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States vs. Federal Rights and Individual Rights vs. Police State Actions
A Malicious Medicinal Marijuana Prosecution

Patricia Albright and her son, Jordan Wirtz, both face federal charges

By Edward Snook
Investigative Reporter

Eastern District of California - As you read this, realize it is a fact that California passed Proposition 215 in 1996, which makes it legal for Patricia Albright to grow medicinal marijuana after she obtains a prescription – she did this. Further, the State of California passed SB420 in 2003, which

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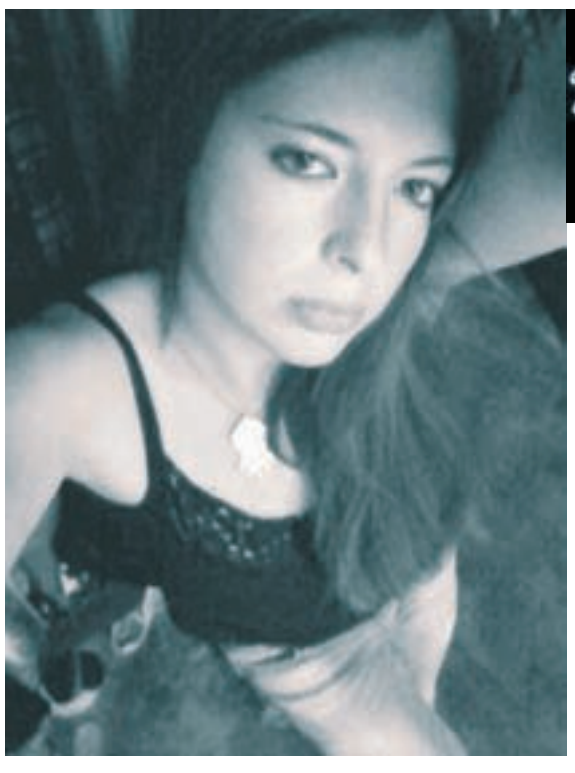
Innocent Matt Rinehart Jailed On Unbelievable Rape Charges

By Edward Snook
Investigative Reporter

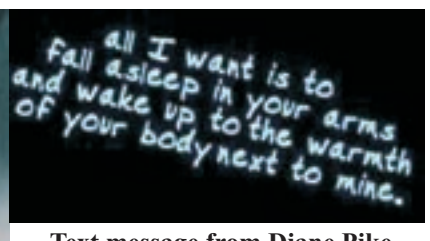
Crook County, OR - 18 year old Matthew Rinehart and his live-in girlfriend Diane Pike were sleeping together on October 6, 2012. According to witnesses, the two were involved in a very sensual and continuing sexual relationship. Pike was the same age as Rinehart and she was reportedly the aggressor during many of their intimate encounters.

Pike's parents were very upset about the relationship and were allegedly applying severe pressure on Pike to end her "love affair" with Matt. Apparently, on October 6, their pressure finally produced the intended results. Diane Pike accused Matthew Rinehart of "taking advantage of her," of sexually assaulting her while she was "physically helpless."

The Crook County Sheriff's



Diane Pike - striking a pose for her "*love*" Matthew Rinehart



Text message from Diane Pike to Matthew Rinehart

Office took over and teamed up with the District Attorney's Office to file not only false, but completely ludicrous criminal charges against Rinehart.

Matthew Rinehart was arraigned on October 10, 2012 on three counts - Sexual Abuse in the 1st Degree, Unlawful Sexual Penetration in the First Degree, and Sodomy in the First Degree, all for one allegedly routine and common event that took place on October 6th at his grandparents' home where the two were living and sleeping together.

I should note that the

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Charles Alan Dyer Innocent!
Oklahoma Marine Still in Prison

By Lorne Dey
Investigative Reporter

Stephens County, OK - It only takes an accusation! Imagine spending years in prison for something you were accused of, but didn't do.

Now imagine yourself as a decorated Marine who has served his country during one tour in Japan, one tour in Iraq, been honorably discharged, and has never before been arrested for anything. Welcome to the world of Charles Alan Dyer of Duncan, Oklahoma.

A Dyer family photo - before the devastation

Dyer's unjust incarceration began on January 12, 2010 after his wife, Valerie Wylie-Dyer, allegedly falsely accused Dyer of molesting the couple's then, 8-year-old daughter Hayley Dyer. Eight days later Mr. Dyer was formally charged with one count of Child Sexual Abuse and so began a trail of lies and legal malfeasance that would ultimately lead to Dyer being convicted and sentenced to 30 years in

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Deborah Swan Hinders Dyer Investigation

By Edward Snook
Investigative Reporter

Deborah Swan has nothing more to do with the Charles Dyer case. Period.

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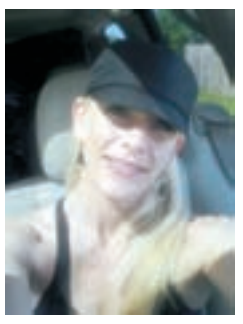

Deborah Swan

Deborah Swan packing her assault rifle

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Amber Parker and her children

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Help Bring Roselynn Sanchez Home Now

By Joseph Snook
Investigative Reporter

Wyoming - After the death of Roselynn Sanchez's mother in Montana in 2011, her

Roselynn Sanchez

father Ryan Sanchez began a legal battle to get custody of her. Ryan has been in court numerous times, with very little progress in

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Man and Family Fight for Vindication After Conviction

By Joseph Snook
Investigative Reporter

Bend, OR - Nicholas Waldbillig was a twenty-year-old college student, finishing his

Nicholas Waldbillig

second year in Automotive Technology when he was accused of several sex crimes. The accusations included kidnapping, rape, sexual

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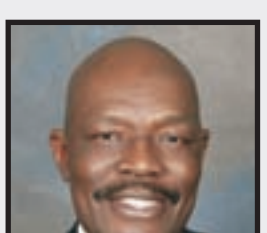

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YOU Stopped the Department of Human Services Abuse

By Joseph Snook
Investigative Reporter

Albany, OR - On February 22, 2013, Your actions prevailed! The Department of Human Services (DHS) "officially closed" Amber Parker's case, which involved her three children who were taken from her by DHS in 2011. The US~Observer has worked on this case for over a year, recently publishing an article outlining the severe abuse committed against Amber by an ex-husband and Oregon's DHS.

We asked our readership to contact public officials and employees who were involved and tell them to stop the abuse. We would like to thank each of you for doing your part. It is through your individual action - your calls, letters, emails, faxes and social media sharing that gave Amber her heart back! Now, Amber has her children, unsupervised, and is no longer under the control of DHS.

This goes to show that united individuals can make a huge difference.

Amber has no criminal record, yet she was wrongly classified by DHS as being a "drug abuser" and "paranoid schizophrenic." She was required to take frequent, random drug tests and see her children under supervised visits only. Now, just days after your involvement, she is reunited with her children without the presence of DHS.

When Amber appeared in court recently, she said DHS employee Ursala Beattie looked at her, smiled and said "hello" (completely out of character for Ursala). Soon after, DHS officially closed the case. Amber continued, "I couldn't believe what had just happened - I felt like I had just been let out of prison."

Again, The US~Observer greatly commends all of you who answered our call and took it upon yourselves to help Amber and her children. Fortunately, and due in great part to your pressure, she now has her life back on track. Amber is greatly appreciative for all that each of you have done for her. ★★★

"...thank you for sacrificing so much of yourselves and your time ... to make sure that people in power quit picking on the little guys."

~Amber Parker

Amber and oldest son

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grandparents were on a hunting trip at the time and although they were allowing Pike to use a trailer on their property, they in no way condoned their continual and consensual sexual activity.

"MATTHEW, MY ANGEL, LOVE, AMAZING, KIND, SWEET, CARING…"
~ DIANE PIKE

Matthew and Diane

A Case History - Shortly before October 6, 2012, Matthew, his mother and his grandparents took in 18 year old Diane Pike who had just been made homeless when her parents reportedly "kicked her out of their home" in Prineville, Oregon.

Matthew and Diane had an on again off again romantic relationship, before Matthew and his family took her in to their home. According to several witnesses, Pike and Rinehart "had engaged in consensual sex-play before and after she moved in with his family."

Diane, who had sought and obtained treatment for a urinary tract infection while she was living with Matthew and his family, took Matthew to Pioneer Memorial Hospital for emergency treatment for a traumatic injury he had suffered on October 5th.

Matthew was treated and released from Pioneer Memorial Hospital shortly after midnight as October 6, 2012 was just beginning. Matthew and Diane returned home and slept together in the same bed.

They awoke early that morning because Matthew's 6 year old sister was in distress. They comforted the little girl. Diane returned to bed and claims she fell back asleep. Diane claims that when she woke up about 2 hours later she was naked and she did not know how she had gotten naked. However, one witness states, "I walked by the bedroom and Diane and Matt were sitting up in bed removing her clothing."

Diane returned to Pioneer Memorial Hospital later that day and said that she thought she had been raped by Matthew.

Crook County Sheriff's Deputies "investigated," which included an interview of a very naive Rinehart. At the conclusion of their interview they arrested him, even though he denied that Diane had been asleep between 7 and 9 a.m.

The allegations against Matthew are not that he used force on Diane. The allegations against Matthew are that Diane was asleep when he touched her sexually on October 6th.

She was allegedly "out cold" due to her taking antibiotics to treat her urinary infection. If this wasn't such a tragic case, it would be laughable – Needless

to say, the accusations placed Diane back in the "good graces" of her parents and she was headed back to her "family." The false accusations also placed her "*Angel*," her "*love*" in a cold jail cell with steel bars…

Public defender William J. Condron was appointed to represent Matthew. The public defender hired a private investigator to interview witnesses to the consensual sex play Matthew and Diane had displayed in public over

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Employers, Doctors, Obamacare and the Supreme Court

By Devvy Kidd

As the nightmare known as Obamacare continues to slap everyone across the face with its blatant unconstitutional sections, even some Democrats are starting to balk; 18 Democratic sentors revolted against Harry Reid on the Obamacare tax.

We're all aware of the indefensible decision by Chief Justice John Roberts where he hallucinated some mumbo-jumbo that the individual mandate is a tax. Religious organizations have been fighting to stop implementation of certain provisions that violate their religious beliefs; some challenges have been successful to date.

But, what about employers and doctors who will be so negatively impacted by that monstrosity?

Let's take **employers** first.

Small Employers Weigh Impact of Providing Health Insurance, NY Times, December 1, 2012: *"By 2014, businesses with 50 or more full-time employees will be expected to offer as yet undefined affordable coverage, based on an employee's income. For employers that fail to offer such coverage, the law typically calls for a penalty of $2,000 a worker, excluding the first 30 employees."*

Look at this U.S. Supreme Court decision: **Railroad Retirement Board v. Alton R.** CO, 295 U.S. 330 (1935)

"The catalogue of means and actions which might be imposed upon an employer in any business, tending to the satisfaction and comfort of his employees, seems endless. Provision for free medical attendance and nursing, for clothing, for food, for housing, for the education of children, and a hundred other matters might with equal propriety be proposed as tending to relieve the employee of mental strain and worry. Can it fairly be said that the power of Congress to regulate interstate commerce extends to the prescription of any or all of these things? Is it not apparent that they are really and essentially related solely to the social welfare of the worker, and therefore remote from any regulation of commerce as such? We think the answer is plain. These matters obviously lie outside the orbit of congressional power."

Congress has only the powers enumerated in Art. 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution, which is why the Federal Department of Education, the SBA, the EPA, HHS and many other cabinets and agencies ARE unconstitutional.

In the case above, the court basically said employers are not required to provide for the "satisfaction and comfort" of employees. Forcing a private sector employer to provide medical health coverage (which no one even knows yet what that is going to be) absolutely could be considered to "relieve the employee of mental strain and worry". Forcing employers in the private sector to provide heath care coverage has nothing to do with interstate commerce, companies operating safely or anything other than the social welfare of workers.

While the justices wrote heavily in that decision about interstate commerce, what this really boils down to is whether or not Congress has the constitutional authority to force employers to provide Obamacare to employees. I frequently quote Joseph Story, Associate Justice, U.S. Supreme Court, Commentaries on the Constitution, 1833:

"Another not unimportant consideration is that the powers of the general government will be, and indeed must be, principally employed upon external objects, such as war, peace, negotiations with foreign powers and foreign commerce. In its internal operations it can touch but few objects, except to introduce regulations beneficial to the commerce, intercourse and other relations, between the states, and to lay taxes for the common good. The powers of the states, on the other hand, extend to all objects, which, in the ordinary course of affairs, concern the lives, and liberties, and property of the people, and the internal order, improvement and prosperity of the state."

We must also look to the Tenth Amendment: The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.

We know from reading Art. 1, Sec. 8 of the U.S. Constitution that health care is not an enumerated power granted to Congress. We should also go back and look at the Zellman memo, which was obtained under the Freedom of Information Act in an effort to find out what went on in those secret health care meetings headed up by Hillary Clinton back in 1993:

"Memorandum for Walter Zellman from Sallyanne Payton, clearly marked: Preliminary Draft for Official Use Only. Do Not Quote or Release For Any Purpose, page 4, Health Care Task Reform under Hillary Clinton. Please note these sections:

"(b) may the federal government use other actors in the governmental system and the private sector as its agents and give them orders as though they were parts of a prefectorial system? The short answer is 'no.' State governments are independent, although subordinated, sovereignties, not subdivisions of the federal government.

"Although the federal government may regulate many of their functions directly [as well, for example, it subjects state water districts to the Clean Water Act], it may not require them to exercise their own governmental powers in a manner dictated by federal law. The states may be encouraged, bribed or threatened into entering into joint federal state programs of various sorts, from unemployment insurance to Medicaid; but they may not be commanded directly to use their own governmental apparatus in the service of federal policy. There is a modest jurisprudence of the Tenth Amendment that seems to have settled on this proposition. See the DOJ [Dept. of Justice] memorandum for a fuller elaboration."

Additionally, the so-called reporting requirements by employers will cost them a lot of money which down the road means lay offs or no new hiring. The U.S. Congress has zero authority to force employers in the private sector to dance to their tune and it's long past time to fight them.

I'm sure there are many more cases, but the bottom line is this: **Employers across this country need to join together and file a lawsuit.** If you own a business and know three or four other business owners (or more), join together and retain a top notch law firm. If you have six, eight or ten businesses, the pain of attorney's fees is lessened by quite a bit. You must fight back or there will be no end to destroying all the sacrifices you have made building your business. I absolutely believe you can prevail if the argument is presented from a solid constitutional basis with previous court decisions that favor the argument.

The U.S. Supreme Court rarely overturns another Supreme Court decision, but it can happen. However, since 1935 nothing has changed except the drive to destroy our constitutional republic, slide us into socialism and then eventually, communism.

Doctors:

The abomination called Obamacare contains endless panels and commissions that dictate to doctors how they will take care of their own patients. The 'death' panels are real, as well as forcing doctors to spend their own resources to compile data bases about their patients making sure your personal life will be jeopardized by leaks or sophisticated hackers. No where in Art. 1, Sec. 8 does it give the maniacs in the U.S. Congress the authority to force your doctor to turn over all your medical records for some electronic database.

The same plan of attack for employers also applies to doctors throughout this country whether you're a single practitioner or belong to a medical group, the U.S. Supreme Court has made several decisions that favor you:

Linder v. United States, 268 U.S. 5, 18, 45 S. Ct. 446 (1925): "Obviously, direct control of medical practice in the states is beyond the power of the federal government."

Lambert v. Yellowly, 272 U.S. 581, 598, 47 S.Ct. 210 (1926): "It is important also to bear in mind that 'direct control of medical practice in the States is beyond the power of the Federal Government.' Linder v. United States, 268 U.S. 5, 18. Congress, therefore, cannot directly restrict the professional judgment of the physician or interfere with its free exercise in the treatment of disease. Whatever power exists in that respect belongs to the states exclusively."

Lower circuit:

United States v. Anthony et al., 15 F. Supp. 553 (S.D.Cal. 1936) (June 23 1936)

Nos. 12069-12072. United States District Court, S.D. California, Central Division

"I am referring to these facts in order to indicate that we must bear in mind the purpose of the act — that the act is a borderline statute which must be interpreted in such a manner as to bring it within the constitutional power. And if we depart from it and interpret it either as attempting to regulate the disposition and sale of narcotics or attempting the regulation of medicine, we extend the act to the realm which the Supreme Court has repeatedly said the federal government cannot enter, under the penalty of unconstitutionality.

