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Gil Gilbertson Sheriff of and for the People



Gil Gilbertson

Every great now and again, people in positions of authority actually work for the betterment of their constituents by standing for the principles of the Constitution. People like Oregon's Josephine County Sheriff Gil Gilbertson whose belief in a limited federal government has him fighting for his rights as the chief law enforcement officer (CLEO) in the county.

Gilbertson is working with sheriffs from across Oregon and California in an attempt to deal with federal law enforcement's overt disregard for the public and the publicly elected position of sheriff.

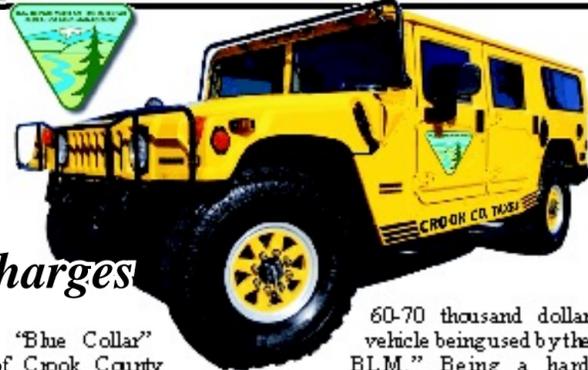
In a letter Gilbertson recently

sent to United States Forestry, he states in part:

"... I am concerned that information is withheld from this Office. This uncooperative posture appears to present a challenge of authority. Frankly, I was somewhat taken aback by your legal department's position advising you to not discuss issues with me. I am further aghast to the suggestion I must file a FOIA to find out what your agency is doing in regards to the

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Prineville, Oregon Man Stands Up For Tax-Payers BLM Pushing False Charges



Gerald (Jerry) Keller

By Joseph Snook Investigative Journalist

Prineville, OR, 2011 – Concerned about the growing debt of the United States amongst one of the deepest recessions, and highest deficits this country has ever seen; One local man from Prineville, Oregon is standing

up for the "Blue Collar" taxpayers of Crook County Oregon. Gerald (Jerry) Keller, 67 of Prineville, Oregon was arrested on April 8, 2010 for voicing his (first amendment) concerns to a government (our) employee regarding the purchase of an H-1 Hummer for the BLM (Bureau of Land Management).

On the morning of March 11, 2010, Jerry Keller and wife Brenda were returning home in their vehicle when they witnessed a yellow H-1 Hummer approaching the roadway. As they neared the Hummer, Jerry stated "I noticed a BLM logo on the side of the vehicle." As they passed the Hummer, Jerry turned to Brenda and stated, "Hey Momma, can you believe that, a

60-70 thousand dollar vehicle being used by the BLM." Being a hard working tax-payer and law abiding citizen his entire life, with no criminal record and only one minor traffic citation over 40 years prior, Jerry pulled over to the side of the road. Jerry felt it was his duty to let the approaching driver of the H-1 Hummer know that he didn't agree with his tax-revenue being used to purchase such lavish vehicles for the BLM.

According to Jerry, he never cursed at the H-1 driver, he made peaceful and direct statements, then returned to his vehicle and went home. Jerry stated he was surprised to see BLM employee and operator of the Hummer, Benjamin Renfro "Wearing

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The Wrong Side of Vancouver's Tracks: What's the value of one woman's Civil Rights?

By Edward Snook Investigative Journalist

Editor's Note: Imagine for an instant that your home - the place you are supposed to feel safe beyond all else - has become your prison; not due to some crime that has you under house arrest, but rather besieged by a city government and neighbors that assault, harass and slander you at every opportunity. Those opportune moments come every time you walk out your door or pull-up to park in front of it. They target your children; your guests. You are bitten, clubbed, and your very livelihood is threatened. They even post "wanted" posters



Dr. Kathy Marshack

around the community making it seem as if you are the problem. Would you move? Or, would you fight?

This story outlines the years of physical and emotional torment one Vancouver, Washington woman has endured at the hands of city government officials, police officers, code enforcers and bully-like neighbors, and the battles in which she has triumphed; yet, this story is not over. This fight, this war she has justifiably waged to feel secure in her home has one final chapter; defeating a city government that reportedly denies any wrong-doing and is digging-in for a long legal battle. Her plight has been featured on Lars Larson's



Burlington Northern train tracks in East Vancouver, WA

radio show, and FOX News Channel 12 (both of which will be viewable on-line at usobserver.com) and we are bringing it to you; not only to inform, but to call you to action. She needs our help. The City of Vancouver needs to know that enough is enough.

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A Verbal Assassin Commentary

Memorializing America



By Ron Lee

As I write this, today is Memorial Day, 2011. Instead of paying due homage to those who have fallen bravely protecting this country I am mourning the loss of this once great and proud nation. A nation born from the simplest of ideas... Liberty for all. Each year in Grants Pass, Oregon, Memorial Day weekend is celebrated with

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Con-Man Gary Holmes' Fraud and Theft Continue



Gary Douglas Holmes

By Edward Snook Investigative Journalist

Gary Douglas Holmes is a polished con-artist, who has migrated from the United States to Dominican Republic, in his quest for people to steal from. Holmes

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Tabling the Pledge Tough to be a proud American in Oregon

By Rep. Sal Esquivel

On April 25 the Rules Committee headed by co-chairs Rep. Andy Olson and Rep. Dave Hunt held a hearing on HB 3604 – a bill requiring every public school, including public charter schools, to display the United States flag, to have the United States flag in each classroom and for the Pledge of Allegiance to be recited once a week led by a staff member, a teacher or a student.

Rep. Dave Hunt, D-Clackamas, will not agree to give the bill a work session, claiming first that



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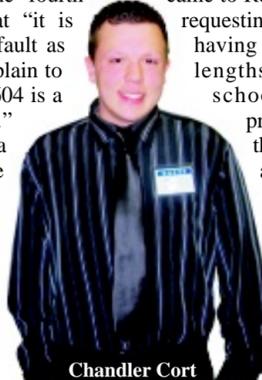
there "are not enough votes to get the bill out of committee," second that the bill would "not bode well with my caucus," third that "the financial impact is too great to place on the already struggling public schools" (there is NO financial impact) and the fourth excuse is that "it is Rep Olson's fault as he did not explain to me that HB3604 is a priority bill." Rep. Olson is a sponsor of the bill.

None of the other three Democrat committee members – Rep. Paul Holvey, Rep. Phil Barnhart, or Rep.



Chris Garrett – has been courteous enough to answer a hand written note requesting a courtesy YES vote out of committee.

Chandler Cort, a sophomore from Rogue River High School, came to Rep. Hicks and me requesting assistance after having gone to great lengths at his local school to get the principal to display the American flag and then allow students to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. He strongly expressed the desire to have the ORS 339.875



Chandler Cort

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and his cohorts also fled the USA due to the exposure from the US-Observer. This publication has cost him numerous, documented potential victims, who have read our factual articles on the internet and within the pages of our hard-copy newspaper and then refused to invest with Holmes.

Holmes is currently working with Elly Maillet and reportedly her husband Patrick and Eddie Salas. His last known location is the Dominican Republic, where he believes he is protected from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and other like-authorities. He may be able to hide from authorities like he did when he resided in the USA for many years, but he is finding it impossible to hide from the US-Observer's presence on the internet.

Holmes has stolen literally millions from naïve people who listen to his lunatic investment scam programs – many listen due to the fact that he associates himself and his programs with God and Christian lingo. Promise after promise flow from this crook and his cohorts, as his victims become frustrated by not receiving the returns on their investments as promised. The more demand that Holmes return their investment, the more unbelievable his excuses become.

In a recent "Ministry Update" from Holmes and Elly, Elly writes, "Hi Folks.... This is about it... We seem to be close to grasping the

grand prize that has become a lifeline for many." Is this clear enough proof of my factual claims regarding continued excuses? Holmes writes, "Just to let you know we have the necessary funding in place to fulfill all the Ministry obligations right now! We just need the RLOC (Revolving Line of Credit) to access them for movement to your E-wallets so please pray for the creation of the E-wallet and the safety of this process from those who do not want us succeed." What a polished liar and thief. Holmes has been making like-excuses since at least 2003 and people keep listening to this ingrate. I can't figure out which is worse – Holmes continued lies or the ignorance of people who keep listening year after year...

The US-Observer has been receiving complaints from around the globe – a good number of them coming from South Africa. As we continue to expose this corrupted individual, we ask that anyone with information on Holmes or those assisting him in stealing from people, contact us at 541-474-7885 or email to editor@usobserver.com.

Anyone who doubts anything I have written needs to simply realize that I can't publish such damning accusations if they aren't true. Wouldn't Holmes sue me if each and every word that I publish wasn't the absolute truth? Let me save everyone some thought process; Hell yes he would! ★★★

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the town's Boatnik Festival. Over 5 days this celebration and local fundraiser offers a town parade, carnival rides and vendors at a splendid downtown park, jet boat races on the majestic Rogue River, a Memorial Day ceremony with a military fly-over and several nights of fireworks. Usually the eve of the holiday is reserved for the most vibrant of pyrotechnic displays; so my fiance and I were excited to attend.

We took our blankets, planned on eating a funnel cake smothered in strawberries, and headed toward the park looking forward to an evening cuddled together watching the light show.

Prior to the fireworks, a massive American flag was unfurled from a nearby bridge. Lit by spot lights, the flag shimmered as the Star Spangled Banner came over the speakers.

As our anthem played, my fiance and I stood upon our blanket with our hands over our hearts, arms interlocked. We were both proud and thankful; not only to be there in each other's presence, but that so many had given so much for, well... us. It's humbling.

The flag fluttering in the breeze; the song bellowing into the night; the beautiful woman next to me all made me feel alive and proud. I smiled broadly and diverted my eyes from the flag to see if others were standing there smiling, too. They weren't.

In fact, almost half of the thousands in attendance were still seated, obviously not sharing our patriotic sentiments and not caring to be quiet either.

As I looked around studying their faces, I felt my smile wither into a grimace and my spirit darken.

I felt absolutely ashamed. I was ashamed that the obviously welfare-fed obese couldn't stand to honor the country that fuels their gluttony; ashamed that the alcoholics continued to slurp their once outlawed booze instead of cheering the flag; ashamed at the amount of, what appeared to be, every day people who chose to ignore all they have been afforded and given - yes GIVEN - by the sacrifices of the fallen, just so they could straighten their blankets out and talk (yell over the music) with their friends.

But mostly, I was ashamed to see how many children were allowed to run rampant, yelling and screaming, not being taught or made to realize the magnitude of what so many others had given so that we could be there, in that moment, waving our glow-stick wands, about to be enthralled by fireworks launched from a barge in the center of the river.

It disgusted me. For the first time in my life I was actually ashamed of We, the people, for letting our country slip away into this self absorbed Me society that resembles nothing of the America I was raised to love and respect with my whole heart.

One thing I know for certain, those who have died for us; for America; for freedom and the Republic; they would be ashamed of all of us.

We let this all happen by not acting, not



Riverside Park, Grants Pass, OR - Boatnik Festival Fireworks, 2011

standing to be heard and forcing a redress of grievances; for not waving the flag at every opportunity and reading from the Constitution for everyone to hear and understand. Remember, the apathy of others cannot be an excuse for our own inaction!

For me, May 30, 2011 - Memorial Day - will forever be remembered as the day the spirit of America died.

I wonder, what will be the day when we re-ignite the flame; the fire in our souls to be free, yet belong to something greater than ourselves? Or, will we ever?

America, I miss you ... ★★★

**National Grange
Resolutions for a Stronger America**

**Oppose the Deitary Access
and Awareness Act, H.R. 3156**

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.



National Grange

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.

classified as foods, not drugs. The (DSHEA) law gives the American people free access to dietary supplements.

Whereas: H.R. 3156, if passed, will amend the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act (DSHEA) of 1994, which will lead to the loss of our pro-health freedoms.

Whereas: Many years ago Thomas Jefferson stated, "If pepeople let the Government decide what foods they eat and what medicines they take, their bodies will soon be in as sorry state as the souls of those who live under tyranny."

Therefore be it resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports the "Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act" (DSHEA) of year 1994 (Public Law 103-417) and opposes the passage of the Dietary Supplement Access and Awareness Act, H.R.3156.

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

Resolution:

Subject: Oppose the Deitary Access and Awareness Act, H.R. 3156

Whereas: In the year of 1994, the United States Congress and the United States President passed a law that was entitled, "The Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act" of 1994 (DSHEA), which became (Public Law 103-417).

Whereas: This Dietary Supplement Health Education Act (DSHEA) gave the assurance that food supplement such as vitamins, herbs, and minerals, are

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Reciprocity: The Police State

By Ron Lee
US-Observer

Our Republic has changed from a land offering liberty and valuing freedom to a country that oppresses and values money above all else, even justice. It used to be if you committed a non-felonious crime your punishment ended at the border of whatever state the crime was committed within - not that you could escape your punishment, just that it wouldn't follow you or hinder you being a law-abiding citizen of another state.

For instance, take the case of Scott Winegarden. He is an avid hunter who was charged multiple times in Washington state for various hunting related infractions. Winegarden maintains that he was innocent of all of the charges but chose to pay the fines as the cost of these were far less than the costs associated with fighting the reportedly drummed-up infractions and were far more than he could afford.

Thinking that his "punishment" would end with payment-in-full, he was shocked to learn that the misdemeanor offenses were cumulative in the eyes of the administrative agency known as the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). As such, his hunting and fishing "privileges" (a word now often used to describe our past liberties) became suspended and then revoked for life.

So, Washington's punishment for the crimes of which he was charged became a life sentence of no longer enjoying the multi-generational tradition of providing food for his family. That punishment stands today. He can no longer hunt in Washington, ever.

As time went on Winegarden found himself needing to find employment. That search lead him to a job in Oregon, where he soon took up residency with his family.

After a short time, Winegarden applied for and was granted an Oregon hunting license. With several seasons of hunting without

there ever being a question that he was following Oregon hunting laws, he was given notice by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) that his "privileges" were being suspended for life. Their reasoning was that a WDFW officer contacted an ODFW office and told them of Winegarden's Washington revocation. See, Oregon offers reciprocity with Washington.

Here is a man who was reportedly charged with false crimes, accepted punishment and honored his obligations and then is stripped of his rights completely.

Where is the freedom to pursuit life and liberty when you are never forgiven or at best never allowed the opportunity to start anew in some other state?

Currently 36 states offer reciprocity through the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact and I firmly believe all of them have violated the Constitution in doing so. First, they violate Article I, Section 10 of the United States Constitution which states, [emphasis added]:

"No State shall, without the Consent of Congress, lay any duty of Tonnage, keep Troops, or Ships of War in time of Peace, enter into any Agreement or Compact with another State, or with a foreign Power, or engage in War, unless actually invaded, or in such imminent Danger as will not admit of delay."

I believe that reciprocal punishment also violates the 5th Amendment's protection of, "...nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." Clearly you are being held subject to the same offense from another

state.

It also violates the 8th Amendment's protection of, "Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted." Isn't it cruel and unusual punishment to never allow a citizen to follow a law abiding path?

Obviously, there are serial crimes that warrant the protection of reciprocity, but these are felonious crimes; murder, rape, sex-abuse, etc.

