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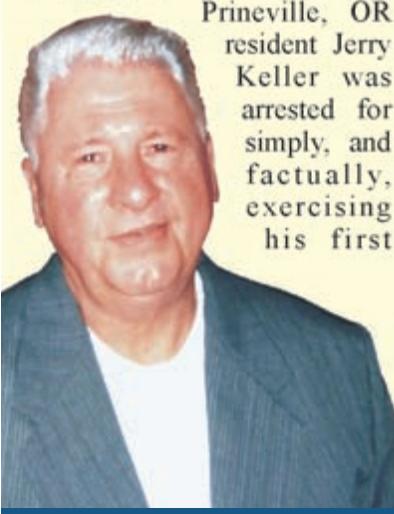
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CASE WATCH

State v. Keller Prineville, Oregon Man Escapes Criminal Charges

By Edward Snook
Investigative Journalist

CROOK COUNTY, OR - Taken from his home in handcuffs on April 8, 2010, Prineville, OR resident Jerry Keller was arrested for simply, and factually, exercising his first



amendment right to freedom of speech. Keller told Bureau of Land Management employee Benjamin Renfro that he didn't agree with his taxes being used to purchase an H-1 Hummer for Renfro to drive around town in (www.usobserver.com).

On July 19th 2010, almost a year and a half after interaction with Renfro, Jerry Keller finally had his day in court, however he was now facing a "crooked" judge and a malicious and vindictive prosecutor's office without a jury. That's right – no jury for Jerry Keller – this man was stripped of his absolute Constitutional right to a jury trial. The District Attorney simply dropped the

Jerry Keller

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"Excessive Force" BLM Ranger William Finch Accused of Molesting 11-yr. old

By Edward Snook
Investigative Journalist

The US~Observer received allegations of sex abuse against Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Ranger William Finch on June 10, 2011. The accusations came from Finch's former girlfriend and her, now, 15-year-old daughter.

The allegations against Finch arose from a time when the young girl was in the 5th grade and living in Yuma, Arizona. She was reportedly 11-years-old at the time. The US~Observer is withholding the names of both the mother and her daughter at this time due to the severity of the allegations and the fears of Ranger William Finch that both mother and daughter have shared with this writer.

The girl claims that on the first occasion of alleged sex abuse that Finch touched her breast. According to the mother, there were two additional occasions of more intrusive abuse that she didn't discover for quite some time, as the girl only confided in her Aunt, and she was, "petrified of Finch because he was a law enforcement officer."

"He has sexual weird ideas in his head"

After the mother told this writer that Finch has, "sexual weird ideas in his head," she continued saying, "and he shouldn't be in law enforcement."

The US~Observer confirmed that a police report was filed with the Yuma, Arizona Police Department on



BLM Ranger William (Bill) Finch 11-6-06, regarding BLM Ranger William Finch's alleged abuse of the girl and we have obtained a copy of that report. While the Yuma Police Dept. report lists the offense as "Alleged Sexual Abuse," it isn't conclusive and no charges were filed. However, this incident was serious enough that the girl's school called the police, who went to the home where they questioned everyone involved. The mother stated in the police report, "she and Finch had an agreement that he would not be left alone with the girl, no more spending

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KARMA: Being a Bad Neighbor Doesn't Pay

By Edward Snook
Investigative Journalist

The Woman Who Lives on the Wrong Side of the Tracks

VANCOUVER, WA - What would you do if you opened your front door to the police and learned that you were under arrest for crimes you didn't commit? What if your neighbors accused you of hit-and-run, stalking, trespass and assault... but none of it was true? What if the city you live in launched an all-out campaign to take away your property rights, your small business, and your freedom?

Last edition you heard the story of Kathy Marshack, the Vancouver, Washington woman who lives on the "wrong side of the tracks." Over the last seven years, Dr. Marshack has endured all kinds of harassment and violation of her civil rights, from assault and battery, to false arrest, to reported stalking and malicious defamation, all because her property rights caused a problem for her neighbors. The

Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, newspaper owner and even a Washington State Representative have been determined to take out Dr. Marshack because she stands in the way of waterfront property development - a major part of which is a Train Horn Noise QuietZone.

The following story is just a small part of the terrorizing that local neighbors launched against Dr. Marshack. Every step of the way the harassment was encouraged by Vancouver City officials and the Vancouver Police. But Dr. Marshack's neighbors didn't expect one woman to put up such a fight. **Dr. Marshack says, "When it comes to my family and my freedom, I won't quit."**

Roger Parsons is one of those neighbors who is apparently greatly frustrated that he

underestimated the power of this determined woman. Karma might explain it... or, perhaps the Golden Rule.



Dr. Kathy Marshack

Major Snag

When Roger Parsons learned in March 2010, that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) denied the Quiet Zone permit, he was apparently furious. How could one neighbor, with no political connections at all, have stopped his project? He

saw his six years of effort crumbling before his eyes. He and the Train Horn Noise Quiet Zone committee had partnered with the City of Vancouver to create an elaborate scheme of taxing residents along the tracks in order to pay for this boondoggle to benefit wealthy landowners with Columbia Riverfront homes. The City spent hundreds of thousands of

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Minns Wins! IRS vs. Stephen Squires



(US~Observer) - The "Lamestream" media published the indictment of Stephen Squires, inventor/genius CEO of Quantum Materials Corp. (QTMM) and its subsidiary, Solterra Renewable

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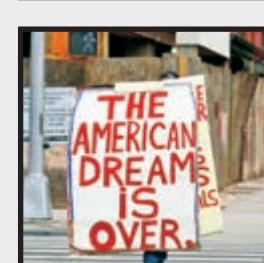
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Return of the King



By Ron Lee
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The King's Lands

King George III once believed that America was his land; the land of the crown of England, to be ruled over without the consent of the governed. His powers, even though partially limited by England's ruling-class parliament, were sweeping through the use of royal proclamations, much like today's Executive Orders (EO).

It was one such decree that created further animosity between

Unaccountable Insurance Companies - Inept Businesses

By Kelly Stone
US~Observer

Over the coming months the US~Observer is going to be exposing one of the most vile industries and rackets to exist today - **Insurance**. While it is important to note that this industry was born out of need, and some companies do act responsibly, the simple fact that it is mandated under law has allowed this industry to prey on the very public who subscribe to their policies. In many cases, insurance companies refuse to pay-out claims filed in good faith and under the terms of their agreement. These insurance companies hire individuals

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the colonists and the crown and is said to have contributed to the rising conflict that would later flare into the Revolutionary War - The Royal Proclamation of 1763. In effect, the king sought to manage the expansion of the colonists as well as control the headwaters of all rivers that flowed into the Atlantic by forming a line along the Appalachian Mountains. It was a line the colonists were forbidden to move beyond.

"Colonial officials could not grant lands without royal approval, and the proclamation gave the crown a monopoly on all future land purchases from American Indians." --Wikipedia.

Needless to say, it didn't work-out all that well for King George, and I am perplexed as to why the same tactics are being put up with today under the guise of national monuments.

A national monument in the United States is land confiscated by the stroke of a Presidential pen under the Antiquities Act of 1906 by an Executive Order asserting that certain lands are now protected under federal law and jurisdiction. In essence, if the king decrees it such, it is to be.

If there is land owned by citizens within the borders of a national monument it does not become part of the monument until which time the federal government acquires title. However, restrictions on land use will be imposed as to not affect the monument. The land owner is essentially land-locked and forced to ultimately transfer title to the government.

All water rights within national monuments fall to the federal government. How interesting that the currently proposed Siskiyou Crest National Monument completely confiscates



King George

the headwaters of the Rogue and Applegate rivers - all of this of course is done under the guise of protection.

But, who protects the people's interests and the rights that we inherently have when the Constitution - the instrument that mandates the government not trample these rights - is utterly ignored by the whim of whatever president is in power?

The usurpation of land for use determined by a government and not by the people becomes, in essence, the king's land. And with a reported 136 million acres in 71 National Monuments located in 26 states, there is a lot of land owned by the crown.

The Power of the King

The taking of land wouldn't be possible without the power of the Executive Order, an instrument that has been utilized since 1789 to typically keep management in the executive branch and its agencies functioning. This could include something as small as extending one's service beyond retirement age (something that if you look into the records happened quite often). But, the power of the Executive Order has grown, and is almost limitless, especially in times of crisis. The only challenge comes from Congress or by the courts, and this hasn't happened as often as one might think, and definitely not often enough to curtail the ever-expanding power of the orders.

According to a Phyllis Schlafly Report titled, *Power Grab Through Executive Orders*:

The term Executive Order does not appear in the Constitution. The Executive Order authority derives from the President's Article

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Technologies, Inc. - now one of America's great hopes in the Solar Power Race (that we are currently losing). They reported that Squires had a duty to pay taxes on stock he didn't fully control and didn't sell and couldn't borrow against. In essence, they regurgitated what the government told them to run.

The IRS did in fact indict Squires for not paying taxes on stocks in 2003 (even though he didn't get any money that year for the stock in question) and for not filing in 2004.

Over several years, and a few big law firms later - who all charged him hefty fees - everyone told Squires to bend over and take a deal. That is until he hired the most winning IRS lawyer in the country and US~Observer contributor, Michael Minns, who took Squires' case in front of a jury and won.

American Small Cap Stock companies could compete with Europe, China and the Mideast if the IRS didn't seek to punish them at will. What effect would it have on the shareholders of start-ups in this country, and the economy as a whole, if stock owners weren't subjected to these radical attacks by the IRS?

Fortunately, for Stephen Squires, the IRS has been put in its place and he and his companies can get to work helping grow our ailing economy with new technologies.

And the Press, the so called mainstream media, who were quick to report the indictment; they have ignored the details and the victory... but this paper won't.

Next Month: Read about this amazing and critically important victory which protects our rights to get involved with the small business opportunities that grow America; that our politicians seemingly ignore.

Many of the exclusive details will be revealed publicly for the first time... Stay tuned.

A LITTLE ABOUT SQUIRES' COMPANIES:

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MATERIALS CORP.

US Ticker: QTMM

Quantum Materials Corporation (OTC Bulletin Board: QTMM - News) and the Access2Flow Consortium of the Netherlands today announce that continuous production of Tetrapod Quantum Dots has been achieved using its proprietary micro reactor technology. Processes for producing quantum dots and tetrapod-shaped quantum dots of various sizes delivers on the promise of this technology to tailor-make material at commercial quantities for a variety of emerging applications such as Solterra

Renewable Technologies' solar panels, displays, lighting, and medical diagnostics.

Quantum dots have been widely recognized for their potential in next generation display technologies, solar cells, LED's, OLED's, computer memory, printed electronics and a vast array of security, medical and energy storage applications. According to research group BCC Research, the 2010 global market for quantum dots was estimated \$67 million in revenues, and is projected to grow quickly over the next 5 years at greater than 50% per year reaching almost \$670 million by 2015.

Solterra Renewable Technologies, Inc. will produce high volume hybrid solar cells using revolutionary low cost Quantum Dot synthesis technology and a proprietary conjugated polymer technology that delivers unmatched efficiency and production economy.

Solterra's process does NOT require costly silicon or slow, cumbersome vacuum processing or sputtering methods, thereby creating a new paradigm in the industry. ***



Stephen Squires



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 Civil War to unite private citizens in improving the economic and social position of the nation's farm population. Over the past 137 years, it has evolved to include non-farm rural families and communities.

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

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

Resolution:

Subject: House Joint Resolutions 2, 15 and 42, Amendments to the United States Constitution

Whereas: H.J. Resolutions 2 and 15 are amendments to the U.S. Constitution which would allow persons who are not natural born citizens of the United States, but have been citizens of the United States for at least 20

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years, to be eligible to hold office of President. H.J. Resolution 42 specifies 35 years as a requirement.

Whereas: These House Joint Resolutions, if passed by the United States Congress, would delete the wording, "No person except a natural born citizen, or a citizen of the United States at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President." (Article II, Section 1-5). The new amendment wording is, "A person who has been a citizen of the United States for at least 20 or 35 years shall be eligible to hold the office of president."

Whereas: The United States Constitution, was adopted by the original states and has served the nation for 215 years, with very few amendments. With over 200+ million people born in the United States who are eligible to become a United States president, these proposed amendments have no merit.

Therefore be it resolved: That the Oregon State Grange requests that the United States Congress oppose the adoption of House Joint Resolutions 2, 15, and 42, which would amend the United States Constitution, Article II, Section 1-5, which would do away with the wording, "No person except a natural-born citizen" can become president of these United States of America.

This resolution was adopted by the Oregon State Grange at its Annual Session held at Reedsport, Oregon, week of June 20-24, 2005.

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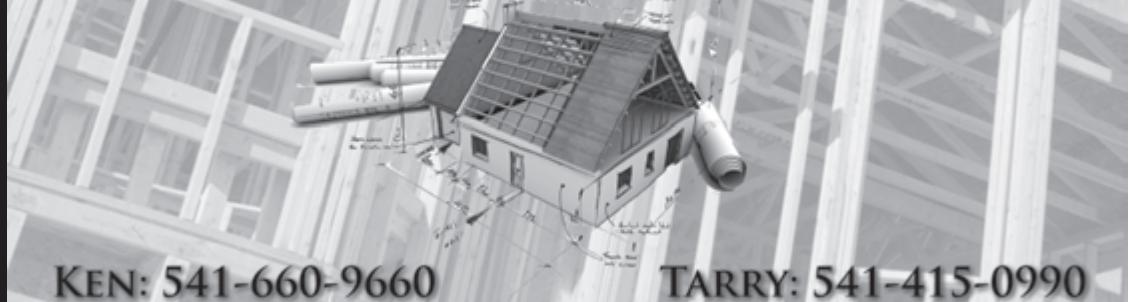
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In many ways, President Obama and his allies in Congress believe they know better than you do what is in your own best interest, but when it comes to policing the American diet, the Obama Administration takes the cake (quite literally). In an obscure provision of the 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act, Congress ordered federal agencies to come up with a proposal for improving children's diets and stemming the tide of childhood obesity. In pertinent part, Congress called for an Obama Administration working group "to conduct a study and develop recommendations for standards for the marketing of foods when such marketing targets children who are 17 years old or younger or when such food represents a significant component of the diets of children." In short, Congress with the full support of the President, ordered federal agencies to propose to Congress a regulatory means for altering the American diet.

Regulators at the Federal Trade Commission, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration, and the United States Department of Agriculture convened an Interagency Working Group on Food Marketed to Children. They recently proposed measures that would deny consumers the freedom to access fattening foods and would deny producers of those foods the freedom to advertise their gustatory benefits. They invite the industry to adopt the measures voluntarily before the IWG makes its formal recommendations to Congress.

Typical of this Administration,

the recommendations are not that parents be given more information to make their own decisions concerning how best to regulate their children's diets, instead the regulators favor measures that would restrict the kinds of foods that could be sold to children, the quantities of nutrients in foods that could be sold to children, and the advertising of products to children.

All too typical of the Obama Administration and its allies in



Congress, the recommendations depend on removing sovereignty from the individual and placing it in government. Not one word appears in the proposal stating a single concern that the measures, whether implemented through agency coercion or Congressional legislation, might deprive Americans of freedom of choice. Not one word appears questioning the authority of the government to violate individual rights to liberty, speech, and property in pursuit of a public objective. Not one word appears revealing whether some in the population of children would suffer caloric deprivation or be unduly restricted in accessing needed foods by the recommendations. Instead, the IWG proposal leaps from a presumption of a universal problem to a conclusion that government needs to coerce private companies to abide by a new food code for children.

In the words of the IWG, its proposed recommendations are "designed to encourage children, through advertising and marketing,

to choose foods that make a meaningful contribution to a healthful diet" and to "minimize consumption of foods with significant amounts of nutrients that could have a negative impact on health or weight—specifically sodium, saturated fat, trans fat, and added sugars." The IWG pressures food manufacturers to comply with its recommendations by 2016, urging them not to market to children any food containing more than 1 gram of saturated fat per Reference

Amount Customarily Consumed (RACC), any food containing trans fats, any food containing more than 13 grams of added sugars per RACC, and any food containing more than 210 mg of sodium per serving. Most commonly sold pizzas, Italian foods, ice cream, sugarized beverages, chocolates, cakes, and pastries would be off limits for kids under this schema.

