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## The Sound of (Legal) Silence



Lou Ann Anderson

By Lou Ann Anderson

Involuntary Redistribution of Assets (IRA) actions in which probate venues and/or probate instruments (wills, trusts, powers of attorneys or guardianships) are used to loot assets of the dead, disabled or incapacitated are becoming increasingly common. A Manhattan trial

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## CASE DISMISSED Nye County, Nevada vs. Mairs *US~Observer Wins When Others Lose*

By Edward Snook  
Investigative Reporter

**Pahrump, Nevada** – On December 18, 2008, two separate, completely false felony charges were filed in Nye County, Nevada against Manuel Mairs and his wife Jacklyne. The charges filed with Nye County District Attorney Robert Beckett upon "information" by Assistant Sheriff Richard Marshall included Felony Perjury and Felony Subordination of Perjury, regarding statements the Mairs had either filed or conspired to file with others alleging that Manuel's daughter Aliza Mairs "had been sexually abused."

### History

According to documents obtained by the US~Observer, Mr. Mairs, who is currently an out of state law enforcement officer and who had previously been



Maliciously pursuing the Mairs were Toppo's attorney Tom Gibson (left) and Nye County District Attorney Robert Beckett (right)

employed by the Nye County Sheriff's Office, attempted to file a Child Protective Service (CPS) report of sexual molestation and abuse, perpetrated upon his (5) five year old daughter in early

2006. It should be noted that just days prior to the report being made, Mr. Mairs, obviously concerned, had reportedly made numerous unsuccessful attempts to contact his ex-wife, Charleen

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"Birds of a feather ..." Portland Mayors Sam Adams and Neil Goldschmidt

By Ron Lee  
Investigative Journalist

**Portland, Oregon** - One has to wonder if it is a prerequisite that a Portland, Oregon mayor has to be involved in some kind of underage sexual scandal? Like Neil Goldschmidt before him, current Mayor Sam Adams apparently

has a penchant for youth.

Goldschmidt served as mayor of Portland from 1973 to 1979 and had a long sexual relationship with a 14-year-old girl - a relationship he sought to cover-up for several decades. Adams has been accused of sexual relations with a 17 year-old boy, Beau Breedlove - something Adams

denied prior to the election and later admitted to, adding that it was only after Breedlove had turned 18.

According to Wikipedia, "*Sam Adams (born 1963) is an American politician and currently serves as the mayor of Portland, Oregon. He dropped out of college to enter politics and*

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By Curt Chanler  
Investigative Reporter

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## “Blair Holt Firearm Licensing & Record Sales Act of 2009”



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### Resolution:

**Subject: Oppose the passage of U.S. Congressional H.R. 45, entitled "Blair Holt Firearm Licensing & Record Sales Act of 2009"**

**Whereas:** If H.R. 45 becomes law, it

will require a license for handguns, semiautomatics and those currently possessed. The applicant must be fingerprinted, supply a current Driver's License, and social security number. The applicant will be required to submit to a physical and mental evaluation at any time of thier choosing. The applicant must make available all of his/her psychiatric records, pass an examination, and pay a fee up to \$25, plus the license may be renewed after five years, and could be revoked. This new law in nearly all cases would make it unlawful to keep a loaded firearm for self defense. Fines and criminal penalties up to ten years and unlimited regulatory and inspection authority will be established by the law.

**Whereas:** The U.S. Congress gets its authority to pass laws from the U.S. Constitution with the exception that they cannot pass any laws pertaining to the first ten amendments which are called the people's Bill of Rights, often referred to as the people's inalienable rights of life, liberty and property.

**Whereas:** the Conventions of a number of the States, having at the time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added: And as extending the ground of public confidence in the Government will best insure the beneficent ends of its institution.

RESOLVED by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, two thirds of the Houses, that the following Articles be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States as Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, all or any of which Articles when ratified by three fourths of the said Legislatures, to be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the said Constitution.

ARTICLES in addition to, and Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America, proposed by Congress, and ratified by the Legislatures of the several States, pursuant to the fifth Article of the original Constitution. The Bill of Rights was ratified in 1791. The Bill of Rights amendments being in truth a Bill of Prohibitions.

**Whereas:** It becomes quite clear that Congress can make no laws pertaining to these Bill of Rights. For example, Amendment #1 states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." Amendment #2 states, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

**Whereas:** Amendments #3 through #8 does not allow the U.S. Congress to make any laws pertaining to these stated people's rights, and Amendment #9 states, "The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."

**Whereas:** The only enumeration of law making powers Congress has is stated

in the U.S. Constitution, Article 1, Section 8: 1 thru 18; and nowhere in these powers is Congress allowed to make any laws pertaining to this Bill of Rights.

**Whereas:** Amendment #10 states, *"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."*

**Whereas:** the Federalist Papers #26 and #84 and Supreme Court rulings all state that Congress has no legislative powers when it comes to the Bill of Rights (Amendments 1 thru 10).

**Whereas:** *"Where rights secured by the Constitution are involved, there can be no rule making or legislation which would abrogate them."* Miranda vs. Arizona, 384 U.S. 436, 492 (year 1966).

**Whereas:** "The claim and exercise of a Constitutional right cannot be converted into a crime." Miller vs. U.S. 239 F 486, 489.

**Whereas:** *"The Constitution is a written instrument. As such its meaning does not alter. That which it meant when adopted it means now."* South Carolina vs. United States, 199 U.S. 437, 448 (1905).

**Whereas:** *"Any attempt to do that which is prescribed in the Constitution in any manner other than that prescribed, or to do that which is prohibited is repugnant to that supreme and paramount law and is invalid."* --Sixteenth American Jurisprudence, Second Edition, Section 82.

**Whereas:** *"The constitution of most of our states (and of the United States) assert that all power is inherent in the people; that they may exercise it by themselves; that it is their right and duty to at all times be armed; that they are entitled to freedom of person, freedom of religion, freedom of property and freedom of the press."* --Thomas Jefferson

*"The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government."* -- Thomas Jefferson

**Whereas:** Supreme Court Chief Justice Joseph Story points out, "The right of the citizens to keep and bear

arms, has justly been considered as the palladium of the liberties of a republic; since it offers a strong moral check against the usurpation and arbitrary power of rulers: and will generally, even if these are successful in their first instance: enable the people to resist and triumph over them."

**Whereas:** The right to keep and bear arms for self protection was pointed out by Chief Davis of the Los Angeles Police Department who said, "The primary responsibility of protecting yourself and your family is still yours, and nobody esle's."

**Whereas:** Over the pas several years, the American people can attest to the fact that Congressional treaties and other legislative acts have been put in place to turn America over to a one world government, which is anti-Bill of Rights. (Disarming the populace is one of the last acts before a take-over.)

**Therefore be it resolved:** That the Oregon State Grange opposes the passage of Congressional H.R. 45, entitled "Blair Holt Firearm Licensing & Record Sales Act of 2009" and other gun acts before Congress that infringes upon our 2nd Amendment Gun Rights.

**And be it further resolved:** If Congress will not reject these gun laws, we call upon the nation's U.S. Supreme Court, through their judicial review process, rescind these anti-gun laws, thereby protecting our 2nd Amendment Rights.

*This resolution was adopted by the Deer Creek Grange #371 at its regular meeting held on May 11, 2009.*

*This resolution was adopted by the Oregon State Grange at its 136th Annual State Session held at Pendleton, Oregon, week of June 29 thru July 3, 2009.*

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# In The Nation



## Wanted: Honesty on Health Care

*The president's health care lies might be injurious to your health*

By Shikha Dalmia

(reason.com) - President Barack Obama walked into the Oval Office with a veritable halo over his head. In the eyes of his backers, he could say or do no wrong because he had evidently descended directly from heaven to return celestial order to our fallen world. Oprah declared his tongue to be "dipped in the unvarnished truth." Newsweek editor Evan Thomas averred that Obama "stands above the country and above the world as a sort of a God."

But when it comes to health care reform, with every passing day, Obama seems less God and more demagogue, uttering not transcendental truths, but bald-faced lies. Here are the top five lies that His Awesomeness has told—the first two for no reason other than to get elected and the next three to sell socialized medicine to a wary nation.

**Lie One: No one will be compelled to buy coverage.**

During the campaign, Obama insisted that he would not resort to an individual mandate to achieve universal coverage. In fact, he repeatedly ripped Hillary Clinton's plan for proposing one. "To force people to buy coverage," he insisted, "you've got to have a very harsh penalty." What will this penalty be, he demanded? "Are you going to garnish their wages?" he asked Hillary in one debate.

Yet now, Obama is behaving as if he said never a hostile word about the mandate. Earlier this month, in a letter to Sens. Max Baucus (D-Mont.), and Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.), he blithely declared that he was all for "making every American responsible for having health insurance coverage, and making employers share in the cost."

But just like Hillary, he is refusing to say precisely what he will do to those who want to forgo insurance. There is a name for such a health care approach: It is called TonySopranoCare.

**Lie Two: No new taxes on employer benefits.**

Obama took his Republican rival, Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), to the mat for suggesting that it might be better to remove the existing health care tax break that individuals get on their employer-sponsored coverage, but return the vast bulk—if not all—of the resulting revenues in the form of health care tax credits. This would theoretically have made coverage both more affordable and portable for everyone. Obama, however, would have none of it, portraying this idea simply as the removal of a tax break. "For the first time in history, he wants to tax your health benefits," he thundered. "Apparently, Sen. McCain doesn't think it's enough that your health premiums have doubled. He thinks you should have to pay taxes on them too."

Yet now Obama is signaling his willingness to go along with a far worse scheme to tax employer-sponsored benefits to fund the \$1.6 trillion or so it will cost to provide universal coverage. Contrary to Obama's allegations, McCain's plan did not ultimately entail a net tax increase because he intended to return to individuals whatever money was raised by scrapping the tax deduction. Not so with Obama. He apparently told Sen. Baucus that he would consider the senator's plan for rolling back the tax exclusion that expensive, Cadillac-style employer-sponsored plans enjoy, in order to pay for universal coverage. But, unlike McCain, he has said nothing about putting offsetting deductions or credits in the hands of individuals.

In other words, Obama might well end up doing what McCain never set out to do: Impose a net tax increase on health benefits for the first time in history.

**Lie Three: Government can control rising health care costs better than the private sector.**

Ignoring the reality that Medicare—the government-funded program for the elderly—has put the country on the path to fiscal ruin, Obama wants to model a



government insurance plan - the so-called "public option" - after Medicare in order to control the country's rising health care costs. Why? Because, he repeatedly claims, Medicare has far lower administrative costs and overhead than private plans—to wit, 3% for Medicare compared to 10% to 20% for private plans. Hence, he says, subjecting private plans to competition against an entity delivering such superior efficiency will release health care dollars for universal coverage.

But lower administrative costs do not necessarily mean greater efficiency. Indeed, the Congressional Budget Office analysis last year chastised Medicare's lax attitude on this front. "The traditional fee-for-service Medicare program does relatively little to manage benefits, which tends to reduce its administrative costs but may raise its overall spending relative to a more tightly managed approach," it noted on page 93.

In short, extending the Medicare model will further ruin—not improve—even the functioning aspects of private plans.

**Lie Four: A public plan won't be a Trojan horse for a single-payer monopoly.**

Obama has repeatedly claimed that forcing private plans to compete with a public plan will simply "keep them honest" and give patients more options—not lead to a full-blown, Canadian-style, single-payer monopoly. As I argued in my previous column, this is wishful thinking given that government programs such as Medicare have a history of controlling costs by underpaying providers, who make up the losses by charging private plans more. Any public plan modeled after Medicare will greatly increase this forced subsidy, eventually driving private plans out of business, even if that weren't Obama's intention.

But, as it turns out, it very much is his intention. Before he decided to run for office—and even during the initial days of his campaign—Obama repeatedly said that he was in favor of a single-payer system. What's more, University of California, Berkeley Professor Jacob Hacker, who is a key influence on the Obama administration, is on tape explicitly boasting that a public plan is a means for creating a single-payer system. "It's not a Trojan horse," he quips, "it's just right there."

But even if Obama wanted to, it is simply impossible to design a public plan that could compete with private insurers on a level playing field and without "feeding off the public trough" as Obama claims.

At the very least, such a plan would always carry an

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implicit government guarantee that, should it go bust, no one in the plan would lose coverage. This guarantee would artificially lower the plan's capital reserve requirements, giving it an unfair edge over private plans. What's more, it is simply not plausible to expect that the plan wouldn't receive any start-up subsidies or use the government's muscle to negotiate lower rates with providers. If it eschewed all these things, there would be no reason for it to exist—because it would be just like any other private plan.

**Lie Five: Patients don't have to fear rationing.**

Obama has been insisting, including during his recent ABC Town Hall event, that the rationing patients would face under a government-run system wouldn't be any more draconian than what they currently confront under private plans. This is complete nonsense.

The left has been trying to address fears of rationing by trotting out an old and tired trope, namely, that rationing is an inescapable fact of life because every system rations whether by price or fiat. But there is a big difference between the two. If I can't afford caviar and champagne every night, any rationing involved is metaphoric, not real. Genuine rationing occurs when someone else controls access—how much of a particular good I can consume.

By that token, Obama's stimulus bill has set in motion rationing on a scale unimaginable in the land of the free. Indeed, the bill commits over \$1 billion to conduct comparative effectiveness research that will evaluate the relative merits of various treatments. That in itself wouldn't be so objectionable—if it weren't for the fact that a board will then "direct financing" toward approved, standardized treatments. In short, doctors will find it much harder to prescribe newer or non-standard treatments not yet deemed effective by health care bureaucrats. This is exactly along the lines of the British system, where breast cancer patients were denied Herceptin, a new miracle drug, until enraged women fought back. Even the much-vilified managed care plans would appear to be a paragon of generosity in comparison with this.

Obama has repeatedly asked for honesty in the health care debate. It is high time he started showing some.

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# In The Nation

## Professor at USU says U.S. society may collapse

By James Thalman  
Deseret News

If the past few months have felt like America's institutions and maybe society itself are falling completely apart, it could be because that's exactly what's happening.

History says so. So does anthropology. An expert in both disciplines says human civilizations provide a template for those societies that have come together, become steadily more complex, then head almost inexorably toward collapse.

Even the society that has risen up here between the shining seas is well down the same path, according to a widely cited and published historical anthropologist.

Joseph Tainter, who heads the department of environment and society at Utah State University, told the newspaper that the current course of the economy and what some believe is a desperate effort to shore up the complex and almost inscrutable financial sector of the economy are manifestations of at least a partial collapse that invariably follows a society's boom.

Tainter and his research are included in

"Earth 2100," the ABC News assessment of how life might be 100 years from now. He is also a source in "The 11th Hour," actor Leonardo DiCaprio's documentary that connects the dots of how our doing ultimately leads to our undoing. Tainter's original research is published in the book "The Collapse of Complex Societies."

Tainter is not a doomsdayer, but his research amounts to a chilling prognostication that the very nature of civilization means that ours, like all the others, is destined to collapse.

"For the past 10,000 years, problem-solving has produced increasing complexity in human societies," Tainter said, noting that for every extra layer of organization imposed, it takes extra energy of the society to maintain. "And the more complex a society becomes, the more energy it takes to maintain it and the more it produces diminishing returns."

To keep growing, societies must keep solving problems as they arise. Yet success generates a larger population, more specialists, more resources to manage and more information to handle that ultimately provides less bang per buck.

Tainter sees diminishing returns as the underlying reason for the collapse of all ancient civilizations. Western industrial civilization has become bigger and more complex than any before it by exploiting new sources of energy, notably coal and oil, but these are limited, and constant innovation is needed.

The threat of a coming pandemic that would wipe out everyone rose again and seemed to quickly void, although briefly, the belief that our society has achieved a scale, a complexity and level of innovation that make it immune from collapse.

In fact, the opposite is true, Tainter said. "Possibilities range from little effect to a mild recession to a major depression to a collapse."

Looking at a previous society, the Roman Empire, he said as agricultural output slowly declined and population increased, per-capita energy availability dropped. The Romans "solved" this problem by conquering their neighbors to appropriate their energy surpluses (metals, grain, slaves, etc.).

However, as the empire grew, the cost of maintaining communications, garrisons and civil government grew with it. Eventually, this cost grew so

great that any new challenges such as invasions and crop failures could not be solved by the acquisition of more territory. At that point, the empire fragmented into smaller units.

"When some new input to an economic system is brought on line, whether a technical innovation or an energy subsidy, it will often have the potential at least temporarily to raise marginal productivity," he said. "Eventually, barring continual conquest of your neighbors — which is always subject to diminishing returns — innovation that increases productivity is in the long run the only way out of the dismal science dilemma of declining marginal returns on added investments in complexity."

Tainter avoids conclusions and recommendations, but he believes in replacing the one thing that has allowed the United States to boom — oil — with the one thing that will forestall its collapse — renewable energy.

The complexity/collapse model also would explain the increase in the complexity of the American financial markets, their collapse, and the fragmenting of the banks and the auto industry.

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## Google takes aim at Microsoft with new PC platform

By Alexei Oreskovic and Edwin Chan

**SUN VALLEY, Idaho (Reuters)** - Google Inc plans to attack Microsoft Corp's core business by taking on the software giant's globally dominant Windows operating system for personal computers.

Google, which already offers a suite of e-mail, Web and other software products that compete with Microsoft, said on Tuesday it would launch a new operating system that will initially be targeted at netbooks.

Microsoft shares fell 1.4 percent to \$22.22 in early Nasdaq trade on Wednesday. Google shares rose 1.2 percent to \$401.36.

Called the Google Chrome Operating System, the new software will be in netbooks for consumers in the second half of 2010, Google said in a blog post, adding that it was working with multiple manufacturers.

Netbooks are low-cost notebook PCs designed for Internet surfing and other Web-based applications.

"It's been part of their culture to go after and remove Microsoft as a major holder of technology, and this is part of their strategy to do it," said Rob Enderle, principal analyst at Enderle Group. "This could be very disruptive. If they can execute, Microsoft is vulnerable to an attack like this, and they know it," he said.

