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## 17th Amendment & State Sovereignty

By Devvy Kidd  
US~Observer Exclusive

Last month, Tennessee State Representative Susan Lynn sent out a letter to members of the other 49 state legislatures titled, 'They Can't Push Us Around Forever.' [1] Over the past year, 36 states of the Union have declared via

resolutions, to be sovereign and have taken the position that the federal

machine has no lawful authority for much of what we've seen come out of

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## FARASH ESTATE SHOWS GUARDIANSHIP REACH

*Will and Testament*

NY estate should  
warn everyone of  
guardianship reach

By Lou Ann Anderson  
[www.EstateofDenial.com](http://www.EstateofDenial.com)

The estate of Max Farash should serve as a cautionary tale regarding the real weight of property rights whether in New York, Texas or anywhere else in this country. After a 2007 declaration of mental incapacitation by a New York Supreme Court judge, a property guardian

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## N.C. Deputy Vindicated Felony Charges Dismissed Another US~Observer Victory



Chris Hoover

By Tedd Peck  
Investigative Reporter

**Franklin, North Carolina –** On June 5, 2008 Sheriff Deputy Chris Hoover of Franklin, NC was charged with "Taking Liberties with A Minor." The US~Observer was hired in early September of 2008, to vindicate Hoover of the false felony charges leveled against him by corrupted law enforcement.

In early September, 2009, the false charges were dismissed due to the intense investigation conducted by the US~Observer and the subsequent articles (view previous articles at www.

usobserver.com) exposing the true facts regarding the false felony charges leveled at the innocent deputy sheriff.

After the US~Observer's articles were published, the prosecutor moved the court for a change of venue because our investigative article was distributed in Macon County. Normally, this is the ploy of a defense attorney when negative publicity is polluting the jury pool. The motion was denied and the prosecution was faced with an uphill battle.

In time, justice will prevail with adequate help, but the cost to a human's life is incalculable when unprofessional, pre-determined, knee jerk police investigations are allowed to go unchecked.

This reporter journeyed to the Smoky Mountains of southwest North Carolina over one year ago to investigate a felony indictment case involving a young Macon County Sheriff Deputy, Chris Hoover. Chris was accused of taking liberties

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## Largest IRS Refund in U.S. History Amazing 30 Year Old Tax Case!

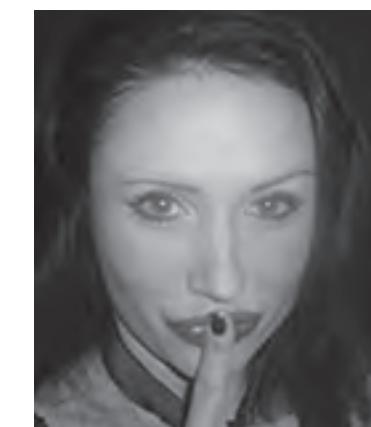
By Edward Snook  
Chief of Investigations  
US~Observer

**SEATTLE, WA** - Over 30 years ago Henry Kersting put a small sign on the wall of the Honolulu Continental Airlines Pilot bulletin board requesting investors. It was one of the most successful low margin advertising events in American History. In a short time the Kersting companies had 1800-plus pilots from all over the United States, in all of the major commercial airlines, as investors. Plans were made to buy banks, car rental companies, real estate, and other commercial activity. Promises were made as to the legitimacy of numerous estate and tax shelter planning. Ultimately, Kersting's case would become one of the most litigated IRS tax cases in history;



Houston Lawyer - Michael Minns

one where the IRS was found to have defrauded the Tax Court. It is a case that still rages on today with Michael Minns, the lawyer who has won more fights (counts that the government accuses someone of criminal conduct and are found not guilty) than perhaps any other state full of attorneys, and certainly any other single attorney in the



Melissa Leahy-Rossow



D.A. Michael Dugan

## Deschutes County District Attorney Michael Dugan Truth Is Different From Fact?

By Edward Snook  
Chief of Investigations  
US~Observer

**Deschutes County, Oregon,** November, 2009 – On January 23, 2009, Kevin Driscoll of Redmond, Oregon was charged with 3 counts of rape, one count of unlawful sexual penetration, one count of sodomy and one count of assault IV. The US~Observer investigated Driscoll's case and found, in our opinion that Melissa Leahy-Rossow had falsely accused him of these crimes. Read the startling facts

of this case at [www.usobserver.com/archive/sept-09/driscoll-september.htm](http://www.usobserver.com/archive/sept-09/driscoll-september.htm).

In our original article we provided overwhelming evidence that Rossow is a very "loose woman" to put it mildly. The evidence in this case clearly shows that Rossow has lied to and withheld evidence from Redmond, Oregon Police.

The video tapes obtained by the US~Observer and described in our original article show that Driscoll was simply another convenient, male sexual partner for Rossow. She

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## I Remember



By Curt Chandler  
Investigative Reporter

I have lived the majority of my time on this planet not only living life to the fullest but living it as a proud American male, and I have lived my life in one of the greatest periods in history. I am a self taught road scholar - not a Rhodes Scholar, but a roads scholar - which means I received my education on the roads, highways and byways of America.

I remember when the

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tells the police that Driscoll bruised her as he was raping her and they take pictures of those bruises. An eye-witness later admits to having sex with Rossow prior to the alleged rape and on the same evening in question and states that the bruises were present when he had intercourse with her. Rossow claims that she is



petrified of Driscoll, yet video surveillance shows quite the opposite. Why would Deschutes County District Attorney (DA) Michael Dugan, who is fully aware of these facts, continue this abusive false prosecution?

The media in Deschutes County, Oregon has aided and abetted DA Dugan in destroying Kevin Driscoll. They have cost him his job and completely destroyed his reputation. And now Dugan is telling those angry citizens who contact his office that the truth is different from the facts. Our readership needs to keep in mind that even though DA Dugan has his assistant, Jody Vaughan falsely prosecuting Driscoll, he is the person responsible.

After we completed our in-depth investigation and prior to printing our initial article we did what any responsible media would do – we contacted DA Dugan to inform him of the facts of this case and give him the opportunity to drop the false charges. We were told in a response letter ([www.usobserver.com](http://www.usobserver.com)) from Dugan that he wasn't privy to any of the video or other evidence that we referenced and he asked for the US~Observer to provide him the evidence. Upon further investigation we found that his assistant Jody Vaughan already had the evidence and that he was merely attempting to deceive us. In a brief response letter, we explained to Dugan our concerns and the fact that his office already had the evidence. We haven't received a response from Dugan to date, which proves both his deception and his abuse of power.

#### Dugan's Deception

Below is an email written to Dugan by a concerned person after they had read our initial article on the attempted false prosecution of Kevin Driscoll. Keep in mind that this is just one of many responses that Dugan has received.

#### Email to Dugan

**From:** Confidential

**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2009 10:32 PM

**To:** Mike Dugan

**Subject:** Deschutes County vs. Kevin Driscoll

October 1, 2009

**Mr. Dugan,**

I am writing you in regards to the case of Kevin Driscoll and Melissa Leahy-Rossow. As a woman, it is hard for me to consider the idea that another woman would lie about this type of crime, making a mockery out of all the other women who are out there truly suffering from this type of heinous crime.

Unfortunately, it is my experience that lying about rape isn't uncommon. Throughout high school, I lived in the Royal Haven girl's home in Sisters, under the "care" of Steven Gage & Karen Lee. While there, I heard horrible stories from girls of violence and abuse, while suffering my own personal hell while in that home. There were also a handful of girls there who lied about being raped in the 3 years I was there. Their reasons for lying varied, but in the end it was all still the same. They were dodging responsibility for their own actions. They were searching for sympathy. They were making light of every girl who had ever truly suffered the shame, pain and embarrassment being raped brings with it. It is for this reason; I am disgusted with the charges Ms. Leahy-Rossow has charged Kevin Driscoll with. I know that I am not

*an expert, or an investigator, but I am a woman with common sense and integrity, and I am appalled at what is going on.*

*I have known Kevin for several years. In my opinion he is not capable of committing this type of crime. It is funny to me that his story makes sense, and her story is full of lies and inconsistencies. She lies about the stupidest things like how she arrived to Kevin's house, and whether or not she was engaged in sexual activity with another man just shortly before going to Kevin's room. There are several ridiculous lies she tells, and then there is the big one... that he violently and brutally raped her. Out of all the people at his house that night, every one of them seems to be backing up Kevin's version of the story. Her own husband has stated publicly that she lied to him about the rape because she knew he wouldn't believe her. I cannot imagine my husband not believing me, and if he didn't because I'd lied about it in the past then I would really think that said something about my character... wouldn't you agree?*

*At first when this all started back in January, I believed that with all the evidence against Melissa there was no way that this case would go on as long as it has. But now, after almost 9 months, nothing has happened, and I am losing faith in the system. I am worried that the laws protecting the "victim" are preventing the accused from defending himself. I worry that the evidence is being overlooked by your office and that scares me; and not because I worry about Kevin going to jail, but I worry that the right thing isn't being done. I worry that it is so easy for women to file false charges with no repercussions. The life Kevin has worked so hard for has been shattered by a false accusation and a refusal to fairly look at the whole picture, not just one side. It bothers me that I feel so let down by the system that has stood so strong by my side in the past. Things have clearly gotten out of hand here, and I hope that you would personally take the time, if you haven't already, and look at all the evidence, not just the evidence that will be allowed in court, but everything. Both parties have a past, but if you could just set that aside and look at this case, the big picture, hopefully you can see that something has gone terribly wrong here. It is my belief that you hold the key to ending this all.*

*If it comes out that Melissa is indeed lying, is your office prepared to hold her responsible for her actions? Maybe if the women who lie about this type of thing were punished as harshly as the accused, it would weed out the dishonest and help the true victims feel more comfortable to come forward.*

*I hope that you take this letter to heart and ensure that the right thing is done in this case.*

**Very Respectfully,  
Confidential**

#### Email Response from Dugan

**From:** Mike Dugan

**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2009 8:43

**To:** Confidential

**Subject:** RE: Deschutes County vs. Kevin Driscoll

**Dear Ms. Confidential,**

*Thank you for expressing your concern about a case that you read about in the US Observer. Please be understanding in that what you read may not be accurate. I prefer that the truth come from the witness stand, not from a tabloid. We believe that the true facts are much different than what you read. Of course, under the Constitution of Oregon and of the United States, Mr. Driscoll is presumed to be innocent.*

*I am in the business of seeking the truth and protecting victims and the community. Should we find that a person commits perjury we have filed criminal charges. We have filed criminal charges against women for making false police reports concerning rape charges.*

*I am disappointed that you, and many others who have read that article, have taken it to be the absolute truth and nothing but the truth. Perhaps you should wait until after the trial to make up your mind.*

**Respects,  
Michael T. Dugan  
District Attorney  
Deschutes County**

#### About Michael Dugan's Response

The facts that were contained in our first article were just that – facts. They were taken from indisputable video tapes and eye-witness statements. Michael Dugan's response speaks for itself. There is no mistaking truth in fact as they are one in the same. The facts of this case are simple; Deschutes County District Attorney Michael Dugan and Assistant District Attorney Jody Vaughan don't have a case against Kevin Driscoll. They have ruined Kevin Driscoll's life and falsely charged him with serious crimes without doing their job. It is a fact that Dugan lied to Confidential in his response above and it is a fact that both Dugan and Vaughan are very dangerous and corrupt individuals.

Dugan also stated that Deschutes County has filed criminal charges against women for making false police reports concerning rape charges. The US~Observer will be looking into that statement and rest assured we will continue to cover this issue as I don't believe anything that DA Dugan says at this point.

We would also urge all citizens of Deschutes County, Oregon who are concerned with their safety to begin taking steps to get rid of both Dugan and his accomplice, Jody Vaughan.

Unfortunately for Dugan and Vaughan, our "Tabloid" subscribers in all 50 states and 13 foreign countries, have read and will continue reading about the false and corrupt prosecution of Kevin Driscoll.



#### A Mainstream Media Response

*"We have received multiple e-mails about this case and have read the story which also criticizes - unfairly, I believe - the station I work for, and others as well. I suggest you take up any issues you have with our news director Lee Anderson, who I'm copying this reply in. Thanks for the note."*

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Barney refers to being treated unfair in his writer's blog response. Barney sounds exactly like DA Dugan doesn't he? He should, because they both represent the same "system" that is guilty in this case...period.

What about Kevin Driscoll? What about the words and tactics used by Barney's employer to paint a guilty picture of Driscoll to not only his neighbors, but all of Deschutes County and anyone who has viewed their deceitful coverage? Both Barney Lerten and DA Dugan are now exposed – they are what they are just as facts are always facts.

It has been reported to the US~Observer that News Channel 21/KTVZ.COM and others involved in the attempted destruction of Kevin Driscoll have received literally hundreds of calls from angry people who have already read the "facts" regarding the false criminal charges leveled at Kevin Driscoll. We want them to realize that more are on the way....

Please email us at editor@usobserver.com with any information you may have regarding anyone involved in this case.

**Editor's Note:** The US~Observer has received information that Deschutes County Assistant District Attorney Jody Vaughan has attempted to withhold important information from the defense in this case. Vaughan reportedly had information that Rossow had withheld critical information from the police and Vaughan apparently attempted to conceal it from the defense.

# 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.

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# In The Nation

## Democrats, Incumbents Get Wake-Up Call

(POLITICO) RICHMOND, Va. — Eager to drain the 2009 elections of drama and import, White House press secretary Robert Gibbs claimed Tuesday night that President Barack Obama was “not watching returns.”

You can be sure that he is studying them closely now: The off-year elections were, in two big races, an unmistakable rebuke of Democrats, reshuffling Obama’s political circumstances in ways likely to have severe near-term consequences for his policy agenda and larger governing strategy.

Independents took flight from Democrats. They suffered humiliating gubernatorial losses in traditionally Democratic New Jersey, where Obama lent his prestige in a pair of eleventh-hour campaign rallies Sunday, and in Virginia, which had been trending leftward and just last year was held up as an example of how Obama was redrawing the political map in his favor.

Tuesday night’s trends were emphatically not in Obama’s favor. Among those paying closest attention are dozens of Democrats who won formerly

Republican congressional districts in 2006 and 2008 and are up for reelection in 2010. Many of these pickups that powered the Democrats’ recapture of Congress came in Southern and border states, or in the Ohio River Valley, where political conditions are similar to those in Virginia.

Obama now faces a much tougher challenge persuading these mostly moderate Democrats to put themselves further at risk by backing such liberal priorities as expanding government’s role in health care or limiting greenhouse gases.

It was a consolation prize — cherished by national Democrats urgently looking for some good news — that Democrat Bill Owens won a special election for the 23rd Congressional District in upstate New York.

What’s more, there is an argument that these off-year elections may not have produced an ideological or partisan verdict so much as revealed a deeply

aggrieved electorate — ready to rough up incumbents of all varieties.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who previously had been perceived as a highly popular independent, barely fended off a listless and badly outspent Democratic challenge from City Comptroller William Thompson Jr.

The results in the New York House race — in a remote, historically Republican bastion — came after a bitter intramural fight among Republicans in which Conservative Party candidate Doug Hoffman and his backers effectively ran GOP establishment pick Dede Scozzafava out of the race.

“I think all incumbents need to be on full alert,” Rep. Chris Van Hollen of Maryland, the leader of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, told POLITICO in a telephone interview.

The election campaigns were followed swiftly by post-game campaigns to shape perceptions of the results. The Democratic line, from the White House on down, is to plunge into nuance — making the case that the big 2009 contests were effectively local races waged by two weak candidates in incumbent Jon Corzine in New Jersey, beaten by Republican Chris Christie, and state Sen. Creigh Deeds in Virginia, who was clubbed like a harp seal in his 17-percentage-point loss to GOP nominee Bob McDonnell.

It is true enough that both Democratic candidates had severe limitations — Deeds was a notably unprepossessing candidate compared with the polished McDonnell, and Corzine was deeply unpopular and at the helm of a state suffering through difficult economic times. Neither race should be viewed as strictly a referendum on Obama. But if there is a danger in over-interpreting off-year elections, it is also a mistake to un-derinterpret.

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## Three More Children Injected Against Parents’ Wishes

By Paul Joseph Watson  
Prison Planet.com

When does yet another “mistake” become a flagrant official disregard for parental rights? Another three children have been injected with the swine flu vaccine against their parents’ wishes as schools institute mass inoculation programs with little concern about consent.

A girl in Brooklyn suffered an allergic reaction to the H1N1 shot after nurses injected her with the vaccine without the consent of her mother, Naomi Troy.

6-year-old Nikiyah Torres-Pierre takes medicine to control her epilepsy and for this reason her mother was waiting on doctors’ advice before signing the H1N1 consent form.

However, nurses administered the shot without even checking the girl’s name against a register of pupils who had received parental consent.

“My stomach was hurting, and I was itching,” Nikiyah said after she was released from the hospital,” reports the New York Post.

Officials at Public School 335 in Crown Heights then tried to get Troy to sign a consent form after the fact in a crude attempt to hide their culpability.

“I was insulted. I was really angry. ‘You just incriminated yourself even more,’” Troy recalled thinking.

The NY Post report also reveals that less than half of parents in New York City have consented to have their kids vaccinated, underscoring the widespread rejection of the swine flu shot despite a \$16 million

dollar federal government propaganda campaign to coerce people into being inoculated.

In a follow-up report Nov. 1st, the NY Post highlighted another two separate cases where children had been vaccinated against their parents’ wishes.

Last week we reported on a boy in Ohio who received



the swine flu vaccine despite the fact that his mother clearly refused consent for her child to be inoculated because of previous bad reactions to medicine.

We also highlighted the case of a 7-year-old boy in Montgomery County, who was given the nasal spray version of the H1N1 vaccine despite his father’s

objections that his son should be exempted because of underlying health problems.

Despite the fact that a majority of people across the world are now refusing to be duped by the fear-mongering surrounding swine flu and rejecting the vaccine, they are being lynched by officials as “extremists” who are harming public health efforts.

