



CANDIDATE SPOTLIGHT

Jackson County NEEDS Curt Chancler

By Ron Lee Investigative Journalist



Independent candidate Curt Chancler

It's no wonder 58% of Americans want a third party (according to a Gallup poll), when only 24% of the public trusts the government. Both sides, Republicans and Democrats have equally fumbled their responsibilities. When one side comes in and fixes things, the other comes right back and tears it all apart. No matter your leaning, enough is enough with the party-line

politics! What we need, especially locally here in Jackson County, is a voice of reason – not some polished politician or upstart with a law degree. We need an individual of integrity, who speaks the language of the everyday person. We need someone who will fight for their constituents and represent their values while

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CASE SPOTLIGHT

Goodman Case Corruption Second Trial Possibly Worse Than First

By Edward Snook Investigative Reporter

West Palm Beach, Florida - We reported recently that "Polo Mogul" John B. Goodman is factually innocent. In our article titled, Florida's John B. Goodman NOT GUILTY (read at www.usobserver.com) we provided documented proof of corruption, both in the literal manufacturing of the case and during Goodman's first trial; we also present absolute proof of John Goodman's innocence in this article.

As Goodman's second trial approaches more issues are appearing in the main stream media to prejudice Goodman and his due process rights, just as the state-fed-media did in his first trial.

Motions designed to save time and minimize the chance of more bad



The prejudiced and completely pro-prosecution Circuit Court Judge, Jeffrey Colbath

rulings during the upcoming trial have either been denied or pushed off until trial by 15th Circuit Court Judge Jeffrey Colbath. Of great interest is Colbath's decision to pick a jury of Goodman's peers from a different district and then bring them back for sequestration in West Palm Beach. The defense has argued vehemently for a change of venue given the negative press generated non-stop for the past four years since Goodman's alleged crime. Colbath has denied numerous change of venue motions and insists on trying the case for the second time in his home court, most likely for political reasons. A juror faced with three to four weeks of sequestration might just be resentful of the defendant. Colbath is quick to point out that it worked just fine in the Casey Anthony and George Zimmerman cases, which shows yet

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The Key is the Transfer of Public Lands



By Ken Ivory

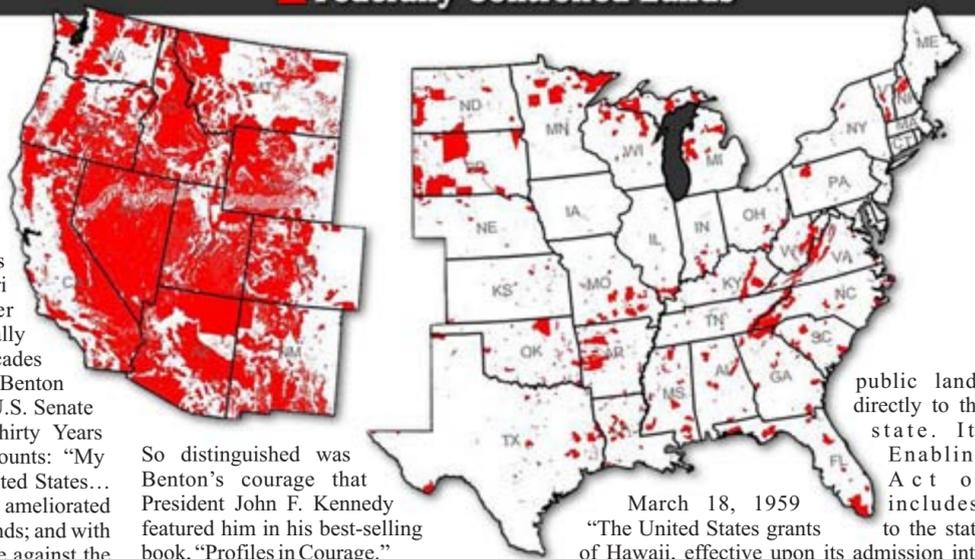
If we fail to secure our statehood rights to the transfer of the public lands, it will not be because it is illegal, unconstitutional, or impossible. If we fail to enforce this "solemn compact" of statehood, it will be because our leaders lack the knowledge or the courage to do what has already been done.

RAISING A VOICE

As much as 90 percent of the lands in Illinois, Missouri and several other states were federally controlled for decades when Thomas Hart Benton was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1821. In "A Thirty Years View," Benton recounts: "My election to the Senate of the United States... found me doing battle for an ameliorated system of disposing our public lands; and with some success. I resolved to move against the whole system..."

Thanks to one man, Illinois, Missouri, and neighboring states have on average, less than five percent federally controlled lands today.

Federally Controlled Lands



So distinguished was Benton's courage that President John F. Kennedy featured him in his best-selling book, "Profiles in Courage."

Is that just ancient history? Well, upon admission to the Union in 1959, the state of Hawaii exercised courage and compelled the federal government to transfer title to all the

public lands directly to the state. Its Enabling Act of March 18, 1959 includes, "The United States grants to the state of Hawaii, effective upon its admission into the Union, the United States' title to all the public lands...title to which is held by the United States immediately prior to its admission into the Union."

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A VERBAL ASSASSIN COMMENTARY

Obstruction of Justice



By Ron Lee

(US-Observer) – Justice, what is it exactly and what does it mean to you? Does it mean that someone gets what they deserve? Does it mean that truth is adhered to and reason is afforded to those who stand in front of it? Does it mean that when someone goes through the system and they are ruled or determined to be guilty or innocent they have been served with it? Or, is it more simple - Justice being blind, a simple fact establishes it? No matter how it is



determined, universally justice can almost always be defined as a state of being that is right, without wrong.

The cornerstone of our system of justice was established in the Constitution. Even in the preamble the founders set forth their intentions:

"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this

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THE BROKEN SYSTEM

Why settlements don't fix wrongful convictions

By Nicole Collins Bronzan

(Propublica) - The wrongly convicted Jabbar Collins from Brooklyn will get his millions, but he won't get his life back, and neither will his children or his family

It may seem to some a happy ending: A Brooklyn man wrongly convicted in a 1994 murder is at last cleared -- after serving 16 years in prison -- and then reaches a \$10 million settlement with the city in the case.

Perhaps, says Senior Editor Joe Sexton, but it's far from justice. "He will get his millions, but he won't get his life back, and neither will his children or his family,"



Jabbar Collins

Sexton says, joining Managing Editor Robin Fields in the Storage Closet Studio to talk about the settlement.

While Collins's family now has some measure of financial security, and the city has admitted wrongdoing, Sexton says, "there isn't any real remedy that is committed to. The remedies that many people think are required really can only be brought about by

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Constitution for the United States of America. ”

And then in the bill of rights under the 5th Amendment:

“No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.”

Then again in the 6th Amendment:

“In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor; and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.”

It is clear that the founders of the United States took the role of justice seriously.

Today, establishing justice for an individual has become a tricky affair. More laws, rules and processes have been added over time in an effort to clarify the procedures of the system rather than ensuring an individual's right to impartiality and fairness. The result is that facts are dismissed because of objections, precedences and short-sighted legislative actions that end up obscuring truth from those whom are to judge.

This system is a mechanized behemoth beholden to no one. If you disagree, you are scrutinized and ostracized. If you stand against it, you are guilty of obstructing it.

We now have a system that pursues the accused without regard for truth. Its sole purpose is to convict. Prosecutors, and even judges, often turn a blind eye to evidence if it “inconveniently” challenges their assertions. From the moment of an arrest the machine grinds out press releases informing the public of the dirty deed and the mainstream media gluttonously laps up any presumed guilt and passes it on.

The system knows the benefits of a public whose opinion is that a charged person is a guilty one – the verdict is secured before the trial even takes place. This has resulted in a growing number of falsely charged people facing the fight of their lives while mistakenly thinking that our justice system is designed to be just. Justice can't be had when impartiality is lost.

The system itself is guilty of obstruction of justice. We either live with it, knowing that you will be considered guilty until proven innocent, or we change it; fight it with everything we have because it is the right thing to do.

It comes down to how you define justice... For me, justice is truth. It is sacred. It is an absolute, and it is our right to seek it on all those who deny it.

*Writer's Note: Only through meeting force with force can an individual who is wrongfully charged be victorious and truly find vindication.*

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# Domestic Violence not so bad in NFL Now the Police on the other hand...

By Austin Petersen

**(Libertarian Republic)** - The NFL is running a new star-studded commercial aimed at curbing domestic violence. The only problem is that domestic violence in the NFL is actually lower than the general population. And the group that we should most worry about is the one group of people who we authorize to commit violence on a regular basis... the police.

RealClearScience reported that in 1999, leading criminologist Alfred Blumenstein and author Jeff Benedict investigated rates of criminal violence among NFL. Controlling for age, they found that the annual rate of assault and domestic violence was less than half that of the general population.

From RealClearScience:  
Back in July, FiveThirtyEight's Benjamin Morris tallied up the incidents in USA Today's NFL Arrests Database to discern crime rates among NFL players. He then compared those numbers to the national averages among 25-29 year olds, and found the rate of domestic violence in the NFL to be 55.4% that of the general population. And the overall crime rate was a mere 13% of the national average.

So why then do 69% of Americans believe that the NFL suffers a “widespread epidemic of domestic violence problems”? The answer is rooted in how we think. Humans are prone to rely on examples and experiences that can be easily recalled. The idea is that if we can remember it, it must be important. This mental shortcut is termed the availability heuristic. A key drawback of the heuristic is that it leads us to overestimate the prevalence of memorable events. Here, you can legitimately blame popular media. Because plane crashes are widely covered, many erroneously view flying as more dangerous than driving. Thanks to Shark Week, people are

wearier [sic] of sharks than deer. Because 91% of people have seen, read, or heard something about Ray Rice's domestic violence, they overestimate the problem of domestic violence in the NFL.

So because of the media, we all hate Ray Rice and want to see him punished, which he should be. But why should the officer who beat a woman's face in not get the same scrutiny?

Conor Friedersdorf of The Atlantic catalogued widespread incidents of police engaging in domestic violence:

The opprobrium heaped on the NFL for failing to suspend or terminate domestic abusers, and the virtual absence of similar pressure directed at police departments, leads me to believe that many people don't know the extent of domestic abuse among officers. This is somewhat surprising, since a country shocked by Ray Rice's actions ought to be even more horrified by the most egregious examples of domestic abuse among police officers. Their stories end in death.

There's the recently retired 30-year veteran police officer who shot his wife and then himself in Colorado Springs earlier this summer. There's Tacoma Police Chief David Brame, who perpetrated another murder-suicide in April. (Update: it's in fact the tenth anniversary of this crime, which I missed in the ABC story.) Also in April, an Indiana news station reported on “Sgt. Ryan Anders, a narcotics officer,” who “broke into his ex-wife's home and fatally shot her. He then turned the gun on himself.” In February, “Dallas police confirmed ... that a Crandall police officer shot and killed his wife before killing himself.” Last year, a Nevada police officer killed his wife, his son, and then himself. And Joshua Boren, a Utah police officer, “killed his wife, their two children, his mother-in-law and then himself” after receiving “text messages ... hours earlier threatening to leave him and take their kids and confronting him for raping her.” That

isn't an exhaustive survey, just a quick roundup of recent stories gleaned from the first couple pages of Google results. And statistics about “blue” domestic abuse are shocking in their own way.

The Atlantic then went on to cite the National Center for Women and Policing, which revealed the following:

“Two studies have found that at least 40 percent of police officer families experience domestic violence, in contrast to 10 percent of families in the general population. A third study of older and more experienced officers found a rate of 24 percent, indicating that domestic violence is two to four times more common among police families than American families in general.” Cops “typically handle cases of police family violence informally, often without an official report, investigation, or even check of the victim's safety. This ‘informal’ method is often in direct contradiction to legislative mandates and departmental policies regarding the appropriate response to domestic violence crimes.” Finally, “even officers who are found guilty of domestic violence are unlikely to be fired, arrested, or referred for prosecution.”

The New York Times even concluded in 2013 that officers could be fired for testing positive for marijuana, but can stay on the job if they beat their spouses. The International Association of Chiefs of Police released a white paper which found that, “the rate of domestic violence is estimated to be at least as common as that of the general population and limited research to date indicates the possibility of higher incidence of domestic violence among law enforcement professionals.”

Police officers are usually given the benefit of the doubt by colleagues, and out of more than half of officers who were charged, arrested, and convicted, more than half of them kept their jobs.

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legislation that would, you know, create a better, more effective way for making sure that prosecutors, in doing their vital jobs for society, don't abuse their authority.”

Collins's case, which was resolved more quickly than many wrongful convictions, illuminates so many of the problems that plague the system, Sexton says: He fought for years just to get the information to make his case, and many of the judges he appealed to seemed disinclined to even hear him out.

Indeed, Fields says, there have been many cases in the news recently dating back to the tenure of long time Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes's tenure -- and in particular, one of his top prosecutors, Michael Vecchione. Vecchione, who handled Collins's case, has been accused of a variety of misconduct in the case, including suborning perjury and lying about it for years. Those accusations, which ProPublica has investigated as

part of its Out of Order series, have resulted in no sanctions.

“At this point, Hynes has been voted out, which was an unusual outcome in and of itself, and Mr. Vecchione has retired,” Fields says, “Is that enough to essentially clean up the problems in Brooklyn, or in the system at large?” And if not, is there a way to quantify the amount of misconduct perpetrated by prosecutors?

Sadly, Sexton says, ProPublica's reporting has revealed the answer to both questions to be “a resounding ‘no.’”

“Part of it is that so much of what prosecutors do in today's justice system goes on outside of the courtroom,” he says, including plea bargains and prosecutors' investigations themselves.

As long as that's the case, Sexton says, there will be work to do.

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educating them on the real meaning behind legislative moves. We need a person who understands the foundation of this country and what that means for Jackson County. We need a person with business experience, and who has toiled in the Oregon dirt; someone who looks up after a long, hard day and asks with a smile, "what's next?"

**Who we need is Curt Chancler.**

Neither Democrat nor Republican, Chancler prides himself on being unaffiliated with any party, saying that his only loyalty is to the people. Chancler means what he says. For the past 14 years as an investigative journalist, Chancler has been helping individuals who have been falsely charged with crimes, not because he was paid to, but because he believes every person deserves justice; just as he believes every person deserves a public servant who upholds his/her oath of office.

When elected, the citizens will find a man in office who stands by his actions. In 1972 Chancler opened a transmission shop. With hard work and a guarantee on his trade, Chancler transmission became a relied upon garage. In fact, there was one job where Chancler replaced a transmission and the truck's owner called Curt just a day later, informing him the new tranny had died. Chancler loaded another transmission and drove all the way to Arizona, where the truck had broken down. Borrowing space from a local shop in Arizona, Curt had him back on the road in just 48 hours. It was determined later the

tranny Curt had initially installed had a manufacturer defect, nonetheless, Curt made good on his guarantee and he earned a lifetime customer.

When it comes to rights, Chancler is a bit of an expert. Steeped in Constitutional studies, he is vocal with his support for following the letter of the Constitution without twisting and turning it to fit his own interpretation like lawyers often do.