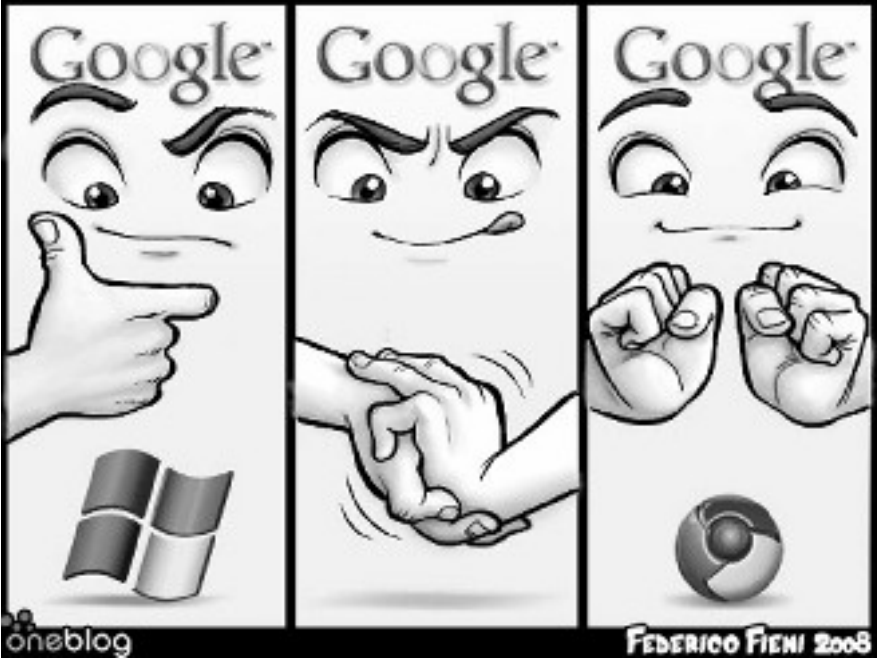
Google and Microsoft have locked horns over the years in a variety of markets, from Internet search to mobile software. It remains to be seen if Google can take market share away from Microsoft on its home turf, with Windows currently installed in more than 90 percent of the world's PCs.

The news comes as executives from the world's biggest technology and media companies, including Google and Microsoft, gather in Sun Valley, Idaho for an annual conference organized by boutique investment bank Allen & Co.

A spokesman for Microsoft declined to comment.

Key to success will be whether Google can lock in partnerships with PC makers, such as Hewlett-Packard Co and Dell Inc, which currently offer Windows on most of their product lines.

Hewlett-Packard Co, the world's largest PC brand,



declined to confirm if it would sell PCs running on the new operating system.

"We are looking into it" said HP spokeswoman Marlene Somsak, referring to the operating system. "We want to understand all the different operating systems available to customers, and will assess the impact of Chrome on the computer and communications industry."

Google's Chrome Internet browser, launched in late 2008, remains a distant fourth in the Web browser market, with a 1.2 percent share in February, according to market research firm Net Applications. Microsoft's Internet Explorer continues to dominate with nearly 70 percent.

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The new Chrome OS is expected to work well with many of the company's popular software applications, such as Gmail, Google Calendar and Google Maps.

It will be fast and less memory-intensive, enabling users to access the Web in a few seconds, Google said. The new operating system is based on open-source Linux code, which allows third-party developers to design compatible applications.

"The operating systems that browsers run on were designed in an era where there was no web," Sundar Pichai, vice president of product management at Google, said in the blog post. The Chrome operating system is "our attempt to rethink what operating systems should be."

Google said the operating system was a new project, separate from its Android mobile operating software found in some smartphones. Acer Inc, the world's No. 3 PC brand, has already agreed to sell netbooks that run on Android to be released this quarter.

The new system is designed to work with ARM and x86 chips, the main chip architectures in use in the market. Microsoft has previously said it would not support PCs running on ARM chips, allowing Google an opportunity to infiltrate that segment.

Charlene Li, partner at consulting company Altimeter Group, said Google's new system could initially appeal to consumers looking

for a netbook-like device for Web surfing, rather than people who use desktop PCs for gaming or high-powered applications.

But eventually, the Google operating system has the potential to scale up to larger, more powerful PCs, especially if it proves to run faster than Windows, she said.

Google did not say how much it would charge for the operating system (OS), but Enderle expects Google to charge at most a nominal fee or make it free, saying the company's business model has been to earn revenue from connecting applications or advertising.

Microsoft declines to say how much it charges PC brands for Windows, but most analysts estimate about \$20 for the older XP system and at least \$150 for the current Vista system.

Altimeter's Li added: "A benefit to the consumer is that the cost saving is passed on, not having to pay for an OS. It's clearly positioned as a shot across the bow of Microsoft."

*(Additional reporting by Kelvin Soh in Taipei, Jim Finkle in Boston; Writing by Tiffany Wu, editing by Will Waterman and Derek Caney)*

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# DEMANDING ACCOUNTABILITY



# Guilty of Tax Evasion

## NTS Former Promoter of Abusive Trusts Enters Plea

WASHINGTON, PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Roderick Prescott, a resident of Orem, Utah, and a former principal of National Trust Services (NTS) in San Jose, Calif., and later Selma, Ore., pleaded guilty today to tax evasion, the Justice Department and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced. Prescott admitted to evading at least \$550,000 in personal income taxes for 1998 and 1999. Prescott was scheduled to begin trial on July 7, 2009, before Chief U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken in Eugene, Ore.

According to the indictment, the plea agreement and the government's trial brief, Prescott and his former business partner Leroy Fritts (now deceased) earned significant income from the nationwide promotion and sale of abusive trusts through NTS, which they founded in 1988. Prescott and Fritts deposited approximately \$3.5 million into various bank accounts through the sale of such trusts. They also earned income from recruiting clients of NTS

to invest in Fountainhead Global Trust (FGT), a purported offshore investment that promised returns as high as 50 percent per year.

According to the government's trial brief, FGT was a Ponzi scheme which collected approximately \$20 million in investors' funds from 1995 through 1999. FGT transferred some of the money to an offshore account in the Cayman Islands at the Bank of Bermuda, ostensibly to be invested in high-interest debt through a Florida entity called "Cash 4 Titles." Prescott and Fritts then funneled part of the money in the account back to themselves. They also took large sums of investors' funds without ever sending the money offshore. The government asserts that instead, they spent the funds often by direct payments from FGT bank accounts on luxury goods and real estate. Eventually the scheme broke down and the vast majority of investors lost their full investments.

According to the government's trial

brief, despite making significant income from NTS and FGT, neither Prescott nor Fritts filed any individual federal income tax returns for 1998 or 1999. Prescott last filed a tax return in 1991. Prescott and Fritts used FGT money to purchase, among other items, a nearly \$3 million ranch near Grants Pass, Ore., on which they began construction of two custom-built luxury log homes. The construction budget was approximately a combined \$2 million, and they spent over \$465,000 before halting construction in 1999. Prescott and Fritts also purchased solar panels for the ranch for over \$328,000, frozen food in anticipation of a year 2000 apocalypse for over \$1.1 million and numerous vehicles and other personal items.

According to the government's trial brief, Prescott and Fritts used an array of purported trusts and related bank accounts, including numerous offshore bank accounts at the Bank of Bermuda in the Cayman Islands, to conceal their income from the IRS. Prescott and Fritts

also used false or fictitious taxpayer identification numbers and offshore credit cards in fake names issued to them by the Bank of Bermuda in the Cayman Islands.

Judge Aiken scheduled sentencing for Sept. 9, 2009. Prescott faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000.

Acting Assistant Attorney General John A. DiCicco commended the IRS-Criminal Investigation special agents who investigated the case, as well as Tax Division trial attorneys Jay Nanavati and Timothy Stockwell who prosecuted the case.

Additional information about tax fraud schemes to watch out for may be found on the IRS Criminal Investigation Web site <http://www.ustreas.gov/irs/ci>. Additional information about the Justice Department's Tax Division and its enforcement efforts may be found at <http://www.usdoj.gov/tax>.

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## Local Attorney Tucks Tail

### Lawyer resigns amid Bar review

By Ron Lee  
Investigative Journalist

Over the past several weeks the US~Observer has been inundated with tips that Josephine County attorney Michael J. Bird had been disbarred. These tips proved to be false. The Oregon State Bar informed the US~Observer that Bird resigned his right to practice law, something US~Observer editor-in-chief, Edward Snook calls "worse than disbarment".

Bird, of the law firm Brown, Hughes, Bird, Rote & Brouhard, LLP located at 612 N.W. 5th Street, Grants Pass, Oregon, had allegedly taken money from his clients without their knowledge and was facing a Bar investigation. According to the letter of resignation provided by the Bar as public record, Bird states, "I do not desire to contest or defend against the ... complaints, allegations or instances of alleged misconduct."

The complaints against Bird in his letter of resignation include:

**"1. Allegations of trust account improprieties over an extended period of time involving checks written from trust payable to an individual who had no funds on**



Michael J. Bird

**deposit in my law firm's trust account, resulting in the funds of other clients being disbursed without those clients' authority or knowledge and the firm trust account balance becoming deficient ...**

**2. Allegations of arranging a loan or loans from a client to a business associate, without the client's informed consent ...**

**3. Allegations that I obtained a loan or loans from a client without the client's informed consent ..."**

By submitting this letter of resignation the State Bar effectively discontinues its investigation into the allegations, but it does not shield Bird from civil action taken against him should those alleging misconduct wish to pursue him further.

Bird's resignation does one thing; it keeps him from ever practicing law in the state of Oregon again and takes one more reportedly thieving attorney off the bar roster.

*Editor's Note: Have you ever been duped by your attorney? We want to hear your story! Contact us at [editor@usobserver.com](mailto:editor@usobserver.com) or by calling 541-474-7885. It is imperative that we demand justice be served in a system that is supposed to uphold it.* ■ ■

## No Topping Off

### In Oregon

*New rules are meant to decrease the release of air pollutants caused by gas spills*

By CSD Staff

**(Convenience Store Decisions)** - Starting this month, gas station attendants in the state of Oregon are not allowed to overfill gas tanks because of new state Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regulations, Illinois Valley News reported.

The ban on "topping off," or continuing to fill a gas tank after the nozzle clicks off, is being instituted in an effort to decrease benzene and other toxic air pollutants from contaminating the air at gas stations and other gasoline storage and dispensing facilities.

Topping off the tank does not put more gas in the tank as some drivers believe, but it can cause gasoline to spill and release benzene-a known carcinogen-and other toxic air pollutants into the air, according to the DEQ.

"This is a health concern for gas station workers and drivers. In addition, most modern pumps simply return the fuel back into the pump after the overflow click, which means drivers are paying for gas that does not get into the fuel tank," according to the DEQ. "In some cases, overfilling a gas tank can cause a vehicle's vapor control system to clog and stop working, which can require costly repairs."

The Environmental Quality Commission, DEQ's rule-making and policy advisory board, approved and adopted the no topping off regulations in December 2008. The new rules require all larger Oregon gasoline storage and distribution facilities, which dispense an average of 40,000 gallons per month or more, to use vapor capture controls.

DEQ's regulations follow an Environmental Protection Agency rule-making last year that tightened air quality regulations for fuel-dispensing facilities nationwide.

Oregon's tougher standards go beyond the federal rules to reduce benzene by about 28 tons per year and volatile organic compounds by an estimated 1,610 tons per year.

The federal standard applies only to facilities that dispense 100,000 gallons per month, and does not address topping off at the pump.

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after serving on several campaigns, worked on Vera Katz's mayoral campaign in Portland and eventually served eleven years as her Chief of Staff.[1][2]

In 2004 he was elected to the Portland City Council, serving four years on the council earning a reputation as a "policy-driven advocate for sustainability, the arts, and gay rights." [2] He was elected Mayor of Portland in May 2008 with 58% of the vote.[2][3][4] He came out in 1993 and is the first openly gay mayor of a top 30 U.S. city.[2][5]

In 2009, Adams admitted to lying about his relationship with a young gay man, who he first met in 2005, who was interning for Representative Kim Thatcher. Adams and the man said they had a sexual relationship around the time when he reached the age of consent.[6] Adams felt the deception was warranted in light of how the public sex scandal would likely disrupt his mayoral campaign.[7]

According to a Portland, Oregon NewsChannel 8 (KGW) report on January 23, 2009, "Portland Police Chief Rosie Sizer and Multnomah County District Attorney Michael Schrunk requested that Oregon Attorney General John Kroger determine whether any laws were broken or crimes committed in the scandal."

Evidently, Kroger's determination was that Adams was not guilty of any criminal illegalities. Reported by the Portland Progressive Examiner, "Attorney General John Kroger found Portland Mayor Sam Adams guilty of no criminal wrongdoing. Yet with a looming recall, Mayor Adams' political troubles are far from over. Though he has cleared a criminal hurdle, Adams still faces a recall campaign critics describe as his 'civil trial.'"

The finding ends a saga that began in January, but is no guarantee that Adams will survive as Mayor. The effort to recall Portland Mayor Sam Adams will continue.

Campaign chairman Jason Wurster said Oregon Attorney General John Kroger's decision to not press criminal charges against Adams 'doesn't effect the recall whatsoever.' He's leading the recall effort against Adams, vowing to collect 50,000 signatures in 90 days. The Recall Sam Adams campaign plans to file

its official petition with the Secretary of State's office July 7. Signature-gathering could begin as early as July 9.

The campaign needs 32,183 signatures within 90 days, but Wurster said the campaign's goal is 50,000. If the campaign gathers enough signatures, Adams has

being defrauded by the lies Adams told.

The context of that response is as follows:

Your letter to the Attorney General makes a specific complaint of undue influence under ORS 260.665.

The current statute defines undue influence as threat of it, inflicting injury, damage, harm. Loss of employment, promising to give money, employment or other thing of value.

Until 2001, this definition also included 'fraud'. Under the previous version of the statute, a person could commit undue influence in some circumstances by making a false statement. However, in 2001, the legislature removed the word 'fraud' from the definition of 'undue influence'. Since the legislative change, we have interpreted ORS 260.665 to mean that undue influence cannot consist of a false

statement made in context of a campaign. Accordingly, the false statements by Adams are not the kind of conduct that is prohibited by statute.

Evidently, anyone running for any public office can say anything fraudulent and they would not violate

Oregon law, seeing as though that 'wording' was removed from the language of the Oregon Revised Statutes.

In Oregon Attorney General John Kroger's report on Adams' potential criminal misconduct, Kroger found no solid evidence of wrong-doing by Adams, and he cited Breedlove's

lack of credibility and criminal record as a primary reason to not pursue charges in the case. Kroger also stated in his report that Adams "appeared to fully answer each of the questions posed by this

## Sam Adams: “ I Lied ... Because I was Afraid ...”

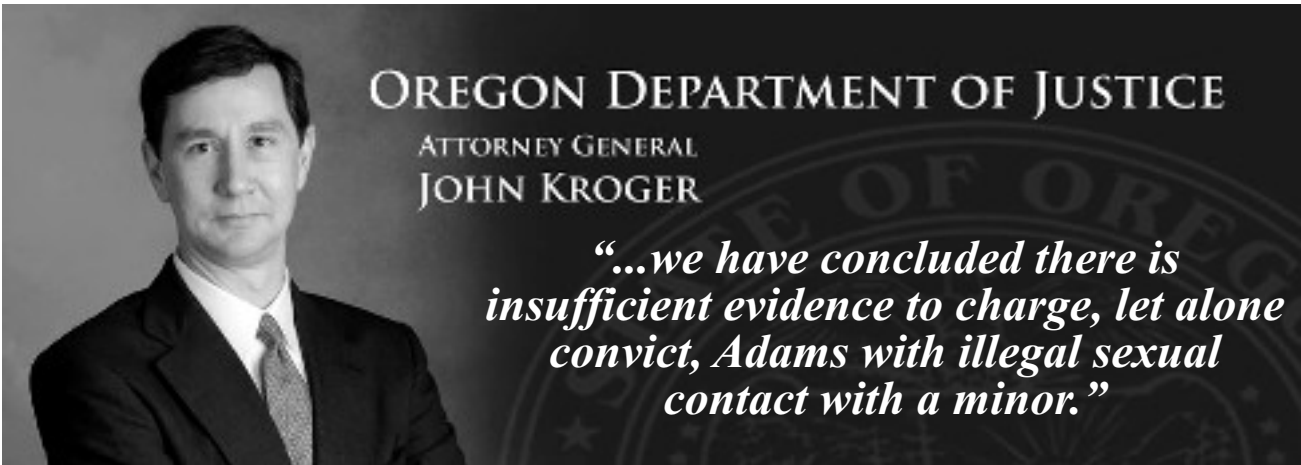
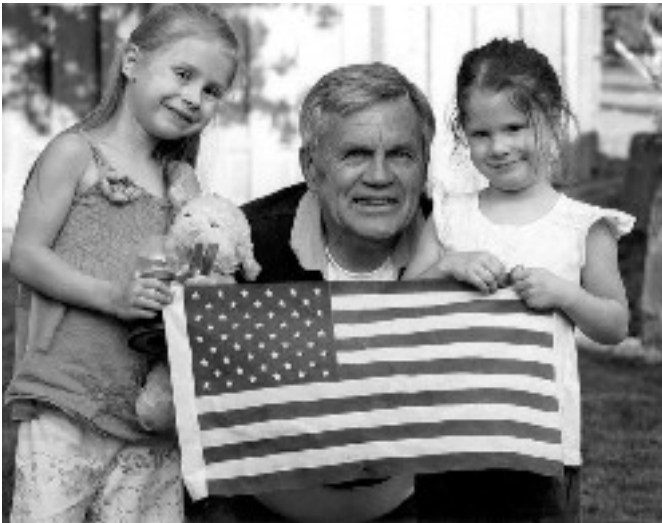


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five days to respond. If he refuses to resign, a special election must be held within 35 days."

Residents and veterans of the Portland area have gathered to muster support for the recall with one veteran, Patrick J. Mulcahy, saying, "We served honorably to uphold the U.S. Constitution so politicians could hold public offices throughout America. The Constitution requires truth, honor and respect. Unfortunately, Adams has none of these qualities. I didn't serve to hand-over my granddaughters' America to the likes of Adams, or any other liar."

Are there no laws in Oregon that prevent fraud in elections?