The IWG recommendations include an enormous fault, even by other federal regulators own reckoning. As the FTC has touted for years, weight is a factor of two functions, caloric consumption and caloric expenditure. Consequently, if I choose to run five miles a day, my caloric expenditure will permit ingestion of far more calories than if I were totally sedentary. Therefore, the notion that restricting foods to kids will solve the food problem is a reckless, even unscientific, one. A boy on the wrestling, football, soccer, swimming, basketball, or track team can surely handle far more calories than the typical lad who chooses not to be athletic. In short, imposition of a coercive ban on foods is arbitrary and capricious because the caloric needs of any two individuals are not the same. Moreover, diet is a complex itself. If I choose to consume a bowl of ice cream for breakfast, nothing for lunch, a bowl of carrots for dinner that is likely to result in less weight gain than if I consume a bowl of ice cream for each meal, all other

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the night at the residence and that Finch would not come back to the house until the girl was comfortable enough to talk to him."

The girl did tell this reporter that there was another occasion where she woke up to find that Finch "had his hand down there and was doing stuff down there." We have also confirmed that the young and damaged girl has received counseling in an effort to deal with, "having nightmares."

At this juncture, the mother and daughter are attempting to deal with their fears and concerns about their identities and issues going public. We realize this must be traumatic for them; however, the alternative of keeping this problem concealed is a very dangerous recipe for disaster...

injury on this young family and at the same time attempting to create the impression that justice was being served by their vile actions."

According to Chanler, "the Easley's only chance for justice was in the hands of six brain washed, constitutionally challenged twits, who had little or no knowledge of their rights and duties as jurors. Even worse was the probability that these six minds of mush were going to follow Judge Mejia's tainted jury instructions."

Chanler continued, "As someone that has hundreds of hours in the court rooms of America, I can tell you that everything a judge does from the rolling of his eyes, to body language and attitude, influences jurors."

"I watched in disbelief as Judge Mejia displayed an obvious contempt for both the Easley's and the Easley's attorneys. Repeatedly Judge Mejia was abrupt and curt with both defense attorneys.

"It was more than clear that Judge Mejia was working to prejudice the jury. At the same time Ruby Herriott, the prosecutor for the state, was questioning the state's witness Terri Lee Drew; she was also attempting to admit pictures into evidence that had not been authenticated.

Ranger Finch

"Judge Mejia knew the admission of the unauthenticated pictures into evidence could only enhance the predatory interest of the prosecutor. He had to know that without a timeline being established to when they were taken, they would create the misguided illusion to the jury that Easley's defense witnesses were lying about crucial facts of the case.

"Defense attorney Herbert knew this and objected. Judge Mejia told Ms. Herbert 'it is not required and as to your objections, overruled.' Ms. Hubert told Judge Mejia that the pictures were taken by the state's witness Terri Lee Drew's girlfriend and the pictures had not been authenticated and Mr. Drew's girlfriend was not in court for defense to have the ability to cross examine her about the pictures.

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In The News

WHAT THE?! SPOTLIGHT

Eugene, OR, City Council members call Pledge of Allegiance 'divisive'

By Thoughts From A Conservative Mom

Oregon once again makes the national news for losing its collective mind.

Fox News reports:

An Oregon town's City Council voted down a proposal to say the Pledge of Allegiance before every council meeting, but later passed a compromise that seemed to make no one happy.

The approved measure allows the pledge to be recited at just four Eugene City Council meetings a year; those closest to the Fourth of July, Veterans Day, Memorial Day and Flag Day.

It was supposed to be simple, but Councilman Mike Clark soon found out when you're dealing with God and country, nothing in Eugene is easy.

Clark says all he wanted to do was unite the council and show his more conservative constituents that in this city where diversity is celebrated, their more traditional values also are important.

"It's a little ironic to see those who have championed the idea of tolerance be less tolerant on this

the only thing that's allowed OUT of the closet is whatever sexual perversion you happen to espouse.

Another pledge opponent, Councilwoman Betty Taylor compared saying the Pledge of Allegiance to reading from "The Communist Manifesto."

--Just try expressing dissent from party loyalty (not just national loyalty) in a Communist country like China, Betty. You'll find yourself situated with a new apartment in the gulag in no time.

In Eugene, the opposition was less about religion than anti-establishment.

Resident Anita Sullivan summed up a common viewpoint: "So you say I pledge allegiance and right there I don't care for that language," Sullivan says. "It sort of means loyalty to your country; well, I feel loyalty to the entire world."

--Citizens of "the world", are we? Well, feel free to relocate to Venezuela or Iran or North Korea or any other nation that you feel better deserves your "loyalty" than the United States, Anita. I'll even help you pack your bags.



question," Clark Said. Mayor Kitty Piercy called the Pledge of Allegiance divisive. "If there's one thing the flag stands for," Piercy says, "it's that people don't have to be compelled to say the Pledge of Allegiance or anything else."

Under Clark's proposal, saying the pledge would be voluntary not only for the public at the meetings, but the council members themselves.

Councilman George Brown voted against the compromise, saying the Pledge of Allegiance had no place at City Hall. "People can say it in their front yard or backyard," Brown says. "It really doesn't help move the city business forward. It does not unite us."

--First they wanted religion in the closet. Now they want you to closet your patriotism, as well. Apparently

US~Observer's Note: Even though more than a month has passed since this boondoggle of a council made this asinine compromise to say the Pledge of Allegiance 4 times a year, it is worthy of a place in our WHAT THE?! Spotlight.

When it came time to say the Pledge for the first time one of the council members, George Brown, refrained from partaking. He is the same council member that stated, "People can say it in public if they want, on their front yard or their backyard. It's, it, really doesn't help move the city's business forward. It does not unite us."

Perhaps Mr. Brown should get out of the American process if he doesn't want to stand up for it. Or, better yet, take the Conservative Mom's advice and just move.

First Openly Gay Federal Judge, Confirmed By Senate

By Alana Horowitz
The Huffington Post

The Senate confirmed the first openly gay U.S. federal judge on Monday. Paul Oetken, a New York City resident, was a former lawyer for the Clinton administration and most recently worked for Cablevision.

Oetken will serve on United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Oetken was confirmed by a vote of 80-13, with even some of the most conservative members of the Senate voting in the affirmative.

Chuck Schumer, the senior Senator from New York, first recommended Oetken for the seat. President Obama officially nominated him in January.

"Sen just confirmed my rec for fed bench- Paul Oetken, 1st openly gay man to ever be confirmed- living proof that #itgetsbetter", Schumer tweeted.

Although the vote is a historic moment for gay rights, as the Washington Post's Dana Milbank pointed out, "it was utterly unremarkable."

From Milbank's blog:

"The matter under consideration -- the nomination of the first openly gay man to serve on the federal bench -- would at one time have been a flashpoint in the culture wars. But Paul Oetken was confirmed without a word of objection on the Senate floor and with hardly a mention in the commentariat."

US~Observer's Note: Sounds like it's going to be a "gay old time" in the courts. "Two snaps, your honor, I object!" Welcome to the Spotlight! ***

More Mexicans fleeing the drug war seek U.S. asylum

By Patricia Giovine

EL PASO, Texas (Reuters) - Mexican journalist Armando Rodriguez, renowned for his coverage of gangland slayings in his hometown of Ciudad Juarez, lay dead in a casket, shot by suspected cartel hitmen.

As his colleague Jorge Luis Aguirre drove to the funeral home in the dismal border city to pay his last respects, his cell phone rang. The husky voice delivered a chilling warning: "You're next."

"I left Ciudad Juarez in panic the same day," said Aguirre, the editor of news website "La Polaka."

The newsman joined a growing number of Mexicans fleeing raging drug cartel violence in and around Ciudad Juarez to begin a long-shot bid for political asylum next door in the United States.

More than 9,300 people have been gunned down, mutilated and beheaded in the grim industrial powerhouse south of El Paso, Texas, since early 2008 when the rival Juarez and Sinaloa cartels began an all-out war for rich trafficking routes.

That conflict has unleashed further violence as local gangs battle over street corner drug rackets, and turn to kidnapping and extortion. The Mexican military and federal police sent to curb the mayhem are also blamed by many residents for killings and other abuses.

Amid the violence, asylum requests from Mexico reached a record 5,551 last year, according to U.S. government figures, more than a third up on 2006 when President Felipe Calderon took office and sent the military to crush the cartels. Just 165 asylum requests were granted in 2010.

Among the wave of panic-stricken asylum seekers are the muckraking journalists who chronicle brutal gang warfare in Ciudad Juarez and Mexico's northern Chihuahua state, the police officers tasked with curbing the violence, and the rights campaigners clamoring for justice.

NEW APPLICANTS DAILY

If they have a U.S. visa or border crossing cards, some Mexican asylum seekers lodge their pleas within the United States. Others arrive, sometimes distraught, at border crossings and request asylum from U.S. customs inspectors.

U.S. authorities do not provide data on the basis for the claims, or the states in which they are made. But so great is the influx in El Paso that immigration attorneys and rights groups have formed a coalition to support applicants during the often lengthy and uncertain asylum process.

Before 2008, just five percent of the cases handled by leading El Paso immigration lawyer Carlos Spector were asylum petitions. Now asylum seekers make up about 50 percent of his workload. "We have new applicants on a daily basis," he says.

Among those seeking refuge stateside is Marisol Valles, a criminology student once dubbed the "bravest woman in Mexico" after she volunteered to become police chief of Praxedis G. Guerrero, near Ciudad Juarez, after her predecessor was tortured by drug cartels and then beheaded.



Armando Rodriguez

But after only five months on the job Valles fled with her family to Texas in March after she received telephone death threats, apparently from a drug gang.

Then, on Easter Sunday the following month, Ciudad Juarez rights activist Saul Reyes and 10 relatives arrived in El Paso, fleeing violence that has claimed six members of their family in the past two years.

Activist Josefina Reyes was kidnapped and murdered in January 2010, shortly after accusing the military of involvement in her son's murder. One of her brothers was killed seven months later, and then, earlier this year, another sister, a brother and his wife were snatched by gunmen. Their bodies were found by a cousin, dumped on a roadside in the Juarez Valley.

"We knew that leaving Mexico was the only way that what remains of my family could survive," Saul Reyes, Josefina's brother, told Reuters.

SLENDER CHANCE OF SUCCESS

To gain asylum status, refugees have to prove a "well-founded fear" of persecution on the basis of race, religion, nationality or as a member of a specific social group or political opinion -- and for many fleeing Mexico, it's a long shot.

Claims are frequently based on a general fear of drug cartel violence or rampant crime in the petitioner's hometown, or fear of retaliation for informing on the gangs, and fail to meet the strict criteria for asylum, officials say.

"These kinds of claims often do not qualify ... because the harm faced by the applicant is not on account of a protected ground," said Chris Rhatigan, a spokeswoman for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

However, asylum has been granted in some key cases. Last year, Aguirre became the first journalist granted political asylum stateside since violence exploded in Ciudad Juarez three years ago. He blamed the persecution he suffered on politicians from the previous administration in Chihuahua state.

Then in June, Cipriana Jurado, a rights activist in Chihuahua state, became the first Mexican claiming persecution by the country's military to win asylum, Spector, her lawyer, said.

Many asylum seekers, though, have their lives thrown into limbo as they wait, sometimes for years, for their case to be adjudicated.

Among them is Emilio Gutierrez, a journalist from Ascension, in Chihuahua, who reported on abuses allegedly committed by the Mexican military and fled with his teenage son in 2008 after being warned soldiers were coming to kill him.

He was detained by U.S. immigration authorities for several months, and since his release has supported himself by selling burritos and doing yard work while he waits for a hearing on his case next year.

"These criminals made me leave my town, my house, and everything I knew," he said, weighing the frustration of exile against the stark danger of return.

"But at least, I am alive."

Federal Judge Upholds Prayer in California City Meetings

By Dave Bohon

(thenewamerican.com) - A federal judge ruled July 11 that a community in Los Angeles County can include prayer in its city government meetings. U.S. District Judge Dale Fischer issued a decision in favor of the City of Lancaster, which in 2009 had approved a policy allowing prayers of all faiths to be included in the openings of the city meetings. The policy was later approved by voters in a community referendum. Fischer's ruling came in response to a law suit filed by the widow Irv Rubin, the late controversial chairman of the Jewish Defense League, and a Lancaster resident who protested that the policy violated the Constitution's supposed separation of church and state.

The duo was assisted in the case by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), which in 2009 "sent a letter to city officials stating that the group had received 'a number of complaints' about Lancaster's practice of opening meetings with invocations given in 'the name of Jesus' or containing other explicitly sectarian religious references," reported the Los Angeles Times. "The civil liberties group deemed the policy divisive and unconstitutional, and threatened legal action if Lancaster didn't quit the practice."

According to the Times, the community, "which is home to Muslims, Jews, Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists and Christians of various denominations, responded by putting the policy to a vote of residents during the April 2010 municipal election. The measure passed more than 3 to 1, according to statistics provided by the city."

But Peter Eliasberg, managing attorney for the ACLU's Southern California franchise, argued that in "a constitutional democracy such as the United States of America, some basic rights are protected by the Constitution and cannot be determined by a vote. For example, a majority of voters could not outlaw Republican political rallies, or ban the construction of

mosques, temples or churches within city limits."

Lancaster's prayer policy allows for city officials to randomly select clergy or officials from various faiths to pray at council meetings without being restricted as to the content of their invocations.

In her ruling, Fischer wrote that the plaintiffs had "failed to establish that the policy has been used for an improper purpose or is otherwise unconstitutional." She noted that the city's policy neither promotes nor discriminates against specific faiths.

Lancaster Mayor Rex Parris (photo above) applauded the ruling, saying that his community took "immense pride in winning this case and defending the fundamental right to pray, not only for our citizens, but indeed for all people across this nation."

According to the Los Angeles Daily News, "Parris said that a metaphysicist, a Sikh and a Muslim have been among faith leaders who have given the invocation before council meetings in the High Desert city. 'There never was any exclusion,' Parris said, 'and we never intended there to be any.'"

Roger Jon Diamond, the attorney assisting the plaintiffs in the case, said he would appeal the ruling, beginning with the 9th District Court of Appeal and reaching to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary. "These kind of challenges are not anti-religion or anti-prayer," said Diamond. "The issue is, where do you pray? It's unhealthy to put religion in government."

Mayor Parris, who is also an attorney, argued that banning prayer from public forums like the Lancaster city meetings would violate the Constitution's First Amendment's free speech guarantee. He agreed that it may take a higher court to bring resolution to the conflict. "This is an issue of national significance that vexes the religious community and has been for years," the mayor said. "Maybe this requires the Supreme Court to make a decision."

Billions of US aid money to Afghanistan untraced due to mismanagement: US

By Jim Kouri

(Examiner) - Afghan President Hamid Karzai is blocking efforts by U.S. officials to locate billions of dollars given to aid Afghanistan's economy, stymieing efforts to combat money laundering of drug money, corruption and funding terrorists.

Karzai is prohibiting U.S. Treasury agents from accessing the Afghan government's central bank by allowing and even contributing to "hostile working conditions" for advisers there, according to a new report by the U.S. Inspector General's Office for Afghanistan Reconstruction.

"The United States has poured billions of aid dollars into a country plagued by corruption, insurgency and the narcotics trade," Inspector General Herbert Richardson told reporters.

Afghanistan must become a "full partner" fighting corruption, he told U.S. news media such as Fox News' national security correspondent Catherine Herridge

Two months ago, the Law Enforcement Examiner reported on what had been characterized as the largest theft of funds in U.S. history, taxpayers' money earmarked for Iraq had disappeared, according to a Washington, D.C., public-interest group that investigates and prosecutes government corruption and abuse.

In a mind-boggling example of government corruption, billions of dollars flown to Iraq for post-invasion "reconstruction" have vanished and may never be recovered, say officials from Judicial Watch.



Afghan President Hamid Karzai

Bundled in chunks of \$100 bills, the cash was sent from the United States to Iraq in turboprop military cargo planes known as C-130 Hercules. About \$2.4 billion fit in each aircraft and 21 flights made trips, transporting a total of \$12 billion in American currency to Iraq by 2004.

For years federal audits have determined that

more than half of that money could not be located by auditors, but there seemed to be some hope that some of the funds could be retrieved.

However, this week the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, Stuart Bowen, essentially confirmed that \$6.6 billion in cash was likely stolen and may never be recovered.

Bowen referred to it as "the largest theft of funds in national history," in a Los Angeles Times newspaper report that pointed out the missing money is enough to run a major public school district for an entire year.