Jackson County has many issues facing it that can shape its future. Issues like land rights and reducing building restrictions and excessive permit fees to make land-use ordinances more building friendly, while also practicing strong and balanced local environmental stewardship. According to the Chancler, "Our land is ours, and should be managed accordingly."

The issue of citizens deserving to be afforded their rights under law to have a jury trial in all civil matters, not the State mandated unconstitutional administrative rule hearings that are now utilized to strong-arm people while also eliminating the appeal process.

County fiscal responsibility needs to be achieved and State unfunded mandates reduced. The county can and should manage its own house. Chancler has a long history of successfully diagnosing root causes of problems and applying the least intrusive solution, making his management style a perfect fit for what is needed to move Jackson County forward.

Jackson County is rich in its public and environmental diversity, and deserves a real public servant who will work tirelessly for them. The last thing we need is to elect a person who only represents a portion of it through party-line politics.

Curt Chancler is the only candidate who can and will represent everyone, including four generations of his own family that reside in Jackson County.

While the type of dirt might be different, the effort will be the same - tireless and with a smile. Curt Chancler will work for you.

**Vote Curt Chancler for County Commissioner District 1.**

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## Poll: 58 Percent of Americans Want a Third Political Party



By Jonah Bennett

**(Libertarian Republic)** - A new Gallup poll on Wednesday finds that the majority of Americans want a third major political party, as the existing two are doing a terrible job at representing their interests.

For Americans, both Republicans and Democrats "do such a poor job" that 58 percent believe that an additional political party is necessary to bolster the U.S. political process. The high

numbers continue a trend stemming back to 2007, where a majority of voters have supported the establishment of a new political party to contend with the two main options. Exceptions to the rule include the presidential election years of 2008 and 2012 in the fall, where the numbers dipped slightly below majority.

Independents, even more than Republicans or Democrats, sorely want a new political party, coming in at 71 percent support for the idea. Democrats favor a new party at 47 percent, with Republicans following closely behind at 46 percent. Interestingly, the numbers are actually down from last year, when it jumped to 60 percent in the middle of a 16-day government shutdown.

The poll has been running for 11 years, and the first year of the poll in 2003 also marked the last time the American public would be satisfied with the two majority parties as adequately representing their interests.

However, in reality, there may be a gap between what Americans desire and what they will actually support. Notable exceptions to the gap include John Anderson, a third-party

independent candidate who won 7 percent of the vote in the presidential election of 1980, and Ross Perot, who received 19 percent in 1992 and 8 percent in 1996.

However, of the more recent political parties that would even stand a chance at moving into third place as a major party, the Libertarian Party presidential candidate Gary Johnson received only 1 percent of the vote in the 2012 election. Ralph Nader took less than 3 percent as the Green Party nominee in 2000.

"Though the desire for a third party exists, it is unclear how many Americans would actually support a third party if it came to be. Americans' preference for a third party may reflect their frustration with the way the Republican and Democratic parties are performing, as well as the idea that the system ought to be open to new parties, regardless of whether this is viable in practice," confirmed the Gallup analysis.

Gallup's Governance poll was conducted from September 4 to 7 and included a nationally representative sample of 1,017 adults. The margin of error is plus or minus 4 percentage points.

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# In The News

## WHAT THE?! SPOTLIGHTS

### This is what happens to “Good Cops” who expose corruption in their departments



Detective Joe Crystal

By John Vibes

(thefreethoughtproject.com) - A Baltimore City cop who attempted to hold his fellow officers accountable for on the job misconduct has been intimidated to the point of leaving the police force entirely.

Detective Joe Crystal became a target of intimidation for his entire department after testifying against other officers in a misconduct case. Following his testimony, he received threats from other officers, and even found a dead rat on his car one day.

“He saw a wrong and decided he couldn’t live with himself and did the right thing and was punished, I think that’s just unbelievable,” Nicholas Panteleakis, Crystal’s lawyer said.

“They don’t care about anything but saving their money and saving their hide. It’s absolutely ridiculous with what this man has gone through. One, it lets the Baltimore City police know they were wrong, know that they’ve done numerous things against him that were wrong,” Panteleakis added.

Crystal has currently filed a lawsuit against the department for

the intimidation that he has encountered, but the department has responded by opening up an investigation into Crystal’s activities while on duty. In the course of their investigation, they accused Crystal of misusing his take home vehicle, stemming from a time where he took his wife home in the car. The department then offered to drop their investigation if Crystal would drop his lawsuit against them, but he has refused.

The case is still ongoing, but this week Crystal turned in his badge to the department and will no longer be a member of the police force.

Last week, we covered the story of Sgt. Brandon Ruff, an eight-year veteran of the Philadelphia Police force, who filed a police brutality lawsuit against his own Department. Additionally, we also conducted an exclusive interview with Dawon Gore of the St. Louis Police Department, who lost his job after driving a man home instead of arresting him.

We frequently define a “good cop” as one who tries to stop the bad ones. If this is the common response to “good cops” it’s no wonder why there are so few.

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### Ninth Circuit rules American Flag clothes unsafe for schools



By Michael Johnson  
CainTV.com

The Ninth Circuit has once again proved its status as the leftmost leaning court of appeals in the country with their refusal to rehear a case involving the banning of American flags in public schools. This refusal means that the ruling that a three-judge panel issued in February stands, which allowed the Morgan Hill Unified School District to ban American flags and American flag apparel because of threats of violence.

Now some of you might be thinking, “That sounds reasonable. After all, we don’t want to have violence in our schools!” But the issue here is that those who were trying to display the flag were not the ones being violent or threatening violence. Rather, they were the ones being threatened!

You see, back in 2010, on Cinco de Mayo (which is not Jose Cuervo’s birthday), Mexican students were all set to celebrate the holiday at Live Oak high school in California. Several boys also decided to wear American flag t-shirts that day and were greeted with harassment and threats. A

principle pulled them aside, and told them to take off their patriotic gear or go home.

The lead counsel for the case, William J. Becker Jr., responded to the court’s decision to back the bully and ban Old Glory:

“The American flag is not a symbol of racism or division,” Becker said. “It is the symbol of freedom and unity. Americans have fought and died to protect that flag, and now we are told to conceal it so we don’t offend Mexican aliens, some of whom entered this country illegally. The liberal judges on the court were forced to do rhetorical backflips to come to this outrageous decision.”

(You can read his complete remarks at: [freedomxlaw.com](http://freedomxlaw.com).)



In a culture where we see PSA after PSA deriding bullying, it seems odd that the court (and the school) take the side of the bully. I thought we were supposed to ban together and rid the world of people who threaten others simply because they disagree their message. Isn’t that the progressive way?

Or maybe, just maybe, that progressive message of tolerance only applies if you are bashing the flag, our traditions, and values. After all, that would be progressive!

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## Jurors Beware: State Crime Labs Incentivized to Help Falsely Convict

(FIJA.org) - Many jurors are led to believe that evidence and results provided to them through state crime labs are objective data on which they can rely in determining the fate of the defendant. Earlier this year, we discussed the crime lab scandal at the Hinton Lab in Jamaica Plain in Massachusetts, in which a chemist who was socially wooed by prosecutors falsified lab results in favor of conviction for years, calling 40,000 convictions into question. Jurors should be aware that there are even stronger incentives for state crime labs across the country to help prosecutors secure convictions—their financial stability is tied to convictions. In this article Police State USA shares the results of a study by Roger Koppl and Meghan Sacks in the journal Criminal Justice Ethics.

### STATE CRIME LABS ARE INCENTIVIZED TO HELP PRODUCE FALSE CONVICTIONS

Like a puppy being rewarded for performing a trick, the government rewards crime labs for “verifying” that unknown substances are illegal narcotics; for finding a driver’s blood alcohol content to be over a certain arbitrary number; for determining that a package of drugs is over a certain arbitrary weight so a more draconian charge can be imposed.

The article takes this quote from the original study:

*Funding crime labs through court-assessed fees creates another channel for bias to enter crime lab analyses. In jurisdictions with this practice the crime lab receives a sum of money for each conviction of a given type. Ray Wickenheiser says, “Collection of court costs is the only stable source of funding for the Acadiana Crime Lab. \$10 is received for each guilty plea or verdict from each speeding ticket, and \$50 from each DWI (Driving While Impaired) and drug offense.”*

*In Broward County, Florida, “Monies deposited in the Trust Fund are principally court costs assessed upon conviction of driving or boating under the influence (\$50) or selling, manufacturing, delivery, or possession of a controlled substance (\$100).”*

*Several state statutory schemes require defendants to pay crime laboratory fees upon conviction. North Carolina General Statutes require, “[f]or the services of” the state or local crime lab, that judges in criminal cases assess a \$600 fee to be charged “upon conviction” and remitted to the law enforcement agency containing the lab whenever that lab “performed DNA analysis of the crime, tests of bodily fluids of the defendant for the presence of alcohol or*

*controlled substances, or analysis of any controlled substance possessed by the defendant or the defendant’s agent.”*

*Illinois crime labs receive fees upon convictions for sex offenses, controlled substance offenses, and those involving driving under the influence. Mississippi crime labs require crime laboratory fees for various conviction types, including arson, aiding suicide, and driving while intoxicated.*

The study further lists Alabama, New Mexico, Kentucky, New Jersey, Virginia, Washington, Kansas, Arizona, California, Missouri, Tennessee, and Wisconsin as states that connect crime lab fees to convictions, providing a strong incentive for those state crime labs that wish to stay in business to produce results that lead to the convictions they need to earn the fees that are their lifeblood.

This perverse incentive system is reminiscent of the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850, which provided that the commissioner who decided whether or not an alleged fugitive should be turned over to someone claiming to be his master “shall be entitled to a fee of ten dollars in full for his services in each case, upon the delivery of the said certificate to the claimant, his agent or attorney; or a fee of five dollars in cases where the proof shall not, in the opinion of such commissioner, warrant such certificate and delivery”. By offering commissioners twice the fee for a returned slave as they would receive for freeing him, and allowing them to make this determination on no more “proof” than the sworn statement of the claimant, the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 was used to send many free blacks into slavery in addition to those people who the law unjustly defined as property.

Jurors should be aware of these incentives encouraging deceit and injustice against peaceful people. Remember, just as the judge isn’t an independent, objective third party in the courtroom, neither are state crime labs objective sources of evidence and analysis. Prosecutors, judges, law enforcement, and state crime lab employees are all beholden to the state for their paychecks and all of their livelihoods depend in various ways on keeping the courts and incarceration facilities teeming with a steady flow of people, whether they have harmed anyone or not. In court, jurors are the ultimate arbiters of the credibility and weight of the evidence and witnesses presented before them. They have no obligation to believe any evidence or analysis presented in court, and have every right to be skeptical about the independence and reliability of state crime labs.

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## Apple will no longer unlock most devices for police, even with warrants

By Craig Timberg

(Washington Post) - On September 17th, Apple said that it is making it impossible for the company to turn over data from most iPhones or iPads to police — even when they have a search warrant — taking a hard new line as tech companies attempt to blunt allegations that they have too readily participated in government efforts to collect user information.

The move, announced with the publication of a new privacy policy tied to the release of Apple’s latest mobile operating system, iOS 8, amounts to an engineering solution to a legal quandary: Rather than comply with binding court orders, Apple has reworked its latest encryption in a way that prevents the company — or anyone but the device’s owner — from gaining access to the vast troves of user data typically stored on smartphones or tablet computers.

The key is the encryption that Apple mobile devices automatically put in place when a user selects a passcode, making it difficult for anyone who lacks that passcode to access the information within, including photos, e-mails and recordings. Apple once maintained the ability to unlock some content on devices for legally binding police requests but will no longer do so for iOS 8, it said in the new privacy policy.

“Unlike our competitors, Apple cannot bypass your passcode and therefore cannot access this data,” Apple said on its Web site. “So it’s not technically feasible for us to respond to government warrants for the extraction of this data from devices in their possession running iOS 8.”

As the new operating system becomes widely deployed over the next several weeks, the number of iPhones and iPads that Apple is capable of breaking into for police will steadily dwindle to the point where only devices several years old — and incapable of running iOS 8 — can be unlocked by Apple.

Apple will still have the ability — and the legal responsibility — to turn over user data stored elsewhere, such as in its iCloud service, which typically includes backups of photos, videos, e-mail communications, music collections and more. Users who want to prevent all forms of police access to their information will have to adjust settings in a way that blocks data from flowing to iCloud.

Apple’s new privacy policy comes less than five months after the Supreme Court ruled that police in most circumstances need a search warrant to collect information stored on phones. Apple’s action makes that distinction largely moot by depriving itself of the power to comply with search warrants for the contents of many of the phones it sells.

The move is the latest in a series in which Apple has sought to distinguish itself from competitors through more rigorous security, especially in the aftermath of revelations about government spying made by former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden last year.

Although the company’s security took a publicity hit with the leak of intimate photos of celebrities from their Apple accounts in recent weeks, the move to block police access to the latest iPhones and iPads will thrill privacy activists and frustrate law enforcement officials, who have come to rely on the extensive evidence often found on personal electronic devices.

“This is a great move,” said Christopher Soghoian, principal technologist for the American Civil Liberties Union. “Particularly after the Snowden disclosures, Apple seems to understand that consumers want companies to put their privacy first. However, I suspect there are going to be a lot of unhappy law enforcement officials.”

Ronald T. Hosko, the former head of the FBI’s criminal investigative division, called the move by Apple “problematic,” saying it will contribute to the steady decrease of law enforcement’s ability to collect key evidence — to solve crimes and prevent them. The agency long has publicly worried about the “going dark” problem, in which the rising use of encryption across a range of services has undermined government’s ability to conduct surveillance, even when it is legally authorized.

“Our ability to act on data that does exist .??. is critical to our success,” Hosko said. He suggested that it would take a major event, such as a terrorist attack, to cause the pendulum to swing back toward giving authorities access to a broad range of digital information.

Many security experts have blamed security weaknesses in iCloud — some of which have since been fixed — for the recent leak of celebrity photos. Several companies also make systems designed to crack the encryption of devices, including the iPhone and iPad. Security experts generally consider Apple’s devices to be better protected against such attacks than some rivals’, although people with short passcodes — of four digits, for example — are in greater danger of what are called “brute force attacks” that relentlessly try all possible combinations.

Adding more security can make it harder for users to operate a mobile device. People who forget their passcodes with iOS 8 will not be able to recover them by contacting Apple. However, most users will have the bulk of their data automatically backed up on iCloud and would be able to restore their phones, although not before wiping them of all user data.

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## FBI's facial recognition program hits 'full operational capability'

(RT.com) - The Federal Bureau of Investigation's Next Generation Identification System, a biometric database reliant on tens of millions of facial-recognition records, is now fully operational, the agency announced Monday.

The NGI system, after three years of development, is billed by the FBI as a new breakthrough for criminal identification and data-sharing between law enforcement agencies.

"This effort is a significant step forward for the criminal justice community in utilizing biometrics as an investigative enabler," the FBI said in a statement.

The NGI database contains over 100 million individual records that link a person's fingerprints, palm prints, iris scans and facial-recognition data with personal information like their home address, age, legal status and other potentially compromising details.