Veteran P.J. Mulcahy with his Granddaughters

Mulcahy, who sought clarification on Oregon Election Law and potential violation of that law by Adams, received a response from the Oregon Attorney General's office on March 12, 2009 after contacting the AG's office regarding

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COMMENTARY

Your Right to Speak Out

The Illusion: Financial Freedom

An American wake-up call



By Eric Coltrane

What can be accomplished in 15 years? It’s a long time. A time in which a baby becomes a teen-ager; half a mortgage can be paid (a 15 year mortgage can be paid in full); wars can be fought; a business can start and thrive.... or fail. I personally went from being a dishwasher to becoming an Executive Chef. The Great Depression lasted 16 years, but in the last 2 years, millions of people lost trillions of dollars of “saved” wealth. What kind of system allows that?

People were convinced to save using the stock market (Which wouldn’t be a bad thing if it were a true Free Market). There are Mutual Funds, Pension Funds, Hedge Funds, Derivatives, and many other forms of savings and investment. They were also convinced to use their homes as profit producers. I personally know people that bought boats and cars, and other such items, using the equity from their homes. Now they are racing to sell them to pay off their important debts. During this current economic “crises” my mother’s “retirement” fund was cut in half. HALF! Just like millions of other Americans who bought into the provided “security” of investment funds. So, what gives here? What’s going on? Simple. When money is produced from nothing, when it goes bad, it’s not there anymore. When a loan goes into default the debtor is basically saying I don’t have this money or the means to make the money to pay this debt. When tens of

thousands of people do that in a very short time frame - POOF! - trillions of dollars are gone. Not only that, but it has a snowball effect and that snowball is still growing, “greenshoots” or not.

The problem now is that the Federal Reserve is monetizing debt. The Fed is creating more money from nothing. How is that going to solve the problem? The government is bailing out companies that should go bankrupt. In a free market bankruptcies are good. They cleanse the market of companies that make bad investments, and they are doing it on the backs of the average American. Do you think General Motors going bankrupt is a bad thing? No, because some entrepreneur would come along and buy up all the assets and start a new company that just might make cars at a profit. Who is going to foot the bill for the bailouts? You guessed it! You are - the average American. Even if they don’t raise taxes to pay for it, the hidden tax from inflation of the money supply will.

The creation of easy money caused the “Housing “ and “Credit” bubbles that are plaguing the economy now. The Federal Reserve setting artificially low interest rates made it easy to borrow money (capitalism works when the Free Market is allowed to set the interest rate). Under the Fractional Reserve Banking system that is in place in the U.S. now, “money” is created from debt. The more you borrow, the more money is created, and it is created from nothing. Every dollar in your pocket is owed somewhere. Hell, at the peak of the “Housing” bubble a bum panhandling on the corner could have borrowed money to buy a house. Credit cards are the worst. You aren’t truly creating money from debt you are just redistributing money that should go to pay off real debt, and creating a blowback of interest payments that generate economic slavery.

The insanity of it is mindboggling and it is all a grand illusion. While you are sitting there wondering who is going to win “Dancing with the Stars” your hard earned money is quietly being stolen. Congress is passing bills without even knowing what is written in them. The Cap and Trade bill will effectively reduce 0.06 percent of carbon. 0.06%! - I could hold a fart in long enough to do that! What it will do is raise your energy bills, and when you want to sell your home you

will be subjected to a federal inspection to see if your home meets the requirements to sell it. Your appliances will have to be up to date and energy efficient. Your windows will be examined to see if they meet the correct standards. Weather stripping, and insulation must be adequate, and who knows what other standards you will have to meet. There are literally millions of homes in this country that won’t meet the requirements of the federal government.

Being “free” is going to cost you producers a lot of money, which most of the population doesn’t have. The government getting bigger and bigger is not going to ease these problems or make you a more “free” or independent individual. But, cutting taxes and government spending will go a long way to ease the problem. Creating entitlement programs that cost trillions of dollars will only make things worse. Bailing out insolvent corporations will only make you poorer.

There is an ancient Chinese text that reads:

*“If a country is governed with tolerance, the people are comfortable and honest.*

*If a country is governed with repression, the people are depressed and crafty.*

*When the will to ‘Power’ is in charge, the higher ideals, the lower the results.*

*Try to make people happy, and you lay the groundwork for misery.*

*Try to make people moral, and you lay the groundwork for vice.”*

Government isn’t going to rescue you. “Politicians” aren’t your friends. The only true laws are the Natural Laws and they manifest themselves every single moment of your life, for better or for worse. Thomas Jefferson knew this when he co-wrote the Declaration of Independence. Freedom is a Natural Law.

Do you really want to wait 15 years and lose who knows how much freedom, and hard worked for wealth (wealth is not bad unless it is ill gotten) to insane legislation and policies? How about 10 years, or 4, or, like my mother who (at this rate) could lose everything, even 2?

Freedom is a choice and it’s yours to make.

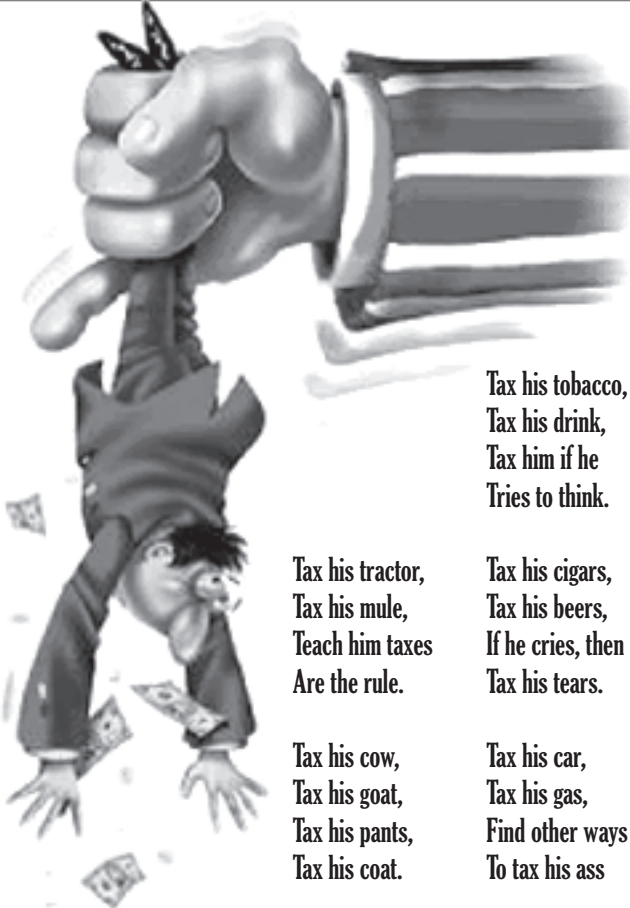
So, America, what are you going to do?

**(Ron Lee contributing)**

**Statue of Liberty:** “Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”  
**It doesn't say give them to me illegally!**



Laughing in the Face of Truth



An Ode to Taxes

When he screams and hollers,  
Then tax him some more,  
Tax him till  
He's good and sore.

Then tax his coffin,  
Tax his grave,  
Tax the sod in  
Which he's laid.

Put these words  
upon his tomb,  
"Taxes drove me  
to my doom..."

When he's gone,  
Do not relax,  
Its time to apply  
The inheritance tax.



Tax his tobacco,  
Tax his drink,  
Tax him if he  
Tries to think.

Tax his tractor,  
Tax his mule,  
Teach him taxes  
Are the rule.

Tax his cow,  
Tax his goat,  
Tax his pants,  
Tax his coat.

Tax his ties,  
Tax his shirt,  
Tax his work,  
Tax his dirt.

Tax his cigars,  
Tax his beers,  
If he cries, then  
Tax his tears.

Tax his car,  
Tax his gas,  
Find other ways  
To tax his ass

Tax all he has  
Then let him know  
That you won't be done  
Till he has no dough.

Tax his land,  
Tax his bed,  
Tax the table  
At which he's fed.

Everything is an existing tax with the exception of taxing thoughts and tears ... Who knows, those could be coming soon.

Financial Truth Exposed

Author Unknown

It is the month of July, on the shores of the Black Sea. It is raining and the little town looks totally deserted. It is tough times, everybody is in debt and everybody lives on credit.

Suddenly, a rich tourist comes to town.

He enters the only hotel, lays a 100 Euro note on the reception counter and goes to inspect the rooms upstairs in order to pick one.

The hotel proprietor takes the 100 Euro note and runs to pay his debt to the butcher.

The Butcher takes the 100 Euro note and runs to pay his debt to the pig grower.

The pig grower takes the 100 Euro note and runs to pay his debt to the supplier of his feed and fuel.

The supplier of feed and fuel takes the 100 Euro note and runs to pay his debt to the town's prostitute who in these hard times, gave her "services" on credit.

The hooker runs to the hotel and pays off her debt with the 100 Euro

note to the hotel proprietor to pay for the rooms that she rented when she brought her clients there.

The hotel proprietor then lays the 100 Euro note back on the counter so that the rich tourist will not suspect anything.

At that moment, the rich tourist comes down after inspecting the rooms and takes his 100 Euro note, after saying that he did not like any of the rooms and leaves town.

No one earned anything. However, the whole town is now without debt and looks to the future with a lot of optimism..

And that, ladies and gentlemen, is how the United States government is doing business today.

**Editor's Note: This little gem, that is being forwarded across the internet, says it all. Seeing as though the majority of the world's currencies aren't backed by tangible goods and their only "worth" is what someone says it is, why is it they just don't hit the reset switch? Oh, yeah, control...**



"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

## Saving Liberty

By R. Emmett Tyrrell, Jr.  
Spectator.org

**WASHINGTON** - A few weeks back, at the dawn of the Obama Administration, I was at dinner with a very bright woman of middle years who called herself an independent. She found the new president very engaging, but she was alarmed by the music in the air: a government takeover of Detroit, a \$700 billion government bailout of the banks, a \$787 billion stimulus bill, a cap and trade bill that will add perhaps \$800-\$2,000 to every family's tax bill, a massive healthcare reform now estimated to cost \$1 trillion over the next decade. For the past thirty years, most of them good economic years, the federal bite into our GDP has been just under 20%. Calculating the cost of Obama's spending it will be 28.1% this fiscal year, a peacetime record!

My dinner companion was alarmed. She was not simply alarmed by the bills our president and his Democratic colleagues were ringing up on the Hill. My friend, the independent, was alarmed by something much more important, the cost to our freedoms. As I believe she put it, "the question here is our liberty." Increasingly, thoughtful Americans understand the Obama era in these terms. With the government suddenly looming so large in the life of every American, it is time for us to consider what is a singularly American possession, individual liberty. The Founding Fathers created a government that was uniquely solicitous about individual liberty. With the federal government so deeply involved in our



R. Emmett Tyrrell, Jr.

healthcare, our banking, our manufacturing, and the many targets of its \$787 billion stimulus program, it is time to think about your liberty vis-a-vis the government bureaucrats who are about to minister to you.

Ronald Reagan's modern conservative movement began thinking about the loss of individual liberty to government encroachment half a century ago thanks in part to the wake up call from Friedrich Hayek, delivered in his indispensable book *The Road to Serfdom*. Hayek believed government was a threat to freedom, enterprise, and the rule of law. Later another vigilant advocate of personal liberty, Frank Meyer, came along and became a major figure for American conservatives, propounding the exhilarating argument that freedom is essential to mankind. Freedom, he wrote, is the "essence of [man's] being," for without it a citizen cannot be moral, by which he meant cannot choose good over evil. Meyer believed freedom was at our essence because God put it there. God gave us freedom to choose, good over evil, art over schlock, a knee replacement over a Botox treatment.

Personal liberty makes each American citizen a creature of dignity. Obama overlooks this. Though in presenting Congress a \$3.9 trillion budget on February 24 he insisted that "I'm not" for big government, he is. Consider the vastness of the budget, its far-reaching domestic policies, and much of his background as a community organizer. Clearly he is a big government guy. No other American president has been so

committed to big government.

Historically most of our experiences with big government have been unhappy. Big government is expensive, inefficient, and once corrupted very difficult to clean up. Moreover, once a government bureaucracy has made its judgment on you, whom do you appeal to? With Obamacare, government will decide when and if you can get that knee replacement. From the clear utterances of the president's healthcare advisers, namely, Drs. Ezekiel Emanuel and David Blumenthal, that knee replacement will depend on such factors as your age and your overall health. If you are too old or decrepit, government will have a more economical place to spend its money. In other words, your health will not be decided by what you want to pay for it but by government policy. That test you wanted for colon cancer might be denied. You might just be too old. Such decisions are made by the nationalized British system all the time.

Almost any service the government provides can be more efficiently and effectively provided by private enterprise. The most striking example is the inefficiency of the money-losing U.S. Postal Service that has been swept aside by the internet and by such private carriers as UPS and FedEx. Government is not even very effective in its efforts at regulation. Consider the recent failures of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and at the Securities and Exchange Commission.

There is another unappreciated failing of government. It politicizes everything that it touches, including the simplest human relations. Agreements that ought to be arrived at voluntarily or through the rule of law are arrived at by lobbyists

or thanks to the political power of your group -- ethnic, economic, or otherwise.

One of the little noted projects of the government healthcare reforms being considered on Capitol Hill today is the channeling of healthcare money away from the elderly and toward community services and drug or alcohol rehabilitation. Equal rights before the law is all well and good, but it is political favor and political power that matter when big government is making your decisions for you.

That is why so many Americans have opted for freedom from government. We recognize that the free society is the most humane...and the most productive.

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## A Tangled Web

By Thomas Sowell

While the recent Supreme Court decision in the New Haven firefighters' case will be welcome news to those who don't think that a gross injustice is O.K. when those on the receiving end are white, the reasoning behind the 5 to 4 decision is a painful reminder that the law is still tangled in a web of assumptions, evasions and contradictions when it comes to racial issues.

Nor have these problems been clarified with the passage of time. On the contrary, the growing complexity and murkiness of civil rights law over the years recalls the painful saying: "Oh, what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive."

The original Civil Rights Act of 1964 was very straightforward in forbidding discrimination. But, even before that Act was passed, there were already



Thomas Sowell

people demanding more than equality of treatment. Some wanted equality of end results, some wanted restitution for past wrongs, and some just wanted as much as they could get.

Opponents of the Civil Rights Act said that it would lead to racial quotas and reverse discrimination. Advocates of the Act not only denied this, they wrote the language of the law in a way designed to explicitly prevent such things. But judges, over the years, have "interpreted" the Civil Rights Act to mean what its opponents said it would mean, rather than what its advocates put into the plain language of the legislation.

A key notion that has created unending mischief, from its introduction by the Supreme Court in 1971 to the current firefighters' case, is that of "disparate impact." Any employment requirement that one racial or ethnic group meets far more often than another is said to have a "disparate impact" and is considered to be evidence of racial discrimination.



In other words, if group X doesn't pass a test nearly as often as group Y, then there is something wrong with the test, according to this reasoning or lack of reasoning. This implicitly assumes that there cannot be any great difference between the two groups in the skills,

talents or efforts required.

That notion is the grand dogma of our time-- an idea for which no evidence is asked or given, and an idea that no amount of contradictory evidence can change in the minds of the true believers, or in the rhetoric of ideologues and opportunists.

Trying to reconcile that dogma with the principle of equal treatment for all has led courts into feats of higher metaphysics that the Medieval Scholastics could be proud of.

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is underway in which Anthony Marshall, son of New York socialite and philanthropist Brooke Astor, and estate planning attorney Francis Morrissey, Jr., face charges of using undue influence and other fraudulent activities to divert more than \$100 million of Astor’s estate to Marshall and away from long-standing charitable beneficiaries. Astor was 105 when she died and is alleged to have signed codicils within her last years contradicting prior well-known distribution intentions. The trial will soon likely shift to Morrissey’s role in generating and executing these documents as well as his questionable estate administration history.

Criminal prosecutions of estate theft are rare. This trial is additionally noteworthy as Americans at all economic levels are being similarly targeted. An estate of \$500,000 to \$1 million can be especially appealing. Traditional retirement havens like Florida, California and Arizona are magnets for perpetrators seeking markets rich in potential IRA targets. Texas, now the nation’s #2 retirement destination, provides new opportunity – for retirees and legal predators.

The legal industry routinely acts as if IRA efforts don’t exist or that incidence rates are exaggerated. Tracking these cases is difficult as they often quietly happen in courtrooms or law offices plus take on various forms from outright looting to creating contrived disputes so billable hours can be charged against an estate. Documented and anecdotal accounts give reason to believe that for every case reported, many more are silently occurring. While the legal industry outwardly downplays IRA actions, a review of Continuing Legal Education topics indicates significant internal offerings on attorney protection and estates.

In September 2008, Terry Stork, a disbarred Texas attorney, was sentenced to 15 years in jail after pleading guilty to three counts of estate theft. Travis County ADA Patty Robertson made a compelling presentation on Stork’s 25+ years of criminal activities and professional misconduct. The judge and defense attorney openly lamented the need for the sentencing yet, as the legal industry dislikes exposure of its shortcomings, no compassion was directed toward Stork’s betrayed clients or to their heirs - some of whom spent vast amounts of time and money seeking justice and whose work undoing the harm continues on.

“Proper estate planning” is touted as a protective measure, but in today’s legal climate, the security advertised is overrated. One doesn’t need Brooke Astor wealth to become a target. Caution is advised when relocating to a retirement community as such locales can be attractive to more than seniors. Upon becoming an IRA victim, competent, honest legal representation can be difficult to attain as all attorneys are not corrupt, but too few will aggressively stand up against the predators in their industry (or your community). Asset theft via the probate system is a reality and an issue about which the silence must be broken.

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ago and provided with enough information and evidence that should have Holmes sitting behind bars. In fact, the FBI was contacted years ago (2003) by elderly victims of Holmes and the US~Observer, detailing his alleged scam being run under the name of “Lariat Group.”

The US~Observer has had many phone calls and emails from concerned people who have been deceived by Holmes and his attempts to steal money from them. One such couple is Ed and Aida Hanson of Vancouver, WA (*See past articles on Gary Holmes in the US~ Observer archives at www.usobserver.com*). A glaring question looms; if the FBI acknowledged that they were investigating this case on Feb 26, 2009, what have they accomplished?

