



GOVERNMENT SPOTLIGHT



Jackson County, Oregon's Code Enforcement Corruption Officer Jason Zanni Assisting

By Edward Snook Investigative Reporter



Officer Jason Zanni

Jackson County, Oregon - Curt Chancler, long time Rogue Valley businessman and owner of Curt Chancler Transmission is under attack from Jackson County Development Services (Code Enforcement).

Mr. Chancler has been doing business on Table Rock Road for almost 40 years, yet he received a citation from Jackson County Code Enforcement Officer Jason Zanni, claiming that Jackson County had no record of the existence of Mr. Chancler's business.

Chancler stated, "How funny, I have

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SHERIFF: This Land is Our Land, Feds Have No Jurisdiction!



By Ron Lee US-Observer

In this climate it is utterly unheard of to have any official stand against the federal government. Typically, they stand

with them - their hand out for more federal grants - no matter how much the federal government violates the U.S. Constitution and infringes on the public. Thankfully there are those few who take their oaths of office and to the Constitution, with sincerity, and instead they choose to fight for the people; fight for what is true and just. They are people like Maricopa County, Arizona, Sheriff Joe Arpaio, those who sign up to become oath keepers, former Sheriff Richard Mack and, of course, Josephine County Sheriff Gil Gilbertson; whose own fight against a runaway, power-grabbing, forestry service is just the tip of an iceberg Gilbertson is hauling into warmer waters.

With the USFS closing roads on county public lands, enforcement officers overstepping their legal jurisdiction and tens of thousands of acres of the county's public land being usurped through the creation of national forests and monuments for the "protection" of the environment, Gilbertson is taking it on himself to protect the people - the ones often forgotten.

When asked why he has taken up this fight, Sheriff Gilbertson



Sheriff Gil Gilbertson fighting to keep USFS from exercising unconstitutional jurisdiction in Josephine County, Oregon.

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Industrial Hemp Production The Revolution America Needs to Prosper

By Devvy Kidd



It seems all we hear is more begging for Congress to create jobs. There is no authority for Congress to create jobs other than those critically essential to support the military, the courts, congressional overhead and in areas specifically enumerated under Art. 1, Sec. 8 in a supporting role. As we can all see over the decades, pork spending creates nothing but more debt. Stealing from all of us, not to create jobs, but give the illusion the voter sanctioned criminal syndicate out in Washington, DC, is "doing something."

The Outlaw Congress, one after another for decades, have done nothing but kill MILLIONS of jobs through destructive, unconstitutional trade treaties and agencies handing down more and more draconian regulations thereby choking private industry to



death. That means your representatives and mine are part of the problem.

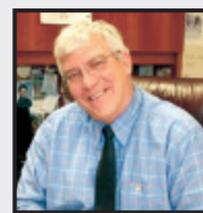
The solutions to many of our economic problems have been ignored for years by these

crooks in Congress, and yes, I even mean the "conservatives" like Speaker John Boehner, Eric Cantor and others. With a split body, the Republicans can only do so much as far as

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Prosecutor Violates Law Actions Condoned by Judge Neilson

By Joseph Snook Investigative Reporter



Judge Neilson

Prineville, OR. - On July 13, 2011, Jerry Keller of Prineville, Oregon was denied a jury trial for crimes he allegedly committed on March 11, 2010.

The charges were interfering with a firefighter and disorderly conduct - both misdemeanor crimes under Oregon law.

Keller, in an attempt to prove his innocence, sought the help of numerous attorneys, media, friends, and family.

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Josiah Telles Acquitted of Felonies Attorney Saves Innocent Man



Josiah Telles

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Vancouver City's Severe Abuse - Doctor Files Amended Complaint



By Edward Snook Investigative Reporter

Vancouver, WA - On September 23, 2011 an Amended Complaint was filed in the case of Kathy Marshack vs City of Vancouver. A hearing is scheduled in Clark County Superior Court on October 14, 2011 regarding the complaint.

Since 2004, Dr. Marshack has experienced threatening phone calls and emails, spurious code

enforcement citations, video-stalking, cyber-stalking, lawsuits, assault and battery, false arrests and malicious defamation. The Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, Police, the Columbian Newspaper owner, and several of Dr. Marshack's neighbors have reportedly terrorized her and her family for years, and still to this day. Read the detailed history of

Marshack's struggle to protect herself at www.usobserver.com.

Marshack settled her lawsuits with the vindictive and dangerous neighbors who targeted her because she refused to allow them to trample her property rights to easements allowing her access from her property to the Columbia River. She now is attempting to hold the City of Vancouver WA responsible for the acts of near-terrorism that they have leveled at her since 2004.

Claims from Marshack's Amended Complaint

"Plaintiff Kathy Marshack was previously married to Howard Marshack, an attorney at law practicing in the City of Vancouver. In 2002 divorce proceedings were initiated between plaintiff and Howard Marshack. During the course of the proceedings, a dispute arose

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Spotlight:



Michael Minns

Lawyer Michael Minns fights for client long after trial ends

Letter from Michael Minns:

I send this message for personal selfish reasons, I don't want Jim to die. We have had many family members who had this same type of cancer... so it is personal in many ways.

Sadly, our health care system does not support many important and patriotic Americans, so the burden must fall on the rest of us. Jim gave to our country... and in return, our country prosecuted him and his wife for a decade. After a jury freed him and his wife from a decade of government sponsored torture, Jim found out he had cancer.

Do what you will and what is appropriate for you... prayers are good too.

Thank You,
Michael Minns

THE STORY

The family and friends of Jim Moran are uniting to raise funds to help Jim fight the battle against Prostate Cancer.

Our Prayer is for you to consider helping us with daily medical expenses to fund a trip to Dr. James W. Forsythe's Cancer Treatment Center for a 3 week treatment session in Reno, NV. The donations would be to help Jim Moran, who does not have Health Insurance - fight the fight for his life over Prostate Cancer.

Jim, who is currently 63 years old, was diagnosed with

Prostate Cancer while he and his wife Pamela, were desperately fighting for justice and their freedom, due to a wrongful indictment against them from the IRS. After 7 years and 2 Federal trials and one Federal Appeals, with the help of Lead Attorney Michael Minns of Houston, Texas, and his team, Rain Minns of Austin, TX, Peter Mair and Jon Zulauf of Seattle, WA, who donated much of their time, Jim and his wife Pamela, were finally acquitted of all charges - Google "64 felonies beaten". It is strongly believed this severe ongoing stress with the justice system and IRS caused serious health issues - one being prostate cancer for Jim.



Jim and wife Pamela Moran

Financially, the years of litigation took a high toll on Jim and Pamela's finances, using all of their savings, retirement funds and credit card limits to fight this legal battle. During these years, due to the ongoing stress, Jim's PSA levels continued to rise to a critical point, and he is now in stage 4 Prostate Cancer. The visit to Dr. James Forsythe's Cancer Center in Reno, NV offers treatment for Prostate Cancer, with a success rate of over 80%. Along with the success rate, however, comes the high cost of treatment. Funds are needed for the daily treatments, daily living expenses while at the clinic, along with travel from Colorado to Reno, NV and back home again.

Jim has lead an honorable life, serving in the US Navy, being part of the Apollo 11 Moon Recovery Team aboard the USS Hornet; also serving 2 tours of duty in Vietnam. He has been a

minister of the Gospel for over 38 years, with two sons currently pastoring churches of their own; one in Colorado and one in North Carolina, and a daughter married to a minister in San Francisco, CA. Jim has 5 children, and 9 grandchildren who are looking forward to having Jim at their graduations and weddings.

Your generous giving to help fund this trip to the Cancer Center would be deeply appreciated by Jim and his wife, Pamela. They have always been givers to others during their lives. Now, due to this life threatening disease, Jim finds himself in desperate need of financial assistance during this most trying time in his life.

Our prayer is that you would join us in this fight for Jim's life, and help support this worthy trip to the Cancer Center. Any amount you could donate would be deeply appreciated.

If you have any questions or suggestions, or just need to contact a representative of the family, please call Pamela Moran (Jim's wife) at 970-208-2484 or email her at pjmoran@skybeam.com

If you want to send a donation by mail, please send checks to :

Pamela Moran
236 S. 3rd Street
PMB 216
Montrose, CO 81401

or online at: <http://www.giveforward.com/cancerfreejim>

May God richly bless you for your generous contributions. Your support through your prayers and thoughts are also deeply appreciated. Together, with God's help, we believe we will win this battle over cancer once and for all, and Jim will be cancer free! THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH! ★★★

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Keller stated, "What has happened to me is a complete abuse of our legal system. The only crimes committed in my case were by our government."

Crook County Prosecutor Daina Vitolin's continued to pursue Keller's charges, despite outrage from local residents and evidence proving Keller's innocence from the US-Observer. The facts and public exposure allegedly caused Vitolin's to not only further violate Jerry Keller's rights, but also her own rules under ORS (Oregon Revised Statutes). Other reports have also indicated that Vitolin's could very well have been involved in Jerry's charges well before a prosecutor should.

While reading the police report taken by officer Jordan Zamora, I found some of the questions Zamora asked the reported victim, BLM (Bureau of Land Management) employee Benjamin Renfro falling directly in line with what Keller was charged with - "I asked Benjamin if he felt obstructed from doing his job?" said Zamora. ORS 166.025 - Interfering with a Firefighter states, "...Obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic on a public way..." Zamora's police report containing the questions he asked Keller would lead any prudent person to question whether or not Zamora's interview with Renfro was scripted by District Attorney Vitolin's well before any charges were filed against him.

In an earlier article, we disclosed the fact that Renfro's wife works in Vitolin's office as her assistant, which strongly bolsters my belief that the criminal justice system in Prineville, Oregon conducted a conspired

false arrest and prosecution of Jerry Keller.

Other questions, which can be viewed in the police report, when compared to the charges, and Jerry's statements lead me to believe that not only was Jerry unaware he was talking to a firefighter, he never obstructed vehicular or pedestrian traffic, which was confirmed by Jerry's wife Brenda, the only other witness besides Renfro. Two witness statements tell that Renfro was not wearing any sort of uniform recognized as a firefighter, nor was his Hummer equipped with any kind of equipment that is associated with firefighting.

As July 19, 2011 neared, prosecutor Vitolin's actions told a story of how a prosecutor obstructed justice to prevent a jury from acquitting an innocent man. Finally, Jerry Keller was informed that his CRIMINAL charges were being reduced to two violations, which are not crimes under Oregon Law, and therefore he wouldn't be allowed a jury trial. The dropped criminal charges occurred just days after the US-Observer published an article that factually told the story of Keller's false arrest.

He went to trial before Judge George W. Neilson on July 19, 2011 and was convicted of one violation, acquitted of the other and fined \$100.00 - lower than most traffic offences. The \$100.00 fine is below the \$250.00 fine that would allow him to appeal Judge Neilson's decision. Keller's fine was obviously a foregone conclusion, showing Neilson to be an intricate participant in the conspiracy to deprive Keller of equal protection, due process and therefore justice.



Jerry Keller

Reflecting back on 18 months since Keller's alleged violation, Keller stated that he "was in court with his third attorney and fourth court appearance before his charges were dropped and he was no longer given the title - criminal." He continued, "I am upset that they still got one over on me with a violation, but I am not a criminal, and that title will not be associated with my name."

How did District Attorney Daina Vitolin's reportedly violate her own rules under Oregon Law? Below is ORS 161.566, which is the statute Vitolin's used to illegally reduce Keller's charges. Note that her misuse of the law was readily rubber-stamped by Judge George W. Neilson.

161.566 - Misdemeanor treated as violation

(1) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, a prosecuting attorney may elect to treat any misdemeanor as a Class A violation. The election must be made by the prosecuting attorney orally at the time of the first appearance of the defendant or in writing filed on or before the time scheduled for the first appearance of the defendant. If no election is made within the time allowed, the case shall proceed as a misdemeanor.

Subsection 4 only refers to eluding or attempting to flee police officers and driving under the influence.

Keller stated that at no time until his fourth court appearance was such an offer made. Keller is currently enjoying his crime free record, and stated that his "plans to pursue this matter further - aren't over."

Keller recently sought reimbursement for a retainer that was paid to one of his previous attorney's, Foster Glass of Bend, Oregon. According to Keller, Attorney Foster Glass "malpracticed" him. Keller has since filed a bar complaint against Glass with the Oregon State Bar. ★★★

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Josiah Telles Acquitted of Serious Felonies Leuenberger Saves Innocent Man

By Edward Snook
Investigative Journalist

Marion County, Oregon - In September of 2009, Josiah Telles was arrested and transported to the Marion County Jail on numerous Assault and Sex Abuse Charges, Sodomy, Kidnapping and a myriad of lesser charges. Josiah had been held in custody for about 1 year and 9 months before his trial. He was released from custody about 3 months before trial.



Atty. James Leuenberger

On September 8, 2011, a jury acquitted Telles of Salem, Oregon. A juror reported that it took them only 5 minutes to find Josiah not guilty of all the serious sex and violence counts.

"I am Innocent"

On September 2, 2009, stripper Guadalupe Pacheco Saenz lied to law enforcement about her boyfriend Josiah Telles. She told Marion County Sheriffs Deputies that he had tortured and sodomized her for 4 hours.

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said, "My duty lies in the oath that I took to protect and serve the people of Josephine County, state law and the Constitution, and their [federal government] agencies are infringing on all of the above. It's that simple.

"Look, much suffering occurred and many lives were sacrificed to make this great country what it is today; many sadly take this horrific loss for granted. A Republic form of government can be long-term but only if we maintain a system of checks and balance.

"Once we allow a runaway centralized government to weaken and/or erode the rights enumerated in our Constitution and Bill of Rights, we risk losing it all. Our government is rapidly approaching a socialistic posture; and seemingly, changing our life, as we knew it, through 'federally imposed REGULATIONS'."

The US~Observer has obtained a letter written by Gilbertson discussing jurisdiction. We are choosing to print it in its entirety.

Furthermore, the US~Observer would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Gilbertson for doing what he said he would - protect the County's people, no matter what.

Gilbertson's letter:

Federal Jurisdiction within a State

The ultimate goal of this document is to identify true jurisdictional authority of the Federal Government, examine how the powers of individual States are usurped by federal agencies, and examine how the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens within the State are undermined; as well as, provide a positive and equitable solution.

Soon after declaring independence from the British Crown, the original Colonies established themselves as sovereign and separate nations. In fact, so independent were they it caused an unforeseen rift between the states in terms of interstate activity and commerce. In an attempt to link the several states, the **Articles of Confederation** of November 17, 1777, emerged.

"Each state retains its sovereignty, freedom, and independence, and every Power, Jurisdiction and right, which is not by this confederation expressly delegated to the United States, in Congress assembled."

It became abundantly clear a more cohesive and functional link between the states needed to be developed. The First Constitutional Congress of 1787, eleven years after the Declaration of Independence convened; from which emerged a legal contract between the states and the people, called the "**United States Constitution**".

The U.S. Constitution delegates, describes and limits the powers of each of the three branches of government; they are Legislative, Executive, and Judicial.

"All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives."

The subsequent sections of Article I and paragraphs grant enumerated responsibilities to the central government. The Framers intended that those were the only powers ceded to the central government but a condition of ratification for many states was a "Bill of Rights," which became the first ten amendments.

The **10th Amendment** of the **Bill of Rights** reaffirmed that any power not **explicitly granted** to the central government was **explicitly withheld** from the central government.

"The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution not prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or the people."

The principal purpose was not the distribution of power between the central government and the states but rather a reservation to the States, or people of all powers **not explicitly granted**.

POWER OVER LAND

The Constitution explicitly identifies geographic concerns as well as imposing limits on Congress' authority and jurisdiction; "to exercise **exclusive** Legislation in all cases whatsoever, over such District (not exceeding ten miles square) as may, by Cession of particular States, and the Acceptance of congress, become the Seat of the Government of the United States, and to exercise like authority over all places purchased by the consent of the legislature of the State in which the same shall be, for the erection of forts, magazines, arsenals, dock-yards, and other needful buildings."