*When does a “mistake” become a flagrant disregard for parental rights?*

In reality, people are refusing to be injected because the vaccine itself, loaded with mercury, squalene and cancerous cells, is a threat to public health. The fact that privileged members of the elite have requested and been given access to vaccines that don’t contain these toxic additives proves that a two tier system is in place – one for the idiot public who the pharmaceutical companies will happily inject with poison because they have government protection against adverse reaction lawsuits, and another for members of the establishment who will propagandize all day long about the safety of the public version of the vaccine yet will refuse to take it themselves.

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# In The Nation



## Be Prepared for the Worst

**“The large-scale government intervention in the economy is going to end badly” -- By Ron Paul**

(Forbes) Any number of pundits claim that we have now passed the worst of the recession. Green shoots of recovery are supposedly popping up all around the country, and the economy is expected to resume growing soon at an annual rate of 3% to 4%. Many of these are the same people who insisted that the economy would continue growing last year, even while it was clear that we were already in the beginning stages of a recession.

A false recovery is under way. I am reminded of the outlook in 1930, when the experts were certain that the worst of the Depression was over and that recovery was just around the corner. The economy and stock market seemed to be recovering, and there was optimism that the recession, like many of those before it, would be over in a year or less. Instead, the interventionist policies of Hoover and Roosevelt caused the Depression to worsen, and the Dow Jones industrial average did not recover to 1929 levels until 1954. I fear that our stimulus and bailout programs have already done too much to prevent the economy from recovering in a natural manner and will result in yet another asset bubble.

Anytime the central bank intervenes to pump trillions of dollars into the financial system, a bubble is

created that must eventually deflate. We have seen the results of Alan Greenspan's excessively low interest rates: the housing bubble, the explosion of subprime loans and the subsequent collapse of the bubble, which took down numerous financial institutions. Rather than allow the market to correct itself and clear away the worst excesses of the boom period, the Federal Reserve and the U.S. Treasury colluded to put taxpayers on the hook for trillions of dollars. Those banks and financial institutions that took on the largest risks and performed worst were rewarded with billions in taxpayer dollars, allowing them to survive and compete with their better-managed peers.

This is nothing less than the creation of another bubble. By attempting to cushion the economy from the worst shocks of the housing bubble's collapse, the Federal Reserve has ensured that the ultimate correction of its flawed economic policies will be more severe than it otherwise would have been. Even with the massive interventions, unemployment is near 10% and likely to increase, foreigners are cutting back on purchases of Treasury debt and the Federal Reserve's balance sheet remains bloated at an unprecedented \$2 trillion. Can anyone realistically argue that a few small upticks in a handful of economic indicators are a sign that the recession is over?

What is more likely happening is a repeat of the Great Depression. We might have up to a year or so of an economy growing just slightly above stagnation, followed by a drop in growth worse than anything we

have seen in the past two years. As the housing market fails to return to any sense of normalcy, commercial real estate begins to collapse and manufacturers produce goods that cannot be purchased by debt-strapped consumers, the economy will falter. That will go on until we come to our senses and end this wasteful government spending.

Government intervention cannot lead to economic growth. Where does the money come from for Tarp (Treasury's program to buy bad bank paper), the stimulus handouts and the cash for clunkers? It can come only from taxpayers, from sales of Treasury debt or through the printing of new money. Paying for these programs out of tax revenues is pure redistribution; it takes money out of one person's pocket and gives it to someone else without creating any new wealth. Besides, tax revenues have fallen drastically as unemployment has risen, yet government spending continues to increase. As for Treasury debt, the Chinese and other foreign investors are more and more reluctant to buy it, denominated as it is in depreciating dollars.

The only remaining option is to have the Fed create new money out of thin air. This is inflation. Higher prices lead to a devalued dollar and a lower standard of living for Americans. The Fed has already overseen a 95% loss in the dollar's purchasing power since 1913. If we do not stop this profligate spending soon, we risk hyperinflation and seeing a 95% devaluation every year.

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## Federal Reserve Policy Audit Legislation ‘Gutted’



Texas Republican Congressman Ron Paul

By Bob Ivry

(Bloomberg) -- Representative Ron Paul, the Texas Republican who has called for an end to the Federal Reserve, said legislation he introduced to audit monetary policy has been “gutted” while moving toward a possible vote in the Democratic-controlled House.

The bill, with 308 co-sponsors, has been stripped of provisions that would remove Fed exemptions from audits of transactions with foreign central banks, monetary policy deliberations, transactions made under the direction of the Federal Open Market Committee and communications between the Board, the reserve banks and staff, Paul said today.

“There’s nothing left, it’s been gutted,” he said in a telephone interview. “This is not a partisan issue.

People all over the country want to know what the Fed is up to, and this legislation was supposed to help them do that.”

The Fed, led by Chairman Ben S. Bernanke, has come under greater congressional scrutiny while attempting to end the financial crisis by bailing out financial firms and more than doubling its balance sheet to \$2.16 trillion in the past year. The central bank is also buying \$1.25 trillion of securities tied to home loans.

Paul, a member of the House Financial Services Committee, said Mel Watt, a Democrat from North Carolina, has eliminated “just about everything” while preparing the legislation for formal consideration. Watt is chairman of the panel’s domestic monetary policy and technology subcommittee.

Keith Kelly, a spokesman for Watt, declined to comment and said Watt wasn’t immediately available for an interview. Watt’s district includes Charlotte, headquarters of Bank of America Corp., the biggest U.S. lender.

### Original Language

Paul said he intends to introduce an amendment to the bill when it comes to the House floor for a vote restoring the legislation’s original language.

Representative Barney Frank, a Democrat from Massachusetts and chairman of the committee, said in interview that he intends to ensure legislation would provide a time lag between FOMC actions and the reporting of them.

Such a provision would “lessen the market impact,” he said on Oct. 20. “The importance is to see that there are no abuses and to judge what they did.”

The legislation will probably be included in a broader Democratic package of financial-regulation changes in the House, Frank said.

## 237 Millionaires



### in Congress

By Brian Montopoli

Even in tough times, it’s good to be a lawmaker: According to a report released this week by the Center for Responsive Politics, there are 237 millionaires serving in Congress, according to 2008 figures.

That’s a slight decline from the previous year, when there were 239 millionaires in the House and Senate. But it still reflects the fact that the average lawmaker is far wealthier than his or her typical constituent. While about one percent of Americans are millionaires, 44 percent of those serving in Congress can claim as much.

“The biggest takeaway from all of this is that even though the collective wealth of members of congress appears to have declined, members of Congress are still so much more wealthy than the average American – and even more wealthy than a lot of wealthy Americans,” CRP spokesman Dave Levinthal told Hotsheet.

The richest member of Congress is Republican California Rep. Darrell Issa, whose net worth is estimated to be in excess of \$250 million. He’s followed by four Democrats: California’s Jane Harman

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# DEMANDING ACCOUNTABILITY

# Obama “too big to fail” plan blasted in Congress

By Kevin Drawbaugh

**WASHINGTON (Reuters)** - The Obama administration's new proposal for tackling financial risk in the U.S. economy, unveiled just two days ago, came under attack on Thursday from Congress and regulators, with questions raised about its funding and scope.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner scrambled in a congressional hearing to defend the plan against critics who said it would give too much power to regulators and enshrine government bailouts for troubled financial firms in law.

Released by the Treasury Department and Democratic Representative Barney Frank on Tuesday, the plan is a bold attempt to make sure the Bush administration's confused handling of last year's financial crisis doesn't happen again.

That episode saw some firms, such as AIG and Citigroup, get multibillion-dollar bailouts. Others, such as Lehman Brothers, were allowed to go into bankruptcy, while still others were forced into government-engineered mergers.

The 253-page Obama plan tries to strike a balance between bailouts and bankruptcy, while insisting that large financial firms, not taxpayers, foot the bill for future interventions.

“Without the ability for the government to step in and manage the failure of a large firm and contain the risk of the fire spreading, we will be consigned to repeat the experience of last fall. It's a really stark, simple thing,” Geithner said at a hearing of the House of Representatives Financial Services Committee, chaired by Frank and packed with bank lobbyists.

Amid concerns that a few elite financial giants have become “too big to fail,” the administration's plan would empower regulators to police, restructure, and even shut down large firms that threaten stability. It resembles the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp's power to seize and dismantle troubled banks.

Bankruptcy would be remain the dominant tool for handling non-bank financial firm failures, Geithner said. “But as the collapse of Lehman Brothers showed, the bankruptcy code is not an effective tool



for resolving the failure of a global financial services firm in times of severe economic stress,” he said.

The plan is meant to mesh with many other financial regulatory reform proposals being pursued by the administration and congressional Democrats.

## HALTING PROGRESS

Ranging from regulation of over-the-counter derivatives and setting up a financial consumer watchdog agency, to curbing bankers' pay and cracking down on credit rating agencies and hedge funds, the reform push has been making halting progress.

Final action is still months away. Frank's committee has approved some proposals, but votes by the full House await and the Senate has barely begun handling the matter.

“Congress will be split” over the new systemic risk plan, said financial services policy analyst Brian Gardner at investment firm Keefe Bruyette & Woods.

“Opposition cuts across party lines. We also expect significant opposition to increasing the Fed's role as a banking regulator in the Senate and we think this bill's

prospects are far from certain,” Gardner said.

“This means a long fight over this bill which could last well into next year if not beyond, in our view. We think there is consensus in Washington on the need to deal with systemic risk. There's just not a lot of consensus on how to do it.”

In the hearing, Republican Representative Jeb Hensarling said the plan would “institutionalize ‘too big to fail’.”

Democratic Representative Brad Sherman said it would give the administration too much power over spending and taxes. He called the proposal to “TARP on steroids,” referring to the \$700-billion Troubled Asset Relief Plan launched in the final, hectic days of the Bush administration.

The Obama plan lacks oversight and limits on government aid, he said, and could sanction “the greatest transfer of money from the Treasury to Wall Street in U.S. history.”

## FUNDING AT ISSUE

Funding was a key point of debate in the hearing, as well.

As drafted, funding would not come from an established pool of money like the FDIC's bank insurance fund. Instead, firms with more than \$10 billion in assets would be charged on a case-by-case basis to reimburse the Treasury for loans extended to the FDIC to finance interventions in failing institutions.

Questioning this arrangement, FDIC Chairman Sheila Bair argued firms should be made to kick into a fund in advance.

Republican Representative Judy Biggert said the administration's funding proposal “could create perverse incentives” since survivors would have to foot the bill for firms that fail in financial crises.

Democratic Representative Luis Gutierrez said a pre-funded mechanism like the FDIC's fund makes sense and would not likely encourage financial firms to take on excessive risks.

But Geithner replied that a standing fund “would create expectations that the government would step in to protect shareholders and creditors from losses ... In essence, a standing fund would be viewed as a form of insurance.” ■■■

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majority of Americans believed in God, Country and the Constitution for the United States of America and were willing to stand up and fight for those beliefs. I remember when our children and their teachers were allowed to pledge their allegiance to their God and Country without breaking the law.

I remember when our parents decided what was best for their children, not the government. I remember when “father knows best” was a way of life and not just a 1950's television show.

I remember when our schools belonged to the people and not the government, and our schools taught American history and social studies, not socialism. I remember when gay meant someone with a giddy, euphoric attitude.

I remember when we were a constitutional republic and proud of it - not a liberal democracy moving rapidly toward socialism. I remember music before Rock and Roll was born; “long live rock and roll”.

I remember when we as a society set the bar high in every aspect of our lives in order to achieve excellence, not lower the bar in an apparent struggle to achieve mediocrity by letting the least qualified for the job, have the job.

I remember when our courts considered our Constitutions, Federal and State, to be the law of the land, and not just an abstract concept. I

remember when law enforcement's mission was to protect and serve, and cop was not a dirty word.

I remember when government officials feared the wrath of the people; now the people fear the wrath of government. I remember when the people of America were not a population of whining, complacent, does-nothing, political cowards, but a people of action; a people that were proud to be called Americans.

Have we became so lame, so history challenged as a society, so brain washed that we believe that 307,000,000 people armed with Our Constitutions and all they guarantee, cannot tell a hand full of our corrupted elected government officials and their little group of self serving minions, “NO”, and enforce that no?

Listen folks, this is not rocket science! It is called color of office or malfeasance of office. Any elected official in either house of Congress that voted yes on the stimulus package, or any other bill without reading and understanding it in its entirety, before they voted on it, has committed an offence called, malfeasance of office. In this instance it would be called Constitutional Malfeasance.

Malfeasance of office covers the misconduct, committed by elected officials while in office, but the most common definition is, conduct by a

public official that cannot be legally justified, or their misconduct conflicts with the law.

Every single one of these elected officials, is not only a waste of a vote but a waste of skin. Every one of these mindless enemies of freedom need to be removed from office right now. Not at the next election!

No matter the intent, these people have committed an act that can only be described as an act of legislative terrorism. Now they want the government to take over and change the health care of everyone in America? Oh yeah, I forgot, change everyone's health care in America **but theirs**.

These elected officials need to be in prison, not office. They need to be taken out of office by whatever means necessary, so we can begin the job of unwinding and repairing the damage they have done.

We need to remember, America was born out of a revolution, when the good men and women of this country said loud and clear, enough is enough!

The most important part of our history is to remember that our founding fathers were not career politicians; they were just people; patriots that came from all walks of life. Some were uneducated, and some were self-taught professionals, and the educated ones did not graduate from a liberal, socialistic university.

Remember, we must stop voting for doctors, attorneys, teachers, and others over educated constitutional retards. These people are great folks and we all need them – possibly excluding the attorneys. Unfortunately, they do not represent our constitutional rights or the wants, the needs or even the opinions of main street America. Educated people are not the answer to our political problems – they are the source of them.

Ask yourself, how many of my close friends and neighbors are doctors, lawyers, professors, engineers or judges. What makes you think that these people are more qualified to tell you anything about how to live, work, play, raise your children and spend your money than you are?

Remember, all educated people do not fit the above description. You know who you are. Anyone with any common sense that has discussed anything, especially politics with you for five minutes, knows who you are, too.

It does not matter what your education or political affiliation is, America needs citizens who know their constitutional rights and willing to stand up and fight for them. It's up to you to find out what your constitutional rights are. But here's the catch. If you do not know those rights, no one will tell you the truth about what they are and where to find them. Your rights are still there but they

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are layered over with unconstitutional laws and administrative rules. It will be up to you to peel those layers away to find your rights.

Remember the only rights you have are the ones you know about and are willing to fight for.

Come together with your friends, family, neighbors, church members, and form study groups. Study our constitutions both federal and state. When you do, you are going to be very upset.

You are going to find that your elected representatives have made unconstitutional laws that regulate every facet of your life, your marriage, children, home, business, travel, schools and have the power to enforce these unconstitutional laws on you and will not hesitate to use that unconstitutional power anytime you challenge their authority.

As you begin to discover the truth about your rights and the intent of our founding fathers on government's limited role in our lives, and our authority to tell government no, you will begin to understand the power of the people.

As an example of our founding fathers intent, on the purpose of government and our constitutional right

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-- Barack Hussein Obama



*The height of injustice is to seem just without being so.*  
~ Socrates

to change government, look at Oregon's Constitution. Article 1 Section 1 says it all and says it best, "We declare that all men, when they form a social compact are equal in right: that all power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority, and instituted for their peace, safety and happiness; and they have at all times a right to alter, reform, or abolish the government in such manner as they may think proper".

Our founding fathers gave us in our Constitutions both federal and state and our Bill of Rights, recipes for freedom from an intrusive and tyrannous government. The pages of our constitutions and our history books shine a bright light on our rights and governments limitations on those rights.

Remember, government cannot regulate your rights; that's why they call them rights. Government did not give you your rights; government can only defend or violate a right. Only people have rights. Read them, understand them, demand them, and fight for them.

Remember, history shows us that we, the people, have always been at our best when things are at their worst.

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## The Great Default



By Gary North

The governments of every major nation are going to default on their debts.

**There are two relevant questions:**

**(1) How? (2) When?**

Establishments around the world all deny this. They have gained power and wealth by means of the expansion of government. They have justified their success by insisting that the government-business alliance is the only way to establish economic growth and economic security for the masses. This claim rests on a more fundamental claim, namely, that an unhampered free market is destructive of economic stability and will inevitably lead to economic depression.

The Establishments are universally Keynesian. John Maynard Keynes' book, *The General Theory of Employment, Interest, and Money*, was published in 1936. It defended in theory what all Western governments had been doing in practice for at least five years, namely, running huge deficits. Keynes became as close to an academic high priest as any modern scholar ever has. He was the apostle of national government debt. His ideas today are more influential than they were at his death in 1946. We live in the age of Keynes.

I can think of only one major Establishment figure who has broken with the Establishment on the question of the great default: Peter G. Peterson, who was the chairman of the Council on Foreign Relations until 2007. He now runs the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, which focuses on the looming bankruptcy of the U.S. government. More than any other person of influence, he has warned of the bankruptcy of the Medicare/Social Security programs and their equivalents in the West.

Peterson a decade ago said that he had spoken with the major leaders of the West about the impossibility of funding these social programs. They all told him the same thing: "I will not be around at that time." In short, kick the can.

### **Vote Now, Pay Later**

Politicians lie. Voters believe. This is the great

## Your Right to Speak Out

*"The voters never learn. Congress never learns. The coin of the political realm is the promise."*

symbiotic relationship of democratic politics.

For older Americans, a single mental image above all others illustrates this perpetual relationship. It is their memory of the annual Sunday cartoon in the cartoon strip, "Peanuts," which was the most widely read cartoon strip – and therefore the most widely read anything – in the United States for at least three decades. The annual cartoon featured two children: the ever-mendacious Lucy, whose hand supported an upright football on the ground, who encouraged the ever-trusting Charlie Brown to run at the ball and kick it. He always believed her. At the last moment, she would pull the ball away, and Charlie would fly into the air, then land on his back. What changed each year was her argument on why she would not pull the ball away, and her final remark to Charlie, as he lay flat on his back. She thought he was stupidly naïve. He was. She always took advantage of him. Her philosophy was clear: "Never give a sucker an even break."

This scene is repeated every other November in the United States, when voters go to the polls. "This time, it will be different," cry the Congressional candidates. Then, for the next two years, they pull the ball away.

The only thing to top this exercise in mendacity in the United States is the testimony to each house of Congress delivered by the Chairman of the Federal Reserve System. Not even the President's annual State of the Union address tops this performance.

The voters never learn. Congress never learns.

