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Sometimes looking out for the best interest of the disabled is just a smokescreen for making money and those they are supposed to protect are the ones who really get hurt.

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## Your Town, USA A Great Place to Live, Launch and Loot?



By Lou Ann Anderson

Texas - A recent Central Texas newspaper article touted Georgetown, Texas, as number two on the CNNmoney.com Fortune Small Business list of "100 best places to live and launch." This ranking identified towns having the "best mix of business advantages and lifestyle appeal." Living and

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## NOT GUILTY! Bikers Innocent - DA Campbell Exposed

**US~Observer, Foster Glass & Gary Berlant Soundly Defeat Corrupt Josephine County DA's Office in Bikers' Case**

By Edward Snook  
Investigative Reporter  
(John Taft Contributing)

**Josephine County, OR** - A small town district attorney bloated with pride and arrogance has been exposed and humiliated for incompetence - the jury that his office helped select voted in favor of the defendants. The following case should never have been brought to trial. It's an indictment of the Josephine County District Attorney's Office.

Shortly after 5:00 p.m. on Friday May 5, 2008, the life altering, 1 ½-year-long attempted false prosecution of Stanley Strange, Glen Seybold and Louis Pombo ended when a Josephine County, Oregon

jury deliberated for a reported 13 minutes and returned Not Guilty verdicts on all false charges filed against the three by Josephine County District Attorney Stephen Campbell back in October of 2006. All three defendants were falsely charged with Reckless Driving and Strange was also falsely charged with Assault in the Fourth Degree.

As if the false charges weren't enough, District Attorney Stephen Campbell forced these innocent defendants through



Edward Snook, Gary Berlant and Stan Strange



Strange with lawyer Foster Glass three full days of costly trial, cost the jurors three days from their lives and the taxpayers a substantial and unwarranted amount of tax-dollars.

This nightmare for Strange and his fellow motorcycle riders began back on August 27, 2006 when a car driven by Eric Harris Hill attempted to run the three off Hwy 199, just north of O'Brien, Oregon. Hill was driving his 1984 yellow Mercedes accompanied by fellow cohort Alexander Golden and Hill's girlfriend Samantha Pettigrew. The three were supposedly

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## IRS Capitulates Moran's Jeep Returned



By Edward Snook  
Investigative Reporter

**Montrose, Colorado** - In our last edition the US~Observer published a front page article titled, "64 Felony Charges Beaten - Team Minns Levels IRS - DOJ." This riveting expose gave in-depth coverage about the solid defeat inflicted on the IRS by Houston, Texas attorney Michael Minns, the architect of a defense for a Montrose, CA couple, James and



Jim and Pam Moran  
Minns' book, "How to survive the IRS" was released by Barricade

Pamela Moran, standing trial on 64 counts of sundry tax crimes. With the acquittal on all counts this reporter issued a challenge to get the Morans' Jeep back.

This challenge was answered on April 23, 2008, when the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) quietly, and ever so discreetly, capitulated to the trial outcome and returned the Morans' Jeep, stolen from them by the IRS in 2001. Incidentally, the same year the Jeep was illegally stolen,

Press.

Most will only speculate regarding the return of the automobile but this reporter has researched some facts in this case that may shed some light on what did occur to cause the IRS to take the Jeep away from the Morans in the first place. The good news is this vehicle is once again housed under the roof of the Morans' garage, only after they suffered terribly from the malicious prosecution that reigned down upon them for seven years. This terror included two jury trials in Federal Court and a successful appeal to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

The ordeal began over seven years ago when the IRS, from

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## The Cary Herrin Story

A "Justice" History of Osage County, OK



By Kelly Stone  
Investigative Reporter

**Osage County, OK** - After having read such books as "Chasing Justice, My Story of Freeing Myself After Two Decades on Death Row for a Crime I Didn't Commit" by Kerry Max Cook, "The Innocent Man" by John Grisham, "Dreams of Ada" by Robert Mayer, "Actual Innocence" by Barry Scheck/Peter Neufeld/Jim Dwyer and many others, it would seem that our nation has been overtaken by lying prosecutors, crooked, uncaring judges,

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## WHILE WE WERE SLEEPING The Administrative Rule Nightmare



By Curt Chandler and Jeane Wollman

Government Agencies are unique in that they exercise the power of all three branches of government—judicial, legislative and executive. These agencies are as a cancer in our system. We, the American citizen, have felt secure thinking that our elected officials were working for our best

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# The Grange

## Resolutions for a Stronger America

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

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

The Grange is also a fraternal order known as the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, hence the "P of H" on the organization's logo. Founding members determined that a fraternal organization would be best able to combine loyalty and democratic ideals to provide service to others. The National Grange was one of the first formal groups to admit women to membership on the basis of equality with men. It remains so today.

The 11-story landmark National Grange headquarters building in Washington, D.C. was dedicated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on June 29, 1960, and is the only private edifice in a federal block across from the White House. It serves as a non-governmental headquarters for agricultural and rural families.

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

## Resolution

### Miscarriage of Justice for Border Patrol Agents

**Jose Compean and Ignacio Ramos**

**Whereas:** During the month of February, 2005, U.S. Border Patrol Agents Jose Compean and Ignacio Ramos tried to stop a drug smuggler by the name of Osbaldo Aldrete-Davila who brought approximately 800 pounds of marijuana (worth about \$1 million dollars) across the U.S. & Mexico border in his van. While being arrested, the smuggler scuffled with Agent Compean, knocking him down and throwing dirt in his eyes. Osbaldo Aldrete-Davila, then on foot, ran back to Mexico, crossing the shallow Rio Grande River. During this process of fleeing, the smuggler was pointing a gun at Agent Compean, who in turn fired shots at the suspect. Agent Ramos, seeing his partner battered and bloody, also fired shots at the smuggler. The border patrol agents were unaware that one of their bullets struck smuggler Aldrete-Davila in the buttocks.

**Whereas:** Border Patrol Agent Rene Sanchez, a naturalized citizen of the United States, who is suspected of ties to the Mexican drug cartels, is a boyhood buddy of Aldrete-Davila. Agent Sanchez encouraged Aldrete-Davila to bring a lawsuit against agents Compean and Ramos for violating his "civil rights".

**Whereas:** U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and Department of Homeland

Security (DHS) sent agents to Mexico to find Aldrete-Davila to offer him immunity and free medical care and to bring him back to testify against agents Compean and Ramos. The DOJ and DHS officials helped Aldrete-Davila launch a lawsuit for \$5 million dollars against the Border Patrol.

**Whereas:** During the trial, while waiting to testify against agents Compean and Ramos, Aldrete-Davila was arrested for attempting to bring another load of drugs into the United States of America. The prosecutors set him free and suppressed this information so it wouldn't harm the case against agents Compean and Ramos by prosecutor Debra Kanof, Judge Kathleen Cardone and the Department of Homeland Security.

**Whereas:** Border Patrol Agents Jose Compean and Ignacio Ramos were convicted of a crime through lies told at their trial by drug smuggler Osbaldo Aldrete-Davila. Agent Compean was sentenced to eleven years in jail, and agent Ramos was sentenced to twelve years. On January 17, 2007, these agents began serving their prison sentences.

**Whereas:** The Federal Court trial of agents Compean and Ramos has all the ear markings of a frame up, in order to send a loaded message to other Border Patrol Agents, that if you confront smugglers, you will get what happened to agents Compean and Ramos.

**Whereas:** The whole affair has bankrupted the Compean and Ramos families, causing them to lose their homes, their savings accounts, their Border Patrol jobs, future retirement pay, and their children will grow up without their father's guidance. All of these losses for doing their jobs as border patrol agents.

**Whereas:** On January 18, 2007, 70 members of Congress signed onto H.R. 563, which requests that the convictions of Compean and Ramos be vacated and that they be released from custody immediately. House Concurrent Resolutions 37 requests that the president should swiftly and unconditionally pardon Agents Compean and Ramos.

**Therefore be it resolved:** That the Oregon State Grange supports H.R. 563, which requests that the convictions of Compean and Ramos be vacated and that they be released from custody immediately, and be it further resolved: that the Federal Government reinstate Compean and Ramos to their jobs as agents of the U.S. Border Patrol, and reimburse the agents for all of the costs and losses they have incurred while trying to defend themselves against a court of injustice.

**This resolution was adopted by the Deer Creek Grange #371 at its regular meeting held on May 14, 2007.**

**This resolution was adopted by the Oregon State Grange at its 134th Annual Session held at Jefferson, Oregon, week of June 17-22, 2007.**

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# Jurors' True Duties

## Take back control before it's too late

By US~Observer Staff

**Editor's Note: The information in this article can and will make a difference. It is imperative that this knowledge finds its way into the hands of all potential jurors. We will be reprinting this article in upcoming editions.**

**America** - During the early years of the United States, up to the mid 1800s, you could get tossed in prison for failing to pay back your debts. Not only were you expected to come up with the money to pay back what you owed, but you also had to pay for your imprisonment!

Today, it is still possible to be thrown or remain in jail for debt. Debts of fraud, child-support, alimony, or release fines can land you in jail or prevent you from being set free. This is the government's goal when prosecuting income tax cases. Apparently we have become desensitized to incarcerating men and women in what should rightfully be called "debtor's prison."

Anybody who is called to be on jury duty for any court should know their responsibilities, rights and power. The jury has the absolute moral and legal power to judge all cases on the basis of the fairness and reasonableness of the law. Corrupt judges have suppressed this information so most of us are not aware of the jury's power. At the time of our nation's founding, when many judges were honest, this power was not hidden as it is today. The jury has the undisputed power to acquit, even if its verdict is contrary to the law as given by the judge and contrary to the evidence. The judges want to keep this power secret so they can continue to force all of us to obey unfair and unreasonable laws. The judge will instruct the jury that they must make their decision based on the facts as presented during the trial and in strict accord with the law as stated by the judge. The jury does not legally have to adhere to the judge's instructions. This is because in a jury trial, the real "judge" is the jury itself, and the judge in the black robe only has the power to oversee the orderly presentation of the case to the jury, while it is the jury that is the proper "judge" of both the facts and the law involved in the particular case at hand.

Every prospective juror has not only the right but the obligation to himself and his fellow Americans to see that justice is done and to remember that ignoring an unjust law or considering if the law is being applied for political reasons is sometimes the juror's only recourse to achieve a just verdict, which would be NOT GUILTY. Is the defendant being singled out as "an example" in order to demonstrate government muscle?

Much of today's "crime wave" consists of victimless crimes--crimes against the state, United States or political crimes. So, if you think that a guilty verdict would give the government too much power, or help keep a bad law alive, just do the right thing -- vote NOT GUILTY and stick to your guns. Remember that you can refuse to apply any law that violates your conscience.

**Example:** The year was 1670, and William Penn was on trial for violation of the "Conventicle Act." This Act made the Church of England the only legal church. The Act was struck down by a not guilty vote. Freedom of Religion was established and became part of the English Bill of Rights and

later it became the First Amendment to the Constitution. William Penn most likely would have been executed if the jurors would have yielded to the guilty verdict sought by the judge and prosecutor.

It is an irrefutable fact that our system of justice has been stolen or better yet swindled from us by attorneys over past decades. Judges are part of this swindle in that they are also attorneys. The legal profession in America has denigrated itself from one of ethics to one of "legalized" theft.

Prosecutors often charge people with "multiple charges" so the jury will assume that the defendant must be guilty of something -- watch multiple charges very carefully and if you smell a rat -- do what -- vote Not Guilty. One of the great mistakes a jury can make is to betray both truth and conscience by compromising. If you are of the persuasion that the defendant is not guilty of anything, then vote NOT GUILTY on all counts.

The vast majorities of people in this country are petrified of attorneys, judges, prosecutors, the IRS and in many cases corrupt "law enforcement officers." In a free and just nation this would not be the case.

The answer to the problems with our "legal system" appears to be complex, when they actually aren't. Americans must bridle our out of control "legal system" or we are all in for a world of hurt.

We live in a land where hundreds of thousands of illegal aliens can march in our streets, right in front of law enforcement and where border patrol agents are imprisoned for doing their job in attempting to stop an illegal alien drug smuggler from bringing drugs across our border. U.S. District Court Judge Kathleen Cardone in El Paso, Texas, sentenced Jose Alonso Compean to 12 years in prison and Ignacio Ramos to 11 years and one day despite a plea by their attorney for a new trial after three jurors said they were coerced into voting guilty in the case, the Washington Times reported. Judge Cardone is corrupt and the jurors in this case were anything but "fully informed" regarding their true duties. As happens in court rooms across this nation every day, the judge actually instructed the jury to find these agents guilty.

Realizing that our justice system closely resembles a slaughter house where cattle are herded through chutes to their execution, something has to be done and the obvious place to start is with our juries. If a person is called to jury duty they need to realize that they are the real "judge" of the case. When the court excuses the jury to make private decisions that the court doesn't want the jury to hear (exclude evidence from them) then all responsible jurors should simply come back with a Not Guilty verdict. If the judge in any given case even hints at instructing the jury to find a defendant guilty, responsible jurors must deliver a Not Guilty verdict. And above all else, if the law purportedly broken by a defendant is presented to the jury and that law is vague, ambiguous, or appears to be a bad law, the jury must deliver a Not Guilty verdict. This won't be hard for jurors in income tax cases because they won't be shown any law since it doesn't exist. And above all, do not let any judge

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# ARE YOU A VICTIM OF FALSE PROSECUTION?

If you are then you are aware of how the ‘justice’ industry (racket) in America works. You (**the innocent person**) are 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 retainer to cover the usual \$150.00 per hour (if not higher), which he/she charges, to supposedly defend your innocence. The attorney usually files some motions, writes some worthless letters and makes many unproductive (unless they pertain to you accepting a plea bargain) phone calls until you are broke. Generally you haven’t even started your trial and 99% of the time the attorney hasn’t completed any investigation.

All of a sudden your attorney is telling you that you can’t win your

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

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

## **WELCOME TO THE LARGEST RACKET IN HISTORY, THE AMERICAN JUSTICE SYSTEM.**

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.

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# In The Nation

## Conservatives Happier Than Liberals: Study

By Jeanna Bryner  
LiveScience.com

Individuals with conservative ideologies are happier than liberal-leaners, and new research pinpoints the reason: Conservatives rationalize social and economic inequalities.

Regardless of marital status, income or church attendance, right-wing individuals reported greater life satisfaction and well-being than left-wingers, the new study found. Conservatives also scored highest on measures of rationalization, which gauge a person's tendency to justify, or explain away, inequalities.

The rationalization measure included statements such as: "It is not really that big a problem if some people have more of a chance in life than others," and "This country would be better off if we worried less about how equal people are."

To justify economic inequalities, a person could support the idea of meritocracy, in which people supposedly move up their economic status in society based on hard work and good performance. In that way, one's social class attainment, whether upper, middle or lower, would be perceived as totally fair and justified.

If your beliefs don't justify gaps in status, you could be left frustrated and disheartened, according to the researchers, Jaime Napier and

John Jost of New York University. They conducted a U.S.-centric survey and a more internationally focused one to arrive at the findings.

"Our research suggests that inequality takes a greater psychological toll on liberals than on conservatives," the researchers write in the June issue of the journal *Psychological Science*, "apparently because liberals lack ideological rationalizations that would help them frame inequality in a positive (or at least neutral) light."

The results support and further explain a Pew Research Center survey from 2006, in which 47 percent of conservative Republicans in the U.S. described themselves as "very happy," while only 28 percent of liberal Democrats indicated such cheer.

The same rationalizing phenomena could apply to personal situations as well.

"There is no reason to think that the effects we have identified here are unique to economic forms of inequality," the researchers write. "Research suggests that highly egalitarian women are less happy in their marriages compared with their more traditional counterparts, apparently because they are more troubled by disparities in domestic labor."

The current study was funded by the National Science Foundation. ■■■

## Tax Rebates - headed for the pump

**NEW YORK (Reuters)** - Consumers will use much of their tax rebate money to pay for increasingly expensive gas and groceries, rather than spend it on electronics or clothes, said the most recent survey by the National Retail Federation.

"The rising cost of groceries and gasoline means that discretionary spending is taking a backseat to necessities," Tracy Mullin, president and chief executive of the world's largest retail trade association, said in a statement.

"For many consumers, struggling with rising bills and lowering home values, economic stimulus checks could not come at a better time," Mullin said.

The latest survey found 17.2 million people plan to use some of their tax rebate to pay for gasoline, up from 12.1 million in the trade group's February survey. About 21.2 million people plan to use some of the money for staples such as milk and bread, up from 20.4 million in February.

The most recent survey, which polled 8,347 consumers, was conducted from April 29 to May 7 by BIGresearch.

Fewer people plan to spend rebate money on furniture -- 2.7 million, down from 4.0 million in February -- or a new car -- 2.4 million, down from 3.2 million -- or on indulgences such as a salon or spa -- 2.9 million, down from 3.5 million.

Consumers overall plan to spend 39.9 percent of their tax rebates, or \$42.2 billion, on food, gas and new items, the survey said. They also plan to pay down \$28.1 billion in debt, put \$20.1 billion toward savings, invest \$3.4 billion and pay \$4.9 billion in medical bills, the survey found.

The Recovery Rebates and Economic Stimulus for the American People Act of 2008 provides \$152 billion in tax rebate checks of up to \$600 per working individual and \$1,200 per married couple, plus \$300 per child.

(Reporting by Ilaina Jonas; Editing by Braden Reddall) ■■■

## Backlash grows as Congress moves toward housing rescue

By Rob Lever

**WASHINGTON (AFP)** - As Congress moves to aid distressed US homeowners, the prospect of a new rescue is drawing fire from a diverse array of activists, economists and consumers opposing what they call a bailout.

The House of Representatives on Thursday approved a bill to create a 300-billion-dollar federal guarantee for new mortgages for people who may be at risk of losing their homes. President George W. Bush threatened to veto the measure, calling it a reward for speculators and lenders.

While lawmakers are eager to avert a wave of foreclosures that could trigger further economic shock waves, some argue that any new program would help a small segment of the population who made risky bets on the housing market.

"Do not bail out greedy homeowners that took out risky mortgages to buy homes they can't afford," wrote a Norwalk, California, resident identified as David R. on a website called AngryRenter.com launched by the conservative activist group FreedomWorks.

The website has collected over 44,000 signatures of renters opposed to using tax dollars to aid what it claims is about two percent of the US population facing foreclosure.

"What happened to personal responsibility? What happened to living within your means?" added another commenter identified as Jennifer M. of Houston, Texas.

