlan Shigeko didn't have a will or a living trust?

I'm mortified that could happen to me if I outlive my husband. Please let me know, we do have a trust, but who's to say it'll protect you from people intent on doing you harm. Thank you for bringing light on this subject.

I think that Governor Jim Doyle should be impeached to protect the rest of Wisconsin's elderly residents. He needs to be prosecuted for abusing his office and wrongly imprisoning a woman who isn't mentally ill, also round up that Psychiatrist Dr. Reddy for duplicity of their crimes. Doesn't that state have a district attorney? These corrupt people need to be brought to justice! Or our country is just full of crap...If the DA is crooked, then I think our Attorney General needs to step in and clean house...this just shouldn't be happening here in the US.

Sincerely,

Gloria Monroe
Grants Pass, Oregon

Editors Note: Gloria - Today is a very discouraging time and although you might not hear of tragic stories like this one often, they do occur. In most cases the “system” is set up to protect itself and the only known cure that has worked for us is exposure through media. Fortunately, Jim Doyle isn’t running for office again, unfortunately, the next Governor will take over his responsibility. Rest assured that we will continue to expose the abuse and blatant pillage of Shigeko’s life. As for your trust, I’d get a second, third and fourth opinion.

BLM Ranger Finch

Sir:

If you're looking for more instances of Mr. Finch being a complete ass, I have some. They're first person (not something I heard somebody else say) contacts with Mr. Finch. Yes. He needs to go. Actually, he needs to be prosecuted for his criminal acts and censured for his behavior.

I have contacted his local (Medford OR BLM office) boss in regard to Mr. Finch. I was told, only, that it would be '...looked into.'

Didn't hear any more about it.

Mr. Finch is a loose cannon; an ANGRY, abusive man with a HUGE temper.

Brad Lasniewski

JERKS

Editor;

I read your article and it brought back memories of experiences I have had with jerks like Finch. I live in Mississippi so I guess these type guys are everywhere. Don't let up on them, cockroaches always run when the light is shined on them.

Mark Belk
Jackson Mississippi

BLM

Dear Editor;

It is appalling that we have such tools as finch on government payroll. He had no right to terrorize that family. I can only hope they get swift justice from our courts.

I am worried that BLM, forest service, and other outdoor law enforcement have a biased negative opinion for people who ride dirt bikes and ATV's.

I can only hope that these tactics are not from government training. Harassment like this will lead to someone getting killed by either law enforcement officers or unarmed citizens.

Sincerely,

Adam Hugues
Concerned taxpayer from California

States vs Feds

Editor;

As far as I am concerned the state of Arizona is totally within their rights to stand up for the citizens of the state. If the Federal Government won't do their job it is up to Arizona and it's citizens to do it.

I too stand with Arizona. And any other state that wants to pass the same kind of law.

Thank you

Cherry Lewis
Stanwood, Washington

Divorce Agreement

Dear American liberals, leftists, social progressives, socialists, Marxists and Obama supporters, et al:

We have stuck together since the late 1950's for the sake of the kids, but the whole of this latest election process has made me realize that I want a divorce. I know we tolerated each other for many years for the sake of future generations, but sadly, this relationship has clearly run its course.

Our two ideological sides of America cannot

and will not ever agree on what is right for us all, so let's just end it on friendly terms. We can smile and chalk it up to irreconcilable differences and go our own way.

HERE IS A MODEL SEPARATION AGREEMENT:

Our two groups can equitably divide up the country by landmass each taking a similar portion. That will be the difficult part, but I am sure our two sides can come to a friendly agreement. After that, it should be relatively easy! Our respective representatives can effortlessly divide other assets since both sides have such distinct and disparate tastes.

We don't like redistributive taxes so you can keep them. You are welcome to the liberal judges and the ACLU. Since you hate guns and war, we'll take our firearms, the cops, the NRA and the military. We'll take the nasty, smelly oil industry and you can go with wind, solar and biodiesel. You can keep Oprah, Michael Moore and Rosie O'Donnell. You are, however, responsible for finding a bio-diesel vehicle big enough to move all three of them.