The coin of the political realm is the promise. Not money, not power: the promise. Politics sometimes looks like prostitution, with money at the center. This is an illusion. The voters do not come to Congress demanding money. They demand faithfulness. Congress is to the voters what a philanderer is to a mistress. He may shower her with presents, but the presents have meaning to her only because of the promise. "I plan to divorce my wife. It's just a matter of working out the details." She likes the presents, but she believes the promise: "You can trust me. We'll grow old together." She thinks the presents are forever.

He borrows the money to buy her the presents. When interest rates rise, she will find out just how reliable his promises have been.

This is the heart of modern democracy. Politicians promise undying faithfulness. Voters believe them.

The first political campaign I can remember was the 1952 Presidential election. I recall only one event clearly. It was a singing group at the Democrats' national convention. They sang the following:

They promise you the sky.

They promise you the earth.

But what's a Republican promise worth?

### **Then Came The Chorus:**

Don't let 'em take it,  
Don't let 'em take it,  
Don't let 'em take it away!

Eisenhower was elected. Both houses of Congress went Republican. This had not happened since 1928. It would not happen again until 2000. They didn't take it away. They added more.

The great advantage of political promises is that the politicians who make them will not be in office when the bills come due. The benefits are immediate: votes. The costs are deferred. The supply of promises increases.

These promises rest on assurances. "Treasury debt will continue to have a AAA rating." "Treasury debt is backed by the full faith and credit of the United States." "There is no alternative to the U.S. dollar as a world reserve currency." "We owe it to ourselves." "Deficits don't matter." "Inflation is under control."

With the exception of Austrian School economics, every major school of economic thought believes in at least four of these assurances. Keynesians believe all of them.

So, the supply of promises increases. So does the magnitude of these promises. For as long as investors buy the Treasury debt and the GSE debt (Fannie and Freddie), there will be no reversal of this process.

The advent of the day of reckoning is easy to describe: (1) the upward move of Treasury interest rates, or (2) the upward move of prices in response to the Federal Reserve System's expansion of its balance sheet – monetary base – to hold down rates.

Then will come the wail of the aging mistress: "But you promised!" Indeed, he did, but a younger mistress has come along, and she wants the presents that he had promised the first one. When lenders start tightening up, a philanderer has to pick and choose among his mistresses. Old ones lose.

But what of the faithful wife? When will she finally wise up and divorce the lying SOB?

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# COMMENTARY

## Financing Environmental Lawsuits

By Doug Whitsett  
Oregon State Senator

*Do you ever wonder where environmental organizations get the money to finance their countless lawsuits?*

The eight most litigious environmental organizations have filed about one thousand six hundred federal court cases against the federal government during the past 15 years. The National Wildlife Federation alone has filed 427 environmental law suits in federal court during that period.

Between 2000 and 2009, the Center for Biological Diversity filed more than 400 lawsuits in federal district court in addition to filing more than 160 appeals in federal appellate courts. That organization's website claims that "it works through science, law, and creative media to secure a future for all species, great or small, hovering on the brink of extinction".

Meanwhile, the Center has filed or appealed more than one suit in federal court each week for the last nine years.

Would you be surprised to learn that the preponderance of the money to fund these myriad lawsuits comes from the taxpaying public? Our tax dollars, yours and mine, are being used by these extremist environmental organizations to sue the federal government to prevent access to our cornucopia of natural resource wealth.

### Let Me Explain

These tax exempt organizations are receiving billions of federal tax dollars in attorney fees and costs, for winning or settling environmental cases against the federal government.

The actual amount awarded in these settlements is often confidential, even though money comes from tax dollars and should be a matter of public

record.

There are two major sources of these federal tax dollars.

The first is the Judgment Fund that is a line item expense in the Congressional budget. The fund was created to pay attorney fees and costs for prevailing plaintiffs in cases involving the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, and several other public laws that also allow the prevailing plaintiff to recover costs and attorney fees.

According to the Budd-Falen Law Offices, in just the time between January 2003 and July of 2007, the Judgment Fund paid nearly 42,000 claims totaling more than \$4.7 billion taxpayer-dollars to reimburse prevailing radical environmental organizations for their legal costs and attorney fees. The average reimbursement to the prevailing non-government environmental organization was \$112,000. The total amount paid per settlement may never be known because neither the federal government nor its agencies appear to track the payments from the Judgment Fund.

The second major source of prevailing plaintiff payments is the Equal Access to Justice Act. In this scheme, funds are taken from the losing federal agency's budget to pay the attorney fees and costs claimed by the winning environmental organization.

Between 2003 and 2005, the United States Forest Service alone paid about \$1.7 million to 44 prevailing environmental organizations. Once again, it appears that neither the federal government nor its agencies

are tracking the cumulative costs of the Equal Access to Justice Act. In fact, the amount of the individual settlement payment made by the agencies to the environmental organizations is often kept confidential.

The federal law allows the court to require the government to pay the plaintiff's attorney fees and costs when the plaintiff prevails in court. The law specifically prohibits the prevailing defendant government agency from recovering their costs and attorney fees. When a case is settled out of court the law allows for the plaintiff to recover their costs and attorney fees if the settlement substantially favors

the plaintiff's claim. The plaintiff is unlikely to settle out of court unless the defendant government agency agrees that the settlement "substantially" favors the plaintiff insuring that the environmental organization gets paid.

This I win or you lose scheme is providing a steady stream of tax revenue to the litigious environmental organizations.

These tax exempt, extremist groups are also extracting their taxpayer-funded bounty in lawsuits filed in state courts. Many of the states, including Oregon, have similar prevailing plaintiff statutes. According to the Attorney General's staff, during the 2009 Legislature more than thirty bills were introduced that would have enhanced their access to this ongoing cash tsunami.

### A Billion A Year Industry

The Budd-Falen Law Offices have documented well more than a billion federal tax dollars being transferred

to prevailing environmental lawsuit plaintiffs in each of the last nine years. This total is incomplete because the law firm only tracked certain groups and state settlement costs were not included in their study. The fact of the matter is that taxpayers have no way of determining the total amount of their tax dollars that are being funneled to these radical environmental organizations. No one appears to be keeping records.

Citizens are being forced to expend millions of their own private funds to intervene, or participate in these lawsuits to protect their way of life. They have no chance of recovering their costs and attorney fees if they prevail. In fact, the private citizen is paying attorney fees and costs to defend his way of life, while his tax dollars are being used to promote and finance the same lawsuit that would destroy his way of life.

It is often difficult to find any meaningful difference between policies being promoted by government agencies, and policies being promoted by radical environmental organizations through their myriad lawsuits. That distinction is further blurred by the fact that both the agencies, and the environmental organizations, are funded with the same tax dollars.

One thing is certain. The billions of tax dollars funneled to these radical environmental groups is not creating business opportunities and is not creating jobs. Rather, it is serving to destroy businesses, jobs and American wealth.

### The Failing Dollar

The ongoing weakness of the United States dollar is a significant threat to American prosperity that should be of great concern to everyone. Since 2002 the value of the dollar is down 34%, as measured against a basket of other currencies. That loss in dollar value has averaged 5% for each of the past seven

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By Jerome Corsi  
WorldNetDaily

**USA** - The true rate of unemployment for October 2009 may be 22.1 percent, not the 10.2 percent reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Jerome Corsi's Red Alert reports.

Unemployment at 22.1 percent, if accurate, would be at numbers not seen since peak unemployment during the 1973 to 1975 recession.

Economist John Williams, publisher of ShadowStats.com, estimates that the peak of unemployment in nonfarm unemployment in the Great Depression of the 1930s would, by his methodology, have registered at 34 to 35 percent in 1933.

So, how does the Obama administration get away with reporting the lower unemployment percentage?

Corsi explained that the Clinton administration changed the way BLS calculates unemployment statistics by excluding "discouraged workers," those who had given up looking for a job because there were

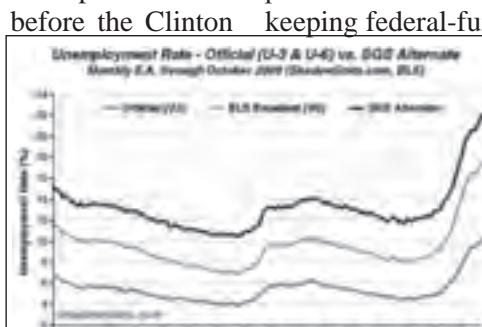
no jobs to be found.

Since the Clinton years, discouraged workers looking for a job for more than one year are not counted as "unemployed" because they are considered to have dropped out of the labor force.

The BLS still includes in "U6 Unemployment" calculations short-term discouraged workers, as long as they have been looking for a job less than one year.

This definition permits the Obama administration to under-report "U3 unemployment" at 10.2 percent when real unemployment as calculated before the Clinton administration redefinition is twice that amount, Red Alert contends, and U6 unemployment lies somewhere in between.

These differences are illustrated in the following chart that Williams produces in the "Alternative Data" section of his website named "Shadow Government Statistics: Analysis Behind and Beyond"



*Illustration by shadowstats.com*

Government Economic Reporting."

"The convenience is that by reporting unemployment at 10.2 percent instead of at 22.1 percent, the Obama administration can clearly continue advancing the argument the U.S. economy is in recovery and the recession is over, even if the truth belies those claims," Corsi wrote.

Williams concludes that the economy is not recovering, but has been stimulated by excess liquidity placed into the financial system by the Federal Reserve keeping federal-funds rates at the historically low rate of zero, or near zero.

"Understanding that the real level of unemployment in October 2009 was closer to 22 percent than to the officially reported 10 percent is an important corrective," Corsi wrote, "especially if we are to appreciate the extent to which a Dow at or above the 10,000

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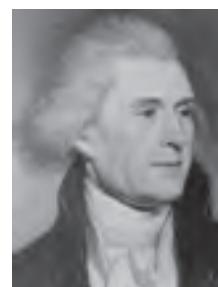
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**As Government Grows So Grows Corruption**

By Attorney Jonathan Emord  
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Since the dawn of the twentieth century the federal government has experienced massive growth (with legislative and executive branch agencies blossoming anew in each successive administration). The Obama Administration has added immensely to this national experiment, testing if liberty can endure the presence of an ever-expanding state, an experiment that has invariably failed wherever it has been tried around the world. Regardless of how it is promoted, the essence of government is law and the essence of law is the exertion of coercive force to cause people to do that which they may wish not to do. Moreover, as government grows so grows corruption and abuse of power. There is a tipping point at which the cost of government and the corruption in government become too great for the public to bear. If we have not reached that point, we are fast approaching it. When we do, therein lies the greatest opportunity for a restoration of our Constitution of liberty and of the Republic that Constitution creates.



Thomas Jefferson

government would grow and so would corruption: "Our country is now taking so steady a course as to show by what road it will pass to destruction, to wit: by consolidation of power first, and then corruption, its necessary consequence."

In troubled times, like the present and the Great Depression, the public ear is largely receptive to politicians' exaggerated claims that government holds the promise of employing the unemployed, restoring economic stability, and protecting the sick. A sense of helplessness combined with a view that the market has failed leads people to relinquish their right to self-governance in favor of the new prosperity promised by demagogic leaders who, in fact, can do little to fulfill their promises. Truth be told no government program has succeeded in arresting unemployment, sustaining economic growth, or preventing illness; that government can achieve those things is an illusion but one that large numbers of Americans in each

new generation believes realizable despite the proof of history. That government cannot achieve those ends should come as no surprise because government is by operational definition parasitic. It depends for its existence on removing from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. As government grows, it necessarily requires more from its host to function. It imposes an ever greater cost on the private producers of goods, services, and jobs, sapping resources that are more efficiently expended when in response to market demand. The imagination of government planners is limitless because the money they expend is not their own. Thus, ambitious calls for new agencies to redirect human behavior proliferate along with price tags that vastly exceed the actual revenue in public coffers. Milton Friedman was fond of observing that there is no limit on the willingness of politicians to spend other people's money because they experience no personal hardship from the expenditures and enjoy great political gain from them.

Thus it is that those in power naturally seek more of it. That ever expanding aggrandizement comes with an ever increasing cost which must be exacted from the private sector to feed political ambition. In the early years of a free state, jealous of parting with private power, citizens demand limits to government and government fears them. In the latter years, government becomes so powerful that it succeeds in removing limits to its acquisition and exertion of power, and the people fear the government and with that fear goes the liberties of the people. Thomas Jefferson put it brilliantly: "When the people fear their government, there is tyranny; when the government fears the people, there is liberty." By increments at first and by leaps thereafter government grows as each newly elected politician lusts for more power than his or her predecessor had, never halting in its expansion except when the public revolts. In a socialized state, such as that which largely exists in America today, government determines market outcomes and grows at a very rapid clip, becoming a perpetual growth machine: The weight of tax and regulation destroys business, which business is said to have died from



market failure, which business is then replaced by greater government control and ultimately government ownership until all that was private becomes public.

There is a tipping point at which government growth so taxes the private sector as to retard private growth. That taxation comes not only in the form of confiscation of earnings but also in the form of stultifying regulations that inhibit free will. When one, the other, or both become so onerous as to dissuade most people from entering into business or inventing new goods or services, then the economy stagnates and eventually fails. Ironically, it is at that very point when the clamoring for more government reaches a crescendo. That is because the argument that the market has failed is a soft sell, while the argument that government has failed is a hard sell, particularly for those who run for public office (presumably because if they thought the government a failure they would not run). Those who are unemployed or insecure in a market filled with companies that cannot function adequately or at all prefer to believe government an ultimate solution when parasitic government can never be greater than its host lest it kill its host and itself. The choice is thus left to the electorate to tolerate ever greater government acquisition and control of the private sector until the mediocrity of bureaucracy becomes the common element and most, if not all, of us become civil servants or to reject government and turn to the private sector.

This macrocosmic reality is enlivened by a corrupt microcosmic reality which grows within a growing government. As government becomes more powerful, those who wish to retain positions of economic prominence in the private sector must involve themselves with government. A common quid pro quo occurs as government invades private contract, redistributes wealth, and imposes public interest regulations in the form of prior restraints. On the one hand, the anxious captain of industry comes to the realization that government actions affect market share and influence who wins and who loses. On the other hand, the ambitious politician comes to

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benchmark is nothing more than another Fed-created bubble."

With millions of jobs outsourced to China and India under free-trade globalism, the dollar weakness that accompanies most recessions is not stimulative, he explained, largely because the U.S. has lost so many manufacturing jobs that are never returning to its shores.

"Truly, the only way the Fed can stimulate the economy is through creating bubbles generated by keeping interest rates artificially low," Corsi wrote. "As I argued in 'America For Sale: Fighting the New World Order, Surviving a Global Recession, and Preserving USA Sovereignty,' the Bernanke stock-market bubble caused by keeping interest rates at zero is merely a repeat of the Greenspan housing bubble that was caused by keeping interest rates at 1 percent in 2003-2004."

The housing bubble burst when interest rates began rising in late 2004 and peaked at just above 5 percent in mid-2006.

"The stock-market bubble will most certainly burst when interest rates rise, as they inevitably will," Corsi

wrote, "both to fight the increasing risk of hyperinflation and to maintain the needed incentive for foreign nations to lend the U.S. Treasury the hundreds of billions of dollars monthly that will be needed to float yet another \$1 trillion Obama administration federal budget deficit in 2010."

Red Alert's author, whose books "The Obama Nation" and "Unfit for Command" have topped the New York Times best-sellers list, received his Ph.D. from Harvard University in political science in 1972. For nearly 25 years, beginning in 1981, he worked with banks throughout the U.S. and around the world to develop financial services marketing companies to assist banks in establishing broker/dealers and insurance subsidiaries to provide financial planning products and services to their retail customers. In this career, Corsi developed three different third-party financial services marketing firms that reached gross sales levels of \$1 billion in annuities and equal volume in mutual funds. In 1999, he began developing Internet-based financial marketing firms, also adapted to work in conjunction with banks.

In his 25-year financial services career, Corsi has been a noted financial services speaker and writer, publishing

three books and numerous articles in professional financial services journals and magazines.

For financial guidance during difficult times, read Jerome Corsi's Red Alert, the premium, online intelligence news source by the WND staff writer, columnist and author of the New York Times No. 1 best-seller, "The Obama Nation."



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I am writing this report for her.

### Why Default Will Come

You know about the unfunded off-budget liabilities of the Social Security and Medicare programs. If you don't know the numbers, go here.

You know about the size of the on-budget Federal debt. If not, go here.

You presumably know about the size of the officially estimated deficits in the on-budget account: at least \$900 billion a year until 2019. If not, go here.

Voters are oblivious. They do not care about anything beyond their next paycheck. Investors are oblivious. They do not care beyond the next quarterly report. Congress is oblivious. They do not care beyond the next election.

Am I saying that Congress has a longer-term perspective than investors? Yes. But why? Because investors believe two things: (1) the existing price of any asset reflects the best judgment of the smartest investors; (2) they will be smarter than all these other investors when it comes time to sell and buy gold.

The average American faces his day of reckoning on the first of every month. Congress faces its day of reckoning in November of even-numbered years. Investors do not believe that they, individually, will ever face a day of reckoning. They think they are smarter than the smartest guys in the room, or else they think Ben Bernanke is, and all those other FED economists are, who will see the crisis coming next time and will take steps to evade it.

Congress also thinks that the FED's economists will find ways to evade the day of reckoning.

Investors and politicians are united. They trust the ability of central banks to evade the costs of political promises. This has been true since 1694, when Parliament granted a monopoly over money to the Bank of England. Parliament wanted a lender of last resort. That was what the head of the Bank of England promised.

The political promises of every nation rest on faith in central banking. The politicians and the investors are united in a confession of faith. This confession of faith rests on an assumption: with fiat money, there can be a free lunch, indefinitely. Every school of economic opinion except the Austrian School also affirms this.

There is a problem with this confession. It is not true. There is no such thing as a free lunch. Fiat money is counterfeit money. It does not create wealth. It destroys wealth.

Congress has promised money. It has also promised wealth. Congress will default on at least one of these promises.

**We are back to my original two questions:**

**(1) How?**

**(2) When?**

Default has four major forms. We need to consider all of them.

### Outright Default

This scenario assumes that the central bank refuses to buy the government's debt. This has not happened since 1694.