"People who live in houses they can't afford, and knew they couldn't afford, should not be bailed out. I rent a house and am saving to buy a house. I will buy a home I can afford."

Diana Furchtgott-Roth, an economist

at the conservative Hudson Institute, said any new program would be "taking from people who made prudent decisions ... to give to people who have been fiscally irresponsible."

She said lawmakers still want to act on the plan because "they all want to be the knight coming to the rescue on the white horse."

Kenneth Scott, professor emeritus of law and business at Stanford University, said such aid programs can be easily manipulated to reward risky activity.

"If the prerequisite for getting assistance is that you're delinquent, it's very easy to become delinquent," he said. "You just stop paying and if that gets you a significant amount of money, what would you expect people to do?"

Scott said there is pressure to help homeowners in the wake of a Federal Reserve-backed effort to rescue investment bank Bear Stearns in March.

"The question that ought to continually be asked is whether you are creating incentives for a repetition of the present overhang," Scott said.

He added that speculators and unscrupulous lenders "will anticipate there would be some form of government payment if things don't go well."

Yet an aid program has strong political momentum as seen by the House vote of 266 to 154.

A similar plan is in the works in the Senate, where Democrat Chris Dodd hailed the work done by the House as "a clear signal to Americans -- and the White House --

- that Congress is committed to helping people keep their homes and stabilize the markets."

Representative Steny Hoyer, the majority Democratic leader in the House, said the bill would help a troubled economy.

"The slumping housing market has had negative, rippling effects throughout our economy," he said. "And thus, it is imperative that we take responsible, reasonable steps such as this to strengthen our weak economy, and ultimately benefit all of us."

But House Republican leader John Boehner said the measure is "forcing responsible homeowners and taxpayers to pick up a 300-billion-dollar tab to bail out scam artists, speculators, and reckless

borrowers."

Troubled loans and subprime borrowers cover a broad economic spectrum including many wealthy borrowers in some of the booming home markets, said Todd Sinai, economist at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business.

Sinai said it is hard to come up with an aid package that is fair to all taxpayers. Most programs being mulled "tend to be bailouts to the lenders, not the borrowers," he said.

"It is hard to argue that if there were no broader societal benefits, that bailing out subprime borrowers who were not the victims of fraud or deception is good economics," Sinai told AFP.

"The reason people are doing it is that people are worried about a collapse of the housing sector, which would be bad for everyone." ■■■

*Devvy Kidd*

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*-Thomas Jefferson*

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*Knowledge is Power*

# In The Nation

## National DNA database gets kickstart from feds *Tests could reveal facts 'making individual less useful to society'*



By Bob Unruh  
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With virtually no fanfare, President Bush signed into law a plan ordering the government to take no more than six months to set up a "national contingency plan" to screen newborns' DNA in case of a "public health emergency."

The new law requires that the results of the program—including "information ... research, and data on newborn screening" – shall be assembled by a "central clearinghouse" and made available on the Internet.

According to congressional records, S.1858, sponsored by Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., was approved in the Senate Dec. 13, in the House April 8 and signed by Bush April 24.

"Soon, under this bill, the DNA of all citizens will be housed in government genomic biobanks and considered governmental property for government research," said Twila Brase, president of the Citizens' Council on Health Care. "The DNA taken at birth from every citizen is essentially owned by the government, and every citizen becomes a potential subject of government-sponsored genetic research."

Brase has objected extensively to plans in Minnesota to provide state government the same option now handed to the federal government by Congress.

The bill, she said, strips "citizens of genetic privacy rights and DNA property rights. It bill also violates research ethics and the Nuremberg Code.

"The public is clueless. S. 1858 imposes a federal agenda of DNA databanking and population-wide genetic research," Brase continued. "It does not require consent and there are no requirements to fully inform parents about the warehousing of their child's DNA for the purpose of genetic research.

"Already, in Minnesota, the state health department reports that 42,210 children of the 780,000 whose DNA is housed in the Minnesota 'DNA warehouse' have been subjected to genetic research without their parent's knowledge or consent," she said.

The federal plan sets up the coast-to-coast DNA collections then report the results to "physicians and families" as well as educate families about newborn screening.

"We now are considered guinea pigs,

as opposed to human beings with rights," said Brase, warning such DNA databases could spark the next wave of demands for eugenics, the concept of improving the human race through the control of various inherited traits. Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood, advocated eugenics to cull from the population types of people she considered unfit.

In 1921, Sanger said eugenics is "the most adequate and thorough avenue to the solution of racial, political and social problems," and she later lamented "the ever increasing, unceasingly spawning class of human beings who never should have been born at all."

Such DNA collection programs are offered as screening requirements to detect treatable illnesses. Currently, the type of tests conducted varies from state-to-state, but the Health Resources and Services Administration has requested a report that would "include a recommendation for a uniform panel of conditions."

"Fortunately," Dodd said when his plan was launched, "some newborn screening occurs in every state. ... This legislation will provide resources for states to expand their newborn screening programs."

So what's the big deal about looking into DNA to hunt for various disease possibilities?

Nothing, said Brase, if that's where the hunt would end.

However, she said, "researchers already are looking for genes related to violence, crime and different behaviors."

"This isn't just about diabetes, asthma and cancer," she said. "It's also about behavioral issues."

"In England they decided they should have doctors looking for problem children, and have those children reported, and their DNA taken in case they would become criminals," she said.

In fact, published reports in the UK note that senior police forensics experts believe genetic samples should be studied, because it may be possible to identify potential criminals as young as age 5.

In Britain, Chris Davis of the National Primary Headteachers' Association warned the move could be seen "as a step towards a police state."

Brase said efforts to study traits and gene factors and classify people would be just the beginning. What could happen through subsequent programs to address such conditions, she wondered.

"Not all research is great," she said. Classifying of people could lead to "discrimination and prejudice. ... People can look at data about you and make assessments ultimately of who you are."

The Heartland Regional Genetics and Newborn Screening is one of the organizations that advocates more screening and research.

It proclaims in its vision statement a desire to see newborns screened for 200 conditions. It also forecasts "every student ... with an individual program for education based on confidential interpretation of their family medical history, their brain imaging, their genetic predictors of best learning methods..."

Further, every individual should share information about "personal and family health histories" as well as "gene tests for recessive conditions and drug metabolism" with the "other parent of their future children."

Still further, it seeks "ecogenetic research that could improve health, lessen disability, and lower costs for sickness."

"They want to test every child for 200 conditions, take the child's history and a brain image, and genetics, and come up with a plan for that child," Brase said. "They want to learn their weaknesses and defects.

"Nobody including and especially the government should be allowed to create such extensive profiles," she said.

The next step, said Brase, is obvious: The government, with information about potential health weaknesses, could say to couples, "We don't want your expensive children."

"I think people have forgotten about eugenics. The fact of the matter is that the eugenicists have not gone away. Newborn genetic testing is the entry into the 21st Century version of eugenics," she said.

The Association of American Physicians and Surgeons has posted a position statement on the issue, noting that many good things can result from genetic testing.

However, it expressed two significant areas of concern.

"History shows that this information will sometimes be leaked or misused, regardless of who controls it. When private companies leak information and break people's confidence, they have often been exposed and punished, as people no longer buy their services or sue. In contrast, when government agencies do the same, the guilty bureaucrats have often been protected and rewarded instead of suffering meaningful consequences," the group said.

The AAPS said in order to do the best possible job of protecting privacy, anyone who has access to DNA data should be "individually liable in the event of unlawful disclosure of genetic testing information. ..."

The other area of concern is equally

significant.

"Genetic testing could be used for purposes found immoral in the Hippocratic medical tradition. For example, a utilitarian use of testing, in this example also immoral, would be to test for conditions which would make an individual less useful to society for the purpose of killing that person, as has been done in some totalitarian systems, such as Nazi Germany. Likewise, the use of genetic testing in attempts to breed a super race would be immoral and unethical. In these examples, the utility of the person to the society is the deciding factor, a position antithetical to the Hippocratic tradition of primary responsibility to the individual patient rather than to an amorphous society or relativistic social policies," the group said.

U.S. Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, was one of the few voices to warn of the dangers. Before the plan's approval, he said, "I cannot support legislation, no matter how much I sympathize with the legislation's stated goals, that exceed the Constitutional limitations on federal power or in any way threatens the liberty of the American people. Since S. 1858 violates the Constitution, and may have unintended consequences that will weaken the American health care system and further erode medical privacy, I must oppose it."

Paul said, "S. 1858 gives the federal bureaucracy the authority to develop a model newborn screening program. Madame Speaker the federal government lacks both the constitutional authority and the competence to develop a newborn screening program adequate for a nation as large and diverse as the United States. ..."

He also said as the federal government assumes more control over health care, medical privacy is coming under assault.

"Those of us in the medical profession should be particularly concerned about policies allowing government officials and state-favored interests to access our medical records without our consent ... My review of S. 1858 indicates the drafters of the legislation made no effort to ensure these newborn screening programs do not violate the privacy rights of parents and children," Paul continued.

"In fact, by directing federal bureaucrats to create a contingency plan for newborn screening in the event of a 'public health' disaster, this bill may lead to further erosions of medical privacy. As recent history so eloquently illustrates, politicians are more than willing to take, and people are more than willing to cede, liberty during times of 'emergency,' he said.



### Tracking the national debt

U.S. national debt increase from March 11 through April 08, 2008:

The new total is:

\$44,483,394,642

\$9,444,711,096,444

■ The national debt is debt owed by the federal government. It is made up of debt obligations such as Treasury bills, Treasury notes and Treasury bonds.

SOURCE: U.S. Treasury Department



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# Oregon News

By Ray Poppeck

**Josephine County, OR** – Have you ever received a summons for jury duty? If so, was your first thought, “how will I get out of this,” or maybe you just pretended you never received it at all? Maybe if I just threw it out it would go away. A lot of thoughts go through many peoples’ minds just as they went through mine. Obviously, I had just received my very summons.

The next day on the way home from town it seemed like a good idea to rent a video, so one last stop and while leaving I quickly grabbed a copy of the US~Observer near the door. I found an article entitled, “Juror’s True Duties,” to be very germane to my jury summons the day before. Now it seemed like sitting on a jury would allow me to be a participant in the justice system instead of remaining an outsider with only complaints about the courts running over people and ruining their lives, families and futures while standing by helplessly shaking my head at injustice.

Some weeks later, there I was listening to a crooked deputy district attorney trying to do her best to contort and color an innocent man to be a monster and not human at all. I can still recall how she appeared, old and sickly in health,

overweight, contaminated with toxins, a detestable being at best. She went on and on basing her lies on her complainants lies; never presenting any evidence a crime ever took place, anytime, anywhere. She never showed us the results of the rape kit that stated “inconclusive.” Yes, this was a rape and kidnapping case in which a guilty verdict would ruin the innocent man’s future for life, while she just receives another fat paycheck for sleeping in the courtroom. That’s right everyone, she actually fell asleep and had to apologize to the judge. The tax payers can’t afford to throw money away on case after case trying to fill jails with poor innocent people who had no idea the injustice would be focused on them next. The defendant in this case had no idea that some of the attorneys in this town take your money and then sell you out, leaving you to scramble for a public defender or to try and defend yourself as was this man’s choice. This guy didn’t know the rules, so the court wouldn’t allow any evidence he possessed to show his innocence, like the cell phone he bought for the complainant, that she talked on all day and night. The phone log would show the days and times of her calls and to whom the calls were made (remember, she was being

kidnapped). However, he was able to show a Wal-Mart surveillance video showing them both walking in, then leaving the store together while these crimes were supposed to have been committed over the last few days.

This guy had no idea how to follow court procedures to submit his evidence to the jury or even when and how to object to the DA’s steam rolling over him with lies and conjecture while he just sat there helpless. I have to say it was hard to see him as a criminal when comparing him to the deputy district attorney.

Sure, there is always someone on the jury who wants to “hang-em” from the beginning without hearing all of the evidence, but don’t let that discourage you. Stick to your not guilty verdict if that is what you feel is right. I did.

Justice can come out at the end as it did in this case with a verdict of NOT

GUILTY on all counts.

Later that day, on my way home, I called Ed Snook to tell him I just had the best day of my life. The feeling that was filling me was so good that I was proud to be a juror. And thanks to the US~Observer, I made the right choice to be a participant instead of a complainer about injustice.

The following week, Linda Wingenbach, the deputy district attorney prosecuting this case, that looked so bad to everyone on the jury, now even looked more ridiculous as she made a feeble attempt to explain her ineptness in the local paper by criticizing this jury and explaining how we were stupid. Her article was so weak, I don’t think anybody that read it found it believable, just sad.

“Don’t let the truth be left behind, follow the truth.”

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## Drug deaths in Oregon on the rise

Courtesy of the Oregon State Police

Oregon State Medical Examiner Dr. Karen Gunson released drug-related death statistics for 2007 reflecting a continuing rise since 1999 and the third highest number of these deaths since 1997.

The statistics showed a sharp increase in Heroin-related deaths while Methamphetamine and Cocaine-related deaths dropped in comparison to last year's figures.

"The jump in Heroin-related deaths is very alarming and the highest in that category for the last seven years," said Dr. Gunson. "There is nothing in these statistics to celebrate because drugs are taking the lives of many people including our family, friends, and neighbors."

Statistics released by the State Medical Examiner indicate 231 people died in Oregon during 2007 either from heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, or a combination use of drugs.

Following a significant drop in 2001, drug-related deaths continued to rise as the 2007 year statistics were an 8 percent increase for the second straight year increasing over last year's 213 recorded deaths.

A closer look at the 231 drug-related deaths and the frequency of use in the total number of these deaths reflected:

\* Heroin use was related to 115 deaths, an increase of 29 percent from last year's 89 deaths and the highest number since 2000 in this category.

\* Methamphetamine use was related to 71 deaths, a decrease of 21 percent from last year's 90 deaths and the lowest number since 2002 in this category.

\* Cocaine use was related to 55 deaths, a decrease of 14 percent from last year's 64 deaths.

\* Combination of drug use was noted in 37 of the deaths, an increase of 18 percent from last year's 31 deaths.

Some counties that showed noticeable increases or decreases include:

\* Multnomah County drug-related deaths increased from 95 (2006) to 111 (2007)

\* Jackson County drug-related deaths increased from 6 (2006) to 13 (2007)

\* Clackamas County drug-related deaths increased from 11 (2006) to 16 (2007)

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\* Washington County drug-related deaths increased from 3 (2006) to 11 (2007)

\* Deschutes County drug-related deaths decreased from 6 (2006) to 2 (2007)

\* Lane County drug-related deaths decreased from 32 (2006) to 26 (2007)

\* Marion County drug-related deaths decreased from 20 (2006) to 15 (2007)

Comparison of drug-related categories between 1996 and 2007 is available at the link provided with this release.

The State Medical Examiner's 2007 statistical review is available on the State Medical Examiner's Web site. ■■■

Information for all counties that had at least one drug-related death is available in the 2007 report.

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launching sound like positive activities. Launching, however, may also lead to looting – a not nearly so pleasant experience.

Looting assets of the dead and disabled is a focus of the Estate of Denial web site ([www.EstateofDenial.com](http://www.EstateofDenial.com)). An Involuntary Redistribution of Assets (IRA) occurs when property is distributed via a trust, will and/or guardianship in a manner contrary to the intended wishes of the asset owner. It can happen during the person's lifetime or posthumously. Family members, friends or even "trusted" associates like a lawyer, accountant, social worker or caregiver are potential IRA practitioners. With legal and financial maneuvering, IRA can be accomplished totally within limits of the law. Georgetown is home to Del Webb's Sun City Texas. IRA actions are occurring across the country, but towns like Georgetown – with a significant retirement-age population – are particularly at risk.

A designation like the "best place to live and launch" energizes everyone from municipal governments to local Chambers of Commerce to economic development folks. This distinction provides new bragging rights when local realtors and business recruitment forces set out to promote their city. Communities celebrate as new companies open, flourish and create jobs that stimulate new housing plus needs for additional businesses or services. This increases the tax base and the opportunity to grow government

(not viewed by all as a good thing). A great city creating great opportunity. It's all just - great! Or is it?

Either forgotten or ignored is that the factors attracting positive commercial interests can also be appealing to unscrupulous businesses looking for locations housing specific, significant population segments. Towns with military installations are great examples of areas that attract economic activity that is predatory in its relationship with residents. Exploitive environments can also exist within factory or mining towns and even resort or medical communities.

The Georgetown story provides an opportunity to remind and/or educate older Americans regarding their vulnerability when it comes to predatory businesses. Whether called senior citizens, the elderly, retirees, it doesn't matter. Nor is there an exact age for becoming a part of this group. The point is that older, often retired, relatively affluent Americans are being targeted by economic poachers of all types, especially those in legal and financial professions. Lawyers who exclusively prey on the elderly are known as "Walker Stalkers." Wealth is relative with IRA practitioners often indiscriminate as to the financial amounts they seek. Opportunity can sometimes be as much an attraction as a high dollar pay-off.

According to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, financial abuse is one of the most sinister forms of abuse against the elderly and adults with disabilities. It is often called the crime of the 21st

century. It can be as simple as taking money from a wallet, removing valuable possessions from a home, or as complex as manipulating an adult into turning over property to an unscrupulous family member or caregiver ([http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/About/News/2006/2006-10-04\\_FinancialAbuse.asp](http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/About/News/2006/2006-10-04_FinancialAbuse.asp)). U.S. Census Bureau data indicates that adults 50+ own more than 75% of the nation's financial wealth

([http://www.suddenlysenior.com/senior\\_facts.html](http://www.suddenlysenior.com/senior_facts.html)). With the aging Baby Boomers, conditions are ripe for increasing numbers of IRA cases.

Law enforcement and the courts provide minimal safeguard or justice. Local authorities often refrain from criminal prosecutions and instead defer IRA adjudications to civil courts. Court battles are the traditional "remedy" for such actions. But win or lose, massive financial expense as well as a stringent emotional toll can yield the only true "winners" in these cases to be the participating lawyers. Many people cannot afford to take action as our courts are a pay-to-play venue. Others recognize that even with a meritorious case, many IRA actions involve a lawyer as a primary or secondary perpetrator and judges (usually former lawyers) are not known for taking substantive action against "their own kind." With increased exposure, the need for criminal prosecutions will hopefully become self evident and communities will take action to protect their residents. Meanwhile, the current unlikelihood of criminal charges will continue as a contributing factor to increasing IRA case numbers. The prospect of a few years behind bars might one day make poaching Uncle Joe's nest egg less appealing, but we are not there yet.