I personally believe a state should only apply misdemeanor reciprocity when a citizen breaks the law within their state. Anyone who had broken the law in another state would have one chance and if they couldn't live in a law-abiding manner, only then the other state's records would be taken into account.

The fact is, you can not have a sovereign state if you impose the laws of another state's on your citizens. Your citizens deserve the ability to live free from unwarranted persecution.

Reciprocity is just a life sentence, cruel and unusual, and leaves no room for the people to ever be free to exercise, what the Declaration of Independence called, the pursuit of happiness. If you are never forgiven, or at least allowed the opportunity to start over, you are a prisoner - there can be no happiness in that.

Please join me in contacting ODFW to have Mr. Scott Winegarden's hunting rights returned, and shoot-down any efforts by a state to impose it's laws on the law-abiding citizens of another. Failure to act will lead us further down the path of an all controlling police state.

Remember, they aren't the king's lands, they are the people's, and it is high-time we remind them of that fact.

ODFW may be reached by calling (503) 947-6044 or by e-mailing: Ronald.E.Anglin@state.or.us
You can read more about Scott Winegarden by going to www.usobserver.com and searching for Winegarden from the Yahoo search on the left of the page. ***



Scott Winegarden

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a red Hawaiian shirt, which is not a standard BLM employee uniform."

During our interview, Jerry voiced his concerns about the USFS (United States Forest Service) and BLM. Working in the timber industry most of his life, Jerry stated, "Both the USFS and BLM are over budgeted, under-producing and out of control. Look at our forests, they are nearly gone. What are they (BLM) doing with all of this money besides purchasing Hummers? They are thinning our land and destroying habitat for wild animals. Why do we need federal employees to take care of our forests? The states should take care of their own forests, and reign in on the wasted spending and save the taxpayers money."

FALSE ALLEGATIONS – FALSE ARREST

On April 8, 2010, almost one month after the alleged incident, Officer Jordan Zamora of the Prineville Police Department arrested Jerry Keller at his home residence for allegedly interfering with a Firefighter, Unlawful Entry and Disorderly Conduct. According to police reports, Jerry was cooperative. Despite his disagreement with police reports, Jerry is still voicing his concern for local tax-payers. He has built three signs and erected them on his property to help raise awareness for

from passing Jerry's vehicle. The location of the incident was reportedly changed by Renfro during his statement; to a roadway with only two lanes, no center turning lane, or bike lane which is what was described as the location by both Jerry and wife Brenda Keller. The location where both Jerry and Brenda stated the incident took place was much closer to where Renfro's statement puts Jerry and Renfro's vehicles as Renfro pulled behind Jerry, coming from Deer St. turning onto West 9th St., headed north. According to BLM employee Benjamin Renfro's own statement, he was only seventy percent certain of what Jerry Keller looked like. How could he be certain beyond a reasonable doubt of the location where the incident occurred? (This disproves Count 2: Disorderly Conduct)

Brenda stated that after reading the police reports, she couldn't believe what Renfro was accusing her husband of. She stated, "As soon as Jerry exited our vehicle, I unbuckled my seatbelt and watched the entire incident." She continued, "My husband's thumbs were inside his pants pocket, with his fingers touching his jeans during their entire conversation."

Renfro's original half page - typed statement was brief. His second detailed statement to Prineville Police Officer Jordan Zamora was



local residents of Prineville. He stated, "The District Attorney is now trying to use these signs against me, as if I'm some kind of extremist, in an attempt to build their case."

One major concern is that Jerry Keller obstructed Benjamin Renfro

almost five full pages in length. The accusations by Renfro increased considerably. Given his uncertain initial recollection of specific details regarding the reported incident, this poses a question: How could Renfro remember so much more - thirty-one

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In The News

Pre-Crime System to Scan Americans For "Malintent"

By Paul Joseph Watson

Chilling technology straight out of Minority Report that would subject Americans to pre-crime interrogations and physiological scans to detect "malintent" at sports stadiums, malls, airports and other public places has moved closer to being implemented after Homeland Security's FAST program passed its first round of testing.

"Future Attribute Screening Technology (FAST), a US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) programme designed to spot people who are intending to commit a terrorist act, has in the past few months completed its first round of field tests at an undisclosed location in the northeast," reports Nature.

The system works by using a computer program that studies physiological indicators of a person, such as heart rate and the steadiness of a person's gaze, and then uses the data to make a judgment on whether that individual has "malintent".

Of course, the mere sight of TSA goons conducting grope-downs, radiation-firing body scanners, iris-scanning devices and the routine stresses of travel are all likely to raise heart rates and cause anxiousness in people, so the program will undoubtedly snag innocent travelers. The well-trained, cool and composed terrorist will slip right through, rendering the entire exercise obsolete.

But this isn't really about catching terrorists, if it was then the DHS would mimic Israel's highly effective human intelligence system that is far more likelier to spot real bad guys. This is about guilty until proven innocent, and forcing every American to prove that they are a well-behaved drone who won't complain about a low grade pervert sticking his hand down their pants.

Remember, the TSA already has "behavior detection officers" whose job it is to watch for people who express dissatisfaction at being groped, including not smiling. Not enjoying having your junk fondled by a complete stranger is now a "suspicious activity". FAST's primary purpose is to chill dissent about harassment dished out by TSA goons, by intimidating travelers into thinking they will be prevented from flying, taking the train, entering a mall or a sports stadium, unless they accept the grope down or the body scan with complete subservience.

"Steven Aftergood, a senior research analyst at the Federation of American Scientists, a think-tank based in Washington DC that promotes the use of science in policy-making, is pessimistic about the FAST tests. He thinks that they will

produce a large proportion of false positives, frequently tagging innocent people as potential terrorists and making the system unworkable in a busy airport. "I believe that the premise of this approach — that there is an identifiable physiological signature uniquely associated with malicious intent — is mistaken. To my knowledge, it has not been demonstrated," he says. "Without it, the whole thing seems like a charade."

The report claims that, "FAST relies on non-contact sensors, so it can measure indicators as someone walks through a corridor at an airport, and it does not depend on active questioning of the subject," and yet in DHS' promotional video for the program, participants are bombarded with questions to ascertain whether they are terrorists.

The clip above shows individuals who attend "security events" being led into trailers before they are interrogated as to whether they are terrorists while lie detector-style computer programs analyze their physiological responses. The subjects are asked about their whereabouts, and if they are attempting to smuggle bombs or recording devices into the "expo," proving that the technology is intended to be used at public events and not just airports. Individuals who do not satisfy the first lie detector-style test are then asked "additional questions".

The fact that Homeland Security's own internal reports list supporting political candidates like Ron Paul, flying US flags, owning gold, displaying political bumper stickers, or owning firearms as signs of behavioral malintent that could be linked to terrorism or extremism tells you all you need to know about how FAST checkpoints could be used to snag political dissidents who commit the thought crime of believing they still had any rights under the US Constitution that Janet Napolitano is gleefully ripping to shreds.

In the coming years, staying away from airports won't be enough to avoid a run-in with TSA goons. Homeland Security has embarked on a massive gestapo-like occupation of America where "security" checkpoints will litter highways and roads, transport hubs, as well as public events and anywhere crowds gather.

DHS has already announced that TSA agents and VIPR teams will be expanding their mobile radiation-scanning checkpoints from rest stops to highways and roads in general, as Big Sis accelerates Soviet-style levels of control over the population.

Paul Joseph Watson is the editor and writer for Prison Planet.com. ★★★

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"Future Attribute Screening Technology"

77,000 Federal Workers Paid More Than Governors

Government salaries put under scrutiny

By Stephen Dinan
The Washington Times

More than 77,000 federal government employees throughout the country — including computer operators, more than 5,000 air traffic controllers, 22 librarians and one interior designer — earned more than the governors of the states in which they work.

The findings, from a Congressional Research Service report requested by Sen. Tom Coburn, Oklahoma Republican, were released at a time when public workers' salaries and benefits are under scrutiny across the country as governments try to streamline.

CRS reviewed 2009 salary figures, the most recent available, and found 77,057 employees who earned more in annual pay than their respective governors. Of those workers, 18,351 were doctors — the highest percentage. The second-highest total was for 5,170 air traffic controllers — likely both front-line controllers and their supervisors.

In Maryland, 7,283 federal employees — about 7 percent of all full-time federal employees in the state — earned more than Gov. Martin O'Malley's \$150,000 salary. Maryland was topped by Colorado, which in 2009 had 10,875 employees who made more than the \$90,000 salary of the governor, Bill Ritter.

"Across America, governors are being asked to do more with less, often at lower pay than federal employees in their states. The pay gap between governors and federal employees should prompt Congress to take a closer look at federal salaries," Mr. Coburn said. "With our debt and deficits spiraling out of control, now is the time to ask agencies — not just governors — to do more with less."

Government workers' salaries and benefit packages have come under fire at the local, state and national levels as agencies seek places to cut.

The workers have disputed charges that they earn, on average, more than their private-sector counterparts, but critics point out total compensation, including health care and pensions.

On average, the age of the federal work force is older, and thus likely to be higher paid, than those in the private sector. A higher percentage of federal workers than private-sector employees hold management jobs.

President Obama late last year proposed a two-year salary freeze for federal workers, following on the heels of his announcement soon after he took office in 2009 that he was freezing salaries of top White House employees.

Both houses of Congress voted this year to cut their own budgets, too.

The federal Office of Personnel Management declined to comment on the CRS report's findings.

But Beth Moten, legislative and political director for the American Federation of Government Employees, the union that represents 625,000 federal employees, said the bigger problem is the amount of money that contractors can collect. She said contractors can be reimbursed up to \$693,000 toward salaries for their top five executives, and even more for other employees doing government work.

"So the government's paying \$700,000 and more for contractor salaries, and Sen. Coburn worries about the pay of physicians who care for wounded soldiers?" Ms. Moten said. "If those governors want to make more money, they should either become contractors or try applying to medical school."

Mr. Coburn asked for the review to use governors' salaries, figuring a state's chief executive's pay would be a good yardstick for top-end salaries in each state.

California's governor made the highest salary at \$212,179 in 2009, though Arnold Schwarzenegger did not accept pay. Just 703 federal workers in California earned more than that level of pay, and all but 34 of them were in medicine.

Maine's governor, by contrast, made the lowest salary at \$70,000. CRS said 3,423 federal employees in the state made more than that, including seven pipe fitters, and three people engaged in plastic fabrication work.

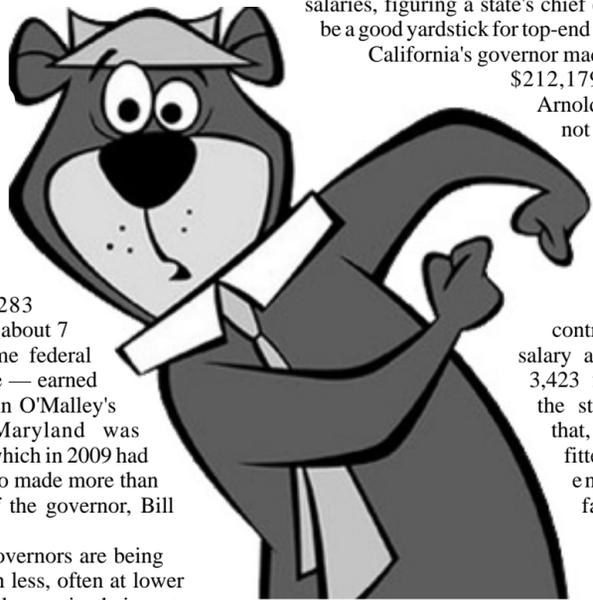
For individual occupations, the CRS report did not break down the states where they worked, so it was impossible to determine where the one interior designer who made more than the governor was employed.

CRS said nationwide there were 122 park rangers, 271 environmental protection specialists, 14 chaplains and one prison guard who earned more than their governors. There were also 21 archaeologists, three sociologists, 48 social workers, four food service workers and five civil rights analysts who made more than their governors.

CRS said some locales are likely to have a higher concentration of well-paid employees. For example, 942 of the medical and public health workers who made more than their governors were from Georgia, the location of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Air traffic controllers, who were the second-biggest group to get salaries higher than their governors, also generally have high salaries. That category likely includes both front-line controllers and their supervisors. The Bureau of Labor Statistics said the median salary for an air traffic controller in May 2008 was \$111,870, while the top 10 percent earned \$161,010 or more a year.

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Yogi Bear: "Can I get a picnic basket Mr. Ranger?"



(Independent Institute) - The Independent Institute is delighted to host two exciting programs this summer—the Challenge of Liberty Seminars! Session I is geared toward high-school students and will be held June 20 to 24 at our headquarters in Oakland, Calif. Session II, for college students, will be held August 1 to 5 at Notre Dame de Namur University, in Belmont, Calif.

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NEW TAX?

Internet Sales Tax?

More Tax, Less Freedom

US-Observer Staff

A new bill proposed in California - go figure, could collect more than \$1 billion (because that's what was reported) a year by taxing E-bay and other online retailers (small business).

AB155 passed, 47-16 on May 31, and now heads to the Senate. Democrat Assemblyman, Charles Calderon says his legislation doesn't create a new sales tax, it enforces one that is already there.

Republicans (16) who voted against the bill said it would create more costs associated with an already problematic task of regulating the internet. It would also likely invite lawsuits and drive MORE business out of California.

In case you haven't already heard, California is Bankrupt, and many states aren't far behind. So, while businesses disappear, let's tax them on their way out...

I'm still wondering how, with all of the taxes we currently pay, an internet tax doesn't already exist? Simply put, this is another prime example of a few politicians dictating to the masses. Even worse is the thought that California residents elected these guys, and worse than that - it will probably make it's way to your state next!

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ATF agents say motive of gun smuggling was to hype anti-gun hysteria--and kill

By Anthony Martin
National Examiner

In the days since the story was first reported that the ATF-DOJ concocted a scheme to run or 'walk' U.S. guns into Mexico, various theories have been presented as to the motive. The official explanation is that the U.S. wanted to track the guns as they made their way from Mexican operatives, to the drug cartels, and to the front lines of the cartels' criminal activity, all in an effort to supposedly help the ATF catch drug kingpins.

Various other theories have been presented as well, several of which have made their way into the mainstream media--that is, except for the correct one.

Whistleblower ATF agents have made it clear as to the motive for the illegal scheme that has created an 'international incident' between the U.S. Government and the Government of Mexico. The agents themselves are adamant that their supervisors planned the scheme in order to pad statistics that would show U.S. guns are fueling the drug cartels, that the U.S. has a major problem with lax gun laws, and then provide an impetus for the Obama Administration and other gun control advocates to hype up anti-gun hysteria--all in support of another round of restrictive gun laws.

But there is a much more sinister motive at play.

Mike Vanderboegh, who, along with David Codrea, first broke the story of this sordid scheme, reports today that the media is willing to roll out any theory as plausible, except for the one the agents themselves say is the correct one. In fact, one writer referred to the agents' story as a 'tin foil hat' theory.

As noted in Vanderboegh's response the motive was not

only about padding statistics. The ATF needed stacks of Mexican bodies lying next to the weapons that came from the U.S.

And that is precisely what they got. A total of 28,000 Mexicans have been murdered in the drug wars over the last few years. Stacks of bodies have, indeed, been found near the border and in small towns nearby. U.S. guns have, indeed, been linked to many of these killings, and one was used to kill a U.S. Border Patrol agent, Brian Terry, last year.