According to numerous sources, there has been nothing done by the FBI for Ed Hanson in the last four months since the FBI sent Ed a letter letting him know they were investigating Gary Holmes. According to other sources, the FBI has been aware of Gary Holmes since 2003, and still, nothing has been done. When you are a victim of a crime, the FBI states that “you have the right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay,” but in Mr. Hanson’s case, what is unreasonable? He has had more than 8 heart operations since the theft of his life savings by Gary Holmes. Mr. Hanson and his wife are facing foreclosure on the home that provides shelter for them, they just lost their PU truck that Holmes guaranteed would be paid off within one year and the list goes on. Where do you draw the line between reasonable and unreasonable?

The FBI has been contacted in regards to another financial scheme by Jeff Lowrance which we have covered thoroughly since we learned of Lowrance’s financial scams. Both Lowrance and Holmes haven’t paid their dues to the people they promised. Now, with no arrest made by the FBI and many months gone, Lowrance has skipped to Peru, reunited with his wife Yessenia and son Jeffrey, while over FOUR- HUNDRED of his broke clients are left with nothing. Gary Holmes currently sits comfortably at his home in Gold Hill, Oregon, while reportedly planning his own move out of the country.

One thing remains certain, Gary Holmes and Jeff Lowrence are still sitting fat and living life as usual. These are two totally different people, but they both have the same intentions - they deceive people (usually the elderly) out of their hard earned savings and both cunningly use “God” as a tool and tactic in their sales pitch, effectively playing on people’s beliefs and trusts in order to rape them of their money.

Everyone involved must band together and keep the US~Observer informed so that our articles which are read around the nation and in many foreign countries will help bring these worthless crooks down, and the monies they have stolen back to whom it rightfully belongs. We are currently tracking both Holmes and his activities and have found that he is reportedly holding private meetings in Hubbard, Oregon at Dan Meyerhoffer’s residence. Meyerhoffer is a member of Wealth and Success Association (WASA) and our findings to date have led us to include both Meyerhoffer and this organization in our investigation.

*Editor’s Note: Please contact Edward Snook at 541-474-7885 if you have any pertinent information on Gary Holmes or Jeff Lowrance, and we publicly thank all who have already assisted us with our investigation.*

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By Curt Chancler

# For Whom Does Your Court Work?

Pro Se litigants are those who prefer to defend themselves in court without benefit of a BAR licensed attorney. As more and more Pro Se litigants appear in court it becomes immediately obvious the stranglehold the BAR and Judiciary has on the system. Even though judges are admonished by their own rules to protect and help the Pro Se this is often not the case. In fact a Pro Se is often demeaned by the judge and ridiculed by the opposing attorneys. Their pleadings are ignored. Meetings between the judge and attorneys are closed to the Pro Se. These meetings are held outside the view and often knowledge of the Pro Se and the public. They are passed off as “procedural” or “working” meetings not open to the Pro Se even though it is their case as well. In spite of these problems there are more Pro Se litigants every year. This is due in part to the cost of litigation and in part to the fact that when an attorney is hired all legal rights are passed over to that attorney. The court system fosters the notion that only they—judges, attorneys and all those departments supported by you—can do the job when in reality they have made an industry of the law. Once you sign that agreement with the attorney you are nothing more than a name on the page. That attorney “acts in your stead.” The only way to buck that system is to go Pro Se.

One case of this is demonstrated in Linn County, OR court where Pro Se Jeanne Wollman has been denied reasonable access to the court records through

harassment and not only unfair but unsafe treatment by Court Administrator, Don Smith and presiding Judge Rick McCormick.

The records in this probate case now total nine four inch binders and are impossible to view adequately while forced to stand or sit at a narrow window ledge. Due to her Pro Se status she is deemed to be second class and not afforded equal protection under the law.

When Court Administrator Don Smith was asked about this he said it was simply “Procedure”. Presiding Court Judge Rick McCormick said it was because Ms. Wollman had “two or three years previously marked a page in the file”. When asked to speak with the county employee who made the accusation she was refused the right to meet with her accuser. When she asked to see the defaced page that request was also denied.

When questioned as to why attorneys in the case were allowed a room and a large table to view the records, Judge McCormick stated that it was because attorneys were members of the BAR he could sanction, but he had no control over a Pro Se - so he was free to deny them easy access to the records. It did not matter to Judge McCormick that in so doing he prevented them from reasonably preparing to defend themselves in court. In other words it appears that in Linn County the public, the citizen, the Pro Se is second class and not worthy of protection or of any constitutional rights. It is apparent that your right to adequately defend yourself

in Linn County is administratively curtailed.

Judge McCormick told Ms. Wollman if there was a problem it should be taken to Kingsley Click at the State Attorney General’s office. Ms. Wollman went to the state judicial building in Salem and requested to speak with Ms. Click. It was found that Ms. Click was far too busy and, without ever talking to the litigant, decreed the Linn County Court Administrator and Presiding Judge could do as they wished.

At this time the 68 year old Ms. Wollman, Pro Se in her father’s probate hearing, is being forced to perch on a rolling stool in a high traffic area trying to prepare her case. This is in spite of a table and chairs within three feet of that narrow window. No attorney would have to suffer this indignity, but being part of “the public”, a Pro Se in Linn County allows Judge McCormick the privilege to put her at risk and deny her the right to prepare an adequate defense.

It has been found that the county elected officials have no control over the Linn County Judicial system. Even though the Linn County Court is located in the Linn County Courthouse the space is actually rented to the state judicial system and is separate from the county. In other words, “the people” elect their judges but once in office the state takes over and “the people” lose all control of their system. You are at the mercy of the court and its minions. At least in the Linn County, Oregon court system this is apparently true.

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been among us but in the last fifty years it has reached epidemic proportions. Constitutional Retardation is very easy to recognize in most cases, one of the most obvious signs to look for is anyone, especially an elected official, that refers to the United States of America as a democracy.

Now, if our junior high school teachers were correct, and we believe they were, America by definition is a Constitutional Republic. A Republic where the heads of state and other officials are elected as representatives of the people, and must govern by the will of the people and existing constitutional law that limits government's power over its citizens.

The power of government and its officials is further limited in a republican form of government by the separation of powers into three separate branches—legislative, executive and judicial—and no person charged with official duties under one of these departments shall exercise any of the functions of the other.

A Constitutional Republic by design prevents any one person or group from gaining absolute power over its citizens; we are a nation of laws not men. Our history clearly shows through the writings of our founding fathers, that their major fear was that our republic would become a democracy. They knew what a democracy was—an open door to the tyrannical side government often dissolving in to mob rule.

We are a Constitutional Republic with a democratic form of representation. Anyone that has read our Constitution and Bill of Rights or sat through nine months of junior high school American history and still believes that the intent of our founding fathers was that we become a democracy may be suffering from **Constitutional Retardation**.

Think about this. If you know the names of professional athletes and their statistics but you do not know the names of your Congressman and Senators you may be suffering from **Constitutional Retardation**.

If you know the names of actors and their credits but you do not know the names of our founding fathers you may be suffering from **Constitutional Retardation**.

If you can sing the words to popular songs but cannot quote any of our Bill of Rights you may be suffering from **Constitutional Retardation**.

If you strive to be politically correct and also think you believe in freedom of expression and freedom of speech you may be suffering from **Constitutional Retardation**.

If you believe government knows best concerning your children, your money, your business or your property you may be suffering from **Constitutional Retardation**.

If you believe that we as Americans have the ability to put someone into office through the election process and do not have the ability to remove that person from that office through the recall process you may be suffering from **Constitutional Retardation**.

Our complacent, lackadaisical attitude toward our nation's election process has been a slow but sure death sentence to the rights and freedoms that we all enjoy as Americans. Protecting those rights and processes are key to our survival as a free people.

If we are to believe it is of the utmost importance for us to remain a self governing free people, we must understand the difference between a constitutional government of the people, by the people, and for the people and an unconstitutional corporate, administrative government that is by design solely intent on building more government, more intrusive government and a government that enslaves the people.

In our May, 2008 issue article *While We Were Sleeping*, we attempted to address the unconstitutional make-up of administrative agencies and their dictatorial side affects on you, your family, your business and even on the future of Americans to live as a free people. Administrative Law runs counter to Constitutional Law. It is not a friend to the Constitution or to a free people.

**Constitutional Retardation** can only exist when we forget the tyrannical chains of a monarch were removed by force so we could live as a free people. We, as a free people, created our Republican form of government so that government is a servant of the people. When the people are not in control of their government they are no more than a serf to his master.

Our Founding Fathers created a republican form of government because they feared a democratic form of government could never survive the inherent nature of man and his rapacious quest for power over other men and nature.

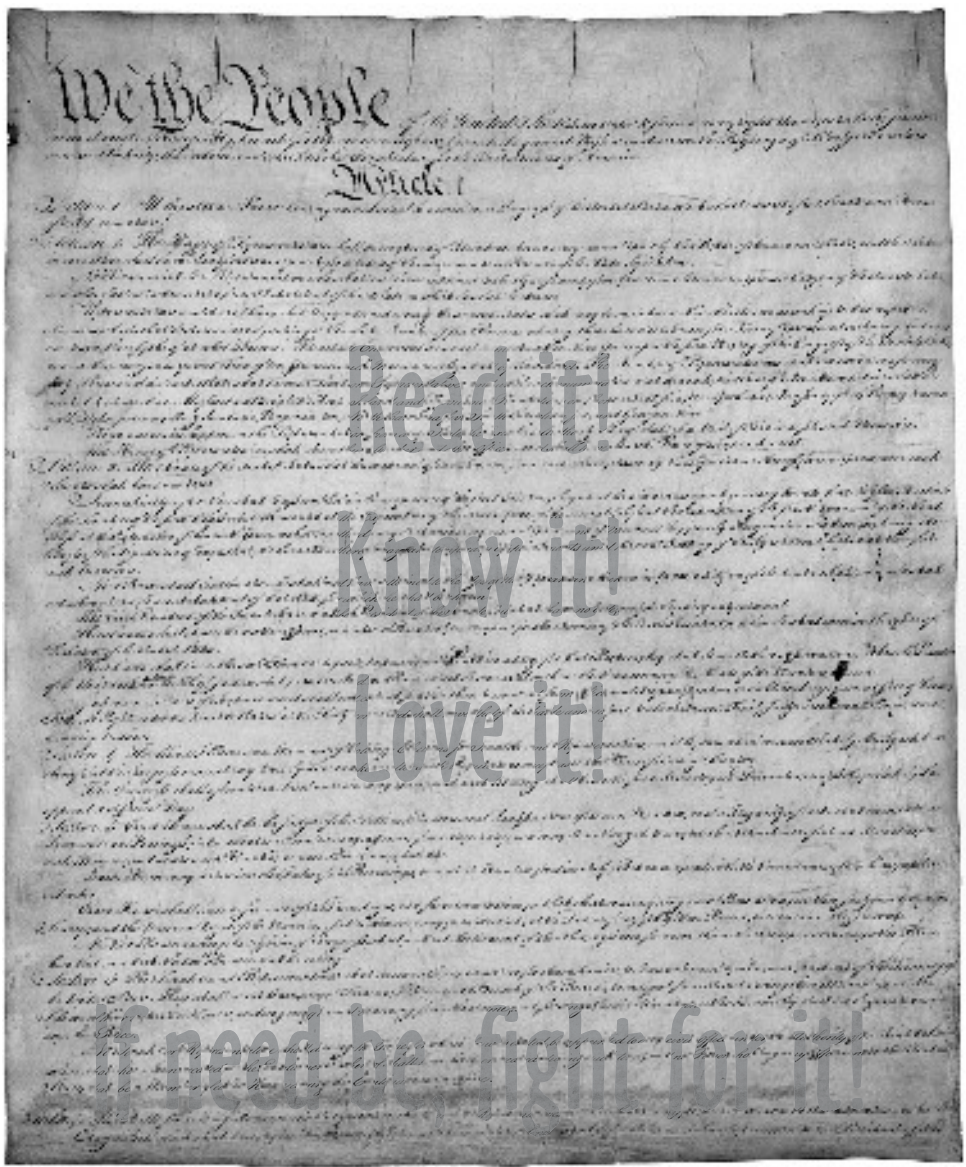
They believed a Constitutional Republic with a democratic form of representation would protect our freedoms and stand the test of time. Our Constitution with its second amendment right to keep and bear arms would insure that no one foreign or domestic could deprive us of those rights. Our founding fathers, having just broken the bonds from a monarchy, were deeply concerned about a government overstepping its bounds. A government that could forget the citizen was sovereign.

Thomas Jefferson, the main proponent of our Bill of Rights, believed that the pages of our history may have to be sprinkled with the blood of patriots in order to maintain our nation as a republic.

The very first amendment and its importance to all of us as a free people is clear: The right to the religion of your choice and the free exercise of that right; The right to have opinions and the right to declare them openly without fear of government restrictions or reprisals; The right to establish a free press that reports to the people on government actions—good or bad—without fear of censorship; The right of the people to gather peacefully and publicly protest the actions of government or business; The right to petition the government for redress of grievances.

Our second amendment gives us the right to keep and bear arms. This is the muscle and the power of the people to enforce and protect all that our first amendment freedoms guaranteed to us.

The second amendment is so simple and so clear that only someone with Constitutional Retardation or, even worse, a government wanting to disarm its people would have any difficulty in understanding its meaning or intent.



Our second amendment regarding our right to keep and bear arms states, “A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.”

The term militia throughout history has meant a non-paid military force composed of ordinary citizens often providing defense as a paramilitary force or law enforcement in times of emergency. The intent of our founding fathers was clear that the militia would be composed of men from the ages of 18 to 45 years old and they must have a good musket—rifle. They knew everyone had the right to have a weapon and use that weapon in their defense when attacked by man, beast or government. To believe otherwise is to take Constitutional Retardation to its most dangerous level.

As a private citizen you take on the role of a specialized form of militia convened to render a verdict in a court proceeding when you serve as a juror in a jury trial. When you and other private citizens come together as a group to investigate a public matter and bring it to a grand jury for an indictment, you are again acting as a specialized form of

militia. If you believe even for one second the intent of our founding fathers was to trade the yoke of a monarchy for the tyrannical yoke of a dictatorial government and/or president then you are definitely suffering from **Constitutional Retardation!**

The enemies of America are not just from lands far away, but from the far left and the far right views and beliefs of the citizens right here in America, both in and out of government. But the most dangerous enemy of America and all that she stands for is YOU, the complacent citizen.

The most important thing for us as a free people to remember is that the source of our freedoms and rights outlined and guaranteed by our state and federal Constitutions is what gives us the strength, the power and the ability to endure the test of time. But our enemies, both foreign and domestic, also know if the citizens of America are not willing to stand up and fight to defend their Constitutions those words are nothing more, nothing less than a bunch of old ink stained pages of paper.

**Wake up America! Wake up before it is too late!** ■■■

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# New government “owned” GM exits bankruptcy

**DETROIT, Michigan (AFP)**—A new General Motors emerged from bankruptcy Friday under a government-backed plan to rescue the troubled US auto giant, the company announced.

The automaker transferred its main assets to a new government-supported car company under a plan financed by the administration of President Barack Obama and the Canadian government.

Under the plan, the US government owns about 61 percent of the new auto company called General Motors Company. The Canadian government and a United Auto Workers union health care trust and bondholders own the rest.

The fast-track plan, similar to the one used to rescue Chrysler, creates a new auto company that will acquire the main producing assets of the automaker, while the old GM will remain under bankruptcy court supervision.

"Today marks a new beginning for General Motors, one that will allow every employee, including me, to get back to the business of designing, building and selling great cars and trucks and serving the needs of our customers," said Fritz Henderson, who remains GM president and chief executive.

The "new GM" will be a leaner, smaller company after having shed tens of thousands of workers, eliminated or sold storied brands, shuttered scores of factories and rewritten its labor

contracts to slash costs.

The new GM will keep four key brands -- Chevrolet, Cadillac, Buick and GMC -- and will have a total of just 34 US nameplates by 2010.

Several brands owned by the old GM, including Saturn, Hummer, Opel and Pontiac, have been shed or are being sold.

"One thing we have learned from the last 100 days is that GM can move quickly and decisively," said Henderson.

"Today, we take the intensity, decisiveness and speed of the past several months and transfer it from the triage of the bankruptcy process to the creation and operation of a new General Motors."

The chairman of the new GM is Edward Whitacre, who headed telecommunications giant AT&T.

GM is also removing layers of management -- reducing the number of US executives by 35 percent and overall US salaried employment by 20 percent by the end of this year.

"GM is fortunate to get another shot, most likely its last one," said Michelle Krebs, an analyst with the research firm Edmunds.com.

"Its biggest challenge remains the same one it has faced of late; that is, convincing consumers -- now also GM's reluctant shareholders -- that the company truly is changing and

understands what type of vehicles the marketplace demands."

Once the world's largest corporation, General Motors sold more vehicles than any other automaker from 1931 through 2007, after which it lost the crown to Japan's Toyota.

The new GM emerges just weeks after a similar government-backed effort to rescue number-three US automaker Chrysler under a plan that gave Italian automaker Fiat a large stake and operational control.

For GM, the new firm will be unencumbered by the bulk of the massive debt load it racked up during years of bleeding balance sheets.

GM entered bankruptcy protection on June 1 with liabilities of 172.8 billion dollars and emerged with 48.4 billion in debt.

The US government -- which has provided some 50 billion dollars in financing -- received a 60.8 percent stake in the new company.

Canada, which provided 9.1 billion dollars in loans, has an 11.7 percent stake and a United Auto Workers union retiree healthcare trust fund holds 17.5 percent.

Creditors holding about 54 percent of GM bonds agreed to a plan that would



swap 27.1 billion dollars in debt for a 10 percent stake and warrants allowing them to buy an additional 15 percent stake.

Obama, whose auto taskforce spearheaded the GM restructuring plan, has said his administration has no intention of nationalizing the automaker over the long term and will not be participating in its day-to-day operations.