The upcoming years will see a transfer of wealth prompting many new IRA cases. People think proper estate planning will protect them or that they don't have enough assets to be a target. There is no inoculation from the threat of IRA. Entrusting the execution of your wishes to an individual who is respectful of your wishes is key, but thwarting of this effort occurs as IRA practitioners are often shameless masters of deception. Exposing this problem – shining light on the dark side of estate management – can be a simple yet effective solution. Forewarned is forearmed so the next important step is to spread the word. Money, disability and death are topics regularly avoided. That has to change. Be aware of what's happening in your community. Let Walker Stalkers and other IRA practitioners know that property rights are expected to be respected and that your town, like Georgetown, can be a great place to live and launch, but looting will not be allowed!

*Lou Ann Anderson is producer of The Lynn Woolley Show, a Texas-based talk radio program.*



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# COMMENTARY

## BIG PHARMA, BIG FOOD, BIG FUEL, AND BIG FASCISM

By Alan Stang  
NewsWithViews.com

What form of government are we supposed to have? The Founders of this country bequeathed us a system we used to call Free Enterprise, in which the government was supposed to leave business alone. Because of that system, endorsed by scripture, we became the greatest nation known to history.

Now, what kind of system do we actually have today? Because the original system has been perverted – first by ordinary criminals, then by the conspiracy for world government – the system we have now, the perversion, began as “mercantilism” and today is best described as Fascism.

“Mercantilism” was the system the Founding Fathers designed our new country to reject. In part, it meant government control of the economy and colonies controlled by force of arms. One example of a mercantilist enterprise was the British East India Company, which ruled that country for the Queen. Another was the Dutch East India Company, which, at the height of its power, had forty warships.

A man named Benito Mussolini renamed this system and installed it in Italy after World War I. He called it “Fascism.” Remember that Fascism had nothing to do with oppressing Jews. Mussolini came to power legally in 1922, after the infamous March on Rome, when no one had ever heard of former Corporal Hitler. Hitler would not become Chancellor, legally, for another eleven years, not until 1933. Both Mussolini and Hitler were basically street thugs, but, again, they took control of their governments legally, within the constitutional frameworks of their respective countries.

What was and is Fascism? Mussolini is the expert. Would you believe him? According to Mussolini, Fascism is an amalgamation of the monster corporations and the government, which gives the former the force they need to impose their will and gives the latter the power they crave. Indeed, Mussolini’s system also became known as “the corporate state.”

In the beginning, there was considerable admiration for Mussolini’s system in Washington, District of Corporatism. Yes, he was a thug, and, yes, his followers wore black shirts, but he certainly did “make the trains run on time.” Indeed, there was even some enthusiasm in the District for Adolf’s typical German efficiency at the very beginning, before the discovery of the Holocaust.

There is considerable reluctance among patriots to call our present, perverted system “Fascism,” because that is what the Communists traditionally have called it, and a patriot rightly shrinks from parroting something the Communists say. That reluctance should be dismissed because the difference is that the Communists want to replace Fascism with their version of Socialism, which is of course Communism, while patriots want to replace the present Fascist system with the original system of Free Enterprise. Patriots want to revive the dormant Constitution.

This is important because no other term defines the present system in the United States better than Fascism. Under el presidente Jorge W. Boosh, the federal government has become nothing else but a

tool and weapon of the Big: Big Pharma, Big Food, Big Fuel, Big Physician and on and on. That is why we are presently in Iraq. Marine Corps legend Major General Smedley Butler – two Medals of Honor – wrote about it in War Is a Racket, which you can read on line.

And the situation he wrote about in 1935 is infinitely worse today, infinitely more Fascist. Big Pharma runs the Food and Drug Administration, which is supposed to regulate it. Our Fascist system routinely shuttles bureaucrats and executives back and forth between them, to such an extent that it is realistic to consider them two legs on the same bug. Big Pharma/FDA is presently using government force to outlaw vitamins, via Codex Alimentarius, coming soon to your local “health food” store.

Big Food includes companies like Monsanto Chemical, a monster straight out of science fiction alien horror. With help from the government, Monsanto is literally trying to monopolize agricultural seeds. If it succeeds, it will control food. It is presently conducting a reign of terror against the world’s farmers, many of whom are committing suicide. The Monsanto monster will not stop until it kills us, so the only solution is to destroy it. See F. William Engdahl’s new book, Seeds of Destruction, the Hidden Agenda of Genetic Manipulation, published by Global Research.

In a piece by Donald L. Barlett and James B. Steele, in the May, 2008 Vanity Fair, you will learn that Monsanto is pressuring the Federal Trade Commission to force dairymen to stop saying on

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## Broadening FDA inspection

By The Milwaukee Journal  
Sentinel  
Copley News Service

Two statistics should concern you about the U.S. Food and Drug Administration: 80 percent and 11 percent.

The first is the percentage of active drug ingredients that are produced abroad. The second is the percentage of foreign drug plants that the FDA actually inspects in any given year. At the present rate, the FDA can afford only to inspect foreign plants once every 13 years.

As the drug scare over a tainted blood thinner called heparin shows, that's not enough. Congress should authorize new funding for the agency that will enable it to increase its inspection regime and make other changes to ensure safety. And the multinational pharmaceutical companies should take more responsibility to ensure that credible safety standards are met.

The FDA says 81 deaths can be blamed on heparin that it believes was tainted in China. The agency last week sent a warning letter to Changzhou SPL, a Chinese facility that is part of a joint venture operated by Scientific Protein Laboratories of Waunakee, saying that an inspection in late February revealed "significant deviations" from good manufacturing practices. SPL said in a statement that the letter didn't reflect the company's "actual state of compliance with current good manufacturing practices." It is believed the contamination entered the supply chain before raw materials reached the Changzhou facility.



A Government Accountability Office report showed the FDA would need at least \$67 million more next year to begin full inspections of foreign plants. FDA Commissioner Andrew von Eschenbach said simply increasing inspections isn't enough; the FDA wants to upgrade computer systems and work with authorities in other countries.

That's fine, but it's feet on the ground that are needed. The FDA is proposing to spend a scant \$11 million on foreign inspections this year.

American consumers must be assured that the drugs they use are safe. And the best way to ensure that is through stepped-up inspections in foreign plants. Drug safety shouldn't be done on the cheap.

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**Editor's Note:** What does the Food and DRUG Administration do, anyway, besides collect dollars, much like every other government agency? They obviously aren't in the business of protecting American Citizens.▪

## Taxes

By Author Unknown

Whether Democrat or a Republican you will find these statistics enlightening and amazing.

[www.taxfoundation.org/publications/show/151.html](http://www.taxfoundation.org/publications/show/151.html)

### Taxes under Clinton 1999

Single making 30K  
tax \$8,400

Single making 50K  
tax \$14,000

Single making 75K  
tax \$23,250

Married making 60K  
tax \$16,800

Married making 75K  
tax \$21,000

Married making 125K  
tax \$38,750

### Taxes under Bush 2008

Single making 30K  
tax \$4,500

Single making 50K  
tax \$12,500

Single making 75K  
tax \$18,750

Married making 60K  
tax \$9,000

Married making 75K  
tax \$18,750

Married making 125K  
tax \$31,250

Both Democratic candidates will return to the higher tax rates.

It is amazing how many people that fall into the categories above think Bush is screwing them and Bill Clinton was the greatest President ever. If Obama or Hillary are elected, they both say they will repeal the Bush tax cuts and a good portion of the people that fall into the categories above can't wait for it to happen. This is like the movie The Sting with Paul Newman; you scam somebody out of some money and they don't even know what happened.

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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

# COMMENTARY

## Wolf Recovery Turned Out as Planned



By Bill Schneider  
NewWest.Net

Some NewWest.Net readers might be a bit "overwolfed," but I thought the views of the man who probably did more to return the Big Dog to the Rocky Mountain West than any other person on Earth could be interesting.

And surprisingly, to me at least, he thinks it all turned out about how he expected.

Back in the early 1990s when green groups and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) started working on the Northern Rockies Wolf Recovery Plan, which called for reintroducing the master predator into Yellowstone National Park and central Idaho, Hank Fischer was Northern Rockies rep for the Defenders of Wildlife. The historic reintroduction definitely wasn't a one-man-show; many people and groups worked hard on it. But I happen to believe that without Hank's hard work in bridging the ultra-controversial gap between conservationists and ranchers, all the time playing the right tune for skeptical politicians, the reintroduction probably wouldn't have happened.

Hank has, incidentally, told me a couple of times that he doesn't agree with me on this point, but I am writing that off to modesty.

If you want to read the whole story, the inside story of this epic eco-political victory, I recommend you find a copy of Hank's book, *Wolf Wars*. (To order it, click here.) It's an amazing story that clears up a lot of misinformation you hear on radio talk shows and see in online comment sections. For people just coming into the controversy, it's definitely an entertaining and educational read.

Earlier this week, I interviewed Hank in my mobile office, otherwise known as my drift boat, while we fished the waters of the Clark Fork. Fishing was bad, but conversation was good.

Asked how he thought it all turned out, Hank said, "About how I figured it would, but it happened a little faster than I expected."

The wolf recovery plan didn't include a timetable, he notes, "but look at what we have; ten years later, and we have 1,500 wolves."

He attributes that success to three factors, top among them the wolf's rapid reproduction rate and "the easy, accessible prey base," referring to the thousands of elk that had never seen the master predator and didn't know how to escape it.

No surprise on those two points for anybody following this controversy, but his third reason for the faster-than-expected recovery might surprise you. "Ranchers have accepted that wolves are here to stay, and they are now trying to figure out how to make it work."

Acknowledging that the ranching community doesn't like it, Hank believes most ranchers are now peacefully and economically dealing with the wolf once again being part of the western landscape.

Back in early 1990s, Hank traveled around to ranching communities and did the so-called "grassroots work" to listen to the livestock industry and work their concerns into the final plan as much as possible. "We tried not to become enemies of the livestock industry."

And it worked. It's hardly unanimous, he admits, but most ranchers have settled in with the wolf instead of considering it a threat to the ranching lifestyle.

As an aside, Hank thinks the lack of collaboration with ranchers is why wolf recovery in the Southwest is moving much more slowly, if not failing. The people advocating wolf recovery in Arizona and New Mexico aren't trying to work with ranchers and understand their feelings and instead are trying to force the wolf onto them.

If wolf recovery fails there, he predicts, that will be the main reason.

Are we ready for delisting? Definitely, he says, although oddly, he doesn't think delisting is a big deal for the wolf. "No



matter what happens with delisting or the hunting seasons, a significant portion of the wolf population is going to die every year."

The FWS, in fact, recently told NewWest.Net that for the past few years while the wolf was still an endangered species, 26 percent of the population died each year. Under any circumstances, that level of mortality will continue or increase.

Hank always had the "you have to kill wolves to save wolves" philosophy, which got him crosswise with other environmentalists. In fact, criticism from the Sierra Club and other environmental groups probably came closer to defeating the original introduction than opposition from the livestock industry.

Back then, Hank successfully pushed for reintroduced wolves to come back as an "experimental population" under the provisos of the Endangered Species Act, which meant more liberal rules for killing wolves during the recovery process. The enviro hardliners hated that idea.

Having more flexibility to kill wolves worked, though. Without the level of control we've had on problem wolves, those involved in livestock or pet depredation, there might be no acceptance from ranchers or politicians.

Today, ironically, some of the same groups and people who tried to prevent the original reintroduction 13 years ago

are now leading the charge to stop or delay delisting. Again, Hank disagrees with them and supports the decision to delist wolves now.

Will they succeed in stopping delisting? "Absolutely not," he insists. "I don't even think they will be able to get an injunction to delay it. Unfortunately, it was very predictable that environmentalists would not support delisting."

Here's another bit of irony. Defenders of Wildlife, Hank's former employer and the primary green group who fought the Sierra Club and others to allow the wolf to come back as an "experimental species" has now switched camps and joined them in their efforts to defeat or delay delisting.

Hank hasn't worked for Defenders for many years, but still works for wolves (and grizzly bears and hunters and ranchers) at his new job with the National Wildlife Federation where he negotiates grazing allotment retirements. (More on that later.) Asked about this irony, he predicted that if he still worked for Defenders, he probably could get the group to support delisting instead of oppose it.

So, there you go. Amid the constant disagreement over wolf reintroduction, perhaps we can all agree that it's interesting the way it has all turned out so far.

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## You think the war in Iraq is costing us too much?

By Author Unknown

Boy, am I confused. I have been hammered with the propaganda that it is the Iraq war and the war on terror that is bankrupting us. I now find that to be RIDICULOUS. I hope the following 14 reasons are forwarded over and over again until they are read so many times that the reader gets sick of reading them. Go on-line at www.usobserver.com for the URL's for verification of all the following facts:

1. \$11 Billion to \$22 billion is spent on welfare to illegal aliens each year by state governments.
2. \$2.2 Billion dollars a year is spent on food assistance programs such as food stamps, WIC, and free school lunches for illegal aliens.
3. \$2.5 Billion dollars a year is spent on Medicaid for illegal aliens.
4. \$12 Billion dollars a year is spent on primary and secondary school education for children here illegally and they cannot speak a word of English!

5. \$17 Billion dollars a year is spent for education for the American-born children of illegal aliens, known as anchor babies.

6. \$3 Million Dollars a DAY is spent to incarcerate illegal aliens.

7. 30% percent of all Federal Prison inmates are illegal aliens.

8. \$90 Billion Dollars a year is spent on illegal aliens for Welfare & social services by the American taxpayers.

9. \$200 Billion Dollars a year in suppressed American wages are caused by the illegal aliens.

10. The illegal aliens in the United States have a crime rate that's two and a half times that of white non-illegal aliens. In particular, their children, are going to make a huge additional crime problem in the U.S.

11. During the year of 2005 there were 4 to 10 MILLION illegal aliens that crossed our Southern Border also, as many as 19,500 illegal aliens from Terrorist Countries. Millions of pounds of drugs, cocaine, meth, heroin and marijuana, crossed into the

U. S. from the Southern border.

12. The National Policy Institute, estimated that the total cost of mass deportation would be between \$206 and \$230 billion or an average cost of between \$41 and \$46 billion annually over a five year period.

13. In 2006 illegal aliens sent home \$45 BILLION in remittances back to their countries of origin.

14. The Dark Side of Illegal Immigration: Nearly One Million Sex Crimes Committed by Illegal Immigrants In The United States.

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orders on high, attacked an organization called Anderson Ark Associates (AAA) located in Costa Rica and the United States. The Morans along with many other completely innocent investors were deemed criminals and pursued by abusive IRS agents who were more intent on convictions than of conducting a legitimate investigation and then determining the truth.

In the Morans' case the indictments were based on a series of misrepresentations initiated by biased Certified Public Accountant, Joseph H. Moschetti, located in Grand Junction, CO, who may have been fearful of losing a client to AAA. He told Criminal Investigative Department (CID) agent Michelle Hagemann (with whom it was disclosed during the Morans' second trial that he had a personal relationship with) about the organization and she ultimately lead the raid against the Morans' home and pursued the indictment against these two elderly people. The Morans' home was assaulted by armed dragoons that broke down their door, confiscated records that could be used in the Morans' defense and seized a new Jeep, leaving the Morans' with a ten year old truck, which was considered to be worthless by the IRS.

During the first "now proven false conviction" trial Hagemann gave false testimony against the Morans, leading to a conviction on all 64 counts. Facing a long jail sentence the Morans appealed the convictions based on the premise the

judge denied them the right to express their beliefs for participating in the alleged tax scam. It needs to be said, the truth only comes out when dealing with the Internal Revenue Service and the Department of Justice once in a blue moon – and only with the assistance of exceptional legal council, able to counter the deceptions and manipulations of the prosecution, combined with the assistance of unconstitutional court practices, withheld evidence and ridiculous, costly procedures.

However, in the second trial the Morans new counsel Michael Minns grilled Hagemann about her relationship with her now known source, Moschetti. Minns repeatedly asked Hagemann about being escorted to a AAA meeting in Grand Junction by Moschetti, and why she gave him her private home phone number, usually guarded by agents, resulting in her admission that he was her personal tax preparer. Hagemann did have the faint decency to admit that it would be inappropriate if in fact the CPA was getting a finders fee reward for turning the Morans over to the IRS. She added that if it came up she would refer it to someone else since the relationship she shared with Moschetti would have created a conflict of interest. The bottom line is this – Moschetti had Hagemann's home phone number, he was calling her a lot, he offered to let her bug his office phone and listen in on his clients and he went with her to a meeting where the Morans spoke, (assisting Hagemann in concealing her "undercover" status)

with another client of his who he didn't inform the identity of Hagemann to. The US~Observer's strong opinion is that Moschetti is an undercover agent of the IRS and like a majority of agents, he and Hagemann openly practice out and out deception and literal entrapment. In short – they both "live a lie." Those naïve customers that employ Moschetti as their CPA had better hope that he isn't taping their conversations and turning those tapes over to the IRS.

There were other agents that participated in the conspiracy against the Morans. One such agent was CID agent James Dowling (undercover name – Jim Mitchell). His testimony in the first trial was well orchestrated by the prosecution and not challenged by the defense attorneys. Minns did not commit these errors in the second trial. During the questioning Dowling stated that he no longer worked directly for the IRS but that he worked for another entity and was contracted out to the government indirectly. Interestingly, when Minns asked him if that entity was in any way similar to Blackwater USA, a private intelligence and security firm, the court ruled the question out of order and struck it from the record. Minns is not convinced that the jury struck it from their minds or the pool of evidence. Dowling testified in the first trial that he did not accept the hospitality of AAA to stay at a Costa Rican Bed and Breakfast while attending an educational conference, but instead, fearing for his life due to the dangerous people involved with AAA, stayed at a hotel alone. In the second trial, after very

tenacious and professional questioning by Minns, his story changed. Dowling, a married undercover IRS special agent finally admitted that he shared a room with his undercover co-agent and partner, not his wife, Diane Taggart (undercover name – Diane Target). I wonder which partner slept in the bathtub. According to the Morans, James being a Viet Nam veteran and former minister and his wife Pamela, the church organist, Sunday School teacher and cookie-baking homemaker, Taggart dressed provocatively in short hot pants, so much so that many of the conference's more religious attendees were uncomfortable. This testimony gave the second jury a better understanding of who Dowling really is, contributing in part to the acquittal.