"The Court established a principle that federal jurisdiction extends only over the areas wherein it possesses the power of **exclusive** legislation, and this is a principle incorporated into all subsequent decisions regarding the extent of federal jurisdiction. To hold otherwise would destroy the purpose, intent and meaning of the entire U.S. Constitution."



The State of Oregon consented to the federal government the acquisition of land for federal buildings and granted **exclusive** jurisdiction for needful public buildings; the same applied to Fort Stevens, and Oregon City canal.

However, the State only granted **concurrent** jurisdiction over land acquired for national forests.

"The State of Oregon retains a concurrent jurisdiction with the United States in and over lands so acquired; So that civil processes in all cases, and such criminal processes as may issue under the authority of this state against any person charged with the commission of any crime without or within such jurisdiction, may be executed thereon in like manner as if this consent had not been granted."

Concurrent jurisdiction does **not** reference perceived federal police powers but rather the state's ability to file the case in either state or federal court.

In a dispute over federal jurisdiction of title to real property, the court held; "We think a proper examination of this subject will show that the United States **never held any municipal sovereignty, jurisdiction, or right of soil in and to the territory, of which Alabama or any of the new States were formed, because the United States have no constitutional capacity to exercise municipal jurisdiction, sovereignty, or eminent domain, within the limits of a State or elsewhere, except in the cases in which it is expressly granted. Alabama is therefore entitled to the sovereignty and jurisdiction over all the territory within her limits, subject to the common law.**"

The Constitution further grants Congress with the power, "To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this Constitution in the government of the United States, or in any department or officer thereof."

Nowhere in these Articles is Congress granted a **GENERAL** legislative power. Accordingly, the **10th Amendment** reserved those powers to the States. This Article does not delegate a new and independent specific power but rather a provision for making effective the powers theretofore mentioned.

MISSION CREEP

A term often used in military circles called "mission creep" seems to be a repetitive phenomenon that occurs within most organizations as well as governments, throughout history. Over the many years, our system of government seemingly has fallen victim to this dilemma.

This methodology is often engaged to usurp limiting or prohibitive factors or to fill voids where deemed necessary; as seen with the advent of, and continued efforts by the United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Environmental Quality, Fish and Game, and many other federal regulatory organizations.

According to enumerated powers of Congress expressed in Article 1, and subsequent paragraphs, the only exceptions enabling Congress' power over an individual State is often referred to as the **Interstate Commerce Clause**, which states: "To regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes." In careful reading of the paragraphs contained in Article 1, the only other exception is the federal governments' authority to coin money, declare war, raise revenue, and certain felonies such as counterfeiting, piracy, espionage.

The largest volume of violations to the Constitution is under color of the **Commerce Clause**. In many cases, the issues assume the form of a recommendation, guideline, or federal regulation of which the States are often forced into compliance through threatening a loss of federal funding.

The **United States Department of Agriculture** and **Department of Interior**, specifically the **United States Forest Service** and **Bureau of Land Management** identifies their source of authority to: "The Congress shall have power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to Prejudice any Claims of the United States, or of any particular State."

Their claims of authority, however, do prejudice the claims and powers of individual states.

The 10th Amendment, which was seemingly adopted with a precognitive insight that our central government would eventually overstep their authority; by disclosing the widespread fear that the central government might, under pressure of a supposed general welfare, attempt to exercise powers which had not been granted. With equal determination, the Constitutional framers intended that no such assumption should ever find justification; and if in the future, it were determined such additional powers seemed necessary - **only the people should grant them**, in the proper manner prescribed for amending those acts.

The second claim of federal jurisdiction purportedly emanates from an interpretation describing their power as "**without limitation**" referencing the Supremacy Clause. (See *Kleppe v. New Mexico*)

A study conducted (1956-1957), referred to as the Eisenhower Document, examined the federal authority within a State. It was determined local law enforcement overlooked duties within the lands held in trust by the federal government and the federal agencies were not engaged in such actions. What emerged from this study were four levels of jurisdiction. They are (1) **exclusive**, (2) **concurrent**, (3) **partial**, and (4) **proprietary**. Most lands fit into the proprietary level of jurisdiction, unless specifically stated otherwise.

The United States Constitution was signed September 17, 1787; this document stood on its' own for well over 100 years; with a clear understanding of content and meaning. The public lands (out West) were considered by many as the "problem lands". Accordingly, these lands were for "**disposal**" and open for purchase. The reason for selling these lands was to repay the National debt incurred by the Civil War. Moreover, to open the lands for expansion, exploration, occupancy, and production by settlers.

When the actual shift in paradigm occurred is open for debate, but many of these "public lands" held in trust seemingly became more desirable to retain, rather than for "**disposal**". Whenever that actually started, newly formed federal regulatory agencies worked their way into existence, each taking an increasingly expanding role (enter "mission creep").

Instead of reading the Constitution in the matter of which it was designed - "**pari materia**" (all together), it becomes easier to distort or usurp the original meaning of the U.S. Constitution. "The courts have stated repeatedly that laws relating to the same subject (such as land disposal laws) must be read in *pari materia* (all together). In other words, *Federal Land Plan Management Act (FLPMA)* or any other land disposal act cannot be read as if it stands alone...."

Thereby, allowing these federal regulatory entities to come up with their own agenda driven rules, which not surprisingly often benefits the special interest groups' agendas.

Examples of the continuation of "mission creep" are demonstrated in illegal road closures of Revised Statutes 2477 (RS2477) roads, which only meet the qualifications for Wild Lands designation if they are 5,000 acres,

or more, and "**roadless**". These road and trail closures by "decommissioning" or destruction have been occurring for years.

In 1964, the U.S.G.S. redefined categories of roads to meet with their new agenda...road closures for qualifying as Wild Lands.

The Bureau of Land Management under the U.S. Department of Interior issued a letter dated June 1, 2011 from Mr. Salazar (Secretary of Interior) stating the BLM will not designate any lands a Wild Lands; but directs Deputy David Hays to develop management of public lands with Wilderness characteristics and to solicit members of Congress, state and local officials, tribes and federal land managers to identify BLM lands that may be appropriate candidates for Congressional **protection** under the Wilderness Act.

The USFS recently sent out a communication dated July 15, 2011 titled **Federal Register publication of Final Proposed Rules 262, 261 and 212**; purportedly to clarify and expand their authority.

"Representatives of the USFS failed to defend their position from a legal standpoint, submitting no legal analysis that justified their position. Instead, they simply "ruled" that they did not recognize the validity of the County's assertion to the road."



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WHAT THE?! SPOTLIGHT

Illegals Collecting Billions In Child Tax Credits

By R. Cort Kirkwood
New American

According to the U.S. Treasury Department, illegal aliens are bilking the federal government for billions because they are filing fraudulent returns, and the sum is much higher than even a top group opposed to illegal immigration has estimated.

The Treasury reported in July that the Internal Revenue Service coughed up \$4.2 billion in child tax credits for illegal aliens in 2010.

Given how nasty the IRS gets with taxpayers who err even honestly on their taxes, or those who do not err at all, observers note that the agency is rather insouciant about the indirect subsidy to those who aren't supposed to be in the country.

DATA

The Treasury reported that illegals are fraudulently using the Additional Child Tax Credit, which was created to give more money to taxpayers who cannot claim a full tax credit for children.

The question is how illegals get away with gaming the system. Answer: Because all wages, even those earned illegally, are taxed, but since illegals cannot get valid Social Security numbers, the government needs a way to track their income and collect what is due. It does so using individual taxpayer identification numbers (ITINs), which, again, are for those taxpayers who cannot obtain a Social Security card.

These ITINs create the problem, and it's a big one, according to the Treasury: The booty claimed by illegals using the ACTC has rocketed from \$924 million in 2005 to \$4.2 billion in 2010.

According to the report, "ITINs are issued regardless of immigration status, because both resident and nonresident aliens may have a U.S. filing or reporting requirement under the Internal Revenue Code."

ITINs are for Federal tax reporting only and are not intended to serve any other purpose. Even income obtained illegally is subject to income taxes. Therefore, the IRS issues ITINs to help individuals comply with the U.S. tax laws and to provide a means to process and account for tax returns and payments for those not eligible for SSNs. An ITIN does not authorize an individual to work in the United States or provide eligibility for Social Security benefits or the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC); however, the IRS currently processes claims for the Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC), a refundable tax credit, filed by taxpayers with ITINs.

The report also made clear why permitting illegals to claim the ACTC is draining the Treasury and is also a wildly imprudent policy: The credit can be claimed even if a filer does not pay income tax.

The ACTC is the refundable portion of the Child Tax Credit (CTC). The CTC can reduce an individual's taxes owed by as much as \$1,000 for each qualifying child. The ACTC is provided in addition to the CTC to individuals whose taxes owed were less than the amount of CTC they were entitled to claim. The ACTC is always the refundable portion of the CTC, which means an individual claiming the ACTC receives a refund even if no income tax was withheld or paid. As with all refundable credits, the risk of fraud for these types of claims is significant.

Unsurprisingly, the report concluded that "[t]he payment of Federal funds through this tax benefit appears to provide an additional incentive for aliens to enter, reside, and work in the United States without authorization, which contradicts Federal law and policy to remove such incentives."

And one interesting fact all but proves that a massive conspiracy to commit fraud is afoot.

ITIN filers are much more likely to claim the ACTC than other individual taxpayers. We found that in Processing Year 2010, 72 percent

of all ITIN filers claimed the ACTC, while only 14 percent of non-ITIN filers claimed the ACTC.

The two top recommendations from the Treasury to the IRS to correct the problem are simple common sense. First, simply clarifying that illegals should not get the ACTC would enable the IRS to deny them, which in turn would save \$.84 billion in two years. Second, the IRS "should require individuals filing with ITINs and claiming the ACTC to provide specific verifiable documentation to support that their dependents meet the qualifications for the credit, including residency."

REACTION

Predictably, the IRS denies it has made an error. "Any suggestion that the IRS shouldn't be paying out these credits under current law to ITIN holders is simply incorrect," an IRS spokesman told the Fiscal Times, adding, "The IRS administers the law impartially and applies it as written. If the law were changed, the IRS would change its programs accordingly."

The Fiscal Times observed, "The audit underscores a broader debate about the contribution of illegal immigrants to the U.S. economy, as well as who is ultimately charged with enforcing immigration law."

Ira Mehlman, of the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), said the truth that some of the children of those claiming the ACTC are living abroad show how insane the policy is, telling the Fiscal Times that "[t]he IRS doesn't seem to think its job is to make sure people who are claiming these credits are entitled to them."

The children may or may not be living abroad — or even exist. It's absurd, almost a joke.

The IRS scares the heck out of most Americans, so there's no reason why they shouldn't be just as vigilant against people in the country illegally... especially when the deficit is topping \$1.5 trillion.

Naturally, some groups argue that illegals are owed the ACTC because they pay so much in taxes.

However, in 2010, FAIR reported that illegal aliens cost the country \$113 billion annually in state and federal subsidies, almost half of it due to the expense of educating them and their children. Even counting some \$13.5 billion in federal and state tax receipts from illegals, they are still draining the country of \$100 billion annually.

That report's estimate of the ACTC subsidy, it turns out, was a little low. It has estimated the figure is \$2.2 billion, and estimated another \$1.8 billion was going to illegals via the Earned Income Tax Credit, for which they are also ineligible because it can be claimed only by taxpayers with Social Security numbers.

While the question of whether border jumpers can claim the ACTC seems open, a common-sense understanding of the law would disallow it, given that those using ITINs file for the ACTC much more often than filers with Social Security cards, and the IRS does not verify that filers are eligible for the credit.

As the Treasury report said: [F]ilers using an ITIN are not eligible for the EITC. The change in the law was made prior to the establishment of the ACTC. However, the same law prohibits aliens residing without authorization in the United States from receiving most Federal public benefits, with the exception of certain emergency services and programs.

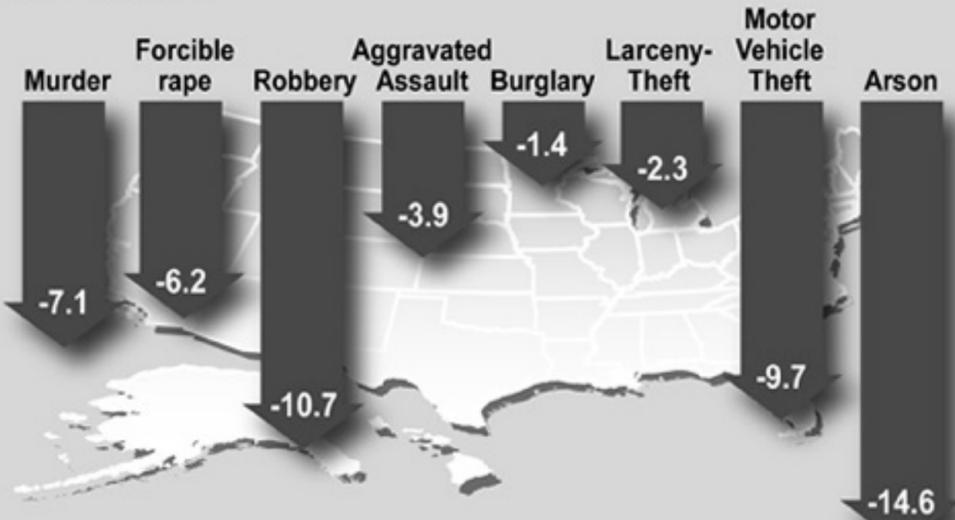
As well, as Treasury reminded readers, the ITINs "are for Federal tax reporting only and are not intended to serve any other purpose."

In other words, nothing needs clarification. Some observers suggest that perhaps someone at the IRS simply needs to stop the ACTC from funneling \$4.2 billion annually to the illegal-alien host that has invaded the country with plans to take it over.

FBI: Violent crimes fall for 4th year in row

Crimes Rates Down Across the Board

According to our latest Preliminary Semiannual Uniform Crime Report, all eight categories of crime included in the report experienced decreases during the first six months of 2010, compared to the same period in 2009.



*US-Observer Factoid: Legal gun ownership is at an all time high.

By David Morgan

(CBS News) WASHINGTON - The FBI reported Monday that the estimated number of violent crimes in the United States fell in 2010, the fourth consecutive year of decline.

Property crimes also fell for the eighth straight year. The data was part of the FBI's annual report, Crime in the United States, a compilation of offense and arrest data as reported by law enforcement agencies that take part in the Justice Department's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program.

Crime in the United States - 2010 (FBI)

The UCR program collects and analyzes data on murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

The program also collects arrest data for these and other offenses.

Last year 18,108 municipal, county, university and college, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies participated in the UCR program.

Crime in 2010:

The estimated volumes of violent and property crimes declined 6.0 percent and 2.7 percent, respectively, when compared with the 2009 estimates.

Compared to 2009 estimates, each of the four violent crime offenses declined, with the largest decrease in Robbery (a drop of 10.0 percent). Forcible rape fell by 5.0 percent; murder and nonnegligent manslaughter by 4.2 percent; and aggravated assault by 4.1 percent.

Nationwide there were an estimated 9,082,887 property crimes last year.

Each category of property crime decreased in 2010 compared to 2009: Motor vehicle thefts fell by 7.4

percent, burglaries by 2.0 percent, and larceny-thefts by 2.4 percent.

Arson offenses decreased 7.6 percent in 2010, although differences in reporting among agencies means arson offenses are excluded from total property crime figures.

Collectively, property crimes (excluding arson) cost victims an estimated \$15.7 billion in 2010.

Arrests:

Excluding traffic violations, there were an estimated 13.1 million arrests nationwide.

There were 552,077 arrests for violent crimes, and 1,643,962 arrests for property crimes.

Trends show arrests for violent crimes fell 5.3 percent in 2010 compared to 2009.

Arrests for property crimes decreased 4.7 percent.