At some point, the government will not be able to find buyers at low interest rates. Rates will rise. The economy will sink into a depression. Revenues will decline. Expenditures will rise. The government will not be able to pay all of its obligations. So, it will raise taxes. The depression will get worse. Revenues will again fall.

Investors will know that the government is likely to default. No credit-rating service will have the courage to downgrade the government's debt, but rates will

rise as if they had. The government will reach the day of reckoning. It will default on all of its debts.

Every institution that has government debt in its portfolio will suffer a loss. Its share price will fall. The depression will get worse. Insurance companies will be hit hard. The largest banks, which swapped their toxic debt with the FED at face value in late 2008 will find that they own the most toxic debt of all.

Foreign central banks will refuse to buy any more American Treasury debt. Technically, their portfolios fall to the extent that they held Treasury debt. Then those governments must decide. Should those banks be allowed to inflate to overcome these losses?

The inverted pyramid of debt will topple. The great default will produce the great depression. Unemployment will rise. Depositors will finally go to their ATMs to draw out currency. The banks will default: no withdrawals of currency.

The division of labor will contract. Everyone will get much poorer.

Because a default on all Treasury debt would have such widespread consequences – immediate consequences – economists have argued that this will not be allowed to happen. The central bank will buy the debt. But if it does, at some point it must stop buying or else create hyperinflation. Hyperinflation has the same consequence as default and deflation: a contraction in the division of labor.

I know of only one economist who predicts an outright default: Jeffrey Rogers Hummel. On August 3, 2009, he published an article on the free market site, Library of Economics and Liberty: "Why Default on U.S. Treasuries is likely." His argument is simple: the only alternative is the Zimbabwe option: hyperinflation.

He goes through the numbers. He makes an impressive case. He does not discuss the level of interest rates that would bring on the crisis, but at some point, the Treasury will have to offer high rates unless the FED intervenes.

He says that the welfare state is going to die, all over the world. I think he is correct. I am not convinced that outright default is likely – not before much higher price inflation arrives.

The strategy of the FED is the same as the strategy of Congress: kick the can.

### Selective Default

Hummel admits that selective default is a possibility. I think it is more than a possibility. I think it is likely. He writes:

The Zimbabwe option illustrates that other potential outcomes, however unlikely, are equally unprecedented and dramatic. We cannot utterly rule out, for instance, the possibility that the U.S. Congress might repudiate a major portion of promised benefits rather than its debt. If it simply abolished Medicare outright, the unfunded liability of Social Security would become tractable. Indeed, one of the current arguments for the adoption of nationalized health care is that it can reduce Medicare costs. But this argument is based on looking at other welfare States such as Great Britain, where government-provided

health care was rationed from the outset rather than subsidized with Medicare. Rationing can indeed drive down health-care costs, but after more than forty years of subsidized health care in the United States, how likely is it that the public will put up with severe rationing or that the politicians will attempt to impose it? And don't kid yourself; the rationing will have to be quite severe to stave off a future fiscal crisis.

The rationing will have to be severe. The promises will not come true.

### Inflation

There are two forms: mass (up to 50% per annum) and hyper (the sky's the limit).

Mass inflation seems more likely over the next decade. If the world's central banks can coordinate the expansion of money, thereby funding the national welfare states, the public will not be able to escape. They will pay the inflation tax.

The ways around this are limited to investing in real goods: commodities, small farms, used goods stores, small-town real estate. Not many people will see this in time. Of those who do, few will take action. These escape hatches are for people who are hedging against default. The average voter has no financial reserves. Of the 20% who do have reserves, 80% will be stuck in conventional investments. They will believe the Establishment's Keynesian line. "The government can fix it if you just hang on."

Inflation means the erosion of money. It means a hidden default on the political promises. Why hidden? Because the politicians will blame speculators. They will not blame the Federal Reserve for having bankrolled their promises.

### Conclusion

Ultimately, it is either the great depression or the Zimbabwe option. Ludwig von Mises called this the crack-up boom. It means the destruction of money and the collapse of the division of labor. It would mean devastation.

I think central banks will at some point refuse to fund governments any longer. They will bail out the largest banks instead. Foreign politicians may force hyperinflation on their central banks, as agents of the government. But as long as the Federal Reserve System maintains its selective independence, it will not adopt hyperinflation as a policy. That would not be in the interest of the largest banks. It would also not be in the interest of central bankers. Their retirement promises would die.

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years.

The long term dollar devaluation has resulted from world-wide investor concern with the absurd growth of the United States national debt. The short term devaluation of the dollar is primarily an issue of supply and demand.

In their effort to curtail the current recession, and to prevent commodity deflation, the Federal Reserve has flooded the market with more than a trillion dollars. In response, the dollar has fallen 12% in value since the Obama inauguration. Recently, the loss in dollar value has accelerated to an alarming rate.

The combination of the loss in confidence in the United States economy, and this massive oversupply of dollars, has caused investors to flee away from United States currency.

The result is loss of American wealth, loss of American industry, and loss of American jobs.

If the value of the US dollar had remained at the 2002 level, \$685 dollars would purchase the same ounce of gold that now costs \$1,040, and \$45 would buy the same barrel of oil that cost \$70 today.

Home prices in Oregon have declined significantly, in some areas by more than 20%. However, when we factor in the 34% deflated value of the dollar, the actual loss in value of those homes is closer to 50%.

For instance, if we were to sell a home for \$200,000 today we could reinvest the money in a similar home at essentially the same price. However, if we chose to invest the \$200,000 in commodities such as gold and oil, or if we chose to invest the money in other currencies, it would purchase a third

less of these commodities than the same \$200,000 would purchase if the dollar value had remained at the 2002 level.

Moreover, the recent gains in the stock markets are largely an illusion. There is no net gain when the price of stocks increases by one third, while the value of the currency decreases by one third. According to the Wall Street Journal, when compared with another currency such as the Euro, the S&P 500 peaked at around 1700 Euro in 2000, plummeted to 600 Euro in March of this year, and now stands at about 700 Euro. So compared to other world currencies, our stock market has lost nearly 60% of its capitalized value since the year 2000.

Most of the U.S. stocks, and virtually all of the homes, are owned by Americans. The devaluation of the dollar has caused a massive decline in the U.S. share of the global wealth. That wealth is being transferred to other nations, and to multi-national corporations and investment banking consortiums. That transferred wealth is being used to capitalize industrial growth, and to create jobs, in other nations that compete with our own industries.

The certain result of the flight of U.S. wealth and capitol will be prolonged high unemployment as the jobs, follow the money, overseas. As I have said before, in my opinion, this great nation is seriously on the wrong path. It is time for new leadership and new fiscal policy.

Remember, if we do not stand up for rural Oregon, no one will. ■■■

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was appointed to oversee real estate developer Max Farash's assets valued at up to \$500 million. While Farash, now 96, resides in a nursing home, his estate continues to be a source of contentious legal battles with two new fronts recently reported on by the Rochester Democrat & Chronicle.

In an Oct. 3 story, Steve Orr reports: Former Farash Corp. chief executive Matthew S. Aroesty has been arrested on charges of stealing thousands of dollars from the property management company he once ran.

Aroesty, the grand-nephew of company founder Max M. Farash, was arraigned on a grand larceny charge in Brighton Town Court on Sept. 17.

A felony complaint alleged that Aroesty used Farash Corp. money to pay personal expenses "without authorization or permission." The amount he is accused of misusing was not specified but was greater than \$50,000, according to the one-page complaint filed by a Brighton police investigator.

The 43-year-old Pittsford resident, who left Farash Corp. at the end of 2007, pleaded not guilty and the case was sent to a Monroe County grand jury. His lawyer, John Speranza, said Friday that he had limited information about the case but vowed to "forcefully fight" the allegations.

Aroesty was removed from his Farash Corp. position within months following the guardianship appointment of Rochester attorney James C. Gocker. Lynn Farash, Max Farash's only child, also was removed as the company's chairman.

While few details regarding Aroesty's alleged misuse of funds have been released, commenters on the Democrat & Chronicle web site have formed opinions with many expressing skepticism and concern regarding the court-appointed attorneys' administration of Farash family assets and interesting motives surrounding Aroesty's arrest. They seem to view this as an Involuntary Redistribution of Assets (IRA) action in which the guardianship and trusts controlled by Gocker are being used to divert assets in a manner contrary to the wishes of Max Farash.

That position already has weight due to prior legal battles. In July, New York State Supreme Court Justice John Ark sided with Lynn Farash to stop an attempt to cut expenses for the Farash estate by selling residential property designated in Farash's will for his only child, Lynn. As guardian, Gocker petitioned the court for approval to sell the property and pay Lynn Farash a comparable amount so as to preserve money for charity. The property which had long been in the Farash family represents about \$3.5 million out of an overall estate valued between \$200 and \$500 million.

Attorneys for Lynn Farash argued that an appointed guardian could not legally ignore Farash's will. Farash's will states that upon his death, aside from the property designated

for his daughter, most of his holdings are to be placed in his charitable foundation.

Also at issue are the funds paid to Gocker, his lawyers and other associates as reports indicate they received \$1.5 million during the first year (starting August 2007) of Farash's guardianship. According to the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, many of the case files have been sealed so that recent guardianship expenses are unknown and questions exist if they are being handled as per state court rules.

Despite this summer's legal victory, Lynn Farash is now reported to be facing another battle with regard to assets that belonged to her mother, Marian Farash. Per the Democrat and Chronicle, Farash had placed certain assets in a trust to benefit his wife with provisions that upon her death, remaining trust assets would go to their only child, Lynn. The paper says:

Yet more than two years after Marian Farash passed away, Lynn Farash hasn't seen a penny of the \$2.2 million that remained in her mother's trust fund — and now a local judge is being asked to decide whether she should receive the money at all.

The alternative view is the funds should go into a separate trust that ultimately would disburse a part of the funds to the family charitable foundation, which could eventually become the largest such foundation in the Rochester area's history.

The Farash estate dispute brings up two important points. First, don't think a net worth of \$500 million is required to become an IRA target. It happens daily to people with estates of far more modest values. In certain and not that unusual circumstances, estates of \$1 million or less can be appealing as they are generally cost prohibitive to litigate.

Second, when your estate planning attorney touts the importance of "proper estate planning," remember Lynn Farash. Not once, but twice this woman is having to go to a court asking that her father's clear instructions for the distribution of specific assets are honored. That's absurd! While the intention here is not to dissuade people from estate planning, it is important to understand that such action does not provide so much safety as the legal industry would have you believe.

Once upon a time, there was respect for the rights and property of others. It hasn't always been that with death, disability or incapacitated, one's assets are suddenly "up for grabs." Today, however, it's a different story.

Forewarned is forearmed.



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By Ron Lee

"Duh, duh, duh, dah-dee-duh, da-dee-duh ..." *The Imperial March* by John Williams - You know it; it's a piece of musical composition magic which evokes images of dark lords and ominous agendas of absolute control over everything good and free. Never before had the concept of politics been introduced to me in my youth better than when I was gripped by the intense sci-drama that was Star Wars; and at 7-years-old when Star Wars first made its way onto the silver screen, the impact it had on me was life altering. Star Wars made real-world history exciting for me. For not only was the drama of good versus evil prevalent in our history as a country, it is all that has ever been throughout world history. For instance, the similarity between our forefathers' fight for independence from an oppressive monarchy and that of a rebel alliance fighting a dark emperor who yoked the people to his will was not lost on me. However, in Star Wars the rebel alliance fought to restore its representative form of governance (the Old Republic, as it was called in the films) our forefathers fought to establish the first (and only) of its kind, Constitutional Republic - so perhaps the analogy is better served in these modern times of ours as our country devolves into a centrally controlled regulatory state that determines for its people what is best for them.

Star Wars' bold vision of a political polarity became affirmed for me as truth when I had the opportunity to experience first-hand the political differences between a "free" state and that of a "controlled" state.

While travelling Europe with my grandparents - around the same time Empire Strikes Back was first released - we toured West Berlin. It was a glorious city with a happy people who were very willing to show hospitality and friendliness. What a stark contrast to that of East Berlin. Even the passage into the East through the famed "Checkpoint Charlie" was reminiscent of moving through an Imperial Storm-trooper stronghold. As we moved deeper into the city I looked out of our tour bus' window and noticed that the citizens of

## Everything I know about politics ... ... I learned from "Star Wars"

East Berlin walked solemnly, with heads held low. There were no cheery faces, no glee, no children's laughing voices echoing through the streets playing in the parks, but there were armed army men scattered throughout watching the people move about the streets.

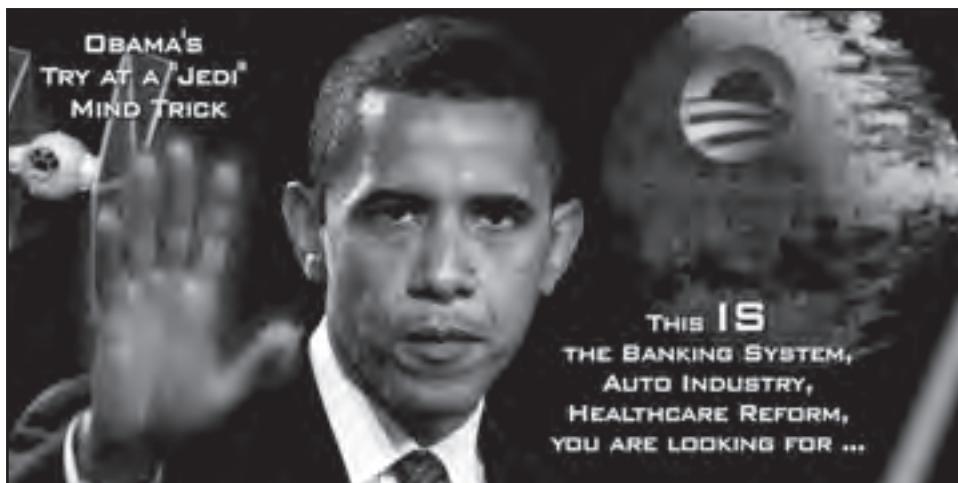
Our tour guide, an East German who got on at the checkpoint along with a

explained that East Germany had been "releasing" retired senior citizens to the West because it couldn't afford to pay for them, and that he wasn't that far away. It was then that I realized the polarizing truth between the light and dark side of what George Lucas, creator of the Star Wars universe, coined as "the Force." Not only was it a way to

(slowly and stealthily over the past 90+ years), our government is taking control. Everything is emergent, now. The economy, health-care, automotive industry, tobacco, immigration, the internet ... oh, and the dreaded flu, all are dire issues, and guess who is here to save you from these catastrophes ... the US Government. Like Palpatine, the once senator from Naboo turned Emperor in Star Wars who created a war and rallied the old republic behind him, and his ultimate agenda for controlling everything, by propagating a fear of the proposed alternatives; Obama the once senator turned President has presented to the public the frightening future without government intervention and the picture he paints is of a broke country whose people are sick and intolerant of each other. In reality the opposite is true and has been proven time and again throughout history. Less "control" has always equaled more prosperity.

Bottom line, a just society is one based on personal freedoms and restrictions on government control; anything else becomes an evil empire, and people are waking up to this fact. They are seeing the writing on the wall and viewing reality through the fictitious truths told on the silver screen like in Star Wars, where a righteous few fight for their sovereignty against all odds. The Rebel Alliance, the Jedi, the common people, and the little Ewoks all rose to meet the challenge and fight against corrupt evil control. Will it happen here, now? Will a united alliance emerge to rescue the country and save the day? Cheesy, I know, but true nonetheless.

With all of my heart, I hope the political lessons of Star Wars have not been lost on the multitude who found themselves so enthralled with the films. ■■■

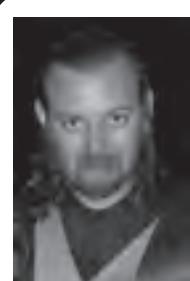


new driver, refused to answer many of the questions we asked him. Simple questions like, "is life good here?" and "don't you ever want to leave?" I mean we were free Americans trying to understand an oppressed people's perspective. At one stop, a beautiful cathedral in East Berlin, our tour guide stepped off the bus with us. He walked close and spoke softly, "I couldn't answer your questions, the bus driver watches me." He went on to tell us that he had evacuated his family and had come back to his home to get a few things but was caught by the closing of the border between the East and West. He told us that he missed getting back to them by 5 minutes. His eyes welled with tears as he told us he hadn't seen them since, that he only had limited contact with them over the years. "But," he said, and I will remember this always, "life is good if you do what you are told." He went on to say he had a good job, a nice apartment, but all he wanted was to be with his family - something he said could happen for him soon. He

look at the world in a quasi-religious fashion, it was the clear-cut difference between political styles - oppression and freedom.

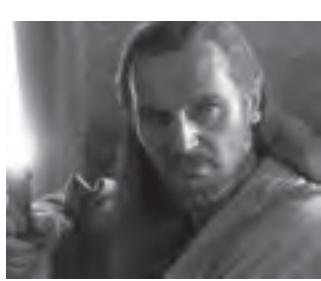
Star Wars introduced the concept of freedom to me by showing that darkness could manifest itself through the complete control of a people and it helped me realize that my life had meaning beyond being a production drone or faceless storm-trooper controlled by some far off regime. It was through my imaginary battles between Jedi and Dark Lords that I concluded I would dare to fight for freedom and for my country, which embodied freedom's very essence; that I would fight for everything that is just and true and right; that I would be a Jedi.

Here we are today. With blazing light-speed, in these past few months



Ron Lee

*Writer's Note: Someone special likens me to Luke, staring off into the sky with wide-eyes hoping that change will come. I wouldn't mind being Luke. He finally stepped-up and faced the dark side, after flirting with it briefly, of course. He was a true hero, even if he was a little whiney. Personally, I find myself more akin to Qui-Gon Jinn, already knowing right from wrong and willing to make the tough choices for what is right at any cost. Besides, I kinda look like him ;)*



Liam Neeson as Qui-Gon Jinn

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with a minor, the minor being his three year old step daughter.

The reason Hoover was suspected of committing this offense was twofold. The infant claims of having a sore bottom were coupled to the fact that Hoover was a male. There was absolutely no hard evidence to substantiate a criminal complaint. There were no bruises, vaginal wounds, bleeding or history of deviant behavior by Hoover. To the local North Carolina authorities this type of witch-hunt-evidence is substantial as long as someone has a gut feeling there was a crime committed or they want to further their career through the serious criminal charges they file – regardless of whether or not an actual crime has been committed.