Taggart (Target) left –  
Dowling (Mitchell) - right

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# China quake death toll likely tens of thousands



**By Ben Blanchard**

**DUJIANGYAN, China (Reuters)** - China's most devastating earthquake in three decades killed more than 12,000 people with the toll likely to soar after state media said on Tuesday nearly 19,000 were buried under rubble in one city alone.

Storms were hampering rescue efforts in the mountainous area around the epicenter of Monday's 7.9 magnitude quake that pummeled the southwestern province of Sichuan.

State media reported scenes of devastation as a small contingent of officials arrived in villages near the epicenter at Wenchuan, a remote county cut off by landslides about 100 km (60 miles) northwest of provincial capital Chengdu.

In Yingxiu, a town of 12,000 people, only 2,000 had been found alive, state television quoted He Biao, an official, as saying.

"They could hear people under the debris calling for help, but no one could, because there were no professional rescue teams," He said. About 60,000 people were unaccounted for.

"What we most need is medicine. There is no medicine, there are no doctors and after such a long time, no food," He said.

More than 12,000 people have died in Sichuan and more than 26,000 were injured, according to vice governor Li Chengyun. More than 3.46 million "rooms" had been damaged.

Another 18,645 people were also buried under debris in the city of Mianyang, neighboring Wenchuan, Xinhua news agency said, suggesting the death toll was likely to rise sharply.

Thousands were reported buried under factories, schools and other buildings elsewhere. Hundreds more have died in neighboring provinces.

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He said several reservoirs upstream of the Min river, a major Yangtze river

tributary flowing through the quake-hit region, were "in a very dangerous status and the dams may burst." Officials have also warned more powerful aftershocks could hit the region and mudslides could wreak a greater toll.

A strong aftershock rocked Chengdu on Tuesday, one of 2,354 in the province over the past day, unnerving residents.

More than 50,000 troops had joined disaster relief efforts or were advancing to the area. Thousands had been ordered to parachute into Wenchuan, where rain and thick clouds had prevented military helicopters from landing.

Premier Wen Jiabao, visiting Sichuan, ordered troops to clear roads to Wenchuan. "Please speed up the shipping of food. The kids have nothing to eat now," Wen said amid a crowd of crying children.

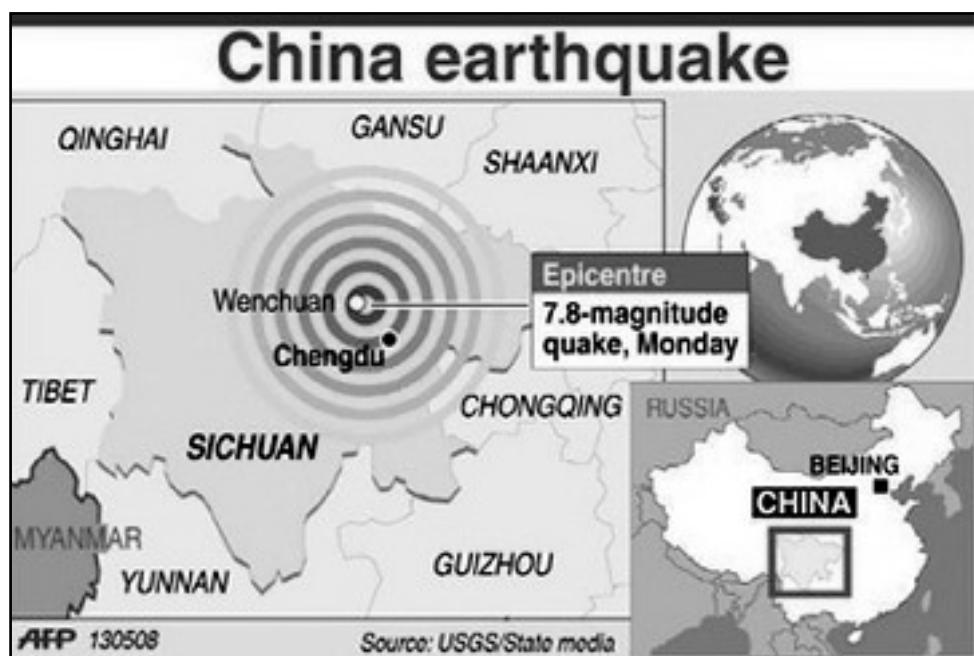
In Dujiangyan -- about midway between Chengdu and the epicenter -- there was devastation, with buildings reduced to rubble and bodies in the



streets.

Many residents simply stood beside their wrecked homes, cradling possessions in their arms. Others huddled in relief tents under heavy rain.

Rescuers had worked through the night, pulling bodies from buildings demolished by the quake, which rolled



from Sichuan across much of China and was felt as far away as Bangkok and Hanoi.

About 900 teenagers were buried under a collapsed three-storey school building, as frantic relatives tried to push past a line of soldiers, desperate for

shares of 66 companies was suspended.

Analysts said they did not expect a major economic impact from the disaster, but that supply shortages could fuel inflation, already at a near 12-year high.

The State Administration of Grain ordered local governments to ensure grain and cooking oil supplies and price stability.

China's largest life insurer, China Life, said it expected claims for the quake to far exceed those for freak snowstorms that hit the country early this year.

Bloggers wondered about the quality of construction and why so many school buildings were reduced to rubble.

Offers of aid have come from around the world. The United States, Britain, Japan, the European Union,

South Korea and Taiwan have offered assistance since the disaster, which occurred three months before the Beijing Olympics.

Olympic officials assured foreigners planning to visit China for the Games that the country was safe. A minute's silence would start each stop of the domestic torch relay and celebrations would be scaled down.

The International Olympic Committee said it would donate \$1 million and the United Nations also offered support.

(Writing by Lindsay Beck and Ian Ransom; Editing by Nick Macfie and David Fogarty) ■■■

news of their children.

Wen bowed three times in grief before some of the first 50 bodies pulled out, Xinhua reported. "Not one minute can be wasted," said Wen, a trained geologist.

"We're still pulling out people alive, but many, many have died," said one medical worker.

A group of 19 British tourists were missing near the epicenter, their travel company said on Tuesday.

The group, on a Travel Collection tour, were travelling with a guide by coach from Chengdu to Wolong, home to a large panda reserve. Phone lines to the area are cut.

China said that there had been no reports of foreign casualties as of midday (0400 GMT).

The Sichuan quake is the worst to hit China since the 1976 Tangshan tremor in northeastern China where up to 300,000 died.

#### NATIONS OFFER AID

China's benchmark stock index ended down on Tuesday and trading in the

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NOT GUILTY! ...**

heading for the northern CA coast for a camping trip, but information received at the US~Observer would suggest something much, much different.

Upon reaching the town of O'Brien and after nearly being run off the road, Strange and Seybold pulled their bikes off to the side of 199, while Hill stopped his vehicle directly in the middle of the southbound lane of traffic. As Hill was backing up traffic, Strange went to the drivers window of Hill's vehicle and started shaking his finger at Hill through the open window, as he yelled, "What in the hell did you think you were doing? Why were you riding my ass, etc." Hill quickly hit his electric window button trapping Strange's arm. According to eye witnesses, "Hill then took off at a fast rate of speed, dragging Strange down the Hwy about 20 ft." Strange was able to get his arm loose, but only after it was badly injured, raw and bleeding.

Strange and Seybold immediately went to McGrew's Restaurant for help. Upon entering the establishment Strange asked that someone call 911, which they did, and when asked what had happened Strange informed those present that the kids in the car had been trying to run them off the road for the past few miles.



**Asst. District Attorney Nick Tran**

Restaurant patron Darlene Miller immediately took Strange into another room and began cleaning and bandaging his injured arm. Ms. Miller testified at trial that Strange only drank ice water and Seybold and Pombo drank soda pop during their wait. Strange, Seybold and Pombo waited 1 1/2 to 2 hours for the police to arrive and when none showed up Stan left his phone number and the three rode to Strange's home. Finally, at 6:00 p.m. Oregon State Police Officer Joshua Quick arrived at the Strange home to question the three.

Upon arriving home, Strange and his fellow bikers opened a beer while Stan took a pain pill to relieve his throbbing arm. When Quick arrived he inquired about what had happened. Strange told the officer the entire story and according to OSP officer Quick he started taking notes. Most officers make note of all important issues when they take notes from a witness, however when Quick had to produce his notes during the trial much of his manufactured court testimony wasn't contained in the four short paragraphs he had written during his questioning on August 27, 2006. I should note that from Quick's extensive, manufactured evidence from the witness stand this reporter expected to see two or three pages of notes. Most of the testimony intended to damage the "hated bikers" didn't exist in the officer's short notes even though he had explained to the jury how he wrote the notes as they talked and then how he would go over the notes with the bikers to make sure they were correct. The bikers adamantly denied making

**Oregon State Trooper, Joshua Quick, testifying**



numerous statements (statements well-intended to convict them) that Quick attributed to them and nothing appeared in his notes regarding the damning statements that he was forced to produce during his rebuttal testimony given the last afternoon of the trial. There is no question that much of Quick's testimony was false and created for the sole purpose of ensuring a guilty verdict – the rebuttal testimony, very likely created during the last day of trial as Quick and Tran spent their lunch time in serious conversation, prior to Quick's rebuttal testimony. Better luck next time officer – read on people!

Southern Oregon University (SOU) students Hill, Pettigrew and Golden were stopped in CA by California Hwy Patrol Sgt Ryan Stonebreaker after they had traveled well into CA. The three immediately gave Stonebreaker a well rehearsed story. They told how hard they tried to call 911, how they had looked for a place to get assistance, how Hill had been assaulted by Strange and how devastated they were. Stonebreaker bought their false testimony. Hill had a scratch near his right eye and a small bruise on his arm that had already turned black. During trial Hill wanted the jury to believe that Strange had reached through the window, striking him in the right side of the face and that Strange had tried to break his arm. All eye witnesses, including Strange and Seybold completely refuted Hill's lies. Attorneys' Foster Glass and Gary Berlant pointed out to the jury that bruises don't turn black that fast, that the scenario presented by Hill and company never happened and especially the fact that Hill had multiple opportunities to stop in populated areas to get help and contact police, but chose to continue on even though they were worried the bikers would follow them. Glass was able to get Hill to testify with certainty that when he saw Stonebreaker pass him (40-plus miles



**Trooper Quick swears-in**  
inside California) he immediately pulled to the side of the road, and that he never heard any sirens. Stonebreaker told Glass just the opposite. He stated that he not only turned his flashing lights on but that he turned on his siren as well. Stonebreaker told the jury that he didn't do

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a n y i n - d e p t h investigation, that he was only assisting a "sister agency" in getting reports from the occupants of the Mercedes. Actually Stonebreaker's testimony that defense attorneys solicited helped to destroy the students fabricated story – So, why did Josephine County District Attorney Stephen Campbell, represented in court by an extremely disgusting and twisted assistant named Nick Tran, pay for officer Stonebreaker (now stationed in Sacramento CA) to come clear to Oregon? Ask yourself this question in light of Campbell's attempts to get more tax dollars from the public, due to the "allegedly strapped financial position" in which he currently finds his office. I would suggest this scurrilous DA shouldn't get any more funding from the public in light of the numerous and expensive false prosecutions he pursues, (paid for with tax-payers' dollars).

#### **Why Did Quick Manufacture Testimony?**

DA Stephen Campbell and his office staff, well known for initiating false criminal charges against citizens who are often the victims of the crime, completely ignored eye witness testimony. In late 2006 and after this investigative journalist had obtained affidavits from three separate eye witnesses, I delivered the affidavits, personally to Stephen



**Presiding Judge Lindi Baker**

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The Cary Herrin Story ...**

and "dirty" law enforcement officials. Logic would tell us, generally, this is not true, but for the extremely large number of victims of such unscrupulous and unjudicious characters it would seem to them that everyone in a position of authority is a "bad guy" and there is no one to help. Once the "suspect" has been apprehended and has been forced through the criminal "justice" system, he or she is then subjected to a prison system that is overrun with staff who are offensive, abusive, egotistical, law-breakers, and unethical, to say the least, making the inmate wonder why he is behind bars, when those who are in authority over him are worse than he is. This is particularly true when the person who finds himself in this quagmire of legal misconducts is innocent of the crime for which he was convicted.

There are almost as many stories of innocence as there are of guilt these days. Here is yet another. One of many, yes, but equally as worthy of exposure as any of the others that have been written about, and those who have not yet found their way to the light.

This story begins in Osage County, Oklahoma with a double homicide. An alleged king-pin drug dealer in Osage County at that time and his wife were brutally murdered in their home in March of 1983. This man had the reputation of being a vicious, hot headed, gun-toting, paraplegic. He reportedly had dealings with members of the Mexican drug dealers who were operating in the county at that time, and his murder was a gangland style affair. According to the Medical Examiner and an investigator's reports, the two victims were killed by multiple gunshot wounds having come from three different weapons.

In 1984, one year after the murder, Cary Dale Herrin was arrested and charged with the murder of the couple in Osage County. There was no evidence linking him to the crime. The time of death of the victims was never established. On the Medical Examiner's report there is a question mark where the date of the death should be. The deaths could have occurred on either March 8th or 9th 1983. The State's theory is that the murders occurred on the 8th because

that is the only day where Mr. Herrin's time couldn't totally be accounted for. The State's own witnesses accounted for his time the whole day, except for 45 minutes. This time is even accounted for if you go by the first statement given by Jody Laird, Cary's girlfriend at the time and the state's chief witness. She gave five different statements over a 12-year period. The first one she gave was on May 27, 1983. This is the one where she accounted for Mr. Herrin's time. Each time she testified, or gave another statement, her story would change to better fit the state's theory. According to witnesses she has since retracted a lot of what she said and admitted that she changed her story because she was threatened by Mr. Mitchell, the undersheriff. He reportedly told her that Cary had been charged with murder (which he had not been at that point in time) and that if she did not cooperate and say what he wanted her to say, and testify for the prosecution, not only would she be charged with accessory to murder and spend the rest of her life in prison, but she would lose her baby. She was 19 years old and pregnant with her first child. She did as she was told.

Mr. Herrin was held in the Osage County jail from September 1984 to May of 1985 without so much as a preliminary hearing. During this time numerous attempts were made by Osage County law enforcement officials to allow him to attempt an escape; cell doors were left unlocked, he was left unattended in a Deputy Sheriff's car with the keys in the ignition, a loaded gun was reported to have been placed in his cell, albeit loaded with the wrong bullets. A spontaneous opportunity presented itself for him to accomplish an escape with two other inmates on May 28, 1985. Fearing for his life because of the strange events that kept occurring in the jail he fled. A large manhunt ensued over the next six days in the woods of northern Osage County. Numerous law enforcement agencies were brought in to assist in the search, including the National Guard. There was heavy media coverage of the manhunt. The local paper had front page coverage of the event for over a week. In one of the issues they printed in large letters that Cary Herrin vowed not to be taken alive. This was a false statement and made

solely for the purpose of justifying shooting Cary if he was spotted in the woods, since he was considered armed and dangerous. The two inmates who escaped with Mr. Herrin were captured a few days after their escape, but Cary remained free until 1988 when the FBI arrested him in Reno, Nevada. He was brought back to Oklahoma and stood trial for murder in the first degree.

The first trial was held in 1989 and the verdict was overturned by the Court of Criminal Appeals and a new trial was ordered. Trial number 2 began in February of 1995. At both trials the state sought the death penalty. Cary was represented by two OIDS (Oklahoma Indigent Defense System) attorneys from the Capital Litigation Division - one male, one female, who were severely handicapped in their efforts to defend him by several different factors. They were extremely ill prepared to present a viable defense, they received random phone calls threatening their lives, their motel room was reportedly ransacked by deputies during the trial and paper work disappeared, witnesses were being threatened by law enforcement officials, their OIDS investigator was presenting himself to witnesses as something other than an investigator, and therefore subject to criminal charges himself, so he could not testify for the defense due to impeachment. Because of this the lead attorney made a deal with the sheriff not to use him if they wouldn't pursue the matter. The ballistics report proved the gun that Mr. Herrin owned, and which the prosecution claimed was the murder weapon, indeed wasn't the murder weapon, but that report was never introduced into the trial by Cary's defense attorneys. When he asked why they were not presenting this most vital information into the trial he was told,

"We don't want to confuse the jury." This alone could have proven that Cary Herrin did not commit those murders.

The under-sheriff in Osage County at that time was Billy Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell allegedly had a longstanding hatred of Cary Herrin for a number of reasons. According to one witness, "Mr. Mitchell had quite a reputation among residents of the county for not only being a drug and arms dealer (some of which came from the sheriff's office evidence locker), he was also known for having sordid encounters with underaged girls - some of whom mysteriously disappeared. Mr. Mitchell has reportedly been under investigation more than once for murder during his time as undersheriff. Mr. Herrin was familiar with a lot of the drug and arms deals made by Mr. Mitchell, as well as other incriminating events that occurred at Mr. Mitchell's hands. In other words, he knew too much."

Our witness continues, "Shortly after the bodies of the victims in the Herrin case were discovered, Mr. Mitchell took over the investigation of the crime when it became clear to him that things weren't going as he wanted them to go. During and after the trial it became evident that Mr. Mitchell had gone quite

beyond the scope of a legal investigation of the murder to frame Mr. Herrin."

Following the 1995 trial (which ended with the same verdict and sentence as the 1989 trial) several boxes of documents that had been used by the defense attorneys during the trial fell into Mr. Herrin's hands. Upon examination of these documents, statements were found of witnesses who were never called to testify in Mr. Herrin's behalf that would have definitely placed doubt in the minds of the jury as to his guilt. Evidence of numerous injustices was discovered that were perpetrated by the District Attorney and by the defense attorneys. A "love" letter was found that had been written by one of the Defense Attorneys to the other during the second day of the trial. It said, "It is touching to know that you have moments of struggle & occasional thoughts of self-doubt during trial preparation just like I do. When I'm watching you in trial as I sit at counsel table attentively listening to testimony or as I am preparing to examine a witness, I am actually watching you - mostly trying to decide if I like you more in jeans or a suit. I think I like the jeans best but I love watching your moves in court. You are incredibly sexy out of court & in court. Now you have some insight as to why I'm stressing out - I am trying to decide about some very weighty issues. Happy Valentine's Day!" Wow, What a defense team - is this a sure recipe for instant guilt regarding their client?

Again, this was written by one of Mr. Herrin's defense attorneys while sitting at counsel table. This was a capital murder case and while defense counsel should have been fighting for Mr. Herrin's life, this was what was on her mind.