Drug abuse violations (estimated at 1,638,846) accounted for the highest number of arrests, or more than 12 percent of all arrests in the U.S. Nearly as many - 1,412,223 arrests - were for driving under the influence. Together they account for nearly 24 percent of all arrests, or one in four.

An estimated arrest rate for the United States in 2010 was 4,257.6 per 100,000 inhabitants.

Reduced staff:

Law enforcement agencies are doing more with less

In 2010, according to staffing data reported from 14,744 city and county agencies, there were 705,009 sworn officers and 308,599 civilian employees in law enforcement for a total of 1,013,608 - a rate of 3.5 employees per 1,000 inhabitants.

In 2009 14,614 agencies reported 706,886 sworn officers and 314,570 civilian employees, a total of 1,021,456. ***



Online gamers crack AIDS enzyme puzzle

image of what to the outsider looks like a plate of one-dimensional scrunched-up spaghetti. Pharmacologists, though, need a 3-D picture that "unfolds" the molecule and rotates it in order to

antiretroviral drugs," says the study, referring to the lifeline medication against the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

It is believed to be the first time that gamers have resolved a long-standing scientific problem.

"We wanted to see if human intuition could succeed where automated methods had failed," Firas Khatib of the university's biochemistry lab said in a press release.

"The ingenuity of game players is a formidable force that, if properly directed, can be used to solve a wide range of scientific problems."

One of Foldit's creators, Seth Cooper, explained why gamers had succeeded where computers had failed.

"People have spatial reasoning skills, something computers are not yet good at," he said.

"Games provide a framework for bringing together the strengths of computers and humans. The results in this week's paper show that gaming, science and computation can be combined to make advances that were not possible before."

AFP) - Online gamers have achieved a feat beyond the realm of Second Life or Dungeons and Dragons: they have deciphered the structure of an enzyme of an AIDS-like virus that had thwarted scientists for a decade.

The exploit is published on Sunday in the journal Nature Structural & Molecular Biology, where -- exceptionally in scientific publishing -- both gamers and researchers are honoured as co-authors.

Their target was a monomeric protease enzyme, a cutting agent in the complex molecular tailoring of retroviruses, a family that includes HIV. Figuring out the structure of proteins is vital for understanding the causes of many diseases and developing drugs to block them. But a microscope gives only a flat

reveal potential targets for drugs.

This is where Foldit comes in.

Developed in 2008 by the University of Washington, it is a fun-for-purpose video game in



"Working the Model"

which gamers, divided into competing groups, compete to unfold chains of amino acids -- the building blocks of proteins -- using a set of online tools.

To the astonishment of the scientists, the gamers produced an accurate model of the enzyme in just three weeks.

Cracking the enzyme "provides new insights for the design of

Mexico slams U.S. lawmaker for truthful statements

Jim Kouri
Law Enforcement Examiner

Violent and murderous drug cartels are "undermining the Mexican state," according to U.S. Representative Connie Mack (R-FL), chairman of the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee for the Western Hemisphere.

Mack stated during the subcommittee



Connie Mack

hearing what most Americans already know, but it didn't stop vitriolic criticism of the lawmaker by officials in Mexico.

Mexican politicians and media commentators were also outraged over Rep. Mack's assertion that the Merida Initiative, which began during the Bush Administration, has been a waste of upwards of \$1.5 billion in U.S. aid.

The Merida Initiative, a treaty between the United States and Mexico signed in 2008, is designed specifically to fight Mexican drug gangs. It highlights the U.S. providing military equipment to Mexico, as well as counternarcotics training for Mexican police officers and military officials assigned to fighting the heavily armed and ruthless drug

cartels.

While Mexican authorities fear the U.S. will renege on providing assistance, Congressman Mack merely suggested switching to a "counterinsurgency plan" that targets hotbeds of drug cartel activity. He also claims he wants a better planned strategy that coordinates the activities of several U.S. federal agencies.

"The Mexican drug cartels have evolved into what some call the greatest national security threat faced by the United States with the ability to severely damage the U.S. economy," Mack said. "The administration has failed to set target dates or tangible goals to measure the success of U.S. programs and the Mexican drug cartels have capitalized on this failure, actively undermining the Mexican state through insurgent activities, such as violence, corruption and propaganda."

"Mexican authorities assert control throughout Mexico, in all Mexican states," the State Department said. "Although organized crime tries to act with impunity, the Mexican government is using its resources to ensure that state authority will prevail and criminals will be punished, and we are supporting them."

The State Department also described accomplishments of the Merida Initiative, which included training more than 6,800 federal police officers, transferring 14 helicopters to Mexico and improving information sharing that resulted in the capture of 29 top drug cartel leaders.

"We believe the [Merida] Initiative is already having a positive impact," the State Department said. "Through its bold efforts, with U.S. support, the Mexican government has successfully dismantled drug smuggling



Merida Initiative meeting

routes, seized major amounts of illicit drugs and jailed drug kingpins."

In spite of the State Department's assertions, complaints are rising among states bordering Mexico over how the five-year-old war with drug cartels is spilling over into the United States.

For example, Arizona Governor Jan Brewer is urging the U.S. congress to pass tough legislation in order to keep illegal aliens -- especially criminal aliens and gang members -- out of the United States.

Mexico's Latino neighbors also are complaining about the drug war violence. President Leonel Fernandez of the Dominican Republic blames Mexico for a crime increase in his country's central cities of Santiago and Jarabacoa.



Leonel Fernandez, President Dominican Republic

The executions of three Colombians and a Venezuelan, as well as the decapitation of a Dominican, were examples of Sinaloa Cartel activity, Fernandez said during a speech last week in Santiago.

"The seal of the murders for hire shows that the Mexican cartels are here, more than the Colombians," Fernandez said.

Of course, the Dominican Republic has long been a supplier of cocaine -- especially crack cocaine which is smoked -- to the United States. In the 1980s, the Dominican drug gangs ran much of the street distribution of crack-cocaine in New York City especially in the Washington Heights and Flushing Meadows districts of the city.

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Drug deaths exceed traffic deaths

By Katie Moisse

(ABC News) - Drugs now kill more people than motor vehicle accidents in the U.S. -- a monumental shift that reflects gains in road safety amid a troubling rise in prescription drug abuse.

Drug overdoses and brain damage linked to long-term drug abuse killed an estimated 37,485 people in 2009, the latest year for which preliminary data are available, surpassing the toll of traffic accidents by 1,201. And the number is likely to rise as the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention prepares to release its official statistics in December.

Dr. Leonard Paulozzi, medical epidemiologist at the CDC's division of unintentional injury prevention, said prescription drugs were driving up the death toll.

"There has been a dramatic increase in use of prescription drugs as physicians have become more liberal in prescribing them," said Paulozzi, adding that the bulk of drug-related deaths stems from accidental opioid painkiller overdoses. "And with the decrease in the motor vehicle crash mortality rate, drug-induced deaths have now passed motor vehicle crash deaths."

This is first time that drugs have caused more deaths than motor vehicle accidents since the government started tracking drug-related deaths in 1979. Bob Anderson, chief of the CDC's mortality statistic branch, said the swing is bittersweet.

"On one hand the motor vehicle death rate has been going down, and I think that's important in and of itself," said Anderson, crediting the bulk of the drop to speed limits and seatbelt laws. "On other hand, we've seen a fairly steep rise in drug-related deaths, and the rise is mostly due to drug overdose."

Illegal drug use is on the rise, according to a recent report from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. In 2010, almost 9 percent of Americans 12 or older used illegal drugs such as marijuana. Prescription drug abuse, on the other hand, has stayed relatively steady, according to Dr. Peter Delany, director of Samsha's Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality. But it is landing more people in emergency rooms or rehab clinics.

"The number of people starting to have significant consequences, or at least recognizing they need help, is on the rise," said Delany. "A lot of people think that because you need a prescription, it must be a pretty safe drug. But it's addictive. Even if you take them the way they're prescribed. You can build up a

tolerance pretty quickly."

The tendency to wrongly assume prescription drugs are safe, Delany said, leads people to take too many pills or mix them with other drugs or alcohol -- both possibly fatal errors.

In 2008, prescription painkillers like oxycodone and hydrocodone, the main ingredients in Oxycontin and Vicodin, landed 305,885 Americans in emergency rooms -- more than double the 144,644 visits in 2004, according to a 2010 study by Samsha and the CDC.

Joel Saper, founder of the Michigan Headache and Neurological Institute in Ann Arbor, said the rise in drug-related deaths underscored the liberal "unleashed" prescription of opioid painkillers nationwide.

"Pain is not provable. It all comes down to trust," said Saper. "That puts a very high burden on the physician to carefully assess every person he or she feels is in pain. That's just not happening in this country, and now we have a monster."

Prescription Drug Abuse Problem Prompts Political Action

In April 2011, the Obama administration revealed a plan to curtail the country's prescription drug abuse "epidemic."

"We are in the midst of a public health crisis driven by prescription drug abuses," Gil Kerlikowske, White House director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy said at the time. The plan supports state-based prescription drug monitoring programs, take-back programs that safely dispose of prescription narcotics and education programs for patients and health care providers. It's unclear when the bill will be introduced.

Saper said policies could help curb painkiller abuse, just as they helped improve road safety. But all the stakeholders, including the companies that make painkillers and the doctors who prescribe them, have to be on board.

"It's one thing to use these drugs for surgery, trauma or burns. But this stuff is given to teenagers for headaches," said Saper. "While there are people who deserve narcotics for pain, not all doctors are trained to understand how these drugs are used. They don't monitor patients carefully, and they don't look out for multisourcing" -- patients who seek drugs from multiple doctors. "Until that all can be controlled, we're not going to stave off the continued growth of drug-related deaths."

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REVOLUTION AHEAD?

81% of Americans Dissatisfied with Federal Govt

By Brian Koenig
New American

A new Gallup poll found a record-breaking 81 percent of Americans dissatisfied with the U.S. government's performance, as the economy remains stagnant and the country's fiscal integrity wanes. The polling company noted:

Americans' various ratings of political leadership in Washington add up to a profoundly negative review of government -- something that would seem unhealthy for the country to endure for an extended period.

Nevertheless, with another budget showdown looking inevitable and a contentious presidential election year getting underway, it appears the ratings reviewed here could get worse before they improve.

A relatively new trend, American discontent with the way Congress and the White House govern, has significantly deepened. In 2003, 59 percent of Americans approved of the federal government's overall performance, while only 39 percent disapproved. An analysis of the past few years presents an upward curve in dissatisfaction with the federal government, particularly as war in the Middle East endures and as the U.S. economy remains stale.

The Democrat-led Senate -- and until 2010, the Democrat-led House -- as well as the Obama administration's government-intrusive economic policies, have left 92 percent of Republicans dissatisfied with the U.S. government's performance, while an astounding 65 percent of Democrats are now reported dissatisfied. Gallup notes that a vital source for the American people's governmental discontent stems from Congress, as 82 percent of those polled said they disapprove of the way Congress is dealing with today's economic and international problems. Only 47 percent said they had confidence in the executive branch, while 69 percent of those surveyed said they had "little" or "no" confidence in the legislative branch.

Gallup's findings reflected poorly for both elected officials and those planning to run for office, as only 45 percent expressed confidence in the "men and women in political life in this country who either hold or are running for public office."

Another Gallup poll, released last week, reported that Americans believe the federal government wastes 51 cents of every dollar it spends, the highest number since the question was first posed in 1979. The poll revealed that Americans are overwhelmingly more suspect of the federal government than state and local governments, as the state estimate held at 42 cents on every dollar and the local estimate at

38 cents.

Gallup revealed another record-breaking number, finding that 49 percent of Americans "believe the federal government has become so large and powerful that it poses an immediate threat to the rights and freedoms of ordinary citizens." Less than a decade ago, less than a third professed a similar notion.

President Obama's approval rating has eroded over the past several months, reaching an all-time low of 39 percent in Gallup's August poll. Indeed, the President's summertime woes -- Standard & Poor's downgrade, relentless unemployment, unrest in the Middle East -- along with unpopular new policies put forth by the administration, dipped Obama's approval rating below 40 percent for the first time, as discussions about a double-dip recession stir and the country's fiscal shape remains in turmoil. Other polls released this month show Obama's approval rating hovering just above 40 percent.

Much of the President's diminishing approval numbers are due to declining support from groups notorious for voting Democrat, and who overwhelmingly supported Obama in the 2008 election. One particular demographic is Jewish voters. An annual poll by the American Jewish Committee (AJC), released Monday, showed only 45 percent of Jews approving of Obama's performance, a freefall from the 57 percent who approved of his performance in the 2010 AJC poll and a sharp drop from the percentage of Jews who voted for Obama in 2008. According to AJC's poll, much of the dissatisfaction stems from Obama's economic performance, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and his poor handling of the unending Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Although a plurality of blacks remain loyal to Obama -- with the President's "somewhat favorable" approval rating remaining high -- a startling number have lost their enthusiasm for the President's performance and have become skeptical of his ability to revive the comatose U.S. economy. Only five months ago, 83 percent of blacks held a "strongly favorable" view of Obama's performance, but a new Washington Post-ABC news poll, released last week, found that number falling to 58 percent. Much of this could be attributed to the distress and financial hardship that the economy has inflicted on the black community, as the unemployment rate for blacks reached 16 percent this summer, the highest since 1984.

US-Observer's Note: Historically speaking, an estimated 80% of the colonists stood against England and backed revolution once it started. Those that didn't were called "loyalists" often connected to the crown through trade. Interesting... ★★★

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legislation, but since long time incumbents have ignored the real solutions for decades, it has to be the states of the Union fighting back.

Want to create jobs, lower our dependence on foreign oil and clean up the environment? How about hemp? I'm not talking about growing hemp to smoke (marijuana). I am against legalizing "pot"; a position that gets me in trouble with libertarians who believe all drugs should be legal. The exception is it should be available for cancer patients who say it relieves the unbearable pain; they should not be denied relief.

Do you know that:

1 - All schoolbooks were made from hemp or flax paper until the 1880s. (Jack Frazier. Hemp Paper Reconsidered. 1974.)

2 - It was legal to pay taxes with hemp in America from 1631 until the early 1800s. (LATimes. Aug. 12, 1981.)

3 - Refusing to grow hemp in America during the 17th and 18th centuries was against the law! You could be jailed in Virginia for refusing to grow hemp from 1763 to 1769 (G. M. Herdon. Hemp in Colonial Virginia).

4 - George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and other founding fathers grew hemp. (Washington and Jefferson Diaries. Jefferson smuggled hemp seeds from China to France, then to America.)

5 - Benjamin Franklin owned one of the first paper mills in America, and it processed hemp. Also, the War of 1812 was fought over hemp. Napoleon wanted to cut off Moscow's export to England. (Jack Herer. Emperor Wears No Clothes.)

6 - For thousands of years, 90% of all ships' sails and rope were made from hemp. The word 'canvas' is Dutch for cannabis. (Webster's New World Dictionary.)

7 - 80% of all textiles, fabrics, clothes, linen, drapes, bed sheets, etc., were made from hemp until the 1820s, with the introduction of the cotton gin.

8 - The first Bibles, maps, charts, Betsy Ross' flag, the first drafts of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were all made from hemp. (U.S. Government Archives.)

9 - The first crop grown in many states was hemp. 1850 was a peak year for Kentucky producing 40,000 tons. Hemp was the largest cash crop until the 20th century. (State Archives.)

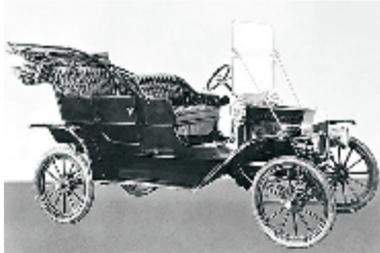
10 - Oldest known records of hemp farming go back 5000 years in China, although hemp industrialization probably goes back to ancient Egypt.

11 - Rembrandt's, Van Gogh's, Gainsborough's, as well as most early canvas paintings, were principally painted on hemp linen.