"The Linder Case (Linder v. United States [1925] 268 U.S. 5, 45 S.Ct. 446, 449, 69 L.Ed. 819, 39 A.L.R. 229) is very important. We all seem to agree, whether we read it alike or not, that it determines this case, so far as the law is concerned. I wish to refer to it for the present only for the purpose of pointing out that the moment we assume that this act regulates the sale within the state of narcotics and that it aims to regulate the practice of medicine, we must hold it unconstitutional."

Constitutional attorney, Larry Becraft, with more than 35 years experience dealing primarily with federal laws has this to say: *"There is a constitutional problem regarding Obamacare that nobody has mentioned: it violates principles of equal protection. The Fifth Amendment's Due Process Clause contains an equal protection component, and thus equal protection principles apply to the feds. See Bolling v Sharpe, 347 U.S. 497, 499 (1954); and Adarand Constructors, Inc. v. Pena, 515 U.S. 200, 224 (1995)."*

Stand up for the Constitution:

Judge Andrew Napolitano: *"I was interviewing a Congressman from South Carolina, Jim Clyburn, who's the number three ranking Democrat in the house, and I asked him quite simply and plainly where in the Constitution is the federal government authorized to manage health care? He told me, 'Judge, most of what we do down here, (referring to Washington) is not authorized by the Constitution.'"*

Clyburn's constituents obviously approve of their representative being a lawless, oath breaking socialist.

Just as I urge employers to fight, I pray doctors across this country will band together and file lawsuits in as many states as possible. Ten doctors as plaintiffs greatly reduces the cost of a lawsuit. If they don't, the delivery of quality medical care in this country will continue to hurt patients and doctors as well.

Americans need to become educated with the facts and stop playing into the hands of those who wish to destroy this republic by constantly chanting: It's the Republicans or Democrats or the illegitimate usurper camped out in the White House. It's both parties who have been part of destroying health care by forcing unconstitutional "laws" down the throats of doctors and other medical care providers.

One other important argument published in The Atlantic, Setpember 17, 2012: *"The Pacific Legal Foundation, a conservative public-interest law firm, has opened up a new front in conservatives' never-ending struggle to wipe Obamacare off the books. Their secret weapon? The Origination Clause of Article I, section 7, which states that "All Bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives; but the Senate may propose or concur with Amendments as on other Bills." The key idea is that the Supreme Court recently upheld the individual mandate as a tax. But if the mandate is a tax, the PLF argues, then it is a bill for raising revenue. That means that the Affordable Care Act must have begun in the House of Representatives. And it did not."*

Violation of the Thirteenth Amendment

Obamacare just raised your health care premium by $63: *"Among the regulations being rushed out the door by the Department of Health and Human Services 32 months after Obamacare passed is a requirement that every plan in America be subject to a $63 fee. That $63 is part of a fund to subsidize people with pre-existing conditions, who are more expensive to cover but whose costs must be transferred to healthier individuals in the new system."*

Thirteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: *"Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction."*

Neither the U.S. Congress or one of their unconstitutional cabinets has any authority to steal the fruits of my labor and increase my private health care insurance premium by any amount of dollars to subsidize people with pre-existing conditions or any condition for that matter. Involuntary servitude means: "Two essential elements of involuntary servitude are involuntariness, which is compulsion to act against one's will, and servitude, which is some form of labor for another."

It doesn't just apply to slavery. A person working and paying their own high insurance premiums is now going to be stolen from to pay for someone else's health conditions. My husband and I pay for our own health care premiums, yet now the thieves in the unconstitutional DHHS are going to steal from me to pay for someone else's medical problems? If I get a bill for that, believe me, I'll be talking to an attorney because I am not going to take this like a slave. Whether it's $63 or $630, it's still wrong.

Only 15 States Opt to Run the debt-busting Obamacare Exchanges within the states. A year down the road we'll all see another enormous mess created by the lunatics in Washington, DC in setting up those "exchanges" for the rest of the country. We must all make our voices heard in our respective states. At least four states are considering nullification, a right every state has to pass in their legislature. Call your state representative and tell them you want your state to nullify. ★★★

In The News

Conservatives, liberals, media advocates rally behind man jailed for criticizing judge

(FOX News) - A group of free-speech advocates is rallying behind an Indiana inmate serving two years for his online rants against a judge who took away his child-custody rights during a divorce case.

There's no disputing that Daniel Brewington's words were strong and angry -- found in hundreds of emails over the course of the related, two-year divorce case.

Daniel Brewington

But the group is asking the state's highest court to decide whether they indeed amounted to criminal behavior.

Brewington was convicted in 2011 of perjury, intimidating a judge and attempting to obstruct justice -- with the attorney general's office successfully arguing that his threat was to expose the judge to "hatred, contempt, disgrace or ridicule."

However, the group recently filed an amicus brief with the state Supreme Court arguing an appeals court decision in January upholding the felony intimidation charge threatens constitutionally protected speech about public officials.

The court will decide after the March 11 filing deadline on whether to take up the case.

The appeals court argued that some of Brewington's claims against Judge James D. Humphrey were false. It also argued their truthfulness were not necessarily relevant to prosecution because the harm, which in this case was striking fear in the victim, occurred "whether the publicized conduct is true or false," according to Reason magazine.

The group is led by University of California Los Angeles law professor Eugene Volokh and includes conservative lawyer James Bopp, a former executive director of the Indiana Civil Liberties Union, the Indiana Association of Scholars, The Indianapolis Star and the James Madison Center for Free Speech.

Volokh wrote in the brief that the appeals court decision "endangers the free speech rights of journalists, policy advocates, politicians and ordinary citizens."

In his rants, Brewington called the judge a "child abuser" and "corrupt" and accused him of unethical or illegal behavior.

He argued that Humphrey taking away his children amounted to child abuse.

Humphrey said he could not comment on the case. But court records purportedly show he felt threatened enough to get a gun out of storage, install a home-security system and get protection from a police detail.

The Star said the group is not interested in the "minutia" of the 2007 divorce case and custody fight. It is instead focused on a broader issue: "A belief that Indiana's intimidation law -- particularly as interpreted by the Court of Appeals in Brewington's case -- violates the First Amendment."

Brewington's attorney Michael K. Sutherlin said his client may not have had "the rhetorical skill of Thomas Paine but like 18th-century pamphleteers, he used a popular forum of expression in his time (here, the Internet) to complain about unfair treatment by an oppressive system." ★★★

Man Wrongly Convicted of Rabbi's Murder Released Nearly 23 Years Later

By Aaron Katersky and Carlos Boettcher

The last time David Ranta walked free, the Berlin Wall had just fallen and Nelson Mandela had just been released from prison.

David Ranta

Now, 23 years later, the 58-year-old who was wrongfully convicted of murdering a New York City rabbi heard his handcuffs clink for the last time. He walked out of State Supreme Court in Brooklyn after Judge Miriam Cyrulnik vacated his conviction.

"It's clear that the effects of this case have been devastating," Cyrulnik said. "To say I'm sorry for what you have endured would be an understatement."

Ranta's relatives applauded in court and wailed audibly when the judge said, "Sir you are free to go."

He walked from a cuffed position at defense table into tearful embrace of his family. When he emerged from court he was carrying a mesh laundry bag filled with his only possessions.

"For now I'll just say thank you all for your support," Ranta said.

Ranta was convicted of killing a rabbi in a 1990 botched robbery attempt of a diamond courier. The recently created Conviction Integrity Unit of the Brooklyn District Attorney's office determined after a year-long investigation that witnesses were coached and police mishandled evidence.

"There was new evidence which was developed which caused us to believe that the foundation of the case has been so degraded that we can no longer be confident that a jury would render a verdict of guilty," said Assistant District Attorney John O'Mara.

Ranta had proclaimed his innocence from the start. Investigators determined that detectives falsely claimed they took statements from Ranta and an eyewitness was instructed to pick Ranta from a police line-up.

"This was a travesty of justice from the beginning," defense attorney P. O. Sussman said.

Until today Ranta had been locked for nearly 23 years in a 6-by-9 foot cell near Buffalo. He began serving the sentence when his daughter was 2 years old. Today his daughter is six months pregnant with his grandchild.

"As I said from the beginning I had nothing to do with this case," Ranta said before he walked briskly outdoors toward freedom.

US~Observer Note: David Ranta suffered a massive heart attack on the second day of his freedom.

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Supreme Court gives timber industry victory against environmentalists

By Michal Conger
Washington Examiner

The Supreme Court sided with the timber industry against environmentalists in a ruling that loggers do not need a special Environmental Protection Agency permit because of gravel and dirt that can fall from logging roads into waterways.

The decision overturned a lower-court ruling that the runoff is the same as other industrial pollution and therefore requires a permit under the EPA's Clean Water Act, according to Fox News.

The timber industry said it would cost millions of dollars to get a permit for every logging site, and could even put the industry out of business.

Environmentalists argued that the regulations would not impose a heavy administrative burden, and that logging runoff hurts salmon spawning, Forbes reported in November.

But even the EPA disagreed with the lower-court ruling and recently changed its rules related to logging runoff, placing it in the same category as runoff from a farmer's field and not industrial pollution.

The consolidated cases in the decision are Decker v. Northwest Environmental Defense Center and Georgia-Pacific West, Inc. v. Northwest Environmental Defense Center. ★★★

Man freed after 23 years in jail for a crime he didn't do

By Dareh Gregorian
New York Daily News

A Brooklyn man whose murder conviction was thrown out by a federal judge has another wrongfully convicted man to thank for his freedom.

Jeff Deskovic, who spent 15 years behind bars for a murder he didn't commit, worked behind the scenes to help exonerate William Lopez — and is now helping him to adjust to life on the outside, the Daily News has learned.

William Lopez

Deskovic had sued the feds and the state for his wrongful conviction, and used $1.5 million of his $8 million in settlement money to set up the Jeff Deskovic Foundation for Justice to help other wronged prisoners last year.

"I wanted to make what happened to me count for something," Deskovic said.

Lopez, 54, a married dad, was released from prison on Jan. 23 by Brooklyn Federal Court Judge Nicholas Garaufis, who angrily derided the original evidence as "rotten from day one."

"The result is that a likely innocent man has been in prison for over 23 years. He should be released with the state's apology," the judge wrote.

Lopez had always maintained he was innocent of the shotgun killing of a Elvirn Surria in a Brighton Beach crackhouse on Aug. 31, 1989.

His appeals lawyers at Levitt & Kaiser worked get him out, citing a failure to call alibi witnesses in the original case and the testimony of a drug-addled witness who recanted his original fingering of Lopez as the triggerman.

But perhaps their biggest break came when they learned an eyewitness to the shooting was in the Dominican Republic. The firm turned to Deskovic's foundation and another called the Exoneration Project to help track down the witness.

The witness, Carlos Diaz, later testified that he saw the person who killed Surria — and it wasn't Lopez.

The Brooklyn District Attorney's office said it would appeal the decision.

In the meantime, Deskovic's foundation has provided Lopez with temporary housing in Manhattan, and is trying to help reintegrate him into society.

"It's going be a long, difficult road," Deskovic said. "He has lots of things he has to do, especially re-establishing ties with his family."

His daughter Crystal was just 14 months old when Lopez went to prison.

"She grew up without him," Deskovic said. ★★★

Record 18.7 Million Students in Fiscal Year 2012 Got 'Free' Lunch

By Terence P. Jeffrey

(CNSNews.com) - It is an old saying that there is no such thing as a free lunch, but a record 18.7 million American schoolchildren would not have learned that lesson when they attended school in fiscal year 2012.

That is because U.S. taxpayers—via the U.S. Department of Agriculture—were picking up the tab for their lunch.

According to new data from the USDA, during the average school month in fiscal year 2012, 18.7 million students in U.S. high schools and grammar schools were given completely free lunches, courtesy of the department's National School Lunch Program. That was up from the record of 18.4 million that was set in fiscal 2011.

Back in 1969, the average monthly number of schoolchildren getting free lunches was only 2.9 million. As recently as 1990, it was only 9.8 million.

In addition to giving away completely free lunches, the National School lunch program also gives away partially subsidized lunches—or what it calls "reduced-price lunches" and "paid lunches."

When a student buys a "paid lunch" at a participating school, federal taxpayers are required to subsidize that lunch by $0.27, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. When a student buys a "reduced-price lunch," taxpayers are made to pay $2.46. When a student takes a "free lunch," taxpayers are made to pay $2.86 cents.

The payments are made in the form of "reimbursements" for each and every meal that the U.S.D.A. sends to the participating schools.

In fiscal 2012, in addition to the record 18.7 million students who took completely free lunches, there were also 2.7 million who took "reduced-price" lunches, and 10.2 million who took "paid" lunches.

All in all, in the average school month in fiscal 2012, 31.6 million high school and grammar school students got federally subsidized lunches.

The total cost to the taxpayers for the school lunch program in 2012 was $10,410,100,000.00.

And that does not count free breakfasts.

The federal government's "School Breakfast Program" also had record participation in fiscal 2012, with 9.76 million students getting free breakfasts during the average school month. That was up from 9.20 in fiscal 2011.

In addition to the 9.76 million students who got entirely free breakfasts, there were also 1.04 million who got "reduced-price" breakfasts, and 2.04 million who got federally subsidized "paid" breakfasts.

All in all, in the average school month in fiscal 2012, 12.85 million students had their breakfasts subsidized by the taxpayers.

The full cost of the breakfast program in fiscal 2012 was a record $3,275,600,000.00 up from 3,034,700,000.00 in fiscal 2011.

The initial permanent federal school-lunch program was created by Congress in 1946, according to USDA. Earlier than that in American history, parents were expected to provide their own children with lunch. ★★★

Innocent CA man released from prison after 7 years

By Paul T. Rosynsky
Oakland Tribune

Oakland, CA - A 51-year-old who spent almost seven years in prison for attempted murder was released from custody after Santa Clara University law students and a powerful law firm proved his innocence.

Ronald Ross bowed his head and broke down in tears as Alameda County Superior Court Judge Jon Rolefson ordered him released in a hearing that ended an almost decade-long saga sparked by a sloppy Oakland Police Department investigation.


Ronald Ross

"Today is a great day for justice," said Cookie Ridolfi, executive director of the Northern California Innocence Project at Santa Clara University.

Ross was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison on June 29, 2007, in the shooting of Renardo Williams, a onetime neighbor of Ross' mother.

Ross became the primary suspect in the case after former Oakland police Sgt. Steven Lovell placed his photo in a lineup, and Williams wrongly identified Ross as the man who shot him.

Ross' photo was included in the lineup because his mother was Williams' neighbor 10 years before the shooting. Court documents indicate Lovell placed Ross' photo in the lineup to fill a spot and because he had a past criminal record for minor drug offenses.

But when Williams selected Ross' photo three days after the shooting, while lying in a hospital bed with an intravenous morphine drip, Lovell disregarded other evidence and focused his investigation on the innocent man, court documents say.

Police focused on Ross despite other evidence that showed Williams might have been shot by the father of a teen who had gotten into a fight with Williams a day before the shooting.

Williams told police that the teen's mother had threatened him after the fight, saying "her man" was going to settle the score. In addition, Williams initially told police that he believed the teen's father was the shooter.

Had Lovell investigated that man, Steven Embrey Sr., he would have found a man with several serious and violent criminal convictions. In fact, court papers show that since 2006, Embrey committed numerous violent felonies and is now awaiting trial in an unrelated attempted murder case.

But with Lovell's focus on Ross, prosecutors built a case against him fueled by lying witnesses and the ignoring of discrepancies that also were not fully investigated by Ross' court-appointed defense attorney.

At least three witnesses lied to the jury during the trial, including the teen, Steven Embrey Jr., Williams and the teen's mother, Nikki Stuart. The younger Embrey and Williams both testified they were confident Ross was the shooter, and Stuart testified she hadn't seen the elder Embrey for months even though she had.

Also, Ross, who has below-average intelligence, testified during the trial that he was at home watching a basketball playoff game at the time of the shooting. However, there was no playoff game on at the time.

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office used that misstatement to argue to the jury that Ross was lying about where he was. Ross' defense attorney never presented evidence showing that Ross was most likely watching a Golden State Warriors regular season game, which was airing the night of the shooting.