Thus, it is safe to say that ATF supervisors allegedly ordered the gun smuggling scheme not only to pad U.S. gun statistics but to kill--a serious charge, no doubt, but one that whistleblower agents are convinced is the truth.

In another breaking development today, it is being reported that ATF agents are being summoned to Washington, yet again, this time to conduct high level strategy meetings concerning what to do now that Phoenix field office assistant special agent-in-charge George Gillett is spilling the beans to Senator Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, and Representative Darrell Issa, R-California, in their investigations into the scandal.

The response of the ATF hierarchy at this point appears to be to throw Gillett under the bus, given that he was not invited to an earlier meeting of agents in D.C. The latest meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, should reveal interesting details on strategy.

No doubt a cover-up is in process, given that ATF director Melson and DOJ Attorney-General Eric Holder have refused to cooperate with Congressional investigations into this gargantuan scandal. The cover-up maneuver is intricate but evident, as this report shows.

More information will be reported as it becomes available.



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No welfare for drug users

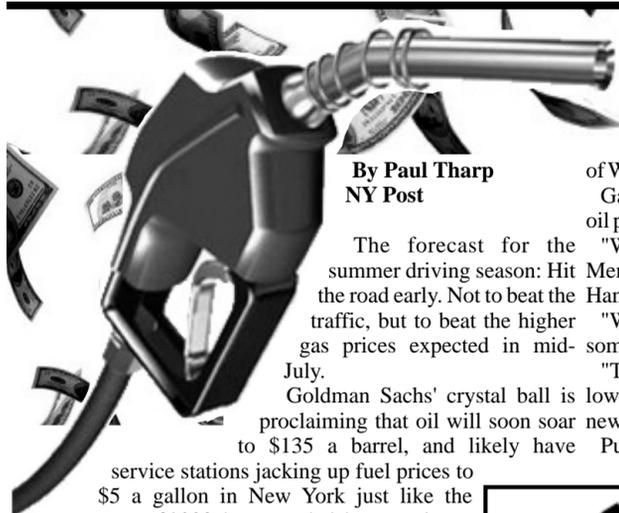
CNN - Comment of the day:
"Sorry, there is no constitutional right to free money. If you don't like it, you don't have to apply."--LeaC24

Clean up for welfare

Saying it is "unfair for Florida taxpayers to subsidize drug addiction," Gov. Rick Scott on Tuesday signed legislation requiring adults applying for welfare assistance to undergo drug screening. Scott said the measure saves tax dollars and provides "incentive to not use drugs," but some Democratic lawmakers say the tests represent an "illegal invasion of personal privacy." ***



Florida Governor, Rick Scott - After signing new law.



By Paul Tharp
NY Post

The forecast for the summer driving season: Hit the road early. Not to beat the traffic, but to beat the higher gas prices expected in mid-July.

Goldman Sachs' crystal ball is proclaiming that oil will soon soar to \$135 a barrel, and likely have service stations jacking up fuel prices to \$5 a gallon in New York just like the summer of 2008 that preceded the recession.

Indeed, analysts say Goldman and the other oil trading giant that also has the might to move prices, JPMorgan Chase, have already placed their energy bets for the summer. JPMorgan predicts oil hitting \$130 a barrel in the coming weeks.

Despite all the turmoil in the Middle East associated with the Arab Spring rioting, oil has fallen to the \$100 level, closing out May with a stunning 12 percent drop.

But before the storm, the calm. There appears to be a backlash by some oil-pit analysts.

"Whoever would buy into these rising prices is just paying homage (to Wall Street firms) and helping the speculative positions," said one oil trading source familiar with energy bets

of Wall Street trading desks.

Gas prices, meanwhile, should benefit from the brief respite in oil prices.

"We should be seeing some big declines at the gas pumps after Memorial Day," said energy analyst Peter Beutel of Cameron Hanover.

"Wholesale prices have been dropping, and that could cause some serious revisions downward at the pumps," he said.

"The competition is fierce among the retailers, and whoever lowers his price first gets a big jump on everyone else and a lot of new business."

Pump prices have dropped about 10 cents a gallon this week, while wholesale prices at the Nymex have steadily skidded 50 cents a gallon in the past two weeks.

Those declines came despite upward pressure on wholesale prices here in the past two days due to speculation that Mississippi River flooding could disrupt Gulf Coast refineries.

At the start of the Memorial Day holiday, the national average for gas was \$3.80 a gallon.

Tom Kloza, an analyst at Oil Price Information Services, expects gas to fall to between \$3.50 and \$3.60 between now and the July 4 holiday.

Consumers could use the help. Economists say households spent an average of \$369 on gas

during April, or about \$168 more than the \$201 they spent during April 2009, when gas was averaging around \$2.76 a gallon.

Every 50-cent jump in the cost of gasoline takes \$70 billion out of the US economy over the course of a year, economists say.

The tourism industry expects a drop in travel because consumers intend to stay closer to home and take more day trips.

AAA predicts the typical family will spend \$692 on its vacation, down 14 percent from \$809 last year.

Meanwhile, demand for gasoline has fallen for eight straight weeks as drivers try to cut back with mixed results.

"Drivers try to do what they can, but they have to go almost all the places they go," says energy researcher David Greene of the Department of Energy Web site fueleconomy.gov. "There's no magic gizmo that will drastically change someone's gasoline use."

And for that reason, as well as global uncertainty, Goldman and JP analysts see a return to high oil and gas prices in the coming months. Without a significant decrease in American demand -- or a sudden desire not to commute or drive to the shore -- \$5 a gallon is likely on the horizon.



Comin' this summer... \$5 gas - The living's easy -- the driving is hard



Spotlight:

Alarm Sounded Over U.S. Foreign Aid

Fox News-The United States is providing hundreds of millions of dollars of foreign aid to countries that it borrows billions from, according to a report by Congress's research arm.

The Congressional Research Services released a report last month, a copy of which Fox News exclusively obtained, showing that in fiscal year 2010, the latest year that data was available, the U.S. handed out a total of \$1.4 billion to 16 foreign countries that held at least \$10 billion in Treasury securities, including China (\$27.2 billion), Brazil (\$25 billion), Russia (\$71.5 million), India (\$126.6 million), Mexico (\$316.7 million) and Egypt (\$255.7 million).

China is the largest holder of U.S. Treasury bonds with \$1.1 trillion as of March, according to the Treasury Department. Brazil held \$193.5 billion, Russia had \$127.8 billion, India owned \$39.8 billion, Mexico held \$28.1 billion and Egypt had \$15.3 billion.

The foreign aid to these countries is earmarked for a variety of causes, such as HIV/AIDs prevention, combating weapons of mass destruction, fighting tuberculosis, and counterterrorism efforts.

Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., who requested the report, sounded the alarm.

Borrowing money from countries who

receive our aid is dangerous for both the donor and recipient," Coburn said in a written statement. "If countries can afford to buy our debt, perhaps they can afford to fund assistance programs on their own."

At the same time, when we borrow from countries we are supposedly helping to develop, we put off hard budget choices here at home," he added. "The status quo creates co-dependency and financial risk at home and abroad."

"The State Department did not respond to a request for comment."

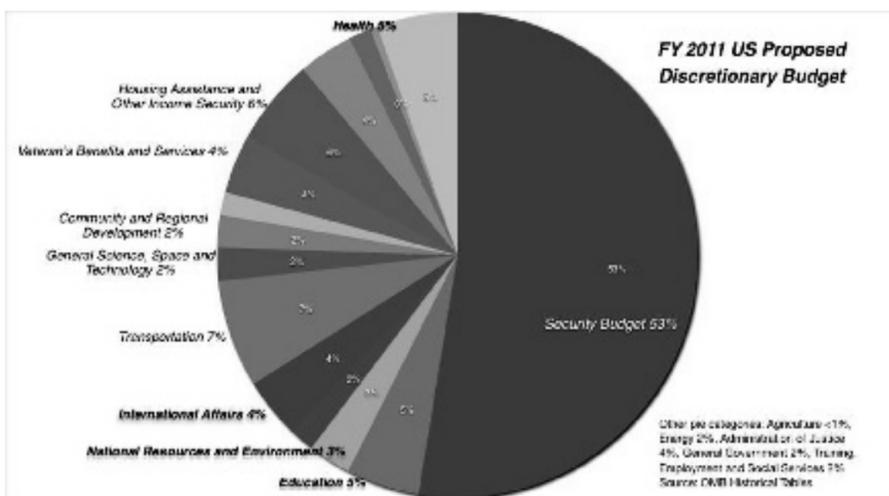
The report arrives as lawmakers in Washington battle over the conditions for increasing the nation's ability to borrow money before defaulting on its obligations, which is scheduled to happen in August. The government reached its \$14.3 trillion borrowing limit last month. Both sides agree that spending cuts are needed, but Republicans refuse to raise taxes that Democrats are insisting on.

President Obama has met privately with

both sides this week over the issue, but no progress has been made. Moody's Investors Service said Thursday that if the parties don't make progress soon, it would place the U.S. rating under review for a possible downgrade.

Editor's Note: Make sure the next time you pay your mortgage or car bill, you donate an equal amount to the bank or lender that you owe, so that their livelihood is well maintained.

Don't worry about going overdrawn or bankrupt, the good ol' USofA has plenty of programs for you to choose from to live comfortably. And as a back up plan, if you're still sceptical, Qe3 is reportedly just around the corner. I, myself will be standing outside of the McDonald's drive-thru collecting some tax-free change to add to my monthly government allowance. ***



No Drilling in ANWR - Blame the Republicans

By Devvy Kidd
US-Observer Exclusive

Lest you might think this is a partisan hit piece, I belong to no political party so I have no axe to grind. The American people have been played like fine-tuned fiddles over the years by both parties. It has brought misery, financial devastation and moral rot to our republic. Unless and until my fellow Americans flush their blind loyalty to a political party and stop being a participant in the tennis match called politics, we will never become effective in solving our problems instead of applying Band Aids. I would also mention I own a Ford Escape Hybrid as does my daughter.

The cost of gas at the pump is killing us, again. Diesel is through the roof, causing the cost of food to steadily rise, making it more difficult for truckers (especially independents) to stay in business. We see these boom/bust cycles with oil, shooting above \$3.50 per gallon; in some areas it has gone over \$5.00 since 2008. Rarely does the "bust" cycle drop back below \$2.50 a gallon. This critical issue is nothing more than noise for talk radio and good ratings for cable network gabfests like FOX News. The losers, again: We the people.

The Democrats continue to saturate this country with the lies from their global warming cult leaders like Al Gore. The former VP who has cashed in big time, increasing his formerly moderate net worth to more than \$100 million dollars pushing propaganda. He is someone who is hardly qualified to even speak on the issue. Gore scored a "D" in Natural Sciences as an undergraduate student at Harvard. Not to mention his assessment of global warming, like his cronies making big bucks off the renamed hoax, climate change, has been shredded time and again by real experts.

For decades, the American people have been demanding more drilling be allowed on U.S. soil. Americans are fed up with the grotesque, unconstitutional invasions (and occupations) of foreign countries under the "wars of liberation" or "war on terror" propaganda when we all know it's about oil. Why not drill here?

Arctic National Wildlife Reserve



If you're unfamiliar with the letters ANWR, it stands for Arctic National Wildlife Reserve - Nineteen-million-acres in the northeast corner of Alaska. The desired drilling area is a tiny patch of 2,000 acres on the coastal plain. 2,000 acres out of 19,000,000 - How much oil is there?

"The US Geological Survey and the Minerals Management Service at the Department of Interior, who regulate America's natural resources on and off-shore, estimate that America holds more than 21 billion barrels of proven conventional oil reserves. Add to this the unproven reserves such as those in the 10-02 Area of ANWR and the figure runs to over 100 billion barrels. Why then do we spend hundreds of millions of dollars a day importing oil we already have? The answer lies in American national energy policy, which has, over the past 40 years, moved to lock up oil bearing land and thus exclude the production of fossil fuels from our economy. This trend seems quite contrary to the use

of oil and gas by Americans and indeed nations worldwide which has consistently shown a gradual increase in consumption and domestic production. This trend to not consume what one has, has directly resulted in increased imports from abroad to meet constantly growing demand. Currently America imports roughly 60% of its oil from outside its borders, costing \$650 million per day (@\$50pb).



"Alaska, and in particular ANWR, is a good example of America's habit of locking up its own resources whilst buying more from abroad. Along the Coastal Plain of ANWR, known as the 10-02 Area lies what the

USGS estimates is probably the largest concentration of onshore conventional oil reserves in North America. This oil is easily accessible and very close (50 miles east along the coastal plain) from America's largest existing oil field, Prudhoe Bay." - Research courtesy of www.anwr.org - an excellent resource for facts.

2,000 acres is the total area needed on a coastal plain. That isn't even a tiny ripple in the ocean when you think about it. It will destroy the pristine beauty of Alaska! It will kill wildlife! Stop buying the propaganda. Farmers, ranchers and those who drill and mine our lands are the stewards of our land. They do a superb job in making sure coming generations will still be able to enjoy the beauty of America while providing food, milk, badly needed minerals, oil and other necessities of life for We the People.



"D" Scoring Al Gore

In violation of the U.S. Constitution, the fruits of your labor will be stolen for this channeled through the unconstitutional agency called USAID. U.S. Aid for International Development has been stealing us blind for decades courtesy of the same incumbents just re-elected last November:

U.S. spends lavishly on foreign energy projects - Worldnetdaily, April 2011

"A U.S. taxpayer-funded overseas "clean energy" initiative will top the billion-dollar mark if U.S. Agency for International Development plans are moved forward. Most of the funds, some of which have not yet received congressional authorization, are devoted to energy infrastructure and exploration projects in USAID-designated "critical priority countries" such as Pakistan, Haiti and Afghanistan...."USAID's clean energy programs and activities reduce global warming," the document claims, "by promoting the sustainable use of renewable energy technologies [and] energy efficient end-use technologies."

Obama spent \$1.6 billion on Chinese wind and \$2 billion on Brazilian oil - ABC News, April 2011

"Despite all the talk of green jobs, the overwhelming majority of stimulus money spent on wind power has gone to foreign companies, according to a new report by the Investigative Reporting Workshop at the American University's School of Communication in Washington, D.C.

"Nearly \$2 billion in money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has been spent on wind power, funding the creation of enough new wind farms to power 2.4 million homes over the past year. But the study found that nearly 80 percent of that money has gone to

foreign manufacturers of wind turbines.

"Most of the jobs are going overseas," said Russ Choma at the Investigative Reporting Workshop. He analyzed which foreign firms had accepted the most stimulus money. "According to our estimates, about 6,000 jobs have been created overseas, and maybe a couple hundred have been created in the U.S."