12 - In 1916, the U.S. Government predicted that by the 1940s all paper would come from hemp and that no more trees need to be cut down. Government studies report that 1 acre of hemp equals 4.1 acres of trees. Plans were in the works to implement such programs. (U.S. Department of Agriculture Archives.)

13 - Quality paints and varnishes were made from hemp seed oil until 1937. 58,000 tons of hemp seeds were used in America for paint products in 1935. (Sherman Williams Paint Co. testimony before the U.S. Congress against the 1937 Marijuana Tax Act.)

14 - Henry Ford's first Model-T was built to run on hemp gasoline and the car itself was constructed from hemp! On his large estate, Ford was photographed among his hemp fields. The car, 'grown from the soil,' had hemp plastic panels whose impact strength was 10 times stronger than steel. (Popular Mechanics, 1941.)



prostitutes in Congress were bought out by big money to strangle the use of a naturally grown plant within the states of the Union.

Congressman Ron Paul has introduced a bill over and over and over to stop this nonsense. See his article below.

In 1942, the War Department released the film "Hemp for Victory" which was produced by the United States Department of Agriculture. Hemp for Victory was an educational film promoting hemp production in the United States. "This

film contains high-quality information about the Cannabis Sativa plant and large-scale hemp production for industrial use."

Both George Washington and Thomas Jefferson were enthusiastic supporters of hemp.

What changed about that plant that grows naturally in the ground? Nothing except big money interests. Industrial barons wanted to make plastics from oil and coal. They wanted to make sure a natural plant like hemp was put under control of the "federal" government to enrich their pockets at the expense of all of us and our environment.

Americans say they want less dependence on foreign oil. Fine. Let's start right here with our state legislatures. What right does the General Government have to dictate to the states what natural plants their farmers can and cannot use for commercial production and charge exorbitant fees?

Challenge it. No one including the General Government had a problem with hemp before big money bought off corrupt lawmakers in Congress. How come hemp was used for centuries before the prostitutes in Congress were bought off and hemp demonized by bought-and-paid-for media interests? Big money.

If the states stand up and say no, that will enable production of thousands of products made from hemp without depending on foreign oil. It will create jobs because individuals will be able to afford hemp products. Buying means companies expand and hire. It means competition in the free market which brings down prices. The hemp shampoo I use costs twice as much as "regular" shampoo, but I pay it because it is the best for your hair, in my opinion.

My shower curtain is made from hemp, not plastic, and it was made here in America by Americans. Yes, it was expensive, but it will also last years longer than cheap plastic crap from communist China. I've been using green bags for more than a decade and when I travel, I use a Klean Kanteen instead of a plastic bottle for water. I support America's farmers and companies who produce excellent products made from commercial hemp.

If the states tell the General Government no more regulating our farmers and charging them monster fees to grow a natural plant for commercial use, the cost of thousands of products will go down and it will create jobs. Stop the extortion racket by the General Government forcing farmers who want to produce products made from hemp to be licensed and pay fees which drive up the cost of the product.

Nullification is growing like a prairie fire. The states of the Union must take up this issue and tell the General Government that farmers in their states will be able to grow commercial hemp without fear of breaking "federal" law.

Growing hemp to produce lip gloss, shampoo, paper, canvas

Devy Kidd



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

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

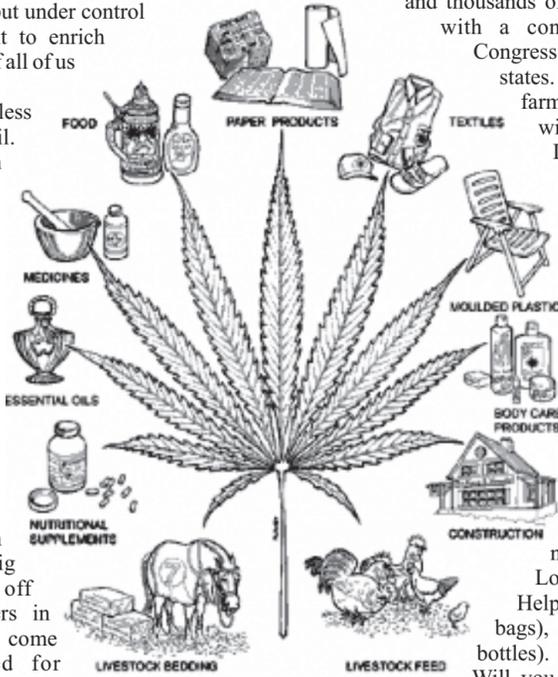
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Knowledge is Power



and thousands of other products has nothing to do with a controlled substance. The Outlaw Congress is not going to do it, so it must be the states. The states can make sure hemp farming is for commercial production without permission from Washington, DC.

I am sending my state rep and a few of his colleagues who are constitutionalists a letter along with this column asking them to make this a reality. I can't stress strongly enough what a difference this would make for our economy. Please do the same with your state legislature. Stress to them any confusion on the part of law enforcement can easily be cleared up with facts, not more propaganda. Create jobs. Lower the cost of products made from a natural plant instead of synthetics.

Lower our dependence on foreign oil. Help clean up our freeways (plastic bags), lakes, streams and oceans (plastic bottles). It takes each and every one of us. Will you take the time to write snail mail letters to your representatives? I hope so. ★★★

Oregon Hemp Going Into Full Production?

By Ron Lee
US-Observer

In 2004 the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the DEA could not enforce a zero tolerance on the use and importation of Industrial Hemp products and food items.

As such, this writer and another Oregon man became the state's, if not the country's, largest importer of roasted industrial hemp seed. Having started Joe Buzz, a coffee company, we supplied ground hemp to coffee companies all across the United States who made our signature and trademarked "Original Hemp Latte," as well as our "Chronic Blend" coffee/hemp blend. We were champions and educators of the Industrial Hemp Revolution, and thankfully others have been listening and have awakened to the benefits of hemp as a crop and the multitude of end products it can create.

Josephine County's Sheriff Gil Gilbertson and Commissioner Simon Hare are both supporting a push to grow industrial hemp in the county as a way to create jobs and financial resources in an economic environment where it is essential to be self-reliant.

The group Wake Up America Southern Oregon also fully supports the development of this viable cash producing crop and hosts meetings every other Tuesday at the Live Oak Grange, 120 Gardiner Street, in Rogue River at 6:30 p.m.

I encourage your involvement in making our county self sufficient and economically prosperous! ★★★

Ron Paul Introduces Bill to Legalize Hemp, Again



By Ron Paul
May 13, 2011

Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Industrial Hemp Farming Act. The Industrial Hemp Farming Act requires the federal government to respect state laws allowing the growing of industrial hemp.

Nine States--Hawaii, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, Vermont, and West Virginia--allow industrial hemp production or research in accord with state laws. However, federal law is standing in the way of farmers in these states growing what may be a very profitable crop. Because of current federal law, all hemp included in products sold in the United States must be imported instead of being grown by American farmers.

Since 1970, the federal Controlled Substances Act's inclusion of industrial hemp in the schedule one definition of marijuana has

prohibited American farmers from growing industrial hemp despite the fact that industrial hemp has such a low content of THC (the psychoactive chemical in the related marijuana plant) that nobody can be psychologically affected by consuming hemp. Federal law concedes the safety of industrial hemp by allowing it to be legally imported for use as food.

The United States is the only industrialized nation that prohibits industrial hemp cultivation. The Congressional Research Service has noted that hemp is grown as an established agricultural commodity in approximately 30 nations in Europe, Asia, North America, and South America. The Industrial Hemp Farming Act will relieve this unique restriction on American farmers and allow them to grow industrial hemp in accord with state law.

Industrial hemp is a crop that was grown legally throughout the United States for most of our nation's history. In fact, during World War II, the federal government actively encouraged American farmers to grow industrial hemp to help the war

effort. The Department of Agriculture even produced a film "Hemp for Victory" encouraging the plant's cultivation.

In recent years, the hemp plant has been put to many popular uses in foods and in industry. Grocery stores sell hemp seeds and oil as well as food products containing oil and seeds from the hemp plant. Industrial hemp is also included in consumer products such as paper, clothes, cosmetics, carpet, and door frames of cars. Hemp has even been used in alternative automobile fuel.

It is unfortunate that the federal government has stood in the way of American farmers competing in the global industrial hemp market. Indeed, the founders of our nation, some of whom grew hemp, would surely find that federal restrictions on farmers growing a safe and profitable crop on their own land are inconsistent with the constitutional guarantee of a limited, restrained federal government. Therefore, I urge my colleagues to stand up for American farmers and cosponsor the Industrial Hemp Farming Act.

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Did Texas officials 'perpetrate fraud' to secure a murder conviction?

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By Lou Ann Anderson
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Did the suppression of evidence by either Williamson County investigators or prosecutors cause an innocent Texas man to be convicted of murder and a killer to remain

free? The Innocence Project of New York is alleging exactly that and activity surrounding a new investigation of Michael Morton's 1987 murder conviction makes the question all the more compelling.

The Austin American-Statesman recently reported on a court filing by the Innocence Project of New York which alleges that "a mystery file, unsealed after 24 years in storage at an Austin courthouse, indicates that prosecutors or investigators perpetrated a fraud to secure the murder conviction and life sentence for Michael Morton in 1987."

Recent DNA tests cast doubt that Morton killed his wife, Christine. The sealing of this file took place under a 1987 court order in conjunction with Morton's appeals. Its unsealing is creating additional doubt regarding Morton's guilt.

Sgt. Don Wood, now retired, was the Williamson County Sheriff's Office lead investigator assigned to Christine Morton's 1986 murder. The sealed file was expected to contain all materials produced by Wood in the course of his investigation. Instead, court officials' Aug. 26 unsealing of the file revealed its only contents to be a five-page report detailing Wood's first day of investigating the case and a Michael Morton-signed one-page consent form allowing a search of his house and pickup.

In its Aug. 30 Motion to Preserve and Produce Documents, the Innocence Project contended that the file's sparse contents raises the "specter of official misconduct," a view supported by evidence uncovered via a 2008 Public Information Act request submitted to the WCSO. That evidence, ordered released by the Texas Attorney General's office over objections from Williamson County District Attorney John Bradley, included a transcript of Wood's interview with Christine's mother less

than two weeks after the murder in which she describes a conversation with the Morton's three-year-old son who told of witnessing an unknown man murder his mother.

It also included reports of a green van and suspicious occupant on the street behind the Morton's address as well as information suggesting investigators' apparent failure to pursue leads related to the use and recovery of Christine Morton's missing credit card from a San Antonio store two days after the murder.

The motion additionally said "In light of the unsealing of this file, it is difficult to imagine any scenario in which the State can credibly assert, much less demonstrate, that its conduct did not violate Defendant's fundamental due process rights. If trial prosecutors had the transcript in their 1987 file and willfully concealed it from this Court and/or the Court of Appeals, then they have committed fraud on the court of the highest order — and in the process, condemned an innocent man to prison for a quarter-century."

Ken Anderson, now judge of Williamson County's 277th District Court, was district attorney in 1987 and prosecuted the Morton case. His second chair was then-Assistant District Attorney Mike Davis, a Round Rock attorney who still performs legal work for the county.

Suspicious of evidence withholding date back to 1987 as within weeks after the verdict, Morton's then-legal team filed a motion for a new trial which included a description of Mike Davis making post-verdict remarks to the jury about the case investigator's evidence saying "Sgt. Wood's reports were sizable (he held up his hand and indicated about one inch between his fingers), and if we (the defense) had gotten them, we would have been able 'to raise more doubt than we did.'"

A landmark 1963 U.S. Supreme Court decision requires prosecutors and law enforcement to provide defense lawyers with evidence that is favorable to the defendant and could change the trial's outcome, but that appears to not have happened in the Morton case.

And this evidence becomes all the more important when coupled with recent DNA testing performed on a bandanna found on an abandoned construction site approximately 100 yards from the crime scene. After years of litigation due to

repeated objections from Bradley, the Texas Court of Appeals finally last year granted testing on the bandanna.

A report issued in June identified Christine Morton's blood and hair on the bandanna intermingled with DNA belonging to a man other than Michael. Per Morton attorney John Raley, the DNA has now been matched to a man with a state and federal felony record for offenses in three states that include burglary of a residence, "extensive" drug use and assault with intent to kill. Raley characterized the man as a violent criminal and, at an Aug. 23 hearing seeking to have Bradley recused and an independent investigator appointed, noted that the DNA matched-individual is not currently incarcerated.

Williamson County 26th District Court Judge Billy Ray Stubblefield expressed a need for expediency with this investigation, but denied the Bradley recusal motion. Days following the file's unsealing, Stubblefield voluntarily recused himself. The Texas Supreme Court appointed Judge Sid Harle of San Antonio's 226th District Court to replace Stubblefield. On Sept. 1, Harle ordered Bradley and Sheriff James Wilson to produce all materials in their Morton files from Aug. 13, 1987 (date on which Christine Morton's body was discovered) to Aug. 19, 2011.

Meanwhile, the Innocence Project says "The unsealing of the Wood file and the revelations of its sparse contents makes it even more critical that the state be compelled to provide full, truthful and specific answers." Critical and urgent. After all, a seemingly innocent man remains in prison while an unidentified-to-the-public killer is on the loose.

Writer's Note: At press time, a hearing was scheduled for Sept. 26 before Judge Harle. US-Observer will continue providing updates as developments occur.

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Liberty and Justice for All The Right Against Self-Incrimination

By Nathan Wenthe
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The right comes from the 5th amendment and it is as follows:

...[No] person shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself...

The right is more broadly applicable than it may seem on its face. Clearly, the right provides protection for a person to refuse to take the witness stand during a trial in which they are the defendant. However, this right also protects a person's right to refuse to answer questions posed by government agents at any time, except in very limited circumstances (e.g. you should provide your driver's license, registration, and insurance information to a police officer upon request if you've been pulled over in your vehicle).

This right makes sense, doesn't it? Why should we, a free people, have to speak to our government agents unless we want to? We are not necessarily beholden to our government. Rather the government is an institution put in place by, and beholden to, us. My point here is not that we should be rude or obstinate; only that we must recognize that EACH OF US have the right to communicate with the government on our terms or, if we so decide, not at all. One can be respectful to our government agents, as we would any other human being, but being respectful does NOT require impotent compliance with their requests for information.

Some of you may be thinking; "Yes, but why wouldn't I want to answer the government's questions? I have nothing to hide. Further, only people who have something to hide would refuse to cooperate and I am not that person." For those of you who find yourself thinking like this I offer the following for your consideration:

1) If you were approached by a person and this person began asking you questions and told you that you must answer their questions "because I said so," how likely would you be to obey this stranger's command? Is this type of demand one that we (society) are going to tolerate as socially acceptable behavior?

Even if you are not a confrontational person and you'd answer the questions posed just to get out of the situation, should you hold it against someone else because they are less complicit and they simply said "No" and walked away?

2) Isn't the "because I said so" philosophy described above, when exhibited by the government AND tolerated by the people, the essence of a tyrannical regime? It is reminiscent of the times when I was a child and my parents used the "because I told you to" justification in response to my objections to clean my room or complete other household chores. A tyranny of the parents over their young children is perhaps more appropriate - but it certainly has no place in our government's relationship with its citizens if we are to retain our freedoms.

3) If you are being questioned by government agents you can be sure they have an agenda. Their agenda is to discover and prepare a criminal case for prosecution. Their purpose is not to discover evidence suggesting no crime occurred. In truth their primary objective, and what they have been programmed to do, is to discover and develop evidence that a crime DID occur.

Please understand what I am saying here; officers are trained to discover evidence of crime - not the other way around. If there is ANY evidence that a crime could POSSIBLY have occurred you may find yourself on the defending end of a criminal prosecution. I am NOT saying that officers are necessarily fabricating evidence (though this may happen) but only that discovery of incriminating evidence is the primary objective.