Perhaps the most controversial aspect of the NGI is the facial-recognition information, which civil liberties advocates have said for years is among the most serious future threats to Americans' privacy. The NGI database is expected to contain 52 million facial-recognition images alone by 2015.

The FBI said Monday that two new features of the database are now complete, capping off the NGI's "operational capability."

One feature, the Rap Back, will allow officials to "receive ongoing status notifications of any criminal history reported on individuals holding positions of trust, such as school teachers."

Additionally, the Interstate Photo

System (IPS) facial recognition service "will provide the nation's law enforcement community with an investigative tool that provides an image-searching capability of photographs associated with criminal identities."

But Americans not suspected of any criminal activity could easily be swept up into the NGI, according to the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF), in any number of ways. An individual who goes through a fingerprint background check for an employment opportunity, for instance, could soon be required to submit a picture of herself as well.

That picture could be stored alongside images of suspected criminals, unlike fingerprints, where a clear differentiation is made between law-abiding citizens and those who have been in trouble with the law before.

According to EFF senior staff attorney Jennifer Lynch, there is cause for concern because "the FBI and Congress have thus far failed to enact meaningful restrictions on what types of data can be submitted to the system, who can access the data and how the data can be used."

"For example, although the FBI has said in these documents that it will not allow non-mug shot photos such as images from social networking sites to be saved from the system, there are no legal or even written FBI policy restrictions in place to prevent this from occurring," Lynch said.

In June, EFF and other privacy advocates warned that the FBI's facial-recognition database is in desperate need of more oversight.

"One of the risks here, without assessing the privacy considerations, is the prospect of mission creep with the use of biometric identifiers," Jeramie Scott of the Electronic Privacy Information Center told National Journal. "It's been almost two years since the FBI said they were going to do an updated privacy assessment, and nothing has occurred."

A 2010 report of the FBI's facial-recognition technology found that it could fail one in every five instances it was used, a rate higher than fingerprinting or iris scans.

Yet FBI Director James Comey has told Congress that the database would not amass photos of innocent people, and that it is only intended to "find bad guys by matching pictures to mugshots."

In a milestone announcement, the FBI said in August that it had tracked down a 14-year fugitive suspected of child abuse using facial-recognition technology.

Meanwhile, US government intelligence researchers are developing the Janus program, which will "radically expand the range of conditions under which automated face recognition can establish identity."

There are no federal restraints on the use of facial-recognition software. ★★★



## False Allegations of Child Molestation and Abuse are on the rise

(ChildRefuge.org) - The number of child abuse cases has dramatically increased in the past decade. This increase coincides with the fact that children these days are becoming a lot more vulnerable because of their constant and leveled exposure to venues of abuse, such as the internet and television. Nonetheless, we should also take into account the number of instances where a person is wrongly accused.

An American father of two was convicted of first-degree sexual offense back in 1986. As a punishment, he was given two life sentences for the immoral and gruesome crime he allegedly committed. Then a sudden twist of fate happened more than a decade after. His alleged victim, his own daughter, confessed that her father never really touched her and the accusation had been

false. Going back to the merits of the case, it was found that there was really no physical evidence proving that sexual abuse took place. The only thing that convicted the father was the emotional testimony of the daughter.

Although the father in the case above got his needed redemption, nothing can repay the pain he suffered by spending more than ten years in prison for a crime he did not commit. Much worse, the one who accused him was his own blood. When asked why she did it, the daughter simply admitted that she wanted a way out of the very strict and harsh upbringing her father imposed on them.

Most of the time, people tend to forget that the scenario is not always the same. Even if children don't know how to lie, they are still capable of fabricating stories and making accusations especially when

they are put in a tight and pressured situation. What happens here is that the accused becomes the victim of false accusation. While being sexually abused engenders lifetime trauma, being falsely accused of causing the same offers an equally irreparable trauma.

It is unfortunate to note that false accusations of child molestation are a common occurrence in the criminal justice system.

When any person is imprisoned because of a false conviction, his entire life is ruined, not to mention, the lives of the whole family. This is especially true when the accuser is a member of the family. But if we try to dig deeper, there are actually several motives that drive children to lie and pretend that they've been abused.

What's really discouraging is the fact that courts (and society, for that matter) are more inclined to favor the accuser rather than assuming the accused is innocent until proven guilty within the boundaries of law and justice.

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## Cops, CPS Called on Mom Who Let Kids Play Outside



By Evann Gastaldo

(NEWSER) - Kari Anne Roy found herself having to explain her parenting to police and Child Protective Services recently—and all because she let her children play outside unsupervised. In a blog post from earlier this month that's getting some attention, Roy explains that it all started when she answered the door to find a woman she didn't know, with Roy's 6-year-old son in tow. "He was all the way down there, with no adult," the woman explained, so she brought him home. "Down there," as Roy writes, was a park bench visible from her front porch, about 150 yards away. The boy and his 8-year-old sister had been playing there, with their dog, until the girl and the dog went home. "There's a walking trail," the Austin woman explains to WTSP. "They come out here and they walk around the

trail." After the woman left, the next person to come to Roy's door was a police officer. Police confirmed the investigation to WTSP.

As her children watched, the officer "asked if my son had been outside alone," Roy writes. "She asked why I thought it was OK for him to be unsupervised. She took my ID. She wrote down the names and ages of the children." But she left without filing a report. Then, a few days later, a Child Protective Services investigator called. After Roy returned the call, the investigator came to the house and took each of Roy's three children aside, alone, for an interview. "She asked my 8-year-old daughter if she had ever seen movies with people's private parts, so my daughter, who didn't know that things like that exist, does now," Roy tells Reason. She and her husband and even their babysitter were also questioned before the case was closed and "marked as a non-event," Roy writes. "But I was also warned: The neighbor can call CPS as many times as she wants." As for the CPS investigator's advice for Roy? "You just don't let them play outside," Roy says.

*US-Observer Note: Most people who are contacted by CPS aren't as lucky as Kari Roy and often lose their children. If it happens to you, contact the US-Observer - 541-474-7885. ★★★*



Kari Anne Roy was told by CPS that, "You just don't let them [children] play outside."

## US-OBSERVER NOTE ON FALSE CHARGES:

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## Record 92,269,000 NOT in Labor Force Participation Rate Matches 36-Year Low

By Ali Meyer

(CNSNews.com) - A record 92,269,000 Americans 16 and older did not participate in the labor force in August, as the labor force participation rate matched a 36-year low of 62.8 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The labor force participation rate has been as low as 62.8 percent in six of the last twelve months, but prior to last October had not fallen that low since 1978.

BLS employment statistics are based on the civilian noninstitutional population, which consists of all people 16 or older who were not in the military or an institution such as a prison, mental hospital or nursing home.

In August, the civilian noninstitutional population was 248,229,000 according to BLS. Of that 248,229,000, 155,959,000—or 62.8 percent—participated in the labor force, meaning they either had or job or had actively sought one in the last four weeks.

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The 92,269,000 who did not participate in the labor force are those in the civilian noninstitutional population who did not have a job and did not actively seek one in the last four weeks. Because they did not seek a job, they did not count as "unemployed."

### UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES DO NOT COUNT THOSE NO LONGER GETTING UNEMPLOYMENT CHECKS.

Of the 155,959,000 who did participate in the labor force, 146,368,000 had a job and 9,591,000 did not have a job but actively sought one. The 9,591,000 are the unemployed. They equaled 6.1 percent of the labor force—or an unemployment rate of 6.1 percent (which was down slightly from the 6.2 percent unemployment rate in July).

The 146,368,000 people employed in the United States in August was up 16,000 from the 146,352,000 who were employed in July. ★★★

## Homeland Security's Big Problem: Staff Keep Quitting

By Matt Cantor

(NEWSER) - One of the biggest challenges faced by the Department of Homeland Security is an internal one: Top staff members keep quitting, and it's hampering officials in their efforts to fight external dangers. In the past four years, the rate of departure from the department has been almost double the rate across the federal government, the Washington Post reports. Many of those heading elsewhere are department bosses. To wit: Six people have headed the terror-intelligence branch of the department under President Obama, while the same number of commissioners have led Customs and Border Protection; four of them weren't even confirmed by the Senate.

The department's problem has existed since its inception. One major factor is the appeal of far higher-paying private firms, especially when working for DHS means constant scrutiny. With some 90 congressional panels exerting oversight, hearings are frequent. "There were certainly times where you would say, 'I just got the crap kicked out of me, and I'm making way less than I can make in the private sector,'" says an ex-DHS official. Private jobs are even more attractive given the department's serious issues with morale; last year, a survey on the "Best Places to Work in the Federal Government" placed it last of all big agencies. Then there are bureaucratic issues: When an official asked colleagues at a meeting who thought they headed counterterrorism efforts, "five people raised their hands," the Post notes. ★

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2 a : a person who upholds the principles of individual liberty especially of thought and action

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## How to Save America and Create 20 Million Jobs Instantly



Hi. I'm Wayne Allyn Root for Personal Liberty. And do I have a plan for the Republican Party — if the Republicans want to win elections by a landslide, if they want to save the economy and if they want to create 20 million middle-class jobs almost overnight.

Back in 1994, a Contract with America won Republicans control of Congress. In my latest book, "The Murder of the Middle Class," I lay out the Middle-Class Contract with America that will help do it again in 2014 and 2016. If only the GOP would listen, we could turn around this terrible economy, save the middle class and return America to greatness.

Republicans need to do more than be against Barack Obama. They need to present their vision and a detailed plan for how to reinvigorate the economy and create millions of high-paying, middle-class jobs. Here is the 10-point plan that can stop this long-term decline and dysfunction and once again make America's middle class the greatest in the world. A Middle-Class Contract with America created by a small-business owner (that's me) can do it again.

This is a common-sense contract to protect, save and serve America's middle class. This "contract" has only three goals: Support, stimulate and reward middle-class job creation.

**Start with a national income tax vacation.** Ronald Reagan already proved a radical plan that gives power (and money) back to the people will turn even the worst recession since the Great Depression into the biggest economic expansion in world history. Reagan saved America from economic ruin by cutting taxes from 70 percent to 28 percent. This idea is Reagan on steroids! Obama wasted more than \$2 trillion dollars (the updated cost) on a "stimulus to nowhere." He gambled on big government and lost. Six years later, there is still no recovery for small business or middle-class jobs.

Like Reagan, I'm betting on the private sector. Government cannot save us from this Obama Great Depression. Only the taxpayers, investors and small business owners can save us. So my version of "stimulus" goes to the group of citizens that pay the taxes and create the jobs.

My national income tax vacation lets taxpayers take a vacation from income taxes and keep 100 percent of their income for one year. Sit back and watch the greatest economic explosion in world history. What will they do with their windfall? Start businesses, build businesses, expand businesses. Buy stocks, homes, autos. And go on a consumer-spending binge. And, of course, an orgy of spending by the citizens creates real jobs (as opposed to spending by government).

This plan puts the money in the hands of the financial first responders, not government. The people who pay taxes and create jobs by starting businesses will save America — just as they did under Reagan. Millions of jobs will be created (and they won't be part-time, low-wage jobs flipping burgers). Obama's belief in government has failed the middle class. This plan puts the power in the hands of entrepreneurs and taxpayers.

Critics will ask, "How do we pay for it?" The total cost of my income tax vacation is \$1.2 trillion (that's all the personal income taxes in America for one year). That's less than Obama's 2009 stimulus. How come no one asked where Obama would find the money for his stimulus?

This economy is even worse than Jimmy Carter's economy. So we need a radical game changer. We need Reagan squared. This is how you save America: by inspiring and rewarding all the people who actually pay taxes, instead of punishing them and stealing their money to reward the freeloaders with their hands out. Obama proved that idea is a disaster.

**Next step: Return from the one-year national income tax vacation to the 0-15-0 tax plan.** The country needs a game changer. My 0-15-0 tax plan is exactly that. It is modeled after Hong Kong, the greatest

booming economy in the world (with 3.5 percent unemployment). We return from the one-year personal income tax vacation (the "0" in the 0-15-0) with a 15 percent flat tax.

It's important to note that Hong Kong allows deductions for mortgage and charitable deductions. It works. Copy it. You hear me, GOP? Stop trying to eliminate mortgage and charitable deductions with a flat tax. That's just plain stupid. The economy depends on real estate and home ownership. Churches and charities depend on deductibility of donations. Hong Kong's booming economy proves a flat tax works with both of those deductions included.

Secondly, Hong Kong also has a zero capital gains tax. So does our No. 1 competitor in the world: China. We must match China or lose market share. A zero capital gains tax will motivate an explosion in investments and start-ups. That's how you jump-start a middle-class jobs explosion.

**The third plank of my plan: Jump-start job creation with an Angel Investors Tax Deduction.** Two of every three new jobs are created by small business. A majority of these new jobs are created during the first three years of a new business start-up. We need to encourage more start-ups. I propose offering an Angel Investors Tax Deduction. Under my plan, investors receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for up to 50 percent of their income tax bill (up to \$25,000) for investments in new business start-ups. This isn't for millionaires. It's tailor-made just for middle-class investors. Over a decade, any middle-class American can invest \$25,000 per year; and after 10 years, they save \$250,000 from the clutches of the IRS. If any of those businesses succeed, middle-class taxpayers can build a million-dollar nest egg for retirement. More importantly, millions of jobs will be created with all this money flowing into business start-ups. What do all new businesses need? Employees.

**Plank No. 4: Create a reverse inversion.** Inversion is when U.S. companies run away from America because we have the highest corporate taxes in the industrialized world. I want to cut the corporate tax rate to a flat 15 percent, so companies across the globe will want to practice reverse inversion by coming to America — not running away.

Secondly, encourage U.S. companies to bring all their offshore money back into the United States. Financial experts estimate American corporations have more than \$2 trillion parked offshore because of high U.S. corporate tax rates. My plan allows companies to bring their foreign earnings back to America with only a small 10 percent tax/penalty. Companies will rush to take advantage, thereby instantly producing about \$200 billion in new tax revenues to be applied to debt reduction. Better yet, the remaining \$1.8 trillion dollars will be pumped into the U.S. economy.

Third, model the great (and booming) state of Texas and pass a national Loser Pays Law. You want corporations to bring back jobs from overseas? Reduce frivolous lawsuits and watch what happens. Anyone want to bet? Do these three things and every company in the world will want to move to America. Watch millions of jobs be on-shored, instead of offshore.

**Plank No. 5: We need an Endangered Humans Protection Act.** The average energy job in Texas pays about \$150,000 per year. These are the kind of jobs that can save the American middle class. Because of technological advances, America is in the middle of an energy revolution. If only the Obama administration would take the shackles off, America could become the energy capital of the world.

How do we create millions of great jobs? Approve Keystone XL, increase energy production, encourage more fracking and clean coal, and ease regulations so we can export more of America's No. 1 product to our allies in Europe. That's how we defeat Russia, too. We become the energy supplier to the world.

Oh, and kill the EPA. Today. As in, this minute.