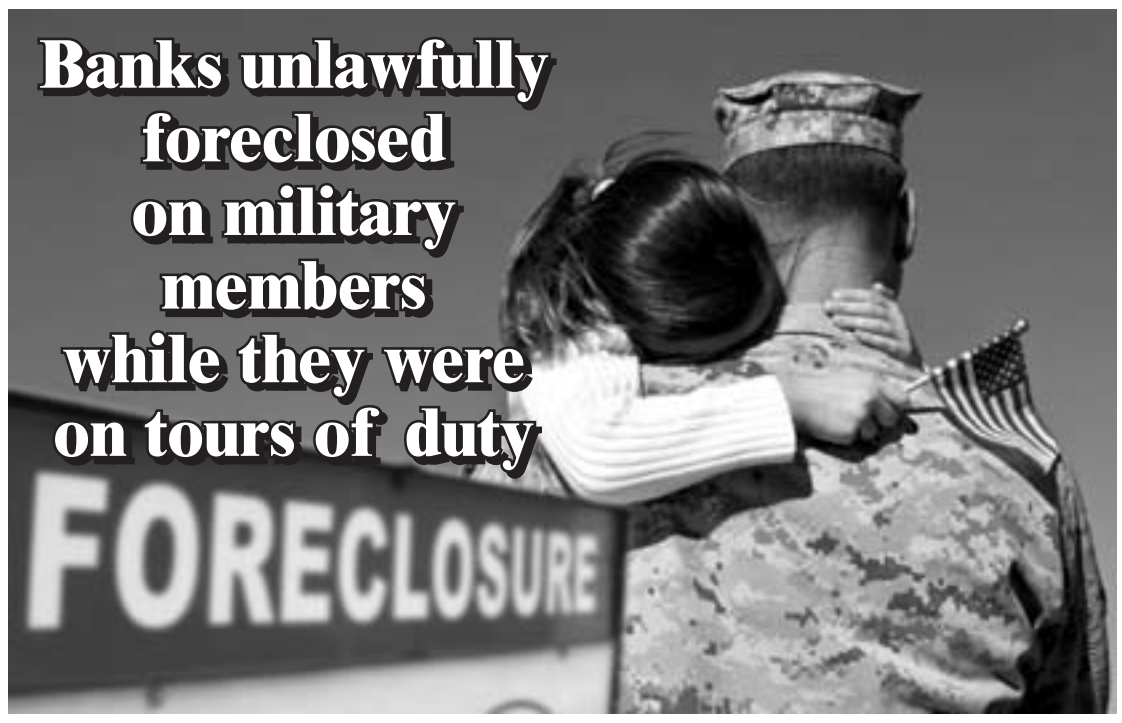
After the verdict, Ross' defense attorney, Michael Berger, contacted the Innocence Project in hopes of finding help for his client. The project began investigating the case with help from the San Francisco law firm Keker & Van Nest.

The investigation, which began soon after Ross was sentenced, produced new evidence including sworn statements from the younger Embrey that he had lied during the trial and that his father was the shooter. The elder Embrey also gave a sworn statement blaming the shooting on another man and saying Ross was not involved.

Initially, the District Attorney's Office fought against Ross' release, but as more evidence began to trickle in, the office reversed course and agreed last week to seek Ross' release and drop charges against him.

Linda Starr, legal director for the Innocence Project, said the case shows the judicial system is imperfect and that defense attorneys and prosecutors need to remain diligent in ensuring all facts of a case are thoroughly investigated. ★★★

CORRUPTION SPOTLIGHT



(RT.com) USA - Banks wrongfully foreclosed the homes of more than 700 military families during the financial crisis, a number much higher than originally thought.

Active military and National Guard members are protected from foreclosure under federal law, but some of United States' largest banks failed to take that into account when they wrongfully seized the homes of hundreds of American service members. Bank of America, Citigroup, JPMorgan Chase and Wells Fargo all foreclosed on military families, a discovery that was made while analyzing mortgages during the multi-billion dollar settlement with the government, the New York Times reports.

Additionally, banks illicitly seized the homes of 20 other borrowers, all of which were up-to-date on their mortgage payments.

The new findings demonstrate the severity of the mortgage crisis on foreclosure victims between 2006 and 2009. Banks had previously claimed that no one was wrongfully foreclosed upon. Lenders eventually admitted that some had been illicitly evicted, but only as a result of faulty documents.

In 2011, JPMorgan settled claims that it illicitly foreclosed on 18 military service members. Bank of America and Morgan Stanley settled claims that they foreclosed on 178 military members. Those numbers seemed high at the time, but the new figures shed a new light on the extent of the illegal foreclosures.

Foreclosing on members of the military violates the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, which prohibits banks from foreclosing on active-duty members without a court order. The law was officially established in 1940 to prevent soldiers from facing legal trouble in the US while fighting in World War II.

"It's absolutely devastating to be 7,000 miles from your home fighting for this country and get a message that your family is being evicted," Col. John S. Odom Jr., a retired Air Force lawyer who represents military members in foreclosure cases, told the Times. "We have been sounding the alarms that the banks are illegally evicting the very men and women who are out there fighting for this country. This is a devastating confirmation of that."

The banks claim that while 700 illicit evictions may seem like a lot, it is just a small fraction of the millions of foreclosures under review. Additionally, the banks claim they have taken steps to compensate the families who wrongfully lost their homes.

Kristin Lemkau, a JPMorgan spokeswoman, told the Times that the bank instituted "very generous programs for the military, including awarding homes, forgiving principal and hiring more than 5,000 veterans."

But the hardship of losing a home is not easily forgotten, even with compensation. The homes belonging to the 20 foreclosed Americans who never missed a mortgage payment have all been sold. Independent consultants working for the banks are still gathering information on the details of the illicitly foreclosed homes. The banks have been ordered to shell out $3.6 billion in cash and $5.7 billion worth of assistance to about 4.2 million homeowners victimized by the mortgage crisis.

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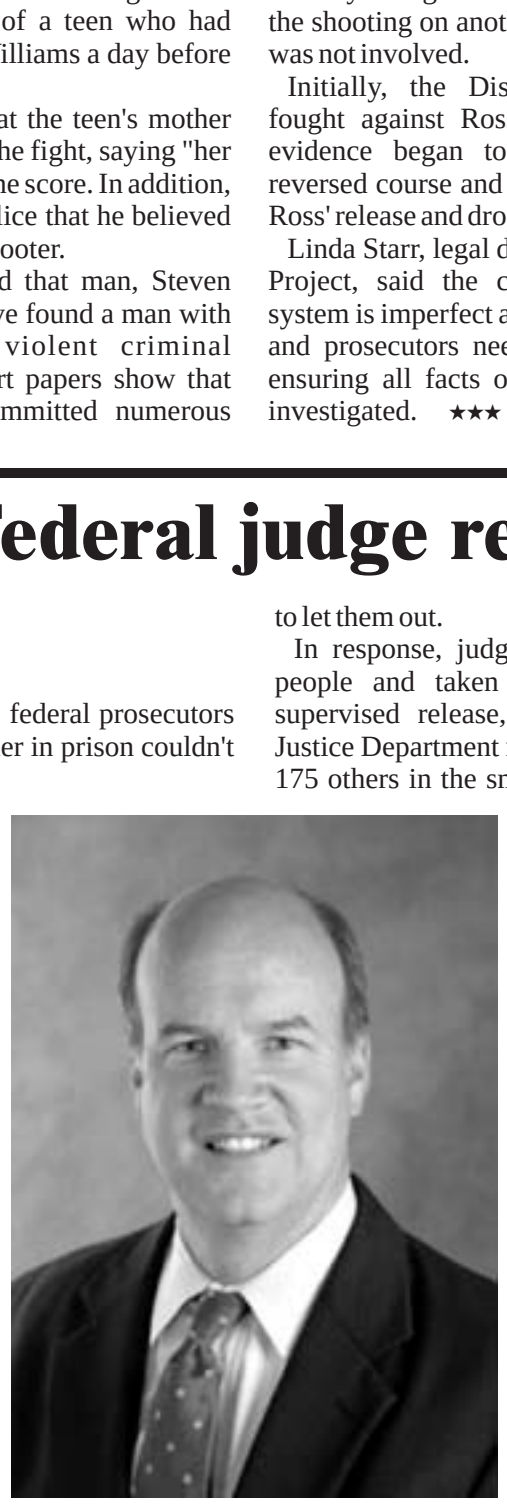
Federal judge refuses to release innocent prisoners

By Brad Heath
USA Today

Washington - Even the federal prosecutors who put Gordon Lee Miller in prison couldn't get him out.

U.S. Justice Department lawyers took the unusual step in December of asking a federal judge to throw out Miller's conviction and free him because, they said, he had not actually broken the law.


U.S. District Judge Robert Conrad

But the judge's answer was still more unusual: No.

The judge's ruling against Miller is among the latest in a handful of court decisions blocking — at least temporarily — efforts by defense lawyers and prosecutors to overturn convictions in hundreds of cases in which the Justice Department agrees that people were sent to prison improperly because of a misunderstanding of federal law. The decisions raise for the first time the prospect that scores of prisoners still waiting for courts to decide their cases might remain locked up.

"It's very frustrating," said Chris Brook, legal director of the ACLU of North Carolina, which has been tracking the cases. "These are cases where everybody is on the same page. The government and the defense agree. The only one standing in the way is the judge."

Miller finished his prison sentence while the case was being decided, but still must serve three years on supervised release.

The legal dispute stems from a misunderstanding about which North Carolina state convictions were serious enough to make having a gun a federal crime. A USA TODAY investigation last year identified 60 people who had been sent to prison on gun charges even though an appeals court later determined that it was not illegal for them to have a gun. The Justice Department had initially asked courts to keep the prisoners locked up anyway, but dropped that position last year "in the interests of justice," and is now asking courts to let them out.

In response, judges have so far freed 34 people and taken at least 16 others off supervised release, court records show. A Justice Department review last year identified 175 others in the smallest of the state's three judicial districts who are entitled to be released or have their prison sentences reduced.

But this month, U.S. District Judge Robert Conrad in Charlotte turned down petitions by Miller and another man seeking to have their convictions overturned, even though prosecutors said in court filings that they were "convicted for conduct that we now understand is not criminal." Another judge, Martin Reidinger, has expressed skepticism that he can free five other men, and has asked prosecutors and defense lawyers to prepare additional filings before he makes his decision.

A Justice Department spokeswoman, Allison Price, declined to comment on the specifics of those cases, saying only that "the court is empowered with great discretion and we respect the court's decision." The department has until next week to tell Reidinger whether it still believes the men can be freed.

Miller was sent to federal prison under a law that bars people from owning guns if they have already been convicted of a crime that could have put them in prison for more than a year. But Miller's prior North Carolina convictions could have put him in jail for no more than eight months.

Conrad — the former chief federal prosecutor in Charlotte — said in a Feb. 15 order that he could not upend Miller's conviction. Miller, he wrote, was "lawfully sentenced under then-existing law," and an appeals court's 2011 decision that changed that understanding of the law did not apply to cases that were already concluded.

Miller's lawyers, who declined to comment, have appealed Conrad's order. If an appeals court upholds the decision, it could effectively block other judges from overturning convictions in similar cases that are still pending in federal courts throughout North Carolina.

The legal question turns on how state and federal law intersect in North Carolina. State law there set the maximum punishment for a crime based in part on the criminal record of whoever committed it, meaning some people who committed crimes such as possessing cocaine faced sentences of more than a year, while those with shorter records face only a few months.

For years, federal courts there said that didn't matter. If someone with a long record could have gone to prison for more than a year, they said, then all who had committed that crime are felons and cannot legally have a gun. But in 2011, the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals said judges had been getting the law wrong, ruling that only people who could have faced more than a year in prison for their crimes qualify as felons. ★★★

US~OBSERVER NOTE ON FALSE CHARGES:

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Senators add Internet sales tax amendment to budget resolution ... and pass it

By Grant Gross
IDG News Service

A group of U.S. senators have offered a nonbinding amendment to a fiscal year 2014 budget resolution allowing states to collect sales taxes on Internet sales and end the tax-free shopping that many shoppers enjoy online.

The amendment, offered Thursday by Senators Mike Enzi, a Wyoming Republican, Dick Durbin, an Illinois Democrat, and others, would establish a reserve fund in the federal government's budget allowing state and local governments to collect sales taxes from those who sell more than US$1 million worth of products in a year over the Internet.

Supporters of the nonbinding amendment, which mirrors the Marketplace Fairness Act from Enzi and Durbin, argued the current tax system disadvantages local businesses that must collect sales tax from their shoppers.

If the amendment passes, it may prompt the Senate leadership to move forward with a separate online sales tax collection bill. The Senate is expected to vote on the budget resolution in the coming days.

"Let's stand up for retailers across America," Durbin said on the Senate floor. "Let's say to the Internet retailers, 'we're glad you're doing well, but play by the same rules.'"

In a growing number of cases, shoppers check out products at local stores, then order the product online to save on sales taxes, supporters of the amendment said.

Congress needs to "level the playing field" between online retailers and other bricks-and-mortar counterparts, Enzi said. "Now is the time for Congress to act," he said.


Senator Mike Enzi, R-Wyo


Senator Dick Durbin, D-Ill

Forty-six U.S. states now have sales taxes, but a 1992 ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court prohibited states from collecting sales tax from catalog sellers because of the burden it would place on the sellers. The court, however, left it up to Congress to allow states to collect sales taxes on remote sales if states created a streamlined tax collection system.

All states with sales taxes require Internet shoppers to report on their Internet purchases and pay taxes, but the rules are not well known, and few shoppers comply.

Opponents of online sales tax proposals, which some lawmakers have advocated for over a decade, said a budget bill isn't the correct vehicle to push an Internet sales tax.

An online sales tax would allow states to force retailers located in other jurisdictions to collect their taxes, said Senator Max Baucus, a Montana Democrat. "Not only is this complicated, its revolutionary," he said.

Instead of attaching the proposal to a budget resolution, the Senate should debate the proposal as part of comprehensive tax reform, Baucus said.

Online sales tax bills have been introduced in the Senate going back 14 years and there's been plenty of debate about them, said Senate Lamar Alexander, a Tennessee Republican. The amendment is about states' rights to collect taxes, he said.

States miss out on about $23 billion a year in uncollected taxes in the current system, supporters of the amendment said.

Senator Kelly Ayotte, a New Hampshire Republican, said the Marketplace Fairness Act is misnamed. The amendment should be called the "Internet Tax Collection Act," she said. "This is another attempt to turn our businesses into tax collectors." Businesses in New Hampshire, which doesn't have a sales tax, would be forced to collect sales tax for other states, she said.

The We R Here Coalition, representing businesses opposed to an online sales tax, criticized the amendment's sponsors for adding it to the budget resolution.

"Here they go again -- another attempt by senators to sneak through an increase to the burdens on small online retailers, turning them into tax collectors instead of job creators," Phil Bond, executive director of the coalition, said in a statement. "There are good reasons this policy hasn't been considered in the U.S. Senate for over a decade: Taxpayers don't like it, it turns the Internet into a tax collection platform."