The United States Supreme Court said it best when it stated, "...one of the Fifth Amendment's basic functions is to protect innocent men who might otherwise be ensnared by ambiguous circumstances...we recognize that truthful responses of an innocent witness, as well as those of a wrongdoer, may provide the government with incriminating evidence from the speaker's own mouth." Ohio v. Reiner (2001)

4) It must be understood and constantly appreciated that our government agents are human. As such they are susceptible to performing their duties with a selfish objective. Officers are employed to do a job. Their job performance is, in part, evaluated on how many tickets they write and/or arrests they make. An officer who is not writing tickets and/or making arrests is telling their department, and the community, "You don't need me. I am just collecting a pay check because there isn't enough crime going on, which is evidenced by my lack of

writing tickets and making arrests."

It is fair to say that an unwritten compulsion exists for officers to make arrests and write tickets out of pure necessity so as to maintain job security. A person faced with a government agent trying to meet a quota would be remised in speaking any more than absolutely necessary.

5) Finally, government agents make mistakes. Speaking to them simply provides more opportunity for mistakes and/or miscommunication to occur. If mistakes and/or miscommunication occur there is now inaccurate information that will be used as evidence. Inaccurate information is never conducive to discovering truth.

Understand what it means to have a right to remain silent and be proud to exercise that right. Equally important is that we should not hold it against others when they've exercised their right to remain silent. In understanding and exercising our rights, and supporting each other when we've asserted them, we are forcing the government to acknowledge and respect them.

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Wenthe's primary motivation in switching from the role of a prosecutor to a defense attorney was, generally speaking, his disgust with Government operations and their refusal to respect civil rights. In short, it was Wenthe's impression that Government's primary goal was to make arrests and get convictions, whatever the cost. According to Wenthe, achieving justice was simply an outdated ideal that may be worthy of lip service should the right circumstances arise.

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COMMENTARY Your Right to Speak Out

America's debt woe is worse than Greece's



By Laurence J. Kotlikoff

Boston, Massachusetts (CNN) -- Our government is utterly broke. There are signs everywhere one looks. Social Security can no longer afford to send us our annual benefit statements. The House can no longer afford its congressional pages. The Pentagon can no longer afford the pension and health care benefits of retired service members. NASA is no longer planning a manned mission to Mars.

We're broke for a reason. We've spent six decades accumulating a huge official debt (U.S. Treasury bills and bonds) and vastly larger unofficial debts to pay for Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid benefits to today's and tomorrow's 100 million-plus retirees.

The government's total indebtedness -- its fiscal gap -- now stands at \$211 trillion, by my arithmetic. The fiscal gap is the difference, measured in present value, between all projected future spending obligations -- including our huge defense expenditures and massive entitlement programs, as well as making interest and principal payments on the official debt -- and all projected future taxes.

The data underlying this figure come straight from the horse's mouth -- the Congressional Budget Office. The CBO's June 22 Alternative Fiscal Scenario presents nothing less than a Greek tragedy. It's actually worse than the Greek tragedy now playing in Athens. Our fiscal gap is 14 times our GDP. Greece's fiscal gap is 12 times its GDP, according to Professor Bernd Raffelhüschen of the University of Freiburg.

In other words, the U.S. is in worse long-term fiscal shape than Greece. The financial sharks are circling Greece because Greece is small and defenseless, but they'll soon be

swimming our way.

To grasp the magnitude of our nation's insolvency, consider what tax hikes or spending cuts are needed to eliminate our fiscal gap. The answer is an immediate and permanent 64% increase in all federal revenues or an immediate and permanent 40% cut in all federal noninterest spending.

Such adjustments go miles beyond anything Congress and the president are considering. No wonder. They are focused on limiting growth in the official debt, while ignoring what's happening to the unofficial debt. To understand the thickness of their blinders, note that the fiscal gap, after inflation, grew by \$6 trillion last year, whereas the official debt grew by only \$1 trillion. Hence, our leaders are looking at one-sixth of the problem.

The August budget ceiling crisis deal calls for \$2.5 trillion in budgetary savings over the next ten years. President Obama is unveiling plans Monday to cut the debt by \$3 trillion. Both of these are peanuts compared to what's needed to start eliminating the fiscal gap.

There is a way forward to deal with both our fiscal mess and the economy, which is lying on the operating table in desperate need of open-heart surgery. Such surgeries are called radical because they require radical intervention. But they are also extremely safe compared with the alternative -- administering Band-Aids and letting the patient die.

At www.thepurpleplans.org, I provide five radical, but absolutely essential plans to fix taxes, health care, Social Security, the financial system, and energy policy. Collectively, they would more than eliminate the fiscal gap and get our economy out of the emergency room and onto the racetrack.

The plans are called purple because they should appeal to blue Democrats and red Republicans. If neither party adopts them, I guarantee that a third-party candidate running via www.americanselect.org will.

The Purple Tax Plan is of particular relevance now, given Obama's decision to push for a repeal of the Bush tax cuts for the rich and to levy a new tax on the super rich -- those with incomes above \$1 million.

The president wants to raise taxes. Can't argue with that. We desperately need much higher revenues along with much lower expenditures. Federal revenues measured as share of GDP are at a postwar low. And the president wants the rich to bear a bigger share of the tax burden. It's hard to disagree with this either. The rich have been getting off far too easy for far too long.

But the Republicans want to ensure that more taxes don't mean more spending or smaller spending cuts than would otherwise arise. They also worry about high tax rates discouraging work, saving, and job creation by entrepreneurs.

Most of us agree with both the president and the Republicans, which is possible because they're both talking past each other. But what we really want is a tax system that's simple, transparent, fair, and efficient. Neither the personal income tax, the corporate income tax, nor the estate and gift tax meet these criteria. Each is a bigger nightmare than the next.

The Purple Tax Plan entails radical surgery. It eliminates the personal income tax, the corporate income tax, and the estate and gift tax. In their place it substitutes a highly progressive 17.5% federal retail sales tax plus a demogrant -- a monthly payment to each household, large enough that it reimburses the poor for the sales tax they've paid. (The 17.5% rate is the tax's nominal rate. Its effective rate is 15%, since 15 cents of every dollar spent goes to taxes and 85 cents to goods and services, with 15 divided by 85 equaling the 17.5% nominal rate.)

If you're a Democrat, a sales tax, apart from the demogrant, probably sounds highly regressive. But nothing could be further from the truth. Taxing consumption is mathematically identical to taxing what's used to buy consumption, namely one's wealth and one's wages. Warren Buffett would effectively pay 15% on his wages, but also 15% on the principal of all his wealth, which is not now being taxed.

The day the Purple Tax is implemented, Buffett will have the same number of dollars in wealth, but the purchasing power of his wealth will fall by 15%, thanks to the 17.5% higher costs of goods and services. And whether he spends his wealth on himself or gives it to his kids to spend, his wealth, plus any accumulated asset income, will buy 15% less in goods and services.

The Purple Tax also makes the payroll tax highly progressive by eliminating its ceiling and exempting the first \$40,000 in wages from the employee portion of the tax. Finally, the Purple Tax includes a 15% inheritance tax on inheritances and gifts received in excess of \$1 million.

Since the payroll tax is levied at close to a 15% rate, and the sales tax has an effective rate of 15%, and the inheritance tax rate is 15%, the Purple Tax plan imposes a single tax rate. This is very important for budgetary discipline. Under the Purple Tax, everyone will know that if Congress spends more on anything, the 15% effective tax rate will need to go up.

The ongoing food fight between Obama and the Republicans is hiding the real game -- spending ever-larger sums on ourselves and leaving ever-larger bills for our kids. This fiscal child abuse must stop. The Purple plans would let both sides claim victory, save our kids, and get our economy back in the race.

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US-Observer's Note: While the above article offers a basic repair to our abusive tax system, it falls far short of providing a solution for the current debt crises and future financial Armageddon that is facing this nation.

The true solution to each and every financial problem facing our "federal government" is glaring at all who are willing to read a small amount of English contained in Article 1, Section 8 of our Constitution.

Article 1, Section 8 clearly states the powers that our Constitution or "Supreme Law of the Land" grants to Congress. If this law were followed by our federal government, there would be absolutely no need for income taxes, unconstitutional property taxes, etc.

If strictly adhered to, a vast majority of federal agencies would be eliminated, thus wiping out any and all debt problems, practically overnight. Sadly, this solution will never be implemented until Americans become unable to travel to the grocery store and fill their apathetic carts. Until Americans suffer to the point of being forced to say "no more" and mean it, our country will continue the downhill slide we have experienced for decades.



By Chris Taylor
Reuters Money

For recent grads like Peter Turchan, college led to some soul-searching about whether the experience was worth the whopping price tag.

Turchan graduated two years ago from Fordham University and has a good job, as a sales associate at a commercial real-estate brokerage in New York City. But the crippling financial hangover has left him dispirited. "I'm over \$100,000 in debt, and find it very hard making payments," says the 25-year-old. "I often think about whether college was worth it. Before college I was making better money, and think about what I could be doing now if I had focused on saving and furthering my

Is college worth it?

career."

If I ever suggested skipping college and going straight to work to my own parents, I would've been skinned alive and left to the dogs. It's an article of faith in American society that after high school, you go to university and get at least one degree before launching into the workforce.

But with college costs continuing to spike, debt loads metastasizing, and dim economic prospects ahead, at some point you have to ask the question: How expensive does higher education have to become, before it's just not worth the lifetime debt burden?

The numbers are stomach-churning -- both for prospective students, and their parents. Average college debt has now climbed to roughly \$24,000 a head. Total student debt is projected to pass \$1 trillion this year. And, since it usually can't be wiped away in bankruptcy, it can stay with you for a lifetime.

"For the first time in history, student loan debt is now greater than credit-card debt," says James Altucher, author of books like Trade

Like a Hedge Fund and managing director of Formula Capital. "It's a shame, because then kids become indentured servants, taking jobs and pursuing careers they don't necessarily want. Instead, if they had a five-year head start over their peers by not going to college, they could figure out how to make a lot more money -- and wouldn't have to deal with massive debt."

It's a shocking suggestion, to be sure. But it's also being promoted by billionaire PayPal co-founder Peter Thiel, who actually gives scholarships to promising youngsters to drop out of college and put their

entrepreneurial skills to work. With college costs rising by 5 to 8 percent a year, you're starting to hear rumblings that -- based on a cold-eyed cost-benefit analysis -- pricey degrees might not make the cut.

On the other side of the argument, the long-term financial benefits of higher education are well-known. Bachelor's degree recipients have 80 percent higher incomes than high-school grads, and half the unemployment rate, points out Mark Kantrowitz, publisher of the websites Fastweb.com and FinAid.org. As long as you can keep the debt manageable -- and at attractive interest rates, such as those offered by federal programs -- he says education is still an excellent long-term investment.

"A good rule of thumb is that your total education debt at graduation should be less than your expected starting salary, and ideally a lot less," says Kantrowitz. "That way, if you don't over-borrow, you should be able to repay your student loans in 10 years."

Indeed, there are ways to minimize costs without ditching higher education altogether. Forgo pricey Ivy League universities in favor of state colleges, which charge a relatively manageable \$7,605 per year for in-state students. Do two of your four years at an affordable community college, before transferring to complete your degree.

Take full advantage of financial aid, natch; Fastweb's search engine combs through 1.5 million scholarships worth a combined \$3.4 billion. And some elite institutions, like Harvard, have sufficient endowments that they can offer deeply discounted or free tuition

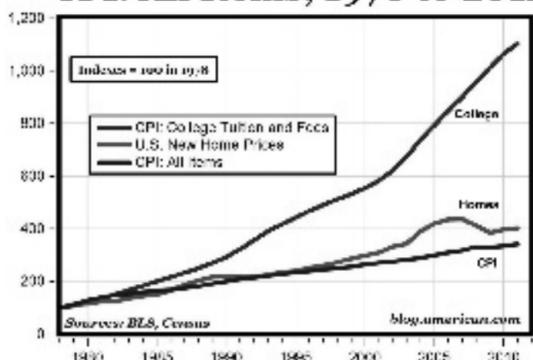


to students from families of modest income.

But at the end of the day, you should be allowed to ask the question, of how much is too much for a sheepskin. The conventional wisdom about higher education is so strong, though, that Altucher has received plenty of blowback about his views. "The reaction has been violent," he says. "People get so angry that they send me death threats, or say I should be sterilized, or that the government should take away my kids. But I just don't think it takes \$200,000 in debt to teach kids how to think. There are a lot of different ways to learn."

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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

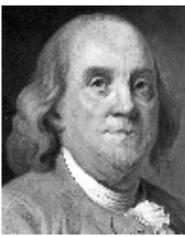
COMMENTARY

Save our Constitutional Republic



By Senator Bob Smith
NewsWithViews.com

In the sweltering heat of Philadelphia from May 25th to September 17th, 1787, 53 delegates from 12 of the original 13 colonies (Rhode Island refused to send any representatives) struggled mightily to come to an agreement to adopt a Constitution for the United States of America. When it was over, an exhausted Benjamin Franklin walked down the steps of the Pennsylvania State House and was asked, "What kind of government did you create, Mr. Franklin?" To which he replied, "A republic, if we can keep it." Are today's leaders respecting and protecting the Constitution that Franklin and his heroic and patriotic colleagues gave us in 1787?



Benjamin Franklin

Can we keep it?

I do not see how we can keep it, if we do not understand what "it" is. I know that sounds uncomfortably close to a Bill Clinton quote that we might all like to forget. However, the history teacher part of me cringes every time I hear the media, columnists and most of our elected leaders refer to America as a democracy. New England town meetings are democracies. The majority determines the issue at hand. The government of the United States is a REPUBLIC. We ELECT representatives who vote in our absence and on our behalf. We trust them to lead us. These representatives take only one oath, when they are elected. That oath is to uphold the Constitution of the United States. The Constitution contains an oath of office only for the President. However, in 1789 the first Congress added a requirement to include members of Congress and other government officials, because they knew that adherence to the spirit and intent of our Constitution was critical to the survival of our republic.

As we glide into another election season of debates, press reports, news shows and interviews we must remember that elected officials do not take an oath to any political party. They do not swear allegiance to NAFTA or GATT or monolithic international organizations, like the United Nations or the World Court. They do not solemnly swear allegiance to support and defend large international corporations and certainly not to large special interests, lobbyists and political donors.

The term "political party" cannot be found anywhere in the Constitution. Not in the body and not in the amendments. Yet, political

parties write the rules of participation in the ballot process. Party debates sponsored by media outlets that are for the most part hostile, delight in asking confrontational or embarrassing questions. CNN is basking in the glory of the intraparty squabble from the recent Florida Republican Party debate. Presidential candidates must "win" a majority of delegates at party nominating conventions to be the nominee. Certain states, such as Iowa, select delegates by holding caucuses that requires people to attend meetings and publicly state for whom they are voting. This process excludes people, such as the disabled and our military men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan, from even voting at all!

The primary states, which do conduct secret ballot voting, concentrate on "leapfrogging" one another to see who can be first, rather than working together to make the process fairer for the voters as well as the candidates. The media and pollsters tell us who we are going to vote for before the election, and candidates "put their fingers to the wind" to decide how to take a stand on an issue. We suffer from electile dysfunction! This is hardly what our Founders had in mind when they wrote the Constitution.

So, if we do "want to keep it," why do we continue to elect members of Congress and presidents who place these entities above the document that they swore to uphold? Why do we not insist on making changes in the electoral process? This precious document, so carefully crafted, is being trampled routinely every day! We cannot blame this on those we elect. We must accept the blame for continuing to elect them. We need bold, fresh, strong and courageous patriots to buck the system and "rock the boat." Brave men and women put it on the line to create our republic. Surely, we can find some today with the courage to save it.

Make no mistake about it, however, this will be a long and arduous journey.

John Adams said that "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people." Ben Franklin added, "Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need for masters." Yet, no religious leaders were "allowed" to participate in the recent ceremonies commemorating the September 11th attack on the World Trade Center towers in New York City. We often see stories in the news about someone trying to remove a cross, or other references to religion in some public place in America.

Our Republic is in very grave danger!

Things have gone seriously wrong and they are getting worse by the day.