The L.A. Times story also claims that the mystery is a growing embarrassment to the

Pentagon, which has long asserted that it could track the cash if given the time to do it.

This is simply the latest of many reports documenting the pervasive fraud and waste in Iraq reconstruction efforts, which have received more than \$100 billion from U.S. taxpayers.

In the last few years Inspector General audits

have exposed the sordid details of costly projects that never got completed or are ripe with excessive delays and shoddy work.

There are also investigations into bribery and embezzlement cases such as the one reported by the Law Enforcement Examiner in which Major Derrick L. Shoemake, 49, pleaded guilty in June before U.S. District Court Judge Dolly M. Gee in the Central District of California to two counts of accepting bribes while serving overseas.

According to the court document, Major Shoemake served at Camp Arifjan in Kuwait as a contracting officer's representative in charge of coordinating and accepting delivery of bottled water in support of U.S. troops in Iraq.

While serving in Kuwait, Shoemake agreed to assist a contractor with his delivery of bottled water. In return, the contractor paid Shoemake \$215,000, most of which was delivered to Shoemake's designee in Los Angeles.

Major Shoemake received an additional \$35,000 from a second contractor for his perceived influence over the award of bottled water contracts in Afghanistan. In total, Shoemake admitted receiving approximately \$250,000 from these two government contractors in 2005 and 2006.



By Nathan Wente
Defense Lawyer

"Where the people fear the government you have tyranny. Where the government fears the people you have liberty."

--John Basil Barnhill (1914).

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

I am honored and pleased that I am being included in the US~Observer. My goal will be to keep these columns as short as possible as I know you've many demands upon your time. However, please keep in mind that there are some things that just cannot be said or understood without some development. I believe this is an important cause and well worth your time.

I did not anticipate this being the topic of my first piece but with the generally negative widespread reaction to the Casey Anthony verdict I felt this would be an appropriate time to address this issue.



COUNT 1: FIRST DEGREE MURDER
VERDICT NOT GUILTY

5th & 14th Amendments

We are all familiar with the phrases "beyond a reasonable doubt" and "innocent until proven guilty." These are the rights given to all individuals who find themselves, whether rightfully or wrongfully, being charged with a crime. These rights come from the 5th & 14th amendments wherein it states no person shall, "...be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." This is commonly referred to as "The Due Process Clause."

"Due Process" does NOT have a specific definition but for all intents and purposes it equates to fairness. Put another way, if our Government (whether State or Federal) is going to deprive a citizen of their life, liberty, or property then that deprivation, and the procedures used for effectuating the deprivation, must be fair.

In a criminal case, where a citizen's right to life and/or liberty are clearly at stake, "Due Process" requires several things;

First, all persons are "innocent until proven guilty." This right is in place to eliminate any tendency by jurors to use the fact that a person has been CHARGED with a crime as evidence

that the person in fact COMMITTED the crime. This right is critically important to "Due Process." Accepting the Government's mere accusation of a crime as substantive evidence that a person committed the crime is akin to eliminating the important right of trial by jury (to be discussed in a later email).

Here is a brief example to illustrate my point: During jury selection a juror was asked about his ability to follow the "innocent until proven guilty" instruction. He replied, "I'd have a hard time following that instruction because the defendant is obviously sitting here because he's done something."

At my first opportunity I addressed this juror. The juror agreed that trial by jury was fundamental and important in achieving justice as it, among other things, provides an opportunity for those who are not guilty to be set free. However, the juror had no reply when I pointed out to him that if trials may serve to set not-guilty people free then this defendant, in fact, may be sitting here for "nothing" because the defendant may very well be not guilty and he needs this jury to set him free.

We should not give up our right to trial by jury. Accepting the Government's accusation of a crime as substantive evidence the person committed a crime is, to some extent, doing just that. The jury, after reviewing all of the evidence, ultimately makes the decision whether someone violated the law - not the Government.

Second, it requires that it be the Government's burden to prove their allegation (a.k.a. burden of proof). If the Government is going to accuse a citizen of the commission of a crime we require the Government to bring forth evidence to support their accusation. This is a fundamental legal concept - where one party is asserting a fact (i.e. commission of a crime) the burden falls upon the party making the assertion to prove it. The alternative would be for the party accused to prove a negative (i.e. defendant did not commit a crime). I cannot begin to imagine the absurdity created if "accusers" could throw out accusations and it was up to the "defenders" to prove the falsity of the accusation. In my opinion it would be foolish and certainly would not comport with "Due Process."

Thus, Government is making the accusation - Government bears the burden to prove it.

Third, the standard of proof the Government is required to achieve is labeled "beyond a reasonable doubt." The standard of proof relates to the strength of the evidence tending to prove the truth of the accusation. If, after the presentation of all of the government's evidence, the jury is left with reasonable doubt regarding the truth of the accusation it is their

DUTY to return a not guilty verdict. If the government, while presenting their evidence, raises questions of doubt in the mind of the jurors it is the jury's DUTY to return a not guilty verdict.

Our criminal justice system creates, and rightfully so, an uphill battle for the government to establish its criminal case. We are all familiar with the expression, "better that ten guilty persons escape than that one innocent suffer." I have a deep appreciation of this ideology and by and large our society, at least outwardly, subscribes to it. However, too few have probed that ideology a little deeper and have failed to appreciate its corollary. The corollary is that with this ideology we have a system wherein guilty people SHOULD go free. In fact, were we to take the ideology on its face, the cost of freeing one innocent that becomes entangled in our "criminal justice" is that ten guilty MUST go free. This perspective may be a little harder for people to swallow but is equally as important for them to understand and appreciate.

In the wake of high profile and exceptionally tragic crimes, such as the trial regarding Casey Anthony, it is important to remember our rights and why we have them. The circumstances of the case are tragic and terrible but we should all be encouraged that the jury, even in the face of such a terrible and

compelling crime, did their duty and voted not guilty when they believed there was reasonable doubt. To return a guilty verdict, while having doubts, would undermine the integrity of the jury system. I would encourage everyone, in this case and ALL others, to support the jury's decision as they did what none of us were asked to do; vote for the Constitution even though their doing so would bring them scorn, ridicule, and unpopularity.

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Wente's primary motivation in switching from the role of a prosecutor to a defense attorney was, generally speaking, his disgust with Government operations and their refusal to respect civil rights. In short, it was Wente's impression that Government's primary goal was to make arrests and get convictions, whatever the cost. According to Wente, achieving justice was simply an outdated ideal that may be worthy of lip service should the right circumstances arise.

Liberty and Justice for All The Verdict is in ...



Only 25% of American students passed their geography test

By Liz Goodwin
The Lookout

The National Assessment of Education Progress announced that only about a quarter of American schoolchildren scored "proficient" or above on a 2010 geography test.

Some of the questions:

4th grade:

Which of the following is most likely to be located in a major city rather than in a small town?

- An international airport
- A movie theater
- A public library
- A playground

8th grade:

Which of the following is most likely to lead to a sense of cultural unity among people?

- A diverse landscape
- A common language
- Urban migration
- Economic development

12th grade:

Worldwide, the greatest number of people who emigrate from one country to another today do so because they...

- believe that moving will help them economically.
- believe that moving will give them greater religious freedom
- like the climate better in their new country
- have been expelled from their native countries

Fourth graders made modest gains on the test compared to the last time it was given in 2001, but 12th graders slid backward, with only 20 percent scoring proficient this time around.

Daniel Edelson, vice president for education with the National Geographic Society, said in an interview with the Education Writers Association that he was "disappointed" with the results, but not surprised. "We're just not doing a good job educating people with geography," he said, lamenting that it is the lone core subject for which the Department of Education does not have a dedicated program.

"Geography has in fact been left behind," he said. ***

The Unconstitutional EPA Must Be Abolished

By Devvy Kidd
US~Observer Exclusive

Back on January 21, 2005, I wrote in a column:

"The Environmental Protection Agency must be abolished because it is destroying the rights of Americans, it's another monumental waste of money and America doesn't need it. Like the unconstitutional federal Department of Education which employs almost 4,500 people and will suck up a colossal \$63.3 billion dollars for 2005, the EPA with its 18,000 employees, will gobble up \$7.76 billion dollars this year."

"Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution does not authorize Congress to legislate in the area of the environment, therefore, it is unconstitutional. All 50 states of the Union have their own version of the EPA as authorized under the 10th Amendment. There is no need for a federal agency. The states of the Union can handle their own environmental needs as authorized by their legislatures."

"At the Earth Summit in Rio De Janeiro, June 3-14, 1992, the Secretariat for World Order distributed a nonpublic document titled, "The Initiative for Eco-92 Earth's Charter." It reads, in part, under policies that must be implemented as follows:

The Security Council of the U.N. will inform all nations that outmoded notions of national sovereignty will be discarded and that the Security Council has complete legal, military and economic jurisdiction in any region of the world... The Security Council of the U.N. will take possession of all natural resources, including the watersheds and great forests, to be used and preserved for the good of the Major Nations of the Security Council.

"In the late Dixie Lee Ray's book, "Environmental Overkill", one gets a full accounting of what really went on with Al Gore and his loony friends at the Rio Summit. On page 10 of her book, it states:

The objective, clearly enunciated by the leaders of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), is to bring about a change in the present system of independent nations. The future is to be world government, with central planning by the UN. Fear of environmental crises, whether real or not, is expected to lead to compliance. If force is needed, it will be provided by a UN green-helmeted police force, already authorized by the Security Council.

"The EPA is the flagship in America to carry out this environmental terrorism against our people. Among the most destructive of its tentacles is the Endangered Species Act. One of the most horrific of that grotesque act is what happened in Klamath Falls in 2001, when the government shut off life-giving water to the farmers, driving them into bankruptcy. On Jan. 12, 2005, a federal judge ruled that the salmon listing which caused our ranchers and farmers to go under was illegally listed!"

In the ensuing years, the EPA has become more destructive than a cat five hurricane. My last column in the US~Observer dealt with drilling in ANWR up in Alaska. As long-time activist and consummate researcher, Tom DeWeese, recently pointed out in a column, *Nimbys, Bananas* and Greens*, it's not just about drilling:

However, the nation's energy problem is much worse than just not being able to drill our American oil. Even if we could drill our own oil or even had a glut of imported oil, the crisis couldn't be averted to bring oil prices down. That's because the United States hasn't built a new oil refinery since 1976. All remaining American refineries are running at full capacity. There is barely time for the plants to shut down to perform

needed upkeep and repairs because such activity will cause a bump in the system and force prices up. The industry can do nothing to keep up with demand. Rules and regulations, both federal and state, are blocking the industry's ability to build new refineries.

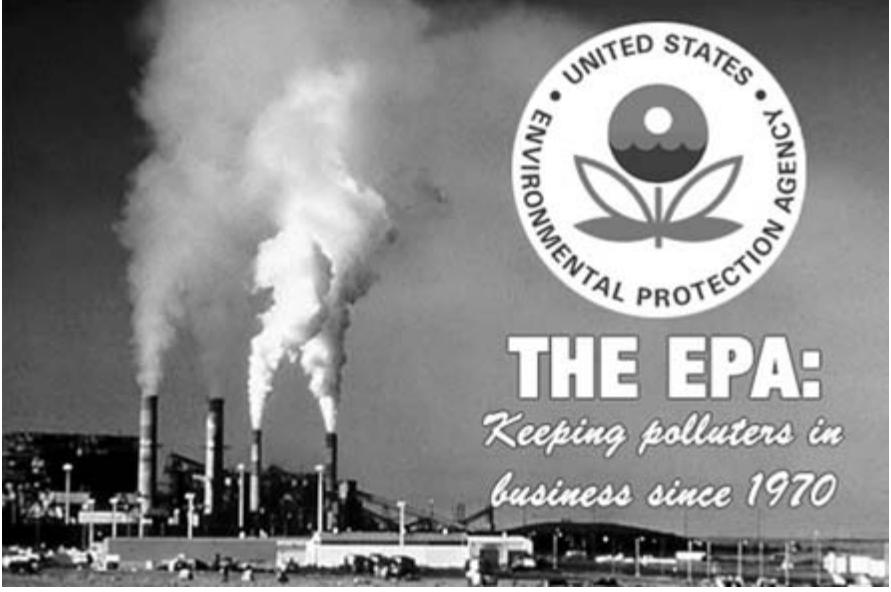
"Even worse: old, worn out refineries are closing, reducing capacity even more. In California, ten refineries representing 20% of the state's refining capacity were closed between 1985 and 1995. With California energy policy literally dominated by radical environmental groups, it is unlikely that any new refineries will ever be built.

"To build a new refinery would take a risk of at least \$2 billion in a ten-year undertaking. In the end, even if permits are obtained there is no guarantee that the refinery will ever be built. Nobody wants to invest in new refineries because there is no money to be made. If there were investors willing to take the risk, where would it be built? What town would welcome it? What land would be used? Radical environmentalists are well organized to build pressure on any politician who might support such an endeavor. They know how to energize the NIMBYs and BANANAs. All the greens have to do is voice concerns about air pollution or the dangers of large trucks carrying hazardous materials or the potential for leakage into the environment. Just a hint at these

without any comment from any of the state's stakeholders, political leaders or industry leaders allowed. No public review, just bam!, Texans get the EPA jackboot. The EPA's effort to strong arm Texas away from its successful and flexible state-level clean air program, established in the 1990s and which has enjoyed bipartisan support, and into the EPA's less effective national program has been building since President Obama's inauguration. The CATR ruling may bring that battle to a head."

Those examples are simply the tiniest tip of the iceberg. In order to understand why some of these 'crisis' were manufactured, one has to go back in time. Let me quote from prolific writer/researcher, Jeri Lynn Ball, from her book, *Masters of Seduction*: "At the Sixth Party Congress held in Moscow in 1928, Communists wrote and approved "The Program" to bring in the New World Order. The Program of the Third International called for a global environmental program and for the transformation of all human beings on earth to accept the New World Order. The Communists planned to use the global environmental program as a means of eradicating national sovereignty and creating a world dictatorship."

Guss Hall was head of the



things and poof, the refinery is history. Scientific facts are rarely heard in the din of the argument.

"The Department of Energy predicts domestic oil consumption will increase 43 percent by 2025, but production will grow only by 23 percent. So, as our nation's future teeters on the brink, Congress plays a coward's game by producing an energy policy that pours more than \$23 billion of taxpayer money into alternative energy sources like windmills, solar panels, and ethanol, all in the name of conservation. The truth is, no combination of conservation, technology or alternative fuels can come close to replacing the fossil fuels system already in place. It will take years for research, testing, permitting, construction and distribution systems for replacement alternatives to be realized. Meanwhile, we need oil and gas now!"

Tom is absolutely right and the EPA is front and center in destroying energy sources with their endless, job killing regulations:

Utility giant AEP says it will close five coal plants to comply with EPA regs (June 9, 2011):

"Utility giant American Electric Power said Thursday that it will shut down five coal-fired power plants and spend billions of dollars to comply with a series of pending Environmental Protection Agency regulations." Here in Texas where I live, the EPA has brought together unlikely political factions to fight the loons in the EPA:

Union, Texas Congressional delegation agree: The EPA is threatening the Texas economy

"On April 13, 2011, the EPA publishing its ruling that Texas must comply with the Clean Air Transport Rule (CATR). Using the CATR, the EPA is set to include Texas in the national sulfur dioxide program,

Devvy Kidd

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

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from expanding. BULL. The president of Tree Huggers of America does not sit in Congress. The president of the Sierra Club or Greenpeace or Save our Forests or Stop Drilling Now do not sit in Congress. Those groups and organizations buy the favors of the Outlaw Congress - both parties. No, it's not the "greenies". The U.S. Congress is responsible for not allowing more drilling and you can blame the Republicans for their hypocrisy."

"An additional \$150,000 went to help the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) combat fraud in carbon trading and \$15,000 to Indonesia's "Breathe Easy, Jakarta" publicity campaign. This sort of federal spending does not reflect the priorities of the American people, according to a letter that several lawmakers sent Jackson in the report's aftermath.

"Since being appointed EPA Administrator, Jackson has gone on a manic spending spree to bring "environmental justice" to low-income and minority communities. Under the program, dozens of leftwing groups have received millions of taxpayer dollars to help poor and indigenous people increase recycling, reduce carbon emissions through weatherization, participate in "green jobs" training and avoid heat stroke. The EPA's budget has also surged 34% since Jackson took over to a whopping \$10.3 billion. The figure includes \$43 million for efforts to reduce greenhouse gases that the agency claims "endanger" public health. Nearly half of the EPA's budget goes to grants that fund state environmental programs, nonprofits and educational institutions that help promote the agency's agenda."