NewsMax reports on the subsidies for Brazilian oil drilling. (H/T GP)



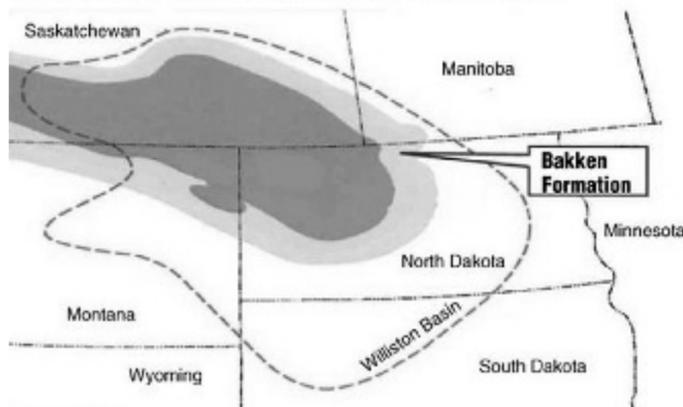
Gulf Oil CEO Joe Petrowski

"Gulf Oil CEO Joe Petrowski says President Barack Obama's weekend comments in Brazil that the United States looks forward to purchasing oil drilled for offshore by that nation "is rather puzzling," and "hypocritical" as his administration has imposed a virtual moratorium on Gulf Oil, Joe Petrowski, Barack Obama, Brazil, Drilling domestic drilling. The signal to purchase more foreign oil comes after the U.S. Export-Import Bank invested more than \$2 billion with Brazil's state-owned oil company, Petrobras, to finance exploration."

While you are spending \$4.00 a gallon at the pump. No where in the U.S. Constitution does it authorize a sitting president (which Obama/Soetoro isn't) to spend a penny from the people's purse. All bills of expenditure must originate in the House of Representatives. It is the Outlaw Congress - both parties that have allowed this blatant rape of the American people.

Are there other areas in the U.S. where oil can be obtained for We the People? This is a April 20, 2008 press release from the USGS (United States Geological Society):

The Bakken Formation was deposited in the more central and deeper portion of the Williston Basin.



Source: USGS

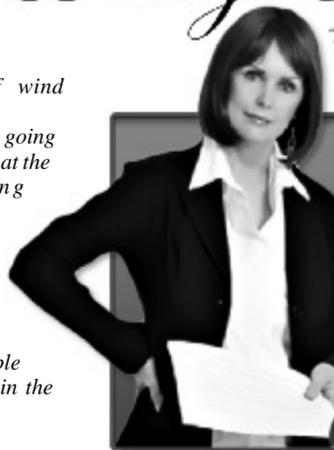
3 to 4.3 Billion Barrels of Technically Recoverable Oil Assessed in North Dakota and Montana's Bakken Formation—25 Times More Than 1995 Estimate

"The Bakken Formation estimate is larger than all other current USGS oil assessments of the lower 48 states and is the largest "continuous" oil accumulation ever assessed by the USGS. A "continuous" oil accumulation means that the oil resource is dispersed throughout a geologic formation rather than existing as discrete, localized occurrences. The next largest "continuous" oil accumulation in the U.S. is in the Austin Chalk of Texas and Louisiana, with an undiscovered estimate of 1.0 billions of barrels of technically recoverable oil."

Not all is recoverable, but few wells have even been drilled. There are other locations in the US; they can be found on-line at:

Devyv Kidd

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



Investigative journalist Devvy Kidd is well known for her comprehensive columns on today's most pressing issues.

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Knowledge is Power

http://energy.usgs.gov.

The Alaska pipeline is old. In January, a severe leak in the 800-mile Trans-Alaska oil pipeline caused a shut down for several days. That pipeline carries America's largest oil reserve. Owned in part by BP, Conoco Phillips and Exxon Mobile. Expansion of drilling must become a priority; all your eggs in one basket is foolish.

What else is old is the unconstitutional Federal Department of Energy. We don't need it. Ronald Reagan made several promises when he ran for president: Abolish the unconstitutional Department of Education and the Small Business Administration and the "Federal" Department of Energy. In 1982, Reagan proposed legislation to close down the Department of Energy. His plan was to transfer only necessary functions to other departments, primarily the Department of Commerce. The Outlaw Congress made sure none of it happened and here we are today, three decades later with the same mess and the same political rhetoric.

How many times have we heard "it's the greensies!" It's the environmentalists who have kept domestic drilling 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 "greensies". The

U.S. Congress is responsible for not allowing more drilling and you can blame the Republicans for their hypocrisy.

It's a no-brainer the Democrats who do march to the campaign donations of green groups refuse to do what's right for America and all our people. However, the Republicans had control of the Congress, both houses, from January 1995 through December 31, 2007. And, they had a Republican president for eight of those years; Bush, Jr. During those eight years, the Department of Energy should and could have been abolished saving we the people in excess of \$35 BILLION borrowed dollars a year. There is no money in the Treasury with a \$14 TRILLION dollar "national" debt created by the Outlaw Congress, so every penny to fund the worthless Department of Energy has to be borrowed from foreign countries. Plus interest, i.e., We the people are raped to the tune of \$800 million dollars a week in interest payments to the Godless, barbaric, communist Chinese government for the wasteful spending by BOTH parties over the decades.

I don't care if you're a Republican or Democrat, don't you think it's about time the states of the Union with oil deposits that are recoverable stand up to the bought and paid for career politicians in Washington, DC? They are in Alaska.

The House is "controlled" by the Republicans. The Senate by Democrats and RINOs who vote with the Democrats. We have a usurper in the White House who has no legal authority to do anything. A mess that should never have gone this far had the Republican controlled Congress and Bush told the greensies to shut up and pursued a constitutional path. No, it won't come from Washington, DC, but it can come from the state legislatures in oil rich states. Put the pressure on your state legislature. Every state in the Union has the constitutional right to control the natural resources within their state boundaries and it's high time they stand up to Washington, DC.

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Britney Spears' conservatorship blocks marriage option and more

EstateOfDenial.com



By Lou Ann Anderson

Britney Spears, might seem an unlikely legal icon, much less in the area of probate, but such status appears looming with new attention focused on her conservatorship. While Spears may have regained emotional

control of her life, her status as a probate court ward highlights the liberty-voiding nature of conservatorships (also called guardianships).

A Fox News article appears to have kicked off new interest in Spears' legal status. The article discussed Spears' return to the public eye with a new album, an upcoming tour and the subsequent whirlwind of promotional appearances. It also mentioned Spears' parents desire to keep the entertainer from testifying in a trial related to a lawsuit in which her mother, Lynne Spears, is being sued for defamation by former manager, Sam Lufti. Spears' parents reportedly claim their daughter is "mentally incapable" of testifying in court.

Spears' parents evidently maintain that while Britney is ready for the pressure of a concert tour, she can't handle a courtroom appearance. Meanwhile Fox News reports some experts term shielding Spears from "situations that could derail her progression" as "short sighted" and "that such a bold move

could have potentially dangerous ramifications for Spears."

Celebrity life coach Patrick Wanis PhD. is quoted as saying "While it might be convenient to protect her from the court case – legally, mentally and emotionally – this ploy by the parents is a dangerous claim because it can create other consequences regarding her custody of her children or her mental capacity as a parent."

And one of those consequences could surface if Spears indeed wants to marry boyfriend Jason Trawick. Under the conservatorship, she can't.

With this point as a recent celebrity blog headline, the public is beginning to see how Americans of all ages and dispositions – not just the old, young or infirmed – can be subjected to a growing class of right-less adult Americans.

Though the term conservatorship or guardianship can conjure an image of a nurturing, protective relationship, the status typically means that the conserved person (or ward) loses basic rights, such as the ability to sign contracts, vote, marry or divorce, buy or sell real estate, or make decisions about medical procedures.

Cases undoubtedly occur in which this is an appropriate course of action. In today's world, however, when civil liberties and other freedoms are constantly under assault, increasing use of this legal instrument which allows a



Britney Spears

functional hijacking of individual liberty and property rights poses legitimate cause for concern.

Since publication of the Fox News piece, Hollywood Life and other gossip outlets circulated reports attributed to In Touch Weekly and claiming that Jamie Spears has forbidden Britney from having more children. Britney's own web site has issued a direct denial of that claim.

Media dramatics aside, the realities of Britney Spears' conservatorship technically place her father Jamie in control of her medical treatment and other health-oriented

decisions. This is not to make any prediction or suggest any way in which this authority might manifest. It is simply to make the point that through conservatorships (guardianships), probate court actions can deny a ward the most basic of civil and property rights. That applies to Britney Spears and includes impacting her ability to marry, have children and retain custody of current and/or future children.

While conservatorships (and guardianships) as a probate court tool may have been conceived as a protective measure for society's most vulnerable, the public is well-served in understanding the severe loss of rights as well as the growing use – and sometimes abuse – of this legal mechanism.

Conservatorships are no longer about what might happen to your grandmother – as Britney Spears can attest, it's about what can happen to you!

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Lynne Spears, Britney Spears and Sam Lufti

ability to sign contracts, vote, marry or divorce, buy or sell real estate, or make decisions about medical procedures.

Oath Keepers warn Americans to prepare for economic collapse

(oathkeepers.org) - Oath Keepers, the association of current serving and retired military, police, and fire-fighters who pledge to defend the Constitution, is now warning that America is at serious risk of an economic collapse. Oath Keepers is urging all veterans and dedicated citizens to prepare for that event at the individual, local, and state level in order to preserve our Republic.

Oath Keepers rocketed to national attention in 2009 after issuing their "Declaration of Orders We Will Not Obey." Oath Keepers also gathered on Lexington Green, Massachusetts on April 19, 2009 to renew their oaths to defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

As Patrick Buchanan predicted, Oath Keepers has been relentlessly attacked by far leftist groups such as the Southern Poverty Law Center, which considers anyone who renews their oath to the Constitution to be "extremists," and even by former President Bill Clinton, who demonized Oath Keepers by name, calling them a "hatriot group," in several public speeches. Oath Keepers Founder, Stewart Rhodes, an Army Airborne veteran and Yale Law School graduate, responded by saying "you know you're over the target when you get lots of flack, and when they start hurling ex-Presidents at you, that's when you know you are really ticking off the political elites." Rhodes added "the power elites know they can't destroy our Republic without the cooperation of the police and military. We are messing with their muscle." As an historic example, Oath Keepers points to the refusal of the East German military to follow orders to use force against peaceful protesters in 1989, leading to the fall of the Berlin Wall. Oath Keepers has also proven that there were National Guard units that refused to participate in gun confiscation during Hurricane Katrina.

Oath Keepers now turns its focus to how domestic enemies of the Constitution, and their international fellow-travelers, could use an economic collapse as a pretext to scrap what is left of our Republic and impose on us a world-wide version of the Federal Reserve along with "world governance." As Rhodes put it, "it's not enough for us

veterans to tell the current serving to obey their oath and refuse orders that would infringe on our rights. We have a duty to defend the Constitution too, and especially a duty to make sure our communities are strong enough to weather any economic storm so there is no pretext for a declaration of martial law. The current serving will be more likely to resist such orders if we are prepared and self-sufficient."

Oath Keepers urges veterans and patriotic citizens to focus on four key areas:

1. Food, fuel, emergency medical, and communications security and independence (and general preparedness) – as individuals, within local veterans organization chapters, neighborhood mutual aid societies, churches, co-ops, farmers markets, and at the town, county and state levels.

Grow gardens. Support your local farmers. Fight any regulation that would limit your ability to grow your own food. Why is food first? Because it is the hardest to improvise, and it is a great weakness of modern man, who, with few exceptions, no longer stores up for bad times. Ditto for fuel and medical supplies. And when it comes to communications, we must have in place an alternative system, such as HAM Radio, so if/when the internet comes down (or is taken down) we can still communicate (for example, if each VFW Hall had a HAM Radio, that would provide a state-wide network).

2. Physical security and Independence – again as individuals, neighborhoods, veterans organization chapters, towns, counties and states, to include forming neighborhood watches; mutual aid associations; a volunteer sheriff's posse (staffed by self-supplied volunteers but under direct command of the sheriff); and county militias established by county ordinances but staffed by self-supplied and self-funded volunteers (as is done in volunteer fire departments all over this nation); state defense forces under command of the governor; and ultimately, a true state militia, established by state statute, capable of "repelling invasions" (using the research and model bills of Dr.

Edwin Vieira). As for training, a great first step for the newbie or for those who are rusty would be to attend the Project Appleseed rifle instruction program, offered for a pittance in every state by traveling volunteer instructors.

3. Economic security and independence – as individuals and communities, including barter networks, use of silver and gold as real money, and sound money bills at the county and state levels (as Utah just passed). This would also include each of us having a "liberty trade" – something you can do even in a very localized, back-to-basics economy, and we must support and build resilient local economies that can weather hard times. We must have an alternative to the fiat money system in place when it collapses, so we can resist what the globalists have in store for us next. See www.alt-market.com for details.

4. State sovereignty and nullification of unconstitutional federal laws and actions. Veterans must support only sheriffs, local and state legislators, and governors who have the knowledge, courage, and integrity to keep their oaths. To vote for an oath breaker, is to become an oath breaker. We must enforce the bounds of the Constitution and defend the powers reserved to the states and to the people (see the Tenth Amendment) by supporting state sovereignty resolutions and nullification of unconstitutional laws.

Likewise, we must defend the inherit power of the jury to judge the law as well as the facts and to acquit even in the face of the law (jury nullification).

And eventually we must kick the bums out of DC and replace them with citizen legislators, as GOOOH recommends.

Oath Keepers asserts that Americans should be doing all of the above anyway, because that's what it means to be a free people in free, sovereign states, in a constitutional republic, but it is especially crucial as we face the prospects of a coming economic collapse. You can help Oath Keepers spread the message to all veterans and all Americans, and turn the tide.

What the elites have planned (as the Chairman of the IMF have openly stated) is to replace the dollar as the reserve currency of the world

(which has already begun), and replace it with IMF Special Drawing Rights (SDRs), as an interim step on the way to a true world currency. So, when the corrupt Federal Reserve system they created collapses, the elites intend to replace it with a world-wide version of the Fed, with a world-wide fiat currency. If you think it is hard to end the Fed now, or even to audit it, imagine a world wide version, under a system of "world governance" that is even more remote, unreachable, and unanswerable to the people. If we submit to this, it will be the end of American sovereignty and independence, and the end of our liberty. Frankly, it will be the end of America.

When the Fed fiat system collapses, we MUST have an alternative, sound money system in place as an alternative to their "final solution." What is that alternative? Nothing less than what we are supposed to already have under our Constitution. The Constitutional system of sound money and state sovereignty is still there. We just need to get back to it, and rebuild the institutions of a free Republic we have allowed to atrophy and die away. And WE must do it. The politicians and judges in DC won't do it. It will be up to We the People in our local communities and states to do it, from the bottom up, not the top down.

If we reach veterans fast and "reactivate" them, with their leadership we can get our neighborhoods, towns, counties and states squared away so we won't be weak and desperate when the fiat money system crashes. The stronger We the People are within our states, the less pretext there will be for "martial law" during a crisis and the less likely the current serving military and police will be to go along with it.

The more wide awake and prepared the veterans are, the more they can lead their neighbors in weathering the storm without sacrificing liberty on the alter of temporary security. And the veterans can lead the people in standing up and defending the powers reserved to the states or to the people (see the 10th Amendment), resisting the liberty crushing plans of the political and financial elites who intend to use chaos as an excuse to scrap our

Constitution and national sovereignty once and for all.

Veterans, unlike others in the population who have never risked anything for their country or for liberty, you have. It is what sets you apart from others. Unlike others, you have not just talked. You acted. You stepped up, put your feet on that line or in those footprints, raised your right hand and took that oath. And then you served, willing each day to undergo any hardship necessary and willing to give your life, if it came to it, in defense of our country and our way of life.