The energy industry has more of a direct impact on middle class Americans than any other issue. Creating high-paying energy jobs would lower unemployment, boost the tax base, lower the debt and dramatically lower everyone's energy bills, leading to increased consumer spending. The middle class is saved by \$150,000 energy jobs. It's destroyed by job-killing green energy. The party that offers that vision sweeps to landslide victory.

**Plank No. 6: Legalize, regulate and tax "sins" like marijuana and online gambling.** This is what we do in Nevada, and the result is we are able to afford zero state income tax and zero business income tax. We should be replicating this model through the United

States because it works. Are you listening, GOP? Get out of our bedrooms, as well as our boardrooms. Let people do what they want. Stop sticking your head in the sand, tax it and reap the benefits. By the way, this is how you create even more jobs.

**Plank No. 7: America desperately needs a gold standard.** The dollar has lost in the neighborhood of 98 percent of its buying power since 1913 (since the Fed was founded). We need a gold standard to back the dollar with something real and tangible. This prevents politicians from spending us into bankruptcy by making spending promises with money we don't have. It also reduces the likelihood of a debt crisis, dollar collapse or the loss of world reserve currency status.

**Plank No. 8: Repeal and replace Obamacare with a health freedom plan.** The economy cannot improve without the repeal of Obamacare. Health insurance premiums are up more since Obamacare started than in the eight previous years combined. Heck, they are up 88 percent in liberal, Obama-loving California alone. This is bankrupting middle-class consumers and destroying our economy. Obamacare is also a middle-class, high-wage-job killer. There can be no good-paying middle-class jobs until the regulations and taxes of Obamacare are repealed. Period. Obamacare has to go or nothing else will work.

**Plank No. 9: Seal the border and reform immigration policy.** After the border is sealed with a virtual wall (protected by thousands of drones), create a path to permanent residency (with work permits) — but never citizenship for any illegal immigrant. They've lost the right to vote by breaking the law.

Our wide-open border is leading to disaster for the economy. Millions of poor, desperate immigrants arriving here to demand welfare and food stamps will bankrupt our economy and force massive tax increases. But a terrorist attack or Ebola pandemic on U.S. soil is even worse — and both can happen tomorrow because the border is wide-open. One terrorist attack and this already vulnerable economy

will drop off a cliff. One Ebola pandemic and commerce will grind to a halt. People won't leave their homes out of fear. The border is the key to all of this. Seal it to save America's economy from destruction.

**Plank No. 10: Follow the U.S. Constitution to limit the power of Congress and all branches of the federal government.** This starts with term limits. I believe all politicians should be limited to two terms: one term in office and one term in prison.

That's a brief summary of my plan to save this economy and country, direct from the pages of my book, "The Murder of The Middle Class." We need hope, not just criticism. This plan is all about hope.

America is in decline, but it's still savable. We can turn it around. There is still time, but the window is small. This plan will create 20 million new jobs quickly — just as Reagan's tax cuts did in the 1980s.

It restores economic freedom. It rewards entrepreneurship. It stimulates small-business job creation. It limits the power of government — just as the Constitution demands. It puts the power back in the hands of the people. Most importantly, it will restore the American dream for middle-class Americans.

This answers all the liberal critics who claim all conservatives or libertarians do is complain and criticize. They ask: "What's your plan?" Well, here it is. Now, shut up and get out of the way. You've done enough damage. You caused enough chaos, crisis and pain. It's time to let the responsible adults take over.

I'm Wayne Allyn Root for Personal Liberty. See you next week. God bless America.

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## Somebody Should Drown Ann Coulter

By Bob Livingston

Columnist Ann Coulter is nothing more than a mouthpiece for the Republican establishment, notwithstanding the title of the newest book the faux conservative is hawking. She's as evil as Karl Rove; she's just got better packaging.

In her latest column, "Your 'To Do' List To Save America," Coulter says she wants to "track you down and drown you" if you are "considering voting for the Libertarian candidate in any Senate election" this November. But if anyone deserves drowning, it's Coulter for leading shortsighted conservative voters, enamored by her good looks and combative personality, down the path to ruin.

Coulter's plan to save America is simple: Vote Republican. And Coulter says no one should ever challenge a sitting Republican.

"Take a moment to notice something, Republicans: No incumbent Democrat had to deal with a primary challenger this year," Coulter writes. "That's one reason why Democrats win more elections than their insane ideas would seem to dictate. Liberals understand that you can't do anything if you don't win, so Democrats don't stage primary fights against other Democrats."

So regardless of whether the "Republican" has been voting against the interests of the people and is a dinosaur (like Sen. Pat Roberts), he's a Republican so he's OK. "I don't know why Roberts got a primary challenge at all. Please stop doing that, Republicans," she writes.

Perhaps it's because he has consistently voted to send American troops into wars around the globe, voted for the National Defense Authorization Act — which allows the unconstitutional detainment of U.S. citizens — and voted for the misnamed USA Patriot Act. Roberts has voted 11 times to raise the debt limit. He has voted for tax increases. And he gave money to Senator Thad Cochran's (another dinosaur) race-baiting campaign in Mississippi. And he doesn't even live in Kansas.

Oh, and you've got to donate to Scott Brown, Coulter proclaims. That'll "save America." She even provides a link to his campaign website.

But this is the same Scott Brown who, during his two-year stint as a Massachusetts senator, voted with Democrats on Senator Harry Reid's \$15 billion jobs bill and the Dodd-



Ann Coulter

Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer (read banker) Protection Act.

The last time Republicans controlled both Houses of Congress, the country entered a war on false pretenses, a prescription drug boondoggle bill was passed, the Department of Homeland Security was given more liberty-stealing powers, Federal expenditures grew from \$2.7 trillion to \$2.9 trillion and the deficit almost doubled.

Coulter's newest book (which I have not read) is titled "Never Trust A Liberal Over 3 — Especially A Republican," yet her latest column is a clarion call to elect (and trust) Republicans simply because they are.

American conservatives need to realize that Coulter is part of the system, and she's employing the Hegelian dialectic to further entrench the system. The proof can be seen in the penultimate paragraph in her column, in which she wrote: "When we're all dying from lack of health care across the United States of Mexico, we'll be deeply impressed with your integrity, libertarians."

As if Republicans, save for a couple in both houses, haven't gone all in for amnesty on behalf of their corporate masters.

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## Conventional Wisdom is a Mass Illusion

By Bob Livingston

A recent poll by Rasmussen found that more than one-third of Americans had no clue which parties control the House and Senate. What a sad commentary that such a basic bit of information — taken for granted by this audience — is lost on an American populace so distracted by bread and circuses.

This, of course, is not true of the typical Personal Liberty Digest™ reader. You are a special lot and much appreciated. Most of you are making a valiant attempt to rid yourself of a lifetime of brainwashing and propaganda. It is a difficult task; I know. And it has nothing to do with one's intelligence.

I have watched as otherwise intelligent and thoughtful people have had their minds manipulated so that they acted against their own best interests as a result of propaganda. It seems that organized and sophisticated propaganda is able to operate above the threshold of intelligence. In other words, without some imperative to trigger inquiry, very intelligent people buy into lies and myths the same as the general population. The lies and myths then become conventional wisdom. The human mind rarely accepts a challenge to conventional wisdom. Instead, it dismisses it under the auspices of "conspiracy theory," a catchall category for information outside the main.

But you, Personal Liberty reader, keep your focus on reality, paying no attention to the political noise, the controlled media, the economic establishment or, indeed, the medical cartel in America. You recognize it for what it is: all noise that interferes with a calm and sober psyche.

Here are things as I perceive them: The U.S. is deteriorating at a very fast rate — one that is becoming perceptible to even the millions of people who had not previously observed it. Even mainstream economists are starting to sound the alarm, though they continue to miss or ignore the cause. It does not matter "who" is doing it to us. The main thing is "it" is being done.

It is up to us to choose personal liberty for ourselves and our progeny and loved ones as much as it is possible within the laws of the land, whether we agree with those laws or not. Our great

and overpowering advantage over the masses and the elites is our dedicated accumulation of special information that we dig for outside the system. But to take advantage of it, we have to think outside the box. Sorry, this is a requirement.

This type of thinking and the revealing of information outside the main has caused me to endure many slings and arrows and charges of nuttury. No matter.

You are likely familiar with the parable Jesus told of the sower as read in the Gospels. The sower spread seed. Some fell on the path and was devoured by birds. Some fell on the rocky ground where they took root but withered and died in the heat. Some fell among thorns and were choked out. Others fell on good soil and flourished. The lesson is that many seeds are planted here, but few become permanent. So it is with the truth. So it is with people.

Only a few can focus and then hold that focus until they achieve personal liberty based upon a foundation of health, wealth and knowledge. They refuse to look over their shoulders at the system and are no longer influenced by the system.

Therefore, the main and powerful issue facing everyone in the United States is the depreciating currency. This is very simple to understand but becomes merely an illusion to those who haven't escaped the system. Somehow, people cannot grasp that they can be impoverished even while accumulating, saving and holding the currency of the land.

Why is the mass illusion perpetuated? The answer is that the myth blinds the masses because they have childlike misplaced faith in "authority." They are politically naïve. Few people can imagine that the system is not honest, that it is indeed very sophisticated fraud.

A depreciating currency expedites a transfer of wealth from the producers and savers to the money creators. Depreciating currency becomes hyperinflation and finally, in the endgame, deflation and economic collapse. As we experience hyperinflation there will be, as has always been, a quick disappearance of cash (deflation).

Money creators through all the ages have many pretenses and

disguises like war, price controls, exchange controls, etc. Translated, this is suppression of liberty and severe restriction on privacy and travel. This is happening now and will only increase, along with a massive dose of propaganda and charges of anti-Americanism against those who seek an escape route.

Remember, the majority believe propaganda until it is too late for survival. The rest rationalize that things are bad but that times will get better long before there is a reign of terror. This was the mindset of the German people in the 1930s. While a few escaped, most believed the propaganda. But you know the ending: Nazi Germany and then a destroyed country.

If the face of tyranny is pretty enough, people can be manipulated to adore and embrace it. Modern tyranny is so sophisticated that it actually appears benevolent to the masses. How Herr Goebbels would love it. He's likely smiling from hell!

All this is what we get when depreciating currency is used to confiscate the wealth and savings of the people. All fraud and social and economic chaos originate with depreciating currency. When prices rise (inflation), this is depreciating paper money. But the people don't make the simple connection and fraud continues.

Governments are all on a paper money system. Paper money moves wealth and production into the hands of government. All is fine with this mass theft until there comes along an aging population.

An aging population becomes nonproducing consumers. This reverses consumption from the government to the nonproducing, aging consumers. Governments can't afford this and they have to reverse consumption back to government. They want young people to produce and fight wars funded with paper money.

What to do? Kill off the aging population, benevolently of course. Down the road, there is euthanasia; but for now, we put them under the tender care of the medical establishment. Everybody gets rich except the aging victims killed with drugs, operations and "medical care."

Anybody ever find out about it? Nope.

Only a few find out who have the capacity to look beneath. It's the perfect crime and a very profitable one.

For personal liberty, accumulate gold and silver outside the system and keep yourself in good health through proper diet and exercise. Proper diet means mostly raw whole foods and only organic, free-range meat. Expensive you say? Not nearly as expensive as falling into the hands of the deathcare system.

And avoid the bread and circuses. ★★★



## School bans Natl. Guard shirt for gun graphic depicting soldier holding a rifle

By Ben Bullard

Is there an end to these stories? A New York public school has banned the state National Guard from handing out T-shirts during its recruitment visits. The kids can't wear them to school (who cares?) because the shirts all have gun graphics.

A Guard recruiter visited Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk (RCS) High School last Friday, but was stopped from giving away the shirts after school administrators saw that the garments featured a soldier holding a rifle.

From the Times Union of Albany, N.Y.:

"They're not allowed to wear anything that would have a weapon on it," said district Interim Superintendent Alan McCartney, referring to the student dress code. "Our main purpose is education. Wearing pictures of weapons brings to mind those things in our society that are not pertinent to education."

Because civics and education don't mix. Riiiiight. Soldiers who've agreed to kill and die to protect our national interests don't really carry guns, do they?

At any rate, the school didn't mess around about banning the shirts. "We did it right on the spot," said National Guard spokesman Col. Richard Goldenberg of the Guard's response to officials' request. The Guard has said it will continue to recruit at the school, but will choose less offensive



shirts in its future efforts there.

School administrators freaking out over all things military seems to be a thing at the moment. Just two weeks ago, a Michigan public school refused entry to a parent in uniform who'd come to the campus to speak with a guidance counselor about his daughter's class schedule.

The reason? The uniformed Army officer's appearance "might offend another student."

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## Cop's Teenage Son in Coma After Run-In with the Law

By Ben Bullard

After being stopped by police because the car he was driving matched an outstanding warrant for a woman, a 17-year-old boy ended up stunned with a Taser, on the ground and in the hospital, where medical staff had to induce a coma to stabilize the injuries he allegedly suffered at the hands of the Independence, Missouri, police.

The Kansas City Star reported that the FBI has launched an investigation into the incident and that "Independence police said that they would cooperate 'hand-in-hand' with the federal investigation and the officer had been placed on administrative leave."

The boy, Bryce Masters, is the son of a police officer in nearby Kansas City. He was allegedly driving alone Sunday afternoon in a vehicle whose license plate matched that of a woman whom the police had been hunting.

She wasn't in the car, and Masters reportedly couldn't get his window to roll down when ordered to do so by Independence officer Tim Runnels. The Star cites witnesses who indicate Runnels appeared frustrated that Masters wasn't rolling down his window, and that Runnels' subsequent alleged actions appeared to show him

taking that frustration out on the boy:

Police said the stun gun was used on the teen while he was still in the car. At some point, Masters got out of the car under his own power but later fell to the ground, Maj. Paul Thurman said.

... Witnesses said police overreacted.

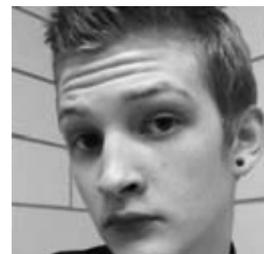
"Several times, the cop put his foot on the kid like he was stepping on his neck, but it was on his back," said Robert Baker, who lives nearby. "I think (the officer) was wrong, because the kid tried to explain to him that his window won't roll down."

Others said that Masters, who was in the neighborhood to visit a classmate, did not resist when Runnels pulled him over. They said Masters told the officer that the car's window would not roll down.

Another witness said she saw Runnels drag Masters into a driveway and drop him, causing Masters' head to hit the pavement. Masters was listed late Monday in

critical condition at a nearby hospital.

"Independence police have firmly defended the actions of Officer Tim Runnels, saying he used a stun gun on the 17-year-old in accordance with department policy," KCTV News reported Monday. "Runnels has been placed on paid administrative leave, which is routine in cases like this." ★★★



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# COMMENTARY Your Right to Speak Out

## An unhappy summer for liberty



By Judge Andrew Napolitano

(FoxNews.com) - At the root of the chaos in the Middle East and here at home are governments that respect no limits on their exercise of power.