An emailer was upset by my last column in the US~Observer on ANWR because I placed blame on the Republicans; I didn't give the Democrats a pass either because we all know where they stand on the issues above. What I was attempting, and am still trying to do, is get voters to realize it isn't just the "left" stopping drilling in states of the Union, it's also Republicans who don't believe in the Tenth Amendment, state sovereignty and limited government.

As I pointed in my last US~Observer column: "How many times have we heard "it's the greenies!" It's the environmentalists who have kept domestic drilling

forward and defy the Federal Government: We have the absolute right to control the resources within our borders, like drilling for oil, natural gas and coal operations. That won't happen in oil rich states without massive heat put on those state legislatures by citizens. Tell them to stand up or shut up and quit complaining about what Congress will and won't "allow" them to do in their sovereign states.

* *NIMBYs: Not In My Back Yard and the BANANAs: Build Absolutely Nothing Anywhere Near Anything.*

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6 MOST Shocking Ways the Reception and Greed Have Doomed Many Small Cities

By Joseph Snook
US~Observer

To illustrate threatened small cities, I used a town populated with thirty-four thousand in the city limits and roughly seventy-five thousand in its county - the city of Grants Pass, Oregon. The stats in this area are hard to miss, especially since this is the place I call home.

#1. Schools

You know there's a problem with schools when your fifth-grade child had less than ten spelling tests, ALL YEAR LONG. Next, with all of the budget cuts - you find yourself frequently asking, "Where's my child going today, since there's no school." One would presume these to be indicators of a not-so top notch education.

Luckily, there was still enough funds for field trips. In fact, come to think of it, there was almost as many field trips as spelling tests throughout the year; 8 spelling tests - 5 field trips (estimated). How does that add up with budget cuts? Now, you might say this is only one school, one grade, one teacher and one class - So, let's put the entire county into perspective. Of the County's top twenty identified issues, these made the list: teen pregnancy, eighth grade drug use, high school drop-out rates, runaway and homeless youth, oh, and youth recidivism. I know this may be a little intense, but while driving around one

comment is - in part true. Retirees make up a large portion of this community, or was it retards? Not to get off the "why your town is doomed title, this title holds true to many communities - just bear with me... Our city population has increased over the past five years (34k), but the poverty rate has recently increased at a faster pace than the population... a double edged sword, right? Throw in other factors like people moving into the city limits for convenient access to resources, and you now have more land available (above the estimated 50% federally owned land in Josephine County) to either turn into the Siskiyou National Monument (Bureau of Land Management), or sell to Developers, The United States Forest Service (USFS) or, if all else fails...to China. Delegates from China have visited Southern Oregon to discuss business (purchasing property), or so I've been told.



Rep. Dennis Richardson and Fujian Province Visitors at Crater Lake National Park

To be politically correct, I must point out that "retarded" as defined by many today, is in no way meant to offend people who are born with a mental and/or physical handicap, it is meant to define those who expect something for nothing, or better yet, those who just don't strive to better themselves.

#4. Jobs

Past reliance on Timber, Construction and housing-related manufacturing industries has proven to be an anchor weighing on the economic recovery in Grants Pass. Even some of the larger non-manufacturing employers have recently seen a substantial decrease in business. With gas prices higher than average, unemployment near record highs and more people closing down than opening up new businesses - it makes sense that this large summer tourist community is struggling. In the past year or so, Gottschalks (clothing retailer); Movies 6 (cinema); River Town Auto; Home Valley Bank and Trust (taken over by South Valley Bank and Trust); Liberty Bank (taken over by Home Federal Bank); and many other small mom and pop shops have closed. It's not uncommon to often drive around town and see another business vacant. One local attorney recently stated that many of the smaller cities are becoming "government hubs along I-5. If it weren't for welfare recipients or government employment, the small cities would be nothing more than ghost towns."

On a more positive note, Home Depot has broken dirt in Grants Pass which should employ an estimated 100 people - hopefully the four other local home improvement stores will remain open after Home Depot arrives. These four other home improvement stores employ upwards of 250 people and are reportedly locally owned. Not so for the Wal Mart of Lumberyards... Your purchases from Home Depot will most likely go to investors and Georgia Billionaire Mark Cuban, owner of Home Depot, also the owner of the Atlanta Falcons.



#3. Population

Upon moving to Grants Pass, I frequently heard the phrase "you're either retired or retarded if you live there." I must now say that

#5. Budget Cuts

-A suspected bank robber is arrested minutes after the robbery at a local Chase bank but the trouble doesn't stop there - less than twenty-four hours later, he's released until his court date.

-Libraries lose county funding, and are resurrected by volunteers.

-Schools have seen a sharp decline in funding, causing concerns for future costs.

Headlines make the picture evidently clear and common logic must be the driving force here, as funds aren't available to keep these entities running smoothly, just as funds aren't available to keep many local residents lives financially sound either.

The problem persists when people don't know what to do - don't act, don't care, don't have the knowledge or drive to figure out the basic, who, what, when, where and why's - sounds like a problem only the fictitious "Conan the Barbarian" could fix? The real Conan that is...



Conan vs. The Governor - You be the judge.



#6. Government Salaries

Prepare yourself for a gravity defying ride - with a twist that will make the Jedi Mind Trick seem less interesting - if that's possible?

When you think of government employees, their pay doesn't come to mind first, it's usually the benefits that stand out. Take into account the Wisconsin ordeal with Governor Scott Walker, also our Health Care or Obama Care bill that excludes all elite government officials from the same health care you and I have, if we have it? Pretty much pretend we are screwed...literally, hell, don't pretend - just read.

Like the city of Bell California, you know... people in government making way more than they're supposed to - well, Grants Pass city officials apparently took good notes.

Some local public officials (city manager) were making WAY more (140k) than what was acceptable, and when the "elected" City Councilors exposed this issue...They were recalled. Yup, kicked to the curb - by who you ask? The voters of Grants Pass - the same people who are, according to a local lawyer, part of the government hub on I-5. At least the old City Manager was fired, right? Well, David Frasher was his name and get this, he wrote his own severance package which was in the ball park of \$200k! That's a number two, with seven zero's and a dollar sign in front... for being fired.

But wait, as if it couldn't get more interesting - the new city council members who were appointed and made up of the same people who recalled the ones trying to save them some sweet moola, put (who cares about voting) someone named Laurel Samson in as the new city manager. Did I mention that Laurel has been employed by the City of Grants Pass since 1984? Sounds like a good deal, right?

Now... the twist that makes the Jedi Mind Trick less interesting...

Laurel Samson, the current Grants Pass City

Manager is earning \$ 183,191.00 annually, including benefits (verified by city). She reportedly makes more than any Governor in the United States, more than any attorney general in the United States and almost as much as any two governors combined!

But let's compare apples to apples as one person who stood up for Laurel said in an Ashland Daily Tidings blog... The Oregon Governor is basically responsible for all of Oregon, right? - 3.5 plus million people. Laurel is responsible for the 35k population of Grants Pass' economic growth - so if I could compare those jobs, I'd basically have to divide... awe screw it, I don't want to lose you... Just imagine a salary 100 times larger than Laurel's for our next Governor.

Another interesting fact is that Laurel Samson and former City Manager David Frasher were reportedly found guilty of elections violations and fined.

"The City Manager and his staff administer and develop cost-effective and innovative ways to implement the prescribed goals of the City."

-Grants Pass Oregon.gov

Maybe my fifth grade child can answer how cost effective a \$183k salary is for a city manager? Keep in mind that the buck didn't stop with Laurel Samson, there are many others in Grants Pass City Government making WAY more than what I would consider reasonable... But I'll leave that answer for you to figure out.

While investigating, I contacted Tony Martin from the city's HR dept. and when asked about the \$180k+ salary, she not only laughed, she guaranteed that Laurel did not make that much money. She said she would look into it and call me back. Unfortunately, I never heard back from Martin. Fortunately, I called the finance department and was able to confirm that I was correct with the \$180k+ figure.

What's even scarier than the \$183k salary is that Laurel wasn't even elected - she was appointed. Is she really representing Grants Pass' goals?

If you think this is happening in your small city...you're probably right - look into it for yourself. ***

"The United States has become a cesspool of corruption, greed, debt and depravity. Everywhere you look there are signs of decline, and yet all our leaders come up with are more really bad ideas. Time is running out on this nation, and with each passing day there seems to be fewer reasons to be optimistic about the future. What are you going to do about this picture - if anything?"

-End of the American Dream

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Is There Anything We Are Still Free To Do Without Government Permission?

All Over America Police Say "NO" to Lemonade and Cookies

(endoftheamerican dream.com) - If you plan on using the bathroom before you get done reading this article, you might want to check with the government to see if you are still allowed to do that. There are very, very few things that Americans still have the freedom to do today without government permission. Back in the old days, if young kids wanted to earn some extra money they would set up a little stand outside and sell some lemonade or some cookies. For many little kids, this was their very first practical experience with making money. Once upon a time, you would see lemonade stands all over the place during the summer in America. In fact, "lemonade stands" became such a part of American culture that people knew exactly what you were talking about the moment you mentioned them. Even up until a couple of decades ago, nobody would have ever dreamed that little kids would need the permission of the government in order to set up a little stand to sell some lemonade or some cookies. But today, everything has completely changed. If you are a little kid and you try to sell some lemonade in "America" today, the authorities will swoop in and shut you down in a heartbeat.

This is happening all over the nation. Recently, three little girls in Midway, Georgia decided that they would set up a lemonade stand so that they could raise some money to go to a waterpark. Well, the stand was up for just one day before the police came by and cracked down on the girls.

Apparently "the law" requires that anyone selling anything to eat or drink in Midway must get a "business license" that would have cost the girls \$50 a day.

Needless to say, the girls were not going to be making \$50 a day selling lemonade, so they are effectively banned from ever having a lemonade stand.

So what is the big deal? Well, the police in Midway say that "health and safety" are the primary concerns. The police chief in Midway put it this way....

"We were not aware of how the lemonade was made, who made the lemonade, or what the lemonade was made with."

Really?

Does the government now have to know everything?

This is an example of how the "nanny state"

has gotten completely and totally out of control.

But this is the same kind of philosophy that caused federal agents to conduct a surprise raid on an Amish farmer at 5 AM one morning because he was selling raw milk.

We no longer have the freedom to grow food or make something to drink and sell it to our neighbors.

To the control freaks in government, that is way too "dangerous".

Even young kids recognize how crazy this all is. The following is what one of the young girls had to say after the lemonade stand was shut down....

"It's kind of crazy that we couldn't sell lemonade," added 14-year-old Casity Dixon. *"It was fun, but we had to listen to the cops and shut it down."*

Yes, Casity, it is crazy.

Sadly, this is not an isolated incident. In fact, this kind of thing is happening all over the nation. The following are some more examples....

***In Hazelwood, Missouri two young girls scouts have been permanently banned from selling girl scout cookies in the front yard of their own home. A neighbor ratted them out and the police swooped in rapidly to shut them down because the girls were violating a city ordinance that bans "the sale of commodities" from a home.**

***Back in June, a lemonade stand run by some kids in Maryland that was raising money for a pediatric cancer charity was shut down and authorities originally slapped a \$500 fine on their parents until bad publicity forced them to rescind the fine.**

***In Tulare, California one little 7-year-old girl recently had her lemonade stand shut down by authorities because she did not have the proper business permits.**



Unfortunately, this is just part of a larger trend. The more that government expands, the less liberty and freedom we are left with. Yes, there will always be a need for government, but our founding fathers intended for government to be much, much more limited than it is currently.

In Amerika today, if you want to do almost anything you must get the permission of the government to do it first. And usually you have to pay a fee for that permission.

For example, if you want to get married you have to get the permission of the government.

If you want to open a business, usually there is at least one license that you have to get, and in many areas there are several different kinds of licenses that you will have to apply for.

If you want to drive somewhere, you must have a license to drive, you must have your car registered, you must have your taxes paid and in many areas you must have one or more inspections of your vehicle done on a regular basis.

In fact, it is very difficult to think of anything that one can do (especially outside of a home) without the permission of the government.

In the United States today, we are being strangled by a never ending onslaught of laws, rules and regulations. Every single moment of every single day there are control freak bureaucrats out there that are dreaming up more rules and regulations to impose on us all.

Anyone that believes that this is still "the land of the free and the home of the brave" is delusional.

Today Amerika is a land of overwhelming bureaucracy where control freak politicians constantly tell us all how to live.

From the moment that our children enter school they are programmed to accept this system. In a previous article entitled "18 Signs That Life In U.S. Public Schools Is Now Essentially Equivalent To Life In U.S. Prisons", I commented on how the nature of our public schools has fundamentally

changed....

Sadly, life in many U.S. public schools is now essentially equivalent to life in U.S. prisons. Most parents don't realize this, but our students have very few rights when they are in school. Our public school students are being watched, tracked, recorded, searched and controlled like never before. Back when I was in high school, it was unheard of for a police officer to come to school, but today our public school students are being handcuffed and arrested in staggering numbers. When I was young we would joke that going to school was like going to prison, but today that is actually true.

In previous times, Americans put up with a little bit of uncertainty and a little bit of danger because we wanted to live free.

But now we have all become so frightened and so cowardly that we are actually thankful when TSA officials feel up our private parts because we believe that somehow it is making us "safer".

Many weak-minded Americans that love all of this "security" insist that if we don't like how this nation is being turned into a prison then we should just leave.

Well, where in the world would we go? The sad reality is that the entire world has bought into this philosophy. In fact, there are many nations that are even worse than the United States is. I discussed this growing trend in a recent article entitled "32 Signs That The Entire World Is Being Transformed Into A Futuristic Big Brother Prison Grid".

The entire globe is being transformed into a police state. Governments all over the planet are constantly figuring out new ways to more tightly control their populations. Everywhere you look, liberty and freedom are on the retreat. We are being told that it is for "our own good" and that more control will mean more "safety and security" for humanity.

But every totalitarian regime in history has ended badly. With all of the sophisticated technology that we have today, the ability to control people is potentially greater than ever before in history. As the world becomes a little bit more like a prison grid every single day, the potential for abuse grows. If someday all of this power gets into the wrong hands, it is going to be a nightmare unlike anything we have ever seen before. ★★

"It's Policy" Has Become An Excuse For Absolutely Unspeakable Acts

(endoftheamerican dream.com) - In the United States today, young children are taught from the moment that they first enter school that they are to blindly follow orders. By the time most Americans have become adults, if they are told that something "is policy" then they just accept it. Decades of conditioning have trained us to do what we are told no matter what the consequences are. But what happens when "policy" asks us to do the unthinkable? All over America, "it's policy" has become an excuse for absolutely unspeakable acts. Fire crews are standing by and watching homes burn to the ground and rescue crews are standing by and watching people drown all in the name of policy. Because it is "policy", every single day in airports all over the nation TSA "officials" are sexually touching Americans and Americans are allowing them to do it. Things have gotten completely and totally out of control. Hitler and Stalin and Chairman Mao were able to do the things that they did because their people blindly adhered to their "policies". In the United States today, is there anything that the American people would not do if they were told that it was "policy" to do it?

This country is starting to get really crazy. Just consider the following three examples where "it's policy" was used as an excuse for absolutely horrifying behavior....

1 - In the San Francisco area recently, fire crews and police stood on the shore and

just watched as a 50 year old man slowly drowned in the San Francisco Bay. In the old



MSNBC: Interim Alameda Fire Chief Mike D'Orazi said that due to 2009 budget cuts his crews did not have the training or cold-water gear to go into the water.

days, Americans were never concerned with what "the policy" was in a situation like that. If someone was drowning people that could swim would jump in and rescue them. But today all of that has changed. The following is how an article posted on MSNBC described the incident with the drowning man....

Fire crews and police could only watch after a man waded into San Francisco Bay, stood up to his neck and waited. They wanted to do something, but a policy tied to earlier budget cuts strictly forbade them from trying to save the 50-year-old, officials said.

In addition to the "first responders", approximately 75 other people watched this man slowly drown.

What is happening to America?

2 - Even more frightening is an incident that happened down in Tennessee. A team of firefighters actually stood by and watched a house burn to the ground because the homeowner had not paid his fees. The following is an excerpt from a report by a local NBC affiliate about this incident....

