

Secret County Government Account... stashing millions of YOUR dollars?

By Jeff Maehr

The Free Press has obtained information regarding the general use of secret accounts by most governments to stash your tax dollars, and to invest these for income which YOU never benefit from. According See Secret Account, Page 2



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Probably lots of stuff you haven't heard about and maybe don't want to hear about... but, like a good natural medicine, its what is needed for what's ailing... and will eventually cure our problems!

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"We are apt to shut our eyes against a painful truth... For my part, whatever anguish of spirit it may cost, I am to know the whole truth; to know the worst, and to provide for it." Patrick Henry

Accident Victim Being Extorted? By Jeff Maehr

On October 8th, 2008, 5:30 in the morning, Ava Williams was driving along East Stollsteimer road in Aspen Springs when she rounded a corner and was startled by a deer, causing her to lose control of her car. Moving away from the deer caused a flat tire drawing her toward the edge of the road and down the embankment. The vehicle rolled several times for approximately 100 feet, landing on the drivers side in Stollsteimer creek on private property owned by this writer. Ava was knocked unconscious and was woken by the water flooding into her car. The passenger door would not open so she had to kick out the window to get out. It was a miracle she wasn't killed, but did receive several blows to the head and was totally shaken up as one might expect. She

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Law Enforcement Support Team First Meeting, Mixed Bag!

By Jeff Kelly and Jeff Maehr

A meeting for the proposed "Law Enforcement Support Team" (LEST) took place on February 26, at 7PM at the Extension building of the fair grounds. Approximately 100 citizens attended this meeting. Donny Volger, retired Pagosa chief of police, along with the present chief of police, as well as Pete Gonzalez, County Sheriff, attended.

The meeting started out with Donny Volger laying the foundation for his position on creating LEST, and what he envisioned. This discussion included training citizens in how to handle a firearm, how to deal with various situations one might encounter as a member of LEST, and primarily, how to stay alive in such an encounter.

Also discussed was the "liability" issue of the police department or Sheriff department supporting and training citizens of this team, and what it could mean should a shooting occur. Mr. Volger stated that this was one of the main issues they needed to address, along with management of such a support team.

All officers present seemed to be in strong support for the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms, however, when the floor was opened for questions, the first question asked was regarding their support for the complete constitution. This began a string of questions and challenges on this issue, and what their goals and agenda were.

One question presented regarded whether any provisions were in place, like other county Sheriff departments have established, to require Federal agents entering the county to conduct any type of actions against local citizens, to register or check in with the Sheriff and for the Sheriff to check for the legal standing such agents may have to be doing what they are doing. The response was that they did not have this in place, and there seemed to be a reticence to confront any federal activity in the county, whether legal or illegal.

When asked about authority in the county against Federal intrusions, Donny Volger stated "the Federal Government has the highest authority in the county," whereupon, about a dozen attendees stood up and began walking for the door. When challenged on this statement, Mr. Volger began backpedaling some...

There was much discussion outside the room by many leaving on this issue and there were mixed reactions as to the motives and agenda the Police and Sheriff's departments had. Some expressed their beliefs that this was merely a ploy to gain control of citizens, obtain information on gun ownership and to control the growing resistance to corruption in government. Another position stated was that perhaps they were really trying to create a group that would actually be formed FOR the express purpose of defending the

Constitution and Rule of Law in our county, but that they had to start very quietly and casually, so as to determine those they could trust to actually be willing to stand with them in critical times such as martial law or other national emergency, and not be traitors to the team.

The Free Press needs to ask several questions on this planned group. First, if liability is a big issue, what benefit is it to have "official" management of such a group which is actually creating this liability issue for the county and perhaps the State? For example, concealed weapons permits are held by the majority of attendees at this meeting. This is a State law now for anyone wanting to have a gun on their person which is NOT in plain view. This begs the question, if two people walking together happen upon a dangerous situation, and one has a concealed weapon, and one has his gun on his side in plain sight, and both end up shooting, who is more liable and what is the chain of liability?

Why does the State or county require "concealed weapon permits" when a weapon can be carried concealed, and many are, and they have NOT registered for a "permit" to exercise their 2nd amendment right? Is the permit to be able to KNOW who actually has a weapon on them, and to provide some sort of "special" status to citizens for obtaining this "permit" even though we have the right to carry such a weapon?