Public officials -- who are supposed to be our public servants -- routinely behave as if they are our masters. They reject the confines of the Constitution, they don't believe that our rights are inalienable, and they fail to see the dangerous path down which they are leading us.

It is a path to an authoritarian America, predicted by the British writer George Orwell in his dark and terrifying novel "1984," in which governmental power was fortified by fear at home and war abroad.

Locally and nationally, we live under governments that prefer to rule rather than to serve, that choose not to tell us the truth but to keep it from us, and that have enacted laws that purport to make their behavior legal.

President Obama has dispatched 60,000 NSA spies to monitor the cellphone and landline calls, as well as the emails, texts, bank statements and utility bills, of nearly all Americans, in utter disregard for the constitutional standard required for doing so: probable cause of criminal acts by the persons

spied upon.

Yet, his spies somehow missed the Boston marathon bombing, Russia's invasion of Ukraine and theft of Crimea, the downing of the Malaysian civilian airliner and the growth of ISIS in the Middle East.

ISIS was fomented by the tragic, immoral and illegal American invasion of Iraq. That invasion was carried out under the false pretenses that the United States needed to find the weapons of mass destruction we had sold to Saddam Hussein. The Iraq war cost the lives of 650,000 Iraqis and 4,500 Americans. It displaced more than 2,000,000 Iraqis and, because it was paid for by borrowed funds, added \$2 trillion to the U.S. government's debt.

The consequence of American Middle Eastern imperialism has become the virulently anti-American and viciously efficient fighting force called ISIS. President Bush and his generals and Obama and his spies knew or ought to have known about it. This disciplined group of fanatics is the latest American bogeyman at whom the warmongers are aiming their cries for more American military action and thus more American blood.

Bush was reckless to have fought an unjust war, and Obama is reckless to have misguided our intelligence resources toward Americans and then feign surprise at the growth of this foreign disease right under his nose.?

But this is a disease that he and the military-industrial complex will use to terrify us into another useless war. By their standards, any group or government -- except for the U.S. and our allies -- that uses violence to get its way should be eliminated by more violence. That

will literally bring war without end.

Congress is a potted plant. It has permitted Obama -- in defiance of the Constitution -- to destroy Libya, bomb innocents in Pakistan and kill Americans in Yemen. There is a reason only Congress can declare war: to ensure debate about war, to discover whether there is a legal basis for it, to explore all options to it, and to prepare for its human, geopolitical and financial consequences.

The next domestic political battle will be a fight between the Senate and the CIA, as the Senate Intelligence Committee releases its report on CIA torture. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., the committee chair, has accused the CIA of spying on her and her staff, and just as Congress began its summer break, CIA Director John Brennan admitted the spying. That spying is a felony, and Brennan's job and his personal freedom are at stake, even as he and Feinstein argue about how much of the report should be released.

Why is this report important?

According to those who have seen it, it will demonstrate not only that the U.S. government tortured victims all over the world, but that its techniques were not

those revealed and approved by congressional regulators, that the CIA repeatedly lied to its own congressional supporters and, most importantly, that the torture did not produce any material actionable intelligence, including the whereabouts of Osama bin Laden.

The report is also important because in a democracy, all persons have a fundamental right to know what the government is doing. Transparency is a disinfectant for political corruption, and a people cannot be free when the government gets away with law breaking

and lying about it.

The other coming domestic issue is the militarization of the police. We learned this summer that in New York City, you can be choked to death by cops while selling untaxed cigarettes, and in Ferguson, Mo., you can be shot in the head by a cop while unarmed -- and none of the killers has yet been arrested, charged or prosecuted. This is the result of recent Supreme Court opinions that give the police qualified immunity. That doctrine makes it nearly impossible to sue or prosecute cops who kill innocents so long as they can claim that a reasonable cop would have done as they did. That is no protection from thugs in uniform; it is a license to kill.

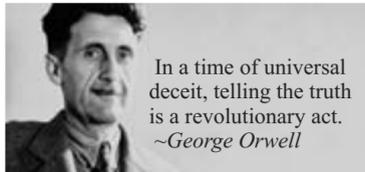
And speaking of killing, why do the police in America now have grenade launchers, a weapon that kills indiscriminately and is banned from use against the civilian population by international law? They have them because of a lack of transparency. The Department of Defense gave or sold these weapons of mass destruction to American police departments in secret and thus without the consent of the public, whom the police are supposed to protect.

Locally and nationally, we live under governments that prefer to rule rather than to serve, that choose not to tell us the truth but to keep it from us, and that have enacted laws that purport to make their behavior legal.

In 1949, when he wrote "1984," Orwell predicted all this, including the secret torture, the perpetual warfare, the continuous spying and the fear of the government. His predictions were right on the mark -- he was only mistaken by 30 years.

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In a time of universal deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act. ~George Orwell

## Is it wise for Obama to send thousands of U.S. Troops into the Ebola death zone?



By Michael Snyder endoftheamericandream.com

When there is a major problem somewhere in the world, Barack Obama loves to show that he is "doing something" by sending a contingent of U.S. troops to the affected area. But is it really wise for Obama to send thousands of young American men and women into the Ebola death zone? What are our troops going to do -- shoot the virus? Of course not. The UN already has 6,000 uniformed peacekeepers in the region, and they are not doing much good. The truth is that this is a medical crisis that requires medical personnel. By sending thousands of troops into the heart of the Ebola pandemic, we make it much more likely that Ebola will be brought back to the United States. Obama should keep in mind that hundreds of health workers have become infected even though they wear protective gear and are trained to deal with Ebola patients. Our troops have not been trained to deal with Ebola patients and they probably will not be wearing full protective gear when dealing with the general population. But there are sick people among the general population that could pass Ebola to them.

It is absolutely imperative that we keep Ebola isolated to the areas that it is already affecting. The number of Ebola victims has doubled over the past month, and there are computer models that are projecting that millions of people could soon be sick if the virus continues to spread at this pace.

Putting medically untrained troops directly into the death zone seems like a very questionable thing to do. If a single one of them gets sick and brings the virus back home, it could turn out to be one of the most foolish things that Obama has ever done.

On Tuesday, Obama visited the CDC and finally admitted that this Ebola outbreak is "spiraling out of control" and that strong action needed to be taken immediately...

*President Obama stressed his sense of urgency on Tuesday at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, warning that as America scurries to help west African nations grapple with the deadly Ebola epidemic, 'We can't dawdle on this one.'*

Of course this is something that he should have done a month or two ago, but at least he is finally stepping up to the plate.

However, Obama continues to insist that the chance of an Ebola outbreak happening in the United States is "extremely low"...

*'Our experts here at the CDC and across our government agree that the chances of an Ebola outbreak here in the United States are extremely low,' Obama declared.*

*But he described a battery of new biosecurity measures, including toughened airport screening and a growing capacity for lab testing, that will help 'in the unlikely event that someone with Ebola does reach our shores.'*

He better be right about that.

One thing that Obama has correctly identified is the need to build a lot more treatment facilities for Ebola in the affected regions. Right now, all of the existing facilities are completely full and there are no empty beds left...

*Countless taxis filled with families worried they've become infected with Ebola currently crisscross Monrovia in search of help.*

*They scour the Liberian capital, but not one clinic can take them in for treatment.*



50,000 quarantined residents riot in Liberia Ebola zone

*"Today, there is not one single bed available for the treatment of an Ebola patient in the entire country of Liberia," said Margaret Chan, the World Health Organization's director-general.*

*"As soon as a new Ebola treatment facility is opened, it immediately fills to overflowing with patients," the WHO said.*

Obama's plan calls for building 17 new Ebola treatment facilities with approximately 100 beds each.

Needless to say, that is not going to get the job done. 1700 beds is going to be kind of like spitting into Niagara Falls if we actually do see hundreds of thousands of cases in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea by early next year.

But should we give Obama credit for trying to do something about this crisis even though he has waited far too long and his plan is not well thought out?

I am not so sure.

Meanwhile, the WHO said this week that the

Ebola outbreak continues to grow "exponentially" and that a billion dollars may be needed to bring it under control.

And one U.S. health official told the U.S. Senate on Tuesday that if Ebola continues to spread like wildfire that we could be "dealing with it for years to come"...

*"If we do not act now to stop Ebola, we could be dealing with it for years to come," said Beth Bell, director of the national center for emerging and zoonotic infectious diseases at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. At a Senate hearing on Ebola, she noted that 100 CDC staff are working in West Africa and hundreds more are assisting from Atlanta. "The best way to protect the U.S. is to stop the outbreak in West Africa."*

Most Americans still do not seem too concerned about this virus.

But this is not the bird flu. This is a disease that is killing more than half the people that it infects.

Dr. Kent Brantly, one of the American doctors that contracted the virus but eventually recovered, says that this is a crisis that we need to be taking very seriously...

*"From the time I fell sick, just two months ago, the death toll has tripled," Brantly said, noting World Health Organization estimates of 5,000 cases, with about half of those patients dying from the virus. "In nine months down the road, we are looking at hundreds of thousands, not just in cases, but deaths."*

So what do you think?

Is Obama responding appropriately to this crisis?

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

# COMMENTARY

## Mother of all Bubbles and Other Unpopular Realities



By James West

**(Midas Letter)** - There are times when I read the financial mumbo jumbo on Bloomberg and the Financial Times and the Wall Street Journal, and I am astonished at how delusional the world's controlling interests have become.

To take it at face value, and using major stock index highs as sole proof, one would have to agree that the world has certainly recovered from the 'recession' that began in 2009.

But, those stock market highs, evidence increasingly shows, have been purchased through the capitalization of the financial system through quantitative easing, stimulus, bailouts, zero interest rate policy (ZIRP) and increased institutional lending. So in lieu of demand, which is the natural fuel of stock markets and GDP, we have the synthetic fuel of fabricated capital. And in lieu of the the revenue and profit that flow from fulfillment of demand, we have synthesized demand for

synthetic financial instruments such as ETF's, CDO's, SDI's, and myriad derivative instruments – the trading of which absolutely generates fabulous numbers in terms of volumes bought and sold. But is any of that actually being invested in the real economy? Are there new manufacturing jobs, construction jobs, retail industry jobs to show for all the stimulus?

No. Instead, we have a way to count workers by eliminating those who have been too long out of work from the 'labour participation' rate. In short, we have elected to delude ourselves instead of confront reality.

So, while the employment figures tell us lies, we are seeing the level of debt – the disingenuous system by which capital and credit are fabricated from thin air -explode.

And here's the funny thing about a debt: As long as the creditor doesn't 'call' the loan, the borrower can theoretically continue borrowing ad infinitum. And if the borrower and the lender are one in the same entity, why would the lender ever force himself into delinquency by calling his own loan?

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The mother of all bubbles is the sovereign debt bubble that is compounding exponentially on an annualized basis as a result of quantitative easing, stimulus, non-existent interest rates and credit default swaps. It is the mother of all bubbles because when it pops as all bubbles do, it will take every

economy in the world, or rather, the world economy, into a catatonic coma from which it will only emerge after a serious re-ordering of the financial universe.

What is fascinating in a sick, train-wreck kind of way is both the complacency of regular folks, either from ignorance or nihilistic resignation, and the degree to which the elite financial interests destroying our collective future think they are in control. It's like being on the Titanic. A bunch of smug boobs on the bridge are zooming the ship along at top speed directly toward a glacier while the rest of us are locked below decks dancing a jig.

There is no leadership. There is not a single visionary voice in the upper echelons of global ship command suggesting in any meaningful (and by that I mean by anybody who is in a position to do anything about it) way that the course chosen for us by our illustrious and esteemed politicians, bankers, and woefully myopic economists is straight into the maw of a premature self-annihilation. The lunatics have taken over the asylum indeed, but that doesn't change the fact that the asylum is full of lunatics.

I am asked regularly by my associate Myra who writes the gold and precious metals column at market watch for my opinion as to why gold is doing whatever it may be doing on any given day, and I seriously have to ponder that for about 30 seconds before I choose which perspective I shall adopt for the day's comments.

I've noticed that if I opt for what I view as the closest semblance of the truth – that

commodities markets and their parasitic derivative sidekick futures are completely compromised and not at all representative of accurate supply, demand, or the future or even current spot price – that the comments don't get printed, so I know that this is an unpopular angle for MarketWatch editors.

Lately the tone of even mainstream news has begun to reflect a growing sense of the inevitable in regard to the deteriorating ability of fabricated billions to produce data that could be construed as a 'recovery' under way.

There is just too much evidence building to the contrary.

Bloomberg reports today that China is printing at least another \$114 billion this year just to reach its GDP growth target of 7.5%. Dour prognoses for Europe and the United States continue to emanate from central bankers, and in a most revealing stat, turns out food stamp usage in the United States has only declined slightly from its 2012 high of 46 million to just over 45 million registered users.

The U.S. war machine is gearing up for action on an expanded version of previous military operations across the Middle East – North Africa (MENA) region – an exercise that is sure to be a major consumer of U.S. tax revenue for years to come.

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By Austin Petersen

**(Libertarian Republic)** - A new Reuters poll which asks Americans if they would want their state to secede from the UNION of the United States has found that 1 in 4 Americans would say "yes."

Reuters reported that secession was supported mostly from the usual suspects such as Republicans over Democrats, right leaners, lower income brackets, high school over college grads, etc. However, there was also a surprising amount of support in almost every group and region overall.

**From Reuters:** *Secession got more support from Republicans than Democrats, more from right- than left-leaning independents, more from younger than older people, more from lower- than higher-income brackets, more from high school than college grads. But there was a surprising amount of support in every group and region, especially the Rocky Mountain states, the Southwest and the old Confederacy, but also in places like Illinois and Kansas. And of the people who said they identified with the Tea Party, supporters of secession were actually in the majority, with 53 percent.*

Libertarians generally support the idea of secession in principle. The right of self determination for individuals and states is a commonly accepted belief for those who are skeptical of big government. However, not every historic attempt at secession is seen as legitimate in libertarian circles, and many who are such individualists can still believe in this perpetual UNION of states, while holding the principle of secession as a right.

The American Civil War is a contentious

## 1 in 4 Americans Want To Secede From the US

issue amongst American libertarians even today. Some argue that the South was legitimately within their rights to break away from the North, citing the tyranny of Northern tariffs and the right of self determination. Still, many other libertarians argue (myself included) that there is no right of secession when the expressly stated purpose in doing so is to maintain chattel slavery. The Southern states did claim the right in their articles of secession and founding documents to hold men in slaves, and to expand the "peculiar institution" to new territories.

The act of the United States seceding from England is a much less contentious issue, and one that almost all American libertarians agree was done in a manner consistent with individual rights and self determination. British libertarians might disagree.

The issue today is whether or not the United States is better off as a perpetual UNION, or if these territories might be better off going their own ways. It's entertaining to fantasize about what a free Texas republic may be like, or how much better off the rest of the country might be if we were free of Californian socialists. But there is strength in numbers, and the Founders of the United States made powerful, convincing arguments for why these states should remain together.