It is time, once again, for you to stand up, step up and undergo the fatigue of supporting freedom. We are honored to call you brother, and we welcome you to this brotherhood of the oath, where we each will do all we can, to the utmost extent of our power, to restore the Republic that was won and preserved with the blood of patriots who came before us. Now it is our turn to stand in the breach. We should all feel honored and privileged to have the chance to correct all of our past apathy and neglect. Yes, it is our fault that our nation is in the sad state it is in. Who else is to blame? We swore that oath. It is on our shoulders to keep this Republic, as Ben Franklin admonished us to. If not us, then who? If not now, then when? Will we leave it to our children to clean up our mess and do what we would not? You know the answer.

As the immortal Thomas Paine also said, "if there must be trouble, let it be in my day, that my child may have peace."

Let us recognize and accept that trouble is on its way. As they say in the infantry, "embrace the suck." Let us embrace and endure it now, in our day, so that our children may have peace, and freedom.

Please join Oath Keepers and help us to wake up all veterans and all patriotic citizens to what is coming, and what must be done to preserve our Republic. You DO NOT have to be prior service to join as an associate member. We encourage all patriotic, liberty loving Americans to join us and assist in our mission. Fill out the form below and take your place in the ranks of the defenders of the Constitution and the Guardians of the Republic!

www.oathkeepers.org
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COMMENTARY Your Right to Speak Out



By Attorney
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NewsWithViews

Social security remains a sacred cow, but a sacred cow that is on its last leg. Expenditures now top receipts by over forty billion dollars and the losses will mount to the tens of trillions in the next 70 years. Many politicians, like Nero, smile and fiddle while social security burns. The more prudent course is to confess that the promise made by the government was a lie from the start, to adopt a private sector alternative, and to wean the nation of this weighty burden before it sinks the new generation in a sea of debt and increased payroll taxes.

Social security expenditures exceeded social security receipts for the first time in 2010 by a whopping \$49 billion. This year, another \$46 billion will be added to that figure. As the baby boomers continue to create an enormous financial drain on the system, the nation will be forced either to increase payroll taxes by 15 to 20% or make drastic cuts in benefits offered. In short, social security "as we know it," the very thing leading proponents of it now tout in Congress as what they will preserve, cannot be sustained. It will have to change; it is unaffordable. Once we accept that reality we may maturely address how it should be changed.

In the next 73 years, social security and medicare will cost about \$103.2 trillion, while receipts from payroll taxes will equal only \$57.4 trillion. To sustain the current system the government will have to add taxes equal to \$45.8 trillion or it will have to cut benefits by that same amount or rely on a combination of both. If taxes are increased to that enormous extent on the youthful, productive elements of our society, the result will be devastating to productivity—resulting in far greater

After Social Security

unemployment, less job creation, and less capital available to sustain economic growth. In short, we cannot afford to keep social security "as we know it."

Consistent with popular politics of the twentieth century, politicians have promised greater and greater social security benefits for retirees, expanding the system from a limited needs based program serving 53,236 Americans at a cost of \$1.3 million to a broad welfare system serving 52 million Americans at a cost of \$615 billion annually. Social security once considered a welfare benefit for the truly needed is now considered a payment deserved by all and is a program that endeavors (but fails) to substitute for a living wage. In every respect, social security has failed to live up to politicians' promises. Those who pay into social security have a horrible rate of return. Those now paying into the system are likely to receive far less money than if they had either saved or invested the funds taxed. Those who will soon pay into the system may receive few, if any, benefits. The system was touted as one financed by payroll taxes that would redound to the payer's benefit. In fact, the money going in is already more than committed to go out to those now eligible. We are not paying for our own social security retirements. That too has been a major government deception over the years.

Because the nation taxed generations of Americans to pay for promised benefits it now cannot afford to pay, it will have to make those who paid the tax whole, receiving what they paid in but not the added value falsely promised by politicians over the decades. Although the nation cannot afford social security, it must find an alternative way to make whole those who paid into the system while liberating those now paying from the obligation to continue buying into the lie.

Certain immediate reforms could help end social security and replace it with a private sector alternative. First, the system should

immediately be limited based on need. Individuals who have paid into the system but due to good fortune lack a financial need for social security should be excluded from receiving benefits. Instead, they should be reimbursed the amount taxed them for social security in a series of lump sum annual payments. Second, those in need should be exempt from all taxation federal, state, and local; they should be given a lump sum payment from the federal government equal in amount to the tax they paid in; and they should be given a combination of reduced payments prospectively until death and new marketable tax credits. The tax credits would be exchangeable in the free market for goods, services, or health care. Those who offer the goods, services, and health care would need to discount the cost of services to half their normal value in exchange for receipt of the tax credits which would permit a tax deduction equal in value to the full cost of the good, service, or health care. This would create a market conducive to discounting the cost of services to those in need. Third, those who will not be eligible for social security for five or more years should be allowed to opt-out of the system in exchange for a federal lump sum payment equal to the amount of taxes paid into the system. This opt-out system should be phased in based on need, with those who the tax burdens most receiving relief first and so on until all are out of the system.

Timed to coincide with the phasing out of social security, for the generations not presently eligible for it, the government should create a platform for private investment/insurance programs. Those programs would take what would accept automatic debits from payroll equivalent to

social security payroll taxes now paid and apportion part of it for insurance to provide compensation in the event of disability encumbering employability, loss of life, or retirement and apportion the other part for conservative investment with added insurance against loss. Companies offering these combinations would be liberated from federal, state, and local taxes on earnings. The money paid in would be tax deductible to the payer and provision would be made to permit greater contributions than the minimum essential required for investment and insurance.

We have to come to the realization that social security "as we know it" is unsustainable, that most essential political promises made to taxpayers about social security were false when made, and that alternative systems that ween the nation of social security while simultaneously returning the taxes paid into the system must be considered seriously and adopted if we are to avoid a dramatic escalation of payroll taxes or a dramatic loss in benefits or both.

There is no sound justification for social security when private investment/insurance programs could do a better job. Although getting to a free market from a socialized one requires effort, we can do so through a system that phases out the former by inviting innovative market solutions to fill in the gaps. Indeed, given historic returns on investment in the market (present market excepted), the amount a person would realize in returns on investment from the system proposed here would likely exceed, and possibly by many times, the economic value of all benefits social security now offers beneficiaries.

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Why Marriage Matters



By **Ted Williams**

I recently took a trip to Disney World with my family. Having two little girls, I am often in the unenviable

position of having to take them into crowded men's restrooms. My five year old daughter asked me about the reason for separate male and female restrooms, and I found myself having an extremely uncomfortable, although necessary, conversation. Yet this conversation forced me to consider the question... Why do we have separate male and female restrooms?

On the surface, this question seems elementary and even somewhat inane. Yet its answer addresses one of the most pressing and significant cultural questions our nation currently faces. Do gender-based restrictions on marriage represent discrimination?

In addressing this topic, we must establish the fundamental reality that my five year old daughter recognizes. Men and women are different. While equal opportunity among the sexes is a laudable goal for which we must continue to strive, there exists in our society fundamental gender-based segregation that is acceptable, commonly understood, and that serves a greater function. Both restrooms and sports teams are trenchant examples of this concept. No one would argue that the NFL discriminates because it has men-only teams, nor that Disney World should be sued for its women only-restrooms. Men and women have fundamental biological distinctions that make both their physical abilities and relationships starkly different.

For this reason, we must reject the notion that sexual orientation deserves the same status as racial and ethnic identity. Many argue today that denying homosexuals the right to marry is akin to denying African Americans the right to vote, marry outside of their race, or use public accommodations. While this argument sounds commendable on its surface, it is rooted in false assumptions. Primarily, we assume that sexual orientation has been proven to be conclusively an issue of biology. This is not the case, nor is the scientific community anywhere near consensus on this question. In fact given the extensive research into the impact of parenting on many behavioral issues, including sexual orientation, there exists evidence that most behaviors are influenced and are subject to change. Consequently, if sexual behaviors can be altered, then they must be relegated to the arena of a whole set of individual proclivities

including polygamy, drug use, and whether someone prefers pepperoni or sausage on their pizza. By contrast, race and ethnicity are immutable issues of identity rather than behavior.

The 14th amendment to the US Constitution guarantees equal protection of the laws. Proponents of same-sex marriage often use this amendment in service of their cause. Yet what is problematic is the assumption that

behaviors is clearly permissible. Every American has a right to marriage, although this right is subject to a variety of limitations for which there is a compelling state interest. These include restrictions on incest, polygamy, and under-age marriage. To question the Constitutionality of restrictions on same-sex marriage would necessarily require the re-examination of these criteria as well.

and culturally sanctioning relationships that by their definition deny the influence of one of these parents represents a potentially dangerous social experiment whose outcome we have yet to fully realize.

We must resist the oversimplification of this controversy. Many proponents of gay marriage argue that this debate is simply about love, while others only see it as a question of the immorality of homosexuality as seen through the lens of the Bible. Let me make this clear. I do believe that homosexuality is an immoral behavior. Yet I do not agree that it is any more immoral than adultery, lying, and a variety of other deeds that are legally permissible in our culture. This discussion must be about providing for dignity and legal protections for a variety of relationships while encouraging and sanctioning heterosexual monogamous marriages for all of their societal benefits. Unfortunately this conversation has been framed in intolerance and oversimplifications that do more to divide than to unite us around a set of common principles.

People who disagree with same-sex marriage are labeled as homophobic, intolerant, and bigoted. This is true about some. However, this conversation must evolve to a place where we can recognize human rights and dignity for all Americans while protecting an institution whose survival impacts us all. For this reason, I support the concept of domestic partnerships for a variety of relationships through which people want to create legal arrangements. These partnerships exist to protect property-sharing, hospital visitation, insurance agreements, and a host of other benefits to which citizens should have access. However, these privileges can be extended without the re-definition of both marriage and the cultural norms that have served a vital function in every major society known to man.

(For this reason I support the creation of generic legal arrangements that allow citizens property-sharing, hospital visitation, and insurance benefits for a variety of relationships.)

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equal protection of the laws is a guarantee of equal institutional and contractual access. These ideas are fundamentally dissimilar. Both institutions and contractual agreements are subject to a variety of restrictions that are constitutionally permissible. Take the example of college admission. Anyone can apply to attend any college in the United States. However, their admission is subject to a variety of behaviors which include GPA, financial payments, and test scores. Denying access to college itself for a large group of Americans would clearly represent discrimination. Restricting access based on a pre-determined and consistently-applied set of

What is the compelling state interest in the area of marriage? Why does the government get involved in this issue at all? The state has long taken a role in protecting children and influencing the environment in which they are raised. For this reason it protects them from child abuse, neglect, and mandates that they attend school. In the same way, there is little debate about the physiological influence of both parents on children. Not having a father in the home is a proven predictor of a variety of delinquent behaviors including incarceration, drug use, and academic failure. It has been proven that children desperately need the influence of both a mother and father. Legally

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

--Thomas Jefferson

COMMENTARY

Apathy in America Today

APATHY



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ap•a•thy: **Apathy** (also called *impassivity*) is a state of indifference, or the suppression of emotions such as concern, excitement, motivation and passion. An apathetic individual has an absence of interest or concern to emotional, social, or physical life.

Once upon a time in the North American country known as the United States of America, there lived a nation of citizens that showed tremendous interest in the state of their country's well-being. With incredible zeal, these citizens worked tirelessly to correct any local, national or international issue that threatened them either as individuals or collectively, showing no fear and great resolve while addressing any elected or appointed public official that didn't accurately represent the beliefs, ethics, morals and values as expected by their constituents.

However (and most unfortunately), the fore-mentioned depiction is no longer the norm for most citizens of the United States of America and hasn't been for nearly 40 years now. In the body of this commentary, I'll share and examine what I see as being the most apparent reasons for the "apathetic American attitude" that is now so prevalent...and also look at what can be done to regain the sense of ownership that should belong to each and every citizen of this once proud and erstwhile nation.

Soon after the birth of the United States of America, citizens walked the streets of their towns with a sense of accomplishment, ownership and responsibility, realizing that they as individuals played an essential role in keeping what liberty and freedom had been recently fought for and won. Citizen's policed one another and their towns, and kept a close eye on what their elected politicians were up to, not simply playing the role of "snitch"

(as is encouraged today) but rather because they understood the vital importance of being and staying involved. Fast forward to the Civil War era and although it divided the nation in many regards, citizens on both sides remained on the watch and kept a keen watch on the actions of politicians from their local representatives to those whom were seated in State or Federal positions of authority. When the late 1800's rolled around, the once again united nation found itself expanding year-by-year at a never seen before rate, and citizens became painfully aware that corruption and cronyism would take hold when they for even short periods of time happened to turn their attention to matters aside from monitoring their elected and appointed officials. This era (actually one of the bloodiest in our history) also gave birth to the government's propaganda machine that from its inception went to work over-time in attempt to not only hide the whole-sale slaughter of Native American peoples in the Mid-west and Western areas of North America, but also through fear-mongering (that for the most part succeeded), convincing most citizens that ANY Native American was a "savage" threat who wanted nothing more than to brutally murder, rape and pillage.

It wasn't until decades later that the truth became known (to some degree anyway) as to the reality surrounding the actions of the American Government as it attempted to completely eliminate Native American peoples, along with it the perceived "threat" they posed to official expansion and empire building efforts. The early 1900's saw great change as the U.S. became more industrialized, and with it came the addition of numerous government agencies to "over-see" and regulate this period of rapid growth. In my opinion, it was at this specific juncture that America had become too large, too involved, and too pre-occupied for the average citizen to any longer keep its attention effectively tuned-in on what our government was doing (or not doing) on its peoples collective behalf. In retrospect, no matter what we might be able to point the finger of blame at, complacency had given birth to apathy and the government was sure to take notice.

The first two-thirds of the 20th Century brought us WWI, the Great Depression,

WWII, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, Nixon/Watergate, the Energy Crisis, Mid-East Unrest, the War on Drugs and more. With renewed vigor and enthusiasm, the social conscious of America awoke and with the protests surrounding the Vietnam War, activism and involvement regarding matters of national importance would reach their hey-day. Subsequently, this era also saw the greatest government clamp-down on the American citizen's right to assemble and express displeasure with government activities. The message sent was both loud and clear, "dissent will not be tolerated and dissenters will be punished immediately and severely". In the last one-third of the 1900's, brief military conflicts in Panama and Grenada, along with later NATO joined operations in Serbia and the Gulf War were met with little to no dissent and/or protest and this inactivity certainly carried over into the early 2000's. The new millennium brought us the events of 9/11 which lead directly to the U.S. initiated Afghan and Iraqi invasions and in its second decade we're now dealing with the Great Recession, an expanded War on Terror, continued operations in Afghanistan

you're at all like me, I would bet that you'll be shocked to find-out who actually penned it...and so it reads: "Beware the leader who bangs the drums of war in order to whip the citizenry into a patriotic fervor, for patriotism is indeed a double-edged sword. It both emboldens the blood, just as it narrows the mind. And when the drums of war have reached a fever pitch and the blood boils with hate and the mind has closed, the leader will have no need in seizing the rights of the citizenry. Rather, the citizenry, infused with fear and blinded by patriotism, will offer up all of their rights unto the leader and gladly so. How do I know? For this is what I have done. And I am _____". After reading this quote I have to ponder, "just how many 'leaders' have we seen do exactly just that...with THAT being 'bang the drums of war in order to whip the citizenry into a patriotic fervor?'" Quite a few to say the least and the intended goal in doing so?...to create apathy amongst the citizenry as it relates to governmental actions that would otherwise be viewed as undesirable. They've got it ALL under control, and so we need not worry.