The second question that needs to be asked is whether such a law enforcement team is supporting the actual laws and Constitution, or whether it is a group to be controlled by the county and perhaps used to quell possible dissent by citizens against corrupt government and federal actions. There was some significant resistance to law enforcement defending the Rule of Law and exercising their rightful authority against Federal encroachment, or local criminal elements at work.

The consensus is that citizens want law enforcement support, but not law enforcement control. It is for this very reason that over 30 States are resisting Federal attempts to claim jurisdiction over them and their citizens where they have none. What these States are doing toward the federal government is what every county and all citizens should be doing... taking back individual sovereignty and freedoms, and keeping the federal and state governments out of our personal jurisdiction where they have none.

The Free Press applauds our law enforcement officers wanting to support a citizen's support team, and help with training. Many see the obvious need for such a team, but the challenge is who manages such a group, and what is the true, legal and constitutional goals of such a team? Status quo quasi legal enforcement, or constitutional Rule of Law that takes back our freedoms? Let the discussions begin!

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to Walter Burien, expert on these accounts and who has been researching this topic for decades, (www.cafr1.com), “at the state level, even back in 2003, Colorado had approximately \$6.60 billion of the taxpayer's money, i. e. surpluses equal to \$1,450 for every man, woman and child in Colorado or \$5,800 for a family of 4. This does not include all the additional surpluses that exist in the school districts, cities, or counties in Colorado.” Archuleta County may be one of these counties with a surplus that could change our county.

Every government has what is called a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), or an Annual Financial Report (AFR), which is public information, but not public knowledge and which is available in county accounting documents. In fact, Burien reports that one county he investigated was sitting on a \$100 million T Bond the citizens had no idea about. What would \$100 million do for Archuleta or any other county in America?

Burien continues; “Government surpluses, as used in this report, are funds that are not required or needed for the operation of all government operations, funds, accounts, agencies, etc., directly or indirectly, for the year(s) covered by the budget which is usually one year. Theoretically, at the end of every fiscal year, governments should have little or no cash/investments on hand. But what we have found is that most governments have huge amounts of cash and investments on hand at the end of the fiscal year. And somehow these cash and investments are not being recycled back through the budget process the next year, but are being held year-after-year.”

What the Free Press has learned is that surplus tax money is often being diverted through sleight-of-hand accounting methods to accounts which are then invested in outside projects. These funds are NOT reported as “surplus” at the end of the year, so our taxes do not go down, and mostly go up. Burien points out that “A Government Can Have a Budget Deficits/Shortfalls and Financial Surpluses At The Same Time.”

The process is simple; If they can invest the tax money, it is no longer classified as “tax revenue” and can then be discounted when

selling the next year’s budget to the population. Only tax income is accountable to the public. The investment “income” is at their discretion, and they don’t feel any responsibility to tell us about that. This means they can tell us that they have a tax “deficit” and continue to hide the funds which could transform most towns and cities across America.

How can they get away with this? Because we let them. Most governments show a tax revenue base which is about 1/3rd of their income. The other 2/3rds is from investment income returns. Not a bad racket to be in, is it? Burien goes on to state... “Although taxation is legitimate, running a government surplus isn't. It represents a taking by the state, because it exceeds the government's contract with the community. It is no different than if a federal agency were to take a person's land or possessions without just compensation (an activity barred by the Fifth Amendment). Excess taxation isn't what the people bargained for.”

This is simply a deception that governments, politicians, and the news media have conveyed to the public about governmental financial matters. The budget only covers a small portion of the State's financial condition. There are a group of funds not part of the budget process. The complete list of funds and budgetary requirements are found in the CAFR or AFR. These reports depict the complete financial status of the State or county. The budget only covers a portion of the financial resources of the government.

For the 2003 Colorado State government CAFR, go to <http://cafrman.com/Articles/Art-CO-S1.htm>. More detailed info on this scam is at <http://www.cafrman.com/>.

The Free Press will be reporting what other investigation resources locate. There are groups across the country now doing independent audits of their respective governments, using legal channels, and bringing legal charges against all involved with the fraud they are locating, because FRAUD this would be. A good source for remedy of this situation which others are utilizing is available at taxretirement.com. Who wants to take this up???