US officials have indicated they hope to sell its stake as soon as possible although the value of the new GM would have to increase dramatically to allow the government to recoup its investment. ■■

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Mairs-Toppo, who’s the mother of the child, to inform her of those allegations.

Not hearing back from his ex-wife, Mr. Mairs attempted the only other means he could think of to contact her, he called her husband, Dr Frank Toppo. Although Mairs never spoke to his ex-wife, her husband and step-father to this child, was informed of the allegations against his sons and others. During this phone conversation, Dr. Frank Toppo reportedly adamantly refused to “acknowledge” the information his step daughter and other witnesses were alleging. According to Mairs, just after he informed Dr. Toppo that he intended on filing a report, Toppo boldly states to him, “I would hope so. In fact, I welcome an investigation and would think less of you as a father if you did not investigate and report it.”

The Mairs subsequently filed their reports with authorities and once the Nye County Sheriff’s Office got involved with the sexual molestation/abuse case, it wasn’t long before the investigation came to a sudden stop, as all communications with the Mairs ceased. Multiple letters to the sheriff and district attorney’s office, as to the status of the case and requests for information were ignored.

It didn’t take long for Dr. Frank Toppo to acquire the services of Pahrump attorney Tom Gibson for the purpose of representing him in a slander and liable lawsuit against the Mairs’ and relatives of Manuel’s ex-wife Charleen for giving the Mairs information regarding the alleged abuse.

In early 2008, Mairs daughter once again reaches out for help. She informs her farther that she is being subjected to additional abuse, threats of future abuse and is also being intimidated by both Dr. Frank Toppo and her mother Charleen Mairs-Toppo, not to discuss the prior acts of sexual molestation/abuse with anyone. After being interviewed and evaluated by multiple Mental Health Providers, Mairs receives an emergency order for Temporary Custody of the child. Dr. Frank Toppo was reportedly implicated by young Aliza during an interview with a professional child therapist of and taking part in the alleged abuse.

On December 16, 2008 the Family Court places restrictions upon Charleen Mairs-Toppo, which required that she not allow Aliza to have any contact with her step-father Dr. Frank Toppo, or his two sons. Aliza’s interviews and the actions taken because of them should be taken very seriously, due in part to the documented admissions of Dr. Frank Toppo. Toppo has admitted that he referred to his children’s private parts as “penis shortis disease” he has stated he, “has a

tendency, I’ll be quite candid with you, of all my life of groping myself,” and when asked if he knew about children asking Aliza Mairs to touch their private parts, he replies, “That’s my understanding, yes.” This is the same person who admits to his ex-wife (Charleen Mairs-Toppo) being a totally different person after going off of the prescription drug Zoloft, and that he had to eventually recommend her to a psychologist.

### The Conspiracy

Within two days of the restrictions being ordered against Charleen Mairs-Toppo for Dr. Frank Toppo and his two sons to not have any contact with Aliza, Asst. Sheriff Richard Marshall, on December 18, 2008, files completely false and “conspired” criminal charges against the Mairs, but no criminal charges are filed against those (witnesses) who provided the information of the sexual molestation/abuse.

Additional documents obtained by the US~Observer indicate that Dr. Toppo’s personal civil attorney, Thomas J. Gibson, apparently working as an agent for the District Attorney’s Office, mysteriously produces an “Offer of Immunity” to Marcia Shockley (sister to Charleen), Marcia’s husband Ray and Desiree Tomkiewicz (Charleen’s half-sister) from prosecution of possible criminal charges and removed them from his civil suit in return for them changing their stories. All of a sudden, the very ones who provided the information to the Mairs regarding abuse were stating that Manuel and Jacklyne had prompted them to provide false statements or enhanced their statements regarding the severe abuse.

Obviously, Gibson must have had discussions with DA Beckett over the case, which begs the question - Where in the world does this personal civil attorney get off receiving a confidential criminal case document directly from the District Attorney, which he then presents, along with a demand letter for \$65,000 requesting a settlement in the civil defamation case that he is representing Dr. Frank Toppo in, solely and specifically, against the Mairs?

It should also be noted that reportedly, Thomas J. Gibson had previously been employed as a Deputy Prosecutor for Nye County, working directly under Robert Beckett’s supervision. Further reports indicate that Mr. Gibson, an associate of Gibson & Kuehn, LLP in Pahrump, Nevada, is currently under contract for Nye County’s “Public Defender Services” at the tune of \$550,000 annually. It would appear that the Public Defender’s Office and the District Attorney’s Office are just a bit too cozy as well.

The obviously “well connected” Dr. Frank Toppo arrogantly claims in legal documents, that he has a very good personal relationship with many deputies of the Nye County Sheriff’s Office, which include high ranking administration members such as the Sheriff, Tony DeMeo, his Asst. Sheriff’s, Richard Marshall and William Weldon and of course “The Big Boss,” as he refers to Nye County’s District Attorney, Robert Beckett. The doctor went on to state in the documents that the relationships were not only personal but professional as well. Dr. Toppo claims that some individuals had been and/or are currently patient’s of his private medical practice, which also operates in Pahrump, Nevada.

Toppo has admitted to his short, few-year relationship with DA Robert Beckett, raising serious questions regarding District Attorney Beckett’s recent guilty plea to misdemeanor “reckless driving” wherein he agreed to attend alcohol related classes. This incident resulted from a 2008 Driving Under the Influence of Alcoholic Beverages (DUI) arrest where he crashed his county-issued vehicle and then, just hours later, rolled his personally owned vehicle while driving it back towards the original crash scene. Dr. Toppo reportedly was the “doctor” who provided the medical testimony that assisted his “friend” Robert Beckett in avoiding the serious DUI and other related charges. What conclusion would any prudent person reach upon receiving information that Dr. Frank Toppo allegedly assists Beckett with serious criminal charges and then Beckett turns around and attempts to prosecute the Mairs on completely false criminal charges?

Amazing, and this so-called doctor has the gall to file a civil lawsuit against exemplary and concerned parents like Manuel and Jacklyne Mairs. He then further continues his gall by allegedly conspiring false criminal charges through his “friends and patients” against them. I promise Dr. Frank Toppo that he is not even remotely as powerful as he thinks he is and he will soon find this fact out – first hand...

On May 11, 2009, after completing our in-depth investigation and determining that the Mairs were innocent we wrote District Attorney Robert Beckett a letter informing him of our findings and of the fact that he should abandon the false charges. On June 25, 2009, US~Observer investigators appeared at the Mairs “Preliminary Hearing” with attorney Lisa Rasmussen of Las Vegas, Nevada. The hearing, scheduled for 9:00 a.m. didn’t start until 10:00 and it was very short lived.

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# The American Icon - *Only in America*

By Kelly Stone  
Investigative Reporter

Only in America can a poor black boy, grow up some day, like Michael Jackson did and become a rich white woman and one of Barbra Streisand’s “girl friends”.

The current headlines remind me of the month, years ago, when Princess Di shared the front pages with Mother Teresa. Mother Teresa of course needs no introductory discussion. If there are Saints, she was in the running to be one and actually the Catholic Church is considering it... She gave her life to her principles. Princess Di, she got to be the Lady in waiting, the mother of the future King, the possible future queen of England, because she married Prince Charles and was a virgin when she “did it”. In exchange for great wealth and power and an international stage, she gave up her virginity and pledged her loyalty to the King, a man much older than herself, a man not very good looking, but a man who had great wealth and a mistress. She had no education, remarkable for a woman with so many opportunities, wasn’t that great looking, but she had “royal blood” and an intact hymen and the promise of monogamy. She broke her word. She “screwed” her body guard, and a wealthy non-working, but inherited, oil rich Arab boyfriend and the media tells us more about her one night stands and two night stands and drunken orgies than we really want to hear - And the world loved her. The predecessor to Paris Hilton, another woman whose main claim to fame is that she isn’t very virtuous, but she is rich and hedonistic...

I was shocked when both Diana and Mother Teresa died, two internationally famous women, one for giving advantages to the disadvantaged, and the other for taking advantage of her advantages shamelessly (and yes, like all royalty, she did the obligatory public dances of so called “good deeds”). I wasn’t shocked that they died; that’s part of God’s plan for all of us, although old age is a little more dignified than racing in your luxury car at high speeds with your drunk lover while your kids are somewhere else being taken care of by the nannies. I was shocked that Mother Teresa was at the bottom of the front page while Princess Di’s “untimely” but hardly surprising demise was on the top of the front page, showing the major media’s message. “Di, very, very important” - Mother T very important, just not as important as the poor jilted, never to be queen. The Princess accepted what really was a public office, with no duty other than to be chaste, and she violated that duty. Granted, the not-to-be king was running around on her, before, during, and after, with his mistress; but the King wasn’t running for Pope. And this is a fairy tale story. You may or may not agree with the double standard. Doesn’t matter. The double standard got

her the “job” with all the “commitments” and she agreed to those rules, ridiculous or otherwise. Then she broke them. And she broke them in ways that she was easily caught breaking them. Please don’t think I am standing up for “Prince” Charles. If he had been the fairy tale prince in all the old stories, Walt Disney World wouldn’t exist today. Prince Charles was what he was, and the virgin Di was over 21 (barely) and old enough to know what the deal was she was entering into. Most American fathers would think about whether or not they wanted that for their daughter, being a plastic lifetime public prop, but that’s the deal, she and her family took it, profited from it, and she broke it.

Today we trump it all. Almost at the top...but not quite, the beautiful former Charlie’s Angel, Farah Fawcett, has died of cancer. She seems like a nice person. She was pretty. She was a successful, self made actor. We know of nothing immoral that she did... no scandals, unless not marrying the father of her child is one... so hopefully she will end up in heaven, a real angel. There is nothing to dislike about her, she seemed to die a very dignified death, although very public; but she really wasn’t a hero like mother Teresa. Who is?

Even so, she has been pushed down from the top of the front page to the bottom of the front page (probably doesn’t belong in either section) by a man who admittedly sleeps with children. Don’t think for a second that I don’t presume innocence in the charges that Michael Jackson was found innocent of. I presume he didn’t molest the child he was tried for. I presume he probably did molest the children who he paid off by paying their parents large sums of cash, and I presume he’s a nut, a dangerous nut. He’s the “Dad” who held his son over the balcony in Germany smiling, not worried that he might drop him or that he might be traumatized, or his siblings, by the event. He’s the “someday to be Dad” who regularly slept with children, not his own, in his own “never land” bed, who let them drink alcohol and we don’t know what else and who paid millions to their parents (don’t ask who is worse, Jackson or the parents) so that he could sleep with them. What he didn’t do was invite the children from the Ghetto in droves to go through “never land” just to play with the toys. What he didn’t do was take dying kids for a stroll in his never land wonderland. What he did do defies decency, even presuming innocence in the one case he couldn’t bribe his way out of.

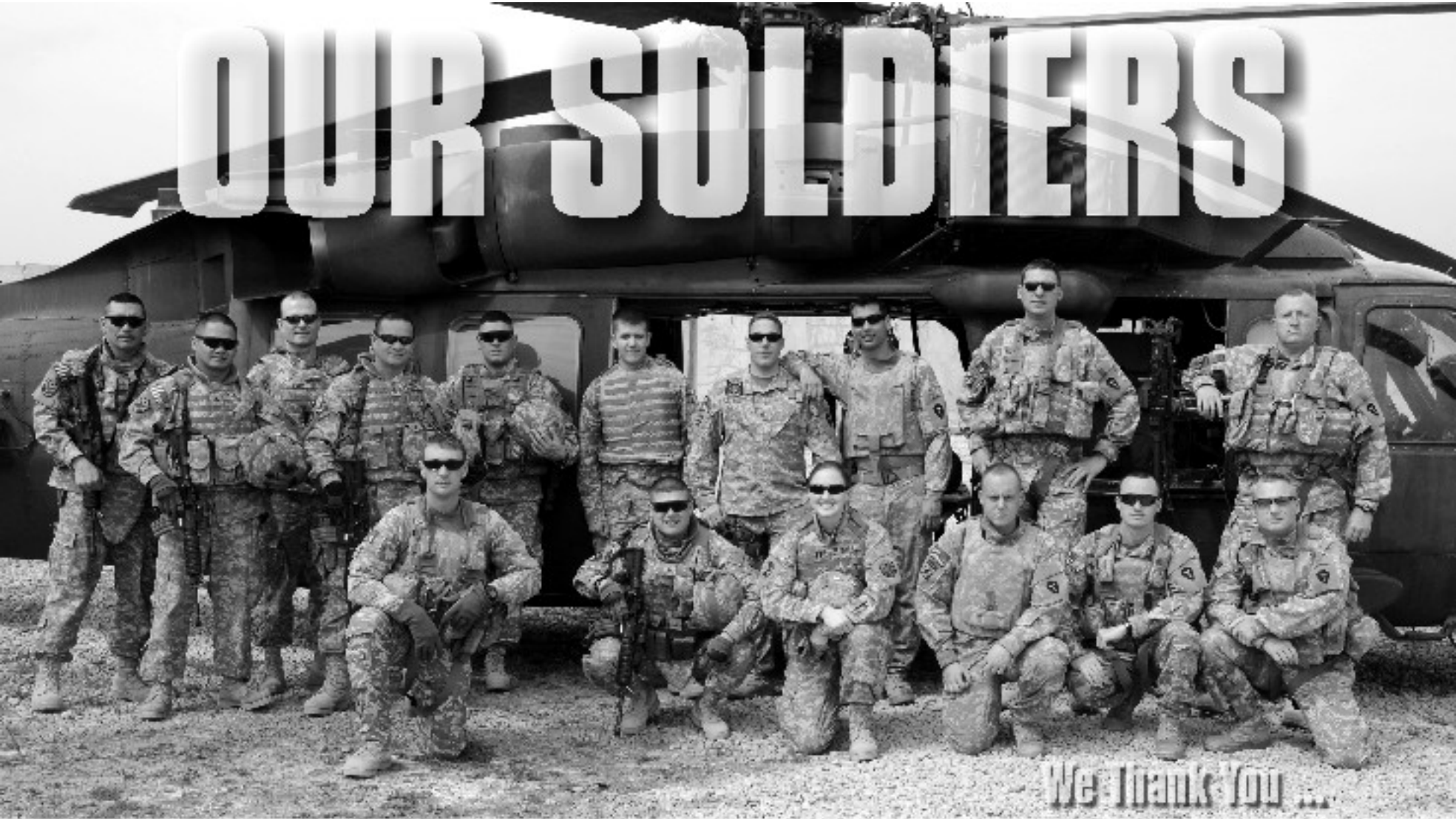
He is a tribute to superficiality that Princess Di never had the desire to reach. Enough plastic surgery to keep a whole Hollywood plastic hospital busy.

And yes, he sold a lot of records. And yes he had an original style. And yes he danced well. Not like Gene Kelly, but enough for his fans, which I wasn’t one of, but that is not why I disagree with praising him and yes, he created the “moonwalk”. But I’ll be convinced the moon is made of green cheese, and the man on the moon is smiling down on all of us before I’ll participate in praising this wacko, plastic, bi-whatever.

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# Independence Day For Our Soldiers

By Joseph Snook  
Investigative Reporter

**July 2009** – Many of America’s Soldiers are still away from their families fighting to protect our freedom. Their service doesn’t go without notice at the US~Observer. We hope that our readers took the time this fourth of July to remember what these soldiers have sacrificed for us, but much more importantly that all American’s recognize them every day for protecting our country and our way of life.

The US~Observer would especially like to thank Sgt. Thomas Imholt who has dedicated his life to keeping America safe. Sgt. Imholt is a medical specialist and has served two active duty tours. He was an assault medic with the 1/505 Parachute Infantry Regiment in the 82nd Airborne Division and is currently attached to a medical platoon out of Ft. Lewis, WA. He has been deployed numerous times and has had four knee surgeries. He is a true reflection of a dedicated and hard working hero who we are proud of. The US~Observer hopes that Sgt. Imholt and his fellow soldiers not only had a happy 4th of July, but much more so that they are kept from harm’s way during the rest of their time enlisted. We are grateful for your service and are anxiously awaiting your return home. **Hoooah!**

**Editor’s Note: On Memorial Day the US~Observer sent out the following e-mail message and received hundreds of responses in return; a selection of which are included:**

## In Memory ...

By Ron Lee  
US~Observer

For over 200 years men and women have taken up arms to protect us, to liberate us, to reunite us. Many, along the way, through the myriad of battles waged across the globe and here at home have lost their lives in the ultimate sacrifice for you, and me, and all of us, to remain free.

Let us not forget those who laid their lives on the battlefields across our country, fighting against a tyrant king, who wanted nothing more than their freedom. They are the ones who founded us - forged us in blood and sacrifice. They were commoners - everyday citizens - who formed an unbeatable militia army of men, women, even children, armed with the assault

weapons of their time. They fought with a fierce passion that laid the foundation of this country:

**Free to believe;  
Free to prosper;  
Free to speak;  
Free to aspire to the greatest of potentials - as long as you work for it.**

Since the founding, our soldiers have continued to inspire us; continued to teach us the lessons of their sacrifice. They have shown us the power of conviction; the strength of perseverance; the undeniable courage we can all have in the face of insurmountable odds. They have taught us, and still teach us daily, that heroes really do exist.

From the walls of the Alamo to the beaches of France and all throughout Europe and Africa, the Pacific to Korea, Viet Nam to a brutal Cold War, Iraq, Panama, Afghanistan ... Soldiers have lost their lives - lost them for us; lost them to protect their fellow soldiers, their families, their country.

This country - the United States of America ... "and to the Republic for which it stands. One Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

If only it were still true.

I wonder what the 1 million fallen soldiers since 1776 (estimated) would say about our country today and about the direction it is taking? Would the commoners see the similarities in our modern governmental system to that which they fought against? Would they be glad of our direction, or just plain sad? Would those who stormed the beaches see a country of resolve, or one of splintered integrity?

I wish, more than anything, that we truly honored the soldier - that the lesson of their sacrifice would never disappear.

I, for one, will never forget.

From the bottom of my heart, to all of you who serve, have served ... Thank you.

**Editor's Note: At the end of this article we called for a response by asking, “Are we honoring our soldiers by allowing our country to follow its current direction?” The following are some of the many responses:**

For years now we have been sending our young men and women all over the globe for the united Nations and the power elite of this country for what? It certainly does not protect American citizens from the middle eastern terrorists, let them fight their own battles. If we were honest we could break them through economic power such as not allowing their poppies turned into drugs to corrupt our people.