Sheriff's deputies threatened character witnesses who had been subpoenaed to testify for Mr. Herrin in the sentencing phase of the trial. Mr. Herrin's family members received threatening phone calls and were told that they would be killed if they tried to testify on his behalf. Witnesses and defense attorneys were tailgated by deputies in patrol cars until they left the county each day after trial. These are only a few of the incidences that allegedly occurred during the course of a trial that made a mockery of justice in this case.

Some 20 years later, Mr. Herrin is still incarcerated after having spent thousands of dollars on attorneys who were only interested in the money they could make, and not at all in proving that an innocent man was going to spend the rest of his life in prison. He will tell you that he committed several crimes during his younger years and confessed to those crimes in court. He has served time behind bars for those crimes. The only charges keeping him in prison now are two counts of murder - crimes he insists he did not commit - crimes the evidence shows he did not commit.

***Editor's Note: Anyone with information on this case is urged to contact Kelly Stone at 541-474-7885.***

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Jurors' True Duties ...**

dictate anything you, period.

You can't be punished for voting according to your conscience. Jurors (and judges) often pressure hold-out jurors into abandoning their true feelings and voting with the majority to avoid the expense of a hung jury and mistrial, or because they are tired of deliberating and want to go home. You do not have to give in. Why? Because hung juries are okay!

Voting your conscience may lead to a hung jury. Don't worry you are doing the responsible thing. There is no requirement that you must reach a unanimous verdict. The jury you hang may be significant as one of a series of hung juries sending messages to the legislature that the law you are working with has problems and it's time for a change.

It is a fact that we have some down right dangerous criminals living among us and when bad people commit crimes they need to be properly punished, however, far too many innocent citizens are falsely prosecuted in our courts and it is up to all of us to make sure we are fully informed regarding the rights and duties of being a juror. It is the juror's

duty to protect the rest of their fellow Americans from dangerous criminals, unjust laws and power hungry lawyers and judges.

Credit or blame for the verdict will go to you. Be sure to ask the judge how you can pose questions to witnesses so that you can learn the complete context should the lawyers fail to bring it out. If the judge doesn't allow the jury to ask questions then a NOT GUILTY verdict should result.

The government is working hard to "dumb down" the American public. They want all people reliant on it for everything including the ability to think. The government controls the people by controlling their thought processes. This welfare society it's creating is a far cry from the God fearing, independent, hard working, productive, family oriented people God created us to be. Who says we should stop thinking for ourselves and use common sense in making decisions? In reality and if we don't change the course we are on, it won't be far down the road that we won't be allowed to think or make decisions, because government is rapidly taking these rights from us. Jurors had better wake up before the jury itself is gone...

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their labels that their milk does not contain a dangerous Monsanto bovine growth hormone. If successful, Monsanto would succeed in repealing the First Amendment.

Barlett and Steele also say this: "... Monsanto relies on a shadowy army of private investigators and agents in the American heartland to strike fear into farm country. They fan out into fields and farm towns, where they secretly videotape and photograph farmers, store owners, and co-ops; infiltrate community meetings; and gather information from informants about farming activities. Farmers say that some Monsanto agents pretend to be surveyors. Others confront farmers on their land and try to pressure them to sign papers giving Monsanto access to their private records. Farmers call them the 'seed police' and use words such as 'Gestapo' and 'Mafia' to describe their tactics."

Now comes word that rancher Derry Brownfield has been kicked off the network where he has conducted a daily talk show for thirty five years, because Derry dared to expose Monsanto's satanic machinations. Monsanto used its advertising clout for the purpose. That is why you see nothing about Big Pharma, Big Food, Big Medicine, etc., in the media.

You already know about Big Banking and Big Oil. Today let's look at Big Science. A book that got by me because it has received even less media coverage than Dr. Ron No Such Candidate Paul, is The China Study, Startling Implications for Diet, Weight Loss and Long-Term Health (Dallas, BenBella Books, 2005), by T. Colin Campbell, Ph.D., who stands at the pinnacle of world scientific research. He is Professor Emeritus of Nutritional Biochemistry at Cornell. He has authored more than 300 research papers and has received more than seventy grant-years of peer-reviewed research funding.

Conducted by Dr. Campbell, the twenty-year China Study remains the biggest study ever conducted of what people eat. Dr. Campbell adds to it a mountain of enough other scientific studies by other scientists high enough to daunt Sir Edmund Hillary, the conqueror of Everest.

The enormous body of findings proves that a plant-based diet – a vegetarian diet that excludes meat (including fish and eggs) and dairy (including cheese) – not only produces sensible weight loss; it also arrests and even reverses killer diseases like diabetes, cancer and heart disease. (Remember, we are talking about a medical treatment, not about ordinary vegetarianism. I am not arguing for or against it.) Indeed, he says, it is a better cure for those diseases than any of the orthodox, government-endorsed treatments presently available.

That is why I had never heard of his book. My point is not whether you agree or disagree. It isn't whether or not his ideas work for you; it is that Dr. Campbell's findings have been suppressed in our Fascist system by a corporate monster that includes Big University, Big Federal Grants and Big Food, because those findings would turn that system upside down. Imagine what would happen to behemoths like

McDonald's and the dairy industry were his findings generally known.

Here are a couple of examples of what happens in our Fascist system when doctors implement the findings in The China Study. John McDougall, M.D., reports that he asked one cardiologist to let him show a McDougall patient the scientific literature on the subject after the cardiologist recommended surgery. The cardiologist refused, saying the information would just "confuse" the patient.

Other physicians would send their own wives and children to see Dr. McDougall, but would never refer a patient to him. It is one thing to be ignorant. This is quite another. I believe such a physician is committing a criminal act. He should be publicly humiliated, stripped of his license to practice and thrown into prison. Because such quacks are literally killing people to maintain their lucrative rackets, I also would not be upset were survivors of the deceased to apply tar and feathers and run them out of town.

Dr. McDougall says these medical monsters were fearful of the blowback when their patients came to see him. "... They'd come to me with heart disease or high blood pressure or diabetes. I'd put them on the diet and they'd go back off all their pills and soon their numbers would be normal. They'd go to their doctor and say, 'Why the hell didn't you tell me about this before? Why did you let me suffer, spend all this money, almost die, when all I had to do was eat oatmeal?' The doctors didn't want to hear this."

See my book, Electronic Medicine: Cure for Cancer? at [www.alanstang.com](http://www.alanstang.com), for another manifestation of the fact that these quacks are not at all men of science. A man of science would be on fire to learn what Dr. McDougall does to produce these results. Instead, he says, the quacks hurry the recovered patients out of their offices so they will not have to hear more.

Caldwell B. Esselstyn, Jr., M.D., is a distinguished surgeon at the Cleveland Clinic. Ess, like McDougall, treats with diet, so, however distinguished he is, the men who run the hospital won't take his calls. They won't install his program at the Clinic, but they eat meat and dairy and come to him for treatment. Dr. Ess says as follows:

"I have now treated a number of senior staff with coronary disease at the Clinic – senior staff physicians. I have also treated a number of senior staff trustees. One of the trustees knows about the frustrations that we've had trying to get this into the Clinic, and he says, 'I think, if the word gets out that Esselstyn has this treatment that arrests and reverses this disease at the Cleveland Clinic, and it's been used by senior staff and he's treated senior trustees, but he's not permitted to treat the common herd, we could be open for a lawsuit.'"

A lawsuit would be lenient. Get out the horse whips! Again, please understand that I am not suggesting you stop eating dairy and meat. I am not a doctor and don't know whether you should do that. As always, I am

arguing in favor of your right to get the medical treatment you want, be it vegetarianism or something else. The Nazi medical horror you will read about in The China Study is an inevitable product of our Fascist system, including Big Pharma, Big Medicine and Big Government, including the federal grants that keep researchers in line.

Someone who opposes Fascism would be working to dismantle this totalitarian system. Notice that the Socialists – including the Socialists who run both major political parties – do not, despite their professed hostility to Fascism, because Fascism is one of several versions of Socialism and they are Socialists. Remember that Hitler called his movement Nazism, "National Socialism."

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Campbell at his office. Campbell thumbed his nose at the affidavits as he stated, "Ed, these issues usually need to be decided by a jury." I knew as I left this corrupt individual's office that no one in this county is safe as long as he remained in office, with the power to indict anyone of his choosing, with absolutely no investigation whatsoever.

I immediately wrote articles exposing Campbell and even helped promote numerous protests in front of the Josephine County Courthouse, where up to 80 people marched and carried signs with Campbell's picture and statements claiming that he falsely prosecutes the innocent. At this juncture (six months after the bikers were charged) OSP officer Joshua Quick appeared at the District Attorneys Office and all of a sudden a second police report magically appeared. This second report appeared to be the words of Quick; however, at trial it was shown that the words were actually written by Assistant District Attorney Nick Tran. The second report fit right into the prosecution's case against the bikers and had they not been exposed in open court as fabrications, the bikers would have likely been convicted. All major points contained in the second report were completely different than the conclusions contained in Quick's first one. All of a sudden "Strange admits to stopping Hill's vehicle in the lane of travel at O'Brien." The bikers are (were) now "visibly intoxicated" during the initial interview and "the bikers wanted to project a typical tough attitude through their attitudes and demeanor." Quick and Tran continue their manipulation of the truth; "Hill and his passengers would not have been a match for Strange, Seybold & Pombo." Not enough for a conviction? Quick and Tran further state, "In Quick's estimation, Hill and his passengers were terrified and panic-stricken." Wow!

**What about this out and out conspiracy?**  
The bikers were riding on 7-8 hundred pound motorcycles – Hill was driving an approx. 4,000 pound vehicle. And most importantly Quick never interviewed Hill and his passengers but



Strange & attorney Glass map-out events

Stonebreaker did, so how would Quick know anything first hand about the students – he wouldn't. Further, even with the eye witness affidavits in hand, neither Quick nor anyone from the District Attorney's office ever attempted to locate and speak with one of the three separate eye-witnesses. In fact, officer Quick, in the last 1½ years has failed to do any investigation whatsoever – he obviously thought, like Tran did, that the unbelievable, manufactured fairy tale case would convict the "dangerous bikers."

**Who Are The Innocent Defendants?**

Stanley Strange is a 56-year-old finish carpenter, now on full social security disability from severe injuries suffered in accidents; Louis Pombo is a 64-year-old retired stone mason and Glen Seybold is celebrating his 50th birthday this year as he works as a welder, metal fabricator at a successful Illinois Valley gate business. All three take part in toy runs for underprivileged children; they assist the elderly in their community on a regular basis.

Strange paid his original attorney Matthew Galli a \$1,500.00 retainer fee. According to Strange, "Galli originally told me I had a good case and then he

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# Bloomberg Outrage: Asks Judge to Ban 2nd Amendment References!



New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg

**BELLEVUE, WA** – New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg has moved from outrage to atrocity by asking anti-gun activist federal Judge Jack B. Weinstein to ban any reference to the Second Amendment during a civil lawsuit trial beginning May 27 against Georgia gun dealer Jay Wallace, proprietor at Adventure Outdoors.

The New York Sun reported that Bloomberg's attorneys made the request. Alan Gottlieb, founder of the Second Amendment Foundation, said the move clearly shows that Bloomberg has "total disregard not only for the Second Amendment, but also the First."

Bloomberg's attorney on this case, Eric Proshansky, has reportedly argued in a brief that "Any references to the Second Amendment or analogous state constitutional provisions are likewise irrelevant" to the upcoming trial.

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interests when they were not. While we slept they were propagating a cancer that has infected our public officials, our courts, the very fabric of our lives leaving us defenseless against the tyrannical side of government.

This cancer is defined as Administrative Rule. The side affects of this Administrative cancer are an army of faceless bureaucrats armed with the power to take your Constitutional rights of due process concerning your children, your property rights and ultimately affecting literally every facet of your lives.

You ask, "What is Administrative Rule?" Black's Law describes it as a broadly applicable agency statement that interprets a law or policy. What they neglect to tell us is that Administrative Rule is not within Constitutional Law. It is a method of controlling the people outside of our Constitution. In England as early as the 12th century administrative rule belonged exclusively to the king and queen in order to control their subjects. Over time this power was given to the king's friends and relatives in order that they might control and regulate the lives of their subjects. Obviously, historically, Administrative Rule has been used for the purpose of controlling the populace.

In the United States a form of administrative rule was first used in 1789 for the control of customs, ocean-going vessels and veteran's pension payments. However it was the passing of the Interstate Commerce Act in 1887 and the creation of the Interstate

"Bloomberg is an avid supporter of gun control stating, 'I don't know why people carry guns. Guns kill people.' As mayor he increased the mandatory minimum sentence for illegal possession of a loaded handgun." - Wikipedia



"This trial is supposed to be held in a federal court, not a kangaroo court," Gottlieb stated. "What's next, a request that Judge Weinstein not allow defense witnesses or rebuttal? Why not just dispense with the trial altogether and lynch Mr. Wallace from the limb of a tree out in Central Park?

"The civil prosecution, and un-civil persecution, of Jay Wallace has never really been about the Second Amendment, until right now," he observed. "And, thanks to Mr. Proshansky's brief, this trial is suddenly all about the First Amendment as well.

"We are neither surprised nor shocked at Mayor Bloomberg and the city's attorney for making this move," Gottlieb added. "This is the kind of behavior one should expect from a billionaire demagogue who considers himself so far above the law that he

launched this vigilante campaign against firearms retailers by stepping outside legal channels in the first place. He sent private agents to several states without legal authority, jeopardizing legitimate on-going criminal investigations in the process.

"Now Bloomberg wants a gag order," he concluded. "Apparently, in Mikey's world, a fair trial is one in which a defense attorney is muzzled, and the defendant is already guilty until proven innocent. Bloomberg missed his calling. Instead of being mayor of an American city, he should have been the administrator of a gulag."

*The Second Amendment Foundation ([www.saf.org](http://www.saf.org)) is the nations oldest and largest tax-exempt education, research, publishing and legal action group focusing on the Constitutional right and heritage to privately own and possess firearms. Founded in 1974, The Foundation has grown to more than 600,000 members and supporters and conducts many programs designed to better inform the public about the consequences of gun control. SAF has previously funded successful firearms-related suits against the cities of Los Angeles; New Haven, CT; and San Francisco on behalf of American gun owners, a lawsuit against the cities suing gun makers and an amicus brief and fund for the Emerson case holding the Second Amendment as an individual right.*

**"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." - 2nd Amendment**

Commerce Commission that gave birth to modern administrative rule in the United States.

In the 1930s, under President Roosevelt and a Democratic Congress, new federal agencies proliferated as part of the "New Deal" legislation. This was promoted and sold to the people as the only way to pull the United States from the grip of the Great Depression. The people were not told of their loss of sovereignty.

President Franklin Roosevelt, commenting on a study of administrative rules, stated that by creating administrative agencies and giving them the authority to legislate and adjudicate would create a fourth branch of government for which there was no Constitutional provision.

It appears that everyone involved in the creation of the Administrative Procedure Act knew they were creating a monster that was akin to a dictatorship and obviously not constitutionally friendly. They deliberately and willingly took the giant step away from our Constitutional process. And no one spoke up in protest.

Our elected representatives felt that because of the rapid growth in the administrative regulation of private conduct a method of administrating this control must be devised. The Administrative Procedure Act of 1946 was to be that vehicle.

It would appear that the basic purpose of the Administrative Procedure Act of 1946 was to create a framework of regulating agencies and procedures designed to circumvent our rights of constitutional due process while giving the procedure the appearance of

constitutionality. Many in government felt that the need for administrative rules was paramount because of the rapid growth of our nation. So, for the greater good, they were willing to look the other way. With this perception of the "Greater Good" our elected officials made the decision to strip, to circumvent the American citizen's rights under the Constitution. For under Administrative Rule Americans lost their right to a trial by their peers. They lost their right to appeal. They lost their right to Constitutional protection. And it wasn't a faceless "they" that lost it, it was you, the individual citizen. And you lost simply because your elected officials wanted to make it easier for themselves and to better control the individual.

In our opinion administrative rule and the agents thereof fall under the legal term "Color of Law." Color of Law refers to the appearance or semblance of a legal right but not really allowing that

## Barr for Pres

**WASHINGTON (AFP)** - Former US congressman Bob Barr on Monday announced plans to run for president on the Libertarian Party's ticket, in a move some analysts say could hurt Republican presumptive nominee John McCain.

"My name is Bob Barr and I'm a candidate for the presidency of the United States of America," said the former Republican lawmaker, who played a key role in the congressional impeachment of former president Bill Clinton.

Barr said he was running because there was not "currently or anywhere on the horizon" any candidate who understood the principles of fiscal conservatism and basic principles on which he said America was founded.

The former Georgia congressman, who announced his plans at a press conference here, must first win the Libertarian Party's nomination before throwing himself into the 2008 field for real.

The 59-year-old said he was not concerned about the prospect of damaging McCain, possibly among conservative voters whom the Republican candidate has had trouble courting.

Barr believes spending by the US government is running out of control and says federal authorities have seized powers not granted by the constitution, and believes US forces should be brought home from Iraq.

The Libertarian Party stands for non-interference by the US government in the personal and business lives of Americans, and advocates lower taxes, a smaller government and more individual freedom.

right. Black's Law states that the term usually implies a misuse of power made possible because the wrongdoer is clothed with the authority of the state.

Administrative Rules were created when our elected officials decided they could delegate their law-making authority to a government agency and its employees. They did this by passing a law granting to a government agency the power and authority to make rules that have the same effect as constitutional law. However, the Constitution severely limits and dictates that only duly elected representatives can make laws. It doesn't say, "And by the way if you get overloaded you can pass your law making ability on to administrative agencies." It must also be remembered that this watering down of our Constitutional rights began almost before the ink on the Constitution was dry.