Imagine your home catches fire but the local fire department won't respond, then watches it burn. That's exactly what happened to a local family tonight.

A local neighborhood is furious after firefighters watched as an Obion County, Tennessee, home burned to the ground.

The homeowner, Gene Cranick, said he offered to pay whatever it would take for firefighters to put out the flames, but was told it was too late. They wouldn't do anything to stop his house from burning.

Reportedly, the house took hours to burn to the ground. Once the fire spread to the



neighboring house, then the local fire department sprang into action.

Could you do that?

Could you just let a house cold-heartedly burn to the ground?

3 - In the United States today, if you want to get on an airplane you must subject yourself to some of the most bizarre security measures imaginable.

One of the procedures that some air travelers are subjected to is known as an "enhanced pat-down". These enhanced pat-downs involve sexual touching that would be illegal if it was done out on the street. But because it is "policy", TSA officials do it and the American people let them do it.

What some travelers have had to endure in recent months is absolutely horrifying. For example, back in June a 95 year old woman with cancer was forced to remove her adult diaper as part of the "enhanced pat-down" procedure.



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



Why Trust In Law Enforcement?

By J.M. Appleton

Do you remember the days when Police Departments nationwide were dressing their Officers in light-blue uniform tops, dark-blue trousers with a light-blue stripe running down the side of each pant leg? With some variances, that uniform design was pretty much considered "standard attire" for most Police Officers across the country and was chosen for a reason.

It had long been believed that the choice of a light-blue dress shirt made a confident, yet comforting "I'm here to help you, you can trust me" statement by Police Officers and also gave rise to the classic "boys in blue" moniker that has followed them for decades. Some departments (take Los Angeles for example) have chosen to wear the complete dark-blue uniform since the 1960's but doing so definitely wasn't the norm.

Since the mid-1980's, Police Departments across the U.S. have slowly but steadily moved away from the light-blue shirt, dark-blue with



Police Uniform Circa 1980s

to what the militarized Police Officers of today have at their disposal. Thirty years ago, the light-blue shirt wearing Officer carried either a .38 Police Special or at most a .357 Magnum revolver as a side-arm. These revolvers each carried 6 rounds and the Officer would have an additional 2 or 3 "speed-loaders" (6 rounds each) full and secured on their gun-belts. In some larger cities (and perhaps some smaller),

they also carried a "back-up" .380 pistol, secured via a strapped-on leg-holster hidden under a pant leg. Add to that a night-stick or baton, a can of mace, sometimes a Sap, a shotgun carried in their patrol cruiser's rack and that was it...all that was considered necessary, certainly enough to get the job done. Fast-forward to today and the dark uniformed, bullet-proof vest wearing Police Officers are now toting 9mm, .40cal., or .41cal. pistols as side-arms (with 10 to 25 round clips in them depending on caliber), a leg-holstered .380 back-up weapon, two to four extra ammunition clips on their belts, a canister of pepper-spray, some

variety of Taser (non-lethal compliance weapon), a collapsible baton, and ride with a shotgun (with lethal and non-lethal rounds), an AR-15 (semi or automatic option) rifle and stun grenades at their disposal.

One could definitely make a case for the "militarization of Police" as being necessary, since they're goal is to not be "out-gunned" should the need for weaponry arise, but the attitudes in which they carry about when completing their daily

duties as "Peace Officers" has come under great scrutiny, and rightfully so. Most Americans whom Police will encounter on any given day are not criminals to be feared and shouldn't be treated as such. Law Enforcement officers (in any forum) should be given respect due to WHAT they represent, but is it not also necessary for L.E.O.'s to continuously earn that respect by treating those they've sworn to "protect and serve" with dignity and equal respect? Let's examine that notion for just a minute here.

Over the past decade, I've personally heard more people than ever before state, "I don't care how badly I could use the help of a Cop, I'm not gonna call them because when you do, it's YOU that ends-up getting in trouble for one

Police Uniforms Circa 2000s

lighter stripe down the side trouser and there's a reason for that as well. Officials will try to tell us that the light-blue shirt presented too much of a target for bad-guys during evening operations, and while there might be a small bit of truth to that, the main reason that departments switched to all dark-blue or black uniforms had far more to do with the psychological message it sent. You see, Psychologists and/or Sociologists tell us that an entirely "dark" uniform sends more of a "I'm in charge, I'm to be feared, you'll do as I say or else" message and that clearly represents the desired effect that law enforcement agencies in general are after.

Let's now look at the weapons that Police Officers of yester-year carried in comparison

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How sick is that?

In what kind of a world does that make sense?

We are losing all sense of what it means to be "Americans".

If you object to having yourself or your children touched by TSA "officials", then you will be arrested and dragged off by police. In fact, that is exactly what happened at Nashville International Airport last Saturday. A 41 year old woman declared that she did not want her young daughter "touched" inappropriately" by TSA agents and so authorities swooped in and came down on her hard.

You see, in America these days we are all just expected to "go along" with whatever the authorities want to do to us.

I made the same point recently when I wrote about the "smart meters" that are going in all over the United States. These smart meters are highly invasive pieces of surveillance equipment, and utility companies in many areas of the country are telling customers that if they don't take them they will no longer receive any service.

Bullying has become standard operating



procedure in the United States. Many of you that are reading this will not remember, but there was a time when police (and most public officials) in the United States were actually pretty friendly and pretty helpful.

But that was decades ago. Now there has been a complete and total cultural shift. Today they are all taught to act tough. They are instructed that it is their job to give orders and to be "authoritative" and that they should expect immediate and total obedience no matter what.

We are becoming the kind of totalitarian "Big Brother" police state that we always accused communist countries like the Soviet Union of being. Every single day, somewhere in America there are control freak bureaucrats that are putting in more "policies" that are taking away more of our freedoms.

This is going to continue until there is a major cultural shift in this country.

Hopefully at some point there will be a major shift back in the direction of liberty and freedom.

Hopefully at some point the American people will wake up and demand change.

So what do you think? Do you think that there is a chance of that happening? ***



The New Face of the Police

thing or another". There's great truth to this perception actually being the case and the reason for it lies within the attitudes of law enforcement in general. In society today, EVERYONE is viewed by L.E.O.'s as being a suspect, everyone is viewed suspiciously and everyone is treated as being guilty of something until they prove themselves innocent.

From a simple traffic stop (for defective vehicle equipment as an example) to being detained and questioned for a crime of a felonious nature, you ARE guilty until YOU do what's necessary to prove your innocence. This ultimately ends-up costing innocent people thousands of dollars, perhaps their employment situation, their good reputation and perhaps more...all because the concept of being "innocent until proven guilty" has become archaic and is seen as not serving law enforcement well any longer in their quest to put the clamps on the freedoms and liberties afforded us through the Constitution.

As civilians in today's world, we're given the option of acquiescing to the very questionable ideology of "they're only looking out for our best interest" or we can be honest with ourselves and admit that law enforcement cannot be trusted to act in accordance with what we perceive as being "in or best interest." Our best interest actually means being left alone to live a life that encourages making personal choices as to what's best for ourselves and our families. Law enforcement would like us all to believe that THEY alone have the winning ticket, that THEY have superior intelligence, and that THEY have the corner on knowing what's best (morally and ethically) as it relates to our relationships, no matter the forum. It doesn't take a nuclear physicist to figure out that in order to effectively exert their will upon us at every turn that they must convince themselves of the aforementioned, becoming in effect brain-washed to believe that they're superior to members of the general public in every possible way.

In summary, I believe it prudent to examine the evidence as provided us over the past decade or longer now. Our Police agencies, once dressed to exude a aura of servant hood and helpfulness now dresses in black or camouflage paramilitary garb, armed to the teeth and ready to "put back in place" anyone who dares to question their authority. L.E.O.'s have become increasingly violent and MANY Police vs. Civilian incidents depicting this have been captured on film and made public. L.E.O.'s no longer see an individual as "innocent until proven guilty", conversely they now view any suspect as being "guilty" before "due process" has run it's course which makes an individual's attempt to prove their innocence a daunting and sometimes next to impossible endeavor.

Lastly, it would be imprudent of me not to mention the role that our Judicial system has played in allowing law enforcement to be viewed as untrustworthy by so many, as they themselves (District Attorney's and Judges) have in general turned a blind eye to the shenanigans that L.E.O.'s routinely employ to make themselves look worthy of their positions.

A great deal of income is generated for municipalities and States through the actions of L.E.O.'s turned "revenue collectors", writing citations and making arrests with impunity and letting the D.A.'s office "sort'em out."

It's a sad state of affairs for all Americans as we've watched our once trusted servants in blue do everything in their power (and often times beyond) to create and maintain the "police state" that we've witnessed unfold before our very eyes. Most unfortunately, there's little to nothing that can be done about it, at least not until our elected officials on every level come to realize that it's essential that the citizenry of this country have GREAT trust for our law enforcement agencies...and that's not going to happen until our liberties and freedoms are once again seen as having any kind of tangible value. ***



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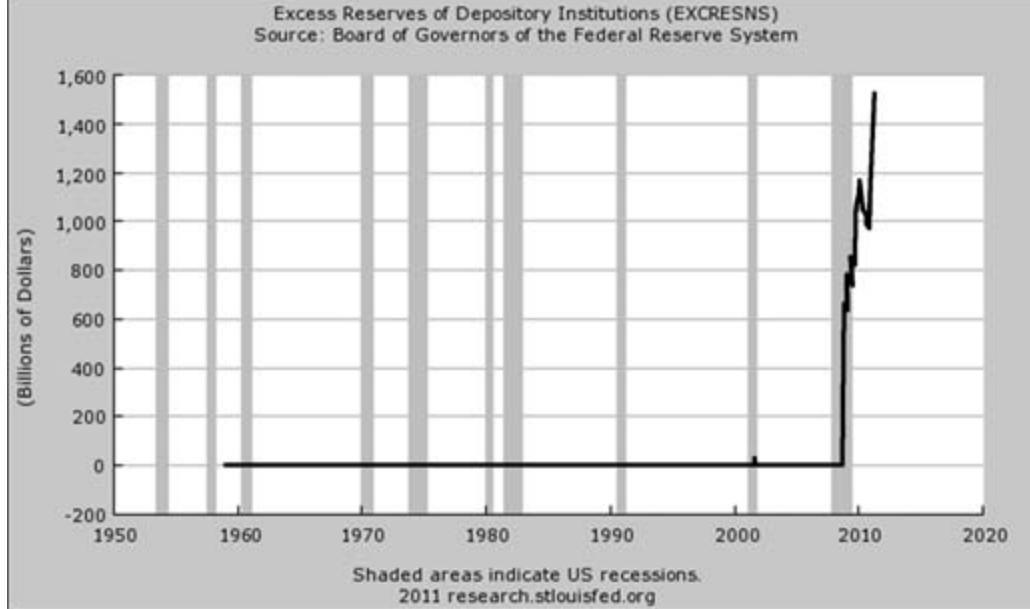
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Why QE2 Failed: The Money All Went Overseas

By Ellen Brown

On June 30, QE2 ended with a whimper. The Fed's second round of "quantitative easing" involved \$600 billion created with a computer keystroke for the purchase of long-term government bonds. But the government never actually got the money, which went straight into the reserve accounts of banks, where it still sits today. Worse, it went into the reserve accounts of foreign banks, on which the Federal Reserve is now paying 0.25-percent interest.

Before QE2 there was QE1, in which the Fed bought \$1.25 trillion in mortgage-backed securities from the banks. This money, too, remains in bank reserve accounts collecting interest and dust. The Fed reports that the accumulated excess reserves of depository institutions now total nearly \$1.6 trillion.



Interestingly, \$1.6 trillion is also the size of the federal deficit -- a deficit so large that some members of Congress are threatening to force a default on the national debt if it isn't corrected soon.

So here we have the anomalous situation of a \$1.6 trillion hole in the federal budget, and \$1.6 trillion created by the Fed that is now sitting idle in bank reserve accounts. If the intent of "quantitative easing" was to stimulate the economy, it might have worked better if the money earmarked for the purchase of Treasuries had been delivered directly to the Treasury. That was actually how it was done before 1935, when the law was changed to require private bond dealers to be cut into the deal.

The one thing QE2 did for the taxpayers was to reduce the interest tab on the federal debt. The long-term bonds that the Fed bought on the open market are now effectively interest-free to the government, since the Fed rebates its profits to the Treasury after deducting its costs.

But QE2 has not helped the anemic local credit market, on which smaller businesses rely; and it is these businesses that are largely responsible for creating new jobs. In a June 30 article in The Wall Street Journal titled "Smaller Businesses Seeking Loans Still Come Up Empty," Emily Maltby reported that business owners rank access to capital as the most important issue facing them today; and only 17 percent of smaller businesses said they were able to land needed bank financing.

How QE2 Wound Up In Foreign Banks

Before the Banking Act of 1935, the government was able to borrow directly from its own central bank. Other countries followed that policy as well, including Canada, Australia and New Zealand, and they prospered as a result. After 1935, however, if the U.S. central bank wanted to buy government securities, it had to purchase them from private banks on the "open market." Former Fed Chairman Mariner Eccles wrote in support of an act to remove that requirement that it was intended to keep politicians from spending too much. But all the law succeeded in doing was to give the bond-dealer banks a cut as middlemen.

Worse, it caused the Fed to lose control of where the money went. Rather than buying more bonds from the Treasury, the banks that got the cash could just sit on it or use it for their own purposes, and that is apparently what is happening today.

In carrying out its QE2 purchases, the Fed had to follow standard operating procedure for "open market operations": it took secret bids from the 20 "primary dealers" authorized to sell securities to the Fed and accepted the best offers. The problem was that 12 of these dealers -- or over half -- are U.S.-based branches of foreign banks (including BNP Paribas, Barclays, Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank, HSBC, UBS and others), and they evidently won the bids.

The fact that foreign banks got the money was established in a June 12 post on Zero Hedge by "Tyler Durden" (a pseudonym), who compared two charts: the total cash holdings of foreign-related banks in the U.S., using weekly Federal Reserve data, and the total reserve balances held at Federal Reserve banks, from the Fed's statement ending the week of June 1. The charts showed

that after Nov. 3, 2010, when QE2 operations began, total bank reserves increased by \$610 billion. Foreign bank cash reserves increased in lock step, by \$630 billion -- or more than the entire QE2.

In a June 27 blog, John Mason, Professor of Finance at Penn State University and a former senior economist at the Federal Reserve, wrote:

In essence, it appears as if much of the monetary stimulus generated by the Federal Reserve System went into the Eurodollar market. This is all part of the "Carry Trade" as foreign branches of an American bank could borrow dollars from the "home" bank creating a Eurodollar deposit...

Cash assets at the smaller [U.S.] banks remained relatively flat. ... Thus, the reserves the Fed was pumping into the banking system were not going into the smaller banks. ... [B]usiness loans continue to "tank" at the smaller banking institutions...

The real lending by commercial banks is not taking place in the United States. The lending is taking place off-shore, underwritten by the Federal Reserve System

and this is doing little or nothing to help the American economy grow.

Separately, "Tyler Durden" concluded:

[T]he only beneficiary of the reserves generated were U.S.-based branches of foreign banks (which in turn turned around and funnelled the cash back to their domestic branches), a shocking finding which explains ... why US banks have been unwilling and, far

more importantly, unable to lend out these reserves...

[T]he data above proves beyond a reasonable doubt why there has been no excess lending by US banks to US borrowers: none of the cash ever even made it to US banks! ... This also resolves the mystery of the broken money multiplier and why the velocity of money has imploded.

Well, not exactly. The fact that the QE2 money all wound up in foreign banks is a shocking finding, but it doesn't seem to be the reason banks aren't lending. There were already \$1 trillion in excess reserves sitting idle in U.S. reserve accounts, not counting the \$600 billion from QE2.

According to Scott Fullwiler, Associate Professor of Economics at Wartburg College, the money multiplier model is not just broken but obsolete. Banks do not lend based on what they have in reserve. They can borrow reserves as needed after making loans. Whether banks will lend depends rather on a) whether they have creditworthy borrowers, b) whether they have sufficient capital to satisfy the capital requirement, and c) the cost of funds -- meaning the cost to the bank of borrowing to meet the reserve requirement, either from depositors, other banks or the Federal Reserve.