Engineered apathetic response is obviously



and Iraq and escalating military conflict with Libya. Protesters of government actions have been deemed by the government and its talking-head (the main-stream media) to be "un-patriotic" and its participants to be "potential terrorist threats".

After now having devoted 880 words to laying the ground-work for this commentary, I'll now ask its readers this..."are you in agreement with the way our government has handled the past 235 years OR, have you given-up hope that your voicing displeasure of its actions will bring change OR, are you concerned about what the consequences of speaking-out would bring OR, are you too involved with your own little world to actually give a care about where our country is headed"? One of the above MUST apply to each and every one of us, and I'll now venture into the "why" regarding our chosen position.

Before elaborating, I'll first post a quote that reflects a prophetic insight by a man considered to be a 20th century American hero by many, President Harry S. Truman: "When even one American -- who has done nothing wrong -- is forced by fear to shut his mind and close his mouth, then all Americans are in peril."

After reading this quote, I have to wonder...is it FEAR that has fostered the apathetic American response to our governments ill-advised and unpopular behavior over the past two-plus centuries? It certainly would be understandable to some degree since the ramifications of "opening one's mind and mouth" can be quite unsavory to say the least. Conversely, we're all well aware of the peril we now constantly live with and would it not behoove us all to voice our opinions in a strong yet civilized and non-violent way? After all, we can rest assure that NOTHING will ever change for the better if we simply sit in our pews and easy-chairs with eyes and ears open yet mouth's shut tight. The government is banking on the fact that we fear their ability to make our lives miserable, and that we'll weigh the pro's and con's of dissent and therefore remain quiet as mice...since they've put a great deal of propaganda effort into creating what they believe to be a subservient society. Let me share yet another very prophetic quote with you and I'll not reveal the author of it until later in this piece. If

the goal of a government seeking to disengage its constituents, and is designed to lull us citizens into a state of false security. Electronic media, the entertainment industry, professional sports, video gaming, and casino gambling are just a few diversions that serve not only to provide a means of physical and mental escape from the stressors we face as a nation, but also to create an illusion that "life is good," "things are normal" and that "all is



well". More so now than ever before, Americans per capita are spending more of their dwindling financial resources on the aforementioned activities and in the mean time, the world around them continues to crumble at close to free-fall speed. Julius Caesar would be the unnamed author of the quote I had shared in the previous paragraph



(with "Caesar" filling in the blanks) and we all know what happened to the once erstwhile Roman Empire that he had been given watch over. Caesar would most likely feel honored (yet perhaps perplexed) to see that the U.S.A. has chosen to very closely adopt Rome's template of political ideology. Rome's Emperors were masters at creating apathy amongst their citizens, and they knew right where to aim to get the job done most effectively. With the official encouragement of gluttony, abundant drink and entertainment, the average "blinded" Roman citizen knew very little of what direction the nation was headed until it was far too late. Rome was crumbling from the inside-out and had been for a long while before going-up in flames, as corruption and greed had destroyed the very fabric of what had once made it the most formidable country on the planet. Ultimately, their empire building efforts took a huge toll on its economy and the loss of Roman life was immeasurable which all lead to its ultimate demise. Do we see any similarities between Rome and the U.S. here?

When spoken of in regard to the over-all "health" of any nation, apathy amongst it's citizens is very much like a cancer that spreads nefariously...sometimes rapidly and sometimes slowly with the latter simply prolonging the inevitable. At

any rate, the destruction it causes leaves the body weakened and susceptible to a plethora of deadly diseases that can sooner or later mean the end. The only therapy for apathy is to remain involved or to increase your current involvement, keeping a watchful and critiquing eye on the actions of our elected and appointed officials...then speaking up and out when discrepancies are found. Is it too late for the U.S.A.? Only time will tell for certain, but

if our course remains the same and if we as a people in general don't set down the game controller, or T.V. remote, or alcoholic beverage and turn our attention to matters of GREAT importance...we (like Caesar's Roman Empire) might be spoken of through history books in "past tense" and that my friends would be a dirty and crying shame.

I love this country far too much to just sit back and watch that happen...so will you join me in doing your part to intervene and help make the difference between the life and death of our nation?

I hope and pray that your answer is a resounding YES! ★★★

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Post-Constitution America: Night of the “Living” Dead

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One has to love a guy who claims: “As I sometimes put it, the U.S. Constitution poses no serious threat to our form of government.” Joseph Sobran is a writer, a thinker, a constitutionalist – and dead right. Recently, he wrote an article titled “When Tyranny Came to America,” in which he outlines the history of the Constitution and how it “died” and what took its place.

The left would disagree with his conclusions, but so would all collectivist-statists of whatever political persuasion. They call it a living document, which to them means: subject to the whims of whatever is currently the trend or perceived needs of the “people,” even if fulfilling those needs is unconstitutional.

The “Million-mother March Against Guns” is a case in point. Led by a friend of Hillary Clinton, Donna Dees-Thomases, these gals will wave the flag as they whittle away at the 2nd Amendment and the Constitution, which they use as cover.

The million mothers are marching not in support of getting criminals with guns off the streets, but rather denying them to citizens who don’t commit crimes. Whether they know it or not, these well meaning moms are heaving the baby out with the bath water. As usual, the left is using women and children as a shield for its real intent, which is to pull the life support from an already critically ill Bill



of Rights.

The “moms” are merely shells for the people who want to pick and choose which parts of the Constitution they want to keep. These moms don’t really believe in the Constitution or its intent because they “feel” guns are nasty, smelly things and should be banned.

They have convinced themselves that what is wrong in the United States is that there are too many guns. They don’t care to address the polluted moral and cultural climate that is really the “root” cause of the dissolution of the culture and the family. They don’t want to pay attention to the fact that cultural and moral dissolution is at the base of violence of all sorts. Blaming guns is easier and symbolic. They don’t have the real courage necessary to come right out and say they no longer believe in the Bill of Rights. Nonetheless, the other “root” cause of our national predicament is

that government has become an entity whose existence is more important than the individual it is supposed to protect. There are over 100 million words in regulations and statutes which describe everything we can and cannot do. There are 140 regulations on the

construction of wooden ladders alone, and over 10,000 pages of EPA “law.” This adds to our disrespect for all law. Law becomes incomprehensible and unknowable, yet government continues to crank it out. The “moms” will add more laws without addressing the real problem.

The government insurance policy to pay for all this is the tax system. Government thrives and grows while enslaving those who “contribute” to it. Under the careless eyes of Congress, the self serving court system and the growing, Caesar-like power of the executive branch the Constitution is as close to being a zombie as it has ever been. With police powers granted to everything from the FBI to FEMA, from the Secret Service to the Small Business Administration and the IRS, we are moving ever closer to fascism.

Government couches the destruction of Constitutional guarantees with the language of compassion, while it continues to encourage dependency and expands its police powers.

Meanwhile, the left says it hates monopolies, yet it advances that aspect of government. The left hates what it considers the coercion of social conservatives, while it hypocritically coerces by demanding tribute and the acceptance of “rights”, which are no where to be found in the Constitution.

But they don’t care because they consider the Bill of Rights irrelevant anyway. Thus, the Constitution is “living” only in the sense that its corpse is still in the room. It is on life support and the left, politicians of all persuasions and the media point to it every so often saying, “doesn’t it look natural.”

Part of the reason for its zombie-

like condition is that hardly anyone believes the rights of the people come from a Divine source as stated in the Declaration of Independence. Having become a nation that has rejected the divine, we replace it with a hollow shadow and call it humanism. We annul the Ten Commandments as a basis for common law, and replace it with the tyranny of political correctness.

The Un-Sovereign States

The individual states no longer possess the power intended by the Founders. The central government has assumed those powers and functions. Allowance for such a transfer may not be found anywhere in the Constitution.

However, through twists and turns of legal logic the courts have created a central government out of all proportion to the original intent of the Founders. Often times the reasons were for “good” causes. On occasion, the citizenry has handed such powers to the Congress and the Executive at the ballot box. This does not make it legitimate or right. The quid pro quo is that government returns pork, promises and programs to the voters, thus making it even more apparent that citizens are more dependent on government largess and benevolence than ever before and ever more apparent that we move closer to being a rabble with a plebiscite.

The original rights granted in the Constitution and the Declaration have been replaced by such as “rights” as abortion on demand. This new right was granted by the courts when it co-opted the role of the state.

Abortion on demand grew out of the perceived right to privacy under the Ninth and Fourteenth Amendments. The court’s contorted logic has tortured the “right of privacy” to include abortion on demand. Nowhere is this right specified in the Constitution. But changing times and the “living” document culminates in the barbarity of partial birth abortion and the use of abortion as birth control.

The “right” to life, which is specified becomes somehow unconstitutional. This “right of privacy” has superceded it. Yanked out of the Constitution by combining several amendments and finding an implied right. This was another occasion when a perceived good overrode the intent of the Founders. One more time the federal court struck at the power of the state.

While there are those who look on this situation as a reaffirmation of “freedom” the action by the court opened the way for the court to overstep its Constitutional bounds on other issues, totally ignoring or trashing the intent in the original document. But no one cares because this newly discovered right to an abortion is desired by a segment of society thus making it “right” and humane.

Similarly, there is nothing in the Constitution calling for the “separation of church and state.” That is a doctrine that comes from the courts. But everyone from politicians to reporters to the ignorant citizen keeps on repeating that fallacy as if it were the truth.

During the primaries, a young female reporter queried presidential aspirant Alan Keyes regarding his stance toward the constitutional question of “separation of church and state.” Keyes admonished the reporter to show him where there was such a statement in the Constitution. Of course she was silent because there is no such right or separation. There is only the fact that freedom of religion is specified in the First

Amendment, not freedom from religion. The federal courts invented the notion of “separation of church and state.” Just as the federal courts once invented the notions which upheld slavery and the Jim Crow laws.

We now have a right to be free from cigarette smoke, a right for the spotted owl to take precedence over the rights of man, a right not to be subjected to prayer in public places, a right to ban prayer in public places, a right to take the life of an unborn and a right to ban free speech by disallowing an unpopular group’s right to assemble using the RICO laws.



Alan Keyes

But the greatest right of all, the real driving energy for expanding government is the right to be protected from all risk and misfortune. The original notion that government is there to protect us from government is dead. But then the phrase in the Bill of Rights and Constitution “shall not be infringed” is not part of the lexicon of the collectivists and expanders of government. They only apply that notion to those amendments of which they approve.

Statists, collectivists and the left need to take heed: when their power and influence are lost and a truly evil form of government arises, there will be no document around in any meaningful form to run to as a last resort — since crucial rights have been dropped and replaced with one form of license or another.

The left may eventually be free to marry a goat if they choose, but not free to speak against government or institutions or individuals. The guarantee of free speech will be replaced in order to rid us of “hate speech.” However, the problem will arise, as it always does on these questions, about who and what will determine what “hate speech” is.

During the Nixon years and Watergate, the left sicced the “special prosecutors,” on the Nixon regime. They now scream when the law they created is turned on one of their own i.e. Bill Clinton. Like many, left and right, who twist the Constitution to suit their notions, eventually those laws are turned on them.

At the rate we are going, there will be no right to protect life and property from criminals. There will be no right to self-protection against government because the citizen will find himself breaking “hate” crimes or speech laws, or accused of treason. Additionally, he will be disarmed and the overwhelmed system of justice and the courts will not be able to “redress” any of his grievances.

Eventually, the left will face an uncontrolled political power not to their liking. But that will happen after they have made the Second Amendment irrelevant, as well as the Fifth,

The First 'Million Mom March'



Their disarmed husbands were sent to Nazi labor camps. Then these terrified moms, many holding babies, were forced to wait in line before being slaughtered by German soldiers and Ukrainian collaborators.

On May 14, 2000, the so-called "Million Moms" marched to stop civilians from owning guns. Here's what happens when they get their wish.



A German policeman shoots a Jewish woman who was still alive after the mass execution at Mizocz Ghetto, Ukraine.

These moms paid the price of gun control.

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rewritten to clarify the language regarding reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

HB 3604 should be a slam dunk – flying the flag of the United States of America in public schools., reciting the Pledge of Allegiance – just once a week – in our public schools. One would have to ask the question if Rep. Dave Hunt believes this legislation is just too patriotic, too American for our colleagues across the aisle to get behind.

Whatever the reason, Rep. Hunt is preventing the legislative process to play out. Taking a moment with our children to honor our country and teaching them to be proud of it – is that too much to ask these days? I will not let this die in committee if I can help it as “I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.”

It is my hope that you will take just a moment of your time and contact these individuals and let them know how you feel about America.

How’s this Rep. Sal Esquivel? A letter of response to Representative Hunt

May 25, 2011
Representative Dave Hunt
D – Clackamas County
District 40

Representative Hunt;

My name is Edward Snook, representing the US-Observer newspaper, and the political group “Wake up America”. Our political group is from Southern Oregon, while the US-Observer takes on cases in all fifty states. Our group has been involved with one of our member’s causes, as a group

project. The issue is the “Pledge of Allegiance in public school”.

We have been working with, and supporting Chandler Cort of Rogue River High School in getting his school back to good American values by allowing the Pledge to be said at a weekly minimum. This is current ORS (339.875) and we have been successful with this locally, and now Chandler has been working with Oregon State Representative Sal Esquivel and Wally Hicks to draft and pass a just and good bill to clarify the current Oregon Law. This bill is HB 3604.

As you are aware, Chandler and his family traveled to Salem to testify in front of the committee that you co-chaired. The bill has a lot of support both here and in Salem. Our understanding is that you, personally, are impeding the progress of this bill through the process. If this is true, and our research seems to point this out, we find this both irresponsible and reprehensible. Our group has had discussion in meetings about this and feel that this is wrong and we are formally requesting that you push this bill along. Mr. Cort has e-mailed you requesting comment, and your office has chosen to not even give him the courtesy of a response that he requested. This is not behavior expected from an elected Representative of the great State of Oregon!

The US-Observer takes a much different approach to this issue than that of Wake Up America Group. Acting on behalf of the US-Observer I demand a response to this emailed letter by the end of this week. I am demanding that you allow this bill to move forward in a timely fashion so that it will have enough time to make a floor vote in this session.

Should you choose to not move forward on this request I will consider you an enemy of patriotism and therefore an enemy of the US-Observer. I will then proceed to end your political career by exposing your unpatriotic and un-American part in the destruction of our Pledge of Allegiance.

I will start this process by investigating every aspect of your

life, both past and present, in an effort to find and then expose wrongdoing – reasons why you should not be representing a freedom-loving people.

If you are either anti-God or anti-American in any way, shape or form, I will do my level best to ensure that you will be black-balled to the point of being un-electable, even for dog-catcher.

If I am in any way mistaken about your position, please let me know immediately and above all, do not underestimate my abilities to make good on my threats. It would behoove you to do a little research on the US-Observer and our many accomplishments before making a final decision.