In early September, 2009, the three felony charges were dropped by the District Attorney's office. "State cannot proceed to trial at this time, unable to present necessary evidence at current time," was the official pronouncement given by authorities. After fifteen months of waiting for a trial to clear his name, Chris Hoover was told that the government could not successfully prosecute him because there was insufficient evidence to proceed. This is, in part, exactly what the US~Observer proved to all law enforcement and public officials involved over a full year ago.

Upon my arrival in Franklin last year, I was informed that Sheriff Robbie Holland had formed a blue line, barring me from conducting a thorough investigation – his attempt at "Obstruction of Justice" was unsuccessful. Fortunately for Hoover, my investigation was, by far, more comprehensive than the vigilante rush to judgment type investigation conducted by the State Bureau of Investigation and Macon County, North Carolina Sheriff Robbie Holland. Holland stated that the evidence presented to a grand jury was sufficient to indict Hoover and he terminated Hoover two days before the actual indictment, without as much as a meeting with his young deputy.

The day baby Emma complained of a sore bottom she was taken to a pediatrician for an exam. Due to the baby's uncooperative behavior she was then taken to the "Kid's Place" to be interviewed by a social worker from the Department of Social Services and another deputy sheriff Judy Bradford-Lau. The baby was interviewed for over an hour without incriminating Hoover. The taped interview revealed Lau repeatedly asked the baby leading questions to substantiate Hoover's culpability. Following the interview Lau told Hoover he was cleared.

Now enters the State Bureau of Investigation, intent on another false, manufactured conviction. Two agents arrive at Hoover's home late that evening and interview both Hoover and his wife Brandi. Hoover was previously instructed by Holland to cooperate with investigators and he followed the orders to the letter. Agent Shannon Ashe asked Hoover if he would go to Skyland, NC for a polygraph test. Hoover assented and he departed with Ashe at approximately 9:45 p.m. Hoover was interrogated by agent Chris Smith and a polygraph test was administered in the early hours of the next morning. Following the test Smith became adamant that Hoover had failed the test. In fact, this was a lie

on two counts. Hoover took a similar test a few days later and passed with honors, and Hoovers attorney Charlie Swift determined that Hoover did not fail the test administered by Smith.



**Former Sheriff Deputy - Chris Hoover**

Armed with his blatant lie, Smith brow-beat this young deputy in the early morning hours, to secure a confession. The confession, obtained after Smith's heavy-handed interrogation and after Smith told Hoover his admission would close the issue, was simply Hoover stating that he might have touched the child inappropriately. This is how not to ensure that justice is meted out, but it does wonders for conviction rates.

#### Poor Leadership

In spite of his rush to judgment, Holland terminated Hoover at approximately 3:30 a.m. following the tests. Since polygraphs are not reliable, why didn't Holland interview his deputy after viewing the test results? Supposedly, it wasn't necessary, after SBI agent Smith extracts a coerced and tainted confession from the accused, based on the misleading statement that he failed the test, the fact that he was interrogated well into the early morning hours and that Hoover was being threatened with serious, police-state actions if he didn't say what they were forcing him to say. Holland never investigated this case, even after deputy Lau told Hoover he was cleared following her interview with the alleged victim.



**Sheriff Robbie Holland**

Sheriff Holland made an "intended" rush to judgment, while failing to investigate. In fact a former Macon County deputy told me that Holland ran for the sheriff's position based on his campaign slogan to protect children. Could this case be a campaign mantra for his re-election campaign? Holland's

career could have been greatly enhanced if Hoover was indeed found guilty.

Selling out a deputy was bad enough, but now Holland claims that "this case could be re-opened at some time down the road." Holland recently made this statement to save face. What else could Holland say after being humiliated by the facts that the US~Observer took into the public arena? There wasn't any evidence a year ago and there won't be any tomorrow, next year or in a score of years.

#### Scorned Wife

During my 2008 investigation, Hoover's spouse told me she believed that Chris Hoover could not have done what the indictment stated. She signed an affidavit under oath that the SBI was pressuring her to cooperate with them, in order to convict Hoover, or else they would take the baby to Chapel Hill for an extensive psychological exam. This was a blatant attempt to coerce a witness, but she refused to attack her husband at that time. Now that the charges have been dropped against Hoover, Brandi has the audacity to say that she knew that her husband committed the crimes all the time. Brandi Black Hoover left Hoover shortly after she signed the affidavit and is awaiting a divorce decree. This is after she reportedly maxed out Hoovers credit cards and allegedly bragged to others that she took him for everything she could get her hands on. Was she lying when swearing on the affidavit or is she lying now? In any event she is a despicable, opportunistic person, with a fatherless child. This poor child was a pawn, used by unprofessional law enforcement personnel in an attempt to convict an innocent man.

#### Feminine Terrorists

Although the US~Observer has not conducted another investigation in North Carolina since Hoover's case, the paper has learned through third parties about other unfortunate men who have been entrapped in similar circumstances. The last unofficial number of false prosecutions stands at or about fourteen in Macon and Cherokee counties.

One such case is regarding a forty year old man accused by his thirteen year old daughter of rape. Stephen "Ricky" Martin was taken to Ashville by Agent Shannon Ashe to undergo a polygraph test to be administered by Agent Chris Smith. The test was reportedly never given to Martin, yet the duo of Smith and Ashe reportedly claim he failed it miserably. It appears Martin was in a family feud with his sister over custody of the girl. The trial was held in July, 2009 and Martin was convicted in six hours to ninety-two years in prison. A reliable, though non-related witness who visits Martin in prison weekly reported to me that Martin's attorney failed to present a defense for his client. No witnesses were interviewed; the false claim of a polygraph test was never questioned and now, Martin's only hope for saving his future is for him to attain the services of the US~Observer, file a Post Conviction Relief case, and obtain a new trial in order to right the wrongs of his reportedly incompetent attorney and two overly aggressive and corrupt state investigators.

The "criminal behavior" of agents Ashe and Smith needs to be addressed, and severely punished. Speaking to Murphy, NC attorney Jerry Townsend, he stated that "white males are easy

targets for militant groups of feminist organizations who disregard the rules of procedure and basic fair play. The end game is to convict, convict, and convict white males of sexual crimes." He is appalled and perplexed by the trail of indictments, all with the same circumstantial evidence brought to grand juries by agents Ashe and Smith and a few other crime fighters, or would crime framers be more apropos? Even the current statutes protect women as they make false accusations against alleged assailants.

**Editor's Note:** Anyone with information regarding false criminal charges should contact the **US~Observer at 541-474-7885.**

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(approx. \$245 million), Wisconsin's Herb Kohl (approx. \$215 million), Virginia's Mark Warner (approx. \$210 million) and Massachusetts' John Kerry (approx. \$209 million).

Among the top 25 wealthiest legislators – which includes boldface names Nancy Pelosi, Dianne Feinstein and Olympia Snowe – there are 14 Democrats and 11 Republicans, suggesting no clear wealth divisions between party.

The net worth calculated for the lawmakers is not exact, and CPR offers a wide range of possible net worths for each member. Levinthal said that lawmakers tend to report assets and liabilities, income, gifts and asset transactions, as required by law, in very broad ranges; the listed figure, he said, represents an estimate between two possible extremes. (Primary residences and government salaries are not reported, and thus not included.)

The least wealthy member of Congress, the report found, is Florida Democrat Alcee Hastings, whose net worth is calculated to be negative \$4,732,002 (!). Other lawmakers to make the bottom 25 are Montana's Max Baucus and Ohio's Dennis Kucinich. Keep in mind, however, that these lawmakers likely have substantial unreported assets, including their residences.

In the executive branch, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is the second wealthiest, with a net worth of about \$21 million; she trails only Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Mary L. Schapiro. The least wealthy administration figure is Vice President Joe Biden, whose net worth is estimated at just \$27,012. (President Obama comes in at \$3,670,505.)

The median reportable net worth of senators declined from \$2.27 million to a still-robust \$1.79 million between 2007 and 2008. Kerry, Warner, Feinstein and Sen. John McCain all experienced double-digit percentage declines in their average, estimated wealth between the two years.

The median reportable net worth for members of the House in 2008 was \$622,254.

Levinthal notes that "in some cases, [lawmakers'] wealth is being derived from the very companies that in many cases benefit from the taxpayers."

"The top companies at which members of Congress are investing, many of them are TARP recipients that have received billions and billions of dollars from you and me," he said.

Among the companies in which members of Congress hold assets are Bank of America & Goldman Sachs. ■

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Congress for the past 50 years. In essence, they're saying 'Enough is Enough.' However, these resolutions have no teeth for enforcement. [2]

These Tenth Amendment resolutions are nothing new. Back in the mid-90's a similar movement took place and we can all see nothing ever came of it because the states not only continued to take money from the federal government, they have continued to ignore the non-ratified Seventeenth Amendment. Why is this so important?

Sen. Olympia Snowe, is a liberal, progressive Democrat masquerading as a Republican. Snowe supports killing unborn babies, is pro-sodomy, anti-Second Amendment, voted no on prohibiting minors crossing state lines for an abortion and voted yes on adding sexual deviants ("gays") to the definition of the latest unconstitutional hate crime bill that was passed. She supports the massive fraud called global warming and is for another massive rip-off called 'cap and trade'. Snowe wouldn't know what the U.S. Constitution said if James Madison stood in front of her and read it word for word.

Over the past few months, Snowe has been in the spot light as being the possible 'swing' vote to support the illegal health care "reform" bills now being shoved down our throats, which will spark massive lawsuits to stop enforcement. [3] [4]

This illegal health care reform monstrosity is just another Ponzi scheme that will further bankrupt this country. Regardless of the 'final product,' it will do nothing towards real health care coverage reform that should be undertaken by the states. On October 16, 2009, I watched the CEO of Blue Cross, Scott Serota, on Neil Cavuto (Fox News Network - FNN) state that it was important to get young, healthy Americans "into the pool" to lower costs of health care - The same taxing scheme as social security - a program that is TRILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN THE HOLE. [4]

What does any of this have to do with the Seventeenth Amendment that was not legally ratified?

Because, only two days earlier on the same FNN, I watched Snowe explain in an interview that HER constituents want this unconstitutional national health care. During this sound bite interview, Snowe continued to reinforce that she works for her constituents in Maine and what they want.

Here's a clue for Snowe: I live in Texas and you don't represent me. You're trying to shove your toxic liberal agenda down my throat.

Let's look at what the framers of the U.S. Constitution did when they created the federal government and breathed life into Congress. The U.S. House of Representatives was to be the legislative body for the people. Each district within the states of the Union would elect an individual to Congress (Art. I, Sec. II) who would represent them under Art. 1, Sec. 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

The framers were adamant that the states remain sovereign entities and have equal representation in Congress. Thus, the U.S. Senate would be comprised of two senators from each state (Art. I, Sec. III). Those senators would be appointed by their state legislature to go to Washington, DC to represent the interests of the state, not the people. If they didn't, the state could recall them, fire them and hire someone new. The Senate confirms federal judges and Supreme Court justices. The Senate must advise and consent to ratification of treaties that have been negotiated

and agreed to by the President -- Art. II, Section II, U.S. Constitution.

Those duties are critical because the outcome affects the well being and prosperity of the individual states of the Union. NAFTA, CAFTA, WTO and the hundreds of other treaties killing our sovereignty have come from an unlawfully seated senate since 1913. That includes our participation and financial rape from being a member of the communist United Nations. Not to mention the infestation of activist judges on the bench, killing our rights within the states.

When the Seventeenth Amendment was announced ratified, which it clearly was



**Senator Olympia Snowe**

not, the states lost their suffrage rights in Congress. Let me give you two more examples. Two of the vilest individuals ever to disgrace the halls of Congress: John McCain and Lindsay Graham.

McCain has cherry picked which parts of the U.S. Constitution he likes and ignores the law of the land for his own personal gain. Arizona has been the gateway state for the illegal's invasion. Old Juan has done everything to give these criminals (illegal aliens) a free pass and he's going to again, soon. Instead of standing for the State of Arizona and doing everything in his power to protect the people of Arizona, McCain has been an active participant in the destruction of Arizona by the illegal's invasion and treaties like NAFTA.

If the Seventeenth Amendment were not "in effect," the Arizona State Legislature could have (and I believe would have) recalled McCain, fired his corrupt backside and replaced him with a senator that would represent the interests of the State - not illegal aliens and special interests groups who vote for him.

The same applies to the equally corrupt, sleazy, Lindsay Graham (R-SC). Graham doesn't represent me, yet he votes for treaties, judges and other legislation that directly affects my life and my family's. I have no way to vote him out of office as I do my representative in the House.

Graham votes against the best interests of the State of South Carolina and they are powerless to get him out of office. Just like the other states of the Union who can't get rid of these counterfeit U.S. Senators who vote against the best interest of their state. If you doubt my argument, I hope you can take the time to read the links on the right of this page. Make no mistake: Lindsay Graham is a one world government lapdog who has sold out this republic for power and money.

As if corrupt political animals like Graham, Snowe, Collins and McCain aren't bad enough, we then have fools like Sen. Russ Feingold proposing a constitutional amendment to have governors appoint U.S. Senators. Feingold spews: "The vacancies in Illinois and New York have

made for riveting political theater, but lost in the seemingly endless string of press conferences and surprise revelations is the basic fact that the citizens of these states have had no say in who should represent them in the Senate." Senators from Vermont or Hawaii were never meant to represent me. The senate was created to represent the interest of the state they were appointed by and that is the beauty of separation of powers.

A VERY dangerous event to our republic is to take place in December. This is another screaming example of why the Seventeenth Amendment is so toxic:

Thatcher adviser: Copenhagen goal is 1-world government

'Global warming' to be used as 'pretext' for 'change'

**October 17, 2009**

"A former science adviser to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher says the real purpose of the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen on Dec. 7-18 is to use global warming hype as a pretext to lay the foundation for a one-world government.

"At [the 2009 United Nations Climate Change Conference in] Copenhagen this December, weeks away, a treaty will be signed," Monkton told a Minnesota Free Market Institute audience on Thursday at Bethel University in St. Paul.

"Your president will sign it. Most of the Third World countries will sign it, because they think they're going to get money out of it. Most of the left-wing regimes from the European Union will rubber stamp it. Virtually nobody won't sign it," he told the audience of some 700 attendees.

Obama/Soetoro is a devout Marxist who is no longer hiding the agenda of the world elites who control him. Dozens of these corrupt and insane lunatics in the U.S. Senate believe this monstrous scam called 'global warming.' This treaty has to be approved by them. The Constitution does not authorize the U.S. Senate or a sitting president to flush our sovereignty down the sewer in favor of being sucked into a global government. But, what are the states going to do about it? Sit around like they have for decades while the destruction continues? Pass more resolutions?

Representatives in New Hampshire and Montana have attempted to bring this fraud to the forefront with resolutions. Tragically for their states, the political machines killed their heroic efforts. Just like the ignorant, fact challenged Democrats did this past March in Montana by refusing to vote for an honest money bill.

How much more will the state legislatures take before they realize they have lost all their sovereignty guaranteed them under Art. 1, Sec. 4: The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion; and on Application of the Legislature, or of the Executive (when the Legislature cannot be convened) against domestic Violence.

There are those who say it wouldn't make any difference if the Seventeenth Amendment was "done away with" because the state legislatures are so corrupt anyway, they would just appoint the same counterfeit senators now in office under a law that doesn't exist. We don't know that. Additionally, the framers of the Constitution made sure there was a safeguard in place. Let's say your state legislator (rep or senator) votes for a U.S. Senator who turns out to be a McCain, Reid, Snowe or Graham. If your state legislator refuses to recall a bad senator, you can oust those state legislators in the next election. This is where the power of the people comes into force. The political games can be played inside your state capitol, but the ballot box can kill their

toxic agendas.

There are many fine, truly patriotic Americans serving in our state legislatures. Many more are waking up and that is why we have seen this explosion of Tenth Amendment Resolutions. The states must move in January to crush the destroyers set to finish off our constitutional republic or the states will find themselves, as I have said so many times, nothing more than occupied territories under the boot of one world government.

There are those who say we are at a cross roads in history: freedom or slavery. No, we are on the brink and that conference in Copenhagen is so dangerous, we have to do everything in our power to demand the U.S. Senate reject ANY global warming scam treaty.

When researcher, Bill Benson, did the research on the Sixteenth Amendment, he also discovered the fraud on the ratification of the Seventeenth was even worse. This past April, several generous Americans sponsored my trip to the National Archives in Washington, DC. I retrieved every single document from the states regarding the vote on the Seventeenth Amendment. They are court certified.

They tell the true story of the non-ratification under the strict ratification process. If you read Jefferson's Manual and the Rules of the House of Representatives of the United States with a Digest of the Practice 1909 by Asher C. Hinds, Clerk at the Speaker's Table and How Our Laws Are Made, Revised and Updated, September 1999 by Charles W. Johnson, Parliamentarian, U.S. House of Representatives, you will see the process is rigid and for a good reason.

**The question is:** What state legislature will finally step forward and take on the Seventeenth Amendment, because it sure won't come from the liars and crooks in Congress. Your state legislature won't act unless there is such an outcry, they will be forced to act. Your voice is the only thing that will push the engine.

#### Footnotes:

Use any search engine with the title.

[1] They Can't Push Us Around Forever

[2] Committeesofsafety.org

[3] Health-Care Reform and the Constitution by Judge Andrew Napolitano

[4] Illegal Health Reform by attorneys David B. Rivkin Jr. and Lee A. Casey

[5] Fiscal gap' in the trillions by Carolyn Lochhead

Columns by Devvy on the Seventeenth Amendment

Simply type the title into a search engine on the Internet:

1. *States must force 17th Amendment showdown*

2. *Illegals invasion & the Seventeenth Amendment*

3. *The gray wolf, the ESA & the 17th Amendment*

Devvy Kidd authored the booklets, Why A Bankrupt America and Blind Loyalty; 2 million copies sold. Devvy appears on radio shows all over the country as well as her own; ran for Congress and is a highly sought after public speaker.