The sovereignty of the U.S. is constantly subjugated to trade agreements, international ventures, alliances and treaties not approved by Congress. Our worshipping at the altar of the "world economy" has contributed to the loss of our manufacturing base and the collapse of the value of the dollar.

We are currently fighting two wars that have never been declared by Congress, even though it is a requirement of the Constitution that Congress vote such a declaration, before we send our troops into war!

Part of the oath taken by our elected officials is to defend the Constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic. Yet, they refuse

to seal our borders from terrorists and those who come here illegally, at a terrible cost to our taxpayers in crime and undeserved benefits. Our porous and uncontrolled borders threaten the very survival of America.

Unscrupulous defense contractors sell our weapons systems and secrets to our enemies, forcing us to chase our own technology around the world to stay ahead, and Congress does nothing to stop it. Indeed at times they support this treasonous action.

Even our own ports, where dirty bombs could easily be imported, have been "offered up" to the control of other nations!

Congress and the President continue to raise our national debt year after year. All the fanfare about the recent "debt ceiling" extension/budget agreement notwithstanding, there is no serious effort to rein in so-called "entitlements" and other programs, while mortgaging the future of our children. The growth and size of the federal government is amplified by programs, bureaus and departments that have no connection to the Constitution whatsoever.

Activist justices on the Supreme Court and judges on the lower courts have shredded much of the Bill of Rights and imposed their personal views on the citizenry. These judges impose gun control on honest citizens and routinely put violent criminals back on the streets to kill and rape again.

The liberal and activist judges who voted for Roe vs. Wade have sanctioned and indeed promoted the slaughter of over 50 million of our unborn children since 1973. Is it possible that one or more of those children could have become a president or a researcher who found a cure for cancer? We will never know because those children never had a chance to live their dream. God bless these children for they had no voice. Their blood is on our hands. Where do we find "abortion rights" in the U.S. Constitution?

Judges take our property without fair compensation or respect for the rights of private property provided under our Constitution. As if this were not bad enough, they have taken God from our schools and public buildings and are determined to remove all mention of Him anywhere. Guess who placed these judges in their positions? When Ruth Bader Ginsburg came before the United States Senate for confirmation several years ago, "conservative" senators voted "aye" to please Bill Clinton, leaving Jesse Helms, Don Nickles and me, alone, as the three votes against one of the most activist justices ever to be appointed to the bench.

Is it possible to save this glorious constitutional republic that Franklin first informed us about in 1787? George Washington warned us in 1796 when he said, "...It is essential that public opinion should be enlightened. In a republic, what species of knowledge...and what duty more

pressing...than...communicating it to those who are to be the future guardians of the liberties of our country?" Yet, most of the "communicators in the majority of the large news outlets appear to work against the very constitutional values our Founders so eloquently espoused.

Our elected officials have let us down. We must elect strong advocates for our constitutional republic at every level of government, from school board to president of the United States. We must change America from the bottom up.

Millions of Americans are beginning to figure this out. The Tea Party surge gives us hope. In spite of a constant lambasting by the left-wing media, they have made a difference in the electoral process. They have influenced the discussion and even gotten CNN to acknowledge them with a debate sponsorship! There are millions and millions of Americans who support the traditional values of the sanctity of life, religious freedom and family who are not affiliated with any party. They are rich and poor, young and old. They work in factories and offices, they live on farms and in suburbs, they attend churches by the millions and they are patriotic! They are sick of what is happening.

When the patriots needed to communicate with one another before and during the Revolutionary War they formed "Committees of Correspondence" to keep each other informed. They wrote the Federalist Papers to garner support for the Constitution. They were prepared to sacrifice their lives, fortunes and sacred honor. They communicated by horseback and word of mouth. We have the Internet, talk radio and media watchdog organizations such as Accuracy in Media. The news media no longer controls the debate.

The Constitution of the United States is our battle plan. We all must be "teachers" of the Constitution and we must insist that it is thoroughly taught in our schools. We all need to be the purveyors of the "Constitution Papers." We must be uncompromising leaders and experts on this document and teach our friends, relatives, co-workers and neighbors about it. Learn and teach what is constitutional and you will in turn get constitutionalists as leaders.

It is time for conservatives to step back from whining about media bias and take a positive approach to challenging the press. As sure as the sun comes up each morning, the left-wing media are going to attack our values. We need to get up before the sun and promote our own.

Media bias is constitutional, but it does not have to be successful in undermining our value system.

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Former Iowa Judge Arrested, Again...

(QC Times) - A former Muscatine County associate judge has been arrested once again for violating the



James A. Weaver

terms of his parole.

James A. Weaver, 58, was arrested by authorities in Johnson County and transported Monday to the Muscatine County Jail on September 20, 2011. He is charged with violating his parole on a third drunken driving offense.

Weaver was in the Muscatine County Jail on a \$2,000 cash-only bond.

Authorities have not said how

Weaver violated his parole, or when his first court hearing is scheduled.

This is the third time Weaver has been accused of violating the terms of his parole since he pleaded guilty in August 2009 to his third offense of drunken driving.

Weaver was released from the Iowa Department of Corrections in April after serving 10 months in prison for violating his parole a second time.

That incident occurred June 16, 2010. Davenport police officers went to his home for a safety check because Weaver had not been seen for six days, and family members expressed concern because he had a history of threatening to commit suicide, according to court documents.

Weaver failed to answer the door when police arrived, and was found in his bedroom "extremely intoxicated," court records state.

A breathalyzer test registered his blood-alcohol content level at 0.11. The legal limit for driving in Iowa is 0.08.

WI: No Right to Produce or Eat Food

(NoNAIS) -In scary legal news Wisconsin Judge, Patrick J. Feidler had gone completely loopy declaring that citizens have no right to produce or eat the foods of their own choice.

In response to a request from the Farm-to-Consumer Legal Defense Fund, the judge issued a clarification of his decision last week regarding his assessment of the constitutionality of food rights. The judge expanded on his original statement that such constitutional issues are "wholly without merit."

He explained that the FTCLDF arguments were "extremely underdeveloped." As an example, he said the plaintiffs' use of the Roe v Wade abortion rights case as a precedent does "not explain why a woman's right to have an abortion translates to a right to consume unpasteurized milk... This court is unwilling to declare that there is a fundamental right to consume the food of one's choice without first being presented with significantly more developed arguments on both sides of the issue." Gee, I thought they both had to do with the right to

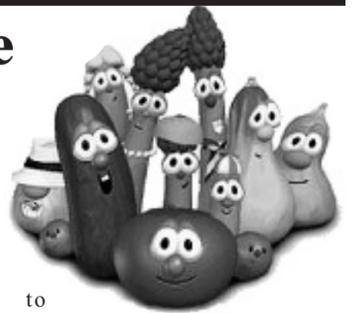
decide what to do with your own body.

As if to show how pissed he was at being questioned, he said his decision translates further that "no, Plaintiffs do not have a fundamental right to own and use a dairy cow or a dairy herd;It seems Judge Fiedler is saying it's not a "fundamental right," but rather a right granted to us by the state.

"No, Plaintiffs do not have a fundamental right to consume the milk from their own cow;"

And in a kind of exclamation point, he added this to his list of nonos: "no, Plaintiffs do not have a fundamental right to produce and consume the foods of their choice..."

You have to wonder if maybe even the regulators are getting a tad uncomfortable with the rulings coming from the nation's judiciary on food rights. Many of these individuals, biased as they are against raw milk, dabble in farming to some extent, or grew up on farms. This judge has gone way beyond what many of them have come to assume—that everyone has the right



to own

a cow and consume its milk Even in places that ban raw milk sales, there's nearly always a provision in state law that anyone who owns a cow has the right to consume its milk.

To quote from the main points:

1) No, Plaintiffs do not have a fundamental right to own and use a dairy cow or a dairy herd;

2) No, Plaintiffs do not have a fundamental right to consume the milk from their own cow;

3) No, Plaintiffs do not have a fundamental right to produce and consume foods of their choice...

In other words: Put down that carrot and backup slowly. Anything you eat or grow can and will be held against you in a court of law. You have now entered the police state. Shut up. ***

THE MESSAGE THAT RESONATES



Ron Paul: The country is ripe for revolution



By Karrah Kaplan

(CNN) - Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul rallied a sold-out crowd of more than 1800 of his most ardent under-thirty-year-old supporters in New York City Monday night.

Tickets to the event cost \$20-25. It was originally scheduled to take place at the famed Webster Hall's Marlin Room, but, the event had to be moved to a room twice as large at the last minute due to an overwhelming response. The final setting was in the Grand Ballroom, which has hosted celebrities to the scale of Mick Jagger and Madonna.

"We are seeing a level of enthusiasm for Ron Paul that can be compared with President Obama in 2008", said Eric Brakey, Media

Coordinator for NYC Liberty HQ, the grassroots organization hosting the rally for the candidate. "Congressman Paul's youth support is different now than it was during his last presidential campaign. It's more organized and it's picking up steam and continues to grow".

As the longtime congressman from Texas stepped onto the stage, the crowd screamed with enthusiasm. The audience's biggest reaction came when he spoke about ending the Federal Reserve. "The country has changed in the last four years, but my message hasn't changed" Paul said. "The country is ripe for a true revolution".

Responding to an earlier interview with Jon Stewart, he told the crowd that he is largely ignored by the media for a couple of reasons, one being that "people in charge don't want to hear our message".

Paul, who's making his third bid for the White House, devoted the final moments of his speech to President Obama. "Obama thinks he is going to spend a billion dollars on his [re-election] campaign", but "when truth prevails you don't need a billion dollars".

And to that, the audience burst out chanting the candidate's name and didn't stop until long after he excited the room.

Ron Paul Bests Obama in Latest Poll

(BUSINESS WIRE)-- In a new Harris Poll, 2012 Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul beats President Obama 51 percent to 49 percent in a general election race.

"This is yet another poll that clearly proves how competitive Ron Paul is against the sitting President," said Ron Paul 2012 National Campaign Chairman Jesse Benton. "Dr. Paul is making strides, affirming that the American people are looking for conviction instead of the typical status quo rhetoric being offered by establishment candidates."

These results come just a few weeks after a Reuters/Ipsos survey showed Ron Paul polling within striking distance of President Obama among registered voters. Furthermore, a late August Rasmussen poll showed him within 1 percent of President Obama in a head-to-head matchup.

Another recent Gallup survey, conducted August 17-18, shows Paul only 2 percentage points behind Obama in a general election match-up. In a similar head-to-head survey from last year done by Rasmussen, Dr. Paul drew a statistical dead heat with the President. And earlier this year in a survey by CNN, he did the best out of the other Republicans put up against Obama in a head-to-head poll.



harris poll online™	Would vote for	
	President Obama	The Republican nominee
The Harris Poll # 03 September 27, 2011	%	%
Sarah Palin	57	43
Newt Gingrich	55	45
Herman Cain	54	46
Jon Huntsman, Jr.	54	46
Rick Santorum	54	46
Michele Bachmann	54	46
Rick Perry	51	49
Ron Paul	49	51
Mitt Romney	47	53

Military Publication Salutes Ron Paul

(Daily Paul) - 2012 Republican Presidential candidate Ron Paul was recently recognized by a well-known West Coast military publication for the campaign contributions active-military men and women give him, contributions that far exceed those given to his other GOP competitors and to

President Barack Obama. See piece below from "The Ranger," a publication celebrating its 60th anniversary:

(The Ranger) - As someone who has served his country, Air Force veteran and 2012 Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul has some very straightforward views on the United States' involvement in the Global War on Terror.

He believes hundreds of thousands of U.S. Service members have been stretched thin all across the globe in more than 135 countries - often without a clear mission, any sense of what defines victory, or the knowledge of when they'll be permanently reunited with their families.

He believes acting as the world's policeman and nation-building weakens the U.S., puts our troops in harm's way, and sends precious resources to other nations in the midst of a historic economic crisis.

And the Texas congressman

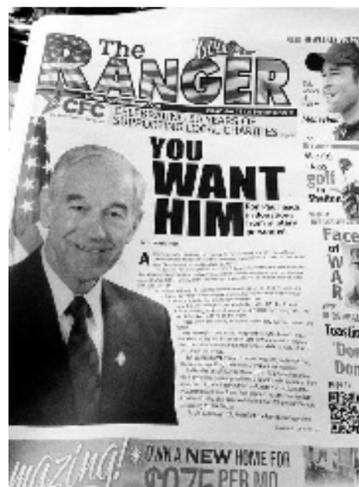
also believes the U.S. should end nation-building, which is draining troop morale, increasing debt and sacrificing lives with no end in sight.

Those views are striking a chord with military members across the nation...

"He's a straight shooter and he speaks from the heart," said Air Force Master Sgt. Bill Baker, a first sergeant stationed at McChord Field. "He's not about slandering other candidates. All he does is talk about the issues."

But Servicemembers aren't only saying they believe in Paul, they are also putting their money where their mouth is.

Earlier this year, it was confirmed that Paul has raised more than any other current presidential candidate in donations from members of the military. Of those donors who indicated their occupation and employer, Paul topped the other contenders, a distinction he also achieved during his 2008 presidential run, according to USA Today.



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WHERE REALITY SHATTERS ILLUSION

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It is no wonder everyone is confused with various federal entities writing their own rules and regulations, which serve only to confuse the public and often contradict each other. These many federal agencies often fail to follow their own rules and regulations; examples being mining laws, clean water, timber harvest, grazing, travel management acts such as FLPMA, and so on. This manner of business has turned into a 900-pound gorilla and needs to be addressed at the highest levels.

POLICE POWERS

Getting back to the original issue of the federal government bodies engaging in “**police powers**” within the States – one of the more important cases, “*the court ruled that forest reserves were not federal enclaves subject to the doctrine of exclusive legislative jurisdiction of the United States. Local peace officers were to exercise civil and criminal process over these lands. Forest Service rangers were not law enforcement officers unless designated as such by state authority. The USFS had no general grant of law enforcement authority within a sovereign State.*”

Road closures, for example, are critical to our public health welfare, and safety. As the chief law enforcement authority, saddled with those responsibilities, I must assert my lawful authority to use any road deemed essential in this regard to conduct law enforcement operations including crime prevention, crime response, fire suppression, emergency medical response, assistance to federal agents, search and rescue operations, drug cartel and illicit drug eradication, and related operations. The closure of roads and harassment by federal agents upon miners has prompted my actions.

LEGAL FOUNDATION FOR POLICE POWER

Recently, there has been a movement by the Supreme Courts in rendering decisions relative to the clear meaning and intent of our Constitution. A recent Court reviewed many of the clear attempts on the part of Congress to usurp authority it did not have. The Court stated, “*But law in the sense in which courts speak of it today does not exist without some definite authority behind it. The common law so far as it is enforced in a State, whether called common law or not, is not the common law generally but the law of that State existing by the authority of that State without regard to what it may have been in England or anywhere else ... The authority and only authority is the State, and if that be so, the voice adopted by the State as its own (whether it be of its Legislature or of its Supreme Court) should*



utter the last word. Thus the doctrine of Swift v. Tyson is, as Mr. Justice Holmes said, ‘an unconstitutional assumption of powers by the Courts of the United States which no lapse of time or respectable array of opinion should make us hesitate to correct.’ In disapproving that doctrine, we do not hold [304 U.S. 64, 80] unconstitutional section of 34 of the Federal Judiciary Act of 1789 or any other act of Congress. We merely declare that in applying the doctrine this Court and the lower courts have invaded rights which in our opinion are reserved by the Constitution to the several states.”