Libertarians generally tend to distrust the federal government, however, there are strong libertarian arguments for the federal government to exist as a check and balance against state level tyranny. Jim Crow laws are the simplest example to cite, but what of the issue of war? If the states were to break away and form independent commercial republics, would they not be jealous of one another? And if so more prone to go to war with one another? Alexander Hamilton feared this, and cited strong arguments for why the UNION should be created, strengthened and maintained.

**From Federalist #6:** *The genius of republics (say they) is pacific; the spirit of commerce has a tendency to soften the manners of men, and to extinguish those inflammable humors which have so often kindled into wars. Commercial republics, like ours, will never be disposed to waste themselves in ruinous contentions with each other. They will be governed by mutual interest, and will cultivate a spirit of mutual amity and concord.*

*Is it not (we may ask these projectors in politics) the true interest of all nations to*

*cultivate the same benevolent and philosophic spirit? If this be their true interest, have they in fact pursued it? Has it not, on the contrary, invariably been found that momentary passions, and immediate interest, have a more active and imperious control over human conduct than general or remote considerations of policy, utility or justice? Have republics in practice been less addicted to war than monarchies? Are not the former administered by MEN as well as the latter? Are there not aversions, predilections, rivalships, and desires of unjust acquisitions, that affect nations as well as kings? Are not popular assemblies frequently subject to the impulses of rage, resentment, jealousy, avarice, and of other irregular and violent propensities? Is it not well known that their determinations are often governed by a few individuals in whom they place confidence, and are, of course, liable to be tainted by the passions and views of those individuals? Has commerce hitherto done anything more than change the objects of war? Is not the love of wealth as domineering and enterprising a passion as that of power or glory? Have there not been as many wars founded upon commercial motives since that has become the prevailing system of nations, as were before occasioned by the cupidity of territory or dominion? Has not the spirit of commerce, in many instances, administered new incentives to the appetite, both for the one and for the other? Let experience, the least fallible guide of human opinions, be appealed to for an answer to these inquiries.*

*Sparta, Athens, Rome, and Carthage were all republics; two of them, Athens and Carthage, of the commercial kind. Yet were they as often engaged in wars, offensive and defensive, as the neighboring monarchies of the same times. Sparta was little better than a well regulated camp; and Rome was never sated of carnage and conquest.*

*Carthage, though a commercial republic, was the aggressor in the very war that ended in her destruction. Hannibal had carried her arms into the heart of Italy and to the gates of Rome, before Scipio, in turn, gave him an overthrow in the territories of Carthage, and made a conquest of the commonwealth.*

*Venice, in later times, figured more than once in wars of ambition, till, becoming an object to the other Italian states, Pope Julius II. found means to accomplish that formidable league, which gave a deadly blow to the power and pride of this haughty republic.*

*The provinces of Holland, till they were overwhelmed in debts and taxes, took a leading and conspicuous part in the wars of Europe. They had furious contests with England for the dominion of the sea, and were among the most persevering and most*

*implacable of the opponents of Louis XIV.*

*In the government of Britain the representatives of the people compose one branch of the national legislature. Commerce has been for ages the predominant pursuit of that country. Few nations, nevertheless, have been more frequently engaged in war; and the wars in which that kingdom has been engaged have, in numerous instances, proceeded from the people.*

Certainly it was the case that after the Revolution when the Articles of Confederation were in force, the states did levy outrageous taxes and tariffs against the trade of goods between themselves. Judge Andrew Napolitano, Sr. Judicial Analyst at Fox News has argued that the origins of the Commerce Clause of the constitution began as a reaction to these tariffs, and that the true meaning of the act is to keep commerce "regular," not to serve as a blank check for politicians to justify everything from the amount of wheat a farmer can grow on their own property to Obamacare.

This flies in the face of many libertarian's biases towards the beliefs that trade, in and of itself, is a good enough reason for independent states to avoid war with one another. "When goods don't cross borders, armies will," they say. But that has not been the historic example, as Hamilton has cited above in the case of Carthage, and indeed many nations during World War II traded with Nazi Germany right up until the first hostilities began breaking out.

A seceding Texas might sound sweet to those who believe it would be a libertarian leaning nation, but that is only if you consider strictly the positive aspects of the state such as the pro-business environment. It is also unfortunately the nation's leading death penalty state. It also shares a border with Mexico, and could be prone to hostilities with our friends south of the border due to territorial disputes, as it has in the past when it was an independent republic. These passions are bridled thanks to the cooling effect of the non-border states. Texas, and Texans, arguably, benefit from their attachment to the UNION in ways that natives may not wish to admit.

As I have argued before, I believe it is not the time for the advancement of the issue of secession in the United States. Perhaps nullification, but not separation. Despite my sincere, strong beliefs in the principle of secession, I do not believe that any state of this UNION seceding would advance the principles of individual liberty in any way. It would most likely only engender hatred, jealousy, and the encouragement of hostility and alienation between newly strange people, who were once familiar.

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John Goodman

another nod at his self-importance to the media.

More troubling about the press is that they are now gaining momentum in blaming Goodman for the cost to taxpayers. He is entitled to a fair trial. By no fault of his own he was granted a new trial due to jury misconduct. How is he to blame for the costs? Additionally, the court has imposed onerous costs on Goodman in the form of deputy escorts and a hearing in Tallahassee



Officer Troy Snelgrove

that was unnecessary, yet forced on him by the prosecutor's office. Goodman was willing to defend his blood Motion exposing that Officer Troy Snelgrove of the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office (PBSO) facilitated the use of the wrong needle size in front of Judge Colbath, without dragging the Florida

Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) into it.

THE CLINCHER

Technically, there should be no second trial, and Judge Colbath knows it. The state prosecutor's office released both the Bentley and Hyundai after Goodman's initial conviction and before his sentencing. The defense has maintained since 2010 that Goodman's Bentley malfunctioned in the moments before the fatal car crash that killed Scott Wilson, thus making the cars key pieces of exculpatory evidence necessary to present a complete defense. The prosecutors knew the case would be appealed and unilaterally released these critical pieces of evidence

without notice to the defense or the court. So, based on the fact the evidence was destroyed, Goodman can't have a fair and impartial trial. Both the prosecution and Judge Colbath know this fact quite well, yet pro-prosecution Colbath keeps on covering for and protecting these totally corrupted prosecutors.

Listen very closely readership, the fact is, Goodman is entitled to a brand new trial, provided for by the US constitution, as if no trial had previously occurred, but because of Prosecutor Ellen Roberts' seemingly pre-meditated actions and Judge Colbath's collusion, Goodman factually can't receive a fair trial as federal law demands. Let's not forget that the sworn job of the state prosecutors is to seek truth and justice; a job that, at least in this case has gone unfulfilled.

The state prosecutors and, in particular, Judge Colbath are the ones costing the taxpayers multi-millions by pursuing this case. The judge had the duty to uphold the law but instead chose to ignore it when he summarily denied the motion to dismiss back in March, and again in September, when presented to him for reconsideration. Along with their wasted tax-dollars people should be worried that their constitutional rights may be denied in the future just like John Goodman's have now.



Ex-Prosecutor Ellen Roberts

Again, I want to stress that an innocent John Goodman has been forced to spend many million dollars to defend himself against patently false and manufactured criminal charges in Florida's 15th Judicial District. We should all be asking ourselves why the media in West Palm Beach, Florida have all failed to demand an answer to the question; why would a legal system force a man, who is to be presumed innocent, to spend millions of dollars on his defense when justice should administered openly, freely and without cost.

That's the kind of information and awareness that should be coming from the local press on this trial. Instead, the fine people of Florida keep getting a mainstream that tows government line, and interjects its own commentary as if it were truth.

Editor's Note: We would like to thank all who have provided information on Judge Colbath and the prosecutors in this case - much of that valid information will be used at the appropriate time. We would also continue to urge anyone with information of any nature on Judge Jeffrey Colbath or any others involved in this case to contact the US~Observer at 541-474-7885 or by email to editor@usobserver.com. \*\*\*

Continued from page 1 • The Key is the Transfer of Public Lands

A FEDERAL OBLIGATION

Some ignorantly assert that it would be illegal or unconstitutional for western states to compel the federal government to transfer title of the public lands to the states even though it's been done before—repeatedly.

PUBLIC LANDS HELD IN TRUST

The public lands question is older than our nation. By 1780, in the midst of battling for independence, the 13 states had run completely out of money. In this dire circumstance, seven states pledged in trust to the confederated government their claims over all the western lands, but only to one: create "distinct republican states," with "the same rights of sovereignty, freedom and independence as the other states," and two: use the proceeds from the transfer of these western lands, if any, to pay the debts from the Revolution. Courts, congresses, presidents, and the language of the statehood enabling acts reaffirmed these solemn compacts, but for which our nation may have perished at its birth.

STRING OF BROKEN PROMISES

In 1976, Congress enacted a policy to unilaterally alter this 200-year-old obligation, moving to retain forever the public lands in federal ownership with the Federal Lands Policy Management Act. Under FLPMA, Congress promised there would be multiple use/sustained yield with local planning on the public lands. Congress also promised to pay western states and communities for not utilizing their lands and resources to fund the education of their own children and care for their own communities. These promises are known as PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes), SRS (Secure Rural Schools funds), and FML (Federal Mineral Lease payments).

PILT payments by some estimates were only 13 cents on the dollar of the average taxable value of the land. SRS payments were only a fraction of the revenues local communities had generated from harvesting timber. Traditionally, timber harvesting kept the forest fuel loads in check and local economies thriving. As for FML, states east of Colorado with the same statehood promises retained 100 percent of their mineral lease royalties instead of the 48 percent promised to western states by Congress.

FLPMA imposed an untenable deal upon the western states to be paid paltry amounts for not utilizing their own lands and resources. This year, under the guise of "sequestration" to cut federal expenses, the federal government began limiting western revenues in the form of PILT, SRS and FML cutbacks.

So, Congress breaks its 200-year-old obligation to dispose of the public lands. Instead, it promises PILT, SRS, FML concessions, and multiple use/sustained yield with local planning to placate western states. Now it is reneging on even those terrible substitute promises while imposing ever-increasing restrictions on states, communities, businesses and individuals, preventing them from using their own lands and resources to care for their own communities, lands and forests, and grow the national economy in the process.

BLESSING STATE SOVEREIGNTY

Fortunately, in 2009, the U.S. Supreme Court opened the door for a resolution of this economic and environmental dilemma facing not only western states but also our nation. In Hawaii v. Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously declared that "the consequences of a State's admission are instantaneous," such that Congress does not have the authority to unilaterally alter or diminish "the uniquely sovereign character of that event" particularly "where virtually all of the State's public lands are at stake." This makes sense. If Congress could unilaterally alter or diminish the very terms of statehood, states would cease

to be states and would become mere administrative subdivisions of an all-powerful national government.



The only solution big enough to promote the health, access and productivity of our lands is within our reach. We must choose this to fund education, better care for our lands and forests, protect access, create jobs, and grow local, state and national economies and tax base. If we don't, we will answer to our children, future generations of our states, and to our nation as a whole that we failed, not because it was illegal, unconstitutional or impossible, but because we and our leaders simply lacked the knowledge and the courage.

Ken Ivory is a member of the Utah House of Representatives and the president of American Lands Council. He sponsored HB148, the Transfer of Public Lands Act, and is building a coalition to spread the knowledge that statehood promises to transfer title to public lands are the same east and west of Colorado. "It's been done before and it's the only solution big enough." For information or to offer support, go to www.AmericanLandsCouncil.org. \*\*\*

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# Mystery illness plagues girls in Colombia

By Paula Carrillo

(AFP) El Carmen de Bolivar, Colombia - A mystery illness is plaguing girls in this town in northern Colombia, and locals say a vaccine against the sexually transmitted human papillomavirus, or HPV, is to blame.

First their hands and feet feel cold. Then they go pale and cannot move. Some convulse and fall to the floor.

In El Carmen de Bolivar, near the port of Cartagena, dozens of teenagers have experienced similar symptoms. Some have even lost consciousness.

"They vaccinated me in May and I started fainting in August. My legs became heavy and I couldn't feel my hands anymore. When I woke up, I was in the hospital," recalled 15-year-old Eva Mercado.

She passed out seven times in a month.

For most of the families affected in this town of 67,000, there is no doubt about what is causing the problem.

They place the blame squarely on a vaccination campaign against HPV, one of the most common sexually transmitted diseases, which can trigger cervical cancer.

The city's modest Nuestra Senora del Carmen hospital has been overwhelmed by a surge of unconscious teenage girls being wheeled through its doors.

Panicked fathers bring their daughters to the facility aboard their motorcycles, using the town's dirt roads.

Doctors search, in vain, for possible cases of hypoglycemia or drug abuse.

According to hospital official Augusto Agamez, about 370 minors have checked into the facility. There



For the 15-year-old, it all started with headaches and backaches. Then her legs and hands gave in as well, forcing her mother to help her take baths.

The teenage girls affected by the mysterious malaise no longer go outside. Some don't even leave their homes.

"My daughter is not the same," said street vendor Jhon Jairo Mercaco, adding that, until now, his daughter had not been hospitalized since birth.

"I am desperate," said William Montes, a farmer who traveled down a mountain with his two daughters in a hammock to get them treated in town.

The epidemic has grabbed national headlines, and President Juan Manuel Santos has been forced to weigh in.

Insisting the HPV vaccination campaign was safe, Santos suggested the epidemic was no more than a "phenomenon of collective suggestion."

Those comments were met with tremendous anger in El Carmen de Bolivar, already shaken by Bogota's decades-long battle against the leftist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC).

In the 1980s, clashes pitting government forces against the leftist rebels killed about 100 people here.

US drug giant Merck, which makes the Gardasil vaccine, said it was "confident in the safety profile" of its product.

"We continue to monitor adverse events reporting and are following this situation closely," it said in a statement to AFP.

"Merck/MSD will continue to support the ministry's immunization and monitoring efforts in Colombia."

Health Minister Alejandro Gaviria was met with boos and burned tires during a recent visit.

While promising a series of measures -- gathering data on patients, setting up new tests, providing psychological counseling -- the minister stopped short of suspending the vaccinations.

"We have no reason to stop at this time," Gaviria said.

Those words failed to reassure parents whose family and professional life have been upended by an illness whose origins are still unknown.

"This is not collective hysteria or manipulation. If you see your daughter have these symptoms after a vaccination, what else would you blame?" asked Maria Veronica Romera, the mother of a weakened 13-year-old.

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was also one boy among them.

"There is no diagnosis or specific treatment," Agamez told AFP, stressing that the hospital was also helping families cope with the unknown illness.

When they come to, the young patients learn breathing techniques from nurses.

They also receive saline solution and oxygen. Once back on their feet, the girls go home -- until the next spell.

## 'NOT COLLECTIVE HYSTERIA'

"They brought me to the hospital 16 times last month," said Beatriz Martinez.

# Doctor horrified at media cover-up of vaccine science fraud

By Ethan A. Huff

(Natural News)

Outraged over the way the mainstream media has completely ignored the issue, board-certified family physician Dr. David Brownstein recently posted an alert for his readers warning them about the CDC's coverup of the link between the MMR vaccine and autism.

After reviewing the claims of CDC whistleblower Dr. William Thompson, Dr. Brownstein concluded that the CDC indeed lied and covered up data exposing MMR as potentially dangerous for boys under 36 months.