We'll keep capitalism, greedy corporations, pharmaceutical companies, Wal-Mart and Wall Street. You can have your beloved lifelong welfare dwellers, food stamps, homeless, homeboys, hippies, druggies and illegal aliens. We'll keep the hot Alaskan hockey moms, greedy CEO's and rednecks. We'll keep the Bibles and give you NBC and Hollywood.

You can make nice with Iran and Palestine and we'll retain the right to invade and hammer places that threaten us. You can have the peaceniks and war protesters. When our allies or our way of life are under assault, we'll help provide them security.

We'll keep our Judeo-Christian values. You are welcome to Islam, Scientology, Humanism, political correctness and Shirley McClain. You can also have the U.N. but we will no longer be paying the bill.

We'll keep the SUV's, pickup trucks and oversized luxury cars. You can take every Subaru station wagon you can find.

You can give everyone healthcare if you can find any practicing doctors. We'll continue to believe healthcare is a luxury and not a right. We'll keep "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "The National Anthem." I'm sure you'll be happy to substitute "Imagine", "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing", "Kum Ba Ya" or "We Are the World".

We'll practice trickle down economics and you can continue to give trickle up poverty your best shot.

Since it often so offends you, we'll keep our history, our name and our flag.

Would you agree to this? If so, please pass it along to other like-minded liberal and conservative patriots and if you do not agree, just hit delete. In the spirit of friendly parting, I'll bet you answer which one of us will need whose help in 15 years.

Sincerely,

John J. Wall
Law Student
and American

★★★

"The only thing certain in life is death & taxes"
--Benjamin Franklin

--Wall Street Journal

If it seems as if the tax code was conceived by graphic artist M.C. Escher, wait until you meet the new and not improved Internal Revenue Service created by ObamaCare. What, you're not already on a first-name basis with your local IRS agent?

National Taxpayer Advocate Nina Olson, who operates inside the IRS, highlighted the agency's new mission in her annual report to Congress last week. Look out below. She notes that the IRS is already "greatly taxed"—pun intended?—"by the additional role it is playing in delivering social benefits and programs to the American public," like tax credits for first-time homebuyers or purchasing electric cars. Yet with ObamaCare, the agency is now responsible for "the most extensive social benefit program the IRS has been asked to implement in recent history." And without "sufficient funding" it won't be able to discharge these new duties.

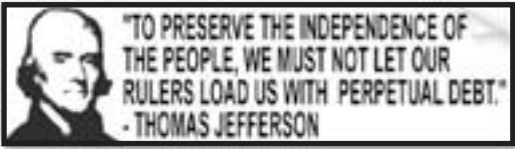
That wouldn't be tragic, given that those new duties include audits to determine who has the insurance "as required by law" and collecting penalties from Americans who don't. Companies that don't sponsor health plans will also be punished. This crackdown will "involve nearly every division and function of the IRS," Ms. Olson reports.

Well, well. Republicans argued during the

Lost in Taxation

health debate that the IRS would have to hire hundreds of new agents and staff to enforce ObamaCare. They were brushed off by Democrats and the press corps as if they believed the President was born on the moon. The IRS says it hasn't figured out how much extra money and manpower it will need but admits that both numbers are greater than zero.

Ms. Olson also exposed a damaging provision that she estimates will hit some 30 million sole proprietorships and subchapter S corporations, two million farms and one million charities and other tax-exempt organizations. Prior to ObamaCare, businesses only had to tell the IRS the value of services they purchase. But starting in 2013 they will also have to report the value of goods they buy from a single vendor that total more than \$600 annually—including office supplies and the like.



Democrats snuck in this obligation to narrow the mythical "tax gap" of unreported business income, but Ms. Olson says that the tracking costs for small businesses will be "disproportionate as compared with any resulting improvement in tax compliance." Job creation, here we come . . . at least for the accountants who will attempt to comply with a vast new 1099 reporting burden.

In a Monday letter, even Democratic Senators Mark Begich (Alaska), Ben Nelson (Nebraska), Jeanne Shaheen (New Hampshire) and Evan Bayh (Indiana) denounce this new "burden" on small businesses and insist that the IRS use its discretion to find "better ways to structure this reporting requirement." In other words, they want regulators to fix one problem among many that all four Senators created by voting for ObamaCare.