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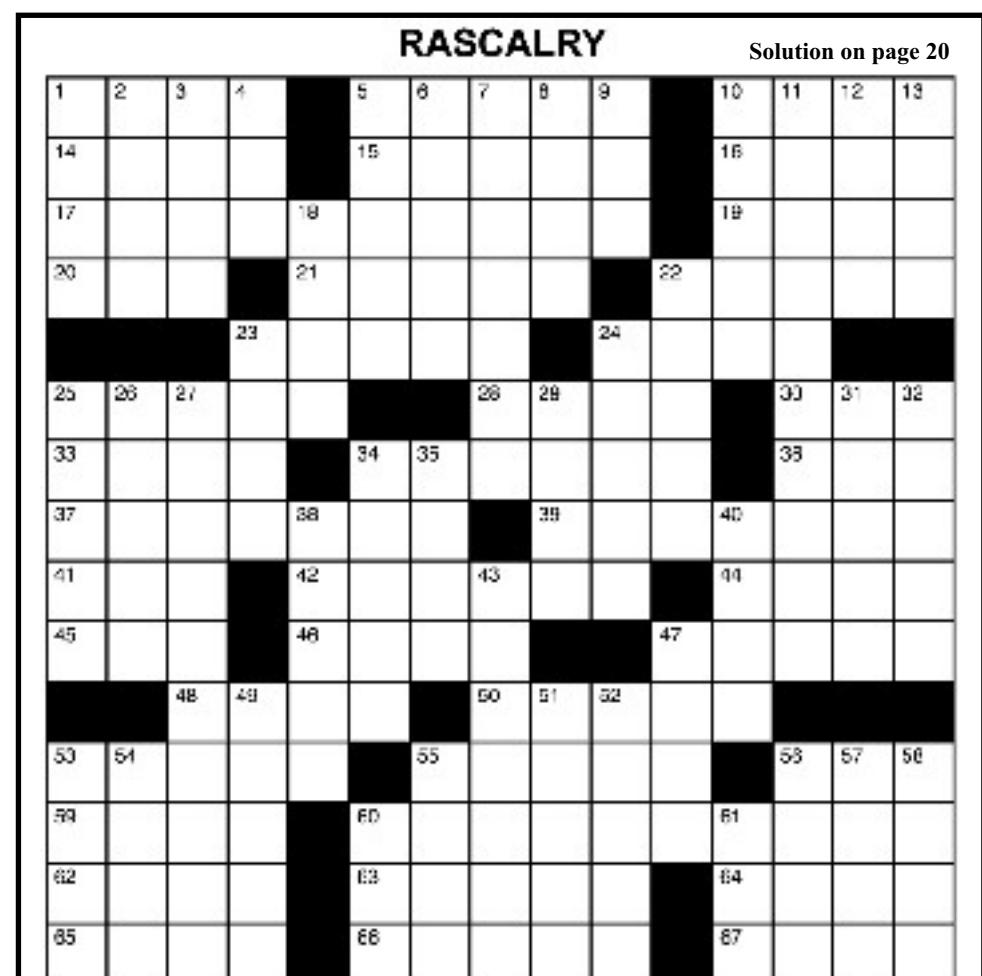
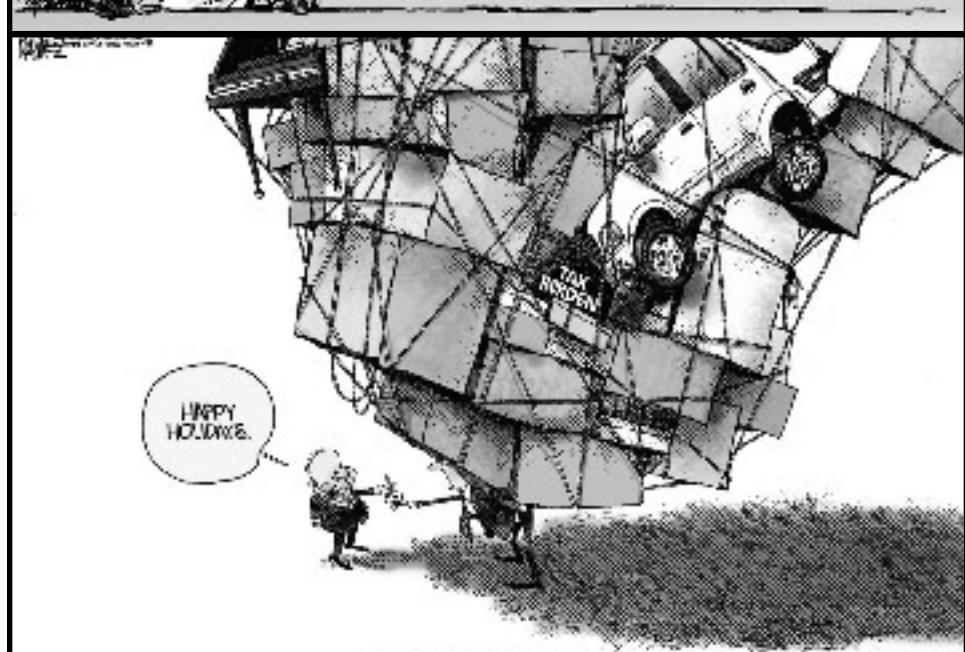
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The Morans got a release of lien on their home March 28, 2008 (immediately after the verdicts were read) but the Jeep was still held hostage. To better understand why this was so, one must understand the IRS mechanisms for fear mongering. The IRS lost their "unconstitutional" seizure rights when the Morans walked out of the Seattle courtroom innocent of all 64 stacked felony charges. The IRS was also notified that Minns would file suit for the return of the Jeep yet they dragged their feet in returning the car. In addition, when the IRS attacked the Morans the stories made national headlines describing how the agency was breaking up the largest tax scam in history. In fact the conviction of the Morans is still on the IRS website. Since the acquittal, the story is non-existent in the media.

Minns had an interesting perspective on this phenomenon and to why the Jeep was not returned right away. "I have two guesses that are probably based on the truth. First, the story of the Morans' acquittal was blacked out in the main stream media with the exception of the US~Observer and her sister news outlets that possess a huge reader base. Second, the IRS has an extraordinarily successful public relations department. They are always timely when broadcasting their indictments, arrests and convictions of those they target. However, when they lose a case, such as this rare defeat, silencing the media becomes a high priority for damage control. News of convictions always precedes April 15th but news of an acquittal is held up until after tax day when the public is not heeding IRS warnings. That was obviously the IRS's

intent in stringing the Morans along for four months.

Another point the IRS would like kept from the public is the cost of holding the Jeep for seven years. Over those years the Jeep was driven to Denver, then to the auction block, removal from the block when the Morans won the appeal, back to the auction block prior to the second trial last December when the odds of an acquittal were stacked against the Morans and finally back to storage upon the successful outcome of the last trial. Average rates for forced storage exceed \$50 a day, times approximately 2,555 days, for a storage bill exceeding \$125,000. Add to this total; interest, cost of starting the engine once a month and transportation, the cost to the taxpayers is probably over \$240,000. Even if the government got a discount on these expenses it's fair to say the cost far outweighed the value of

the Jeep.

While in Denver for business after April 15th the Morans were asked to pick up the Jeep. They declined to take possession after inspecting the car and finding a dead battery, tires with cracking sidewalls, cracked wiper blades and a cracked windshield. Telling the IRS, "We want our property back but would you drive this car with these tires over the mountains in snowy conditions?" The attendant at the storage yard agreed with Morans' assessment, and again when Jim Moran stated to IRS agents, "So don't you think at the very least, since you aren't going to apologize, that you should deliver the jeep back to our home in Montrose where it was confiscated?"

On Wednesday April 23, 2008, the Jeep was delivered back to a Montrose dealership with a new battery but still

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*started writing meaningless letters until the retainer was depleted and we weren't even to court yet. Next, he started telling me that I needed to accept a plea bargain the DA had offered. He said there were problems with my case now and I should accept the deal. I fired Galli because he was doing nothing to represent my interests – he was only doing his best to turn me into a ready cash supply and a guilty person when I was totally innocent.*

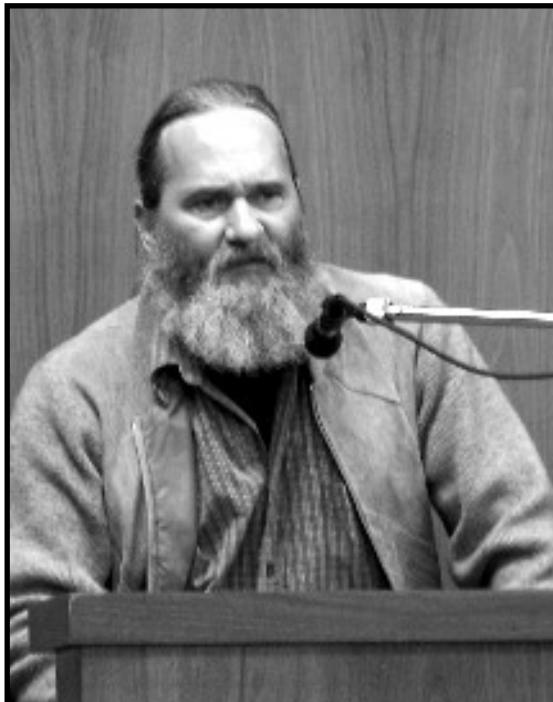
*The Observer got me in touch with Foster Glass from Bend, Oregon and the Observer continued working on my case, telling me that I needed to expose the facts and go to court. Glass became my attorney and the Observer did exactly what they promised – they exposed all of the facts to the public. Thank God I listened or I would be just another victim of a corrupt legal system.” The US~Observer highly compliments (a rare occurrence) Mr. Glass regarding his tactful and excellent defense of Stan Strange. Glass and Berlant both ripped right through the false, malicious and manufactured case against Strange, Seybold and Pombo.*

Grants Pass, Oregon attorney Gary Berlant was appointed to represent Glen Seybold. According to Seybold, “Berlant has been trying to do a good job and I believe in him.” The Observer watched Berlant very closely both before and at trial due to the fact that Grants Pass attorneys rarely give their clients an adequate defense and most of the time the defendant loses when represented by a Grants Pass attorney, especially when represented by a “public defender” (court appointed

attorney). Attorney Gary Berlant was prepared when he began this trial and he did an exceptional job representing the best interests of his client. Berlant has shown himself to be both intelligent and resourceful and Grants Pass could definitely use more attorneys of Berlant’s caliber.

Louis Pombo originally hired Grants Pass attorney Daniel Simcoe, paying him a reported \$1,500.00. Pombo was then forced to go into this trial and represent himself. Pombo did a superb job being honest at trial – so honest, that the facts presented to the jury didn’t constitute any crime. Judge Lindi Baker dismissed the charge against Pombo before his case reached the jury. Assistant DA Nick Tran had strongly objected to the motion to dismiss with twisted and groundless comments – Tran lost!

The US~Observer congratulates



Glen Seybold found NOT GUILTY!

Stanley Strange, Glen Seybold and Louis Pombo. We also congratulate and hold high regards and respect for the six jurors in this case who were able to quickly sort through the deceptions and lies presented to them by Nick Tran who represented Josephine County District Attorney Stephen Campbell’s personal grudges, prejudices and special interests. These jurors should hold their heads very high.

The US~Observer also commends Josephine County Presiding Judge Lindi Baker. Judge Baker, as we have written in past cases, was a mirror image of justice, patience and integrity. According to one of the attorneys in this case, “Judge Baker is in a league of her own and one of the finest judges I have appeared before – and I have been in front of countless judges.” The Observer couldn’t agree more...

*Editor’s Note: I sincerely hope that one of these days all the citizens of Josephine County, Oregon will realize that when DA Stephen Campbell tells them he needs more money that it is simply because he has wasted hundreds of thousands of dollars on false and malicious prosecutions just like this one. We can safely assume that it cost taxpayers between \$75,000.00 and \$100,000.00 of combined effort to prosecute and lose this vindictive case. Important to remember – These innocent men were all offered plea bargains. If they had taken the “bargain” the public would never have been apprised as to just how bad and dangerous District*



Louis Pombo charges found unwarranted and dismissed by Judge Baker

*Attorney Stephen Campbell, OSP Joshua Quick and ADA Nick Tran really are... Our readership should be aware that even though Nick Tran twisted the truth and lied to the jury in open court, he was only acting as Stephen Campbell’s sycophant and therefore the person mainly responsible for this travesty of justice is none other than Josephine County District Attorney Stephen Campbell.*

*Campbell has neither the temperament nor moral qualities to run a district attorney’s office. The district attorney’s office has been hijacked by a self serving few who care little for liberty and justice for all. County residents need to understand this and take appropriate action to protect themselves from this renegade DA.*



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outfitted with cracked tires, a cracked windshield and deteriorated wipers. Also, absent when the Jeep was handed over was agent Michelle Hagemann, the pistol packing mama, who seized the Morans’ Jeep under the threat of armed force. The two sheepish agents that were present denied having anything to do with the original raid.

The IRS/CID agent remarked to the Morans’ attorney that he was puzzled. “How did they win all 64 counts? Just one count would let the IRS keep the jeep.” Minns gave Jim’s and Pam’s response: “They were innocent.” Hard for any government agent to fathom while working in a society where people are deemed guilty until proven innocent.

Now the Morans are trying to return to a normal life visiting family and friends, while thanking God, their renowned attorney Michael Minns, Minns’ daughter, attorney Rain Minns and their Seattle, WA attorneys Peter Mair and Jon Zulauf for their victory.

In retrospect, the public should be fully aware that many Americans who were involved with AAA are currently sitting in a prison cell with their lives completely ruined simply because of the lack of a competent attorney like Michael Minns.

And most Americans still believe they live in a “free” country!...

*Editor’s Note: One very unique and important defense tactic used by Minns was to ask the various CID agents if they had taken classes given by the IRS on how to be effective witnesses and thus sway unsuspecting jurors. Minns knows that taking such a class is a requirement for all CID agents and he also knows that jurors want to hear the straight truth, not an acting job by dangerous and abusive agents of the IRS. It would behoove all attorneys who represent clients in tax cases to expose this fact in their criminal tax cases.*

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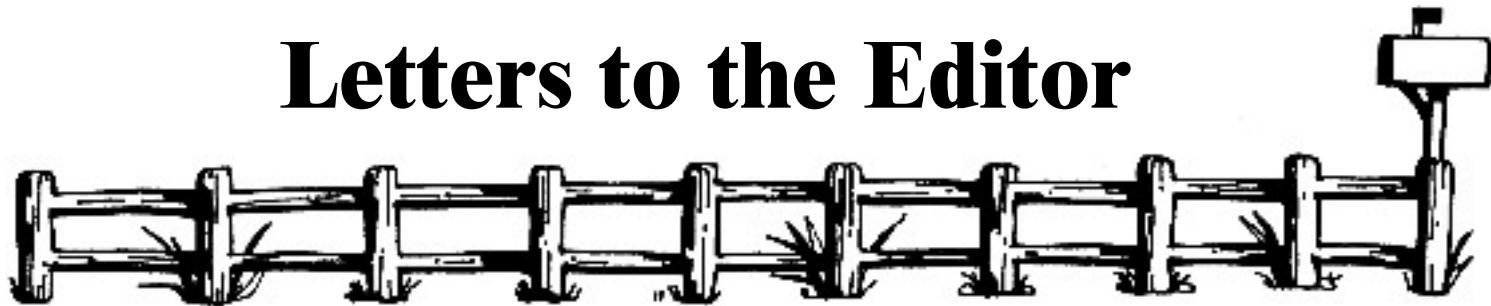
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## Letters to the Editor



### JOCO DA A REAL JOKE?

#### To the Editor:

I sat with several Josephine County court watchers recently as we attended a 3-day farce of a court trial, compliments of our District Attorney (DA) Stephen Campbell, who is famous for wasting our tax dollars prosecuting frivolous cases. This was one of those cases.

The DA accused Stanley Strange, Louie Pombo and Glen Seybold with reckless driving and Strange with assault, even though Ed Snook of the *US~Observer* had given him irrefutable evidence to the contrary. Mr. Campbell refused to look at the evidence.

This all happened after defendant Stanley Strange called 911 for help. While Stan and his friends were out for a Sunday afternoon ride, a car containing 3 college kids tried to run Stan off the road. When Stan got to a safe place he parked his bike and went to the driver's window to tell the driver he had endangered his life. The driver caught Stan's arm when he rolled up his window and began dragging him several feet down the highway. Stan eventually pulled his arm free and he fell to the ground, injured. The driver sped away, yet the DA prosecuted Stan and his 2 friends.

After hearing all the evidence, the 6 person jury (and everyone else in the courtroom) couldn't do anything but find them NOT GUILTY after deliberating only 15 minutes! It was so blatantly obvious. You have to read the story and even then I don't know if you'll believe it.

Keep in mind that the guilty party drove off into the sunset, free as a bird. Doesn't this make you feel safe on our highways? All thanks to our DA, Mr. Campbell.

Lorraine Walter  
Josephine County, Oregon

### IRS AS LORD?

#### Dear Editor,

I find this story rather interesting and yet quite disturbing. I cannot imagine that the American people will stand for the IRS to lord over them much longer. Its current state of abuses surpass all usurpations of authority in the history of not only this country but the entire world. If the citizens of America do not wake up and start standing for righteousness we can expect to continue to be treated like criminals and slaves. Does one's ox really need to be gored before reality hits between the eyes? The story of the frog being placed in cold water and slowly heated up is what has happened and continues to happen. If change were to take place dramatically like the frog being thrown into a pot of boiling water, then the people would be up in arms about the freedoms that are being stolen from us one by one.

Tax accountants and lawyers need to be hit with a good dose of Truth and then maybe they will stop aiding and abetting the real criminals in victimizing We The People. May I suggest that they get a constructive job?! McDonald's is always hiring.

We Christians must get off our laurels and start obeying God, for then will He hear us and heal this land.

Judith Belli

### TEAR DOWN THE STATUE OF LIBERTY!?

#### Dear Editor:

So many letter writers have based their arguments on how this land is made up of immigrants. Ernie Lujan for one, suggests we should tear down the Statue of Liberty because the people now in question aren't being treated the same as those who passed through Ellis Island and other ports of entry.

Maybe we should turn to our history books and point out to people like Mr. Lujan why today's American is not willing to accept this new kind of immigrant any longer. Back in 1900 when there was a rush from all areas of Europe to come to the United States, people had to get off a ship and stand in a long line in New York and be documented. Some would even get down on their hands and knees and kiss the ground. They made a pledge to uphold the laws and support their new country in good and bad times. They made learning English a primary rule in their new American households and some even changed their names to blend in with their new home.

They had waved good bye to their birth place to give their children a new life and did everything in their power to help their children assimilate into one culture. Nothing was handed to them. No free lunches, no welfare, no labor laws to protect them. All they had were the skills and craftsmanship they had brought with them to trade for a future of prosperity.

Most of their children came of age when World War II broke out. My father fought along side men whose parents had come straight over from Germany, Italy, France and Japan. None of these 1st generation Americans ever gave any thought about what country their parents had come from. They were Americans fighting Hitler, Mussolini and the Emperor of Japan. They were defending the United States of America as one people.