Setting Things Right

Whatever is responsible for causing the local credit crunch, trillions of dollars thrown at Wall Street by Congress and the Fed haven't fixed the problem. It may be time for local governments to take matters into their own hands. While we wait for federal lawmakers to get it right, local credit markets can be revitalized by establishing state-owned banks, on the model of the Bank of North Dakota (BND). The BND services the liquidity needs of local banks and keeps credit flowing in the state. (For more information, see here and here.)

Concerning the gaping federal deficit, Congressman Ron Paul has an excellent idea: have the Fed simply write off the federal securities purchased with funds created in its quantitative easing programs. No creditors would be harmed, because the money was generated out of thin air with a computer keystroke in the first place. The government would just be canceling a debt to itself and saving the interest.

As for "quantitative easing," if the intent is to stimulate the economy, the money needs to go directly into the purchase of goods and services, stimulating "demand." If it goes onto the balance sheets of banks, it may stop there or go into speculation rather than local lending -- as is happening now. Money that goes directly to the government, on the other hand, will be spent on goods and services in the real economy, creating much-needed jobs, generating demand and rebuilding the tax base. To make sure the money gets there, the 1935 law forbidding the Fed to buy Treasuries directly from the Treasury needs to be repealed.

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Debt Ceiling Drama



By Ron Paul

The debt ceiling debate is providing plenty of opportunity for political theater in Washington. Proponents of raising the debt ceiling are throwing around the usual scare tactics and misinformation in order to intimidate opponents into accepting more debt and taxes. It is important to distinguish the truth from the propaganda.

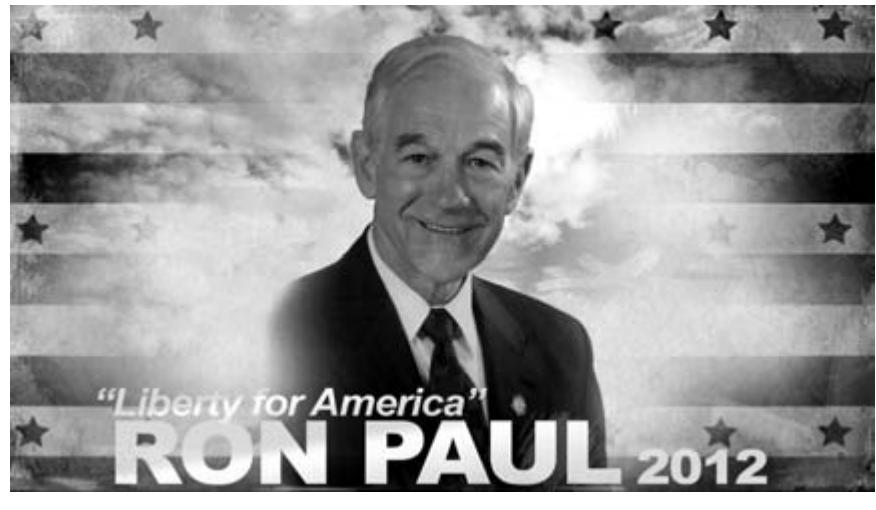
First of all, politicians need to understand that without real change default is inevitable. In fact, default happens every day through monetary policy tricks. Every time the Federal Reserve engages in more quantitative easing and



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devalues the dollar, it is defaulting on the American people by eroding their purchasing power and inflating their savings away. The dollar has lost nearly 50% of its value against gold since 2008. The Fed claims inflation is 2% or less over the past few years; however economists who compile alternate data show a 9% inflation rate if calculated more traditionally. Alarmingly, the administration is talking about changing the methodology of the CPI calculation yet again to hide the damage of the government's policies. Changing the CPI will also enable the government to avoid giving seniors a COLA (cost of living adjustment) on their social security checks, and raise taxes via the hidden means of "bracket creep." This is a default. Just because it is a default on the people and not the banks and foreign holders of our debt does not mean it doesn't count.

Politicians also need to acknowledge that our debt is unsustainable. For decades our government has been spending and promising far more than it collects in taxes. But the problem is not that the people are not taxed enough. The government has managed to run up \$61.6 trillion in unfunded liabilities, which works out to \$528,000 per household. A tax



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Ten Ways Progressive Policies Harm Society's Moral Character



By Dennis Prager
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While liberals are certain about the moral superiority of liberal policies, the truth is that those policies actually diminish a society's moral character. Many individual liberals are fine people, but the policies they advocate tend to make a people worse. Here are 10 reasons:

1 The bigger the government, the less the citizens do for one another. If the state will take care of me and my neighbors, why should I? This is why Western Europeans, people who have lived in welfare states far longer than Americans have, give less to charity and volunteer less time to others than do Americans of the same socioeconomic status.

The greatest description of American civilization was written in the early 19th century by the Frenchman Alexis de Tocqueville. One of the differences distinguishing Americans from Europeans that he most marveled at was how much Americans -- through myriad associations -- took care of one another. Until President Franklin Roosevelt began the seemingly inexorable movement of America toward the European welfare state -- vastly expanded

later by other Democratic presidents -- Americans took responsibility for one another and for themselves far more than they do today. Churches, Rotary Clubs, free-loan societies and other voluntary associations were ubiquitous. As the state grew, however, all these associations declined. In Western Europe, they have virtually all disappeared.

2 The welfare state, though often well intended, is nevertheless a Ponzi scheme. Conservatives have known this for generations. But now, any honest person must acknowledge it. The welfare state is predicated on collecting money from today's workers in order to pay for those who paid in before them. But today's workers don't have enough money to sustain the scheme, and there are too few of them to do so. As a result, virtually every welfare state in Europe, and many American states, like California, are going broke.

3 Citizens of liberal welfare states become increasingly narcissistic. The great preoccupations of vast numbers of Brits, Frenchmen, Germans and other Western Europeans are how much vacation time they will have and how early they can retire and be supported by the state.

4 The liberal welfare state makes people disdain work. Americans work considerably harder than Western Europeans, and contrary to liberal thought since Karl Marx, work builds character.

5 Nothing more guarantees the erosion of character than getting something for nothing. In the liberal welfare state, one develops an entitlement mentality -- another expression of narcissism. And the rhetoric of

liberalism -- labeling each new entitlement a "right" -- reinforces this sense of entitlement.

6 The bigger the government, the more the corruption. As the famous truism goes, "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." Of course, big businesses are also often corrupt. But they are eventually caught or go out of business. The government cannot go out of business. And unlike corrupt governments, corrupt businesses cannot print money and thereby devalue a nation's currency, and they cannot arrest you.

7 The welfare state corrupts family life. Even many Democrats have acknowledged the destructive consequences of the welfare state on the underclass. It has rendered vast numbers of males unnecessary to females, who have looked to the state to support them and their children (and the more children, the more state support) rather than to husbands. In effect, these women took the state as their husband.

8 The welfare state inhibits the maturation of its young citizens into responsible adults. As regards men specifically, I was raised, as were all generations of American men before me, to aspire to work hard in order to marry and support a wife and children. No more. One of the reasons many single women lament the prevalence of boy-men -- men who have not grown up -- is that the liberal state has told men they don't have to support anybody. They are free to remain boys for as long as they want.

And here is an example regarding both sexes. The loudest and most sustained

applause I ever heard was that of college students responding to a speech by President Barack Obama informing them that they would now be covered by their parents' health insurance policies until age 26.

9 As a result of the left's sympathetic views of pacifism and because almost no welfare state can afford a strong military, European countries rely on America to fight the world's evils and even to defend them.

10 The leftist *weltanschauung* sees society's and the world's great battle as between rich and poor rather than between good and evil. Equality therefore trumps morality. This is what produces the morally confused liberal elites that can venerate a Cuban tyranny with its egalitarian society over a free and decent America that has greater inequality.

None of this matters to progressives. Against all this destructiveness, they will respond not with arguments to refute these consequences of the liberal welfare state, but by citing the terms "social justice" and "compassion," and by labeling their opponents "selfish" and worse.

If you want to feel good, liberalism is awesome. If you want to do good, it is largely awful.

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have wronged people so severely as to warrant a public notice. Or, like our first feature, it has to do with both.

- Oil-Furnace Mayhem -

Business Complaint against: Comfort Control Inc.
Business Type: Oregon Corporation: Installing and Servicing Heating and Air Conditioning
Location: Grants Pass, Oregon



Insurance Complaint against: Federated Insurance
Location: Glendale, Arizona – Owatonna, MN

Factual Information

In 2004, a Grants Pass, Oregon family purchased a new Lennox oil furnace from Comfort Control through its Registered Agent Mario Spagnolo.

Comfort Control installed a Lenox oil furnace and agreed to service it.

The family used the new furnace sparingly from 2004-2007 as they had a large stockpile of firewood and a heatilator that provided heat for their home at a much lower cost than burning oil.

On 9-20-07 Comfort Control made a service call to repair the ducting under the family's home due to "Low Air Flow." They stated on their invoice: "Inspected ducts under house" and "Replaced ducting under the home and re-inspected system." Customer was charged \$275.00

On 12-23-09 Comfort Control made a service call because the home owner's Lennox oil furnace had quit working. Comfort Control sent their service technician "Brett" out to fix the problem. The family was charged \$128.00. Shortly after the repair, the Lennox furnace again quit working. Brett came back to the home and changed the same part he had originally changed. He stated that it could have been a "bad nozzle."

Within a couple days the Lennox furnace began having minor explosions within the chamber. Brett came back to the home and supposedly fixed the problem. At this time there was considerable soot on the outside of the furnace and floor. A few days later there was a major explosion within the furnace and Comfort Control again sent Brett to the home. On this occasion soot had blown through the duct system into a bathroom and the kitchen. He "fixed" the furnace and assured the home owner that they wouldn't be charged any further amount, that he had fixed it, and that there was absolutely no danger from the explosions; that it was un-burnt oil in the chamber causing the problem. Shortly thereafter, the furnace had another major explosion and this time the owner of Comfort Control Mario Spagnolo arrived at the home to fix the furnace. The original soot had been cleaned-up and there was now more soot on the front of the furnace, the floor around it, the kitchen and bathroom upstairs. Spagnolo determined that a major part was defective after hooking up testing equipment to the furnace, something Brett never did. He subsequently replaced the part, assured the home owner that there were no dangers involved and apologized for the problem of getting the furnace fixed. Even though the Fiber Ducting was staring him straight in the face, and he was completely aware that soot had entered the home, Spagnolo conveniently failed to mention any clean-up.

A short time after the final service call, the home owner received an additional bill from Comfort Control in the amount of \$175.00. The home owner contacted Mario Spagnolo of Comfort Control because he had been told there wouldn't be any more charges. Spagnolo apologized and stated that the billing was an oversight by his office and nothing was owed. He

told the home owner that he had fired Brett, the technician that showed his incompetence by the multiple times he was unable to fix the Lennox furnace, and shared with the home owner that he had experienced other problems with Brett. Spagnolo obviously told the home owner this factual information in an attempt to regain the home owner's confidence.

Important Note: At no time did Comfort Control tell the home owners that they needed to have the duct system cleaned and they were fully aware that the home had a Fiber Duct System. Remember, Comfort Control had repaired the duct system under the home on 9-20-07 and Fiber Ducts were very visible during all repairs and service calls made by Comfort Control. And, they knew that Fiber Ducts cannot be cleaned. They either knew or should have known at this time that the Fiber Duct System was full of soot, which would eventually enter the home.

The furnace appeared to work fine for the short remainder of 2009.

In 2010, the home owner used the Lennox oil furnace almost exclusively. In October of 2010, one of the home owners developed a cough that persisted throughout the winter.

Sometime around 4-20-11 the home owner's started noticing oil soot in the living room of their home. During the following week they noticed more soot in more locations in the home.

On 4-22-11 the home owner called another heating and air conditioning company out to their home to have them look at the problem. At this point they didn't know how serious the soot problem was. Unbelievably, when the new company arrived, Brett, who had been "fired" from Comfort Control, appeared at the home. The home owner was waiting in the garage by the Lennox oil furnace and as Brett approached he stated, "Oh no, not this furnace again." The home owner was thinking of how to get rid of Brett when he walked over to the furnace and began checking it. The home owner decided to see what he had to say. Brett stated that the furnace was burning correctly, that it didn't need any service work and he replaced the air filter. He then told the home owner that he needed to call Abbey Road's to have them clean the furnace and ducts due to the fact that there was soot on the front of the furnace and floor around the furnace.

The home owner called Abbey Road's and they came to the home on 4-25-11. They cleaned the furnace and laid out their hoses to clean the ducting. Shortly after they finished with the furnace, the service technician informed the home owner that they could not clean Fiber Ducting because the ducting would fall apart. He poked his finger through a Fiber Duct Vent in the garage and stated, "See what I mean."

The home owner then called Spagnolo at Comfort Control and left a message. Spagnolo called the home owner and came to the home on 4-27-11. During the couple days after Abbey Road's were at the home the home owners discovered there was even more oil soot throughout the home than previously thought. When Spagnolo was shown the soot problem, he stated that he would need to think about the problem. Spagnolo also stated at this time, "the oil obviously came from the furnace; we need to decide what to do about it." Later that day Spagnolo called the home owner and stated, "I had to turn this over to my insurance and they will be contacting you." The Insurance called the home owner and took his statement...

A short time later the home owner filed a claim with his own insurance company, and subsequently, they paid a restoration company in excess of \$22,000 to clean the home.

On 6-10-11, after the home was cleaned, after the entire duct system had been replaced, after the Lennox oil furnace was replaced with a Heat-Pump and after the oil was removed from the oil tank, the home owner wrote a Demand Letter to Mario Spagnolo of Comfort Control for his deductible and other items that weren't covered by his own insurance company.

On 6-17-11, Federated Insurance notified the home owner, "We have completed our investigation into the facts of this loss and have determined that our insured would not be legally liable for the damages to your home. We assigned an



Comfort Control Headquarters

Ducting has considerable soot content. They never mentioned cleaning the Ducts to the homeowner, because this would have exposed the damage caused to the ducts in 2009, as a direct result of the explosions, via the incompetence of Comfort Control's technician.

Further, as happened in this case, as the furnace sent heated air into the home at the end of 2009 and during 2010, it also sent particles of soot throughout the entire home right along with the hot air. Mario Spagnolo admitted in front of the home owner and a third party witness that the soot came from the furnace. This statement was somewhat childish, given the fact that the oil furnace was the only source of oil on the home owner's property. Comfort Control installed the Furnace and had made themselves responsible for all service work done to the Lennox oil furnace. Further, they made themselves responsible for the results from their inadequate and negligent service work.

Comfort Control sent an incompetent service technician named Brett to the home in 2009. This was related to the homeowner by Spagnolo himself by the fact that Spagnolo told the home owner that he fired Brett and that he had other problems with him. If Brett the technician had tested the Lennox oil furnace like Spagnolo did on Comfort Control's 5th service call, there would have been no explosions and therefore no soot in the home.

US~Observer Conclusion

Comfort Control has the following Motto on their website, which they use to entice people to purchase products and service of those products from them, "We Stand Behind Our Work." Comfort Control did not stand behind their work in this case, and therefore the Motto is false and we conclude that they are providing false advertising to the public.

In the highly qualified opinion of the US~Observer and its staff, we find that Federated Insurance is a crooked insurance company, who fails to stand behind the businesses they insure. In other words, instead of being ethical and covering their obvious losses, they attempt to screw damaged people.

We opine that Comfort Control has acted unethically with this home owner, and that they do not deserve any future business from the people of Josephine County, Oregon who are concerned about honesty, ethics and the possibility of having dangerous oil soot throughout their entire home.

The home owner is now going after Comfort Control legally and most importantly in the Court of Public Opinion—the Court that really matters. The home owners don't have any business with Federated Insurance, as they had no business dealings with them. ***

Have you been cheated by an insurance company or unethical business? Send us all the pertinent facts and your contact info. to editor@usobserver.com, and we will see what the court of public opinion can do about your problem.



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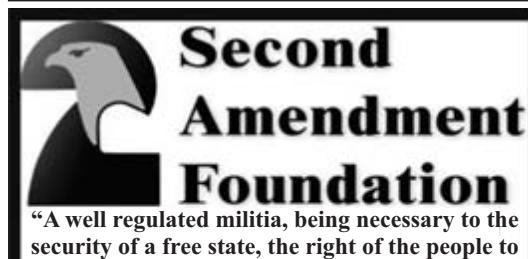
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Obama Executive Orders Impose New Gun Rules

By Buck Sexton

(The Blaze) - A few days ago, the Blaze reported on the low-key plans of the Obama administration to increase the penalties for certain gun law violations, and add steps to the background checks for legal gun ownership.