Sincerely,
Edward Snook
Chief of Investigations
US-Observer

Editor’s Note: Representative Dave Hunt failed to respond to the US-Observer’s letter (above). Now we will keep our word and prove to Democratic Rep. Dave Hunt that we don’t make idle threats. We will show this unaccountable Rep. that there are still those of us who demand accountability.

The US-Observer’s investigation of Dave Hunt is now officially underway. If you have any information about Hunt, either past or present, please call Edward Snook at 541-474-7885 or email him at editor@usobserver.com. All information is strictly confidential. Also contact Representative Dave Hunt at 503-650-9434 or at his Capitol #503-986-1440 and inform him that you don’t appreciate any government official messing with our Flag or with our Pledge of Allegiance...period.

This is an issue that should be important to every American, not just those who happen to reside in Oregon.

★★★

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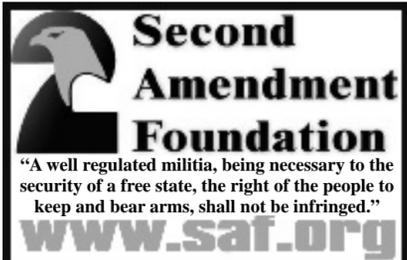
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The Obama administration, after keeping gun control on the back burner for over two years, is prompting concern among gun rights groups that it's slowly starting to squeeze the trigger on tighter regulation.

In the wake of the January shooting of Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and 18 others, President Obama remained mostly quiet on the firearms front as lawmakers clamored for new restrictions. But the president has since made a public call for tougher background checks. The Justice Department launched a series of meetings with officials and advocates to examine gun control policy. And while gun-control bills in Congress have languished, the administration has started to chip around the edges with its own proposals.

"They're doing a pretty good job ... as Obama has said, 'under the radar.' There's a lot going on under that radar," Gun Owners of America Director Larry Pratt said, referring to a remark Obama reportedly made in a private meeting with gun control advocates. "They've shown us how much they are prepared to do through regulation."

Pratt pointed to two proposals in particular. Under one proposed rule from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, dealers in four Southwestern states would be required to report multiple sales to the same person of certain kinds of rifles. The proposed requirement -- which would apply to dealers in Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas -- is open for comment until the end of May. The Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence claims the change would help the ATF "crack down" on Mexico's gunrunners.

In addition, ATF released a study in January that looked at criteria for restricting the importation of certain shotguns. The authors were working off a 1968 law that restricts gun imports but exempts firearms used for "sporting purposes." The report, then, tried to define which features on shotguns are not suitable for "sporting purposes" and therefore not importable -- among the features they flagged are folding stocks, magazines over five rounds and "light enhancing devices."

The National Rifle Association has come out strong against this study.

Pratt said the shotgun restrictions, if approved, could lead to broader restrictions on other imported long guns -- at a time when the administration is trying to reduce federal regulations. Pratt also cited a decision last year to

Eyeing Gun Control 'Under the Radar,' Groups Warn

block the sale of U.S.-made antique rifles by the South Korean government to gun collectors in arms," but said "there's more we can do to prevent gun violence."

America. The State Department said at the time it was concerned the guns could fall into the wrong hands. Based on the column, Tarek suggested the administration was with McCarthy and her allies when it comes to a new push to strengthen background checks. A bill she introduced earlier sweeping restrictions like the assault-weapons this month would impose stricter penalties on ban Obama supported as a candidate but has not states that fail to enter the names of people

These smaller-scale proposals come in lieu of background checks. A bill she introduced earlier sweeping restrictions like the assault-weapons this month would impose stricter penalties on ban Obama supported as a candidate but has not states that fail to enter the names of people



pursued as president. Another proposal on the table calls for banning high-capacity magazines, but it has not advanced in Congress.

Rep. Carolyn McCarthy, D-N.Y., sponsor of that bill, has had trouble moving forward on the proposal in a GOP-dominated House and winning an endorsement from Obama -- despite having 107 co-sponsors.

"That's just something we haven't heard the president say anything about," McCarthy spokesman Shams Tarek told FoxNews.com.

Tarek stressed that the magazine ban wouldn't exactly be treading new ground -- it would reinstate an expired ban. "There's a precedent there," he said. But Tarek said the Obama administration is "very, very much in listening mode," not revealing one way or the other which way it's leaning on gun control.

The most detailed statement to come out of the administration so far was the president's March op-ed in the Arizona Daily Star, in which he pushed for better background checks. Obama stressed his belief in the "individual right to bear

prohibited from buying guns into a national database. And it would require background checks for all gun sales, including at gun shows.

The move was hailed by the group Mayors Against Illegal Guns, which claimed it would fix "glaring gaps" in the background check system.

But gun-rights groups are urging Washington against going down this road. National statistics show gun sales are going up while violent crime is edging down slightly. Though gun-related deaths and injuries still number in the tens of thousands every year, the groups say enforcement is the key.

"The American public does not support gun control. ... What the American public wants is for criminals to be punished for their mistakes," NRA spokesman Andrew Arulanandam said.

The NRA and other groups have also harshly criticized the administration for its own gun-control problem -- a Justice Department project by which hundreds of guns were allowed to "walk" across the border and into the hands of Mexican cartels. ★★★

U.S. Senate Rejects Efforts to Protect Gun Records from ATF



(Gun Owners of America) - The Senate, by an overwhelming 85-10 vote, tabled an amendment by Senator Rand Paul which would have protected 4473's and other gun records from blanket searches by the ATF under the PATRIOT Act.

A mere 24 hours earlier, Democratic Leader Harry Reid went through parliamentary convolutions in order to prevent a vote on the Paul 4473 amendment, fearing that a vote on his language would have devastating implications for his Democrats running for reelection.

But Reid had some important allies in the Republican leadership. Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and his second-in-command, retiring Senator Jon Kyl (R-AZ), used their "Republican whip" apparatus to mischaracterize the Paul amendment and try to force Republicans to vote against it by spreading misinformation and lies.

For instance, they claimed that had the FBI been investigating the 2009 Fort Hood shooter, and the Paul amendment had been in effect, authorities would not have had the necessary tools under the Patriot Act to conduct an investigation.

But the terrorism legislation was fully in force at the time of the Fort Hood shooting, and did nothing to prevent it! The answer to every government inadequacy is not simply to grant it more power.



Sen. Harry Reid

Republican leaders also claimed that there was no evidence that the PATRIOT Act has been abused on a "widespread" basis, either in general or with respect to the Second Amendment.

But given that all investigations are SECRET and it is a crime to disclose them, it is hypocritical to argue that we don't know all the abuses.

Here's what we do know: First, we know of thousands of illegal phone records which were procured by the FBI.

Second, the Obama administration is pushing to illegally seize 4473-type information through its illegal regulations on multiple semi-auto sales in the Southwest -- a demand which is being made under the rubric of "national security." This effort to register gun sales along the border just underscores how easily the ATF could use the excuse of "terrorism" to register gun sales across the entire country.

Opponents of the Paul amendment claimed that gun owners are protected under the PATRIOT Act, because a request for gun records must be relevant to a terrorism investigation and must first be approved by the Director of the FBI or a select few high-ranking officials.

But this argument does not address the fact that the standard of "relevance" is a low standard ripe for abuse, and it is not much of an assurance at all when you have an administration (like Obama's) that is hostile to the Second Amendment.

Reid had one additional ally: the National Rifle Association. In the end, the NRA helped both Democrat and Republican leaders by not taking an "official position" on the bill. ★★★

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“We declare that all men, when they form a social compact are equal in right; that all power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority and instituted for their peace, safety, and happiness and they have at all times a right to alter, reform, or abolish the government in such a manner they think proper. This enumeration of rights and privileges shall not be construed to impair or deny others retained by the people.”

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Together we can come to the aid of this upstanding citizen and flood the city offices with calls and e-mails. Look for Vancouver City Government contact information at the end of the article.

There is no better weapon against bad government than that of public opinion - use it.

VANCOUVER, WA - Kathy Marshack crosses the Burlington Northern train tracks at least twice a day as she comes and goes to her home in east Vancouver, Washington where she has lived for the past 27 years. The old crossing was built in 1908 and is still the same steep one lane road it has always been - no improvements, no safety equipment, just a couple of stop signs and the train horn to alert you of approaching trains. With 40-50 trains daily passing along this track, going at speeds up to 70 mph, Dr. Marshack is careful to advise her guests and clients to stop, look and listen along the deeded legal easement.

Dr. Marshack operates a psychology practice from her home which is nestled in the trees and has a beautiful view of the Columbia River. After years of relative peace and quiet, everything changed in 2004 when the City of Vancouver and several community leaders reportedly targeted Dr. Marshack for living and working on the “wrong side of the tracks.” City government officials and numerous neighbors wanted a Train Horn Noise Quiet Zone, and as long as Dr. Marshack had a business license to work out of her home, the Federal Railway Administration would only issue a Train Horn Noise Quiet Zone permit if the City was willing to pay to upgrade the easement's crossing. This would cost the city an approximated \$350,000 to \$500,000 - a hefty price tag. The City refused to pay, reportedly due to the fact that only one person stood in their way. If they couldn't get rid of Dr. Marshack, either the bill for a Quiet Zone would jump up another half-million, or the permit would be defeated entirely.

So, the harassment began. Since 2004, Dr. Marshack has experienced threatening phone calls and emails, spurious code enforcement citations, video-stalking, cyber-stalking, lawsuits, assault and battery, false arrests and malicious defamation. The Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, Police, the Columbian Newspaper owner, and several of Dr. Marshack's neighbors have reportedly terrorized her and her family for years, and still to this day.

According to Dr. Marshack, she finds it odd that no one ever approached her for her cooperation with the Quiet Zone project. In fact, she states she had no knowledge of the project until she did some digging of her own, and further claims that this is why she is being targeted.

In a written outline provided to the US-Observer, Dr. Marshack stated:

“It seemed random at first. The complaints were confusing and irrelevant, such as a code enforcement citation regarding my right to park my motor home on my property next to the garage, and a code enforcement citation saying my home business had somehow become a 'nuisance' to my new neighbors, or Police complaints that I was trespassing when I would take a legally deeded easement road to the river.”

Each time she was attacked, Dr. Marshack successfully defended herself. But, the attacks were growing increasingly irrational and seemingly desperate.

On July 4, 2006 Dr. Marshack was physically assaulted by one of her neighbors - her neighbor literally bit her. When the police arrived, instead of protecting Dr. Marshack and listening to the witnesses, the Police arrested Dr. Marshack for assault and battery, trespass, stalking and lying to the police. According to Dr. Marshack, she was terrorized beyond belief by these false accusations. It was then that she finally suspected that there had to be more to this harassment than disgruntled neighbors. It took a few more years of digging to get to the bottom of it.

Dr. Marshack best tells the story of her week in trial for her proven-to-be false charges from the July 4, 2006 arrest:

“Judge Melnick had just



Vancouver City Attorney Ted Gathe and wife Sharon Wylie

admonished me a second time. He was angry that during pretrial motions, I had leaned toward my attorney to ask a question. 'I'm warning you,' he said. 'If you so much as whisper a word or look once at the jury, I will declare a mistrial!' I was so startled by his anger with me that I sat motionless. Later my attorney Therese Lavallee told me she had never seen Judge Melnick act this way. While it is true that a defendant must remain calm, cool and collected in the Courtroom, it is odd that Judge Melnick was excessively worried that I would somehow influence the jury in a misdemeanor trial. I learned a year and a half later why Judge Melnick was so worried about me. It had to be that letter written by City employees Jim Jacks, Josephine Townsend and Richard Landis.

“For the remainder of the process, pre-trial motions, voir dire (jury selection) and other formalities in the trial, I sat motionless, expressionless, and only spoke to my attorney during breaks. Now I understand why murder defendants appear to be unconcerned about their fate. The judges are afraid that these defendants will somehow sway the jury with their non-verbal behavior. But I was on trial for misdemeanors, not felonies. Yet Judge Melnick and the City Prosecutor Kevin McClure treated me as if I was Public Enemy Number One.



Jim Jacks

“I have to say I was terrified when I took the stand in my defense. I was surprised when I choked up and started to cry. I was afraid the Judge would declare a mistrial because I cried. The whole horrible experience of being stalked and assaulted came flooding back as my attorney asked me questions. It was the betrayal that was the worst. To have my ex-husband, City officials and my neighbors lie about me so that I would be arrested and tried... well it was overwhelming. But I dabbed the tears with a Kleenex handed to me by Therese, and I proceeded to testify.

“One witness after another confirmed that I was the victim of incredible harassment. Even the hateful neighbors who had started all of this abuse confessed to stalking me and assaulting me. It took little time for the jury to reach a verdict of 'Not Guilty' on all charges. Clearly, I had been set up. Thank goodness honest people could see through it all and set me free. But not before I and my children had been terrorized for years, not to mention the extreme legal debt for which it will take decades to pay off.”

By August 2009, the same month the Mayor proudly announced that the city would soon have a Quiet Zone Permit for East Vancouver; Dr. Marshack reportedly discovered a letter in the City's files, dating back to September 2004 that explained it all. All of the harassment, stalking, assaults, verbal threats, damaging lies; all of the frightening disregard for her Civil Rights; all of it stemmed from that letter. The letter was reportedly written by Vancouver Citizen Advocate Jim Jacks, with alleged assistance from Vancouver City Prosecutor Josephine Townsend and Code Enforcement Officer Richard Landis. In this defamatory memo, Dr. Marshack was accused of being diagnosed a “Functional Sociopath” and that she should “NOT” have a license to practice psychology. They even went so far as to invent “proof” of their allegations, claiming that Dr. Marshack's own therapist wrote reports to the Court and testified against her - none of which is true, but rather a very dangerous and contrived lie, created to defame and destroy this innocent lady. Clearly the message had been sent out to the City hierarchy to take out Dr. Marshack.

Since the beginning of this nightmare over 7 years ago, a lot has transpired. A Judge ruled

for Dr. Marshack upholding both easements, including the road across the train tracks and the road to the river. Law enforcement, City planners and code enforcers have all violated the judge's rulings. Continual harassment from neighbors, which was seemingly being supported by the police department, was finally recognized and punished - and still not even an apology from the police department. Dr. Marshack's neighbors were found guilty of contempt of court,



Dr. Marshack's “Wanted” Poster

harassment and assault. Dr. Marshack countersued for damages, and the neighbors settled. Dr. Marshack has filed a Superior Court conspiracy lawsuit against the City of Vancouver, but the City is holding out. After all, they have a lot to lose considering that three City employees actively engaged in libel in order to destroy Dr. Marshack's reputation and livelihood for the sake of the Train Horn Noise Quiet Zone. Or, was it?

Dr. Marshack's story has many sides to it and many players that have caused her grief. The US-Observer will be reporting on these and the progress of this fine woman's lawsuit against the city of Vancouver, Washington in her quest to find at least a miniscule amount of justice.

Marshack is represented by Attorney Dan Lorenz, who is reportedly very thorough. The US-Observer will keep our readership informed of his progress and work on this case.

Former Vancouver Citizen Advocate Jim Jacks went on to become a Washington State Representative and he recently left this position due to his reported alcoholism. Josephine Townsend's employment as Vancouver City Assistant Attorney has been terminated and she is in private practice in Vancouver. The City has reportedly hired council to represent Townsend concerning Marshack's lawsuit. Attorney Ted Gathe is currently Vancouver City Attorney - Gathe has obviously witnessed the corruption that has been leveled at Marshack and he has shown no responsibility whatsoever - possibly Gathe and Assistant City Attorney Alison Chinn



Josephine Townsend

are too busy writing about and supporting government immunity. And get this; Sharon Wylie, who is married to Ted Gathe was selected by Clark County Commissioners to replace Jim Jacks.