When we liberated France, no one in those villages was looking for the French-American or the German American or the Irish American. The people of France saw only Americans. And we carried one flag that represented one country. Not one of those immigrant sons would have thought about picking up another country's flag and waving it to represent who they were. It would have been a disgrace to their parents who had sacrificed so much to be here. These immigrants truly knew what it meant to be an American. They stirred the melting pot into one red, white and blue bowl.

And here we are in 2007 with a new kind of immigrant who wants the same rights and privileges. Only they want to achieve it by playing with a different set of rules, one that includes the entitlement card and a guarantee of being faithful to their mother country. I'm sorry, that's not what being an American is all about. I believe that the

immigrants who landed on Ellis Island in the early 1900's deserve better than that for all the toil, hard work and sacrifice in raising future generations to create a land that has become a beacon for those legally searching for a better life. I think they would be appalled that they are being used as an example by those waving foreign country flags.

And for that suggestion about taking down the Statue of Liberty, it happens to mean a lot to the citizens who are voting on the immigration bill. I wouldn't start talking about dismantling the United States just yet.

Rosemary LaBonte

### MORE FED LAND GRAB

#### Greetings from Baker County, Oregon.

Baker County is unique in the state of Oregon and in the United States. The county was settled because of mining with the discovery of gold around 1861. Today, Baker County holds nearly one-quarter of all mining claims in the state of Oregon. In Baker County, first came the miner followed by the supplier, the saloon owner, the courier, the merchant, the rancher and farmer, the banker and the establishment of towns throughout the county.

After the decline of mining in the 1930s, the Baker County's economy relied upon the natural resources in the local Wallowa-Whitman National Forest lands with hundreds of jobs in the timber industry.

Census figures indicate that in the final year of full-scale timber production in the early 1980s timber receipts equaled approximately \$25 million in Baker County alone, (include as well, timber receipts from Baker County's two neighboring counties Union and Wallowa Countys, all sharing Wallowa-Whitman forest lands: Union County's timber receipts circa 1981 totaled \$17 million and Wallowa County at over \$28 million).

Since then, we've all witnessed the death of the timber industry and the loss of thousands of jobs in this region. Add to this the failure of congress to live up to their commitment to the counties over the Payment in Lieu of Taxes legislation.

Over the past several years, under the direction of the National Travel Management Rule, listed in the 2005 Federal Register, the United States Forest Service has been working on the national Travel Management Plan. This plan proposed to close 4,261 miles of road in the local Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. The Forest Service has even claimed authority over RS 2477 right-of-way.

I have been covering this story for over a year now for a local newspaper and I plan on covering this and related subject matter until the final decisions are made, scheduled for the fall of 2009.

Thank you,  
Brian Addison  
Baker County, Oregon

**Editor's Note:** Brian, we share your interests and we are more than willing to assist you in getting your important information out.

## INVASION OF PRIVACY AND BODY?

# New Wi-Fi Devices Warn Doctors of Heart Attacks

**By Adam Sherwin**  
Media Correspondent, Times UK

The Bluetooth wireless technology that allows people to use a hands-free earpiece while making a mobile telephone call could soon alert the emergency services when someone has a heart attack, Ofcom predicts.

The communications regulator said that sensors could be implanted into people at risk of heart attack or diabetic collapse that would allow doctors to monitor them remotely.

If the "in-body network" recorded that the person had suddenly collapsed, it would send an alert, via a nearby base station at their home, to a surgery or hospital.

However, Ofcom also gave warning in its report, Tomorrow's Wireless World, that the impact of such technology on personal privacy would require more debate.

However, health experts say that they are sceptical about the level of take-up of "in-body" sensors while research into the possible radiation impact of wi-fi networks is going on.

The Ofcom report also said that

advances in GPS positioning and short-range wireless technologies could "revolutionise the way we conduct our journeys and safety levels on the roads". Intelligent transport systems being developed by car manufacturers allowed cars to communicate with each other and send alerts about sudden braking. If a collision happened the car's system could automatically call the emergency services. The technology could also apply the brakes automatically if it was determined that two cars were getting too close to each other.

Paramedics attending the scene of an accident would carry a small computer that would pick up wireless messages from a bracelet incorporated in the driver's watch. These would enable them to gain access to information about his or her medical history.

The European Commission is discussing whether to allow the "e-Call" automatic emergency call-out, which could be on the market by 2011. A recent trial suggested that the technology could cut ten minutes off

the time for the emergency services to reach the scene of an accident and a 15 per cent reduction in fatalities.

Ofcom said that drivers could be helped by further advances in sat-nav technology. Signals would alert drivers to congestion ahead and then calculate whether their proposed journey would be quicker by train.

Wireless communication technology could also enable food items to carry microchips containing information on their contents. This would allow, for example, nut allergy sufferers to be alerted if they inadvertently picked up an item containing nuts.

Ofcom concluded that wireless communication was now "integral to our lives". It said that the Government must decide how to prepare for future demands on the radio frequencies, or spectrums, that wireless services use. Wireless congestion, with wi-fi users "piggybacking" on other people's connections, must not result in interference in potentially life-saving communications, it added.



Peter Ingram, Ofcom's chief technology officer, said: "This report demonstrates the many creative ways that the radio spectrum can be used for the benefit of citizens. But other bodies will have to decide whether the transfer of personal data, which these advances involve in the medical sphere, is appropriate for the benefits."

### Why Bluetooth?

Named after King Harald Bluetooth of Denmark and Norway, who unified warring tribes in the 3rd century. Bluetooth was likewise intended to unify different technologies. ■■■

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WHILE WE WERE ...

The basic need of some to control others is inherent in human nature. It was from this knowledge that the United States Constitution evolved. It is grounded by a strong sense of Christian ethics, a deep sense of morality and the knowledge of the need for eternal vigilance over our government.

But it then appears there were those that knew that if they wished to control our lives and our property they had to find a way to bypass our Constitution and Bill of Rights. This was done with the creation of administrative agencies. These agencies appear constitutionally friendly but they are not. They do not afford us the protection of Constitutional law. This system operates under the "Color of Law." It seems like Constitutional law and is sold to us as the same but it is not.

An Administrative Court is the very definition of a "quasi-judicial proceeding." Again, it seems like the real thing but not really. The administrative judge is a "quasi" judge often referred to as a hearing officer because by definition he is not a judge. He cannot be a judge because he is acting outside the Constitution. He is only an "Administrative" officer. He is not a

constitutionally elected and mandated judge. He is an appointed quasi-judge. He is outside Constitutional Law.

This quasi-judicial administrative process violates every Constitutional concept of substantive due process. It must first be fully understood that our elected legislators are only loaned the power to create law. The ability of the legislature to make law comes with Constitutional rules and restrictions. The power to enact law rests solely with the people who have given their duly elected officials permission to act in their stead. It definitely does not give them the right to act for either their own self interest or the interest of their party. They are elected representatives of the people not officers of the king.

Our founding fathers were clear that no law can be created that infringed on the rights as provided for in the Constitution and Bill of Rights. However, there have always been those who have surreptitiously and cleverly woven a thread of deceit through the governmental processes. Did they truly feel it was for the "good of the people" or was there even then a desire by some to subjugate and control? When they first began the process of administrative law who did they want to help? Who was going to profit from

### Administrative Law?

These actions are only possible through "Color of Office" which is an act by a public official that appears to be a duty that official has but in reality does not. Our elected representatives do not possess the right to give anyone else the authority to make or adjudicate law even though it may be known as a regulation or a code rather than a law.

Some in government say that our Constitution is an outdated document. To them we would say that our Constitution, though perhaps not perfect, is man's best effort to restrain and restrict the inherent nature of man to dominate and control others when given power. This inherent nature of man for power, money and sex has never changed, only controlled.

Our founding fathers knew from living under a monarchy that power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. In the evolutionary process of administrative rule it has become a Leviathan monster of epic proportion hell bent on power and control over the lives they have sworn to protect. In the hands of a corrupt public employee it is the art of deception taken to a new level. When we elect those with no grounding in morals or ethics we can expect nothing better. Wake up America! Wake up before it is too late! ■■■

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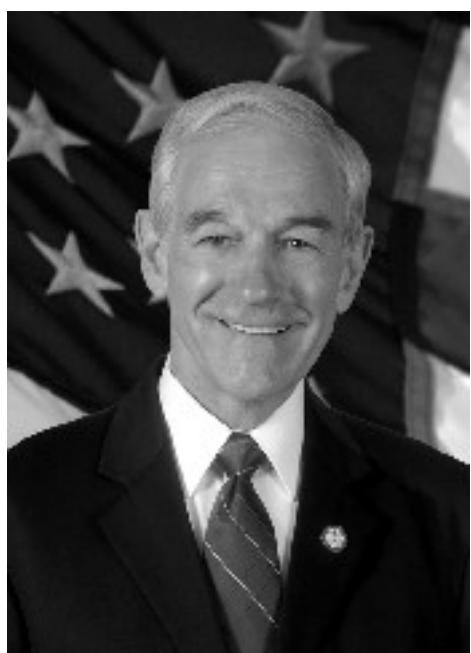
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## Ron Paul's forces quietly plot GOP convention revolt against McCain



Ron Paul

By Andrew Malcolm

Virtually all the nation's political attention in recent weeks has focused on the compelling state-by-state presidential nomination struggle between two Democrats and the potential for party-splitting strife over there.

But in the meantime, quietly, largely under the radar of most people, the forces of Rep. Ron Paul have been organizing across the country to stage an embarrassing public revolt against Sen. John McCain when Republicans gather for their national convention in Minnesota at the beginning of September.

Paul's presidential candidacy has been correctly dismissed all along in terms of winning the nomination. He was even excluded as irrelevant by Fox News from a nationally-televised GOP debate in New Hampshire.

But what's been largely overlooked is Paul's candidacy as a reflection of a powerful lingering dissatisfaction with the Arizona senator among the party's most conservative conservatives. As anticipated in late March in *The Ticket*, that situation could be exacerbated by today's expected announcement from former Republican Rep. Bob Barr of Georgia for the Libertarian Party's presidential nod, a slot held by Paul in 1988.

Never mind Ralph Nader, Republican and Democratic parties both face ...

... potentially damaging internal splits that could cripple their chances for victory in a narrow vote on Nov. 4.

Just take a look at recent Republican primary results, largely overlooked because McCain locked up the necessary 1,191 delegates long ago. In Indiana, McCain got 77% of the recent Republican primary vote, Mike Huckabee and Mitt Romney, who've each long ago quit and endorsed McCain, still got 10% and 5%

respectively, while Paul took 8%.

On the same May 6 in North Carolina, McCain received less than three-quarters of Republican votes (74%), while Huckabee got 12%, Paul 7% and Alan Keyes and No Preference took a total of 7%.

Pennsylvania was even slightly worse for the GOP's presumptive nominee, who got only 73% to a combined 27% for Paul (16%) and Huckabee (11%).

As Politico.com's Jonathan Martin noted recently, at least some of these results are temporary protest votes in meaningless primaries built on lingering affection for Huckabee and suspicion of McCain.

Given the long-since settled GOP race, thousands of other Republicans in these states, who might have put up with a McCain vote, crossed over to vote in the more exciting Democratic primaries, on their own for Sen. Barack Obama or at the urging of talk-show host Rush Limbaugh, who sought to support Hillary Clinton and prolong Democratic bloodletting.

According to a recent Boston Globe tally, Paul has a grand total of 19 Republican delegates to Romney's 260, Huckabee's 286 and McCain's 1,413.

In the last three months, Paul's forces, who donated \$34.5 million to his White House effort and upward of a million total votes, have, as *The Ticket* has noted, been fighting a series of guerrilla battles with party establishment officials at county and state conventions from Washington and Missouri to Maine and Mississippi. Their goal: to take control of local committees, boost their delegate totals and influence platform debates.

Paul, for instance, favors a drastically reduced federal government, abolishing the Federal Reserve, ending the Iraq war immediately and withdrawing U.S. troops from abroad.

They hope to demonstrate their disagreements with McCain vocally at the convention through platform fights and an attempt to get Paul a prominent speaking slot. Paul, who's running unopposed in his home Texas district for an 11th House term, still has some \$5 million in war funds and has instructed his followers that their struggle is not about a single election, but a long-term revolution for control of the Republican Party.

So eager are they to follow their leader's words, that Paul's supporters have driven his new book, "The Revolution: A Manifesto," to the top of several bestseller lists.

While Paul has consistently refused a third-party bid, he has vowed not to endorse McCain, a refusal mirrored by hundreds of his supporters who have left comments on *The Ticket* in recent weeks.

By Steve Gonzalez

A Utah man suffering from mesothelioma filed an asbestos suit in Madison County Circuit Court April 17, claiming his disease was wrongfully caused.

George Geisler claims he has been employed since 1978 as a machinist at various locations in Utah and Illinois.

Geisler claims that during the course of his employment and during home and automotive repairs he was exposed to and inhaled, ingested or otherwise absorbed asbestos fibers emanating from certain products he was working with and around.

He names 59 defendant corporations that include Bondex International, CBS, Ford Motor Company, General Electric, General Motors, Goodyear, Honeywell International, Ingersoll-Rand, John Crane, Owens-Illinois, and Philips Electronics.

"The plaintiff's exposure and inhalation, ingestion or absorption of the asbestos fibers was completely foreseeable and could or should have been anticipated by the defendants," the complaint states.

Geisler claims the defendants knew or should have known that the asbestos fibers contained in their products had a toxic, poisonous and highly deleterious effect upon the health of people.

According to Geisler, he first became aware that he suffered from mesothelioma on Feb. 14.

Geisler alleges that the defendants included asbestos in their products even when adequate substitutes were available and failed to provide any or adequate instructions concerning the safe methods of working with and around asbestos.

He also claims that the defendants failed to require and advise employees of hygiene practices designed to reduce or prevent carrying asbestos fibers home.

As a result of the alleged negligence, Geisler claims he was exposed to fibers containing asbestos. He developed a disease caused only by asbestos which has disabled and disfigured him, the complaint states.

He seeks damages to help pay for the cost of his treatment.

Geisler also suffers "great physical pain and mental anguish, and also will

MESOTHELIOMA DUE TO ASBESTOS EXPOSURE



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be hindered and prevented from pursuing his normal course of employment, thereby losing large sums of money," the complaint states.

He is seeking at least \$250,000 in damages for negligence, willful and wanton acts, conspiracy, and negligent spoliation of evidence among other allegations.

"In addition to compensatory damages, an award of punitive damages is appropriate and necessary in order to punish the defendants for willful, wanton, intentional and reckless misconduct and to deter them and others from engaging in like misconduct in the future," the complaint states.

Geisler is represented by G. Michael Stewart and Timothy Thompson, Jr., of SimmonsCooper in East Alton.

The case has been assigned to Circuit Court Judge Daniel Stack.

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## TRAVEL &amp; ADVENTURE

# Getting to Crater Lake takes a little climbing



By Bob Ragaini  
Copley News Service

**MEDFORD, OR** - The temperature was heading toward 90 when guides Liz and Jay of Austin-Lehman Adventures shuttled 12 guests to the first hike of their trip.

"We are what is known as NFAs," Jay explained during his introduction. "That stands for 'no fixed address.'"

"My father has finally decided I'm a gypsy," Liz added. "After this season with Austin-Lehman, I'm probably going to Asia for a few months, because that's what gypsies do."



But Liz was a gypsy who was also writing a novel based on her experiences as a personal gourmet chef.

Negotiating a road climbing high into the Siskiyou National Forest, Jay stopped the van at a place ominously called Grizzly Peak. Embarking on a trail padded with pine needles, Liz strode off briskly up a hill of towering lodgepole pines that pierced a cloudless sky. The fittest of our group, a mixed bag of occupations and levels of abilities, stayed with Liz. The rest set paces comfortable for them, Jay taking up the rear. Perhaps it was our common interest in nature and beautiful places, or perhaps it was the knowledge that none of us could or needed to upstage the others, that a natural camaraderie soon developed among us.

As we approached the summit, the forest turned suddenly into a nightmare of barren, charred poles. It was the skeletal remains of a forest fire, terrifying to imagine. Upon a rocky ledge, Jay was soon whipping

fresh cream with a whisk to put on strawberries and blackberries for a rest-stop snack.

Life was good again.

Sometime during the evening's dinner at a historic inn, Liz had left a note at the door of our room: "Jay and I hope that you enjoyed the starter hike today at Grizzly Peak. We hiked to almost 6,000 feet, but only in preparation for Mt. Scott on Tuesday, the highest point in Crater Lake National Park."

Seven thousand, seven hundred years ago, a mountain in what is now southern Oregon erupted and collapsed upon itself, leaving a massive crater surrounded by a jagged rim. Over time, rain and the melt from prodigious snowfalls filled the crater until it became the deepest lake in North America.

To the Klamath Indians it was known as "gi-was," Crater Lake. The first white men who stumbled upon it called it Big Blue Lake. By the time President Theodore Roosevelt designated it Oregon's first and only national park in 1902, it was again Crater Lake.

Since then, Crater Lake has attracted its share of visitors, but is not a celebrity park like Yellowstone or the Grand Canyon, which is what attracted me to Austin-Lehman Adventure's multisport trip to Crater Lake National Park. They were going where few tour operators had gone before. And I was going with them.

The next morning, the lot at the west entrance to the park was three-quarters empty. Jay pulled the van with 14 bikes on top and the trailer carrying luggage, food and equipment into a slot and we tumbled out, shook off the kinks and headed for Annie Creek - not Crater Lake.



Instead, we hiked down a narrow path through conifer forests, open fields and amber meadows to Annie Creek. It rippled prettily at the foot of the trail, lovely but not the lake we longed for. Annie always was a tease.

Crater Lake was up, 6,173 feet above sea level. After a picnic lunch, up was the direction we took. For two and a half hours our legs were given a workout. Then the trees parted, the sky opened and a blast of motorcycle engines told us we'd arrived. Liz was waiting with wine and a basket of fruit and cheese, which she placed upon a ledge overlooking the bluest lake we'd ever seen.

Six miles across, four and a half at its narrowest and encircled by a 33-mile rim road, the sheer size of the lake intensified the initial disbelief at its color. Laid out under cliffs that rose up to 2,000 feet above it, it flowed around a single large island into hidden coves. Blue and more blue.

A short but steep trail began at Crater Lake Lodge where we were staying, and a few of us decided to hike up an appetite before dinner. When we were well above the lodge, a bank of low-lying clouds raced toward the lake. Now the sun touched it only in spots, here intense, there soft and muted, other places not at all. Unlike the earlier pure, deep blue, the water's color ranged from slate-gray to topaz and all the hues in between. On Garfield Peak at 8,054 feet, the mist enveloped us, swirling and ghostly, turning everything white.