US~Observer's Note: As we go to press, the budget was voted on and was passed for the first time in four years. As an Amendment this Market Fairness Act passed with a vote of 75-24, with 26 republicans supporting this egregious tax. According to an article by RedState they have, "adulterate[d] the freest most successful entity known to man. ★★★

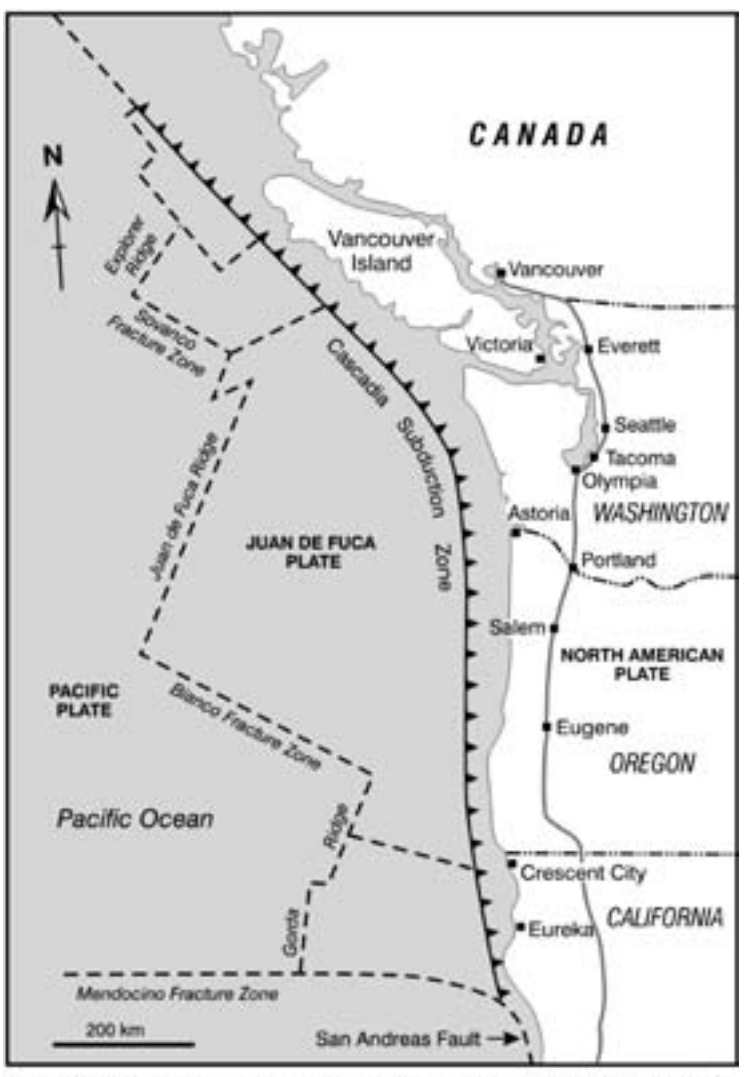
Northwest's Next Huge Earthquake: Not If, But When

By Marc Lallanilla
Assistant Editor - LiveScience.com

The clock is ticking on the next big earthquake in the Pacific Northwest, and experts fear it will be a monster.

Following the deadly magnitude-9.0 Tohoku earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan in March 2011, Oregon legislators commissioned a study of the impact a similar quake could have on the state, according to the Associated Press.

The report, "Oregon Resilience Plan: Reducing Risk and Improving Recovery for the Next Cascadia Earthquake and Tsunami," was presented to legislators Thursday (March 14).



Source: Adapted from the Cascadia Region Earthquake Workgroup (2005)

In other words, another big Cascadia Fault earthquake is "long overdue," the International Science Times reports.

The report also noted that, geologically speaking, Japan and Oregon are mirror images of each other. There is, however, one important difference: Japan is much more prepared for earthquakes.

And Oregon is hardly the only region of North America overdue for a large earthquake: The Lake Tahoe region on the California-Nevada border is home to the West Tahoe Fault, which generally sees a quake every 3,000 to 4,000 years, and the most recent temblor occurred 4,500 years ago.

Elsewhere in California, the southern San Andreas Fault last produced a big temblor in 1690, and has been relatively quiet ever since. That isn't good news, since a major earthquake usually occurs there every 180 years, according to recent research, and the fault line now has more than 300 years of pressure built up.

Whereas the West Coast is usually considered the most seismically active region of North America, the East Coast also has earthquakes, just not as often. Fault lines have recently been discovered near New York City, and the Indian Point nuclear power plant, about 24 miles (39 km) north of the city, straddles the previously unidentified intersection of two active seismic zones.

In virtually all of these regions, preparation for earthquakes has been woefully inadequate, say many experts. Maree Wacker, chief executive officer of the American Red Cross of Oregon, laments the state of readiness: "Oregonians as individuals are underprepared," Wacker told the Daily Mail. ★★★

Within its pages is a chilling picture of death and destruction that would cripple the entire Pacific Northwest, from Northern California to British Columbia.

More than 10,000 people killed. Bridges, dams, roadways and buildings — including Oregon's State Capitol in Eugene — in a state of utter collapse. No water, electricity, natural gas, heat, telephone service or gasoline — in some cases, for months. Economic losses in excess of $30 billion.

The seismically active region has felt temblors before, most notably a massive earthquake and tsunami in January 1700 that wiped out entire forests in what is now Oregon and Washington and caused a deadly tsunami in Japan, thousands of miles across the Pacific Ocean. [Waves of Destruction: History's Biggest Tsunamis]

"This earthquake will hit us again," Kent Yu, chair of the commission that developed the report, told Oregon legislators, according to the Daily Mail. "It's just a matter of how soon."

That titanic 1700 shaker was a megathrust earthquake on the Cascadia Fault, a seismic zone that stretches for almost 700 miles (1,100 kilometers) just off the Pacific Northwest coast. Based on current understanding of the fault's seismic history, scientists estimate quakes occur along the line roughly every 240 years.

Anti-drone devices for sale: Military contractor claims to have counter-UAV technology

(RT.com) - Domestic drones will soon be soaring through the sky left and right, but a company in Oregon with ties to the US military is marketing a service that they say will make sure private property is safe from surveillance.

The team at one-month-old Domestic Drone Countermeasures doesn't go into many specifics, but says they can offer services that will make sure Americans aren't being spied on by hovering eyes in the sky.

"If there's going to be private and commercial drones, there will be people who want to safeguard information," DDC's Tim Faucett told Portland's KOIN 6 News last month. "Think about industrial espionage, or companies that don't want drones around their facilities."

Faucett is no stranger to working around factories — he also runs a company, Aplus Mobile, that has been recognized for providing "high quality computer and appliances" to defense contractors that deal with drones, including Boeing, Lockheed Martin and Raytheon. As recently as November, in fact, Faucett said he was pleased his company's "technology and workforce dedication continues to provide products that meet or exceed the expectations of our military."

Now as the cousins of those military drones are being prepared for domestic use, Faucett is using his know-how to help make sure anti-drone advocates are safe and sheltered. He doesn't say how DDC works exactly, but

DDC LLC

swears it's a surefire solution.

"Drones will not fall from the sky, but they will be unable to complete their missions," his new company claims.

By selling customers land-based boxes described as "non-offensive, non-combative and not destructive," DCD says the super-sonic snooping powers of surveillance drones won't be able to stand up.

"These countermeasures are highly effective and undefeatable by most current domestic drone technology," the company claims.

Speaking to US News & World Report this week, Faucett says his team of engineers know the ins and outs of the drone business, and could be the only option for some people right now as the risk of drone

"We understand the nature of the equipment drone manufacturers are using and understand how to counter their sensors," Faucett tells US News & World Report. "We're not going to be countering Predator drones that are shooting cruise missiles, but we're talking about local law enforcement drones and commercial ones that people might be using for spying."

And although domestic drones are expected to be widespread for a few more years in America, Faucett says concerns are already coming up.

"I was personally concerned and I think there's a lot of other people worried about this," he tells US News. "We've already had many inquiries, a lot of people saying 'Hey, I don't want these drones looking at me.'"

The Federal Aviation Administration expects there to be roughly 30,000 drones in American airspace by the year 2020. ★★★

WHAT THE *BLEEP*! SPOTLIGHT

Federal government should just keep on spending: Bloomberg

By Dana Rubinstein

Mayor Michael Bloomberg takes issue with the premise that United States needs to balance its budget like a household, a conceit Republicans frequently invoke in arguing for spending cuts.

Mayor Bloomberg

"It's not like your household," he said, during his regular appearance on John Gambling's radio show. "In your household, people always say, 'Oh, well, you can't spend money you don't have.' That is true for your household. Because nobody's gonna loan you an infinite amount of money. When it comes to the United States federal government, people do seem to be willing to lend us an infinite amount of money."

"It may not be good policy, but America can get away with it for a long time," he went on. "And our debt is so big and so many people own it, that it's preposterous to think that they would stop selling us more. It's the old story, if you owe the bank $50,000, you got a problem. If you owe the bank $50 million, they got a problem. And that's the problem for the lenders. They can't stop lending us more money. Long term, you do have to do something about it, because it hurts business confidence more than anything. But you don't have to overnight close everything down and raise everybody's taxes."

Bloomberg is a strong supporter of the Simpson-Bowles endorsed approach to deficit reduction, and has long argued that the federal government should eliminate all of the Bush-era tax cuts and reform entitlements, a stance he reiterated today. Gambling pointed out that there was also that issue of the "admitted hundreds of billions of dollars worth of waste."

Bloomberg called that nonsense.

"Listen, I've worked now in government for 11 years," he said. "One of the problems is the definition of waste. You think the programs that I want are waste, and I think the programs that you want are waste. So it's not like somebody's taking wheelbarrows full of dollar bills and throwing them out the window."

"It's so trivial, John," Bloomberg continued. "It costs you more to find it than what it would save."

US~Observer Editor's Note: Are you BLEEPING kidding me?! It's not like "your" household? How elitist can you get? How separate from your constituents can you be?

It is exactly this thinking that has gotten us into the position we are in today - spend, spend, spend.

If Bloomberg thinks that China won't pull the plug and watch us spiral down the bowl, just because it will cause them a little irritation, the "good" mayor has never taken a healthy dump! The pain only lasts briefly, then relief.

Mayor, just because someone WILL lend you money, it doesn't mean you should take it! Its like saying that because a loan shark is willing to give you a large sum of money, he won't feed you to the fishes if you don't repay. C'mon, Bloomberg, we kind of figured you'd know that one!

Bottom line, Bloomy, it IS a household - it is the American People's. Perhaps you should move on. ★★★

The debt bomb just got bigger

By Max Keiser

(RT.com) - The amount of debt worldwide is more than all of the bank accounts in the world, and the current financial situation in Cyprus is the inevitable next phase: Confiscation.

All pretense is now gone that central or global bankers can 'securitize' growth by packaging and repackaging debt; by hypothicating and rehypothicating debt; by regulating and rergulating debt. Since the bond market rally began in the early 1980s (yes, it's that old) each crisis has been met by central and global bankers – the IMF, EU and ECB, to name a few – and their Wall St. and City of London brethren with an increase in debt, and an extension of the debt's maturity.

The result has been – as of 2007 – the biggest mountain of on-balance sheet and off-balance sheet debt in history: A staggering $220 trillion in debt in America's $14-trillion economy alone (when you include all public, private and contingent liabilities of unfunded entitlement programs). Deals in the global debt derivatives market now stand in excess of $1 quadrillion, riding above a global GDP of approximately $60 trillion.

But starting in 2007, and then becoming spectacularly apparent in 2008 with the Lehman collapse, the ability of the world's taxpayers to pay either the interest or principal on this debt has hit a brick wall. And for several years now, governments around the world have tried the same old tricks of 'extend and pretend.' Repackage and extend the maturity, and pray that tax receipts start picking up enough to pay some of the debt off. It didn't work. The debt bomb just got bigger. Now in Cyprus we see the inevitable next phase: Confiscation.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Lehman collapse sends shockwave round world

To pay off the debts that were incurred to finance the biggest wealth grab in history, we see in Cyprus, as well as central and global banking institutions around the world, a trend to just reach in and grab people's money from their 'insured' bank accounts. We should have figured out this was coming when JP Morgan reached in and illegally stepped ahead of customers at MF Global and grabbed over $1 billion, with the help of his crony pal Jon Corzine.

Have we learned our lesson yet? They have more debts to pay than there is money in all the bank accounts in the world. This means that chances are, you – whoever you are, and whatever country you live in – will have a sizable percent of your savings stolen by banksters.

Since the crisis hit (and for several years leading up to it) we've been recommending on 'Keiser Report' to put as much money as you can in gold and silver. Our advice then and now is: The only money you should keep in a bank is money you're willing to lose.

Max Keiser, the host of RT's 'Keiser Report,' is a former stockbroker, co-founder of the Hollywood Stock Exchange and is the inventor of virtual specialist technology.

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obtaining custody thus far.

He has been told when and where he can see his daughter - and has been ordered to pay child support to Roselynn's maternal grandmother who has temporary custody. This has taken place while he has been fighting in a Montana courtroom - a state which neither he or his daughter reside. Roselynn's maternal grandfather Bob Chambers filed for custody in Montana after her mother passed away.

Roselynn lives with Trish Moerike, her paternal grandmother in Wyoming. According to information obtained, Moerike has been strongly opposed to Roselynn living with her biological father. It is reported that Presiding Judge Blair Jones, who is reportedly friends with Roselynn's grandfather, has aided in keeping Roselynn from returning to her father and step-mother Andrea by continuing this case for the last eighteen months and failing to make a final ruling.

Ryan and Roselynn

"My Daughter Roselynn is now 5. Her mother's life was taken in September 2011 and I have been fighting since that day to bring her home. For the first 9 months after her mother's death, I was only given one phone call with my daughter, but never allowed to see her. Since June of 2012, I have had multiple visits with my daughter, both supervised and unsupervised. She cries every time I see her and asks, 'Why can't I stay with my Daddy'.

I have always been a part of my daughter's life. We may have lived hundreds of miles apart but her mother and I were in constant contact when it came to raising Roselynn. Roselynn loved to talk on the phone with me, even if all you could hear was her little voice mumbling. Roselynn has taken to my wife very well, always giving her hugs and kisses and telling her she loves her.

The maternal grandparents are keeping my daughter from me and have completely destroyed our lives. They have accused me of many things, none of which are true. They have told Roselynn, 'Your Daddy lives far, far away and that if you live with him you will never see your family again'.

Everytime I see Roselynn, we talk about family. She gets so excited when I tell her about the family she has never met. She wants to know all their names and asks, 'when can I see them'.

Under the Constitution and State Laws, I have full legal rights to care for and raise my daughter as I see fit. The judge keeps making me jump through hoops and changing the rules as this has gone on, denying me all of my rights. No father should have to go through this.

This has gone on over 18 months now, please spread the word and help us Bring Roselynn Home."

According to reports obtained, Trish Moerike, Roselynn's grandmother has referred to Roselynn as, "her daughter", which caused concern for people associated with this case.

Other allegations that Roselynn's grandfather Bob Chambers has strong ties with the judge also confirm why this case is being heard in Montana and not Wyoming or Kansas (where Ryan resides), and furthermore, why there has not been a final ruling on this case in over eighteen months.

Editors Note: The US~Observer asks anyone with knowledge about Trish Moerike, Bob Chambers, Judge Blair Jones of Molt Montana or anyone else associated with this case to please contact us immediately at editor@usobserver.com. This case is ongoing. Please logon to www.usobserver.com for more reports, and be sure to logon to facebook and like the page "Help Bring Roselynn Home."

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COMMENTARY Your Right to Speak Out

Patriot Act takes a blow – thankfully

By Andrew P. Napolitano

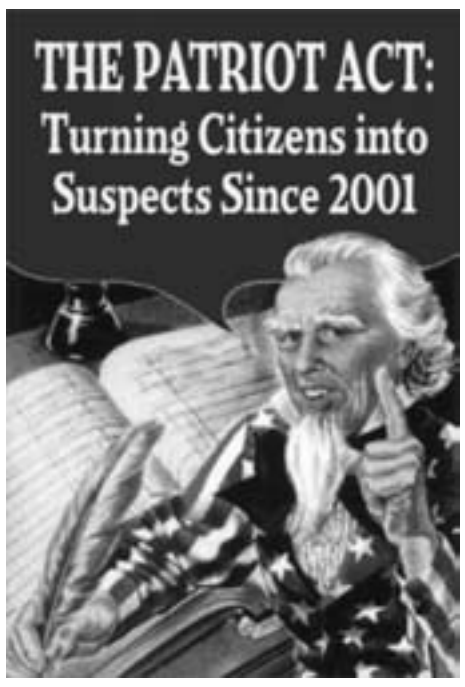
In 1798, when John Adams was president of the United States, the feds enacted four pieces of legislation called the Alien and Sedition Acts. One of these laws made it a federal crime to publish any false, scandalous or malicious writing – even if true – about the president or the federal government, notwithstanding the guarantee of free speech in the First Amendment.

The feds used these laws to torment their adversaries in the press and even successfully prosecuted a congressman who heavily criticized the president. Then-Vice President Thomas Jefferson vowed that if he became president, these abominable laws would expire. He did, and they did, but this became a lesson for future generations: The guarantees of personal freedom in the Constitution are only as valuable and reliable as is the fidelity to the Constitution of those to whom we have entrusted it for safekeeping.