In a concurring opinion, Justice Thomas stated, “*the exchanges during the ratification campaign reveal the relatively limited reach of the Commerce Clause and of federal power generally. The Founding Fathers confirmed that most areas of life (even many matters that would have substantial effects on commerce) would remain outside the reach of the Federal Government. Such affairs would continue to be under the exclusive control of the States.*

“*We have said that Congress may regulate not only ‘Commerce...among the several states,’ U.S. Const., Art. I, 8, cl.3, but also anything that has a ‘substantial effect’ on such commerce. This test, if taken to its logical extreme, would give congress a ‘police power’ over all aspects of American life. Unfortunately, we have never come to grips with this implication of our substantial effects formula. Although we have supposedly applied the substantial effects test for the past 60 years, we always have rejected readings of the Commerce Clause and the scope of federal power that would permit Congress to exercise a ‘police power’; our cases are quite clear that there are real limits to federal power...Indeed, on the crucial point, the majority and Justice Breyer agree in principle: the Federal Government has nothing approaching a police power.*”

“*The Constitution mandates this uncertainty by withholding from Congress a plenary ‘police power’ that would authorize enactment of every type of legislation.*”

In another case, the Court claimed the federal government had no jurisdiction over crimes committed within the 50 States.”

“*In the United States of America, there are two separate and distinct jurisdictions, such being the jurisdiction of the states within their own state boundaries, and the other being federal jurisdiction (central government), which is limited to the District of Columbia, the U.S. territories, and federal enclaves within the states, under Article 1, Section 8, Clause 17.*

“*The article which describes the judicial power of the United States is not intended for the cession of territory or of general jurisdiction ... Congress has power to exercise exclusive jurisdiction over this district, and over all places purchased by the consent of the legislature of the state in which the same shall be, for the erection of forts, magazines, arsenals, dock-yards, and other needful buildings.*”

“*Special provision is made in the Constitution for the cession of jurisdiction from the States over places where the federal government shall establish forts or other military works. And it is only in these places, or in the territories of the United States, where it can exercise a general jurisdiction.*”

USES OF PUBLIC LAND

There seems to be more and more regulations coming forth that violate property rights and grants to the people by our Constitution; such as, the “*Executive order creating Humboldt*

TENTH AMENDMENT

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

National Forest, Where the Road resides and relevant Congressional acts contain a savings clause protecting preexisting rights. The Presidential Executive Order which created the Humboldt National Forest contained a savings clause, protecting all existing rights and excluding all land more valuable for agriculture and mining.”

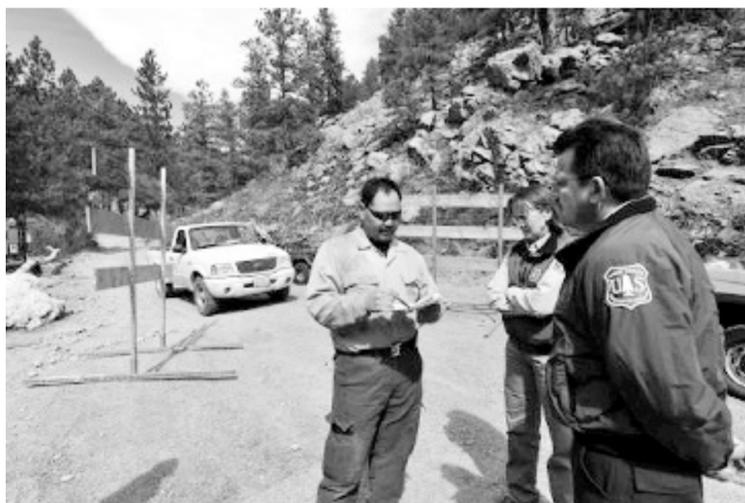
“*Public Lands*” are “*lands open to sale or other dispositions under general laws, lands to which no claim or rights of others have attached*”. The United States Supreme Court has stated: “*It is well settled that all land to which any claim or rights of others has attached does not fall with the designation of public lands.*” FLPMA defines “*public lands*” to mean “*any land and interest in land owned by the United States with the several states and administered by the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Land Management.*”

“*Public land*” that is disposed by claims under the act of 1872 is “*Public Domain*”. “*The locators of all mining locations made on any mineral vein, lode, or ledge, situated on the public domain, their heirs and assigns, were no adverse claim existed on the 10th day of May 1872 so long as they comply with the laws of the United States, and with State, territorial, and local regulations not in conflict with the laws of the United States governing their possessory title, shall have the exclusive right of possession and enjoyment of all the surface included within the lines of their locations.*”

The mechanics of what happens to the “*public land*” once found to be mineral in character is expressly evidenced in the Organic Act of 1897, that “*any public lands embraced within the limits of any forest reservation which...*” “*...shall be found better adapted for mining or for agricultural purposes than for forest usage, may be restored to the public domain.*” By private settlement under various land disposal laws of the United States, such as the Mining Law of 1872, “*public land*” is restored to the **public domain**.

The federal agencies have **management authority only** over “*public land*”, **not privately settled public domain**. The act of location restores the land to public domain and the mining law provides the locator of such segregation “*shall have the exclusive right of possession and enjoyment of all the surface included within the lines of their locations*”

Federal mining claims are “**private property**.”



From left, U.S. Forest Service employees Bill Alakai, Karen Talley and Ed Perault discuss how best to handle the continued closure of Forest Service Roads... (Photo by Marty Caivano)

“*But so long as he complies with the provisions of the mining laws his possessory right, for all practical purposes of ownership, is as good as though secured by patent.*”

“*All mining claims, whether quartz or placer, are real estate. The owner of the possessory right thereto has a legal estate therein with the meaning of ORS 105.005*”

Setting the required boundaries of a mining claim literally sets a boundary describing land separate and distinct from agency authority placing the land under the exclusive authority and jurisdiction of the locator. This interest is also stated as case law and Forest Service Manual details.”

By clear and identical language, Congress has stated in the Organic Act of June 4, 1897, the Eastern Forests (Week’s) Act of 1911, and the Taylor Grazing Act of 1934, that there was no intention to retain federal jurisdiction over private interests

within national forests. The courts have consistently upheld the ruling in Kansas v. Colorado since 1907.

No section of the FLPMA and, therefore, no Forest Service authority may impair or amend locator’s rights under the act of 1872. “*no provision of this section or any other section of this Act (FLPMA) shall in any way amend the Mining Law of 1872 or impair the rights of any locators or claims under that Act, including, but not limited to, rights of ingress and egress.*”

One final point, “*where rights secured by the constitution are involved, there can be no legislation or rule-making that would abrogate them.*”

CONCLUSION

In summation, the Supreme Court has declared the federal government has no authority or jurisdiction over individuals or issues not involving interstate commerce or issues not involving federal territory. Neither Congress, nor the President, can pass laws that govern life or activities within the boundaries of the several States. “*Police*” powers are **not explicitly granted** to the central (federal) government and thereby fall within the purview of the 10th Amendment Clause of the Bill of Rights.

The points addressed in this document are not all that require redress, but rather presented to identify violations and disjointed (often overbearing) management of our public lands. The lack of federal **coordination** and the inaccurate scientific studies to mention two, must also be addressed, as the federal agencies seem to blatantly ignore.

At the beginning of this document, reference was made proposing a possible solution. To that end, I would begin with a point made in the Congressional Record referred to several times from Hon. Jim Gibbons of Nevada, to wit:

“*Forest reserves were not federal enclaves subject to the doctrine of exclusive legislative jurisdiction of the United States. Local peace officers were to exercise civil and criminal process over these lands. Forest Service rangers were not law enforcement officers unless designated as such by state authority.*”

Put police enforcement back where it belongs, within the several States, or political subdivisions. In these tough economic times, it would put our citizens back to work; by subcontracting to local authorities for Law Enforcement services it would most certainly provide a cost savings benefit to the

federal government; and places the protection of our forests and natural resources with those having a real stake in the safety, health, and welfare of the community they serve.

It is my hope; this letter will serve as a starting point of discussion.

Respectfully,

Gil Gilbertson, Sheriff
Josephine County,
Oregon



Pictures not in original letter.

Please contact Gilbertson’s office and let him know you appreciate his efforts in standing for your rights!

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Modern Mythology: Five Myths About Gun Control



By Guy Smith
Human Events

A radio talk show host recently asked me to name the top five myths about gun control.

My response was "Why discuss only 0.0001% of the lies?"

My statistical snideness aside, the question provoked some necessary thinking. After a decade of debunking such myths in Gun Facts, it would be easy to rattle off several fabrications about firearms, numerous misinformation points involving numbers, or even disclose that Chuck Schumer and his kindlier brother Beelzebub are no long on speaking terms. All those items would bore the average audience into comas and not enlighten discussions about that political perversion called the gun control "movement" (given the utter lack of dues paying members to any gun control organization, and given their backward "progress" in the last two decades, their "movement" is oddly immobile).

After long and painful consideration, I managed to distill gun control mythology into five rather straight forward points.

Myth #1 – gun control works: There are more data points detailing the failure of gun control than stars in the sky, grains of sand on the world's beaches, or Nancy Pelosi's Botox injections. The main myth is that the stuff works. Oddly, we have Bill Clinton to thank not only for endless new cigar jokes, but for kick-starting a five year study by the National Academy of Sciences that found zero evidence supporting a correlation between gun control and violent crime. After ingesting 253 peer-reviewed journal articles, 99 different books, 43 government publications,

a survey of 80 different gun-control laws and some of their own independent research, they tossed a 328-page report that showed reducing firearm ownership rates does nothing to reduce criminal firearm misuse rates. Nobody with functioning neurons was surprised by the conclusion.

Myth #2 – "common sense" gun control laws:

Dictionaries confound political discussions. My dictionary defines "common sense" as "sound practical judgment that is independent of specialized knowledge." For any law to be "common sense" oriented, there must be a clear end result, an expectation that it will be enforced, and some validation that the scheme has the desired effect. No proposal from the Brady Campaign, Violence Policy Center, or Criminals for Societal Manipulation (a.k.a. Michael Bloomberg's Mayors Against Illegal Guns) meets the definition of "common sense." The desired results all depend on the assumptions that criminals will not disobey new laws (such as filing off microstamping markers) or that the laws will be executed and enforced (such as catching criminals with altered guns ... which they stole to begin with). Common sense requires incarcerating miscreants, not unviable and exotic technology.

Myth #3 – gun control reduces violent crime overseas:

This Lie of Exotic Divergence was once popular in gun control cabals, until the Dutch Ministry of Justice performed a uniform multi-national survey of crime victimization, discovering that violent crime rates were higher in Australia, England, Scotland, Canada, Finland, Poland, Ireland, Denmark, France, Sweden and Holland (America ranked #13 of 17 nations for violent tendencies, with Japan, Portugal, Spain and barely Belgium below us). Our firearm homicide rate is higher in the USofA, but our own Bureau of Justice Statistics says that 94% of those homicides are gang- and drug-trafficking related. Eliminating Crips and

Bloods – what a wonderful idea – might bring American violence levels down to Japan's.

Myth #4 – concealed carry laws endanger the public:

When Barack Obama told the Chicago Sun Times "There has not been any evidence that allowing people to carry a concealed weapon is going to make anyone safer," intelligent and educated people were forced into impromptu BVD changes due to laughter-induced involuntary tinkling. In 1988 only 10 states allowed citizens to carry concealed firearms, and two of them had simply never bothered to outlaw the practice. Today 42 states provide for private pistol packing, and the violent crime rate is 32% lower than 23 years ago. Professor John Lott once told me that not a single peer-reviewed criminology paper showed violent crime

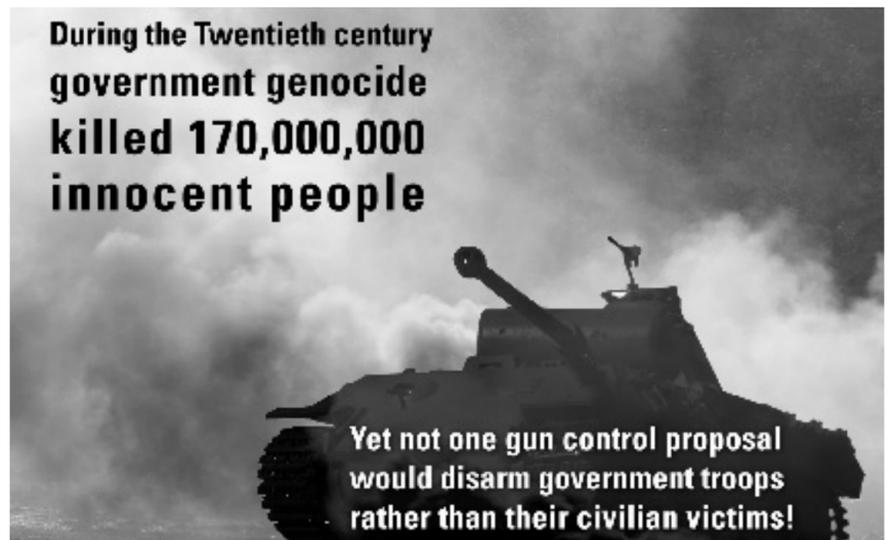


rising in states that passed concealed carry laws (compared to national averages). Yet Barry Obama dislikes the idea, proving that the people who voted for him are as intelligent as he.

Myth #5 – "we have to do something":

We have to do smart things, which means isolating and understanding the source of violence and, if you are myopic enough, the source of gun violence. Doing "something" for the sake of doing it means wasting grand gobs of tax money and police time chasing otherwise innocent citizens and not garden variety thugs. Given the number of firearm homicides, the fact that 94% of those homicides are gang related, and that gang suspects in homicides are the lead subject in an average of two more unsolved homicides, then most of the mess could be contained by incarcerating as few as 3,000 well known repeat violent offenders. That would be doing something smart

Guy Smith is the author of *Shooting The Bull – a field guide to identifying political lies in real-time and Gun Facts.*



Secret Tapes Emerge in ATF Gun Probe

By William La Jeunesse
Fox News

WASHINGTON - There are new tapes and new accusations against the government in connection to the botched gun-tracking program called Fast and Furious.

Has a federal official undermined and obstructed the investigation into operation Fast and Furious by releasing secretly recorded audio tapes?

"I'm painted as either the biggest snitch ever in this industry or I'm working for you," Andre Howard, owner of the Lone Wolf Gun Store, said to Hope MacAllister, lead ATF agent in the Fast and Furious case.

Howard secretly taped

MacAllister after becoming convinced the ATF was lying to him about stopping the guns he sold before they reached members of the Mexican cartels.

"He was acting under the direct supervision of the Department of Justice and ATF. He thought he was making a difference and that these people were being arrested and there were going to be indictments and that there were going to be prosecutions," says Howard's lawyer, Larry Gaydos.

Records show Lone Wolf sold more than 1,000 weapons to suspected buyers, including those guns allegedly used to kill Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry.

"Agent Terry's death just brought about, I guess, a tremendous amount of regret and

sorrow, disappointment, disgust to myself," says Alt.

Whistleblower agent Larry Alt is speaking out for the first time after MacAllister disparaged his family on one of the recordings. MacAllister said the FBI found three guns at Terry's murder scene -- not two -- as the agency claims.

The FBI says MacAllister is confused, that there were only two guns at the scene.

A lawyer involved in the case said an FBI field agent mistook an SKS rifle for an AK-47, even though the AK is much shorter

Regardless, Gaydos claims his client was set up as the fall guy by former ATF Phoenix chief Bill Newell.

"He thought he was helping the good guys. And he had no way of



knowing that those guns were going to crime scenes in the United States and Mexico," says Gaydos.

Senator Charles Grassley and Congressman Darrell Issa released a letter demanding to know why the Justice Department's Inspector General shared those audio tapes with the U.S. Attorney in Arizona and ultimately Agent MacAllister -- both targets of their probe. The lawmakers say the release harmed and compromised their investigation. ***



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regarding personal property and an incident occurred at the law office of Howard Marshack, which resulted in the City of Vancouver initiating a criminal prosecution against Plaintiff Marshack.

During the pendency of the divorce proceedings, the City, through a number of its agents and employees, began to treat plaintiff differently than other citizens. These actions were initiated by Josephine Townsend, who was then serving as Assistant City prosecutor and acting within the course and scope of her employment.