Today the administration's plans are beginning to come into effect. Through an Executive Order, the Obama administration is implementing new restrictions on the sale of certain weapons in border states, and increasing the penalties for violating certain firearms laws.

Fox News is reporting on the purpose of the gun control executive orders:

"In an effort to stem the illicit flow of weapons into Mexico, the Justice Department announced Monday that all gun shops in four Southwest border states will be required to alert the federal government to frequent buyers of high-powered rifles."

Under the new policy, federal firearms licensees in Texas, California, Arizona and New Mexico must report purchases of two or more of some types of

rifles by the same person in a five-day span. The requirement applies to purchases of semi-automatic rifles that have detachable magazines and a caliber of greater than .22.

ATF estimates it will generate 18,000 reports a year. ATF will retain the information and if no investigative leads have been realized after two years, it will be purged."

The Daily Beast seems to have the inside track on more Executive Orders, however, claiming recent conversations with administration officials. TDB says the upcoming Executive Orders will have more impact than what Fox outlines above, including:

"A national electronic system designed to make background checks for handgun buyers simpler and faster, leaving an electronic paper trail. [And] Tougher sentencing guidelines for straw buyers that Holder's department pushed through procedural hoops at the U.S. Sentencing Commission earlier this year."

The Executive Orders come in the middle of

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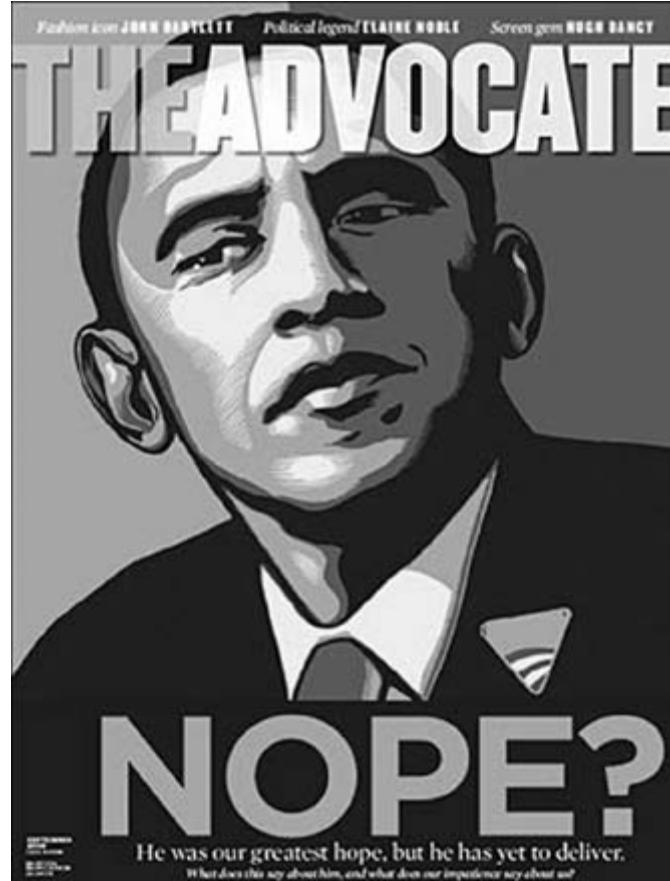


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the "Fast and Furious" scandal currently plaguing the administration. Already, there is talk on Capitol Hill of a cover-up at the highest levels of government, and it appears to some that the administration was feeding the lethal problem of firearms trafficking it ostensibly intended to address with "Fast and Furious."

The question remains - if these Executive Orders are 'common sense' measures as the administration claims, why not let Congress enact them as laws? And if they are minor tweaks to existing law as others claim, are they necessary at all? ★★

Incident Reveals Why Gun Carry Laws Work



(Tyler Paper/NRA) - As evidence mounts that concealed-carry laws actually prevent crime — rather than serve to turn entire states into Dodge City, to use a common left-wing analogy during these debates — evidence is emerging that even liberals should support such laws.

Texas, along with a number of other states, passed its law to allow qualified citizens (those with no felonies or history of mental illness) to carry concealed firearms in 1995 — which, oddly enough, coincided with the beginning of a decline in violent crime nationwide.

As Democrats in the Senate begin a new assault on Second Amendment rights, perhaps they should pay attention to a few local news stories.

The U.S.-based national gay and lesbian news magazine The Advocate, targeted to gays, has an intriguing op-ed piece in its latest issue.

Jimmy LaSalvia, executive director of GOProud, a group for gay Republicans (its focus is on fiscal conservatism), wrote a piece for the Advocate about a recent attack he suffered because of his sexual orientation.

That incident confirmed his belief that so-called "hate crimes" laws, which attempt to punish selective beliefs rather than behavior, are a failure, in and of themselves.

"Two years ago the federal government passed a law ostensibly aimed at preventing violent hate crimes against LGBT people," LaSalvia wrote. "Many gay conservatives, including me, said at the time of its passage that the law would do nothing to actually prevent hate crimes. After this weekend, I can now say firsthand that this law hasn't stopped violent, bias-motivated crime."

A recent run-in proved this.

"Friday evening I was on my way home from the GOProud office on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., when I came upon a group of young black men," he wrote. "There were roughly eight of them. It was such a nice day that I had ridden my bicycle to work, so I was on my bike when I approached them."

He was attacked as he rode by.

"Just as I got up to them, the assailant lunged off the sidewalk toward me and delivered a punch across my chest," LaSalvia wrote. "The momentum of my bicycling drove me into his fist and arm, causing a shocking pain like I've never felt before."

He was knocked down. The words of his assailants, unsuitable for printing, made it clear their actions were, at least in part, related to his sexual orientation.

Instinctively, he grabbed for his cell phone.

LaSalvia explained, "As I fumbled for the phone, I heard one of them say, 'Does he have a gun?' So I kept my hand in my backpack, allowing them to wonder whether I was reaching for a gun. Then a couple of them started to run away, and the others soon followed. I got back on my bike and pedaled as fast as I could out of there."

This proved a revelation for LaSalvia.

"I've thought a lot about the turning point of the situation — the fact

that one of them thought that I might have a gun," he wrote. "None of them said, 'There's a law against anti-gay hate crimes!' That wasn't the deterrent. It was the possibility that I might have had a gun that saved my life Friday night."

Technically, the District of Columbia doesn't even have a concealed-carry law; like some other backwards localities, it clings to the notion that anything that goes "bang" is bad. It ignores the reality that criminals, even in D.C. and similar liberal bastions, still get guns and use them to kill and terrorize law-abiding citizens.

But LaSalvia's luck held out. Most criminals are stupid. His assailants didn't discuss the District's particular policies. All they knew is that around the country, more and more citizens are allowed to defend themselves with the same firepower that may be brought to bear on them.

Democrats, now considering tighter gun control laws in the wake of the shooting of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, should take a look at the reality, not the rhetoric. Guns in the hands of good guys deter the bad guys. That's a pretty compelling argument. ***

Bullet Tax?: Baltimore Mayoral Candidate Offers Unusual Crime Prevention Plan

(The Blaze) - If you plan to go shooting in Baltimore, it might be a little more expensive come this September.

WBAL-TV is reporting that Baltimore mayoral candidate Otis Rolley has unveiled a new proposal to add a \$1 bullet tax to each round sold within city limits. This would be part of Rolley's multi-pronged strategy to reduce crime in Baltimore, which also includes better training and standards for the Baltimore Police Department, working with the media to raise awareness of suspects at large, and reducing the number of vacant properties in the city.

Rolley, a Democrat who previously served as Baltimore's

planning director, believes a bullet tax will specifically decrease random shootings around the city during holidays — and just generally up the price tag on gun related crimes.

"While the courts have consistently ruled against significant gun control legislation," his plan states, "there is still a way to decrease crime: substantially increase the cost of its commission."

It adds, "Increasing the cost of guns won't work, because many criminals don't purchase new guns, and they can be borrowed or even rented in some areas."

Currently, 50 rounds of 9mm ammunition online looks to cost around \$15. ***

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dollars in legal time, engineering evaluations, and lobbyists to change Washington Law to create a Local Improvement District (funded by taxpayers within the District).

Roger was so angry that he sent out a two page single-spaced email venting his frustrations to everyone in the neighborhood and all City Officials (including Jim Rulli, a Superior Court Judge who lives in the neighborhood and is pro-Quiet Zone, as well as the Mayor and City Council). He complained that Dr. Marshack presented a “major snag” in the development of the Quiet Zone. He demanded that Brent Boger, the Vancouver Assistant City Attorney responsible (in part) for the project, act “aggressively and expeditiously,” and to “seek legal remedy.” Roger went on to demand that Mr. Boger “take any and all measures” and to “reevaluate the wisdom of the current City issued permit” for Dr. Marshack’s home-based psychology practice.

In fact within days, Mr. Boger did write to the FRA threatening to sue the Federal Government if they wouldn’t grant the Quiet Zone permit. As ludicrous as this sounds, Mr. Boger continued this approach for another year. He sent three letters in total trying to get the safety issue ignored. The FRA was patient. They directed Mr. Boger to re-evaluate the Quiet Zone plan to include safety features at the only train crossing that Dr. Marshack can use. But Boger, Parsons and others refused to cooperate. So after repeated attempts from the FRA to get the City of Vancouver to be reasonable, the FRA announced on May 4, 2011 that they would grant the Quiet Zone permit . . . provided the City of Vancouver pay for and maintain standard safety equipment at the private train crossing used by Dr. Marshack. This is all that Dr. Marshack was asking for in the first place, to have all train crossings in the proposed Quiet Zone equipped with safety equipment - Karma.

The most dangerous train crossing in the City



The story of alleged malicious harassment dedicated to removing Dr. Marshack doesn’t start with Roger Parsons. Since 2004 Dr. Marshack’s neighbors, the City of Vancouver and the owner of the train tracks, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Co., have discussed the feasibility of a Quiet Zone. They published their first feasibility study on February 5, 2005, as posted to the Vancouver City website (<http://www.cityofvancouver.us>). It was during the pendency of this feasibility study that the reported harassment began and continues to this day.

By the date of this feasibility study, Dr. Marshack became alarmed that no one was worried in the least about the private train crossing which is her only access to and from her home. In February 2005, she asked the Fire Department to evaluate safety at the crossing and down the narrow little road that leads to her home and the homes of three other residents. Unbeknownst to her, Dr. Marshack’s request was routed to Vancouver Code Enforcement Officer Richard Landis and Assistant City Attorney Charles Isely. The report was never sent to Dr. Marshack (so much for openness in government).

On February 17, 2005, just a few days after the Quiet Zone feasibility study was completed, Captain Mike Berg, of the Vancouver Fire department, deemed the little 1908 train crossing by Dr. Marshack’s house and the narrow old road (built in 1852) as very dangerous. Not only was he concerned about the safety of fire personnel and damaging fire trucks, but he states in his report:

“. . . I might suggest we advise the property owners on this road we cannot meet time response guidelines into this area for fire or medical responses and also let their fire insurance companies know that we as a Department cannot operate with our normal fire ground operations and expect larger fire damage due to extreme fire access problems. . . ”

No wonder Landis, Isely and others at City Hall didn’t want Dr. Marshack to have this report back in early 2005. Parsons and his cronies were concocting a plan to get rid of opposition to the Quiet Zone and fire safety just was not on their agenda. Thank goodness Captain Berg was honest. Unfortunately, it would be nearly five years before Dr. Marshack got to see this report and she had to sue the neighbors and the City of Vancouver to get it.

Public Works Director, Brian Carlson, takes over



Brian Carlson

With the colossal failure of Assistant City Attorney Brent Boger to dispense with Dr. Marshack and her concerns about safety, the Quiet Zone project was passed on to Vancouver Public Works Director, Brian Carlson. Carlson already had a long history of sabotaging

Dr. Marshack, so he was the perfect candidate. He was cozy with Dr. Marshack’s neighbors Toni Montgomery and Mary Neptune and board officers for the home owners association at Steamboat Landing (SBL). SBL is a private gated community on the Columbia River with a private beach and marina – the entity who stands to benefit the most from a Train Horn Noise Quiet Zone.

Carlson regularly attended SBL home owners and board meetings to discuss the Quiet Zone, and how to stop Marshack. In a chipper little email between SBL President Toni Montgomery and Mr. Carlson on March 31, 2008, the two joked about Dr. Marshack’s plight of being unable to sell her house because of neighborhood harassment.

Toni Montgomery: “Thanks for the reply. I am checking with all others to see if Wed. @ 4 would work for them. I am tied up with the Marshack v. City of Vancouver new lawsuit on Tuesday. Would you please buy her house?”
Toni”

Brian Carlson: “OK thanks Toni. I’ll save Wed for a meeting. I’ll also bring \$1 as a down payment on that house!”

The lawsuit referenced by Montgomery turned out to be Dr. Marshack’s claim against SBL for malicious defamation, harassment, and conspiracy with the City of Vancouver to obstruct Dr. Marshack’s property rights and civil

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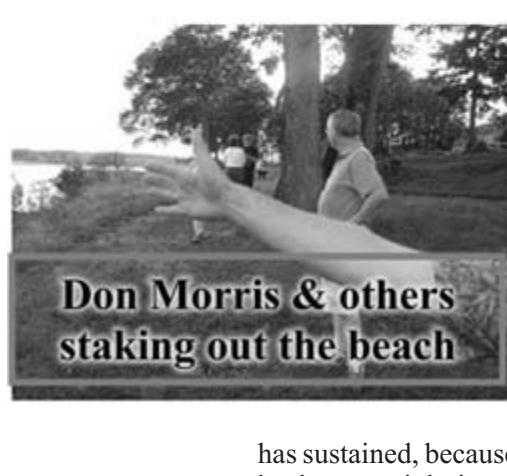
rights. When Montgomery’s neighbors at SBL found out how their homeowner’s dues were being used, rebellion broke out. President Montgomery and Vice President Mary Neptune were removed from office in disgrace. Complaints by other SBL residents were filed against them with the State of Washington for misappropriation of homeowner’s dues. Ultimately, SBL paid out huge legal fees and a tidy settlement to Dr. Marshack for the damage caused by the alleged malfeasance of their board members - Karma.

Vigilantes or Gang Members?

Dr. Marshack has never met her neighbor Toni Montgomery. Like so many of the players in the Quiet Zone boondoggle, civic leaders have targeted Dr. Marshack without ever having met her or communicated with her about her concerns. This isn’t surprising since these nasty neighbors have the full support of the Mayor, the City Manager, the City Attorney’s office, Code Enforcement, the Vancouver Police Department and the local newspaper, The Columbian. Full support is an understatement. These neighbors were given carte blanche to engage in vigilante activities that turned into alleged “criminal gang attacks.” Take a look at this list of claims while realizing this isn’t everything:



Mrs. Morris and M. Amy



Don Morris & others staking out the beach

attackers and ran home to Dr. Marshack. Vancouver Police Officer Calhoun did nothing in spite of court orders against harassment.

3. SBL resident Melanie Mooney threatened Dr. Marshack verbally and when that didn’t work, she grabbed Dr. Marshack, shook her, and bit her. The police followed up by arresting Dr. Marshack and told her the bite wound was a scratch. Later when Mooney finally confessed to City Prosecutor Kevin McClure that she lied and that she did indeed bite Marshack, McClure continued to prosecute Dr. Marshack, threatening to prove that she bit herself.

4. SBL resident Don Morris attacked Dr. Marshack by hitting her in the head from behind and knocking her to her knees. The police told Dr. Marshack she must have caused the injuries to herself. However, Judge Nichols found Morris guilty of assault in a civil claim that Dr. Marshack had to file herself.

5. SBL President Toni Montgomery authorized the installation of a wanted poster of Dr. Marshack at the front gate of the private community. It is noted in the SBL Board minutes that Vancouver Police and Code Enforcement were fully supportive of this measure.

6. SBL resident Don Morris “stalked” Dr. Marshack and took a series of 50 secret videos from his hiding place in the bushes (on Dr. Marshack’s property), or when driving past her house. He turned the videos over to Assistant City Attorney Charles Isely and Code Enforcement Officer Richard Landis, along with a petition signed by neighbors complaining that Dr. Marshack was a nuisance. In spite of two public records requests, Isely and Landis denied the existence of the videos.