We have entrusted the Constitution to all three branches of the federal government for safekeeping. But typically, they fail to do so. Presidents have repeatedly assaulted the freedom of speech many times throughout our history, and Congresses have looked the other way. Abraham Lincoln arrested Northerners who challenged the Civil War. Woodrow Wilson arrested Americans who challenged World War I. FDR arrested Americans he thought might not support World War II. LBJ and Richard Nixon used the FBI to harass hundreds whose anti-Vietnam protests frustrated them.

In our own post 9/11 era, the chief instrument of repression of personal freedom has been the government's signature anti-terror legislation: the Patriot Act. It was born in secrecy, as members of the House of Representatives were given 15 minutes to read its 300 pages before voting on it in October 2001, and it operates in silence, as those who suffer under it cannot speak about it.

The Patriot Act permits FBI agents to write their own search warrants and gives those warrants the patriotic and harmless-sounding name of national security letters (NSLs). This authorization is in direct violation of the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which says that the people shall be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects from unreasonable searches and seizures, and that that security can only be violated by a search warrant issued by a neutral judge and based upon probable cause of crime.



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The probable-cause requirement compels the feds to acquire evidence of criminal behavior about the person whose records they seek, so as to prevent politically motivated invasions of privacy and fishing expeditions like those that were common in the colonial era. Judges are free, of course, to sign the requested warrant, to modify it and sign it, or to reject it if it lacks the underlying probable cause.

The very concept of a search warrant authorized by law enforcement and not by the courts is directly and profoundly antithetical to the Constitution – no matter what the warrant is called. Yet, that's what Congress and President Bush made lawful when they gave us the Patriot Act.

When FBI agents serve the warrants they've written for themselves – the NSLs, as they call them – they tell the recipient of the warrant that he or she will commit a felony if he or she tells anyone – a lawyer, a judge, a spouse, a priest in confessional – of the receipt of the warrant. The NSLs are typically not served on the person whose records the FBI wants; rather, they are served on the custodians of those records, such as computer servers, the Post Office, hospitals, banks, delivery services, telephone providers, etc.

Because of the Patriot Act's mandated silence, the person whose records the FBI seeks often never knows his or her records have been seized. Since October 2001, FBI agents and other federal agents have served more than 350,000 search warrants with which they have authorized themselves to conduct a search. Each time they have done so, they have warned the recipient of the warrant to remain silent or be prosecuted for telling the truth about the government.

Occasionally, recipients have not remained silent. They have understood their natural and constitutionally protected right to the freedom of speech and their moral and fiduciary duty to their customer or client, and they have moved in federal court either to suppress the warrant or for the right to tell the customer or client whose records are being sought that the FBI has come calling. Isn't that odd in America – asking a judge for permission to tell the truth about the government?

What's even odder is that the same section of the Patriot Act that criminalizes speaking freely about the receipt of an agent-written search warrant also authorizes the FBI to give the recipient of the warrant permission to speak about it. How un-American is that – asking the FBI for permission to tell the truth about the government?

Last week in San Francisco, U.S. District Court Judge Susan Illston held that the section of the Patriot Act that prohibits telling anyone about the receipt of an FBI agent-written search warrant and the section that requires asking and receiving the permission of the FBI before talking about the receipt of one profoundly and directly infringe upon the freedom of speech guaranteed by the First Amendment. And the government knows that.

We all know that the whole purpose of the First Amendment is to encourage open, wide, robust debate about and transparency from the government. Our right to exercise the freedom of speech comes from our humanity, not from the government. The Constitution recognizes that we can only lose that right by consent or after a jury trial that results in conviction and incarceration.

But we can also lose it by the tyranny of the majority, as Congress and the president in 1798 and 2001 have demonstrated.

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The U.S. Medical System is the Nation's #1 Killer

By Rob Pell

Ideas for reducing unnecessary, preventable deaths in this country have been in the news a lot lately. Where shall we begin? Annual gun related homicides total about 11,000 and automobile fatalities are about 35,000 per year

Would you be surprised to learn that the leading cause of death in the US appears to be the medical system itself? This is the startling conclusion reached in a report published by medical researchers Gary Null, PhD; Carolyn Dean MD, ND; Martin Feldman, MD; Debora Rasio, MD; and Dorothy Smith, PhD.

Deaths resulting from inadvertent, adverse effects or complications from medical treatment or diagnostic procedures are known as Iatrogenisis, meaning: Brought forth by a healer (from the Greek iatros, healer).Their report places the number of annual iatrgenic (brought forth by a healer) deaths in the US at 783,936.

Hippocrates is often regarded as the father of western medicine and 98% of American medical students swear to some form of the Hippocratic Oath before practicing medicine. One of the underlying principals of the Oath is: "first, do no harm." I'm not sure if that's sad or ironic.

The largest single contributor to iatrogenic deaths are prescription drugs, being used as directed. According to a report issued by Medical News Today, over 4 billion prescriptions were written for drugs in America in 2011 . That's an average of over 13 for each man, woman and child. The average number of prescriptions written annually for a senior citizen is 28 per year. That doesn't include over- the-counter medications or vaccines. If these drugs could successfully treat and cure disease, the United States would have the healthiest inhabitants on the planet.

The possible adverse reaction warnings on TV drug commercials have become a punch line for comedian's routines, but, life-threatening side-effects are no laughing matter. Common side-effects of individual drugs are well publicized but it's impossible for physicians or pharmacists to reliably predict what possible side-effects will occur when combining three, four, 13 or 28 different drugs.

I was recently saddened to read the obituary of one of my customers, a strongly-built Military Veteran in his mid-seventies, who appeared to me to be in excellent health five years ago. His son told me that he had reviewed his Dad's prescriptions with him and was shocked to discover that 9 of the 12 drugs his father was taking had been prescribed to treat side-effects from one of the other drugs. His father was found dead, lying on the floor of his residence. No autopsy was performed.

The Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) published a study by Dr. Barbara Starfield, an MD with a Master's degree in Public Health, revealing the extremely poor performance of the United States health care system in a number of areas.

One of Starfield's main concerns is the lack of systematic recording and studying of adverse events stemming from prescription drugs. If a patient dies, there is no routine procedure to notify their physician, even if the patient is autopsied. Therefore, there is almost no way for the average doctor to link a patient's death to a possible adverse reaction to a prescribed medication.

This is especially troubling because another article published in JAMA concluded prescription drugs, being used as directed, cause about 106,000 deaths a year and over two million serious injuries annually in the U.S. This makes prescription drugs the single largest factor in deaths induced by the medical establishment.

Nationally, only about 20% of all deaths are subject to investigation by a coroner or medical examiner. If the cause of death was made certain in all cases by autopsy, I'm quite sure that the number of deaths actually caused by prescription drugs, being used as directed, would dwarf the 106,000 per year the JAMA report acknowledged.

I've seen enough to believe that in many cases Big-Pharma is far more concerned with creating repeat, lifetime customers rather than finding cures. Joining the drug companies, the FDA and insurance companies are the kingpins behind this profit-driven business model. Some call doctors well-meaning, unsuspecting pawns of Big-Pharma. Others call them street level pushers for FDA sanctioned drug cartels. Either way, the kingpins couldn't do it without medical doctors helping them complete the drug delivery system.

Due to concerns about dangerous side-effects from long-term use, many prescription drugs were, at one time, specifically prescribed only for short-term use Now, just a few years later, many of the same drugs are routinely prescribed, indefinitely, for the rest of your life.

Further, the Null-Dean report showed that the number of people exposed to unnecessary hospitalization annually is 8.9 million per year. This is cause for concern because a 2008 study issued by the Office of Inspector General for the Department of Health and Human Services, reported that one in seven Medicare beneficiaries who is hospitalized will be harmed as a result of the medical care they receive in the hospital.

Prescription drugs and hospital visits are very risky business. Unlike with other more well publicized causes of death, simply taking greater personal responsibility for our own health and well-being could save hundreds of thousands of lives every year. Unfortunately, **more gun or traffic laws will do nothing to save us from what is actually the Nation's number one killer, the U.S. medical system.**

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

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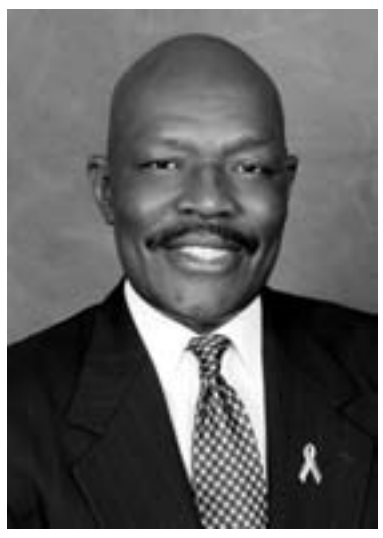

The Real Abusers of White Privilege

By Mychal Massie

(WND.com) - Many of my readers forwarded an article to me titled "Wisconsin Department of Education: Whites are Born Racist and Privileged," written by Philip Hodges. (politicaloutcast.com; March 14, 2013)

The article warns that parents who have children in the Wisconsin public school system should be particularly attentive to what VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) is teaching them.

Hodges explains, "VISTA is an operation under AmeriCorps that is being used by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction."

Hodges indicates that VISTA is being used in "Wisconsin public schools to indoctrinate [children] about their inherent 'privileges' if they happen to be white, male, straight or all of the above."

One of VISTA's recommendations is for white children to "unlearn" the social evils they were born into by wearing white wristbands as a reminder of their privilege. He writes that VISTA suggests that children also consider "putting a note on [their] mirror or computer to think about privilege."

To say that I have issues with such indoctrination would be a gross understatement. That said, every American should be outraged at the very thought of such teachings. However, said mindset is not new. I can vividly recall this divisive language being advocated in the 1970s. I argued against such condemnable rhetoric then, and I do so now even more fiercely, albeit from a different perspective.

Today I am prepared to argue that white privilege does indeed exist. I and other conservatives of color encounter it on a near daily basis. But it is a much more insidious and damnable form of white privilege that goes unaddressed and is denied the moment conservatives of color (myself included) make mention of it.

White privilege today is exercised with cruel, censorial efficiency by white liberals who are in positions to control the flow of news and public school curricula.

White liberals covering the news are elated to run stories that paint whites as monstrous and abusive. Consider the number of and nature of the stories and commentaries written that depict George Zimmerman as nothing short of a conniving monster who murdered Trayvon Martin in cold blood. They even invented a new racial identifier. Zimmerman was and is identified as a "White Hispanic."

But as I pointed out in the on-air interviews I did discussing the incident, there was no such 24/7 coverage on these same news networks and newspapers pursuant to the 12-year-old New Hampshire schoolgirl who was savagely beaten by two black refugee classmates because she refused to be the girlfriend of one of the boys. There was no such coverage of the St. Louis schoolboy who was attacked by two black classmates on the doorsteps of his home and doused with gasoline. There was no around-the-clock coverage by the mainstream media when Channon Christian and Christopher Newsom (a white couple) were kidnapped leaving a restaurant and later raped, tortured and murdered (by five black hoodlums).

I call that the privilege of white liberals in positions to control the news.

There are countless conservatives of color who are stellar essayists. How many do you see on the editorial pages of your newspapers? White liberals who are newspaper managing editors refuse to run opinion pieces by them because they personally resent a black man or woman for daring not to subscribe to the attitudes and opinions of those like Al Sharpton and Clarence Page.

Major networks and cable channels run by white liberals engage in duplicitous racial double standards, allowing black race-mongers to come on their programming and direct vulgar racial epithets at conservative white guests with impunity.

I've personally done on-air interviews during which the white liberal hosts have sat passively by as I've been called vile racial epithets by black race-mongers – fully knowing they would never tolerate even the hint of such impropriety if the offending guest were white and insulting a black race-monger.

As I said, white privilege does exist, but not as VISTA and the media would have us believe. It exists in the context that white liberals routinely engage in the censorship of conservative black opinion. It exists in the dissemination of news that shows blacks in a bad light.

Tangentially, I would support the idea that children be taught about privilege. I would say they should be taught that it is an abuse of privilege to present news in a way that vilifies one group while absolving another. I would also teach that it is not only an abuse of privilege but, an abrogation of responsibility to sit idly by fully cognizant that same is taking place.

I advocate having the children wear white wristbands to remind themselves that the white privilege liberals are guilty of damning all society to the plantation of low-information and biased misinformation.

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American Way: White House is open to the rich and closed to the poor

By Mark McKinnon

Once, only nobles were granted an audience with the King.

In America, we've prided ourselves on abandoning those privileges of class some 237 years ago, following that little uprising in the 13 colonies.

And we again congratulated ourselves at 12:01 pm Eastern Time on January 20, 2009, just moments after Barack Obama was sworn in as the 44th president of the United States and as he committed to making his administration the most transparent and open in history.

But more than four years later it is time to ask questions. The most transparent administration ever? The most transparently political, yes. The most open government? If you have the money to buy access, yes.

Since last weekend, Mr and Mrs Regular Citizen have been denied the access people used to be granted to tour the White House, purportedly because of the clampdown on federal spending since the "sequester" that imposed cuts across the board.

These tours, most recently guided by volunteers though monitored by paid Secret Service staff, have been an American tradition since John and Abigail Adams, the first White House residents, personally hosted receptions for the public.

And their cancellation is an austerity measure that saves a pittance, while more frivolous taxpayer funding for items like the White House dog walker continues.

Meanwhile, noble Americans can buy time with the president for a suggested donation of $500,000 to his new campaign group, Organising for Action.

Yes, the announcement offering access to the president for cold, hard cash was made openly and with total transparency. But it was also made without shame.

It's the third version of Obama's original monster campaign machine, Obama for America, which then morphed into a re-election campaign machine, Organising for America, on the third day of his first term.

It has now re-launched again as Organising for Action (OFA) - a non-profit, tax-exempt group headed by his former campaign advisers. Apparently no longer "for America", the group might just as well be called Organising for Obama's Agenda.

Its mission: to support the president in his attempt to achieve enactment of gun control, environmental policies and immigration reform.

At the two-day kick-off event last week for the new OFA's founding summit, attended by 75 folks for the "bargain" rate of just $50,000, Obama at least acknowledged the concerns raised by others about the funding, purpose and influence of the organisation.

However, he brushed them aside. With greater humility than new Pope Francis, Obama said he prided himself on feeling no obligation in the past to the interests of the generous donors who made his election and re-election possible. Though paradoxically he also said he wanted "to make sure the voices of the people are actually heard in the debates that are going to be taking place". So, he'll take money to listen to the voices of the privileged, but not do their bidding?

May I humbly suggest he could hear more voices, more clearly if he mingled with the public he serves? Perhaps the White House could hold open tours for the public! Why has no one in his administration thought of that? And volunteers could manage those tours, to keep costs down!

But, of course, those are what have just been cancelled. Meanwhile, three calligraphers reportedly remain on staff. I suppose their services are needed for the special hand-lettered, gold-foiled invitations sent to the nobles who are willing to pay for an audience with the King.

OFA is a legal, tax-exempt advocacy organisation, established as a social welfare group under the rules of both the Internal Revenue Service and the Federal Elections Commission. It can accept unlimited contributions, so long as it promotes the common good and does not primarily engage in electoral politics.

As it is not required to publicly disclose donors, OFA is actually one of those "shadowy" organisations Obama railed against as a candidate when he supported campaign finance reform.

In 2010 the Supreme Court made a controversial ruling known as Citizens United that allowed unlimited corporate and individual donations to so-called "super political action committees", which at least have to disclose their donors, and to social welfare organisations, which do not.

At the time, Obama loudly criticised the decision, saying: "That's one of the reasons I ran for president: because I believe so strongly that the voices of ordinary Americans were being drowned out by the clamour of a privileged few in Washington."

But then he reversed course, giving his blessing to a super PAC supporting his 2012 re-election, and now to OFA. What has changed?

Obama is looking to his legacy. And his eye is on the 2014 Congressional elections. If he can maintain his appeal among the masses and help Democrats win back a majority in the House of Representatives, while maintaining control of the Senate, there will be no stopping his agenda.

He explained the "grassroots" purpose of OFA like this: "If you have a senator or a congressman in a swing district who is prepared to take a tough vote... I want to make sure they feel supported and they know there are constituencies of theirs that agree with them, even if they may be getting a lot of pushback in that district."

Engaging voters is always a good thing. But the president should not charge for the privilege. If he will look out the Oval Office window beyond his own reflection, King Barack I will see the public he is meant to serve. He ought to invite them in.