She left the Republican Party in 1996 and has been an independent voter ever since. Devvy isn't left, right or in the middle; she is a constitutionalist who believes in the supreme law of the land, not some political party. Her web site contains a tremendous amount of information, solutions and a vast Reading Room. Devvy's columns can be read on her web site at: www.devvy.com ■■■



## Female only gun camps on rise in US

*Gun camps for women are seeing a rise in attendance from female teachers, lawyers and even nuns thanks to a mum of two.*



**Debbie Ferns:** The three-day camps, which cost £400, are exploding across the country and in January next year a US TV show will begin documenting the female gun trend.

*Photo: Barcroft*

By Telegraph UK Staff

Debbie Ferns travels the USA organising "Ladies Only Gun Camps" complete with pink weapons to encourage women to take up shooting.

Mrs Ferns, 55, from Tucson, Arizona, has also written a book called Babes with Bullets, Women Having Fun With Guns.

"Every woman in America should shoot a gun," said Mrs Ferns, who has more than 20 in her home collection.

She added "As long as the woman is a legal and law-abiding citizen I feel they should at least have a basic education in firearms safety."

The three-day camps, which cost £400, are exploding across the country and in January next year a US TV show will begin documenting the female gun trend.

"It started with one camp in 2004 and now we're planning 15 to 20 camps for 2010," said Debbie, who has helped recruit over 1,000 women to the shooting world.

"Women love it. We get schoolteachers, lawyers, nurses, women from all walks of life."

"They come in as novices and go away with a brand new skill using a powerful tool."

"Quite often they make new lifelong friends at camp as well."

The women-only gun camps are particularly popular with women over the age of 35, up to those in their 60s.

"We have so much fun and it's very exciting."

"It's a fast paced program and by the third day of camp we have women safely drawing from holsters and shooting on the move," said Mrs Ferns. "We often get emails from women telling us that the camp has changed their lives."

Her passion for guns began on her 45th birthday after her daughters left home.

While taking care of her father in a hospice he advised her to write a book and encourage women to learn about and use guns as sport.

So while most women relax with a bath at the end of a day's work Mrs Ferns is out dressed in pink with her group of ladies shooting firearms.

"It is a good stress release after a difficult day at work," she said.

"The people of our country have fought and died to protect our Second Amendment Rights."

"I think shooting sports empower women and improves their self-esteem."

"They also improve a woman's ability to protect herself and her family."

She added: "My daughters come to my camps and my twelve-year-old niece knows how to shoot a gun safely."

"We started her with an air gun and she worked up to a pretty pink 22 calibre hand gun."

"Everyone in America should know about guns and learn how to use them respectfully, after all how can you condemn something you have never tried?"

She went on: "If your kids are going off to college without knowing about guns then what happens when they get to a party and they encounter them?"

"It's better to be educated than ignorant."

"The fact that a few wackos choose to use these guns illegally is not something I should be punished for."

The gun camps were set up by Kay Clark-Miculek, a many time national and world handgun champion, and assisting the pair are trainers Lisa Munson, Judy Woolley, Sheila Brey, and Annette Aysen.

## WA Cease Fire Exploits Slain Officer To Push Agenda, Says CCRKBA

**BELLEVUE, WA** – The Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms today condemned Washington CeaseFire President Ralph Fascitelli for capitalizing on the murder of Seattle Police Officer Timothy Q. Brenton by announcing a plan to lobby for a ban on so-called "assault weapons" using Brenton's killing as a launch pad.

"Over the years," said CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb, "I have watched as anti-gun extremists rushed to exploit violent crimes to push their agenda, but this case, as reported by Nina Shapiro in the Seattle Weekly, signals a despicable new low in behavior. Fascitelli is essentially dancing in Officer Brenton's blood, and he ought to be ashamed."

According to the Seattle Weekly article, "Even though police say they have not yet determined what type of weapon was used, Ralph Fascitelli, president of Washington CeaseFire, says he plans to cite Brenton's murder when lobbying for the bill in the next legislative session."

"A police officer has been murdered and the killer or killers remain at large," Gottlieb said. "A police department is mourning, and a family is grieving. A memorial service has not even been held. This is hardly the time to be exploiting Saturday's cowardly crime to advance a political agenda."

"If we are to judge any movement

by its leadership," he observed, "the citizens of Washington State and especially its state legislators should be outraged at the callousness now being exhibited by Washington CeaseFire. Frankly, I am appalled."

"The Citizens Committee and Second Amendment Foundation extend their sincere sympathy to Officer Brenton's family and to the Seattle Police Department," Gottlieb stated.

With more than 650,000 members and supporters nationwide, the Citizens



Ralph Fascitelli

Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms is one of the nation's premier gun rights organizations. As a non-profit organization, the Citizens Committee is dedicated to preserving firearms freedoms through active lobbying of elected officials and facilitating grassroots organization of gun rights activists in local communities throughout the United States. The Citizens Committee can be reached by phone at: (425) 454-4911, on the Internet at [www.ccrkba.org](http://www.ccrkba.org) or by email to [InformationRequest@ccrkba.org](mailto:InformationRequest@ccrkba.org). ■■■

*That liberty is pure / which is to go to all,  
and not to the few or the rich alone.*

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Plus 900 files, columns and the trial files of Karen Kilmer.

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**Knowledge is Power**

Read Devvy's article starting on Front page of this edition.

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The final saga in the Tax Wars with Kersting and his investors against the IRS began with a tax shelter involving numerous write-offs. These investment write-offs included, for example, interest deductions for loans and rental car deals, as well as many other items. These investment write-off deductions were used by 1800 pilots and their families. Ruthlessly deciding that they would harbor no surrender and give out no easy deals to anyone who dealt with Kersting, the IRS in many cases disallowed not only the Kersting investment deductions, but also on occasion disallowed the spousal deduction and the home interest deduction, items totally unrelated to the Kersting investments. According to the IRS, this meant Kersting and the 1800 pilots who were investors owed much more on their taxes than what had already been paid.

A few of the investors simply gave in and paid the IRS claims. A larger group paid the claims but didn't give in; they paid the claims to stop penalty and interest from accruing and joined the group fighting in court. The largest group, who heeded Kersting's advice to fight to the end and give no quarter, didn't pay what was claimed, and stood toe to toe waiting for a result.

#### THE TEST CASE PETITIONER PLAN

Seeing as though Kersting and many of the investors were going to fight, the Tax court was concerned about 1800 separate cases on one tax shelter clogging up the court and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue Service didn't want to engage in 1800 separate prosecutions. As for the 1800 tax payers (investors), they didn't want to hire 1800 separate legal teams. So, they all entered into a contractual agreement to meet these mutual goals. Out of the 1800 tax payers the IRS would pick 5 (five) cases and the 1800 would pick five cases. These 10 cases would be representative of the whole 1800. One trial - 10 (ten) TEST CASE PETITIONERS.

Once the TEST CASE PETITIONER contract was signed things began to unwind in ways, still to this day, not explained. For some reason the tax payers agreed to use only 3 cases. That meant that the 5 worst cases - the IRS obviously chose the most egregious 5 cases it could find - would be tried and defended by the legal team and instead of offsetting this with the five best cases, only three "best" cases would be added. Why did this matter? The ruling made in the case was to be a blanket ruling, affecting everyone - having only 3 against 5 meant the burden was definitely shouldered by the tax payers to win the worst cases - not a good position to begin in.

#### THE FRAUD

Unless of course the agreement to drop two of the "good petitioners" was also the result of fraud, it was after the cases were selected that the IRS committed its proven fraud on the court.

There were three honest, good case families: 1) The Hongsermiers, 2) The Thompsons, and 3) The Cravens.

IRS agents William A. Sims and Kenneth W. McWade, both attorneys, subverted the TEST CASE process by trying to tip the scale in their favor. Unknown to the Hongsermiers, and theoretically unknown to the 1800's lawyer, both the Thompsons and the Cravens made secret deals with the IRS's Sims and McWade. The Thompson's fired the 1800 legal team and hired an attorney named De Castro, who by coincidence wasn't paid by the Thompsons, but was secretly paid by the IRS. The Cravens decided they didn't need an attorney at all and they went pro-se... i.e. they represented themselves. They must have felt they had already made a deal so they didn't need an attorney.

With the IRS manipulating the process by securing a deal, the Cravens and Thompsons effectively threw the entire case for the 1800, just to save themselves. How the trial attorney for the pilots missed all this, or the obvious fact that everyone wasn't on the same team, is unclear. It all just flew over his head. If any of the pilots flew like this they would have often landed their planes in the wrong state.

It didn't fly over the trial court's head. In a blistering decision, Judge Goffe proceeded to rule against the tax payers on every issue. And, he quoted the various witnesses liberally. And in 2000, Kersting died, leaving the investors to carry on their defense.

Much later, but before the decision could be finalized, the fraud became disclosed and was revealed in a motion to Judge Goffe. What did he do? He ruled that the testimony of Cravens and Thompsons had to be stricken.

Then he ruled that it didn't matter - Listening to only Six Test Case Petitioners, where the only one chosen by the tax payers who was actually trying to win honestly was that of Captain and Mrs. Hongsermier, he wouldn't change a comma of his opinion. With that, the case was appealed and sent up to the Ninth Circuit, which sent it back again for more review. After defeat, 500 settled, leaving 1300 Pilots who wanted to appeal.

It was at this point, one of the Pilots, Captain Gary Tjossem, succeeded in his ten year pursuit of the most winning tax attorney in the country, Michael Minns. After going over the tortured history of the case, Minns agreed to take over.

After one year Minns filed a brief with the Ninth Circuit Court, which resulted in the finding of fraud, Dixon vs. Commissioner 316 F.3d 1041. At oral argument (on tape and available by order at this paper - brief of Minns also available by this paper) Minns argued that Fraud on the Court had occurred as early as 1986. The decision, written by Judge Michael Daly Hawkins came down on January, 17, 2003 in which he rules: "The taxpayers have clearly and convincingly demonstrated Fraud on the court and are entitled to relief." It was a landmark decision. The court sent it back down to the Tax Court with orders that all the pilots be placed in the same place as the Thompsons to wit: "on terms equivalent to those provided in the settlement agreement with Mr. Thompson."

Goffe having retired, the case was now in Judge Beghe's court. From 2003-2008, Beghe held hearings in California, Texas, Washington D.C., and Nevada, ostensibly trying to figure out what deal Mr. Thompson got.

One problem was that simultaneously the IRS claimed in court they gave him a 20% discount while Sims and McWade admitted in their grievance fight with Minns it was over 50%. Was the IRS still committing fraud? Two more of Minns' successful clients died, Captain Charles Michaelson and Captain Richard Watkins.

Judge Beghe's final ruling was that Thompson's received 62% off their tax assessment. Penalties were thrown out, since the Thompsons didn't pay any, and interest was stopped on those who didn't pay from 1992 to 2008 by agreement of IRS.

Most of the pilots accepted the final victory. After all, many became millionaires, those who have paid in were entitled to as much as 30 years interest on their 62% refund; most who owed taxes owed only a fraction of the

original amount, and few survivors likely would be forced into bankruptcy; but the question still remained: "Had the tax payers really gotten the same deal that the Thompsons received?"

Minns answered that question loudly: "No." The Thompsons didn't have the possibility of bankruptcy hanging over their head for thirty years. That's worth something. The Thompsons didn't have legal fees; the IRS paid their legal fees. That's worth something. The Thompsons didn't pay a penny of interest. That's worth something. The Thompsons didn't have to pay their room and board during the month long trial in Maui; but the Hongsermiers did. That's worth something. The Thompsons didn't sit day after day in a courtroom wondering why everything was going wrong, trying to win a case that had been essentially fixed from the start, being the only "real" case and the only "real controversy" in the court room. That's worth something.

Judge Beghe didn't give the Hongsermiers and the 1300 pilots they were sitting in for, a penny of credit for these things and many more.

So, in spite of the odds of getting a third audience with the ninth circuit, in spite of the odds of not getting oral argument again, Minns filed a brief and the Ninth Circuit granted the Hongsermiers' request for oral argument and the case has been set again, for the third time, in Seattle, Washington, for oral argument before the Ninth Circuit on November 4, 2009.

#### PURSUING JUSTICE

Because of the January, 2003 Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that found the IRS had defrauded the tax court - effectively throwing out verdicts against 1300 tax paying airline pilots - the Chief Counsel of the IRS publicly apologized to the New York Bar Association for the offense. However, the agency didn't do anything to punish its agents, attorneys Sims and McWade for committing the Fraud. And no one has to this day

apologized to the pilots.

Minns demanded that Congress look into it, and demanded action on the part of the IRS. Apparently, IRS thought the public apology was enough. None of his pilot clients lived in New York, none of them were apologized to personally, and Congress ignored the findings of the appellate court. The trial court was ordered to re-examine the case in light of the court's rulings.

That wasn't good enough. Minns demanded the State Bar licenses for Sims and McWade. He wanted to file and pursue an ethics grievance against them. Unheard of! According to the Journal of Taxation, no IRS lawyer had ever been found guilty of unethical conduct by their State Bar.

The government refused to release the names of the bars where Sims and McWade were licensed - They claimed it was confidential. Minns disagreed. A license is a public document. So he wrote all fifty State Bars, the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands to find out where or if Sims and McWade had licenses to practice law. The results were interesting.

McWade was licensed in Oregon but he was practicing in Hawaii where he was not licensed. He had a license to practice before the Director of Practice, an administrative department of the IRS, and he had a license in Tax Court. He wasn't licensed in the Ninth Circuit, which had found he had committed fraud.

Sims was licensed in Arkansas, before the Director of Practice, and before the Tax Court but that's it.

Sims had retired from the IRS and was in private practice. McWade was still working on his pension as a government attorney.

Apparently they both thought their fraud was over, forgotten and behind them. The pilots hadn't forgotten. The Ninth Circuit hadn't forgotten. More importantly, Minns hadn't forgotten and he pursued them into every jurisdiction where they were licensed. After a two year battle, in 2004, McWade received a suspension from the Oregon Supreme Court, disbarment from the Director of Practice, and suspension from the Tax Court. Likewise, Sims received a suspension from his home state of Arkansas, disbarment from the Director of Practice, and suspension from the Tax Court - the first in US history and the second in US history according to the Journal of Taxation.

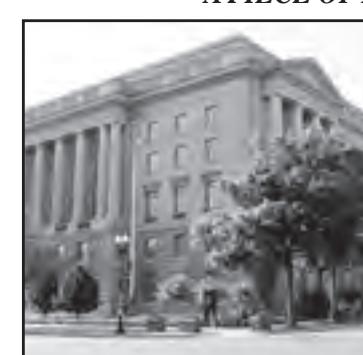
The IRS was ordered to refund to the 1300 pilots 62% of the total amount originally assessed and interest was stopped as of 1992 until 2008 for the pilots who hadn't paid. For those who had paid and were due refunds, the payments were often in the multi-million dollar area.

But it wasn't enough. The Fraud had been discovered in 1992. But it had taken place in a court room in 1986. Minns argued to the Ninth Circuit that the IRS interest should stop when the fraud occurred, not when it was discovered, otherwise, the court was encouraging the IRS to hide Fraud. Again, remember that the Hongsermiers were to have the same agreement as the Thompsons. IRS attorneys disbarred - IRS publicly rebuked for Fraud. Would that be the end of it? No.

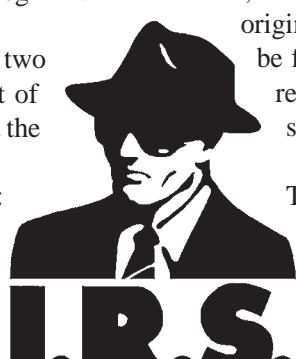
In September of 2009, the Ninth Circuit again agreed to hear Minns final complaint for the Hongsermiers and the other pilots and granted oral argument for November 4, 2009. The decision may determine whether or not the IRS is allowed to collect interest on a case that its lawyers are also committing Fraud on. Sounds simple? Here's hoping the Ninth Circuit agrees.

The US~Observer will bring you the outcome of this case by Michael Minns. We are sure it will be history making.

#### A PIECE OF ADVICE



It is best to pay the tax if it is arguably due and fight for a refund. The IRS then, if the tax payer wins, has to pay interest (albeit at a lower rate than the tax payer has to pay) but the risk is over. The other way is to pay nothing and penalties and interest keep accruing and compounding... at a higher rate. If the taxpayer wins he pays nothing; but if the tax payer loses he pays the exorbitant increase.



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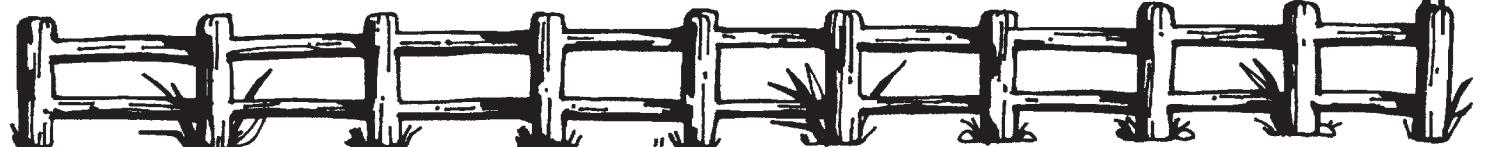
Citizens who have founded and support it believe in the Bill of Rights and Article 1, Section 1, of the Oregon Constitution which states:

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# Letters to the Editor



## Driscoll Case Letters

### Dear Editor:

Hello. I just really wanted to take a second and thank you for all the hard work you have done in regards to Kevin. He is a great friend of mine, and it hurts to see such a good person in such a unwarranted fight for his life. I would like to say that since your involvement in his case, Kevin has regained a lot more hope for his future. Thank you again, and keep up the good work. If only the world was filled with more people such as yourselves, courageous enough to stand up and speak the truth, becoming a voice for those without... our world might be in a better place.

Very respectfully,

**Angela Hanson**

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## Tabloid Press?

### Editor:

Your tag is that You Focus On the Truth:

Bad News; you might want to get the whole truth instead of this one sided version you referred to in this article (Kevin Driscoll story).

Do you know Mr. Driscoll not only faces these charges; but almost identical charges in 3 other cases, that involved “Hot-tubbing” were he forced himself on other women.

If you are going to publish under the truth, you might want to ensure you have the whole truth, not just the parts that make for Good Tabloid Press.