7. SBL homeowners Amy, Neptune, Montgomery, Morris and Mooney installed a fence out into the Columbia River. Code Enforcement Officer Richard Landis and Police Commander Dave King authorized the fence as a “police line” to prevent Dr. Marshack from using her legally deeded easement to the river, even after court orders to the contrary.

8. The Columbian Newspaper, owned by Scott Campbell, who is one of Marshack’s neighbors repeatedly ran disparaging stories about Dr. Marshack. Stephanie Rice, a Columbian Journalist penned article after article castigating Dr. Marshack for standing up for her rights, including statements that her house was not worth the asking price. So much for unbiased reporting.

What's the Karma total result?

Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent already by the City of Vancouver and Dr. Marshack’s neighbors in a selfish and futile attempt to take away one woman’s civil rights and property rights. They have paid out the nose for legal fees and settlement costs. The City faces another \$300,000 -500,000 to upgrade the old train crossing in order to fulfill their narcissistic desire for a Quiet Zone for their wealthy and unscrupulous patrons. The surrounding neighbors have their houses for sale, and are unable to sell. Riverfront property is unable to be developed because access issues remain unsolved.

City officials like Brent Boger, Brian Carlson, and Police Commander Dave King have been publicly humiliated. Community leaders like Roger Parsons and Toni Montgomery have lost their credibility. Neighbors like Morris and Mooney faced stiff legal bills for their malevolent conduct. Scott Campbell faced a reorganization bankruptcy for his newspaper the Columbian, and he reportedly lost his house as well. There is more to tell you about Mr. Campbell in future stories.

The City of Vancouver has lost their bid to destroy Dr. Marshack’s business, property rights, and civil rights . . . and yet they refuse to pay damages and her lawsuit is still pending. It is certainly true that municipal governments, in fact all factions of government today, believe they are above the law. During the course of terrorizing Dr. Marshack, City Attorney Ted Gathe and Assistant City Attorney Alison Chinn have published professional papers on city government immunity and police powers.

After all the losses their army of vigilantes has sustained, because one woman chose to fight back, you might just think they would quit, pay up and move on. However, it appears the City of Vancouver would rather burn down City Hall than do the right thing - Karma.

Editor’s Note: The *US~Observer* is patiently waiting for Marshack’s attorney Dan Lorenz to file an amended complaint regarding her lawsuit against the City of Vancouver, WA. We had intended to report on the finished complaint well before now – however, for the time-being we will give Lorenz every benefit of doubt possible. ★★

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II, Section 3 power to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed." However, "laws" must mean laws that are already passed, not laws that an Executive Order purports to create. The validity of particular Executive Orders has often been questioned, but neither Congress nor the Supreme Court has ever defined the extent of their power, and courts have rarely invalidated or even reviewed EOs.

In a News Record (student newspaper at the University of Cincinnati) opinion piece, *Executive orders compromise democracy*, by Jeremy Davis (Feb. 2010), Davis wrote:

The Founding Fathers didn't draft the Constitution with a central leader with extensive power in mind. Their experience of living under the rule of a despotic king fueled their attempts to prevent a tyrannical centralized government from taking hold here.

The nature of the presidency and its expanding power has been evolving more and more with each passing administration...

Then there are the chilling words of Harry V. Martin, who wrote *The Executive Order in Time of War*:

... the President now has the power to transfer whole populations to any part of the country, the power to suspend the Press and to force a national registration of all persons. The President, in essence, has dictatorial powers never provided to him under the Constitution. The President has the power to suspend the Constitution and the Bill of Rights in a real or perceived emergency. Unlike Lincoln and Roosevelt, these powers are not derived from a wartime need, but from any crisis, domestic or foreign, hostile or economic. Roosevelt created extraordinary measures during the Great Depression, but any President faced with a similar, or lesser, economic crisis now has extraordinary powers to assume dictatorial status.

Clearly, the king has returned, with decree in hand, and the

"The accumulation of all powers, legislative, executive, and judiciary, in the same hands, whether of one, a few, or many, and whether hereditary, self appointed, or elective, may justly be pronounced the very definition of tyranny. Were the federal Constitution, therefore, really chargeable with the accumulation of power, or with a mixture of powers, having a dangerous tendency to such an accumulation, no further arguments would be necessary to inspire a universal reprobation of the system."

—Federalist Paper 47; James Madison



people are left powerless; left to tell tales of a once great republic when liberty, freedom and justice existed for all.

Writer's Note: America is in dire straits. There was already talk of using EOs to raise the debt limit, thereby

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misdemeanor crimes against Keller to mere infractions – akin to a speeding ticket.

History on Corrupted Keller Case

Arrested for allegedly interfering with a fire-fighter and disorderly conduct and facing criminal charges, Jerry sought the help of the US~Observer and took his false arrest public. Keller stated, "I don't know how to thank you," after the criminal charges were dropped. The US~Observer's investigation and exposure of an attempt by public officials to rail-road an innocent man, who had no criminal record, forced Crook County District Attorney (DA) Daina Vitolins to drop his criminal charges. Vitolins knew that if Jerry was afforded a jury trial, he would be found innocent by his peers. So, she prevented Jerry Keller's right to a jury trial by reducing his criminal charges to mere infractions.

Vitolins lied in a letter written to this writer on June 29, 2011. I had attempted to meet with Vitolins in Prineville about the Keller case in late June, 2011, and she was unavailable. In her follow-up letter to me, she stated, "I have an affirmative obligation to make sure that Mr. Keller receives a fair trial in this case. For this reason, I may not discuss the case while it is pending." Pure bullshit folks!

The deceitful and conspiring Vitolins had no intention whatsoever of having a "fair" trial for Keller. In fact she had been talking plenty about the Keller case prior to trial with the very people that helped her attempt to damage this fine American by convicting him of a crime. A few of the people that conspired with her would be BLM employee Benjamin Renfro; his lame "crime victim" attorney Janine Robben, from the Oregon Crime Victims Law Center; assistant district attorney Victoria Schwartz, who prosecuted this case for Vitolins and I



District Attorney Daina Vitolins

would opine, Renfro's wife Tammara. According to witnesses Tammara is District Attorney Vitolins' right hand gal. In other words, Tammara works in the DA's office as assistant to Vitolins. Tammara also handles the emails that are sent to DA Vitolins. Maybe the above begins to explain why the "crooks" waited thirty days from Keller's original encounter with Renfro, to produce an embellished, false police report and have him arrested.

Bureau of Land Management employee Benjamin Renfro's attempt to force criminal charges upon Jerry Keller by filing a false police report failed; however, he and his cohorts continued their destructive charade on an infraction basis. Renfro went to the extreme by obtaining the assistance of attorney Janine Robben from the Oregon Crime Victims Law Center out of Portland, Oregon. Renfro and Robben at this juncture proclaimed that Benjamin was a victim. Robben then filed a motion the day before trial, requesting an order to show cause. In the motion, she asked Judge George W. Neilson to rule to prevent Jerry from talking to the media, and individuals, and stop making signs regarding Renfro's honesty - what she called "Victims honesty." (Read Robben's motion in the on-line version of this story at www.usobserver.com.) She also asked Neilson to "Punish the defendant for his violation of the victim's rights." Judge Neilson had to deny the motion.

Judge Neilson's Involvement

There is no question whatsoever that Neilson was prejudiced against Keller. Keller attempted to remove him from the case over a year ago and Neilson refused. Neilson virtually insured that the vindictive prosecutor would walk away with a partial win. At



Judge George W. Neilson

Photo by Holly M. Gill

the end of the day Neilson found Keller not guilty of "Disturbing the Peace" and guilty of "Interfering with a Firefighter." Ignorant prosecutor Schwartz then asked Neilson to order Keller to take "Anger Management" classes as part of his sentence, but Keller's defense attorney, Jim Leuenberger of Portland, objected, informing Neilson that all he could do by law would be to impose a fine. Neilson then fined Keller \$100.00. This sentence was very calculated as Neilson knew that Keller couldn't appeal his decision if the fine was less than \$250.00.

One of Keller's supporters who attended the literal Kangaroo Court conducted by Neilson stated, "This Cocaine judge assisted the prosecutor with her case – you could tell that he was prejudiced." This "Cocaine" statement most likely came up due to the fact that years ago I met with Neilson in his chambers in Madras, Oregon regarding accusations that he had been using Cocaine and that he had been "passed out drunk." Even though I informed Neilson at the time that I had affidavits regarding the accusations, he denied them and the very next day this judge had an attorney from Portland, Oregon call me. The attorney threatened that Neilson would sue me for libel and slander if I published anything about Neilson's alleged drug and alcohol usage – I published the accusations and they failed to sue me...

Prohibiting the petitioning for a governmental redress of grievances was clearly attempted by Renfro and his "gang" – something sixty-seven year old Jerry Keller and many other Crook County residents have publicly stated they aren't going to put up with. One lady who attended the hearing stated, "In prosecuting Jerry the DA put on quite the show of how this nation takes our money and insults lady justice and common sense."

One thing is certain – Jerry is not a criminal. It is also certain that had he not taken this public and fought so hard for his rights, he would be a criminal today. The US~Observer commends

Jerry for standing up for himself, something that every prudent person in Crook County should be proud of – this country desperately needs more Jerry Kellers. ***

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things considered equal. Consequently, if regulators coerce ice cream makers to alter the formulation of their products to include artificial ingredients having low calories and no sugar, they will deny the prudent consumer of ice cream fats and sugars he or she may need or enjoy for the sake of imprudent ones who happen to like to eat a lot of ice cream.

In the end, whether an American gorges himself on fattening and sugarized foods or not is no legitimate concern of the federal government and is entirely a matter for that individual to reconcile. If we cannot enjoy the freedom to determine what foods we ingest, we can hardly consider ourselves a free people.

If a family wants to eat pancakes for breakfast with lots of butter and sugar lathered atop them, that choice is rightfully theirs. To regulate the manufacturers of syrup, pancake batter, and butter to force them to limit the quantities of those products sold or to alter their composition to comply with the dictates of federal food police offends our most basic conceptions of sovereignty and liberty. It is tyranny.

In the end, we can envision a body of mildly plump bureaucrats with Ph.D.s in nutrition science, struggling over whether a twinkie should be permitted to be marketed or advertised; whether soda should be lawful in the market; or whether candy and cookies should be reformulated to be devoid of fat and sugar. Future news stories could read, local doughnut shop closed by order of the Food and Drug Administration for selling doughnuts that contain too much fat. Or, try this one, church picnic stopped by FDA agents when parent revealed that the menu included French fries containing quantities of fat forbidden by federal regulation.

There is an alternative to this highly paternalistic approach, the only one consistent



with the Constitution: To trust in the American people to make their own food choices, if only well enough informed. Rather than presume that the federal government knows better than the typical American how to order the family diet, the better approach is to eliminate regulation denying consumers access to health information concerning the disease risk reducing and disease treatment effects of certain nutrients in foods and the corresponding disease promoting effects of certain other ingredients in foods. Were the federal government to end its censorship of health claims, the market could be replete with information aiding consumers in detail on the relative health benefits of foods. In that way, conscientious parents may make their own choices concerning how best to stock cupboards and prepare meals. They would proceed in an environment of freedom, rather than one of restraint.

Thomas Jefferson wisely explained, "I would rather be exposed to the inconveniences attending too much liberty than to those attending too small a degree of it."

The Obama Administration and its allies in Congress so abhor individual freedom of choice and so believe in state paternalism that they cannot help but attempt to dictate the most basic of decisions, including what's for dinner. Their approach is more appropriately called slavery. It is indeed ironic that a man who had slaves for ancestors would endeavor to enslave the American people through the power of the regulatory state. ★★

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"Then, over Ms. Herbert's objection's, Judge Mejia admitted the unauthenticated and prejudicial pictures into evidence for the jury to see. Even worse, he allowed the prosecution's witness Terri Lee Drew to testify at what point of the altercation the pictures were taken, leaving the jury with the impression that defense witnesses were indeed lying.

"Dave, one of my fellow court watchers looked over at me and stated, 'that corrupt bastard of a judge just killed any chance of these kids ever having a fair trial.'

"What happened to this young family is nothing new. It happens a thousand times a day all over this country. It happens because there is no accountability in the courts of America."

Curt Chanler concluded - "You cannot have accountability when the courts consider the Constitution an abstract concept. Example: Law enforcement has immunity; prosecutors have immunity; the judge has immunity and without accountability there can be no justice, only the Illusion of justice."

"Our government and our courts were created from a recipe for prosperity and strength through freedom. That recipe is called the Constitution and all of the tools needed to take our country and our courts back and hold them accountable are contained in that Constitution. Read it, learn it, quote it, debate it, teach it and if need be fight for it. Then and only then will justice in America, no longer be just an illusion."

I should note that the Easley case was not a US~Observer case, but one that Chanler decided to cover. The accusations against abusive Ranger William Finch are a different matter - one the US~Observer fully intends to resolve.

More of Ranger Finch's Alleged Abusive History

The following are just a few excerpts from the complaints Curt Chanler received during the course of his investigation of Ranger William Finch:

"The next time I saw Ranger Finch, was the same day he was going back and forth on a trail sneaking around looking through his binoculars at the people on and around the trail. I found his behavior very upsetting because that trail and just off the trail is used by the women, children and fisherman to go pee; in fact we call it the pee trail.

"Later that day I was standing just off the pee

trail relieving myself when Ranger Finch and his binoculars walked right up on me, Finch spun around and went the other way. I followed Finch and told him I did not think what he was doing was his job and I resented it."

Another witness states, "Another thing that bothers me is Finch likes to get right in your face and twice I know I have smelled alcohol on his breath."

Yet another witness named Rob states, "my first encounter with Ranger Finch was Fathers Day 2009, at Hays Falls and it was not a good meeting." Rob said he had fished that area for many years and he and several other fishermen and their wives and children were there. Rob said Ranger Finch did not come down by the river and check the men but instead he hung around the trail where the women and kids go to the bath room, asking women and Kids for their IDs and fishing licenses. Rob said he and some of the men did not like Ranger Finch sneaking around with binoculars in an area where women and kids were going to the bathroom and "we caught him lying on the ground looking through his binoculars in the area where everybody goes to pee." Rob stated, "we asked Finch, what the hell is wrong with you, man? I believe when Ranger Finch is alone he won't confront a man but he will confront women and kids." Rob said he believes Finch is just not right.

All of this information and much, much more was published and it was given to Jackson County Sheriff Mike Winters, yet Finch is still, to this very day acting as a law enforcement officer for the BLM and he still has his police powers as a deputy sheriff for Jackson County, Oregon. The information was also given to Ranger William Finch's superiors at the BLM. What was done? Absolutely Nothing. Now we have discovered that a young girl is claiming Finch sexually molested her, and the facts back up her story.

The US~Observer usually deals with cases where there are false allegations of a crime, however, due to the large number of people who have given statements regarding Ranger William Finch and his varied abuses, we are compelled to both believe and make public the "Sexual Abuse Allegations."

I am extremely concerned that there are many more victims of Finch who are afraid to come forward because he wears a badge, and I am even more concerned about the fact that Sheriff Mike Winters and BLM officials have done nothing to stop this allegedly dangerous individual. What a disgrace... ★★

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VICTIMS: POLICE ABUSE STATUS: DISMISSED - CIVIL SUIT PENDING



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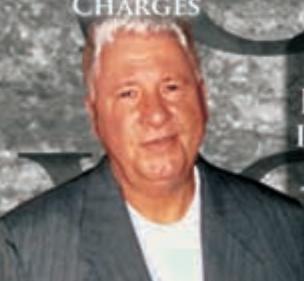


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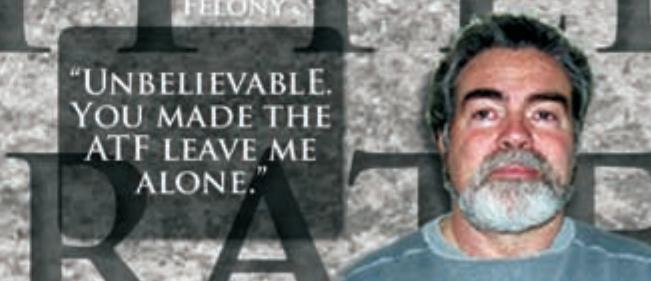
"I WOULD HAVE BEEN CONVICTED IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOUR HELP. THANK YOU VERY MUCH."

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

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

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

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

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completed any investigation.

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

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

servants.

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

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

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

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