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Nullify the War on Drugs

By Mark Thornton
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Public opinion now favors the outright legalization of marijuana with nearly three-out-of-four adults in favor of legalizing medical marijuana. These numbers should continue to grow, because the polls exhibit a type of "generation effect," in that people are not changing their minds as they grow older. Some prominent and diverse figures, such as Joycelyn Elders (Bill Clinton's Surgeon General) and the Reverend Pat Robertson now openly support the legalization of marijuana.

Ideally, libertarians want to end the war on all drugs, fully and immediately, but in reality that will only happen after necessary initial steps are taken. Colorado and Washington have already taken some steps by legalizing marijuana. Other states will surely follow.

Marijuana, of course, is still illegal everywhere under Federal law. Will the Feds do something about Colorado and Washington? You bet they will. They have already announced their intentions to target large-scale growers and distributors. They claim they will not go after consumers, if only due to a lack of resources. As President Obama said, "We've got bigger fish to fry."

However, don't be too sure that your president is telling you the truth. Candidate Obama said that medical marijuana was a state issue. However, under President Obama, raids committed on medical marijuana dispensaries have occurred at four times the rate as under President Bush. The government has also threatened landlords and banks that deal with medical marijuana dispensaries.

NULLIFICATION

The people of Colorado and Washington have effectively nullified US drug laws in their states, with respect to marijuana. Nullification occurs when a state, by legislation or referendum, invalidates a Federal law that it deems unconstitutional or otherwise harmful. Colorado and Washington have sent a powerful message that echoes far beyond the illegal drug market. For a complete treatment of the theory, history, and vital importance of this subject I recommend Thomas E. Woods's book, Nullification: How to Resist Federal Tyranny in the 21st Century.

Moreover, the people of Colorado and Washington are also effectively nullifying an international treaty on drug prohibition. Begun over a century ago, the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances seeks to enforce and monitor the prohibition of illegal drugs.

In effect, the voters of Colorado and Washington have placed themselves and their states on equal legal footing with both national and international governments. This is important, because, if thanks to nullification, governments have to obtain acceptance, or at least acquiescence from subsidiary governments, rather than just imposing their dictates on them, they are more likely to act in a less threatening and harmful manner.

The two states are currently facing difficulties with constructing a state-regulated system for marijuana production, distribution, and sales, as well as establishing guidelines for the medical and industrial marijuana industries. This is not surprising, because by nature, governments at all levels do a poor job of organizing anything, especially if it is something new or different.This is why the Federal government is faced with a difficult choice. It can leave Coloradoans and Washingtonians alone and hope the nullification movement does not spread, or it can try to impose its will by marshalling the police resources necessary to start busting growers, retailers, and even consumers.

Part of the states' difficulty is attributable to the Federal government's unwillingness to show its hand. State Representative Matt Shea said that "The constant contradictions coming out of this (Obama) administration lead to a massive amount of uncertainties." All this regulatory uncertainty is clearly bad for the development of legalized marijuana markets.

SWORD OF THE STATE

Drug prohibition is the "sword of the state." The state must be willing to use force against its citizens and it must occasionally demonstrate this willingness by harming, arresting, imprisoning, and even killing its citizens. Prohibition is the perfect instrument because it is typically used against distrusted minorities and poor people. Such groups have little political clout and are naturally lured into participating in illegal markets by the large amounts of money involved.

Peter Andreas argues in Smuggler

Nation: How Illicit Trade Made America (2013) that the regulation and policing of illegal markets has been a primary driving force in the creation and growth of the central state apparatus since colonial times: "So even though warfare and welfare are typically viewed as the main drivers of big government, Smuggler Nation highlights another motor: increased government size, presence, and coercive powers via the policing of smuggling" (p. 7).The war on drugs is literally a street war. Smugglers, drug dealers, and street gangs – who make their money selling drugs – are armed to the teeth with high-powered weapons. The police counter with machine guns, bullet-proof vests and helmets, and even tanks. The collateral damage to innocent people has been enormous.

The war on drugs has led to the militarization of the police, a vast increase in police power, and a prison system with over 2 million prisoners, a significant number of which are imprisoned due to prohibition and smuggling. The war has also led to a significant decrease of our constitutional rights and a substantial increase in what the police, investigators, and the court system can do to limit or infringe on our rights.

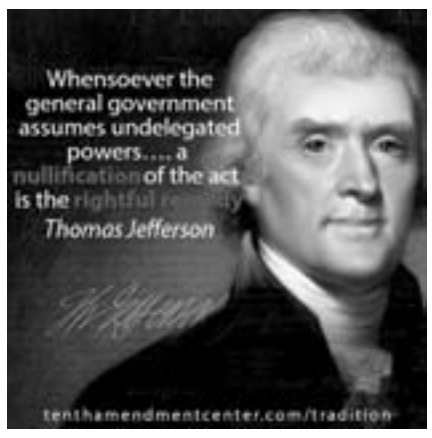
JURY NULLIFICATION

If the federal government does intervene in Colorado and Washington, then the people can also resort to jury nullification as a legal remedy. Jury nullification occurs when a jury, after hearing a court case, finds a defendant not guilty, even when they believe the defendant actually committed the crime. Jury nullification can occur either when the jury disagrees with the law in question or they believe that it should not be applied in a particular case.

Therefore, people can make a law invalid if juries routinely apply jury nullification to the prosecution of crimes based on that law. Basically, if juries know they have the right to nullify a law, and that if many juries consider the law unwanted, unjust, or unconstitutional, then the law becomes de facto repealed.

There is a great deal of debate over jury nullification. The State would like to see jury nullification prohibited, however, they have thus far been unsuccessful. Short this power, jurors are prevented from learning their rights, in most jurisdictions. The court does this by preventing defense attorneys from discussing nullification with the jury and by giving instructions to juries that only vaguely hint at the possibility of nullification. Judges often bully juries to make their decisions based on the established laws of the state, rather than on whether a true crime has been committed.

In contrast, some legal scholars note that nullification has long been a right of juries. This right is supported by common law and legal precedent. The problem has been that juries are not informed of this right. However, there have been developments that suggest that jury nullification is making a comeback in the battle against big government.



J.D. Tuccille has pointed out that there has been a sharp increase in the number of "hung jury" trials in the United States, and the evidence suggests the increase is the result of de facto jury nullification. If that is the case and people are nullifying laws in large numbers across the country – and are unaware that they have a right to do so – then that is a very good sign. It means that a large and growing number of Americans recognize that their government and certain laws are corrupt and immoral and they are willing to disregard jury instructions from a judge. In 2012, New Hampshire passed a law that permits defense attorneys to inform juries of their rights to nullification. This is a good sign, although it is unclear how many juries have become "informed" as a result. Legal expert Timothy Lynch considers the law an improvement, but that it is too weak to be considered a full remedy for the rights of defendants and juries.

If the people of Colorado and Washington wisely use the power of jury nullification to protect otherwise law abiding consumers, growers, and distributors, the Federal government would be stripped of its power in that area. Moreover, such developments would spread the news about the power of jury nullification and we would once again reestablish a powerful antidote to big invasive government.

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The alleged lies began with Valerie Wylie-Dyer approximately seven months before Mr. Dyer's arrest when he was still in the Marine Corps and living in California and Valerie and Hayley were living in Oklahoma. This separation was reportedly agreed upon by both Dyer and Valerie as a way for the couple to save money for Dyer's approaching discharge from the Marines. It was during this time of separation that Valerie reportedly began abusing prescription drugs to cope with depression and also began "drinking heavily". It was also during this time that Dyer states that during a phone conversation with Valerie he found out, "my wife was cheating on me, doing drugs, and having group sex parties."


Valerie Wylie Dyer

According to Charles Dyer, as a result of his wife's admission, his growing concerns that she was an unfit mother intensified and he began to fear for Hayley's safety. He then threatened Valerie with divorce and loss of custody of the child. In response, Valerie reportedly "vowed to do whatever it took, including lying, to maintain custody of her daughter." According to records obtained, Valerie would later admit, on multiple occasions and under oath, "that she would do or say anything – including committing perjury to keep Appellant [Dyer] from attaining custody of Hayley."

According to Dyer, around this same time, apparently in a panic over possibly losing Hayley, and to make good on her threat, Valerie called Dyer's commanding officer to accuse her husband of threatening to kill both her and their daughter. Although Dyer was arrested and briefly held while an investigation was conducted, these initial allegations proved to be unsubstantiated and Dyer was released.

After Dyer was honorably discharged from the Marines in the summer of 2009, he came home to Oklahoma and served Valerie with divorce papers "on the grounds that she had committed adultery". The papers also contained a "visitation agreement" that gave Dyer opportunities to see and spend time with Hayley before a formal arrangement could be made in the courts, which Valerie signed. It was during his initial visit to pick up Hayley that Dyer discovered, not only was the child being cared for after school by Valerie's mother, but an Uncle James Hekia, a convicted sex offender, was also living in the home. Even more alarming, Hayley allegedly told Dyer that [on at least one occasion] Valerie had left her alone with Hekia to babysit her. An argument ensued and police were called. Valerie allegedly lied about her and Dyer's visitation agreement concerning their daughter, but when Dyer reminded Valerie that she had signed it, she backed down and Dyer was allowed to take Hayley for several days.

Knowing what his daughter was being subjected to, Dyer decided to try to keep her out of Valerie's custody and he left with Hayley to stay with his parents in rural Duncan a short distance away. When Valerie found out that Dyer had no plans to return Hayley to her, she came to the house in a reported enraged state of mind and as Dyer has stated, "threatened to hurt herself and tell police I [Dyer] did it." Allegedly, after much arguing, Valerie finally agreed to sign divorce papers on the grounds that she had committed adultery, to get Dyer to let her take Hayley back to where she was staying.

In August of 2009, after all the fighting and wrangling with Valerie over his daughter, Valerie's alleged destructive antics, and the fact that he was, for the moment at least, unable to do much about his young daughter being cared for and living in the same house as a registered sex offender, Dyer decided to go back to California.

When Dyer returned to Oklahoma in December to, as he states, "better watch over my daughter", the same arguments with Valerie renewed. Dyer threatened that if he heard that she [Valerie] was still doing drugs or that she was still leaving their daughter alone with her sex offender uncle, he would push to get total custody of the child.

According to accusations, it is important to note that it was around this time that Valerie decided to find a way to guarantee that she would keep custody of her daughter. On the 25th of December, 2009, as a computer expert would later testify during Dyer's first trial that ended in a hung jury, searches were made on Valerie's home computer "for how to prove child abuse, what happens when you make false claims, adoption and multiple pornographic images". These searches were done when Hayley was gone from Valerie's place of residence and was with Dyer and his family for the Christmas holidays.

Allegations assert that after Dyer's ultimate arrest on January 12, 2010, the day before Hayley was scheduled to meet with a forensic interviewer, Valerie kept her home from school and at least another 438 pornographic images "of adults engaging in sex and oral sex", the very types of acts that Dyer's daughter would later claim he conducted with her, were shown to have been viewed on Valerie's computer at various times throughout the day. Again, the next day, on the morning of January 12, 2010, when the child was again home, and roughly two and a half hours before the forensic interview would take place, 543 more pornographic images were viewed on Valerie's computer over a fifteen-minute period.

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Special Agent Donald Rains of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) Computer Crime Unit put the total number of pornographic images viewed between December 25, 2009 and January 12, 2010 on Valerie's computer at 1,083. The OSBI investigation revealed that no other such searches were performed on that same computer before or after that time frame.

Charles Dyer, Oath Keeper

Dyer went on to receive two trials: one ended in a hung jury and the second ended in a mistrial when it was discovered that the District Attorney had mailed surveys out to the jury pool. During the first trial Valerie allegedly lied about when she reported her daughter's alleged abuse to the authorities, claiming that it was the day after she suspected abuse, when it was actually five days after the date she reportedly suspected foul play. Although Valerie claimed that she noticed Hayley's private parts as "gaping open and red" she did not seek medical help, but instead, sent Hayley to school. Reports show that Hayley attended school up until the day before the forensic interview when the 438 pornographic images were viewed on Valerie's computer.

At one point during the first trial, Valerie claimed that Dyer had attacked her outside the courthouse, but a video surveillance camera revealed that it was a lie and that she had actually gotten in his face and verbally attacked him.

Then, in one of the most reprehensible travesties of justice, virtually all this evidence was withheld from the jury of a third trial in which Dyer was ultimately convicted. Not only did Dyer's attorney Albert J. Hoch Jr. not call any witnesses that could testify about the computer searches, he also did not call any other witnesses who could undermine Valerie's credibility, despite Dyer's alleged assertions to Hoch to let the witnesses testify on his behalf. Also absent from the third trial were the results of DNA testing performed by OSBI at the place where the abuse had reportedly occurred, that would have corroborated Dyer's assertion that he was innocent of the charges against him.

Why would Dyer's attorney withhold the crucial evidence from the jury that Valerie's computer was used to conduct searches regarding sex abuse, custody, and porn only days prior to her calling the authorities? But even more importantly, this evidence would have revealed that these initial searches were performed BEFORE Hayley accused her father. What Hoch's motivation was for withholding this damning evidence that may have changed the outcome of the trial is, at this point, unclear, but it is the firm opinion of all the US~Observer reporters who have worked on this case, that Hayley's accusations were absolutely coached - manufactured!

Other highly suspicious actions by persons within law enforcement and the justice system also invite cause for concern. When Dyer was first arrested he asked that he be allowed to take a polygraph test to show his innocence, but neither Sheriff Wayne McKinney, nor presiding Judge Joe Enos would allow one to be administered within their places of jurisdiction, even though Dyer's family paid to have the test done.

In the end, however, it is Valerie Wylie Dyer who allegedly owns the primary blame for this gross injustice. Without her alleged lies and deceptions, her husband wouldn't be sitting in prison, wrongfully accused and convicted. Both Edward Snook and this reporter met with Valerie and Haley Dyer briefly in 2012, in Duncan Oklahoma and found Valerie's actions to be suspect and her control of Hayley, absolute. We both believe her to be inwardly, what others who actually know her to be - "a charming but cunning manipulator, who will literally do anything and use anyone, including her own daughter Hayley to get what she wants."

I would urge those reading this shocking story to make every attempt to get involved and assist Charles Dyer, an innocent Marine who is currently sitting in a prison cell in Frederick, Oklahoma.

Further, anyone who has a relationship with Valerie or Hayley should confront each of them with the facts contained in this article. In the end, Hayley could become ruined and her conscience could be seared if she is left to believe an alleged lie. One day she will have to face the fact that her father who still loves her has spent years in prison because of her accusations. Anyone with information should contact Lorne Dey at 720-231-2038 or email him at: lorne@usobserver.com. ★★★

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Facebook photo of 10-year-old with a rifle sends child welfare authorities to father's home

By Erik Ortiz AND Daniel Beekman
New York Daily News

Child welfare workers and cops stormed a New Jersey gun advocate's home after an anonymous tipster reported a Facebook photo of the man's smiling, 10-year-old son holding an assault style rifle.

Now Shawn Moore, the dad, is claiming the authorities violated his rights when they threatened to take away his children as they searched his home last Friday night with no warrant.

Moore, 31, said the confrontation stemmed from an anonymous tipster who saw the photo and phoned a New Jersey Department of Youth and Family Services hotline to report the image of the boy holding the gun.


Josh Moore

"They had no warrant, no charges, nothing," the Penns Grove, N.J. tradesman wrote Sunday on the Delaware Open Carry online forum.

Cops demanded the open his gun safe, but he refused.

"I was told I was being unreasonable and that I was acting suspicious because I wouldn't open my safe," Moore said in the web posting. "Told me they were gonna get a search warrant. Told 'em go ahead."

Moore titled his post to the internet forum, "I stood my ground."

"They never even saw the picture," Moore added. "It was all hear say (sic). Just a phone call saying someone saw a pic of a child holding a gun."

It is unclear what the tipster actually told authorities. Police officers generally do not need search warrants if they believe a crime is in progress.

The gun was actually a .22 rifle manufactured to look like an assault weapon — and it was early 11th birthday present for Moore's son Josh.

Moore is certified as a New Jersey hunting firearms safety instructor and his young son has a state hunting license, his lawyer told the Daily News Wednesday.