We never thought anyone would be nostalgic for the tax system of a few months ago, but post-ObamaCare, here we are.

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Confidentiality agreements are common-place with Ponzi schemes as the promoters of such schemes attempt to conceal their criminal actions.

Related Scams

Dale St. Jean was listed as a board-member of Arcanum and Vestium, two investment funds ran by a complete scam-artist named Robert Buckhannon of Las Vegas, Nevada. Arcanum and Vestium recently filed for protection from investors by filing bankruptcy, however US~Observer claims that these funds are blatant Ponzi schemes remains unchallenged. It would appear to this writer that Mr. Dale lives in a world of fraud, surrounded by people without a conscience.

History on US~Observer Represented TransCap Clients

The family represented in this article sold their grain farm after the sudden passing of their senior husband and father. There was simply too much of a workload to carry on without the good man. Forced to forge a new beginning for themselves, it was necessary to also seek out investment opportunities. Unfortunately, they were soon drawn in by the cunning facade of Blair Carmichael as he touted and proclaimed the virtues of TransCap. With false representation of the absolute security and stability of TransCap, Carmichael convinced the people to entrust their hard earned savings to Dale St. Jean’s Ponzi scheme.

The extended family had made their initial investment in February 2006, with installments continuing for the next two years, for a total of 1.8 million dollars. When asked point blank if their principle could ever be lost, Carmichael reportedly stated, “absolutely not” and declared their money as being as safe as in the bank. The family was reportedly convinced to quit their jobs and solely rely upon the funds generated by TransCap.

Carmichael and Dale St. Jean fully exposed themselves for the immense cowards they are, when In December 2009, a member of the invested family’s young son had tragically been killed in a car accident. In tears, the bereaved father approached Carmichael and kindly requested him to obtain from St. Jean the much needed funeral funds. Carmichael reportedly stated the funeral home could wait to be paid. The family then laid their handsome young son to rest as they struggled to pay for the funeral. Soon afterwards, St. Jean claimed his young daughter was ill and required medical treatment in Florida. St. Jean then asked investors for their “understanding and patience.” St. Jean’s and Carmichael’s cold-hearted responses to the grieving family were deplorable, yet the “sick-daughter” excuse was exactly that, an excuse to further delay paying angry, damaged, investors in-need.

An article posted by the US Observer had alerted the family to St. Jean’s past history with Ponzi schemes, to which Carmichael downplayed when confronted with this information. Carmichael’s alleged lies and deception were quickly seen through when interest payments stopped and excuses flowed one after another. Carmichael then allegedly furthered his guilty appearance by proclaiming a strong disdain for the regulatory structure of the Alberta Securities Commission. Reportedly, in an angry, most chilling outburst, he insisted that investor’s funds no longer belonged to them!

This gang of Dale St. Jean, Gregory Tindall, and Blair Carmichael, apparently believe it to be their God given right to steal people’s hard earned money. Whether defrauding families

raising young children or taking from retired seniors, there appears to be no conscience or remorse felt or expressed. What was to be a stable financial future has now become anything other for the farm family. They’ve been forced to put their homes up for sale and make major cutbacks in every financial aspect possible.

St. Jean recently informed investors that he was turning TransCap over to a Trustee in Australia and has since informed investors that he has sold TransCap for \$1. The US~Observer cautions anyone who has invested with TransCap Corp; don’t send TransCap or any third parties another dime; immediately file complaints with the Alberta Securities Commission and above all else realize that Dale St. Jean and each person who helped him promote his Ponzi scheme are liable. These people have property purchased with “stolen” funds and they need to pay for their alleged crimes. Innocent investors need to be re-paid and the alleged con-men need to go to prison upon conviction.

Anyone with information about TransCap or any of TransCap’s agents are urged to contact Edward Snook at 541-474-7885. Pictures of Dale St. Jean and his agents should be sent to Edward Snook via email to ed@usobserver.com.

Edward Snook’s Note: If they have one ounce of integrity, the Canadian Securities Commission and the Canadian Justice Department will immediately go after all individuals who have promoted TransCap Corporation. They should locate and seize their property and return it to the investors who paid for it, after an expedited hearing on the matter. The US~Observer will be watching closely and provide updates to our readership as they occur.