On August 27, 2014, Dr. Thompson, who worked as a high-level CDC scientist for nearly 20 years, issued a public letter admitting that he and fellow coworkers omitted statistically significant data showing that African American boys in particular are highly susceptible to autism when they receive the shot before three years of age. Dr. Thompson also confessed his complicity in failing to follow proper study protocol.

The story immediately blew up across the alternative media, with many parents of vaccine-injured children finally getting the answers that they had sought for years. But Dr. Thompson's confession and associated study, which proves that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention actively buried data linking MMR to autism, have barely received a nod from the corporate media machine, which is pretending that nothing happened.

"I regret that my coauthors and I omitted statistically significant information in our 2004 article published in the journal Pediatrics," wrote Dr. Thompson in his letter, denouncing the findings of a study which he helped conduct that supposedly disproved any link between MMR and autism. "The omitted data suggested that African American males who received the MMR vaccine before age 36 months were at increased risk for autism."

## Where is the media in reporting the MMR-autism link?

A holistic practitioner himself, Dr. Brownstein is familiar with vaccine-associated injuries, having helped numerous parents of vaccine-injured children find solutions to their health



problems. He's talked to countless parents who recount how the health of their otherwise healthy and normally developing children deteriorated immediately after getting their shots.

As far as the vaccine schedule is concerned, MMR just happens to have one of the worst track records for vaccine injuries, a fact repeatedly confirmed in the scientific literature. The work of famed gastroenterologist Dr. Andrew Wakefield, who discovered during the late 1990s an association between MMR and enterocolitis, is included among this.

"What is happening is a media blackout on the biggest scandal to hit medicine in recent times," wrote Dr. Brownstein. "What needs to be publicized is that all of our children, [sic] and especially African American, may be harmed when they receive a commonly prescribed childhood vaccine--the MMR vaccine-- before 36 months of age."

## All male children at increased risk of autism from MMR, CDC data reveals.

What is also going unreported is the fact that all children, including Caucasian children, are at an increased risk of autism from MMR. While African American children fared the worst in the CDC study, data from the same report indicates that all male children have a 69 percent increased risk of autism if they are jabbed with MMR before 36 months of age.

"The decline of our children's health should be a national priority that should be addressed by the highest levels of our government," added Dr. Brownstein, noting that one in 68 children aged eight years now suffers from autism, up from one in 150 back in 2000.

You can join the "#CDCwhistleblower" campaign to raise awareness about this major government coverup by visiting Twitter or Facebook.

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# FALSE SEX ABUSE ALLEGATIONS (VIDEO)

THERE IS AN EPIDEMIC SWEEPING THE COUNTRY THAT DEALS WITH FALSE SEX-ABUSE ALLEGATIONS - ESPECIALLY WHEN YOUNG CHILDREN ARE INVOLVED. AFTER AN ALLEGATION IS MADE, THE CHILD, WHO HAS SUPPOSEDLY BEEN ABUSED, IS INTERVIEWED BY AN ADVOCATE, A DETECTIVE, OR BOTH. THESE INTERVIEWERS OFTEN PROMOTE TO THE CHILD THAT THE APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR IS TO GIVE THEM THE INFORMATION THEY WANT, EVEN IF IT MIGHT NOT NECESSARILY BE THE TRUTH. THIS VIDEO EXPLAINS WHY, AND FEATURES ONE SUCH CASE OF ALLEGED FALSE CHARGES. ZANE IS IN PRISON FOR LIFE, PLUS 25 YEARS AND THE US~OBSERVER IS TRYING TO GET HIM A NEW TRIAL.

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By Lois Beckett

(NY Times) - Over the past two decades, the majority of Americans in a country deeply divided over gun control have coalesced behind a single proposition: The sale of assault weapons should be banned.

That idea was one of the pillars of the Obama administration's plan to curb gun violence, and it remains popular with the public. In a poll last December, 59 percent of likely voters said they favor a ban.

But in the 10 years since the previous ban lapsed, even gun control advocates acknowledge a larger truth: The law that barred the sale of assault weapons from 1994 to 2004 made little difference.

It turns out that big, scary military rifles don't kill the vast majority of the 11,000 Americans murdered with guns each year. Little handguns do.

In 2012, only 322 people were murdered with any kind of rifle, F.B.I. data shows.

The continuing focus on assault weapons stems from the media's obsessive focus on mass shootings, which disproportionately involve weapons like the AR-15, a civilian version of the military M16 rifle. This, in turn, obscures some grim truths about who is really dying from gunshots.

Annually, 5,000 to 6,000 black men are murdered with guns. Black men amount to only 6 percent of the population. Yet of the 30 Americans on average shot to death each day, half are black males.

It was much the same in the early 1990s when Democrats created and then banned a category of guns they called "assault weapons." America was then suffering from a spike in gun crime and it seemed like a problem threatening everyone. Gun murders each year had been climbing: 11,000, then 13,000, then 17,000.

Democrats decided to push for a ban of what seemed like the most dangerous guns in America: assault weapons, which were presented by the media as the gun of choice for drug dealers and criminals, and which many in law enforcement wanted to get off the streets.

This politically defined category of guns — a selection of rifles, shotguns and handguns with

they were associated by the public with self-defense. (In 2008, the Supreme Court said there was a constitutional right to keep a loaded handgun at home for self-defense.)

Banning sales of military-style weapons resonated with both legislators and the public: Civilians did not need to own guns designed for use in war zones.

On Sept. 13, 1994, President Bill Clinton signed an assault weapons ban into law. It barred the manufacture and sale of new guns with military features and magazines holding more than 10 rounds. But the law allowed those who already owned these guns — an estimated 1.5 million of them — to keep their weapons.

The policy proved costly. Mr. Clinton blamed the ban for Democratic losses in 1994. Crime fell, but when the ban expired, a detailed study found no proof that it had contributed to the decline.

The ban did reduce the number of assault weapons recovered by local police, to 1 percent from roughly 2 percent.

"Should it be renewed, the ban's effects on gun violence are likely to be small at best and perhaps too small for reliable measurement," a Department of Justice-funded evaluation concluded.

Still, the majority of Americans continued to support a ban on assault weapons.

One reason: The use of these weapons may be rare over all, but they're used frequently in the gun violence that gets the most media coverage, mass shootings.

The criminologist James Alan Fox at Northeastern University estimates that there have been an average of 100 victims killed each year in mass shootings over the past three decades. That's less than 1 percent of gun homicide victims.

But these acts of violence in schools and movie theaters have come to define the problem of gun violence in America.

Most Americans do not know that gun homicides have decreased by 49 percent since 1993 as violent crime also fell, though rates of gun homicide in the United States are still much higher than those in other developed nations. A Pew survey conducted after the

**The Assault Weapon Myth**

"military-style" features — only figured in about 2 percent of gun crimes nationwide before the ban.

Handguns were used in more than 80 percent of murders each year, but gun control advocates had failed to interest enough of the public in a handgun ban. Handguns were the weapons most likely to kill you, but

mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., found that 56 percent of Americans believed wrongly that the rate of gun crime was higher than it was 20 years ago.

Even as homicide rates have held steady or declined for most Americans over the last decade, for black men the rate has sometimes risen. But it took a handful of mass shootings in 2012 to put gun control back on Congress's agenda.

AFTER Sandy Hook, President Obama introduced an initiative to reduce gun violence. He laid out a litany of tragedies: the children of Newtown, the moviegoers of Aurora, Colo. But he did not mention gun violence among black men.

To be fair, the president's first legislative priority after Sandy Hook was universal background checks, a measure that might have shrunk the market for illegal guns used in many urban shootings. But Republicans in Congress killed that effort. The next proposal on his list was reinstating and "strengthening" bans on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. It also went nowhere.

"We spent a whole bunch of time and a whole bunch of political capital yelling and screaming about assault weapons," Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu of New Orleans said. He called it a "zero sum political fight about a symbolic weapon."

Mr. Landrieu and Mayor Michael A. Nutter of Philadelphia are founders of Cities United, a network of mayors trying to prevent the deaths of young black men. "This is not just a gun issue, this is an unemployment issue, it's a poverty issue, it's a family issue, it's a culture of violence issue," Mr. Landrieu said.

More than 20 years of research funded by the Justice Department has found that programs to target high-risk people or places, rather than targeting certain kinds of guns, can reduce gun violence.

David M. Kennedy, the director of the Center for Crime Prevention and Control at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, argues that the issue of gun violence can seem enormous and intractable without first addressing poverty or drugs. A closer look at the social networks of neighborhoods most afflicted, he says, often shows that only a small number of men drive most of the violence. Identify them and change their behavior, and it's possible to have an immediate impact.

Working with Professor Kennedy, and building on successes in other cities, New Orleans is now identifying the young men most at risk and intervening to help them get jobs. How well this strategy will work in the long term remains to be seen.

But it's an approach based on an honest assessment of the real numbers.

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**Aurora Shooting Victim's Parents Target Ammo Suppliers**

By Kate Seamons



James Holmes

(NEWSER) — James Holmes is a "patently dangerous homicidal man" who should never have been able to buy thousands of rounds of ammunition, tear gas, and body armor, argues a suit filed Monday, September 16, against four companies that supplied the accused Aurora, Colo., movie theater shooter with those items. The suit was filed by the parents of Jessica Ghawi, who was 24 when she was



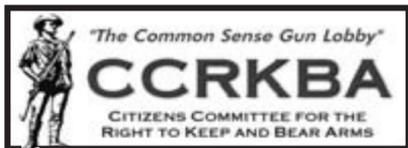
The parents of Jessica Ghawi

killed in the attack. It argues that "the defendants did not make reasonable inquiries into Holmes' purchases, nor did the defendants take any extra precautions when selling Holmes weapons, accessories, and ammunition, or ask Holmes why he wanted the items." It paints the companies as "negligently and unlawfully" supplying him with those items.

The Denver Post reports B u l k A m m o . c o m ,

B u l l e t P r o o f B o d y A r m o r H Q . c o m , sportmansguide.com, and BTP Arms are the named defendants in the suit, which seeks to have the companies halt their sales until screening methods can be revamped. "A company should not be able to sell tear gas with the same procedures used to sell a pair of shoes," says a lawyer with the Brady Center, which helped file the suit. The AP sees the lawsuit as one that "renews the gun control debate in the courts at a time when advocates of tighter restrictions have been relatively quiet in state and national politics, wary of motivating gun-rights voters to turn out in greater numbers."

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## Is Your Ex Turning Your Child Against You?

By Joseph E. Cordell

(Huffington Post) - When a divorce involves minor children, their best interests must be kept as a top priority throughout the dissolution process and continuing after the divorce is final.

It is widely accepted that children are far better off maintaining a healthy relationship with both parents when there are no signs of neglect or abuse.

With almost 25 years experience representing men in divorce with Cordell & Cordell, I have witnessed many cases where one of the parents will let their own feelings obstruct the development of a relationship between their children and ex, which can result in parental alienation.

Parental alienation, while a relatively new concept, has quickly become recognized as a genuine condition that is extremely detrimental to the mental health of children.

Through psychological manipulation, the alienating parent fosters and encourages rejection of the other parent. This can be done subtly and unintentionally through occasional belittling comments, to active and malicious “brainwashing” with the intent to replace any love the child may have for the other parent with hate.

Alienation can be cataclysmic during such an emotional time as divorce.

The children are trying to comprehend why their parents will no longer be together, and the younger they are, the more likely they are to cling to whatever they are told. This creates a perfect situation for a vindictive parent who is wrapped up in their own emotions to warp the perceptions of their children.

In most situations, the primary custodial parent is the leading offender in contributing to parental alienation. This overwhelmingly makes non-custodial fathers the targets due to the fact that the overwhelming majority of custody disputes result in mothers receiving primary custody.

Since the children spend more time with the primary parent, the mother usually has more of an opportunity to spread her influence. While the

alienating parent may not intend to hurt their children, this can have extremely negative consequences on their well-being and is more common than you might think.

Recent studies have found that some level of parental alienation can be found in 11-15 percent of divorces involving children, and that severe alienation can be classified as abuse (though it is often overlooked).

Children can suffer from many issues that hamper development during their most impressionable years, including depression, low self-esteem, trust issues, and an increased risk of developing substance abuse problems. In severe cases where one parent actively contributes to alienating the other, it becomes what is known as Parental Alienation Syndrome (PAS).

While it has long been debated whether PAS is an actual clinical condition, the most recent version American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental



Disorders finally added a section under the child psychological abuse category called parent-child relational problem that encompasses PAS:

*“Non-accidental verbal or symbolic acts by a child's parent or caregiver that result, or have reasonable potential to result, in significant psychological harm to the child.”*

By rewording the definition with and creating a new title, the ADA was able to circumvent the controversy and criticism from women's advocacy groups PAS has endured since the term was first developed in the 1980s.

While PAS is still not officially recognized, the subject has become more popularized as it makes its way into the mainstream. However, it is

incredibly difficult to diagnose, even harder to reverse and still challenging to get taken seriously in court.

There are many signs that your children may be suffering from parental alienation, but a couple warnings to watch out for include:

- Your ex does everything in their power to deny your parenting time and actively tries to cut you off from your child.
- You receive limited information about your children, such as how they are performing in school, or few updates on any medical issues.
- The child will be made to feel guilty or fears rejection/consequences from the alienating parent if they show affection toward you.
- Your child, who before the divorce had a perfectly healthy relationship with you, is now distant and is uninterested in speaking to you.
- Your child comes up with trivial excuses for skipping your allotted visitation time.

This can be a heartbreaking situation for a loving parent to go through, and what makes it even worse is the lack of ramifications in court. It takes extensive testing and a specialized mental health expert familiar with PAS to make a diagnosis, and even then, it often won't carry much weight with the judge.

If you have a legitimate concern your child is suffering from parental alienation, then your best option is to continue completing or exceeding every parental obligation you have and seek the help of a psychologist familiar with this condition.

While separating couples can obviously harbor animosity towards each other, it is your duty to protect your children from the fallout of divorce. Even sarcastic comments about your ex made in passing can be damaging to your children's psyche, and it is extremely detrimental their mental health when it gets to the level of PAS.

You have a responsibility to do what is best for your kids, and that means encouraging a positive relationship with your ex -- despite how you may feel about them.

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## Tax refunds cut for Obamacare recipients

By Susan Tompor

(Detroit Free Press) - A significant benefit of the Affordable Care Act is the opportunity to receive money-saving tax credits up front to cut the overall cost of health insurance, but now hundreds of thousands of consumers could owe back some of that money next April.

Those affected took advance payments of the premium tax credit for health insurance. Some married couples could owe \$600 or \$1,500 or \$2,500 or even more. It might feel like a raw deal for some who are already suffocating under the escalating costs of health insurance.

“Health insurance is confusing enough, and now they're adding the complexities of the Tax Code,” said Lorena Bencsik, a member of the Michigan Association of CPAs and owner of Prime Numbers in Ferndale.

When you file that 2014 tax return next year, the Internal Revenue Service will compare your actual income for the year with the amount you estimated when applying for exchange-based health insurance under the health insurance law.