"I've been shooting guns since I was 5," Josh added Wednesday on "Fox & Friends," a morning show. "I'm a pretty good shooter and a pretty good hunter."

The clash between gun rights and child welfare began Friday at around 9 p.m., when Moore was at a friend's house, where he received a text message from his wife telling him police and state workers were at his home.

He called his lawyer and rushed home. The lawyer, Evan Nappen, told the News the "heavy handed" encounter violated the first, second and fourth amendments because Moore was simply exercising his free speech rights online, and his gun and privacy rights in his home.

"My client is just a blue collar, hardworking union man who wants to enjoy hunting and the outdoors with his son," Nappen said Wednesday.

The lawyer pointed out that the controversial photo shows Josh with his finger off the trigger — a sign that he understand firearms safety.

"Anyone who knows firearm safety immediately recognizes that this boy is trained because his finger is not on the trigger," Nappen said. "If half of Hollywood would do that, we'd be in good shape."

Moore told Fox News the cops "wanted to run the serial numbers on all my firearms and make sure they were all registered to me" — even though New Jersey law doesn't require gun owners to register their firearms with the state, Nappen said.

For his part, Josh said the visit by welfare workers "was seriously getting me really mad."

The Department of Youth and Family Services didn't immediately respond to a request for comment from The News Wednesday.

But an agency spokeswoman told Fox News Radio the agency is "required to follow up on every single allegation that comes into the central registry."

Nappen sees a bigger issue that just the invasion of his client's privacy.

"We have a cultural issue with guns at the moment that now changes something that would have been an innocent picture and turns it into an alarming event that requires a nighttime raid," Nappen said. ★★★

Woo-Hoo! State Ok's Teachers With Guns

By Ted Nugent

If you are addicted to common sense and logic, South Dakota should bring a smile to your face.

These sensible Americans just passed a law allowing teachers to carry weapons in school as a means to protect their students from terminal psychos hell-bent on committing mass murder.

This is good and further proof that all is not lost.

Allowing teachers to chose to carry a concealed weapon is the right way to go. While the NRA and common-sense Americans support putting armed guards in schools, for those districts who can't afford an armed guard, allowing teachers to carry a concealed weapon is sound and wise policy.

The hand-wringing lefties are already protesting South Dakota's law. They are claiming arming teachers will lead to accidental shootings and will make schools more dangerous.

As usual, they are wrong and hypocrites of the first degree. The D.C. school where the president's daughters attend reportedly has 11 armed guards. Hey, if it's good enough for the president's kids, why isn't it good enough for all schools?

Utah has permitted teachers to carry personal artillery for over a decade with not a single accidental shooting.

Hell, I've had unlimited access to unlimited firepower my entire 64 years and have been a rock-solid asset to my fellow man forever.

We heard the same hyper paranoid argument from the anti-gun crowd when states began passing concealed-carry laws. They and their left-leaning supporters in the media claimed this would lead to more violence, that there would be shoot-outs at stoplights, in shopping centers, blah blah blah. Of course, none of this has come to pass, and there are literally millions of Americans with concealed-carry permits. Like my good friend John Lott proved, "More guns equal less crime." Duh.

The left has lied for decades about guns because they hate guns, despise the Second Amendment and blame the NRA families for crime and violence in our cities.

Truth is, it is the socialist stooges who are responsible for violence. It is their policies that prevent good guys from arming and protecting themselves and creates the big lie of "gun free" slaughter zones.

It isn't just anti-gun leftist policies that have enabled thugs to breed and prosper. The violence on America's streets is the result of a number of other leftist big-government policies that have worked to destroy families and entire communities by discouraging accountability and rewarding dangerous behavior.

That's the turbo destructo modus operandi of the socialists: Intentionally destroy something and then claim the solution to fix it is always more government, more laws, more control and less freedom.

South Dakota is blessed not to have many of these socialist nutjobs running around and trying to ruin it like they have done in virtually every big city in America where gangland random violence is the status quo.

The question is: Do you want to protect school children or not?

South Dakota voted yes by allowing teachers to carry weapons. Had the left got their way, South Dakota kids would have been put at risk to a horrible Sandy Hook tragedy.

Indeed, South Dakota teachers who choose to carry should routinely practice with their weapons to ensure they are proficient with their guns. School districts should provide funds for teachers to purchase ammunition so they can routinely practice and train adequately.

I've got my own line of high-performance ammunition and gladly offer to provide ammunition for South Dakota school teachers' training at reduced cost.

Good people want to protect our children. Leftist stooges want to create conditions for evil to flourish. They don't care one bit about protecting kids.

Never trust leftist goons. They will put you and your children at risk to advance their socialist, anti-freedom agenda.

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Owning firearms is a First Amendment exercise, too!

By Alan Gottlieb

Following the hysteria generated by gun prohibitionists in the wake of the Sandy Hook tragedy, a nationwide rush on gun stores began as citizens bought semiautomatic modern sporting rifles, handguns and ammunition, in effect "making a political statement" about proposals to ban such firearms.

Making political statements is what the First Amendment is all about.

The so-called "assault rifle" has become a symbol of freedom and the right of the people to speak out for the entire Bill of Rights. Banning such firearms, which are in common use today, can no longer be viewed exclusively as an infringement on the Second Amendment, but must also be considered an attack on the First Amendment.

Many people now feel that owning a so-called "assault rifle" without fear of government confiscation defines what it means to be an American citizen. Their backlash against knee-jerk extremism is a natural reaction to overreaching government.

What should one expect in response to this heightened rhetoric and legislative hysteria? Citizens in other countries react differently to government intrusion into their lives, but Americans are uniquely independent. Among firearms owners, talk of gun bans and attempts to limit one's ability to defend himself or herself against multiple attackers by limiting the number of rounds they can have in a pistol or rifle magazine turns gun owners into political activists.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) did not intend her gun ban proposal to cause skyrocketing sales of semiautomatic rifles and pistols, but that's what happened. She must live with the consequences of her shameless political exploitation of the Sandy Hook tragedy.

President Barack Obama never envisioned the rush to purchase rifle and pistol magazines, but telling American citizens they shouldn't have something is like sending a signal they need to acquire those things immediately.

Vice President Joe Biden never imagined his efforts would result in a tidal wave of new members and contributions to gun rights organizations, making the firearms community stronger and more united in opposition to any assault on the Second Amendment.

Freedom of association is also protected by the First Amendment.

Perhaps they should take a day off and visit the monuments at Lexington and Concord, and reflect on what prompted those colonists to stand their ground. It was the first time in American history that the government moved to seize arms and ammunition from its citizens, and it went rather badly for the British.

Beneath the surface many Americans are convinced that we may be approaching a point when the true purpose of the Second Amendment is realized. Underscoring this is a new Pew Research Center poll that, for the first time, shows a majority (53 percent) of Americans believe the government is a threat to their rights and freedoms.

Exacerbating the situation is a perceived indifference from the administration toward the rights of firearms owners who have committed no crime, but are being penalized for the acts of a few crazy people.

It is time to lower the rhetoric and allow cooler heads to prevail. The demonization of millions of loyal, law-abiding Americans and the firearms they legally own must cease. If we are to have a rational dialogue about firearms and violent crime, we must recognize that the very people who could be most affected have a First Amendment right to be heard.

Recall the words of Abraham Lincoln, who cautioned us more than 150 years ago that "A house divided against itself cannot stand." A half-century before him, Benjamin Franklin taught us that "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

Their spirits are calling to us now.

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

A 2nd Rant

By Ron Lee
The Verbal Assassin

ON THE SECOND AMENDMENT - I love it when people step forward and say they are for a ban on weapons, like Ron Fournier in his March 20th article, *Cowardly Congress, Ruthless NRA, and an Impotent Obama Conspire Against Assault-Weapons Ban*. It shows them to be of the most uneducated sorts; ignorant of our founding principles and the reasons for the founders' fight for freedom. The Second Amendment which may not be infringed (which by every definition says it can't ever be broken from - check its Latin base!) was adopted because at that moment in time we had just fought a war of independence against our own government to form a new one. Since these men were of great intelligence, they knew they had to preserve the right for future generations to protect themselves from out-of-control government. How can anyone suggest otherwise? We don't have the Second Amendment because of our need to protect ourselves from others or to hunt, we have it because they needed arms to protect themselves from government and wanted to ensure the people had that ability in the future! That is the essence of the Constitution anyway, an absolute limit on government! The People's rights are inherent - not government's, they only get their power from us.

ON PROTECTION OF SELF FROM OTHERS - It is unfortunate that there is depravity in the world, and that individuals would seek to steal the freedoms, possessions and lives of others, but that will always be the case. However, it is absolutely asinine to believe that creating a law will result in no lawless behavior - you simply can not legislate sanity or reason or morals. Furthermore, it is even more absurd to think that stripping any law abiding person's ability to protect themselves is just. Passing a law does not make a law breaker (criminal) not break laws.. Let's also be real for a moment... if someone were to be harming you, brutally, asking them to stop might be the *nice* thing to do, but it won't work well. A gun does, however.

THE SIGN OF THE TIMES - I showed my 16 year-old daughter a sign. It read, "This is a gun free zone - all weapons are prohibited on these premises." I asked her if she thought it would stop someone from going to that place and harming others. She said, "no." Then, I showed her one that read, "Staff heavily armed and trained. Any attempt to harm children will be met with deadly force," and asked her the same question. Her response: "It might not stop everyone who wants to do something bad, but it would be a good reason not to try - especially if it were true." ★★★

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abuse and coercion, which were all claimed by his former girlfriend Julie Driskell.

He was arrested in Deschutes County by Bend police on the morning of September 29, 2010.

According to witness statements and court documents received, the following transpired in Nick Waldbillig's case:

Julie claimed they spent hours talking about their relationship in her car, outside of her father's home on the night of the alleged crime.

Next, she claimed Nick kidnaped her at gunpoint - with a fake gun - forcing her into his vehicle. She said he forced her to a nearby public parking lot and raped her in the back of his car. They were then interrupted by a security guard who told them they couldn't be there. Without any conflict or request for help by Julie, they left the parking lot. It was stated, "they went a couple blocks away by the train tracks and concluded their intimate behavior." Julie exited Nick's vehicle without any altercation and eventually went back to his car where she stated he then continued to rape her until just prior to dropping her off at her father's house.

This is currently a US~Observer open investigation.

Julie Driskell

Julie Driskell mean-mugging camera

MOVING FORWARD TO NICK'S CHARGES AND COURT ACTIONS

Prosecuting Attorney Kandy Gies offered Nicholas several plea deals prior to trial. By the day trial arrived, Gies offered Nick a sweet 3 year sentence, and 7 years parole if he would enter into a guilty plea. Claiming he was innocent, he went to trial and fought for his freedom.

During trial, Judge Michael Sullivan reportedly wouldn't allow crucial evidence that could have proven his innocence.

Gies reportedly only used partial evidence, that if was used in its entirety, would have potentially proved Nick's innocence. Gies reportedly made a comment to the jury that, "the only reason this case went to trail was because the family had money".

Judge Sullivan allowed Julie and one arresting officer, Don Jordan, to remain in open court during trial, listening to testimony from others before offering their own testimony. This alone could have allowed them to corroborate statements with others who testified, which clearly is not common practice and could have led to conflicting testimony. Both Julie and Officer Jordan should have been excluded from court proceedings since they were both witnesses.

Nick's second defense attorney, Thomas Hill was a paid private attorney. He was court appointed two months before trial and reportedly had no time for Nick's case when the family could no longer afford him. Hill continued to push Nick to take a plea deal.

Attorney Hill worked with the prosecution behind closed doors and only put on two and a half hours of defense during the seven day trial. Attorney Hill charged a hefty price for his work and had very minimal communication with Nick during the year he was on the case. Hill put forth no extra effort when Nick's family inquired about obtaining expert witnesses - One family member stated, "once the money ran out, so did the effort from the defense attorney."

Nick fought for his innocence with little help and very little investigation. Unfortunately, Nick was found guilty. Nick was convicted on March 29, 2012 and sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Editor's Note: The US~Observer is looking for information regarding statements Julie Driskell may have made and/or evidence about anyone else involved in this case. Ms. Driskell would not return phone calls, and was not available on numerous attempts to contact her. If you have any information, please contact - editor@usobserver.com.

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Veteran pleads not guilty to 1st SAFE Act violation

By Lou Michel

(The Buffalo News) - Benjamin M. Wassell is more than just the state's first defendant accused of illegal weapon sales under its tough new gun control law.

He's an Iraq War hero who, despite a traumatic brain injury from an improvised explosive device that destroyed his vehicle back in 2006, was able to lead other wounded Marines through a minefield to safety, according to loved ones and military records.

The 32-year-old Silver Creek man, who family members say would still be in the Marines had he not been severely injured, is also a devoted husband and father of two young children.

But Wednesday morning in Hanover Town Court, Wassell found himself at the center of the fierce debate spawned by the New York SAFE Act, adopted in response to the slaughter of Connecticut school children late last year.

Dressed in a dark suit, the hulking man, a towering 6 feet, 5 inches, his hair closely cropped, sat by his wife, who held their 4-month-old son, as more than 75 people, most of them supporters, crowded the courtroom.

"I can't speak about the case," Wassell told a reporter.

It didn't matter.

Others were more than willing to tell the story of Ben Wassell, starting off by saying he was unfairly arrested in an undercover State Police operation based on what his supporters say is an unjust law.

"My son served two terms in Iraq and was wounded twice. He was a sergeant in the Marines. He's a good man. He'll do anything for anybody. What they're doing to him is very unfair," Dianne Wassell said.

Patrick Hurley, his father-in-law, said that it is hard for Wassell to accept that he is now on the other side of the law.

"This is tearing him up. He's very patriotic. He has no criminal record," Hurley said.

Authorities, though, say Wassell flouted the new law by taking advantage of an increased demand for the banned assault-style weapons by adding features to make the two rifles he sold illegal and thereby increase their value.

He is accused of selling a Del-Ton AR-15 rifle, 299 rounds of ammunition and six large-capacity clips for $1,900 on Jan. 24, nine days after the SAFE Act was passed. That gun had an illegal pistol grip, telescoping butt and bayonet mount. On Feb. 24, he allegedly sold an Armalite AR-10 Magnum semiautomatic rifle with 21 rounds of ammunition for $2,600. That gun had a pistol grip.

Wassell is employed by a utility company to check rural gas lines and well heads, and also has a modest disability pension from his war injuries. He reportedly enhanced the guns to earn money to help support his family.

State police, in their complaint, pointed out that Wassell went through with the second sale even though the undercover officer told him he had a felony domestic violence conviction. Felons are prohibited from owning guns.

"In this case, he sold a dangerous assault weapon to an undercover police officer who could have very well been a dangerous felon looking to do harm in our community," said one law enforcement official familiar with the case.

Wassell also allegedly was selling or attempting to sell several other guns that he had illegally modified.

"He would get the main portion of the gun, the receiver with the barrel, and make modifications, like adding a flash suppressor, telescoping butt, bayonet mount, features that are currently prohibited under the SAFE Act," the official said.

If convicted on the three felonies and one misdemeanor he is charged with, Wassell could spend up to seven years in prison.

In a sign of how important authorities are taking this first case involving the new gun control law, the New York State Attorney General's Office is handling the prosecution rather than the Chautauqua County District Attorney's Office.

Assistant Attorney General Paul McCarthy, assigned to the case, said a special request was made to State Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman to handle the case.

"The attorney general prosecutes crimes when requested by a state agency, and in this case it was the State Police making the request," McCarthy said.

Wassell is being represented by Buffalo attorneys Paul J. Cambria Jr. and Michael S. Deal. Deal entered a not guilty plea on Wassell's behalf in front Hanover Town Justice Walter Klyczek, who adjourned the case to 2 p.m. April 17.

Outside the courtroom, Deal said he wanted to stress two points.

"Paul and I are looking out for Ben's best interests. That's of the utmost importance. Second, it should be known that Ben is a good man, a good father and someone who served in the military and sacrificed his health," Deal said. "He suffered a traumatic brain injury."

A Marine Corps "Certificate of Commendation," obtained by The News, describes how in 2006, during his second seven-month deployment to Iraq with the 1st Marine Logistics Group, Wassell had removed Marines more injured than himself from their vehicle, which had been destroyed by an explosive.