A tremendous Canadian family, who worked for decades to build a dream, has had their estate taken from them by bad individuals who parade around as investment experts with “secure” investment opportunities. This is not okay and the Observer publicly informs these scam-artists that this issue is not going away until this family has every dime of their investment principle returned to them... Dale St. Jean and his crew can absolutely put this fact “in the bank.”

As we prepare to go to press with this edition, we received a “NOTICE AND DEMAND TO THIRD PARTY INTERVENERS” from Dale St. Jean, Greg Tindall, and Blair Cameron Carmichael. In the US~Observer’s highly qualified opinion, these three are complete lunatics, common criminals and obvious thieves. They claim, in their “common law style” paperwork that if Edward Snook doesn’t supply them with all kinds of non-existent information within ten days, they “may” commence an “Information on Behalf of Her Majesty the Queen in the Court of Queen’s Bench in Calgary, Alberta” for the following violations of Canadian Criminal Code: Extortion, Fraud, Intimidation, Willfully causing an event to occur, Mischief, Fabricating Evidence and Criminal Harassment. I actually started laughing out-loud when I read their documents as well as receiving more of an insight as to how they were able to get so many naive people to invest with them. To all the investors who still think they will get their money back – I feel really sorry for your desperate, yet blinded condition. You can’t spend excuses people! As for St. Jean & Company – Please file with the “Queen,” my readership will love the story...

Note from a family member: Our family’s loving father had often toiled until well into the middle of the late night and worked harder than anyone we had ever known. When I asked him why he had worked so intensely hard, he replied, “I do it for my family, so you can have a good future when I’m gone.” He was truly the most wonderful man and a much respected pillar within the community. So very hurtful is how Carmichael and Dale St. Jean have stolen and raped our deceased father and our family of all those years, of such tremendously hard work.

Chumash Casino



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When filling out college applications.

When donating blood.

When obtaining controlled prescription drugs.

When making some debit purchases, especially if I'm out of state.

When collecting a boarding pass for airline or train travel.

When proving I am of legal age to buy booze and cigarettes.

When voting at the polls.

When applying for Social Security, Medicare & Medicaid benefits.

When enlisting in the military.

When entering a military base.

When applying for food stamps.

When applying for disability or economic assistance.

When cashing a check.

When entering my place of work.

When applying for or renewing a passport.

I'm sure there are more instances but the point is, that we citizens of the USA are required to prove who we are nearly every day.

Why should people in this country illegally be exempt?

GO ARIZONA!!!

New Song Fellowship Youth Center

Transform, Equip and Impact!

Our Vision:

To assist each youth to be transformed as an individual; to grow and mature into a productive asset to this community.
To equip each youth with life skills that will build character in life; giving hope and direction with realized results.
To impact others with support and inspiration, so that they too, may begin this process.
These three things span a lifetime: not a singular moment in time, but an ongoing process in which we live, in order to find that place of ongoing existence, to promote what is good and right in this community.
The Big Picture: To purchase a property with a facility large enough to house this vision.

Phase 1:

To set up a 24/7 facility with cardio and strength training equipment. We are targeting ages 6 years old up to senior adults of any age. We want to impact our entire community with this vision, helping all ages to see and feel the positive results of good health and fitness. This phase has been in place for over four years.

Phase 2:

Expanding our options for health and fitness for all ages. In

addition to cardio and strength training, we have incorporated Cross Fit training, Boxing, under the U.S.A. Boxing association which allows kids, boys and girls, to train for the Olympics if they so choose, Wrestling, ground control, grappling, and Brazilian Jujitsu. We are also adding a "just woman's" self defense class as an option. We have certified trainers that are currently active in this gym.


Phase 3:

This phase incorporates in-house class atmosphere training for kids ages 6 to adult. To provide specific class training for specific and appropriate age groups. Classes include training from right thinking, attitudes, respect, self esteem, integrity, excellence and honor, to personal hygiene, proper dress code and communication skills for job acquisition, resume' preparation and accurate and proper information for business applications. We will provide hands-on classes and O.J.T. (on the job training) in area's like auto mechanics, landscaping, horticulture, agriculture, fitness training, cooking, ranching and river guide rafting, just to mention a few. Much more to come as our out-reach program develops.

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