If there is a video tape why was it not presented at Mr. Driscoll’s recent status hearing, because video tape does not Lie. I was at this hearing, and these facts you refer to were not presented by Mr Driscolls lawyer either.

Shame on you!!!

**Scott Day**

### Editor’s Response to above:

Scott,

Shame on you... First off, the recent hearing was not a hearing in which to present evidence. Mr. Driscoll has not been charged with any other cases at this point, so he is not facing any other charges.

I viewed the video tape and all the evidence and can factually state that Kevin did not rape Melissa.

I don’t publish Tabloid News, I publish facts. I certainly wouldn’t claim that Driscoll has “forced himself on other women” without naming them and looking at all the evidence.

Prosecutor Jody Vaughan is factually responsible for falsely prosecuting another case that I have looked into and you had better hope that this evil,

deceitful and vindictive bitch never targets you. If she does you should call me ASAP.

Our entire article was based on fact and testimony, mainly from third parties, and the tapes.

Best Regards,

**Edward Snook**  
Chief of Investigations  
US~Observer

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## Response From KTVZ

(Response to Nicks’ unpublished email)

**Lynette Jones Nicks,**

We MAY report this story, Ms. Nicks, but I’m NOT going to allow postings in comments that name a deputy DA and make such accusations. If we do a story, we will talk to her as well and get HER side. That is only fair, and how we’d treat any such allegations.

Your accusations against us make it even more difficult. We report, as always, what police report - as does most media across the country. And including us in your attacks makes it a challenge to decide how to proceed. Don’t see how you could imagine otherwise.

I’m copying in my supervisor, News Director Lee Anderson, to whom I also forwarded your e-mail earlier today, so that if you call he can be fully up to speed on your claims and can respond regarding our policies.

FYI, many years ago, when I was at The Bulletin, the folks behind the Observer threatened to sue me, in print. But my name was misspelled. After more than 30 years in this business, I have learned that whatever I do, I’ll make friends and enemies, always striving for the former and never the latter. But I also believe in my heart that I, and we, are pretty good at what we do. But you can never please everyone. Have a nice evening.

**Barney Lerten**  
Assignment Mgr./Digital Content  
Director  
KTVZ

### Editor’s Response to Barney Lerten’s e-mail above.

You can share the following with whomever you choose.

Barney Lerten is a “systems reporter.” These type reporters rarely if ever publish the truth about any situation because they have relationships with the legal system and other governmental agencies - due mainly to financial reasons (advertising, etc.). The medias they work for depend on advertising dollars and if these ridiculous media were to attack a malicious and evil prosecutor like Jody Stutzman Vaughan they would go broke overnight.

I’m sure Barney is okay among the limp-wristed, socialist crowd, but him and his ilk are not okay in my

world or that of the US~Observer. System reporters and the media they hire themselves out to certainly can’t have any pride in themselves or their work. Also, they can’t have much of a conscience or they would hide in shame when they find out they have helped ruin an innocent person’s life, just like they have Kevin Driscoll.

Improtant to note is the part of Lerten’s response which states, “I’m NOT going to allow postings in comments that name a deputy DA and make such accusations. If we do a story, we will talk to her as well and get HER side. That is only fair, and how we’d treat any such allegations.

Barney Lerten is quite the hypocrit, isn’t he? Why wouldn’t he show Driscoll the same courtesy? The fact is, Barney doesn’t have the time or the resources to properly investigate any case and therefore no one can ever trust that they are receiving the truth from him. So sad, but very true...

Barney Lerten’s “fairness” always has two sides, however, there is only one side to the truth, not two.

Best Regards,

**Edward Snook**  
Chief of Investigations  
US~Observer

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## “The Video”

### Editor:

Where is the video? I want to believe what I see. I am torn between sides.

**Wendy Larocque**

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### Editor’s Response:

**Wendy,**

The video is available to view on our web-site at [www.usobserver.com](http://www.usobserver.com)

You don’t need to be “torn between sides,” just simply realize that I wouldn’t have published the damaging article that I did if it wasn’t true. I would get sued in a heart-beat.

Best Regards,

**Edward Snook**  
Chief of Investigations  
US~Observer

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## Driscoll “Appeared” Guilty

Kevin, I will be honest with you. After I saw the [local] news I figured you were guilty. The story they did made you look like you were.

Then just a few days ago I had a US~Observer put on my door step. I was a little unsure about the information that was being reported by the US~Observer.

Some of my questions were “If they

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had so much evidence why would they be pursuing this?" I started once again to follow KTVZ blogs. Everyone said what I was thinking ... "Doubt videos exist, US Observer is slanted truth and how can local media report such rubbish?"

Now after seeing the video - *that does indeed exist* - all I can say is WOW. I'm also asking myself "What is the District Attorney's office and local media doing?" It's looks to be that the US~Observer is reporting the truth.

Our prayers go out to you and your family. The truth will come out in court as it clearly has here.

**E. Sanders**  
From the Bend Observer Blog



### We Old People Are Waking Up ...

*The following letter to the AARP says it all. It is a must read regardless of your age. This was sent to Mr. Rand who is the Executive Director of AARP*

**Dear Mr. Rand,**

Recently you sent us a letter encouraging us to renew our lapsed membership in AARP by the requested date. I know it is not what you were looking for, but this is the most honest response I can give you. Our gap in coverage is merely a microscopic symptom of the real problem, a deepening lack of faith.

While we have proudly maintained our membership for several years and have long admired the AARP goals and principles, regrettably, we can no longer endorse its abdication of our values. Your letter specifically stated that we can count on AARP to speak up for our rights, yet the voice we hear is not ours. Your offer of being kept up to date on important issues through DIVIDED WE FAIL presents neither an impartial view nor the one we have come to embrace. We do believe that when two parties agree all the time on everything presented to them, one is probably not necessary.. But, when the opinions and long term goals are diametrically opposed, the divorce is imminent. This is the philosophy which spawned our 200 years of government.

Once upon a time, we looked forward to being part of the senior demographic. We also looked to AARP to provide certain benefits and give our voice a power we could not possibly hope to achieve on our own. AARP gave us a sense of belonging which we no longer enjoy. The Socialist politics practiced by the Obama administration and empowered by AARP

serves only to raise the blood pressure my medical insurance strives to contain. Clearly a conflict of interest there!

We do not understand the AARP posture, feel greatly betrayed by the guiding forces whom we expected to map out our senior years and leave your ranks with a great sense of regret. We mitigate that disappointment with the relief of knowing that we are not contributing to the problem anymore by renewing our membership. There are numerous other organizations which offer discounts without threatening our way of life or offending our sensibilities.

This Presidential Administration scares the living daylights out of us. Not just for ourselves, but for our proud and bloodstained heritage, but even more importantly for our children and grandchildren. Washington has rendered Soylent Green a prophetic cautionary tale rather than a nonfiction scare tactic. I have never in my life endorsed any militant or radical groups, yet now I find myself listening to them. I don't have to agree with them to appreciate the fear which birthed their existence. Their borderline insanity presents little more than a balance to the voice of the Socialist mind-set in power. Perhaps I became American by a great stroke of luck in some cosmic uterine lottery, but in my adulthood I CHOOSE to embrace it and nurture the freedoms it represents as well as the responsibilities it requires.

Your web-site generously offers us the opportunity to receive all communication in Spanish. ARE YOU KIDDING??? Someone has broken into our 'house', invaded our home without our invitation or consent. The President has insisted we keep the perpetrator in comfort and learn the perp language so we can communicate our reluctant welcome to them.

I DON'T choose to welcome them.

I DON'T choose to support them.

I DON'T choose to educate them.

I DON'T choose to medicate them, pay for their food or clothing.

American home invaders get arrested.

Please explain to me why foreign lawbreakers can enjoy privileges on American soil that Americans do not get?

Why do some immigrants have to play the game to be welcomed and others only have to break & enter to be welcomed?

We travel for a living. Walt hauls horses all over this great country, averaging over 10,000 miles a month when he is out there. He meets more people than a politician on caffeine overdose. Of all the many good folks he enjoyed on this last 10,000 miles, this trip yielded only ONE supporter of the current administration. One of us is out of touch with

mainstream America. Since our poll is conducted without funding, I have more faith in it than one which is power driven.

We have decided to forward this to everyone on our mailing list, and will encourage them to do the same. With several hundred in my address book, I have every faith that the eventual exponential factor will make a credible statement to you..

I am disappointed as hell.

I am scared as hell.

I am MAD as hell, and I'm NOT gon'na take it anymore!

**Walt & Cyndy**  
**Miller Farms Equine Transport**



### Without Voter Permission

**Editor:**

The voters of Lake County learned 2 weeks after the beginning of the fiscal year that the Lake County Board of Commissioners (here in after the "BOCC") had declared their jobs to be full time and granted themselves a 75% pay raise without benefit of asking the voters

ORS 203.111 gives the duty of adopting a budget to the BOCC. So they didn't need to ask the some 4000 registered voters for whom they work for permission to take a pay raise of 75%, which amounts to almost \$1600 a month on top of the \$2274. they were getting already.

**Raymond M. Bledsaw**

Lakeview, OR



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Sgt. Kimberly Munley, a civilian Fort Hood officer, is being hailed as a hero after taking down alleged shooter Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan during Thursday's massacre. (ABC News)

## Fort Hood Hero: Sgt. Kimberly Munley Saves Soldiers' Lives

By Sarah Netter

**Nov. 6, 2009 (ABC News)** - In the midst of the murderous gunfire that sent soldiers at Fort Hood scattering, it was a civilian mother of two who ran towards the gunfire, taking down the shooter in a close range gun-battle that left both wounded.

Sgt. Kimberly Munley, who lives in Killeen, Texas, has been hailed a hero by Fort Hood base commander Lt. Gen. Robert Cone, who credited her today with bringing the massacre to an end and saving an untold number of lives.

"She was quite effective, one of our most impressive young policemen," Cone told "Good Morning America" today. "She walked up and basically engaged him. I think, certainly, this could've been far worse."

Munley's brother Daniel Barbour told ABC News at the Metroplex Hospital today that his sister had been shot three times in the hand and the leg. She will again undergo surgery today as one of the bullets pierced an artery.

Her husband, Matthew Munley, Barbour said, is rushing from Pennsylvania to be by his wife's side.

Cone said Munley, 34, was doing traffic control in the area when Major Nidal Malik Hasan began spraying unarmed soldiers with rounds from two pistols.

The civilian cop headed straight for the sound of gunfire.

"She had been trained in active response," Cone said. "They had rehearsed scenarios like this. Often times, the idea is you would encircle the building and wait until you have more backup. What the belief is, if you act aggressively, to take the shooter out, you'll have less fatalities."

Munley acted aggressively. Not waiting for backup, she went in after the gunman and quickly found him. As Cone put it, Munley decided "to seek him out, to confront him."

"What she did, [she] happened to catch him as he walked around the corner. They had a gunfire exchange where she shot the assailant four times... She was shot herself," Cone said.

Initial reports were that Hasan and Munley had both been killed in the shootout, but Army officials later clarified that Hasan and Munley were wounded, but survived.

ABC News' Bob Woodruff reported today that Hasan is paralyzed from his

injuries.

Army spokesman Lt. Col. Nathan Banks, on his way to Fort Hood today, told ABCNews.com that Munley, like all Army civilian police officers, had been trained in weapons tactics just like military police.

"She went right into action," Banks said. "This is the way that she was trained exactly."

"She went into harm's way and she saved a lot of people," he added.

Munley likely used her military-issue 9mm on Hasan, Banks said, which is what most civilian officers carry, though he could not confirm that was the weapon involved. Some officers, he said, are issued Colt .45s.

**Sgt. Kimberly Munley Hailed as Hero**

Taken into surgery afterwards, Munley spent Thursday night calling her fellow co-workers from her hospital bed to make sure everyone was okay.

With the majority of the Army's military police attachments deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan, civilian police officers have been hired in large numbers to provide security for the bases stateside. They are contracted, Banks said, from private companies.

"Their role is just the same as the military police officers. They do everything that they do," he said. "Hey are great. They do an excellent, excellent job."

In the hours after the shootings, two Facebook groups sprung up dedicated to Munley and her heroic actions.

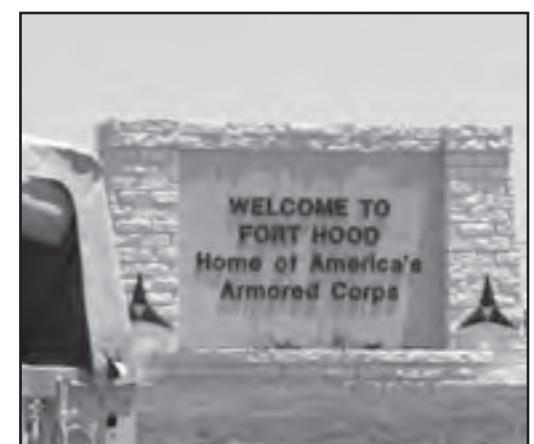
"At that tragic moment you were able to use your training and abilities to bring an end to a day that will haunt the lives of many for years to come," one member posted in the group "God Bless SGT Kimberly Munley." "Thank you for being a true hero."

And in the group "Sgt. Kimberly Munley: A Real American Hero!" one woman stationed in Japan with her military husband said that Munley had inspired her to learn how to shoot once she returned to the U.S.

Munley's two daughters, the eldest from a previous marriage, are 15 and 2.

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(ABC News' Nikki Battiste contributed to this report.)



US~Observer's Prayers go out to the families of the fallen ...

## Rangel Ethics Investigation Continues In Slow Motion

**(Examiner)** - The boisterous Rep. Charlie Rangel is in the news once again with his introduction of a House bill that will make it harder for taxpayers to hide their money in foreign banks. This latest action by New York City's gift to America is the epitome of hypocrisy.

Democrat Congressman Charles Rangel, chairman of the powerful committee that writes the nation's tax code, allegedly failed to pay an unspecified amount in federal taxes during the past five years on rental income from a villa he owns in the Dominican Republic, according to several news stories. There are other financial transactions involving Rangel that are the subject of a House Ethics Committee investigation.

Rep. Rangel, a Harlem Democrat who is chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, has owned the beachfront house at the Punta Cana resort and club since 1988, but never declared the \$75,000 in rental income he has earned either on his tax returns or on his Congressional financial disclosure form.

When Mr. Rangel's legal advisers first acknowledged the unreported income, during interviews with reporters, they said his accountants had determined that he would probably owe back taxes to the city and New York State, but not the federal government.

But his lawyer, Lanny Davis, said that the accountants had since revised their calculations and determined that Mr. Rangel would owe "a modest amount"

to the federal government for unpaid taxes over the last five years. Mr. Davis said Mr. Rangel was likely to owe both the state and the city a similar amount over the same period. The combined total of back taxes owed to the city, state and federal governments will probably be "several thousands of dollars," Mr. Davis told the New York Times.

Well, let's take a look at the real Charlie Rangel as evidenced in a little known story of how a New York City detective named Sidney knocked the robust politician on his keister following the utterance of a Rangelism in the 1960s:

Sidney was one of New York City's first African-American detectives. In fact, he was so good at policing in the city's toughest neighborhoods, that he was promoted to the coveted rank of 1st Grade Detective in the NYPD, the youngest in New York's history. A former Marine -- one of the first blacks to be accepted into the Marine Corps -- Sid was your consummate police officer. Tough, relentless and proud, Sid tempered his tough street persona

with intelligence and a sense of fairness that won the respect of his superiors, his fellow cops and the citizens he served. Sid came from a black family of achievement with one brother becoming a police captain and another serving as a colonel in the US Army.

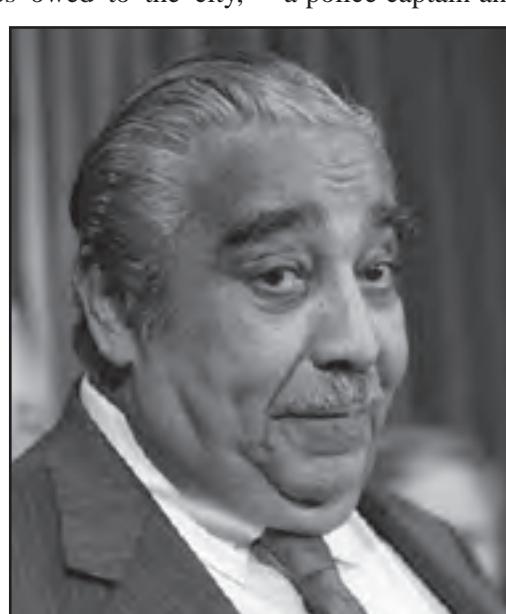
While still a young detective,

Sidney arrested a black man who was dealing drugs on streets and schoolyards of Harlem. The drug dealer sold heroin to black youngsters who were being told over and over again since they were knee high that their lives were hopeless in

pushing punk -- whose parents, by the way, were financially very well off. The punk's dad was a big-time contributor to the local Democrat Party and a supporter of Rangel for congressman which led to Rangel acting on behalf of an unrepentant drug pusher. Ironically, Rangel later would become chairman of Congress' Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control.

So Charles Rangel, attorney-at-law, visited my partner Sid in order to get him to back off and perhaps change some of the testimony should the case go to trial. The young detective told Rangel, "No way. That skell sells poison to kids." At that point Charlie Rangel, a known bully in Harlem and northern Manhattan, called Sid an Uncle Tom and got in his face. The six-foot tall detective hauled off and bopped him right in his face and Rangel went down. After getting up from the floor and brushing himself off, the opulent future congressman made some empty threats of retaliation, however Rangel never filed departmental charges of police brutality. Sid believed Charlie Rangel knew if he did he would find himself in a jackpot over witness tampering and he may have had to kiss his political career goodbye.

So now whenever you see Congressman Charles Rangel on television ridiculing conservatives or denigrating the US military, think about a fat lawyer lying flat on his back at the feet of a patriot, a leader and one of the best cops who ever breathed.



Rep. Charlie Rangel

an America that at best cared little for them, at worst wanted them in prison or dead. They were indoctrinated with this rhetoric by the likes of Charlie Rangel, white liberals and their echo chamber, the mainstream news media. Detective Sid had little compassion for a man who sold drugs to black kids.