The next open enrollment period begins Nov. 15. But notices were sent this week to some consumers whose incomes don't match up to such things as 2012 tax return information.

On Monday, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services said at least 279,000 households reported incomes that still don't match what the government has on record. Supporting documents are needed by Sept. 30.

What can you do to avoid tax-time problems?

Experts say people need to realize early on that they should report changes in income and other changes in one's life, such as a marriage, throughout the year. See HealthCare.gov to report “income and life changes.”

Of course, many people may have no idea that they'd need to report changes.

The IRS put out some more details on the issue mid-month.

What should you report? A move, an increase or decrease in income, a marriage or divorce, the birth or adoption of a child, whether you started a job that offers health insurance and whether you gained or lost eligibility for other health care coverage.

Best spots for information: HealthCare.gov and IRS.gov/aca.

Karen Pollitz, senior fellow with the Kaiser Family Foundation, said many people who qualify for these tax credits aren't working 9-to-5 jobs with regular salaries. So guesstimating one's income for the coming year can be very tough.

“It's people in transition. Maybe they're in and out of work,” she said. Or maybe they're self-employed.



People who lose a job would want to report that change during the year, as well, because that change can lead to a higher advance payment for the credit.

“Life changes can drive tax changes,” said Mark Steber, chief tax officer for Jackson Hewitt Tax Service.

Steber stressed that people need to make sure to update information via HealthCare.gov or their state insurance exchanges.

The Kaiser Family Foundation site has a calculator to help figure out potential tax credits, based on one's situation.

Premium tax credits are available to individuals and families with incomes between 100% of the federal poverty line (\$23,550 for a family of four this year) and 400% of the federal poverty line (\$94,200 for a family of four) who purchase coverage in the health insurance marketplace in their state.

The tax credits are paid directly to the insurer, if taken in advance. People are not required to take the entire credit in advance. Realistically, if you cannot afford insurance, you'd need some credit in advance.

To be sure, there are some caps on the amount filers must pay back and the cap is based on household income. The cap ranges from \$300 to \$1,250 for some single taxpayers and \$600 to \$2,500 for married taxpayers, again based on income.

But if the income is 400% or more above the poverty line, there is no cap and the taxpayer must pay back the full amount.

Rules exist for qualifying for the premium tax credit: You must buy health insurance through the marketplace; you're not eligible for coverage through an employer or government plan; your income must be within certain limits; you do not file a married-filing-separately federal tax return (unless you meet certain exceptions, such as victims of domestic abuse and spousal abandonment) and you cannot be claimed as a dependent by another person.

The actual credit would vary based on how close you are to the federal poverty level, your age, the size of your family and where you live.

Sadly, it's fair to say some people will see some unexpected, unpleasant surprises on their tax returns next year.

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## Here Comes A New Revenue Collector: The Text Message Detector Gun

By Jay Symopoulos

(FreeThoughtProject.com) - A Virginia company, ComSonics, is working on development of a device that detects radio frequencies that come from a cell phone inside of a car, according to the Virginia-Pilot.

Text messages emit unique frequencies that differ from the radio waves emitted by other activities on a phone. This new device would allow officers to determine if someone were texting from inside the vehicle.

Texting while driving is outlawed in 44 states so this radar gun like device would be a welcome addition to many law enforcement agencies around the country.



ComSonics manager, Malcolm McIntyre, said the text-detecting gun is “close to production,” but that it still needs to gain legal approval for law enforcement agencies to utilize it.

This technology seems ripe for abuse by law enforcement, as anyone in the car could be texting not simply the driver. Regardless, the device would alert officers that texting was happening. Would that then equate to reasonable suspicion to stop a vehicle?

In addition, if a person is utilizing hands free texting, the radio waves emitted would still be the same but it's clearly not breaking the law.

If history is any indicator, what this would mean is that any time officers detect texting in a vehicle, regardless of who was texting, the car would be pulled over and the occupants questioned.

Officers are constantly looking for any excuse to make contact with individuals in an attempt question people as a means of starting a criminal investigation. They want to search people's cars and will use any excuse possible to get their proverbial foot in the door.

It seems that this technology is simply another means to rob the hard working American taxpayers and to allow stops of vehicles that wouldn't otherwise be subject to stop by law enforcement.

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By Ben Swann

For those who believe in marijuana and cannabis freedom, the future has never been brighter. Right now there is an awakening to the benefits of cannabis for medicinal purposes, specifically something called CBD oil. But is the new CBD craze being manipulated by media and politicians? If it weren't we wouldn't need to do a show about it.

The first step toward truth is to be informed.

CBD Oil... you've probably heard of it by now. Thanks to CNN's Dr. Sanjay Gupta, and his special report "Weed" millions are now aware of the cannabinoid rich oil being used to help children in Colorado with epilepsy. Especially this one little girl Charlotte Figgy after whom the Charlotte's Web strain of cannabis has been named.

I wanted to learn what CBD oil and the push behind it is all about so I traveled to Denver, Colorado. Home to legalized marijuana and the Stanley brothers, the family behind the charlottes web strain of cannabis oil.

The Stanley's were the ones to prove in Charlotte Figgy's case that CBD rich cannabis oil can prevent seizures in children.

"We have this strain that we were going to use for cancer patients because studies have shown that CBD helps stop the metastasizing of cancer. We went ahead and tried it and after she (Charlotte Figgy) had it a week she went a week seizure free" says Jesse Stanley.

Charlotte Figgy's life was transformed by CBD oil. Now to understand what is unique about CBD oil, you have to understand what a cannabinoid is.

In marijuana there are multiple cannabinoids including THC, CBD, CBN, CBA, THCA, THCB and over 160 other compounds in the plant including terpenes from the plant that create the most effective medicine.

To be clear, in order to get a high from cannabis you need a high level of one cannabinoid, THC. Again, just one particular cannabinoid. In the Stanley's case they began growing cannabis with lower THC and higher CBD.



Making CBD Oil

"CBD is known to be a neuro-protectant, it is also one of the few things that causes neuro-genesis. So its not just seizures that this helps in epileptics, it is auto-immune disorders whether that's cancer, crohn's, lupus, there are so many different types of things" says Stanley.

Today, in the stunningly short time since Charlotte Figgy's story became famous, the Stanley's have thousands of patients on a waiting list for their CBD oil. In fact there are thousands of families who have already traveled to Colorado for this CBD oil and thousands more on the way. They are called cannabis refugees.

All of that has led to other states wanting to legalize CBD oil. The governor of Utah signed a CBD bill into law legalizing possession of the oil. A bill in Alabama has passed the legislature and is awaiting the governors signature. Lawmakers in Kentucky, Florida, South Carolina, Wisconsin and other states have or will consider CBD bills this year.

"We're at 20 states right now, so you already have twenty laws on the books that the people wanted or the people's representatives wanted" says Mark Slaugh of iComply, a Denver based company which is fighting to keep small growers compliant with state regulation on marijuana. There are eight strict guidelines that must be followed. Mark says states are jumping on board with CBD but not with marijuana.

"I think what most politicians don't realize when they start trying to play where the puck was and not where the puck is going to be is that regulating just one compound greatly underserves most of the patients who really need this medicine. So along the lines of medical efficacy it isn't reasonable" says Slaugh.

The reality that Mark addresses is how media and politicians are jumping on the CBD train because it doesn't get you high, but they are ignoring some very important medical facts about cannabinoids.

I talked with Shona Bonda about this very issue.

"I was diagnosed with crohn's disease. In my first year I had my first bowl resection and i went downhill after that. My immune system recognized that there was something wrong and it essentially attacked itself." "You're in pain constantly and you can't think straight. It's hard to go through your day to day life when all you can do is think about pain. It is a terrible disease" says Bonda.

Shona's condition was so bad that her teeth literally became soft and the roof of her mouth had turned black. She couldn't stand and says she parented her children from the couch. Described a like having a stomach flu every day for years, despite all the medications and doctors, Shona was rotting from the inside out.

Her break came when she saw the YouTube documentary "Run From The Cure" by Rick Simpson which explained how to extract CBD and THC oil from marijuana. Shona had started smoking marijuana just to be able to function but she wasn't getting better. Shona's husband at the time wanted to get her a vaporizer... but that vaporizer became the road to so much more.

"He went and got me a very old fashioned vaporizer from the 1970's. I was reading a book and I pinched off the tube for way too long and oil started forming on the dome. So he went and got a rubber spatula and I started scraping off the oil three times a day and I started putting whatever I could get into a gel cap. Within three days I didn't need my cane anymore to walk and I started healing quite rapidly. So rapidly that I started to write in a journal" says Bonda.

That journal would become the book, "Live Free or Die", Shona's mantra for her own life and the lives of the people she continues to educate across the country on the benefits of cannabis oil.

But politicians and media are making CBD oil into the good kind of cannabis while arguing that THC is the bad kind of cannabis. While that is not how any of this works, that is the case that is subtly being made.

As that happens, two forces will likely come into play. One, in order to push the market away from small sellers and harvesters of CBD oil, states and the feds will likely create a regulatory climate that is so difficult to manage, they will, through cronyism force CBD oil into the hands of a few, which in turn limits supply and forces the price to rise considerably.

Two, big pharmaceutical companies will be putting out a "safe", "legitimate" form of CBD oil. That is already starting to happen.

"GWB pharmaceuticals out of Great Britain has been producing Evaz which is a 50/50 blend of CBD and THC. They have no real research behind whether or not 50/50 is even the right ratio and they certainly don't include the other terpenes and other chemical compounds from the cannabis plant. So we could see the bone tossed to the pharmaceutical dog, its certainly a possibility but i think that if more people would take a stand for de-scheduling marijuana, regulating it in a manner similar to alcohol is really the best model to move forward with" says Mark Slaugh.

What you need to know, is where the U.S. government actually stands on this issue. Cannabis, marijuana, is today still a Schedule 1 Drug. That means, according to our government it has no medicinal use and has a high potential for abuse. Does our government really believe that? No. In 1999, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services filed for a patent for the use of cannabinoids for medicinal purposes.

Also in 1999, HHS filed for a second patent, specifically for cannabis oil for the treatment of disease. That's right, our government through the taxpayer funded Department of Health and Human Services holds two patents on cannabinoids and cannabis oil to treat certain diseases like alzheimer's and auto-immune diseases like crohn's.

Meanwhile, our government through taxpayer funded agencies like the Department of Justice pursue, arrest and imprison Americans who would attempt to access or use cannabis oil to heal their own bodies. Because in public they claim cannabis oil is not medicine and in private they seek to own the rights to that medicine.

Truth means that Humanity is Greater than Politics. ★★★

## NewsWithViews.com Publisher Honored with 'Fount of Freedom'

By Jim Kouri  
Senior Political News Writer

(NWW) Grants Pass, OR. — "Truth is UNIVERSAL. Everyone can recognize it, but some reject it. Truth and honesty unite, while lies and deception divide. Bear in mind that Truth is hate to those that hate the Truth." – Paul Walter, Editor of NewsWithViews.com

The Oregonian who founded a news and commentary publication on the Internet in 2001, Paul Walter, was honored in Washington, D.C., at a star-studded ceremony held by top conservative Beltway attorneys last weekend.

Emord & Associates awarded their coveted "Fount of Freedom Award" to NewsWithViews Publisher and Editor-in-Chief Paul Walter for his "establishing a successful medium for the dissemination of news and analysis in defense of individual liberty." The award was given by Genesis Communications Network Talk Show host Erskine.

The constitution-based legal firm honored Walter at its 20th Anniversary Gala on September 5 and 6, 2014 during their "Sacred Fire of Liberty" event held at the Hyatt Regency Resort in Cambridge, Maryland, not far from the nation's capital.

Besides Paul Walter, and his wife, former motion picture actress Yutte Stensgaard, participants and guests included well-known conservatives and libertarians in politics, news media, and civil/criminal law. Among the speakers were Fox News Channel's Washington Correspondent Jim Angle who gave the keynote speech; former Treasurer of the United States and daughter of conservative icon Pat Buchanan, Bay Buchanan; Young Americas Foundation Vice President, former Chairwoman of the Republican Party of Virginia, and Fox News Contributor Kate Obenshain; New York Times Best Selling Author and Fox News Contributor Tammy Bruce; Featured speaker was Cheryl K. Chumley and Campaign for Liberty Vice President of Policy Norman Singleton.

According to the committee's chairman, Jonathan Emord, each decade his law firm assigns attorneys to be part of an awards committee and solicits nominations of those who have distinguished themselves by their achievements in fields of nutrition science, integrative medicine, product innovation, public policy, and journalism.

"Nominations are vetted by our Awards Committee and then voted upon, resulting in the selection of a few individuals richly deserving of accolades for their extraordinary achievements," according to Attorney Emord.

"NewsWithViews.com is dedicated to revealing lies, innuendo and agendas - wherever they may be. Our political affiliations are not to the left or the right, but to what is right and true," according to the honoree Paul Walter.

"Our aim is to enlighten, educate and awaken people to the real issues facing this country and the world today," he said.

Under Paul Walter's leadership NewsWithViews.com began publishing in June of 2001. A Constitution-defending conservative, Mr. Walter noticed the Internet was awash in a sea of websites that were mouthpieces or sycophants for the establishment Republican Party, the liberal-left Democratic Party, as well as the feminist movement, the environmental movement, etc.

NewsWithViews.com' mission statement includes the proposition that "Truth is UNIVERSAL. Everyone can recognize it, but some reject it. Truth and honesty unite, while lies and deception divide. Bear in mind that Truth is hate to those that hate the Truth."

Paul Walter has made certain that NewsWithViews.com remains a voice of reason and patriotism while not allowing its affiliation with any religious organizations or political groups. "We believe in God and our Lord Jesus Christ the Savior of mankind," Mr. Walter has often said.

Paul Walter, born in a socialist communist country, immigrated with his family to United States (legally) in 1958. He served in the U.S. armed forces in Germany during the Cuban Missile crisis under President John F. Kennedy's administration. He has firsthand knowledge of how Communism works. "It's hell because they turn the people against each other... they divide, then conquer and rule, and they don't believe in God either." says Mr. Walter

Paul Walter published a 114 year old history book that was discovered by accident that contains the complete banking history of how the "Banksters" took over the United States, and how European Marxists have taken over influential American universities and seminary schools in the 1800's, titled: The Coming Battle.

"With a lawless federal government, a corrupt tax system, greedy political leaders who place profits above patriotism, and a news media that has little regard for the First Amendment and honest journalism, it's up to the American people to effect change as it was understood by our founding fathers," said the award winning Walter. ★★★



Paul Walter



Paul with his wife Yutte

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

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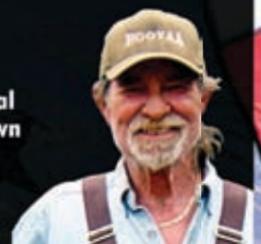


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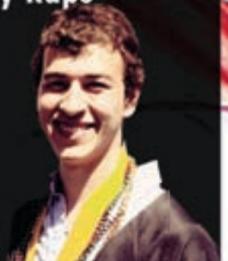


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