In September 2004, plaintiff appealed to the City Ombudsman who was then Jim Jacks, for assistance in dealing with the City. Jim Jacks, rather than performing the functions of his office as described to the general public, including plaintiff, assumed an advocacy position contrary to that of plaintiff, and actively joined Josephine Townsend and others against plaintiff. Jim Jacks issued a report, and published it, asserting that plaintiff was a ‘functional sociopath,’ was not qualified to act in her professional capacity as a psychologist and has explosive anger management problems. Those assertions have no factual basis.”

The lawsuit further states, “On March 14, 2007 the Columbian newspaper published another article implying that Marshack was the troublesome party and failing to mention that she had won in Court many times against the attacks of her neighbors and the City of Vancouver. Since Columbian owner Scott



Dr. Kathy Marshack

Campbell was meeting privately with City officials about her, yet she had no knowledge of these meetings, she could not possibly defend herself against them.”

Having covered Dr. Marshack's incredible story of survival - witnessing the severe criminal actions of City of Vancouver officials and others against her, I am completely amazed that she has found the strength to get through all of the unwarranted attacks in one piece.

In my well-qualified opinion, Josephine Townsend, Jim Jacks and others who conspired to damage and destroy Dr. Kathy Marshack, should be in a prison cell for what they have done to her. If she were to receive every dime from the City of Vancouver coffers, it wouldn't begin to right the wrongs that have been committed against her.

Editor's Note: Don't miss our next article on the outcome of Kathy Marshack vs City of Vancouver and be sure to read the in-depth history of this case as well as the entire Amended Complaint at www.usobserver.com.

Columbian newspaper owner and Howard Marshack have not been forgotten – each and every detail of their involvement in this case will be made public at the appropriate time.

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Saenz was a Mexican national living here illegally and she had a strong motive to lie - She was facing deportation unless she could convince law enforcement she was a crime victim. All Saenz had to do was use government's U-Visa system to document herself as a crime victim and receive public assistance, etc., in return for her accusing and then assisting in the prosecution of an innocent man. Many female illegals have successfully used the U-Visa program to remain in the U.S.

To convince law enforcement, she burned herself with cigarettes and cut her leg. Then she invited her boyfriend Josiah Telles to her home on the day after they had gotten a marriage license. She had him come to her so that she could spring her trap and make him look like a monster.

The deputies, seeing her burns and the cuts, believed her. Marion County Sheriff's Deputies and Josiah's appointed public defender failed to investigate Saenz's story even though Telles repeatedly declared his innocence. It was business as usual – receive an accusation, file false criminal charges, and force the innocent into a coerced plea-bargain.

After his public defender told him he could not win a trial, Josiah's parents hired Portland Attorney James E. Leuenberger.

Leuenberger learned that Pacheco Saenz had attempted the same scheme she was pulling on Josiah on another man, Floyd

Kednay. Kednay had won his trial in Washington County, because he and his attorney proved that Pacheco Saenz was a liar.

Armed with her history, Leuenberger demanded discovery from the state about her. The more he learned about her the more his client's story checked out and her story didn't.

First, her burns were not fresh when she was found on September 2, 2009. Second, the sperm in her vagina was not Josiah's sperm. Third, her cut could not have been inflicted as she said it had been, because her bed's sheets had no blood on them.

After an eight day trial, a Marion County jury needed only 5 minutes to find Josiah not guilty on all of the serious sex and violence charges against him. Had Mr. Telles followed the advice of his court appointed attorney he would be headed to prison for many years and would have remained a registered sex-offender for life.

Telles should thank God that he had Leuenberger to investigate, due to the fact that neither law enforcement, nor the prosecution conducted any investigation whatsoever, before deciding to strip Josiah of his freedom and any future semblance of a normal life.

The *US-Observer* commends Attorney Jim Leuenberger for his hard and successful work on this case – for setting an innocent man free...

South Florida ICE official arrested on child porn charges

Miami (CNN) -- The head of Immigration and Customs Enforcement for South Florida has been arrested on child pornography charges, the Department of Justice said Wednesday.

Anthony Mangione, 50, of Parkland, Florida, was charged in a three-count indictment unsealed Wednesday with transportation of child pornography, receipt of child pornography and possession of child pornography, authorities said in a statement.

"According to the indictment, between March 2010 and September 2010, Mangione allegedly transported and received visual depictions of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct," the statement said. "The indictment also alleges that Mangione possessed electronically stored messages that contained additional images of child pornography during the same time period."

Mangione was arrested Tuesday by FBI agents and made an initial appearance Wednesday in federal court in West Palm Beach, Florida.

During the appearance, Mangione pleaded not guilty to the charges, according to CNN affiliate WPTV. Both the prosecution and the defense requested that he undergo a psychological evaluation, and the judge approved that request.

"The government has concerns that given the magnitude of the charges, that he might melt down," defense attorney David Howard told WPTV. "So there is ... real concern, and it's going to be addressed."

Attempts to contact Howard on Wednesday were not immediately successful.

Mangione, a 27-year law enforcement veteran, wore a gray jumpsuit with "federal prisoner" on the back in court Wednesday, and his

hands and feet were shackled, WPTV said. He made no statement during the hearing.

He was being held in the Broward County jail, according to jail records.

A law enforcement official who asked not to be identified because he was not authorized to speak to the media said Mangione has been on leave from his job at ICE. WPTV reported that he was placed on paid administrative leave in April amid a federal investigation into four images on his home computer he allegedly received via e-mail.

According to its website, ICE targets and investigates child pornographers, child sex tourists and facilitators and human smugglers and traffickers of minors, among others. The agency developed Operation Predator, which it describes as "an initiative to identify, investigate and arrest child predators and sexual offenders."

If convicted, Mangione faces up to 20 years in prison, the Department of Justice said. He also faces a term of supervised release from five years to life following his prison sentence and he will be required to register as a sex offender.

"On the arrest of our former (special agent in charge) in Miami, we have cooperated fully in that investigation," ICE Director John Morton said Wednesday morning when asked about the case during a news conference on another matter. "We'll see how things unfold today, and beyond that, we don't have any comment."

The case is being investigated by the Broward County Sheriff's Office and the FBI, the Department of Justice said. Broward County referred questions to federal authorities, and the FBI referred them to the Department of Justice.



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SPECIAL LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Vivi Wells

"I went out to eat recently at Denny's in Grants Pass, OR. I was in uniform as were my friends, one of which has served in the Army both in Iraq and Afghanistan. As we were debating about what to order because of price and wallet constraints, we all finally chose the \$2 - \$8 value meals and the three of us ordered.

The night was unremarkable in itself, but then, something exceptional happened. As the waitress delivered our meals, she noted that the gentleman now leaving the restaurant had paid for our meals in gratitude to service to our Country. What a statement!

I was touched. We tried to gain the gentleman's attention, but either he did not see, or wanted to remain anonymous. Even in these hard economic times, someone would make a simple gesture of patriotism to make a soldier's life a little easier. Wow!

Thank you, whoever you are! With that act, you've thanked hundreds of thousands of service people, no matter where they are, or what they are doing. You said thank you in a way that moved deeply the souls of those who serve. You said you are proud, and you are grateful.

America is a great country, and she houses a great people, but the people do not truly realize their greatness until they acknowledge the sacrifice made to keep it that way...and say "thank you" to those who stand true to their oath to protect and defend. Dear Sir, your gesture did not go unnoticed."

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Creator of TSA airport security now says "dismantle it!"

By Jim Kouri
Law Enforcement Examiner

The U.S. lawmaker who played a key role in the creation of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) a decade ago is now calling to dismantle the agency and privatize airport security using contract protection firms.

Rep. John Mica (R-FL) alleges that the TSA has been marred by a series of shameful lapses despite receiving unlimited resources from Congress.

Created after the 2001 terrorist attacks mainly to protect aviation, the 60,000-employee TSA has been the subject of numerous federal probes that have blasted it for its many blunders. Just last week the investigative arm of Congress, the Government Accountability Office (GAO), released the latest in a series of reports reminding the TSA that "additional efforts are needed to improve security."

The TSA's mishaps are vast. They include clearing illegal immigrants to train as pilots and work in sensitive areas of busy U.S. airports, inept agents who let weapons slip by security checkpoints and agents prosecuted for stealing from passengers, according to the public-interest group that investigates political and government corruption, Judicial Watch.

Originally, Mica had urged the development of a behavior detection program, based on the highly successful Israeli model utilized by ELAI Airlines.

"Unfortunately, the TSA's SPOT Program is not like the Israeli behavior detection model. Unlike the Israeli program, SPOT is conducted from a distance, with no personal interaction between the passenger and the TSA employee

performing the SPOT screening unless the passenger is identified for secondary screening," Mica said.

"El Al also trains all their staff in behavior detection techniques, not just the screening staff working the passenger checkpoints," he added.

This unhappiness with the TSA is ongoing for Congressman Mica. Last year, he responded to a similar GAO report that revealed inadequacies within the TSA.

"GAO's [2010] report confirms that TSA has bungled the development and deployment of a potentially important layer of aviation security," Mica said. "Other countries, such as Israel, successfully employ behavior detection techniques at their airports, but the bloated, ineffective bureaucracy of TSA has produced another security failure for U.S. transportation systems."

"I have written to Secretary Napolitano to express the need for the immediate reevaluation and reorganization of the TSA, an agency teetering on the verge of disaster," Mica reported.

In a report, Judicial Watch stated that earlier this year a government audit revealed that the TSA failed to detect terrorists at U.S. airports on nearly two dozen occasions. In each case the terrorist slipped right through "security" checkpoints and boarded commercial aircraft undetected.

This was particularly shameful because the agency had been using a heavily touted program, known as Screening of Passengers by Observation Techniques (SPOT), that cost

taxpayers nearly \$212 million and the Obama Administration had already asked for more money (\$232 million) to keep it going.

Making matters worse, the Judicial Watch official revealed that the TSA's highly specialized Behavior Detection Officers failed to stop terrorists from boarding planes in facilities that rank among the top 10 highest risk on the agency's own Airport Threat Assessment list.

"This is just a sampling of the TSA's many problems over the years. No wonder the Florida congressman (John Mica) who authored the legislation that established the bloated agency is calling to dismantle it and privatize security screeners, pointing out that it's a \$9 billion enterprise that has "failed to actually detect any threat in 10 years," said

Judicial Watch's report.

Rep. Mica, who chairs the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, said this on the record during a recent interview with the Internet political news and commentary web site Human Events.

Last year the congressman referred to the TSA as a "bureaucratic nightmare" top heavy with supervisory and administrative staff. More than 7,000 supervisors and 3,526 administrators make an average annual salary that exceeds \$100,000, Mica revealed in a 2010 report when Republicans were in the minority.

The bottom line, according to the congressman, the massive bureaucracy cannot effectively ensure the safety of the U.S. transportation system.



Rep. John Mica



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been doing business with Jackson County for over three decades and in that time Jackson County Government has paid me thousands and thousands of dollars for my services. Now, Jackson County Development Services says they had no clue my business even existed."

Chancler continued, "If this is true, maybe the people of Jackson County would be better off if Jackson County Development Services Director Kelly Madding was looking for employment somewhere else."

Chancler said he felt the unwarranted attacks on him could have been brought on for many reasons. It could have been because of the dozens of families he has assisted in their defense against Jackson County Development Services and its little army of code enforcement officers, or it could have been this letter he sent to Jackson County Development Services and Ms. Madding:

It is my opinion that Jackson County in the past and in the present has not only failed to recognize the importance of the county's records in the lives of its citizens, but has failed in its responsibility and its duty to maintain and protect sound and accurate records, especially property records.

The citizens of Jackson County have a right to expect the efficient creation and management of county records. Common sense dictates that it is paramount that sound and accurate records must be protected and maintained for the effective and economic operation of our county's government.

The importance and value of the preservation of our county's records cannot be over stated. Our county's records of permanent value are necessary to provide the people of Jackson County with resources that accurately document the history of their rights of citizenship and property ownership.

The citizens of Jackson County have a right to expect convenient access to user friendly personnel that can offer accurate advice and professional assistance based on well-

established and professionally recognized records, and that is just not the case in your office. In my case, your personnel have been very polite, but your property records are unacceptable as anything resembling accurate legal documents.

Chancler further stated, "Jackson County's attacks on me are nothing new. It just appears they want to take it to a new level." Chancler

said he had made many enemies among the power brokers in Jackson County and the City of Medford's government over the years. When he and other citizens formed Jackson County Citizen's group, a government watchdog organization, and began exposing some of the corruption that runs silent but deep in Jackson County Government, he noticed personal attacks of retaliation. Chancler said Jackson County Citizen's group and its membership have worked very hard to keep a low profile, yet remain very effective at rooting out corruption in government.

In years past, Jackson County Citizen's group investigated Jackson County's Public Works Department and its then director Joe Strahl. That investigation exposed a viper pit of corruption in Jackson County's Public Works.

Chancler says, "We exposed everything from fraud, illegal dumping of solid waste in Ken Denman Wildlife Refuge, filling in a wetland, illegal storage of hazardous waste less than 100 feet from the Rogue River, in fact just a few hundred yards above the water intake of the City of Medford's water treatment plant.

"We then exposed the alleged sexual harassment charges by two female employees. Next, we confronted the county with information that Director Joe Strahl used members of a county road crew to recover his downed Elk on county time. That in its self was

a crime; a crime that Jackson County Commissioner's smoothed over and ignored until Jackson County Citizen's Group brought it to the attention of the public. For obvious reasons, Mr. Strahl left the employment of Jackson County.

Jackson County Citizen's group exposed corruption in Jackson County's Community Justice System, while Bob Grindstaff was Director. The corruption lead directly to the office of County Administrator Sue Slack and again, for obvious reasons, Mr. Grindstaff and later Ms. Slack left their employment with Jackson County.

Jackson County Citizen's group exposed corruption, constitutional violations and violations of oaths of office, when Jackson County Commissioners Walker, Gilmore and Kupillas created an unconstitutional administrative court system that gave Jackson County government total control of a citizens property, by eliminating citizen's constitutional rights to Due Process and a jury trial when faced with violation attacks from local government."

Chancler told this writer that he had been expecting to be ambushed in some way, because he had been looking into alleged corruption involving Jackson County Administrator Danny Jordan and some of the sweetheart perks Jordan has received from Commissioners Dennis "C W" Smith, John Rachor and Don Skundrick, some of which was recently reported on by the Medford Mail Tribune.

Chancler has also been looking into the Jackson County Jail involving the alleged physical abuse of prisoners and the reports that jail personal are planting drugs on prisoners. Chancler stated, "People need to remember this jail is the same jail where Jeffery Stuart

Anderson was handcuffed to a chair and beaten to death by one or more of the four Jackson County Sheriff's Deputies working in the jail. A \$1.8 million dollar settlement was paid to Anderson's family and no one was ever charged with his murder."

Chancler has recently exposed BLM Rangers who have NO constitutionally mandated police enforcement powers. These Rangers are being deputized by Jackson County Sheriff Mike Winters, who has allowed at least one of them to abuse people under the color of law. The US-Observer has published articles on the severe abuse committed in Jackson County, Oregon by BLM Ranger/Deputy Sheriff William Finch. To our knowledge, Sheriff Mike Winters hasn't lifted a finger to hold Finch accountable, even when he has all the conclusive evidence of all the abuse...

Why would anyone in Jackson County Government want to attack, distract or attempt to discredit Curt Chancler?

The answer is all too simple. The crooks are ignorant and they have failed to "Count the Costs." Whether the attacks are originating with Sheriff Mike Winters, Jackson County Commissioners, county bureaucrats, the criminal justice system, or a combination of these, those conspiring against Chancler are going to be exposed.

Chancler and the US-Observer are digging, collecting damaging evidence, and we are going to use each and every piece of corruption that we uncover to rid Jackson County of its corrupt, two-faced, unaccountable, "public servants."

Pack your lunch Jackson County...

Editor's Note: Anyone with valid information on corruption in Jackson County government is urged to contact Curt Chancler at 541-826-6968 or email Curt at curt@usobserver.com.



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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

you are flat broke and incarcerated. You find that the very person (your attorney) you frantically rushed to retain, became your worst enemy.

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

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completed any investigation.

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

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

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

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