"When the blast occurred, he immediately realized the fuel tank was ruptured. With little regard to his own safety, Wassell escorted the wounded Marines to a recovery vehicle. His quick thinking prevented further injury to the Marines in his vehicle," the commendation stated.

Among Wassell's many supporters Wednesday were people he did not know.

"I came here to show support for another veteran," said Vietnam War veteran Ed McCarty of Hamburg. "It's illegal what [the police] are doing. They entrapped him."

Dan Devlin, a Buffalo resident who identified himself as from the Fundamental Human Rights Organization, said state government leaders are denying people a God-given right to defend themselves.

"The Legislature and governor apparently believe citizens don't have the right to protect themselves," Devlin said. "Even from a religious standpoint, we are obligated to defend the innocent and that happens to be with firearms or other instruments."

Editor's Note: The Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution contains the words, "shall not be infringed," which means shall not approach. ★★★

Indoctrination by another name - "Common Core-State Standards Initiative"

By Vivi Wells

Back in 1996, when I ran for a seat on the Board of Education in my local school district, I investigated some issues that I found shocking. I found that the NEA had adopted a plan of action which, when implemented, would undermine the actual history taught in schools with a more global view, teaching this view as truth. Parents would have little say in it. Their plan then was to implement this "core standard" of what would be taught throughout all of the states in the form of a nationalized curriculum. I tried to warn constituents about the plan, but was ridiculed as naïve to believe such heresy. I am here to tell you that I was right and they have succeeded.

The little known plan is called "Common Core-State Standards Initiative" and has already been adopted in forty-five states, District of Columbia, four territories, and the Department of Defense Education Activity.

Authors: David Coleman, founder and CEO of Student Achievement Partners, LLC, and Jason Zimba, of Student Achievement Partners, played a lead role in developing the Common Core state standards in math and literacy. The two also founded the Grow Network – acquired by McGraw-Hill in 2005 – which has become the nation's leader in assessment reporting and customized instructional materials.

Isn't it coincidental that the person who stands to profit the most from Common Core's implementation, by selling curriculum, is one of the principal authors?

I think not.

Texas, one of the most conservative states in the nation, is fighting hard against Common Core because its main focus is not on the intellectual development and education of our children, but on the "global community." With emphasis on acceptance of de-nationalization and re-evaluation of the importance of international and multi-cultural assessment. The curriculum even called for students to recently design a flag for a new socialist nation causing a well deserved uproar around the country.

It is obvious that this plan further erases our moral and religious heritage from the textbooks, and does not teach our children, but indoctrinates them.

Many teachers are also against this Common Core Standard because the basis of most of their teaching culminates in state standards assessments rather than in the education of the children...

In the 1800's, students were being taught Calculus by the 8th grade. Do you know what your 8th grader is learning?

These are direct quotes outlining the new "standard" from the Oregon Site:

"Moving to common standards in two content areas and replacing the statewide assessment in these subjects represents a major change for Oregon. Representatives from each level of the educational enterprise will need to provide input to build a solid implementation blueprint. Work is underway to help ensure Oregon's educational enterprise is truly unified in the implementation of the Common Core State Standards."

"Both the formal and the informal curriculum should be based on a reasoned commitment to a core of democratic values, ideas, and beliefs. Democratic values, such as freedom, equality and due process, are the core of our national experience. Students should be encouraged and guided in an examination of those values, and in an analysis of how we as a people have furthered their expression and where we have faltered. Students should also be involved in the thoughtful examination of ideas, viewpoints, beliefs and values of others that differ from their own. By studying these variant values, students learn part of the reasoning behind the decision- making of other people. They come to understand rather than fear multicultural diversity."

"A classroom and school that promote democratic participation, even accept the chaos and inefficiency it sometimes seems to produce, are a classroom and school that reinforce ideas with practice."

The quote above incorporates poor grammar as exhibited by the words "are a classroom" instead of the grammatically correct "is a classroom". Are the same people writing this curriculum teaching it to our students?

In an era where legislation lags, why is this nationwide Common Core Curriculum pushing through our School Districts with lightning speed? In Oregon, the Standards were adopted October 29, 2010 for full implementation in the school year 2014-2015 - next year.

Be aware…be VERY AWARE, America, for the indoctrination of your children is underway. ★★★

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One of Diane's *messages* to Matthew

the months and weeks prior to October 6, 2012.

As Matthew's January 22, 2013 trial date approached his family became increasingly concerned that his appointed attorney was not prepared to defend Matthew. The family contacted the US~ Observer and I investigated and confirmed the family's concerns.

James Leuenberger

Realizing that Matthew was clearly headed for prison if he allowed Condron to represent him at trial, I instructed the family that Matt should fire his attorney – he fired Condron without hesitation.

The family then turned to Lawyer James E. Leuenberger to help Matthew. Mr. Leuenberger spoke with the private investigator, Matthew, and Matthew's family. He agreed to represent Matthew and has done so since the end of January 2013.

Mr. Leuenberger has been collecting information about the case and Matthew's accuser. As the case stands in late March of 2013, Mr. Leuenberger is confident that should the state take the case to trial that the jury will find Matthew not guilty.

Leuenberger is a very competent lawyer from Portland and we are well aware of the cases he has won concerning false sex abuse charges – Should this case go to trial, I will be watching and taking notes from the front row.

There are many more startling and overwhelming facts to publish on this case and they will be published in the near future, however, I don't want to alert Crook County Assistant District Attorney Victoria Elizabeth Schwartz to key evidence. My opinion of Schwartz is that she is totally corrupt, that she has a history of prosecuting innocent people and that she would attempt to twist the evidence and alter the facts.

Daina Vitolins

It would behoove Crook County District Attorney Daina Vitolins to look into this case very closely. If she does, she will drop the manufactured charges that her office has filed against Matthew Rinehart and apologize to this innocent young man. Vitolins is ultimately the one responsible for this absolutely factual case of prosecutorial abuse… Matt is innocent Daina Vitolins and he has been locked up for close to six long months! As both a citizen and a reporter, I demand that you stop this false prosecution.

Anyone who has information regarding Diane Pike, her family or statements that Diane has made about Matt or this case is urged to contact Edward Snook at 541-474-7885 or email to ed@usobserver.com. ★★★

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prompts growers to grow medicinal marijuana and created a good-faith belief for growers that they could sell their "overages" to dispensaries and other prescription holders - Albright thought this was legal due to advise from professionals.

Using a strict and factual interpretation of the United States Constitution, federal prosecutors have absolutely no jurisdiction to prosecute Patricia Albright or her son even though they have usurped the right. The prosecution of Albright and others like her is wasting billions of hard earned tax dollars each year. And, Albright's prosecution is just plain wrong, ethically and morally.

WHAT WAS PATRICIA ALBRIGHT DOING WITH HER MARIJUANA?

As I wrote in our previous press release, Patricia Albright's use of marijuana started with her 8 year-old, deathly ill son Trevor. She used marijuana to treat Trevor due to the prompting of an oncologist, in order to alleviate Trevor's pain and improve his quality of life. Trevor had terminal cancer – Trevor tragically died… The US Attorney's Office should look long and hard at this picture of young Trevor – and then ask themselves, what if this was my child?

Patricia Albright's son, Trevor

Patricia made butters for baked goods, oils and tinctures for people with Hepatitis C, on dialysis, AIDS, high blood pressure and cancer. We do not want to reveal the names of these individuals as we do not want to draw a road map for the federal government to wrongfully harass and possibly arrest them.

It takes many pounds of medicinal marijuana to make butter, oil and tinctures. So, when prosecutors talk of "pounds" and "great numbers of plants," it is important to realize that this is being done for the sole purpose of exaggerating the circumstances, simply to make Patricia Albright look bad when she is in front of her jury.

Patricia never charged for these things, she called it "part of her ministry." Two of the following three people who used marijuana grown at Patricia's farm were part of her "collective" of growers and had their prescriptions posted, as did Patricia, on the gate at the entrance to her farm and they believed they were acting legally according to California State law.

One person who received substantial pain relief from the marijuana that Patricia grew has had a massive stroke and is riddled with cancer – unfortunately, due to Patricia's false prosecution he no longer has access to her organic medicine, which could alleviate much of his pain and discomfort.

Two other individuals who used marijuana grown at Patricia's farm for pain relief have now died - one of aids and the other of bone cancer. Both of these individuals made substantial claims regarding the pain relief the marijuana provided. I should note that we are looking into numerous other instances where Patricia Albright helped extremely ill people who possessed prescriptions for marijuana, cope with their pain through the use of medicinal marijuana.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE?

Patricia's Federal Public Defender Matthew Scoble of Sacramento, California, was recently provided cooperating witness Jacob "Jake" Donahue's statement against Patricia and her son Jordan Wirtz. According to Albright, "my attorney Matt was working with prosecutor Michael Beckwith to postpone our trial in order to give Matt enough time to investigate Donahue's statement, which was full of lies and very damning to us."

Albright continued, "When we met with Matt and after I told him about the US~Observer article he became very agitated over the fact that I would speak to the US~Observer and that they had published. He told me it could cause the judge to give me additional time on my sentence and he told me that I had better hope that the judge doesn't see the article. He then stated that the judge would look at my statements to the Observer as witness tampering. He went on to tell me not to talk with the Observer or any press again."

Here you have it folks! Patricia Albright has not had a trial yet, virtually no investigation of her case has been conducted by her public defender, she has been under strict supervision since her arrest (which actually equates to serving a sentence), her public defender is attempting to restrain her absolute 1st Amendment rights, and her conviction and actual sentencing is already a foregone conclusion according to her own attorney. What justice – what freedom…

Back on track - Matthew Scoble reportedly had a call from Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Mike Beckwith while Albright was at his office wherein Beckwith began recanting on his tentative agreement to continue the trial. According to Albright, "later that same day Scoble informed me that Beckwith told him that he would not agree to continue and that he was going to pursue other tactics, which could only be interpreted as vindictive. Scoble stated that Beckwith probably didn't want the continuance because he was trying to cover his "butt" with his boss (US Attorney Wagner) for waiting to give Scoble crucial discovery until just days before trial, leaving them no time to investigate the discovery. AUSA Beckwith had possessed the discoverable material for well over two years.

I thought that defense attorneys were supposed to vigorously defend their client throughout the case, not merely during the three weeks prior to trial. It is very alarming that her attorney would reportedly tell her, you have no case, when responding to her question as to why she was in his office on March 18, 2013. How can Scoble explain why he is reportedly going on vacation the week prior to her scheduled April 2, 2013 trial? Patricia's own attorney is becoming responsible, in part, for her false prosecution.

Patricia has already informed us that Scoble told her to pack up her home and get ready to go to prison. According to Albright, she doesn't have any defense because Federal Judge Garland E. Burrell Jr. has stated that he won't allow a "medicinal marijuana" or "legal according to California State law" defense. This is pure insanity! Even people charged with federal tax evasion are afforded the "good faith belief" defense of believing they weren't required to pay the federal income tax. And there are no state laws making tax evasion legal, whereas California State law makes Patricia's medicinal marijuana grow perfectly legal. If this is indeed Judge Burrell's position, he will be responsible in great part for her false prosecution.

AUSA Michael M. Beckwith is responsible for the false prosecution of Patricia Albright. If Beckwith has acted coercively, like Patricia's account of what her attorney has stated to her implies, then he is a great danger to freedom and the principles that once made America a great nation. His attempted false prosecution of this innocent American will permanently hang around his neck like an albatross… Beckwith is the main person at this juncture responsible for Patricia Albright's attempted false prosecution.

United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California Benjamin B. Wagner, in the end, will share the greatest responsibility for the Albright false prosecution, should he allow it to continue. If Mr. Wagner looks closely at the facts of this case, he will easily see that a single lady possessing a shot gun and a revolver out in the wilderness have nothing whatsoever to do with growing a medicinal marijuana crop. If he takes the time to look into this case, all he will have to do to understand the false structuring charge that is tied to the medicinal marijuana charges, is to ask Patricia Albright for her explanation as I have done. He will then dismiss this case in the interest of justice.

The greatest responsibility for this absolute travesty of justice lies with President Barack Obama, his Justice Department and the United States Congress. President Obama is the one who instructed his "Justice Department" in 2009 to announce to the public that the feds would not be going after medical marijuana growers who were following state law. This public announcement was actually nothing more or less than "entrapment" in many cases.

It is Congress that makes unconstitutional laws. It is Congress who empowers the federal police state to trample states rights and totally violate the 10th Amendment.

Out of fairness, it is possible that US Attorney Benjamin Wagner doesn't know all the facts of the Albright case, unlike his AUSA Beckwith, who has had the time and ability to properly investigate the facts. Wagner now has the opportunity to investigate and then right this wrong – he is informed… I want to stress that it will take men like US Attorney Benjamin Wagner to stop the insanity that is going on within our justice system.

I do not smoke marijuana and I'm certain that none of our investigators use it for medicinal purposes, or for any other reason. However, I believe in freedom and I absolutely hate hypocrisy. While our federal government continually talks about deficits and money shortages, they continue to waste countless tax dollars on victimless crimes. They continue to spend billions upon billions to prosecute and jail exceptional people like Patricia Albright and it is time that all Americans start screaming for them to stop, before our nation is completely bankrupt, both financially and morally.

Patricia Albright

I just received the following email from Patricia Albright:

"My attorney just called me to tell me that he has read the US~Observer article on-line a number of times and he has decided that he is going to file a motion to remove himself from my case because he doesn't appreciate his name being dragged through the mud. He says he hasn't heard anything from the judge on his motion to continue my trial. He also stated that I'd better hope that the judge has not yet read the article because when he does I am going to be very sorry."

Is Scoble implying that Judge Burrell is prejudiced and vindictive? Is he implying that the judge is unconcerned with Patricia Albright's Constitutional rights? I would think better of Judge Burrell – I am very skeptical when someone speaks for another, especially when that someone is a public defender who has done nothing to prepare or better yet, fight for a defense for his client…

WAR ON DRUGS, PATRICIA ALBRIGHT & COMMON SENSE

After a very thorough investigation of the charges against Ms. Albright it is clear that this lady never knowingly and intentionally committed the crimes contained in her Indictment. She did knowingly and intentionally care for others who were predominantly sick people in much pain.

Patricia is one of the most honest and open people I have investigated over my past 22 years of publishing the US~Observer – almost to a fault… Patricia was not out to get rich by growing marijuana, she had a purpose and that purpose was good.

This writer is keenly aware that many drugs are dangerous, they come from very dangerous sources and they do great harm to Americans - to those who use drugs such as Methamphetamine, Heroin, etc., to the tax payer who funds the "War on Drugs" and to those who are victimized by the criminals who traffic in dangerous drugs. By any stretch of the imagination, medicinal marijuana just doesn't fall into the category of "dangerous drug."

I am quite aware that US Attorney Benjamin Wagner is staunchly opposed to drugs and to the profiteering that goes hand in hand with drug dealers. He has been quite successful in fighting against dangerous drugs and should be highly commended for many of the dangerous criminals that he has removed from society. However, in the case of Patricia Albright - and I want to stress Patricia Albright - his Office and law enforcement made a mistake and he needs to make the correction.

As for the proverbial "War on Drugs," there is a common sense side that few address. Most professionals would agree that marijuana is no more harmful than alcohol, while many claim that it is much less harmful, in fact beneficial. Prohibition did not work with alcohol and it clearly won't work with marijuana.

If we are to correctly address our national debt, which is nearing a staggering 17 trillion dollars, we need to start with minor spending and all government officials must be held accountable. For example, a million dollars today is not really important to government. An expensive prosecution simply falls by the wayside and no one notices. This is wrong and it can't continue or America as we know it will not continue.

I would urge US Attorney Wagner to continue going after criminals and dangerous drugs and I support him for doing his job well. I would also urge him to stop prosecuting the "Patricia Albrights" of California.

BREAKING NEWS

Patricia Albright appeared in federal court Friday March 22, 2013 where Judge Burrell granted a defense motion allowing public defender Matthew Scoble to withdraw as her attorney of record. Judge Burrell appointed lawyer Kelly Babineau of Sacramento, California to represent Albright and a new trial date was set for July, 30, 2013.

If you have any information regarding this case or the players involved call Edward Snook – 541-474-7885 or email ed@usobserver.com

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Are You Facing False Criminal Charges? Are you a Victim of a False Prosecution?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"One false prosecution is one too many and any act of immunity is simply a government condoned crime."
-- Edward Snook, US~Observer

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