The Columbian newspaper from Vancouver has failed to cover the abuse that Dr. Marshack has been subjected to - maybe the Columbian has been silent because owner of the Columbian Scott Campbell was Marshack's neighbor when corrupted City of Vancouver officials, code enforcement officers and high level members of the Vancouver City Police

Department conspired against her. Campbell opposed Marshack and had indirect involvement in the attacks against her according to a US-Observer source.

What about accountability in Vancouver Washington? Where have all the moral and decent people been while their City officials and some individuals have attempted to destroy Dr. Kathy Marshack? Do the citizens of Vancouver condone the corruption their local government has perpetrated against Marshack? What's going on behind the scenes with the Waterfront/City Center Development - the Columbia River Crossing? What about the promoters and insiders tied to these projects?

Currently, the US-Observer is investigating how Jacks, Gathe and Campbell are tied together? In the Columbian, self-described alcoholic Jacks is portrayed as so heroic and dedicated that no one would dare condemn him. Then Jacks is replaced in Olympia by



Scott Campbell

Gathe's wife. How convenient. How many others are involved with this daring trio?

The US-Observer would ask all of our readership to contact Vancouver City Attorney Ted Gathe at phone - 360-487-8500 fax - 360-487-8501 and Vancouver City Manager Eric Holmes at phone - 360-487-8600 fax - 360-487-8625 and tell them the vile corruption that the City of Vancouver, Washington is engaged in is not acceptable... Please contact Edward Snook at 541-474-7885 if you have any factual information on the individuals associated with this case, including Clark County Judges.

Stay tuned. This story is not over.

PRESIDENTIAL RACE AT A GLANCE

Ron Paul: Slamming Debt and Presidential Candidates

By Julie Hirschfeld Davis

(Bloomberg) - Jun 3, 2011 Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul dismissed House Speaker John Boehner's call for spending cuts to match any increase in the federal debt ceiling, saying a fiscal catastrophe is coming whether or not the country exhausts its borrowing power.

"I don't take it seriously," the Texas congressman said of Boehner's demand. Paul predicted Congress would "go up to the last minute" before the Aug. 2 deadline and then raise the nation's \$14.3 trillion legal debt limit, yet fail to solve the problems underlying the nation's soaring deficits.

"The catastrophe comes regardless, because as long as they encourage more spending, then we go over a cliff," Paul, who said he will vote against raising the limit, said in an interview for "Political Capital with Al Hunt." "So I want to stop us," Paul said.

He dismissed discussion of a possible cap on future spending, saying it would be "too little, too late."

"Do you think the American people are going to believe that we're going to cut in the future?" added Paul, 75. He said any reductions promised beyond this year's budget amount to "pie-in-the-sky talking."

On presidential politics, Paul said that while other Republican

candidates seeking to take on President Barack Obama in 2012 are echoing his themes on spending and debt, he is the only one who has a record that matches the rhetoric.

'Credibility Gap'

"I think there will be a credibility gap" for the other contenders, Paul said, responding to a question about potential primary opponents including former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney.

Voters "know that I'm leveling with them, and I've done it all along, and I've expressed these concerns for 20, 30 years," he said.

Paul, an advocate of abolishing the Federal Reserve, said while he doesn't expect other candidates to rally around the idea, they "won't laugh as much as they did last time" he ran for the Republican presidential nomination.

"Just think of the difference on the attitude of the people now about the Federal Reserve," Paul said, noting that Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke took the unprecedented step April 27 of holding a news conference to defend his policies. "It's a failed system, and people are starting to realize

this." A self-described libertarian whose anti-establishment views align with Tea Party activists' disdain for government, Paul developed a national following during his failed 2008 bid for his party's presidential nomination.

Afghanistan, Pakistan

Paul said he favors withdrawing all U.S. troops from Afghanistan, Pakistan and Libya -- countries where he never supported sending them. He said other Republican presidential candidates are "making a big mistake" by backing a continued U.S. military presence there.

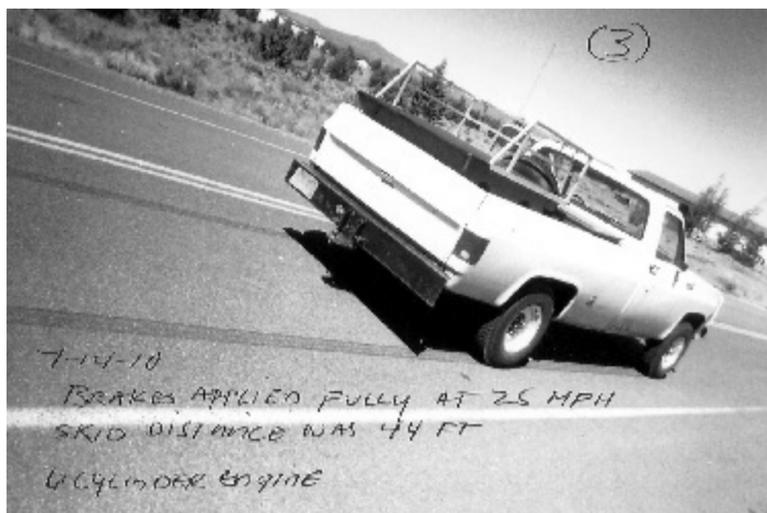
"The people now know that we can't pay it," Paul said, "and a lot of conservatives are coming in our direction because we can't pay it."

"I'd bring them all home, sure, because we have no reason to be there," he said.

Paul said Representative Michele Bachmann of Minnesota and former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin, two possible rivals for the Republican nomination who also style themselves as populist conservatives, are "closer to the people" than other candidates and are starting to move in his direction on foreign policy and civil liberties issues. Still, asked whether he understood Palin's economic agenda, Paul said, "No," adding, "I haven't studied them." ★★★



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days after his initial statement? It is doubtful that someone who couldn't get the license plate correct (according to the police report) and is only seventy percent certain about someone's identity could all of the sudden have so much more to say?

Another important piece of information which was "QUOTED" several times in Officer Zamora's report was the alleged "SLAMMING" on the brakes by Jerry while stopping his vehicle, creating "SMOKE OR DUST." According to expert witness, Bob Fox, owner of Bob Fox Auto Repair, "44 feet of skid marks were produced by Jerry's vehicle while 'Slamming' Jerry's breaks, traveling at 25 miles per hour." Mr. Fox also noted that while conducting his tests, "there was an absence of smoke and or dust while observing 'Slamming' on the brakes." It is reported that these tests were conducted on the similar type of roadway as 9th Street.

Another inconsistency in Renfro's statement regarding Jerry "Slamming" on the brakes of his vehicle was the absence of "skid marks" altogether. According to one eye witness, and multiple sources, both disputed locations of the alleged incident, presented "No skid marks whatsoever." This disproves Renfro's statement. In fact, when comparing Renfro's original statement with the statement produced by the police - this is the perfect example of a false and exaggerated

police report, created to ensure a successful prosecution.

"Its budget is \$960,000,000 for 2010" -Wikipedia - BLM Budget

With a current government crisis on revenue and spending, many people are concerned with where to cut costs. Our own elected politicians are often at such odds, that budgets are rarely agreed upon. One local business owner of Prineville stated, "Our government has grown so much that it is impossible to sustain it financially. Private sector employees of Prineville who are fortunate enough to have a job can barely afford to put food on the table, especially those who aren't already receiving government assistance. When I see expensive BLM vehicles driving through town, it makes sense that

people are outraged."

2012 BLM budget - 1,231,700,000 (Billion) - U.S. Department Of The Interior

Statements from BLM Administrative Officer Rachel Carver pose specific questions regarding the false charges against Jerry Keller - Was he obstructing the duties of a firefighter? Was the vehicle properly equipped to fight fires? Was employee Benjamin Renfro properly dressed in a fire fighting BLM uniform? On May 25, 2011, Rachel Carver from the Prineville BLM office returned my call and was very respectful and informative. Although she didn't know BLM employee Benjamin Renfro, she stated, "It is very likely that a BLM employee was driving an H-1 Hummer that didn't have an emergency light bar, or proper firefighting equipment; It is also possible that he was wearing a Hawaiian shirt in March of 2010." She also stated, "During the off fire season, it is common for BLM employees to wear civilian clothing." (This disproves count 1: Interfering with a Firefighter) The US-Observer would ask, how can a person interfere with a firefighter inside the City Limits of Prineville, Oregon, during off fire season? Jerry stated "In an attempt to get another conviction, Crook

County Prosecutor, Victoria Schwartz offered me a plea bargain on January 25, 2011 that excluded the Disorderly Conduct charge, and required that I plead guilty or no contest to count 1: interfering with a firefighter, and also pay a \$500.00 dollar fine." As Jerry again proclaimed his innocence, he stated, "I will not accept any plea offer, I am 100% innocent and will take this to a jury trial if I have to." Offering Plea Bargains is a common practice for prosecutors and is a practice that is referred to as: "legal blackmail." During a recent conversation with a prosecutor in California, he stated, "If you had asked me three years ago to be a defense attorney, I would have laughed. I have always wanted to put the bad guys behind bars. Since I became a prosecutor, I have butted heads with the District Attorney more often than the people I prosecute. I am now considering leaving the prosecutor's office to become a defense attorney because the DA's office is more concerned with convictions than serving justice." Prosecutor Schwartz refused to return our phone call...

The US-Observer's intent is to not portray a negative image upon Prineville BLM, or Prineville Police Dept., although it would be naive to say that all law enforcement officers and government employees are truthful - specifically after conducting a thorough investigation into the false criminal charges against Jerry Keller.

One fact remains: 67-yr.-old Jerry Keller had never been arrested until April 8, 2010. The US-Observer has documented and proven many lies on the part of both BLM employees and bad police officers over the past twenty years. We also have many prime examples of embellished, altered and false police reports.

The people of Crook County are asked to support Jerry, to support their right to voice their concerns, which is every Americans first amendment right. Everyone in Crook County should spread this article - the factual truth about Jerry Keller and the false charges that have been brought against this outstanding citizen. And remember, if this can happen to Jerry, it can happen to anyone residing in Crook County, Oregon.

Benjamin Franklin once stated, "Whoever would overthrow the liberty of a nation must begin by subduing the freeness of speech." Don't allow this to happen, Prineville!

Log-on to usobserver.com to read the full police report, Renfro's original statement, the false charges and the plea offer. Also, Jerry Keller's trial is set for July 19, 2011 at the Crook County Courthouse. Please attend to show your support. ★★★

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Our members study what every elected politician takes an oath to uphold and defend, but only few know; the United States Constitution. We are comprised of County Commissioners, Police Officers, Realtors, Self Employed Business Owners and even a few un-employed. We come from all walks of life, we are Southern Oregon residents, residents who want our rights back that have been stripped from us.

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

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

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

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the Fourth, the First and the rest. They will hold in their hands a document gutted and devoid of meaning. Its defenders will have been silenced, jailed, in exile, escaped or dead. There will be no one around to fight their battles and no document to use as reinforcement for claiming lost rights.

The Tyranny of the Collective

U.S. citizens have been dumbed-down by years of collectivist drivel taught in schools. Forced into feeling rather than thinking, Americans are at a crossroads. We have become "tolerant" instead of judicious and fair; inclusive instead of discerning; filled with self-esteem instead of intelligence and wisdom.

The citizens of the United States are accepting the death of the Constitution through corrupted language and devious and inhumane pressure to conform. They are accepting it because they are ignorant and apathetic and have replaced it with faux freedoms and political correctness.

As Charlton Heston said not long ago, "political correctness is tyranny with manners." Individuals now have labels applied such as "mean-spirited," "racist," "bigoted," "cruel" or "anti-environment" or whatever terms are used by the mindless collectivist folly of the moment.

The favored "rights" of the left have expanded while true liberty as contained in the Declaration and Bill of Rights are considered dangerous aberrations.

Celebrity Constitutional Scholars—NOT

Since the celebrity left does not believe in the "right to keep and bear arms" or the right to "private

property," they give a sort of warped publicity to the anti-constitutionalists.

Leftist talk show host Rosie O'Donnell defends her right of free speech as she calls Bob Dole a fool or Newt Gingrich a nasty name. She blasts the NRA's right to promote its beliefs and maintains that even though the Second Amendment is part of the Constitution: "so what."

Robert Redford applauds the Clinton administration for confiscating lands in the West under the Antiquities Act. He could care less about the rights of the states or private property owners. It doesn't matter to him and the left that property owners are no longer allowed to use their land as they see fit.

New laws approved by the left say that an "endangered species" is more important than guarantees in the Bill of Rights. In their minds it is only proper that government confiscates millions of acres for its own purposes, even though that government does not adequately care for what it already has. It doesn't matter to them that the Founders never intended that government should own 40 percent of the national real estate.

Liberty and the purpose of the Bill of Rights is the loser and it is immaterial what the good intentions of the left are. According to them, Constitutional guarantees, the right of the individual states and the people are only as good as the federal government and the trend of the moment says it is. It is to their peril they refuse to recognize that constitutional guarantees are more important than any new theory or invented right. The Constitution and the Bill of Rights have been on the critical list for a long time. Currently, they are on life support, kept alive by a judicious few that care about such

arcane matters as the intent of the Founders. Meanwhile, the doctors, i.e. the three branches of government fight over treatment. However, in the end expediency wins. A toxic overdose of



medication is consistently administered and the patient is allowed to slip into that good night - one function at a time.

Like Lenin's corpse in the Kremlin, it will be primped, pumped with chemicals, then coated with wax and placed in an airtight container. U.S. citizens will look at the remains on national holidays as they ponder the once "glorious revolution."

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The Moral Liberal Senior Editor, Diane Alden, was one of NewsMax.com's most popular and outspoken pundits (1999-2008), and before that, a wonk for The Nevada Policy Institute. A former DJ in Georgia, Diane of late has been a weekly guest on the East Coast hit program, The Marc Bernier Show. Diane is loved for her quick sense of humor, creative vocabulary, independence of mind, and her penetrating analysis of a wide range of political, economic, and cultural issues.

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citizens of this county.

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Gilbertson is to be commended.

Even though each public office holder takes an oath to uphold the Constitution the vast majority seemingly either forget or simply don't know what the Constitution so plainly says. Bottom-line, the Constitution doesn't grant you rights; it limits government from taking them, specifically protecting certain rights that should be without question.

When an official stands for the people, we will feature it here in the Spotlight.

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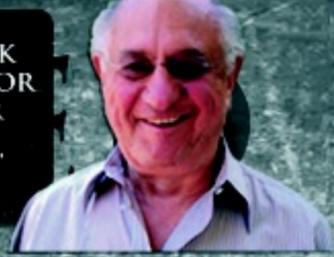
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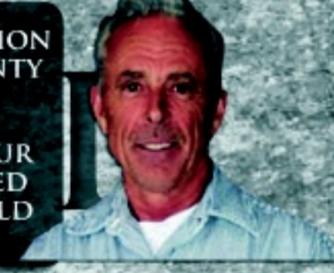
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