I can't stand to see our children treated so terribly by

our own government, sent for years, while their minds and bodies are shattered by gun fire and fear. We need our children back at home where we can be protected from our own government.

**--Shirley Weyand**

Hell no we are not honoring our soldier's or Country, the only thing we are honoring is the powers that be & new world order bastards, who our forefathers would have already stopped. The sheeple of today just amble along like f'ing zombies, which that is exactly what they are, to damn much cool-aid, fluoride, chlorine, vaccine, public schools, and lets not forget chem-trails.

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**--Victor Bunch**

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Sam Adams and Beau Breedlove

investigation.” Perhaps Kroger forgot that Adams is an admitted liar when he is "afraid". It stands to reason that Adams would be more fearful of potential criminal prosecution than he was of losing his mayoral campaign. As reported by Willamette Week, "Breedlove was actually pretty consistent in his position about the underage kisses. He told the same story in each of his six interviews with DOJ investigators. And he said the same things to The Oregonian, KGW and CBS News. Nevertheless, Kroger said

brought in front of a grand jury - something citizens like Mulcahy would like to see convened. For an in-depth article on Kroger's report please read Willamette Weekly's "The Adams Report - 14 fascinating things we learned from Attorney General John Kroger's investigation" at: [week.com/editorial/3533/12744/](http://week.com/editorial/3533/12744/). Editor's Note: The US~Observer will be watching this recall effort with interest. It is imperative that we have people in office that, even when they are scared, tell their constituents the truth.



Breedlove's credibility was at issue in part because when Breedlove gave a statement to Adams' lawyers, he denied the kisses. The report points out that on Jan. 21 and 22, 2009 (right after WW published the story), Adams' attorney, Sam Kauffman, and investigator Kara Beus interviewed Breedlove, arriving at his apartment at 11 pm on Jan. 21. Breedlove told them he and Adams did not engage in any sexual contact or kissing prior to his 18th birthday. 'This statement flatly contradicts Breedlove's statements to DOJ,' investigators wrote. It seemed odd to have Adams' lawyers grill Breedlove for two days before Kroger's investigation got rolling—at a time when Breedlove had no lawyer. Nevertheless, DOJ investigators used this inconsistent testimony as evidence Breedlove was not credible. The final report also pointed to his 2006 felony conviction for shoplifting in Hawaii as evidence that he was not believable.” One note of interest, the Attorney General's interviews were not sworn testimony as would be the case if it were

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NO, I DO NOT THINK WE ARE HONORING OUR TROOPS BY GOING IN THE SAME DIRECTION THAT WE HAVE FOR YEARS, IF NOT WORSE!!! OBAMA IS NOT, WILL NOT, BRING THE CHANGE WE WANT TO SEE, NOR HAVE!!! I AM STILL WAITING ON HIS PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP - SORRY, BUT UNTIL HE PROVES HIMSELF TO US, HE IS NOT MY PRESIDENT.

--Carolyn

Stop this spam  
--Dennis Robertson  
([robbie891@hotmail.com](mailto:robbie891@hotmail.com))

We have deserted the principles our founding fathers gave through our Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights, and U.S. Constitution. These are not being taught today in the public schools of this land. We have forsaken our God from whom all blessings flow. We have dismissed Him from all areas of life--in some instances- - from the life of His church!!

America, wake up and be a blessing to God!! And then, and only then, will we be able to say "God bless America."

--Richard Hurley

Hi, Ron!  
I am a wife, mother, grandmother, and greatgrandmother. I have been around for awhile :)  
I have never been so scared for our country as I am now. I see so much happening that should not be happening in a "Christian country." But then, our

President said that we are not a Christian country, didn't he?  
We have judges legislating from the bench rather than following our Constitution, we have some teachers and others in positions of authority leading our children astray, we are allowing our borders to be overrun with illegals, we have allowed greedy, devious people to bankrupt our country and trash our economy, we are allowing "political correctness" to lead us down paths that are best untrodden, we are in a war that is taking the best and brightest of our young while corporations make billions off it, and far from least, we are murdering our unborn every day. --How can such a country--a society--long exist?  
Thank you for this fine article. One of my grandsons recently came back from his second tour in Iraq.  
Best wishes,  
--Mary Shew

All wars are fought by the poor and middle class youth to protect and increase the wealth and power of the wealthy.  
Patriotism is nothing more than a method used by the wealthy, to coerce our young, impressionable, and gullible into sacrificing their lives and limbs to increase the wealth and control of the wealthy.  
--Dave T.

Sorry Dave T., I'd have to disagree  
--Ron Lee

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# Tremors may indicate risk of big California quake: journal

LOS ANGELES (AFP) – An increase in tremors deep under California's San Andreas fault may be the harbinger of a major earthquake, according to a study out Friday in the journal Science.

Seismologist Robert Nadeau of the University of California at Berkeley reached this conclusion after analyzing tremors along a segment of the San Andreas Fault near Parkfield, California.

Nadeau found that after the 2003 6.5-magnitude San Simeon quake and the 2004 6.0-magnitude Parkfield quake -- both located mid-way between San Francisco and Los Angeles -- tremors became more frequent and underground stress increased at the end of a "locked segment" of the San Andreas fault.

A "locked segment" is as a portion of a fault that has not moved in years and is at high risk of a major earthquake. The researchers believe that the increase in tremors could mean that stress is accumulating faster than in the past along that segment of the fault, "which ruptured in the moment magnitude 7.8 Fort Tejon earthquake of 1857," read the article in Science. "We've shown that earthquakes can stimulate tremors next to a locked zone, but we don't yet have evidence that this



San Andreas Fault

tells us anything about future quakes," Nadeau said. "But if earthquakes trigger tremors, the pressure that stimulates tremors may also stimulate earthquakes." Seismologists believe there is a 70 percent probability that a devastating earthquake will strike California in the next 30 years. The San Andreas fault runs through much of the western state of California, the most populous in the United States. For more on earthquakes go to: [www.usgs.gov](http://www.usgs.gov). ■■



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



# ‘Rasmussen Poll: Americans Fear Obama Gun Control Agenda’ -- CCRKBA

BELLEVUE, WA – A new Rasmussen poll reveals that 57 percent of American citizens believe gun sales are up over the past several months because of widespread fears that the government will tighten restrictions on gun ownership.

“The poll results confirm what we’ve been saying,” noted Alan Gottlieb, chairman of the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms. “American citizens are fearful that the Obama administration and a Democrat-controlled Congress will pass new laws to further erode the individual right to own firearms. This concern was further enhanced by yesterday’s ruling in Minnesota that far left anti-gunner Al Franken should be seated as a U.S. Senator representing that state, giving Democrats a 60-member majority.”

The Rasmussen telephone survey found that only 23 percent of the respondents believe gun sales have risen due to concerns about rising crime. Twenty-one percent are not sure. The poll also revealed that 63 percent of male Americans and 51 percent of women believe gun sales are linked to concerns about new gun control schemes. Another finding is that 65 percent of Republicans and 66 percent of those not affiliated with either major

political party think booming gun sales are connected to fears about increased government restrictions.

“Americans realize that despite all of the campaign rhetoric, Barack Obama and Congressional Democrats led by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi are waiting for the right moment to spring new gun control measures,” Gottlieb stated. “There is little doubt they would like to renew the ban on semiautomatic sport-utility rifles, place limits on the number of firearms someone may purchase, and maybe institute some kind of licensing and registration scheme, as Pelosi hinted during an appearance on ABC’s Good Morning America. Wherever these measures have been tried on the local level, they have invariably failed to prevent or reduce violent crime. The Clinton gun ban failed. One-gun-a-month schemes have failed.

“How many times do you have to fail at something before you reach the inescapable conclusion that your plan isn’t going to work,” he questioned. “The Rasmussen poll affirms that Americans are waking up to the Obama-Pelosi agenda, and they are stocking up for what they think is an inevitable attack on gun rights.” ■■

# Right to Carry is Not Concealed At least not according to the Oregon Senate

By US~Observer Staff

**Grants Pass, Oregon** - According to the Josephine County, Jackson County and Baker County Sheriffs the Oregon Senate made a mistake by not passing Oregon House Bill 2727 which would have made concealed handgun license owners' information private and away from prying eyes.

As reported by Eric Adams of kgw.com, “The Oregon Senate has decided concealed handgun permits will not be concealed, over the objection of county sheriffs across the state.

Concealed handgun licenses are public records and senators affirmed their support of that policy by declining a vote on House Bill 2727, which would have allowed sheriffs to keep the permits confidential.

House lawmakers voted overwhelmingly last month to seal the licenses.

The divisive issue has pitted gun owners and sheriffs against reporters and the courts.

Supporters claim publishing the records puts those carrying handguns in jeopardy.

Senators disagreed.

‘It is a bad idea to keep secret who has loaded guns in our communities, schools and public buildings,’ Portland Democrat Ginny Burdick said.

Earlier in the year, sheriffs from across Oregon sent letters to handgun permit holders, warning of media attempts to publish their names.

The Medford Mail Tribune sued Jackson County last year to force release of every concealed handgun permit holder on the books. A judge agreed and demanded the list be given to the newspaper.

That verdict was appealed and is now under consideration by the state appellate court...

Baker County Sheriff Mitch Southwick told Oregon Public Broadcasting that instead of releasing the names of permit holders, he would give reporters the permit numbers.”

One disgruntled Oregon citizen known as Flatpik posted this response to the news:

“Thank you legislature. Now I will be able to identify the addresses of homes I want to burglarize in order to steal their firearms - wonderful! I will also now be able to determine which of the people I don’t like are unable to defend themselves - that could come in very handy. Thanks again. One would have thought that Ginny Burdick and the legislature would defer to common sense and the Sheriff’s expertise in matters of public safety, but here in Oregon, politics rule.” ■■

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“Oppressors can tyrannize only when they achieve a standing army, an enslaved press, and a disarmed populace.” -- James Madison

# Independence Day - Tea Party Style

By Ron Lee  
Investigative Journalist

USA - July 4th, the day in 1776 our country was informed of our independence, was celebrated this year by hundreds of thousands of American citizens protesting the federal government. Like Tax Day earlier in the year, average American's of all walks of life assembled to show the rest of the country and the politicians who are supposed to represent them that they are tired of the direction the country is taking; tired of bail-outs; tired of federal government expansion; tired of the continued effort by the few to dictate to the many.

The mainstream media flatly ignored the efforts of so many. They also ignore that this grouping of people isn't of any specific political persuasion; that every color, gender, walk-of-life is represented and the common bond they share is that they are Americans. They want changes in how the federal government operates and they feel they are not being adequately represented as their "redress of grievances" is being ignored.

The seeming media blackout of the events leads people to speculate that the government controls the media and believes that if they just don't entertain the existence of so many upset citizens, they will just go away. This, however, is not the case, and the numbers of disgruntled American's continues to spiral upward.

Margaret Lee covered her local Tea Party in Reno, NV and reported the following:

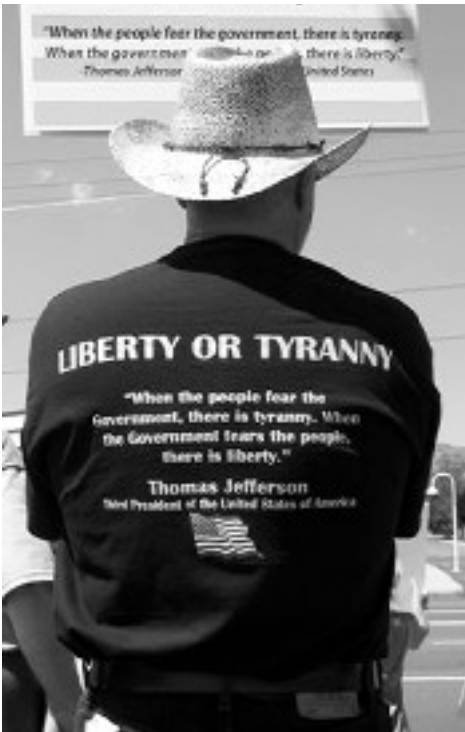
It was a nice warm day. About 2,000 attended. There were booths, a stage, and rallying along Virginia Street and Moana Lane. People had positive and serious attitudes. Horns honked and people cheered.

I asked many folks in attendance the following question: "what is the one thing that needs to be changed?"



Eileen from Susanville, CA who held a sign that read 'TEXT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ANYTHING ELSE IS TOO LONG FOR THEM TO READ' replied with, "I wish fellow citizens would take action, call or email to respond to government and tell them, 'don't do this or I'll vote you out.'"

Bill, the owner of a racecar parts business who employs 40 - www.BMEltd.com - talked for ten minutes on how he feels responsible for his employees and their families. He said that he does what he can locally and



thinks all must do the same in our country - that we have to be responsible and go back to the principles by which we were founded. In answer to the question I asked his response was, "Can't change one thing. Impossible! It took us 200 years to screw it up." But, he is not about to give up trying. "I could be on a beach somewhere, but this is my country and it breaks my heart."



Michael, whose sign read 'LOVE GOD & MY COUNTRY! I MUST BE AN EXTREMIST!' replied, "Change the government. Revolution. Throw them out."



Gene's sign read 'LET'S RALLY TO RESTORE AND ENFORCE OUR CONSTITUTION THE GOVT. IS TRASHING OUR RIGHTS AND OUR COUNTRY'. His response to the question seemed to sum up what so many others were voicing, "Are you serious, only one thing?"

The Tea Parties are going to continue as the people are obviously upset - no matter what the mainstream media or the government might ignore to tell you. (Photos by Margaret Lee)

# Cap-and-Tax: Government vs. America

By David Limbaugh

There is still time to stop the legislative monstrosity known as the Waxman-Markey cap-and-trade bill before the Senate approves it. But for that to happen, Americans must learn how bad it is.

Let's briefly review the basics: The bill is ostensibly designed to curb man-caused carbon emissions (presumably without outlawing breathing) to retard global warming.

Even if we accept, for purposes of argument, the assumptions of radical, hysterical leftist environmentalists that man-caused global warming will destroy the planet if evil, rich capitalists don't radically curtail their own contributions to the catastrophe, Waxman-Markey would not prevent this Armageddon.

Climate scientist Chip Knappenberger, of New Hope Environmental Services, calculates that the bill would only reduce Earth's temperature by 0.1 to 0.2 degree Celsius by 2100. The Heritage Foundation's Ben Lieberman says he's found no "decent refutation of the assertion that the temperature impact would be inconsequential."

Unfortunately, the bill's negative impact on the economy would not be inconsequential. Lieberman says the bill would cause estimated job losses averaging about 1.15 million from 2012-2030, and the cumulative projected loss in gross domestic product would be almost \$10 trillion by 2035. The national debt from this bill alone, disregarding the multiple bailouts, stimulus packages and health care "reform," would increase by 2035 for a family of four by 26 percent, or \$115,000.

Heritage is not alone in making these claims. The far more liberal Brookings Institution estimates the bill would cost 1.8 percent of GDP in 2035 and 2.5 percent by 2050. Heritage's "Foundry" blog concludes, "Economists from liberal think tanks, conservative think tanks, and industry associations agree that Waxman-Markey will reduce income by hundreds of billions of dollars per year."

These facts are enough to make you question why people aren't threatening a sit-in in the Senate until this recklessness stops. But there are other things about the bill you should know -- just in case you have an unusually high outrage tolerance:

--As noted, the bill contains a hidden provision establishing unemployment benefits for up to three full years for workers displaced as a result of this "job creations" bill, as well as health insurance premium subsidies and \$1,500 each for job search and relocation expenses -- all at taxpayers' expense.

--The American Issues Project has exposed Section 204 of the bill, called the "Building Energy Performance Labeling Program," which gives the federal government unprecedented



David Limbaugh



Knappenberger

authority over your home. AIP says the section mandates that new homes be 30 percent more energy-efficient than the current building code on the very day the law is signed. The requirement increases to 50 percent by 2014 and continues to increase until 2030.

--The program would also affect existing properties you already own. It requires states to

label residential and nonresidential buildings based on their efficiency ratings and to publicize this information. This will lead to "a number of circumstances under which the states could inspect a building," such as if you want to renovate your house in a way that requires a building permit, sell your house, or change the name of the person responsible for paying its utilities. The federal commissars, in their infinite

compassion with other people's money, have also set aside a fund to help homeowners retrofit their properties. Of course, there's a formula, to be administered by the bureaucratocracy. The more radically you purify your property the more "awards" you receive -- up to \$12,200. Be aware, though, that further fine print requires

the property owner to pay at least half of these retrofitting costs, no matter how much their "awards" from the government. I suppose this is the Marxists' nod to self-reliance and fiscal responsibility.

--The bill is so egregiously obscene that even the strong Democratic majority in the House couldn't have passed it without bribing some recalcitrant representatives -- also with our money. To buy, er, secure Ohio Rep. Marcy Kaptur's vote, they offered a new federal power authority, which, according to The Washington Times, is "stocked with up to \$3.5 billion in taxpayer money available for lending to renewable energy and economic development projects in Ohio and other Midwestern states." Just swell.

--In addition to all the economic destruction the bill would cause, in the end, it is not so much about global warming as Obaman wealth redistribution. "The Foundry" says Obama's own budget "promises to raise \$650 billion in revenues by selling carbon permits (which are the exact same thing as an energy tax)," only \$150 billion of which will go to alternative energy production. The rest will be redistributed to people who "don't pay income taxes."

The Founding Fathers and our fathers are rolling over in their graves as this great country voluntarily abandons its dreams of equal opportunity, achievement and prosperity and sows the seeds of its own destruction.

This just cannot stand.

David Limbaugh is a writer, author and attorney. His book "Bankrupt: The Intellectual and Moral Bankruptcy of Today's Democratic Party" was released recently in paperback.