At the time, Charlie Rangel was an up-and-coming political hack in the local Democrat Club and a lawyer more adept at shooting off his mouth than arguing his positions on jurisprudence. Rangel ended up representing the drug-

# Health

## *Web Surf to Save Your Aging Brain*



By Amanda Gardner  
HealthDay Reporter

MONDAY, Oct. 19 (HealthDay News) -- Surfing the Internet just might be a way to preserve your mental skills as you age.

Researchers found that older adults who started browsing the Web experienced improved brain function after only a few days.

"You can teach an old brain new technology tricks," said Dr. Gary Small, a psychiatry professor at the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior at the University of California, Los Angeles, and the author of *iBrain*. With people who had little Internet experience, "we found that after just a week of practice, there was a much greater extent of activity particularly in the areas of the brain that make decisions, the thinking brain -- which makes sense because, when you're searching online, you're making a lot of decisions," he said. "It's interactive."

Small is co-author of the research, which was scheduled to be presented Monday in Chicago at the Society for Neuroscience annual meeting.

"This makes intuitive sense, that getting on the Internet and exploring and getting new information and learning would help," said Paul Sanberg, director of the University of South Florida Center of Excellence for Aging and Brain Repair in Tampa.

"It supports the value of exploring the Internet for the elderly."

Most experts now advocate a "use-it-or-lose-it" approach to mental functioning.

"We found a number of years ago that people who engaged in cognitive activities had better functioning and perspective than those who did not," said Dr. Richard Lipton, a professor of neurology and epidemiology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City and director of the Einstein Aging Study. "Our study is often referenced as the crossword-puzzle study -- that doing puzzles, writing for pleasure, playing chess and engaging in a broader array of cognitive activities seem to protect against age-related decline in cognitive function and also dementia."

The new study takes the use-it-or-lose-it concept into the 21st century.

For the research, 24 neurologically normal adults, aged 55 to 78, were asked to surf the Internet while hooked up to an MRI machine. Before the study began, half the participants had used the Internet daily, and the other half had little experience with it.

After an initial MRI scan, the participants were instructed to do Internet searches for an hour on each of seven days in the next two weeks. They then returned to the clinic for more brain scans.

"At baseline, those with prior Internet



experience showed a much greater extent of brain activation," Small said.

After at-home practice, however, those who had just been introduced to the Internet were catching up to those who were old hands, the study found.

"This is a demonstration that, over a relatively short period of time, patterns of brain activation while engaging in cognitive activities change," Lipton said. "That is at least a first step toward gaining insight into the mechanisms

that might allow cognitive engagement to influence brain function." But, Small said, beware how you use the Internet.

"You can exercise your mind by using the Internet, but it depends on how it's used," he explained. "If you get hooked on gambling or eBay shopping, that may not be positive."

### More information

Harvard University's Whole Brain Atlas offers more on the brain. ■■■

## The Aids Myth Exposed: Why Experts Are Challenging Conventional AIDS Mythology

exposed. As the House of Numbers documentary explains, "a world without AIDS may be closer than you think."

In fact, it may exist already.

This doesn't mean that people aren't suffering from very real immune suppression disorders; it just means the conventional mythology that attempts to explain the causes of this immune suppression is factually wrong. Read more below to learn the details...

### The AIDS myth exposed

The renaming of old diseases as AIDS further supports the hypothesis that the AIDS syndrome is never found in anyone without presence of HIV. By definition, there is no AIDS without HIV, regardless how many non-HIV people may die from the very same symptoms. Accordingly, anything that even remotely resembles immune deficiency plus HIV now counts as an AIDS disease, despite the fact that AIDS patients with Kaposi's sarcoma have been reported to have normal immune systems. It has been argued that wherever there is HIV, AIDS will be the consequence. However, this argument is heavily flawed.

- Timeless Secrets of Health & Rejuvenation: Unleash The Natural Healing Power That Lies Dormant Within You by Andreas Moritz

Two of the 16 patients in the control group developed AIDS. In another study, 10 HIV positive patients without AIDS took 150-225 mg glycyrrhizin

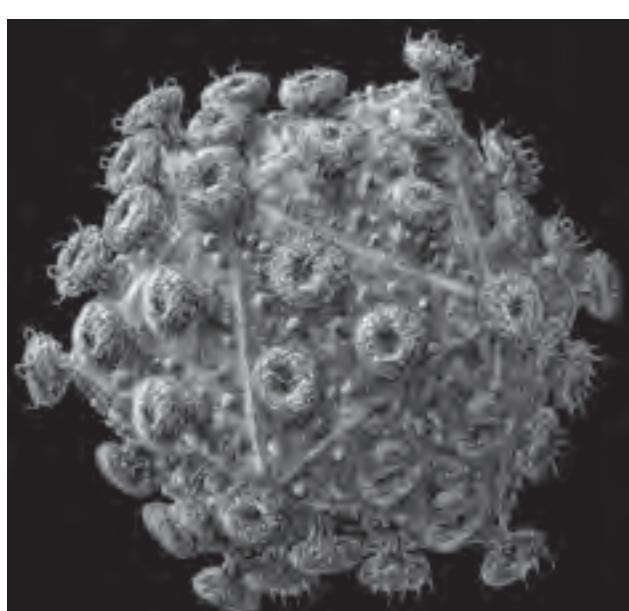
daily. After 1-2 years, none developed symptoms associated with AIDS or AIDS-related complex (ARC), while one of 10 patients of a matched control group developed ARC and two progressed to AIDS and subsequently died. The result of glycyrrhizin in HIV-positive and AIDS patients is almost immediate improvement in immune function. In one study, nine symptom-free HIV-positive patients received 200-800 mg glycyrrhizin in vitro daily. After 8 weeks,

- Textbook of Natural Medicine 2nd Edition Volume 1 by Michael T. Murray, ND

It was obvious that the FTC was not interested in whether Immune Plus helped in the treatment of AIDS; they were only interested in curtailing its marketing. The FTC alleged that Immune Plus was being advertised as a "cure" for AIDS. At no time did True Health or International White Cross claim to have a cure. Test results in the Immune Plus ad were taken directly from the nutritional AIDS test, and True Health sold the exact same formula that was used in their AIDS test to International White Cross.

- Innocent Casualties : The FDA's War Against Humanity by Elaine Feuer

He sees AIDS as a sort of catch-all term that "spuriously links 29 (at last count) old and extremely heterogeneous AIDS indicator diseases together with a presumption of HIV infection." Those who believe in AIDS as a new syndrome, he says, would have



NaturalNews -- Conventional medicine's explanations of HIV and AIDS are a medical myth at best; and outright quackery at worst. There is no such thing as a virus that "causes" AIDS, since the very definition of AIDS is widely disputed by scientists around the world. (And patients are often diagnosed with AIDS who have no HIV whatsoever.)

In conjunction with the release of the myth-busting documentary House of Numbers ([www.HouseOfNumbers.com](http://www.HouseOfNumbers.com)), NaturalNews has pulled together a collection of fascinating quotes from top health authors and researchers who challenge conventional thinking about HIV and AIDS. If you've been suckered into Big Pharma's lies about HIV and AIDS, you will find the information here absolutely shocking. What's said here calls into question the entire basis of the "AIDS industry" with all their (failed) vaccines and patented prescription drugs.

It seems that the AIDS hoax is about to be publicly



## Virulent Strain of MRSA Resists Treatment

**(HealthDay News)** -- New research holds bad news for health officials worried about a potentially lethal infection called MRSA that haunts hospitals: A strain that infects the bloodstream is five times more deadly than other strains.

To make matters worse, the USA600 strain appears to be at least partially immune to an antibiotic that's used to treat the condition, the researchers have found.

A full half of patients infected with the strain died within a month, according to a study scheduled to be presented at the annual meeting of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, held Oct. 29 to Nov. 1 in Philadelphia. That's nearly five times the death rate of other people infected with MRSA, and 10 to 30 percent of those who acquire MRSA infections in the bloodstream

die within a month, the study found.

MRSA, or methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, causes infections in the skin and bloodstream.



*Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA)*

It can also infect surgical wounds and cause pneumonia. In most cases, it sickens people in the hospital, but cases are becoming more common outside the health-care community, according to information in a news release from the Henry Ford Health System.

Researchers think it's possible that the USA600 strain is unique. But they don't know if other factors -- such as the age of patients -- could be at play.

Those who developed the USA600 strain tended to be older than those who acquired other MRSA strains, averaging 64 compared with 52 years old, the study noted.



*MRSA Virus*

"While many MRSA strains are associated with poor outcomes, the USA600 strain has shown to be more lethal and cause high mortality rates," Dr. Carol Moore, the study's lead

author and a research investigator at the Henry Ford Hospital's division of infectious diseases, said in the news release.

"In light of the potential for the spread of this virulent and resistant strain and its associated mortality," she said, "it is essential that more effort be directed to better understanding this strain to develop measures for managing it."

MRSA is challenging to treat because strains can be immune to many medications. The USA600 strain appears to be more immune than other strains to the drug vancomycin, which often still has the power to vanquish MRSA.

### More information

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has more about MRSA.

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a case if, indeed, it were "a serious disease of acquired immune deficiency without preexisting or induced immune deficiency." The problem is that "in all verifiable cases, demonstrable immunosuppressive disease and/or treatment have always preceded" the onset of AIDS.

- AIDS: A Second Opinion by Gary Null, James Feast

In fact, he showed that HIV alone could not cause AIDS. Increasing evidence indicates that AIDS may be a toxicity syndrome or metabolic disorder that is caused by immunity risk factors, including heroin, sex-enhancement drugs, antibiotics, commonly prescribed AIDS drugs, rectal intercourse, starvation, malnutrition, and dehydration. Dozens of prominent scientists working at the forefront of AIDS research now openly question the virus hypothesis of AIDS.

- Cancer Is Not A Disease - It's A Survival Mechanism by Andreas Moritz

When this happens disease runs rampant, as we see with the immune destroyer known as Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, or AIDS. People don't die from AIDS; they die from diseases that their shot immune systems can't deal with. Ironically, vaccinations are supposed to boost the immune system when, in truth, they undermine it. All the crap they put into vaccines is another attack that the immune defence has to cope with and this reduces its ability to meet other challenges effectively by making the DNA/RNA misfire.

- Infinite Love Is the Only Truth: Everything Else Is Illusion by David Icke, Icke David

In this study, the immune systems of mice were blocked by infecting them with a retrovirus that causes mouse AIDS and/or feeding them ethanol. They measured certain immune system functions, then gave them Pycnogenol and measured them again. Researchers found out that immune stimulators

were increased, immune suppressors decreased, and natural killer cells were stronger. In other words, even when the immune system was barely working, Pycnogenol brought it back. Research in this direction may be very significant for those interested in the AIDS virus.

- The Super Anti-Oxidants: Why They Will Change the Face of Healthcare in the 21st Century by James F. Balch, M.D.

Another report also noted low serum zinc levels in those with AIDS but not other stages of HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) infection. A child with AIDS was found to have all the signs and symptoms of a zinc-deficiency disorder. It is still unclear why these AIDS patients have low serum zinc levels. What is clear is that this aspect of the AIDS problem should be vigorously pursued. These exciting findings justify further clinical trials to determine the effects of supplementary zinc on the immune system and in the treatment of immune disorders such as AIDS.

- The Doctor's Vitamin and Mineral Encyclopedia by Sheldon Saul Hendler

Formula for Chronic Viral Syndromes (HIV Infection, ARC, AIDS, Herpes, CMV, EBV) Note: By now, virtually everyone has heard of AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome). What many do not know is that AIDS does not have to be fatal. There are those with AIDS who have survived in relatively good health for several years now. An ever increasing number are surviving longer and longer. The secret is to pay attention to details. These include diet, exercise, stress reduction, use of supplements, immune enhancers, anti-viral agents and taking steps to prevent the diseases associated with AIDS.

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It is important to note that while all people with AIDS are HIV-positive, not all people with HIV develop AIDS. Most HIV-positive people develop AIDS within eight to twelve years

after first contracting the virus, but some develop it much faster, and many others still remain healthy decades after contracting HIV. It appears that people who are able to ward off full-blown AIDS are those whose immune systems are the strongest. Therefore, complementary therapies for HIV and AIDS work to bolster the ability of the immune system to fight infection.

- Prescription for Natural Cures: A Self-Care Guide for Treating Health Problems with Natural Remedies Including Diet and Nutrition, Nutritional Supplements, Bodywork, and More by James F. Balch, M.D. and Mark Stengler, N.D.

The AIDS hypothesis is more fundamental: the hypothesis that "AIDS" exists in any rationally definable way. "AIDS" was from the

very beginning a phoney construct, the product of muddled thinking and hidden agendas. Under the obfuscating rubric of "AIDS" lies the reality of people who are sick in diverse ways and for diverse reasons. The first cases were identified among gay men. (It was then called "GRID", which stood for "Gay-Related Immune Deficiency".) The CDC trumpeted forth the message that the gay men with "AIDS" had been incredibly promiscuous.

- The AIDS War: Propaganda, Profiteering and Genocide from the Medical-Industrial Complex by John Lauritsen.

**For more information and to read the whole story on AIDS Myth Exposed go to: [www.naturalnews.com/027354\\_AIDS\\_HIV\\_immune\\_system.html](http://www.naturalnews.com/027354_AIDS_HIV_immune_system.html)**

**What rights do you have as a juror that THE JUDGE WON'T TELL YOU?**



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*Demanding Accountability*

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the realization that his quest for personal wealth and power is aided greatly by using the instrumentalities of government to build barriers to market entry that enhance the economic position of industry leaders. Those in government, who seek to enhance their own power and wealth find it beneficial to align themselves with wealthy industry leaders and to do their bidding through regulation and legislation.

Those in power thus transform the government into an institution for sale. The elected and the appointed use their powers to impose regulatory barriers to market entry, to grant licenses and benefits to a select few, and to use the instrumentalities of government to



**Signing of the Constitution**

advance the interests of a select minority at the expense of everyone else. Through those corrupt machinations, politicians and agency heads assure themselves riches and influence after they leave office, and captains of industry insure their businesses insulation from competition and above market rates of return at the public expense. When, as at present, the business of government becomes overwhelmingly preoccupied with satisfying the demands for market barriers that come from the captains of industry, the republic is at an end and a bureaucratic tyranny arises in its place. Abraham Lincoln foresaw this happenstance in the earliest days of the industrial revolution, writing:

I see in the near future a crisis approaching that unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country. . . Corporations have been enthroned and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the Republic is destroyed.

What the public ear seems reluctant to hear is a lesson taught us in every prior crisis, whether military or economic. There is an inevitability to corruption in government; it is inherent in the nature of an institution that creates no wealth of its own and plunders the riches of a free market. That fact was well understood by

the philosophers of the Enlightenment and by our own founding fathers. Jefferson wrote: "Experience hath shown that even under the best forms of government those entrusted with power have, in time, by slow operations, perverted it to tyranny."

Government may be succinctly defined as a monopoly police force that through law exerts its will to alter or prohibit freedom of action. In the view of America's founders, government is a necessary evil (necessary to defend against forces external and domestic that would deprive people of their lives, liberties, and properties) with one essential purpose—to defend the rights of the governed. That purpose, the Declaration of Independence

tells us (as did John Locke), is why governments are instituted among men and why men consent to be governed and to relinquish to the state their natural right to act against those who threaten their freedoms. There is no greater purpose to good government than protection of the rights of the governed, and there is no greater purpose to evil government than the violation of the rights of some or all to enhance the power and riches of those who govern.

Big and corrupt governments are common in our modern world. The instrumentalities of those governments have effectively been sold to industry leaders who, in turn, reward elected and appointed officials responsible for the sale with lucrative post-government positions and rewards. With the expansion of the preferred method of restricting market entry, prior restraints, our liberty has increasingly been circumscribed. We pay through taxation and, ultimately, inflation, for the cost of our own enslavement. Americans are slow to appreciate that liberty recedes as government grows, but they appear to be awakening to the reality that a government that spends \$13 trillion dollars more than it takes in is more government than they can tolerate. In the words of Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence: "all experience hath shewn, that Mankind are more disposed to suffer, while Evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to

which they are accustomed." But there is a tipping point and we are fast approaching it.

That individuals love to be free is a fundamental verity. So long as they perceive themselves free, they are content to tolerate the failings of government, but when they perceive themselves in a state of servitude sooner or later they will replace the government that oppresses them and restore the freedom that is their birthright. Few would have given Ron Paul much of a chance to influence public opinion as greatly as he has, yet his message of a return to a Constitution of liberty is striking a chord with more and more Americans. Whether

those Americans whose love of liberty is greater than love of self will reclaim a majority of the electorate and remove from office the many whose love of self is greater than love of liberty remains to be seen.

But the outcome of that evolution in American history will determine when the Republic created by our Constitution will be restored. I am not willing to accept that the question is whether the Republic will be restored because I believe that the American loves liberty too much to allow the Republic to become a lost relic of history. The question is not whether, but when.

## Can the County Sheriff Save The Constitution?

Are you concerned about the Federal Government's massive power grab, and to a lesser degree the State Government? Tired of writing letters to congress that get ignored? How can we stop this madness?



**Gil Gilbertson**  
Josephine County Sheriff

What if local law enforcement decided to not enforce certain unconstitutional laws? Few people realize that the County sheriff is the supreme law enforcement officer in the county. His authority supersedes the FBI, DEA, FEMA, and every other federal law enforcement agency.

There is a national movement, being led by former Arizona sheriff Richard Mack to get county sheriffs nationwide to uphold the constitution. Will sheriff Gil Gilbertson?

Josephine County sheriff Gil Gilbertson will address this issue at a special meeting being sponsored by the Grants Pass John Birch Society. Come listen to the sheriff and ask questions. Everything from forced vaccinations, new gun laws, senseless environmental laws, and even seat belt laws are all on the table. Will sheriff Gil Gilbertson draw a line in the sand? Where does he really stand? Don't miss this opportunity to find out, and learn what you can do as well.

"The sheriff absolutely has the power and responsibility to defend his citizens against all enemies, including those from our own Federal Government. History, case law, common law and common sense all show clear evidence that the sheriff is the people's protector in all issues of injustice and is responsible for keeping the peace in all matters. He is the last line of defense for his constituents; he is America's last hope to regain our forgotten freedom."

- Gil Gilbertson

**Don't miss this meeting!**  
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