The hike to Mount Scott that Liz had promised was

also rated "strenuous," though even our newest beginners conquered it, simply by taking their time. From the summit, the entire lake spread out before us. Endless forests reached to the Cascade Mountains that rose behind.

The Mount Scott hike and a final drive around the rim marked our farewell to Crater Lake.

But wait - as they say on the infomercials - there's more!



Down from the top of the van came 14 Cannondale bikes. (Not by themselves. Jay and Liz helped.) We hopped on and sped downhill, some 20 miles toward the town of Ashland and our third hotel.

As if biking and hiking weren't enough, Austin-Lehman had taken advantage of Crater Lake's proximity to the Rogue River, famous for its rafting. In four-passenger rubber rafts (plus a guide), we furiously paddled over cascading rapids and blissfully relaxed on the tranquil stretches connecting them.

In Ashland, long renowned for its Shakespeare Festival, we took our seats, after the morning's rafting, in a full house to see "The Tempest."

Though ably acted by professionals who succeeded in making the dialogue crystal clear, one of our group succumbed. Multisported out, the guest sat bolt upright, eyelids at half-mast, and slept. What biking, hiking and rafting couldn't accomplish, Shakespeare in Ashland did.

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# Health — Studies stir confusion on safety of plastics



By Scott LaFee  
Copley News Service

Marianne Ruegsegger had heard the warnings before.

"I have a friend whose husband is a chemist, and he said never to heat food in plastic, that the molecules can get into the food," Ruegsegger said.

Ruegsegger followed that advice, but continued to use her Tupperware and collection of plastic containers - butter tubs, yogurt cups and the like - for storage and other purposes.

Then came the latest warnings: New scientific studies link bisphenol-a, or BPA, a chemical used in the manufacture of durable plastic bottles, food-can linings and dental fillings, with a host of serious maladies.

Ruegsegger, a computer systems analyst who lives in Escondido, Calif., boxed up her plastic storage tubs and bought glass containers instead.

"I feel safer now, I think," she said.

If Ruegsegger remains a bit uncertain about the real and perceived health hazards posed by plastic - specifically by polycarbonate plastic containing BPA - she is far from alone. For many consumers, the recent flurry of news reports about plastics and health hazards has been conflicting and confusing.

While a growing number of scientists say animal and cell-culture studies link low-dose BPA exposure to everything from altered neural development to reproductive system deformities to cancer, other researchers say the findings are inconclusive at best, irrelevant and fear-mongering at worst.

While Canada reportedly is close to declaring BPA to be a toxic chemical - it would be the first country to do so - the U.S. Food and Drug Administration says there is no compelling proof that BPA harms people.

While the chemical industry adamantly, even aggressively, insists BPA presents no measurable health risk to humans and cites 50 years of safe use, the marketplace appears to be abandoning the chemical. Nalgene, the maker of hugely popular polycarbonate water bottles, has said it will stop using the plastic because of consumer concerns.

Playtex, which makes baby products containing BPA, says it will follow suit. Major retailers including Wal-Mart and Toys "R" Us have announced plans to switch to selling only BPA-free baby bottles, teething rings and other products.

For the consumer, these contradictory actions are both encouraging and alarming. Many experts say it is prudent to reduce, if not avoid, at least some kinds of plastics in some kinds of situations. But in a world dominated by the stuff, how practical is that?

## COMPOUND INTEREST

Plastic is everywhere and, it seems, in almost every person. A 2004 survey by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention found traces of bisphenol-a in 93 percent of urine samples tested. Japanese scientists say it is detectable in the amniotic fluid and umbilical cords of unborn children.

In April, the National Toxicology Program, part of the federal National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, issued a draft report highlighting research that showed some lab rats fed or injected with low doses of BPA reached puberty early, had urinary tract problems or developed precancerous tumors.

The agency described the evidence as limited but said the "possibility that bisphenol-a may alter human development cannot be dismissed."

The chemical industry immediately brushed off the report.

"The findings provide reassurance that consumers can continue to use products made from bisphenol-a," said Steven G. Hentges of the American Chemistry Council, an advocacy group.

The draft report marked the first time that a U.S. government agency had expressed public concern about possible health risks posed by BPA.

The final report is not due for a couple of months, pending public and industry response. A call for further research is expected.

Research - or perhaps the lack of it - is at the heart of the conflict and confusion over BPA. The studies suggesting low-dose BPA exposure provokes adverse responses in cells and in test animals number in the hundreds.

The problem is that no one can say with certainty that these findings translate to humans.

"Obviously, this is a situation in which you're never going to directly test people," said Robert Tukey, a professor of chemistry and pharmacology at the University of California San Diego.

Compounding the issue is the question of whether humans are being exposed to hazardous levels of BPA.

"There's no doubt (BPA) can behave as estrogen mimics," said William Troglar, a University of California San Diego chemistry professor. "The issue is the level of exposure, in particular what people actually experience. Is the level significant or not?"

Many studies suggest it is. With improved tools and techniques, researchers are reporting measurable effects from BPA at levels well below those declared safe by government regulators and industry scientists.

Some research indicates humans may be exposed to more BPA than previously thought - that under certain conditions, these chemicals leach out of plastic in higher-than-expected amounts.

For example, a much-reported study this year at the University of Cincinnati found that polycarbonate baby bottles exposed to boiling water - meant to simulate prolonged use and multiple washings - released 55 times more BPA than bottles exposed only to hot water. Other research has shown that old, scratched polycarbonate plastic leaches chemicals more readily than newer material.

The chemical industry counters these reports with other studies citing no significant adverse effect from BPA. Industry spokesmen say the government backs up their position, noting the

FDA's announcement last year that it knew of no research compelling enough to merit restricting or banning BPA. In March, FDA officials conceded the conclusion was based on just two industry-funded studies.

To be sure, not every kind of plastic poses a known or suspected health risk. Polyethylene terephthalate ethylene - more commonly known as PET or PETE - is widely used in disposable water, soda and juice bottles. Health experts generally say it poses no known health threat, particularly if it is not re-used.

Likewise, high density polyethylene, or HDPE, plastic, used in milk jugs, shampoo bottles and cleaner containers, is considered to be safe, as is low-density polyethylene, or LDPE, used in bin liners and packaging films, and polypropylene, or PP, used in microwaveable plastics and straws.

More worrisome are polyvinyl chloride, PVC or V, used in cling wrap and some plastic squeeze bottles; polystyrene, used in foam cartons, carryout containers and opaque plastic cutlery; and BPA-laden polycarbonate plastics, used to create rigid, shatter-resistant containers, such as backpacking bottles or baby bottles.

## FOREVER PLASTIC

So what's a person to do? Realistically, there probably is no way to avoid exposure to plastics entirely. They are part and parcel of modern American life, found in almost every processed product.

The United States produced 6.5 billion pounds of raw plastic in December 2007, up 2.3 percent from one year earlier.

But if plastic is a permanent fixture of life - decomposition rates range from tens to thousands of years - experts say there are different ways to think about and deal with it.

If a particular plastic poses a health risk, it should be banned, said Sharyle Patton, director of the health and environmental program at Commonweal, a nonprofit research institute in Bolinas, Calif., north of San Francisco.

"I don't want to wait for science to tell me a man-made substance is safe. This can take years," Patton said. "I want these chemicals out of all of our bodies until we know much more about what makes us sick and what keeps us well."

Rick Clark, director of medical toxicology at University of California San Diego Medical Center, said it's not that simple. If the science isn't conclusive, then other factors must be considered.

"My job is to decide whether the risk of a little exposure to a chemical outweighs the benefits of having that chemical," Clark said.

Clark cited the example of benzene, a known human carcinogen that people inhale when they pump gas.

"It's in gasoline because there's no way to get it out 100 percent," he said. "So we take precautions to minimize the health risk, like having those covers on nozzles. The resulting exposure level isn't believed to be high enough to cause leukemia, and we accept the risk because we need the gas."

It's much the same with BPA and other common but possibly hazardous chemicals, Clark said.

"You try to find and use alternative products if you can, but ultimately you have to determine your degree of risk," he said. "I can't tell you that you're not getting an exposure from BPA. I can't tell you for certain the chemical isn't doing something to your body. But the data up to this point is lacking for me."

"I'm not throwing away my Tupperware yet."

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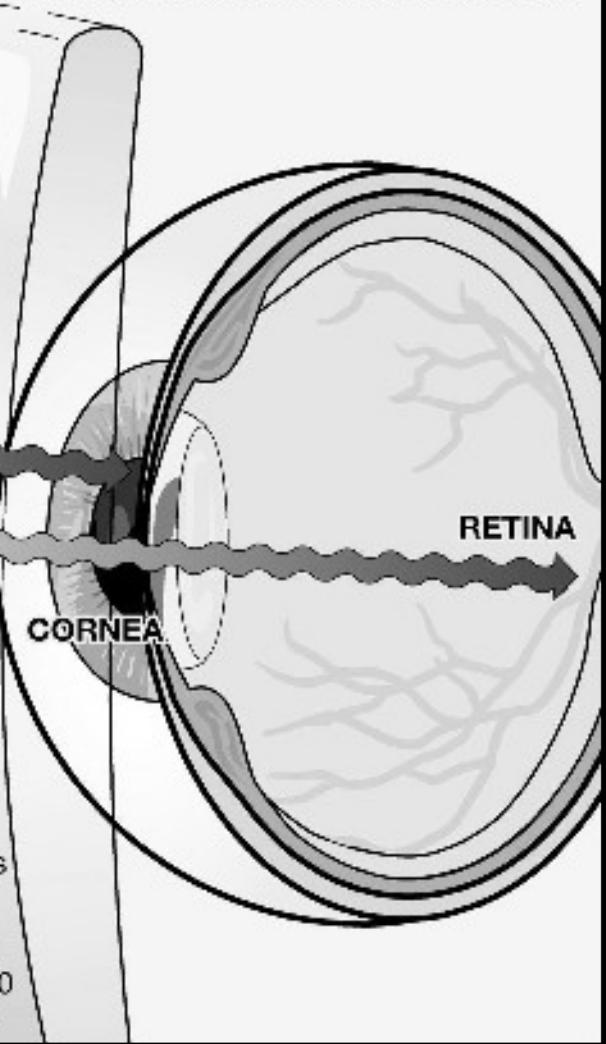
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# Ibuprofen Linked to Reduced Alzheimer's Risk

By Amanda Gardner  
HealthDay Reporter

(HealthDay News) - People who use the painkiller ibuprofen regularly for five years may be less likely to develop Alzheimer's disease as they age, a new study suggests.

And more generally, people using the class of drugs known as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) may have a decreased risk for Alzheimer's as well, although the link here is not as clear-cut as it is for ibuprofen.

But the findings don't put to rest a debate that has long simmered about the role of NSAIDs in the prevention or treatment of Alzheimer's, given the gastrointestinal side effects associated with long-term use of this class of painkillers.

"This discussion has been going on for a while," said William Thies, vice president of medical and scientific relations for the Alzheimer's Association. "This trial is big enough and the results are good enough that it may reopen the debate -- that we should do a prevention study with these medications."

But at this point, the conclusions aren't firm enough to start taking ibuprofen or any other NSAID to help ward off dementia, he said.

"Probably people shouldn't be taking these medications just to prevent Alzheimer's. The effect is too uncertain and the side effects are pretty well known," Thies said. "For those people who won't listen to this advice, they should be really careful to fill in their physician so he can track it with other

medications."

Dr. Steven Vlad, lead author of the study and a fellow in rheumatology at Boston University School of Medicine, agreed, saying: "The big issue is that ibuprofen looks like it prevents Alzheimer's but all these drugs have well-known side effects and significant side effects, so the risk-benefit ratio is not clear at this point. Patients shouldn't go on ibuprofen to prevent Alzheimer's."

The findings are published in the May 6 issue of *Neurology*.

While so-called epidemiological studies have indicated some dementia prevention benefit with NSAIDs and ibuprofen, treatment trials have shown no benefits.

The new study involved five years of data on 50,000 U.S. veterans aged 55 and older who had a diagnosis of Alzheimer's. A control group included almost 200,000 veterans without an Alzheimer's diagnosis.

Overall, people who used NSAIDs long-term were at a lower risk of developing Alzheimer's -- about 25 percent lower. But the benefit was more pronounced with specific drugs.

The risk of developing Alzheimer's decreased the longer a person used ibuprofen, with those using the drug for five years more than 40 percent less likely to develop this dementia.

"It's not clear what the mechanisms are," Vlad said. It may have to do with reducing inflammation in the brain, reducing a component of the plaques which are a hallmark of Alzheimer's, or some as-yet unidentified process, he added.

"A clinical trial of ibuprofen for the prevention of Alzheimer's disease would be reasonable to get the risks and benefits," Vlad said. "There's also going to be ongoing research into developing drugs like ibuprofen without the toxicities."

A second study in the same issue of the journal, by U.S. researchers involved with the Cardiovascular Health Cognition Study, found that people with shorter limbs may have a higher risk of developing dementia.

Among women, greater knee height (measured from the sole of the foot to the front of the thigh) and arm span (the distance between fingertips) were linked with a decreased risk of dementia (16 percent decreased risk per 1-inch increase for knee height, and a 7 percent decrease per 1-inch increase in arm span).

Overall, women with the shortest arm spans were 1.5 times more likely to develop dementia, including Alzheimer's, compared with women who had longer arm spans, the study said.

Among men, only arm span was associated with a lower risk of dementia: a 6 percent decreased risk for every one-inch increase.

The researchers suggested that poor nutrition may have much to do with the possible link. According to the researchers, poor nutrition in early life and other factors could influence intelligence and levels of education and, eventually, risk of dementia.

In this study, men and women with longer measurements had had more years of education; height has also been linked with intelligence.

*Visit the Alzheimer's Association for more on this brain disorder.*

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## A Verbal Assassin Commentary

### What About Ryan? Protective System Creates Profiteers

By Ron Lee

On Page 1 of this edition there is an article written by Lou Ann Anderson, titled "Your Town, USA – a Great Place to Live, Launch and Loot?". In it Ms. Anderson asserts that the elderly and disabled are often victimized by individuals, sometimes relatives, who abscond with their money - be it from a billfold or a savings account - and the system does little to protect them. But, what happens when a flaw in that system allows for the pilfering of the elderly and disabled by state-sanctioned private companies who act as guardians in cases where there is alleged wrongdoing?

Meet Beagle, Burke and Associates (BBA). BBA is a private, for-profit, company that works closely with the courts in Vancouver, Washington to "protect" the assets of those who can't do it themselves, or those who have been victimized by having their estate looted by a uncontrollable guardian. They are supposed to be the watchdog of guardianships. But, in my opinion, they are just out to make money like any other for-profit company, and in the end, this means raping the accounts of the individuals they were supposed to be helping.

Such is the case with Ryan Cuthbert. As an infant, Ryan was injured through medical malfeasance and developed cerebral palsy. Through the efforts of his parents, Debbie and Ron Cuthbert, Ryan won a settlement - set-up as a guardianship - to provide for the cost of care and living expenses. This came in the form of monthly payments, increasing with age, as well as several large payments at certain age milestones. Ron Cuthbert was awarded physical and financial guardianship of Ryan.

Ryan is a special needs individual who requires round-the-clock care, and for all of his 35 years, that is just what his parents have provided - especially Ron, who has been the primary care-giver all these years.

But that has all recently changed, thanks to BBA.

As part of the settlement agreement, Ron was required to submit an accounting of Ryan's funds to the court, and through the years he has, and the court had always accepted them in the form he was providing. Granted, they weren't as detailed as some accounting practices, but he always kept receipts and had a much more detailed accounting up-to-date should it ever be

required. He just didn't see the use of wasting the court's time by giving them some sort of forensic breakdown. Ron knew he was taking care of Ryan's needs and acting in his best interest.

At this point I need to mention that the Cuthbert's don't live in a mansion by any means, and they don't drive new - or even newly used - vehicles. Nor do the Cuthbert's flaunt expensive jewelry or go on lavish trips. They simply work and care for their son.

Because of Ron's lack of "detailed" accounting BBA took notice. Personally, I think BBA are nothing more than wolves in sheep's clothing,

was determined Ryan was well cared for, and when Ron was released, pending trial, BBA even paid him to care for Ryan!

Even though Ron was back and home, Ryan would act-out knowing something was happening and he became completely afraid of police - they were the one's who took his father away.

When the case eventually went to trial, Ron produced a detailed accounting of Ryan's estate to the court as evidence that there had been no wrongdoing. His evidence was received, but the judge mandated that the jury not see it as it would only confuse them. Needless to say, Ron was convicted on 7 counts of felony theft.

Ryan's brother Jason, a Washington State Trooper, has since won physical guardianship over Ryan. A small victory.

On March 28, 2008, Ron Cuthbert was sentenced to 43 months in prison. He is currently out pending an appeal and is back caring for Ryan, where he should be.

BBA is still guardian of Ryan's estate and has been paid out of Ryan's account an estimated **\$130,000.00** for "expenses." Their "expenses" keep building.

Ryan keeps losing.  
I thought this was all about him.

But, that's what happens when a for-profit company uses a guise as protectors, when in reality they are nothing more than mere petty profiteers.

This, by no means, is an isolated incident. Just ask the Trost family, and the many others coming out of the woodwork saying they have been wronged by BBA.

Keep sucking that tit, BBA. The milk won't last forever. You've been found out.

I just hope Ron's appeal is granted. Any reasonable, law-abiding judge should dismiss this nightmare.

I mean, really ... It's all about Ryan. Don't forget that.

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Debbie Cuthbert and her son Ryan.



Ron being sentenced

hand-picking large estates to rustle, but I digress...

Through their relationship with the court they launched a forensic accounting investigation into Ryan's estate. They found that many times Ron had deposited Ryan's check into his personal account - an account that was used for to provide for Ryan as well.

After several failed attempts to attain a more detailed accounting from Mr. Cuthbert, they made their move.

The Cuthbert home was raided and Ron was arrested, stripping Ryan of his primary care-giver and, according to him, his best friend. While Ron was in jail Ryan's health deteriorated. He became angry, with bouts of depression, and just didn't understand why his father, who had always been there, wasn't there any longer.

At this time, BBA was appointed guardian of Ryan's estate and physical guardianship was stripped from Ron as well. But, NOT custody! It