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# Letters to the Editor



## US~Observer, Speakers of Truth

My opinion states that you guys are great! Finally someone whom speaks out for Liberty, Justice, and Truth! I would like to contribute a few articles to you. How many people read these articles? Do I get to pick the topics? I read the Charter article located at <http://www.usobserver.com/archive/de-c-07/charter.htm> and I’ve been there, heck I’m there now. So many other companies have jabbed me just like they did. Car insurance, don’t get me started on those criminals. Thank you for doing what you do for us, the American Population... We really dont have much a say in anything anymore, we can complain and complain but how do you get action in a "system" like this??? Any advice would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Joe

*Editor's Note: Thank you for the kind words. As for writing articles, you can freely submit your stories on topics that interest you to [editor@usobserver.com](mailto:editor@usobserver.com) and they will be reviewed for potential publication.*

*As for action, when people begin to have a hard time buying their food at their local corporate "mega-grocery" store, they will start waking up. In my opinion, until that day, in the not so distant future, it is our duty to inform - not just those that already know; we try to enlighten as many as we can.*

*Thank you again!*

## The POWER of the closed door?

Dear Editor,

Below is a letter to Idaho Power's project manager:

*Why does Idaho Power continue to insist on private, closed-door meetings? You have already had enough problems concerning public information and notifications and now you can't even let citizens be involved in choosing their own teams for your new Community Advisory Process. Where is the community in this process? Where is the outreach? People who have asked to be on CAP teams were never notified. We have learned that teams have already been chosen by Idaho Power and county officials and most citizens who have continually asked for a transparent process, once again, did not get it. We are forced to doubt the sincerity of your new CAP. Why was there not a meeting to facilitate actual communities picking siting teams instead of Idaho Power and local politicians? Why is the June 4th meeting in Baker City not publicized? It seems CAP is not working, despite its citizen friendly acronym. If CAP does not make a better effort at citizen outreach there will be fewer possibilities for Idaho Power to reach solutions with the citizens of eastern Oregon.*

Thank you.

A Concerned Citizen

## What Has Happened To My America?

It seems every conversation lately with others of “my” generation loops back to this question: What has happened to my America? Over and over I hear people asking what happened, how it happened, and when. Were we all just so blissfully living our lives that we missed the memo?

How did the “good ole days” disappear?

Growing up, God, family, and country were not issues that were taken lightly. We went to Church, we participated, we learned about an agape love, and we shared value lessons with others in our church family.

Our immediate family consisted of mom and dad and siblings. My entire family, when showing up for a birthday party or reunion, would fill the house and spill out into the yard. I had more fun playing hide and seek, and tag. Later, after the sun went down, we played “no bears are out tonight.” Our senses heightened, expecting a “bear” to come out of every shadow, and screaming like banshees as we ran for base. It was a time when children could play outside, in their own yard, without fear.

Family was where I first learned everything: sharing, how to fight, how to forgive, how to stand in line, self-respect, unconditional love, chain of command, hard work, the value of belonging...and so much more...

My parents believed in America and they taught me that America was worth believing in.

The flag was a symbol of the freedoms we were afforded by those who had served our country. They taught me to respect the flag and to stand when it passed by in a parade.

They also taught me that it wasn’t the rectangular piece of red, white, and blue, material on a pole that earned respect, but the many lives of our service men and women whose lives were woven into the fabric through war time and peace and their sacrifices. I still see a flag as a badge of honor to these men and women.

I miss my America and I am not alone.

Our very foundation of God, family, and country, is cracked and crumbling. You can’t even mention God without someone threatening to sue, but you can teach evolution to our most impressionable grade school children. You can’t open or close a meeting with prayer, but you can spout anti-Christian slogans and rhetoric in public on a street corner in broad daylight.

Families are broken. Kids are having kids. The number of households with actual moms and dads, are shrinking. Babies are disposable before and after they are born. Abstinence cannot be taught as a viable alternative to a pocket full of condoms or a “family planning” clinic enticing young girls to come on in and get birth control pills---no parental consent necessary. Families are no longer the safe haven where you first learn everything. The streets have emerged as the new family leader.

Our country is upside down. The bad guys get the breaks and the good guys get sued.

It is okay to burn the flag, take down the Ten Commandments, or give a pass to a person living in this country illegally, who crashed into his third vehicle in as many months, this time killing the innocent family inside.

Everyone wants a good deal so we buy tons of junk from China, Taiwan, or Korea--- because we can get it for a buck. Then we complain when it doesn’t last as long as we think it should. It’s junk---for a buck!! How long should it last?? Besides, it has lead paint or some other inferior product code, so look what else you get for your money.

What ever happened to buy American? I know many talented people who work hard and do their best to put out top-notch products. Then the government comes in and says we are going to make a whole lot of new legislation to regulate your product. We should hold the countries we import from to these new regulations. The testing of raw materials to make a baby blanket should be on the fabric manufacturer, not the American mom and pop business, or the American consumer.

I need my America back. I miss being able to walk downtown day or night and still feel safe. I want families to be the core of America. I think good Christian values should be taught to our children, first by the parents, and second, by the teachers in our schools which are supported by taxpayer money. I want Government to be big enough to run our country and small enough to stay out of my bedroom. I think Veterans should be given respect and the VA should look long and hard at the way its facilities are being run. I believe in God. I look around and wonder if God still believes in us---or if He should.

Laurel Olmsted

## Meat - Unhealthy Food?

Editor;

In 2004, I filed a federal lawsuit demanding changes in our health indutry for efficient regulations from agencies such as CDC, NIH, WHO, USDA, FDA, Rendering Plants, etc., to stop the slaughtering of sick and diseased animals for food, as it was basically causing adverse reactions such as illness and premature deaths. They can be identified as seizures, dementia, cancer, fibromyalgia, lupus, anemia, AIDS, arthritis, diabetes, highblood pressure, swine flu, MRSA, SARS, etc.

Today, this problem has not been abated and more deaths and illnesses are recorded as a result of foot-dragging on the issue that I brought suit over in Federal Court in Virginia. I want to stop this mess of insatiable greed in America due to politicians retiring with big accounts to keep their mouths shut and allowing constant problems that subsequently cause more deaths from the MEAT industry.

Please do not allow this to continue, because there will be an epidemic in our

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world which otherwise would have been totally avoidable.

I have an antidote that will assist in the elimination of these viruses. NIH contacted me to place my antidote in a Medical or Health Journal, however, I have decided to write a book titled "MEAT - UNHEALTHY FOOD" in order to educate the general public as to why we are having constant outbreaks that subsequently kill innocent people.

Respectfully yours,

Dr. Vivian Anderson, DHCP, Ph.D.

## A German's View on Islam

To the Editor

A man, whose family was German aristocracy prior to World War II, owned a number of large industries and estates. When asked how many German people were true Nazis, the answer he gave can guide our attitude toward fanaticism. "Very few people were true Nazis," he said, "but many enjoyed the return of German pride, and many more were too busy to care. I was one of those who just thought the Nazis were a bunch of fools. So, the majority just sat back and let it all happen. Then, before we knew it, they owned us, and we had lost control, and the end of the world had come.

My family lost everything. I ended up in a

concentration camp and the Allies destroyed my factories."

We are told again and again by 'experts' and 'talking heads' that Islam is the religion of peace, and that the vast majority of Muslims just want to live in peace. Although this unqualified assertion may be true, it is entirely irrelevant. It is meaningless fluff, meant to make us feel better, and meant to somehow diminish the spectra of fanatics rampaging across the globe in the name of Islam.

The fact is that the fanatics rule Islam at this moment in history. It is the fanatics who march. It is 0A the fanatics who wage any one of 50 shooting wars worldwide. It is the fanatics who systematically slaughter Christian or tribal groups throughout Africa and are gradually taking over the entire continent in an Islamic wave. It is the fanatics who bomb, behead, murder or honor-kill. It is the fanatics who take over mosque after mosque. It is the fanatics who zealously spread the stoning and hanging of rape victims and homosexuals. It is the fanatics who teach their young to kill and to become suicide bombers. The hard quantifiable fact is that the peaceful majority, the 'silent majority,' is cowed and extraneous.

Communist Russia was comprised of Russians who just wanted to live in peace, yet the Russian Communists were responsible for the murder of about 30 million people. The peaceful majority were irrelevant.

China's huge population was peaceful as well, but Chinese Communists managed to kill a staggering 70 million people.

The average Japanese individual prior to World War II was not a war mongering sadist. Yet, Japan murdered and slaughtered its way across South East Asia in an orgy of killing that included the systematic murder of 12 million Chinese civilians; most killed by sword, shovel, 20 and bayonet.

And who can forget Rwanda which collapsed into butchery - 800,000 slaughtered. Could it not be said that the majority of Rwandans were 'peace loving'?

History lessons are often incredibly simple and blunt, yet for all our powers of reason we often miss the most basic and uncomplicated of points: Peace-loving Muslims have been made irrelevant by their silence. Peace-loving Muslims will become our enemy if they don't speak up, because like my friend from Germany, they will awaken one day and find that the fanatics own them, and the end of their world will have begun.

Peace-loving Germans, Japanese, Chinese, Russians, Rwandans, Serbs, Afghans, Iraqis, Palestinians, Somalis, Nigerians, Algerians and many others have died because the peaceful majority did not speak up until it was too late.

As for us who watch it all unfold, we must pay attention to the only group that counts; the fanatics who threaten our way of life.

Emanuel Tanay, MD  
Wayne State University  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

## More on Oregon's Broken Appeals

Dear Mr. Snook,

The authors of the letter to the editor titled "Broken Appeals Process" are exactly on point as to the appellate process in Oregon. Their observations apply to the civil as well as criminal process. For most of us, it is a terrible waste of time and money.

At our oral argument in the Court of Appeals, we had judges, Edmonds, Wollheim and Sercombe reviewing our arguments.

Judge, Wollheim, some weeks prior to our hearing, had been picked-up for DUI,

however it was later apparently determined that it was only prescription drugs and not alcohol which was involved.

During our hour-long hearing, Judge Wollheim slept, or appeared to be sleeping. He never asked a single question throughout the entire hearing, and his eyes were closed. Later, I read where Judge Wollheim had been a draft-dodger during the Vietnam war. Great qualifications for a judge!

Presiding Judge Edmonds raised some obscure argument that during trial we had not preserved our objections, which was not accurate. The objections were well preserved at trial and we would later raise that argument with the Supreme Court to no avail.

Judge Sercombe, judging by his questions, appeared not to have read the prepared briefs beforehand.

Later, we would discover the Oregon Supreme Court is a "discretionary" court and can pick and choose their cases, therefore would not consider reviewing our case.

One of the issues presented to the Oregon Supreme Court was a constitutional question, and as such by ORAP rules, requires that the Oregon Solicitor General be copied as well while filing. In a follow-up with the Solicitor General, it was discovered that our briefs were "round filed" and not reviewed by anyone in that office.

Our case involved my former attorney, who admittedly over-charged me, and then turned around and sued me, claiming I owed her more money. She represented herself "pro-se" and was claiming attorney fees for doing so - which were granted by the trial court. No other citizen in Oregon is allowed to collect attorney fees for representing themselves, except members of the Oregon Bar.

I sympathize with Ms. Cowan and Mr. Moskios in their frustrations with the Oregon appellate process. I wish them well, but don't hold your breath.

Michael Greene, a prominent Portland attorney, said the same thing the US~Observer did in its "Editor's Note" response, and that is the "justice system" in not about "truth and justice." But, it should be. As you suggested, the entire "system" needs to be revamped.

Phil Lane

## How Can This Happen in America!?

SOCIALIZATION, OR OTHERWISE MARXISM, PURE AND SIMPLE is heading our way. The principles embodied in our national documents on liberty are being ignored by our government. This is what this administration is bringing America. In the 1950's Khrushchev told Esra Taft Benson, Secretary of Agriculture under Eisenhower, that our grandchildren will grow up under Communism. He must of known something we didn't...you think? We as Americans are allowing it to be taken from us little by little without a fight, which our fathers fought for, and many sacrificed their lives in the defense thereof. That's the plan, incrementalism. It's know as the "Hegelian Dialectic". Other words: Point, Counterpoint, Synthesis, moving you to a predetermined conclusion, or compromise. Another term could be "Brainwashing". Sound familiar? This is how we have come to this sorry state we now experience today in America. Degenerate compromised principles that are 180 degrees from the Constitutional principles we once had. Morality also is being compromised. Please read this little true story and write or call your representatives and protest this outrageous travesty of justice. Tell your representatives if they don't honor their "Oath of Office" to defend and support the Constitution of these United States of America you will vote them OUT OF OFFICE. I did! I passionately support and defend this precious document and the Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence. They frame and defend LIBERTY, which is our God given right to those principles embodied in those documents. The government doesn't give them to you, but they are sure trying to make you believe they do so they can take them away. These last few administrations have been ripping them to shreds. HELP SAVE OUR COUNTRY, PLEASE! TAKE ACTION NOW!

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During the one hour delay the assistant DA's were rushing around the court house stating that their witnesses had not appeared. At approximately 9:40 attorney Lisa Rasmussen called the state's main witness Marcia Shockley via her cell phone and was informed that the District Attorney's Office had not contacted her at any time and that she had no knowledge of the hearing. The Assistant DA stated that he had a verbal commitment from Marcia that she would appear. As Judge Tina Brisbell started the hearing she informed the assistant DA, "this is not the time to be gathering up your witnesses." She then dropped all false criminal charges against the Mairs. Beckett and company obviously conducted a very well scripted plan to get rid of the false charges without appearing to be the culprits they are.

Given the fact that Marcia was only minutes from the court house, this writer must assume that this entire staged performance was orchestrated by none other than Nye County District Attorney Robert Beckett and Frank Toppo's attorney Tom Gibson for nothing other than a personal monetary gain from the civil defamation suit. Beckett and those involved with him had no intention of continuing their false prosecution once they found out the US~Observer was on this case. This DA's Office has the habit of filing false criminal charges and they also have the habit of dropping them when confronted with public exposure of their crimes against the innocent. The Observer fortunately had the pleasure of forcing

them to drop false felony charges against Bud Sonnentag a few years ago and now the satisfaction of having false charges dismissed against the Mairs.

Attorney Lisa Rasmussen should be highly commended for her work on this case. Lisa had no problem confronting the DA's Office regarding evidence they intentionally withheld from the defense and she had no problem in open court of exposing the assistant district attorney's "shell game" as she so eloquently called it.



State's main "witness"  
Marcia Shockley

Even though the Mairs no longer face the possibility of false criminal charges, they have been decimated financially as a direct result of this absolute conspiracy against them by Nye County, Nevada officials and others. We must not forget that the young and vulnerable Aliza Mairs has been greatly damaged as well – possibly beyond repair. There is no question that these officials are the actual criminals and they should be behind bars...period. The Mairs should file a major civil rights lawsuit against Nye County Officials and they should sue the hell out of any individuals who have assisted in this absolute conspiracy on behalf of not only themselves, but for 8 year old Aliza as well.

*Editor's Note: Look for much more on this case in the near future and if any of our reader ship has any information regarding the Nye County Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office or this case and the players involved they are asked to please contact US~Observer's Edward Snook at: 541-474-7885.* ■■

## Gore: Climate Bill 'Global Governance'

By Marc Morano  
Climate Depot

Former Vice President Al Gore declared that the Congressional climate bill will help bring about "global governance."

"I bring you good news from the U.S.," Gore said on July 7, 2009 in Oxford at the Smith School World Forum on Enterprise and the Environment, sponsored by UK Times.

"Just two weeks ago, the House of Representatives passed the Waxman-Markey climate bill," Gore said, noting it was "very much a step in the right direction." President Obama has pushed for the passage of the bill in the Senate and attended a G8 summit this week where he agreed to attempt to keep the Earth's temperatures from rising more than 2 degrees C.

Gore touted the Congressional climate bill, claiming it "will dramatically increase the prospects for success" in combating what he sees as the "crisis" of man-made global warming.

"But it is the awareness itself that will drive the change and one of the ways it will drive the change is through global governance and global agreements."

Gore's call for "global governance" echoes former French President Jacques Chirac's call in 2000 when he said during a speech at The Hague, that the UN's Kyoto Protocol represented "the first component of an authentic global governance."...

Former EU Environment Minister Margot Wallstrom said, "Kyoto is about the economy, about leveling the playing field for big businesses worldwide." Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper once dismissed UN's Kyoto Protocol as a "socialist scheme."

In addition, calls for a global carbon tax have been urged at recent UN global warming conferences. In December 2007, the UN climate conference in Bali, urged the adoption of a global

carbon tax that would represent "a global burden sharing system, fair, with solidarity, and legally binding to all nations."

"Finally someone will pay for these [climate related] costs," Othmar Schwank, a global tax advocate, said at the 2007 UN conference after a panel titled "AGlobal CO2 Tax."

Schwank noted that wealthy nations like the U.S. would bear the biggest burden based on the "polluters pay principle." The U.S. and other wealthy nations need to "contribute significantly more to this global fund," Schwank explained. He also added, "It is very essential to tax coal."

The 2007 UN conference was presented with a report from the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment titled "Global Solidarity in Financing Adaptation." The report stated there was an "urgent need" for a global tax in order for "damages [from climate change] to be kept from growing to truly catastrophic levels, especially in vulnerable countries of the developing world."

The tens of billions of dollars per year generated by a global tax would "flow into a global Multilateral Adaptation Fund" to help nations cope with global warming, according to the report.

Schwank said a global carbon dioxide tax is an idea long overdue that is urgently needed to establish "a funding scheme which generates the resources required to address the dimension of challenge with regard to climate change costs."

The environmental group Friends of the Earth advocated the transfer of money from rich to poor nations during the 2007 UN climate conference.

"A climate change response must have at its heart a redistribution of wealth and resources," said Emma Brindal, a climate justice campaigner coordinator for Friends of the Earth.

Read the full story on-line! ■■

## Worst yet to come: White House economic advisor

**NEW YORK (AFP)** – When it comes to the economic crisis, the worst is yet to come, top White House economic advisor Lawrence Summers said Saturday.

"I don't think the worst is over," Summers told the Financial Times. "It's very likely that more jobs will be lost. It would not be surprising if GDP has not yet reached its low."

Despite his worried outlook, Summers, director of President Barack Obama's National Economic Council, acknowledged a change in the economic environment.

"What does appear to be true is that the sense of panic in the markets and freefall in the economy has subsided and one does not have the sense of a situation as out of control as a few months ago," he said.

The US Commerce Department is scheduled to publish on July 31 its first gross domestic product (GDP) estimates for the second quarter, and economists are expecting a continuation of the decline that began last winter.

Indicators published last month suggested that the US economy had overcome the worst of the crisis, with a 5.5 percent GDP annual rate in the first quarter, after the previous quarter's 6.3 percent decline.

A survey of economists conducted by The Wall Street Journal this week found that 54 percent said the US recession that began in December 2007 will be over by summer's end.

But the poll also found that economists expect the US unemployment rate, currently at 9.5 percent, will rise to 10 percent by the end of the year and remain at that level until around June 2010.

The comments by Summers echoed the cautious approach to economic projections taken by most Obama administration officials of late.

Obama himself emphasized at the end of this week's G8 summit in Italy that "recovery is still a way off."

"It would be premature to begin winding down our stimulus plans and... we must sustain our support for those plans to lay the foundation for a strong and lasting recovery," he told a post-summit press conference.

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The dogma survives because it is politically useful, not because it has met any test of facts. Innumerable facts against it can be found around the world and down through history.

All sorts of groups in all sorts of countries have been demonstrably better than other groups at particular things, whether economic, intellectual, political or military. This fact is so blatant that only people with great cleverness can manage to deny the obvious. That cleverness is what creates the tangled web of confusion that has plagued civil right cases for decades.

Does anybody seriously doubt that blacks usually play basketball better than whites? Does anybody seriously doubt that the leading cameras and lenses in world have long been produced by Germans and Japanese? Or that Jews have been over-represented among the top performers in various intellectual fields?

Many groups whose performances have greatly outstripped the performances of others in a particular field have often been in no position to discriminate, even when the

disparities have been far greater than those between blacks and whites in the United States.

In a number of countries, powerless minorities have so outperformed the dominant majority that group preferences and quotas have been instituted to favor the majority group that has otherwise been unable to compete. This has happened in Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Nigeria, and Fiji, among other places. Before World War II, quotas to benefit the majority were common in a number of European universities, where Jewish students outperformed others.

It is not stupidity, but ideology and politics, which allow the "disparate impact" dogma to create a tangled web of deception in even the highest levels of our legal system. The recent Supreme Court's decision in the New Haven firefighters' case was a rare example of sanity prevailing, even if only by a vote of 5 to 4.

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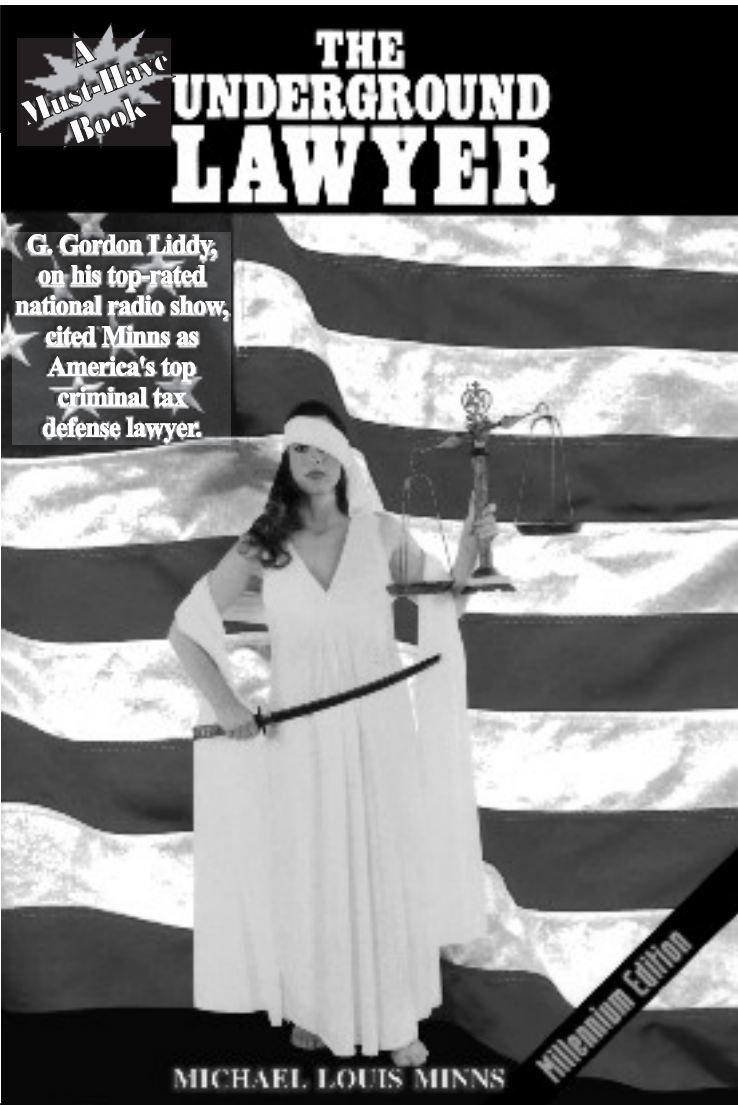
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# Health

## Coffee ‘may reverse Alzheimer's’



**(BBC News)** Drinking five cups of coffee a day could reverse memory problems seen in Alzheimer's disease, US scientists say.

The Florida research, carried out on mice, also suggested caffeine hampered the production of the protein plaques which are the hallmark of the disease.

Previous research has also suggested a protective effect from caffeine.

But British experts said the Journal of Alzheimer's disease study did not mean that dementia patients should start using caffeine supplements.

“The results are particularly exciting in that a reversal of pre-existing memory impairment is more difficult to achieve”

Dr Gary Arendash University of South Florida

The 55 mice used in the University of South Florida study had been bred to develop symptoms of Alzheimer's disease.

First the researchers used behavioural tests to confirm the mice were

exhibiting signs of memory impairment when they were aged 18 to 19 months, the equivalent to humans being about 70.

Then they gave half the mice caffeine in their drinking water. The rest were given plain water.

The mice were given the equivalent of five 8 oz (227 grams) cups of coffee a day - about 500 milligrams of caffeine.

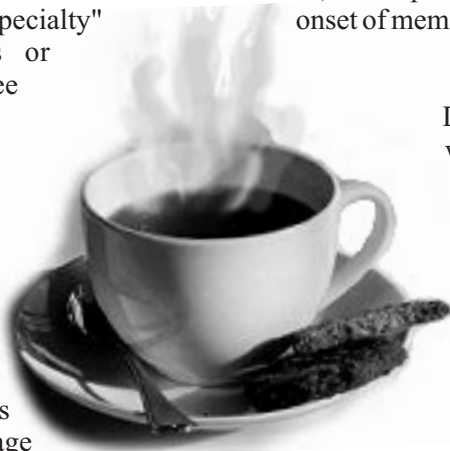
The researchers say this is the same as is found in two cups of "specialty" coffees such as lattes or cappuccinos from coffee shops, 14 cups of tea, or 20 soft drinks.

When the mice were tested again after two months, those who were given the caffeine performed much better on tests measuring their memory and thinking skills and performed as well as mice of the same age without dementia.

Those drinking plain water continued to do poorly on the tests.

In addition, the brains of the mice given caffeine showed nearly a 50% reduction in levels of the beta amyloid protein, which forms destructive clumps in the brains of dementia patients.

Further tests suggested caffeine affects the production of both the



enzymes needed to produce beta amyloid.

The researchers also suggest that caffeine suppresses inflammatory changes in the brain that lead to an overabundance of the protein.

Earlier research by the same team had shown younger mice, who had also been bred to develop Alzheimer's but who were given caffeine in their early adulthood, were protected against the onset of memory problems.

**'Safe drug'**

Dr Gary Arendash, who led the latest study, told the B B C : " The results are particularly exciting in that a reversal of pre-existing m e m o r y impairment is more difficult to achieve.

"They provide evidence that caffeine could be a viable 'treatment' for established Alzheimer's disease and not simply a protective strategy.

"That's important because caffeine is a safe drug for most people, it easily enters the brain, and it appears to

directly affect the disease process."

The team now hope to begin human trials of caffeine to see if the mouse findings are replicated in people.

They do not know if a lower amount of caffeine would be as effective, but said most people could safely consume the 500 milligrams per day.

However they said people with high blood pressure, and pregnant women, should limit their daily caffeine intake.

Rebecca Wood, chief executive of the Alzheimer's Research Trust, said: "In this study on mice with symptoms of Alzheimer's, researchers found that caffeine boosted their memory. We need to do more research to find out whether this effect will be seen in people.

"It is too early to say whether drinking coffee or taking caffeine supplements will help people with Alzheimer's.

Neil Hunt, chief executive of the Alzheimer's Society, said previous research into caffeine had suggested it could delay Alzheimer's disease and even protect against vascular dementia.

"This research in mice suggests that coffee may actually reverse some element of memory impairment.

"However much more research is needed to determine whether drinking coffee has the same impact in people.

"It is too soon to say whether a cup of coffee is anything more than a pleasant pick me up."

### Weird Health

## Humans Can Develop Dolphin-Like Echolocation

**(Health Day News)** -- Humans can develop echolocation, a system of acoustic signals used by dolphins and bats to "see" their surroundings, new research has found.

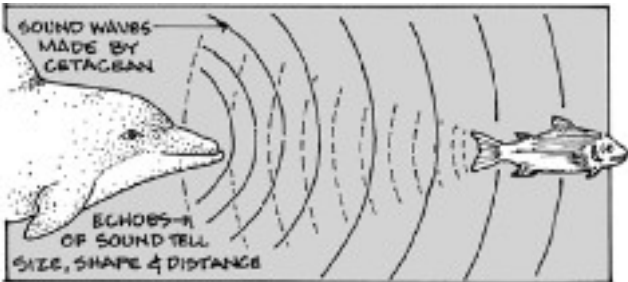
Spanish researchers say that producing certain kinds of tongue clicks helps people to identify objects around them without having to use their eyes, a skill that would be benefit the blind. This ability could also help firefighters, rescue teams or even people lost in fog, according to Juan Antonio Martinez, a researcher at the University of Alcalá de Henares in Spain, said in a news release.

"In certain circumstances, we humans could rival bats in our echolocation or biosonar capacity," he claimed.

In their first published study, the researchers analyzed the properties of various sounds and identified what they believe is the most effective sound for human echolocation.

"The almost ideal sound is the 'palate click,' a click made by placing the tip of the tongue on the palate, just behind the teeth, and moving it quickly backwards, although it is often done downwards, which is wrong," Martinez said.

Palate clicks "are very similar to



the sounds made by dolphins, although on a different scale, as these animals have specially adapted organs and can produce 200 clicks per second, while we can only produce three or four," he explained.

The study appears in the current issue of the journal Acta Acustica united with Acustica.

A method to teach humans how to emit, receive and interpret echolocation sounds is being developed. The first step is for a person to learn how to make and identify his or her own sounds, which are different for each individual. The next step is to learn how to use the sounds to distinguish between objects according to their geometrical properties.

No special physical skills are needed to develop echolocation, said Martinez, who noted that some blind people have taught themselves the ability through trial-and-error.



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# Vegetarian diet ‘weakens bones’

SYDNEY (AFP) – People who live on vegetarian diets have slightly weaker bones than their meat-eating counterparts, Australian researchers said Thursday.

A joint Australian-Vietnamese study of links between the bones and diet of more than 2,700 people found that vegetarians had bones five percent less dense than meat-eaters, said lead researcher Tuan Nguyen.

The issue was most pronounced in vegans, who excluded all animal products from their diet and whose bones were six percent weaker, Nguyen said.

There was "practically no difference" between the bones of meat-eaters and ovolactovegetarians, who excluded meat and seafood but ate eggs and dairy products, he said.

"The results suggest that vegetarian diets, particularly vegan diets, are associated with lower bone mineral density," Nguyen wrote in the study, which was published Thursday in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition.

"But the magnitude of the association



is clinically insignificant," he added. Nguyen, who is from Sydney's Garvan Institute for Medical Research and collaborated on the project with the Pham Ngoc Thach University of Medicine in Ho Chi Minh City, said the question of whether the lower density bones translated to increased fracture risk was yet to be answered. "Given the rising number of vegetarians, roughly five percent (of people) in western countries, and the widespread incidence of osteoporosis, the issue is worth resolving," he said. ■■

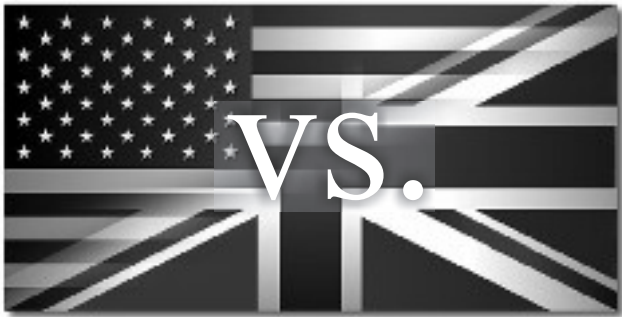
# Older Americans Outsmart the English

(HealthDay News) - Older people in the United States scored better than their counterparts in England on a memory and awareness test, possibly because of differences in levels of depression and education and the fact that American adults receive more aggressive treatment for heart disease, a new study suggests.

The test assessed immediate and delayed recall of 10 common nouns, such as tree, skin, river, table, baby and village. The participants, 13,575 people all older than 65, listened to the words being spoken and then were asked to repeat as many as possible immediately and again five minutes later. During the five-minute wait, the participants were asked other questions.

On a 24-point scale assessing cognitive function, the American seniors scored an average of 12.8 and the English seniors averaged 11.4. That difference represents about 10 years of aging, the researchers said. That means that, on average, 75-year-old U.S. residents had memories as good as 65-year-olds who lived in England.

The findings appear online in the journal BMC Geriatrics.



"Higher levels of education and net worth in the U.S. probably accounted for some of the better cognitive performance," study leader Kenneth Langa of the University of Michigan said in a news release from the journal's publisher. "Furthermore, U.S. adults reported significantly lower levels of depressive symptoms than English adults."

He added that the "better cognitive performance of U.S. adults was actually quite surprising since U.S. adults had a higher prevalence of cardiovascular risk factors, which is generally associated with cognitive decline and poorer mental function."

More aggressive treatment of cardiovascular disease in the United States might help explain the Americans' higher average score, Langa suggested. ■■

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## Depositions Taken in “Biker Case”

By Edward Snook  
Investigative Reporter

On August 25, 2008, motorcyclists Stan Strange, Glen Seybold and Louis Pombo filed a civil lawsuit in Josephine County, Oregon against Eric Hill, Samantha Pettigrew and Alexander Golden (the defendants) after the three college students conspired to have false criminal charges filed against the “bikers” on October 6, 2006 (*view all of our past articles on this case at [www.usobserver.com](http://www.usobserver.com)*) and after they had attempted to run them off the road, assaulting Stan Strange in the process.

Attorney Brian Ruff of Sam Hochberg & Associates located in Portland, Oregon took civil depositions of Eric Hill and Samantha Pettigrew on June 24-25, 2009. Alexander Golden failed to show up for the scheduled deposition and three attorneys representing the defendant’s insurance company took the depositions of



Corrupt and malicious prosecutor, Stephen Campbell

Strange, Seybold and Pombo.

The US~Observer received information that the defendants once again changed their stories in the deposition in relation to the testimony they gave during the motorcyclists trial that took place May 5, 2008. Both Hill and Pettigrew lied during the trial – both giving different accounts of what occurred during the original incident of August 27, 2006 near O’Brien, Oregon that started this whole chain of events and both told lies differing from one another. Deceptive people usually do lie and we all know that once a person lies, they must keep telling lies to cover-up the original.

The defendants attorneys reportedly grilled Strange for an estimated 5 ½ hours, attempting to paint a false picture of Strange. They attempted to show that Strange and his fellow riders have been “dangerous bikers,” when nothing could be further from the truth. All three motorcyclists gave the exact same testimony during their depositions as they gave during the criminal trial, wherein they were forced to defend themselves against the malicious prosecution conducted by Josephine County District Attorney Stephen Campbell.

Strange is seeking \$750,000 and Glen Seybold is asking for \$250,000 as is Louis Pombo and they each absolutely deserve every dime. They have all lived this nightmare



Stan Strange

since August 27, 2006, when the defendants attempted to run them off the road. They all endured not only the severe stress of facing false criminal charges and having to pay for their defense, but even more traumatic was the fact they all faced the public humiliation that the accompanied the false charges. Strange is asking for more money due to the fact that he was physically assaulted and damaged when Eric Hill intentionally dragged him down Hwy 199 with his arm pinned in Hill’s window. We should note that a Josephine County, Oregon jury found Strange, Seybold and Pombo innocent of the false and malicious criminal charges after deliberating for only an estimated 13 minutes.



Strange’s arm after Eric Hill dragged him

Nick Tran, the crooked assistant district attorney who conducted the false prosecution for Josephine County’s corrupt District Attorney Stephen Campbell went to work for a private law firm in Grants Pass shortly after losing the trial. We certainly don’t need to wonder why, just as we don’t need to wonder why Tran was reportedly forced to leave this private firm.

The US~Observer would hope that the jury empanelled for their up-coming civil trial will promote justice equal to that of their criminal jury. They should award them every single cent they are asking for and then some...

Look for more articles on the motorcyclist’s up-coming civil trial in the near future. ■■■

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## SPECIAL ALERT

# US~Observer Opens Investigation on Idaho Attorney A. Bruce Larson

By Edward Snook  
Investigative Reporter

IDAHO – The US~Observer has received complaints leveled at Idaho attorney A. Bruce Larson regarding improper billing practices as well as fairly serious accusations of ethics violations.

We have been informed that Larson will be seeking a judgeship in Idaho in the not too distant future and therefore we are obligated to the public to conduct a thorough investigation of this attorney.

Larson practices out of Soda Springs, Idaho and Pocatello Idaho as well. Larson was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 1977 and claims to practice “law” in the fields of Real Estate, Local Land Use, Litigation, Criminal Law, Family Law and Estate Planning.

If you have any information about this attorney, please contact Edward Snook at: **541-474-7885.**

We would like to thank all of those who have come forward thus far. ■■■

Attorney Larson lounging in the sun while allegedly “working” for a client