IRS Taxes: Fact V. Fiction

In our first issue, we provided some, admittedly, hard to read and digest facts on income taxes. In order to understand the basics of WHY these taxes are unconstitutionally being applied, we must look at the only forms of taxation authorized by law.

First, understand that the government has the constitutional right to tax us. This is NOT the issue at hand. The issue is, they MUST tax us according to the law. They have no authority to tax us otherwise.

There are only two general forms of taxes that anyone in the United States of America can be taxed under; 1. Direct taxes, and 2. Indirect taxes, PERIOD. There is NO wiggle room on this. The Constitution, which you can read beginning page 21, clearly states this about “direct” taxes:

Article I Section 2, Clause 3; “Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the

several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers;”

“Apportioned” means dividing up the tax due according to census... the number of people in a state or local area. This means that where there are large numbers of people in a city or state, these people will be paying a higher cumulative tax than say, a small city elsewhere. This is because the government would have more expenses in supporting citizen’s rights and whathaveyou, than in a small town.

What are direct taxes? These are taxes that are directly on person or property, such as property taxes. There is court confusion on the status of “income” taxes, whether they are direct or indirect, but we’ll address that shortly.

The other type of tax is an “indirect” tax;

Section 8 Clause 1: “The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises (indirect taxes) to pay the debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States: but all duties, imposts and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.”

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Gun and Ammo Sales provide \$90 million for State Wildlife Conservation!

By Jeff Maehr

Bullet Points, a National Sports Shooting Foundation Newsletter reports that for the third quarter of 2008 (July-September), gun and ammunition sales were up almost 10% as compared to 07's third quarter.

What is relatively unknown is that the excise taxes for these sales go for state wildlife conservation and habitat restoration programs. This plays out as \$19.8 million from pistol and revolver sales, \$33.2 million for long guns and \$36.6 million for ammunition. 2008 years total is \$321.9 million. These sales are solely for civilian sales, and do not include police, military, etc.

These figures not only provide finances for state resources, but they prove, conclusively, that citizens are exercising their 2nd Amendment rights to “keep and bear arms.”

Another remarkable statistic is that nationally, background checks for gun purchases jumped nearly 49 percent during the week Obama was elected, compared with the same time period last year, according to the FBI's National Instant Background Check System, showing American's concern that this fascist government-in-the-making is planning gun control and even elimination of guns.

If any American believes there is not a “cold” war taking place between the U.S. government and the American people, we all need to review the facts, and statistics and exercise our .

Trivia Question: When State or local police or sheriff's deputies turn their lights on in an attempt to stop you while traveling, are you required to pull over immediately?

Answer found elsewhere

FEMA Concentration Camps? In America? What exactly are they for?

By Jeff Maehr

The Free Press has received some disturbing information regarding supposed “concentration camps” in states all across our country. This information has been accumulating in virtually every state, with some very very concerned people investigating these reports.

It first came to light when it was widely reported in mainstream news that Halliburton subsidiary KBR (formerly Kellogg Brown and Root) had been awarded a \$385 million dollar contract to build detention camps. The reasons for these camps given by KBR? “For an unexpected influx of immigrants, to house people in the event of a natural disaster or for new programs that require additional detention space.”

All of us in the CIA know about the concentration camps in America and their purpose is to terminate ‘resisters of the New World Order’ under martial law.

One side of this issue fears that this is in regard to rounding up illegals across the country... "It's pretty obvious that the intent of the government is to detain more and more people and to expedite their removal," said Cheryl Little, executive director of the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center in Miami.

A spokeswoman for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Jamie Zuieback, said the KBR contract was not intended for that. It's not part of any day-to-day enforcement.”

So, if these camps are not being built for immigrants, even though they stated this was part of the purpose, what’s going on here? What exactly are the “new programs” being discussed?

A second take is that these camps are for Muslim Americans in a future round-up due to “threats” (created or real?) from them.

A third position, and the most disturbing, is that these camps are being prepared for a pandemic outbreak of disease in the US, and the isolation of these individuals, as well as an internment place for so-called “fifth Column” members... Americans who supposedly sympathize with terrorist positions.

This could include being a war protestor, protestor against unconstitutional spending, or any element of American position against government corruption. In other words, there is a vast pool of evidence that these camps are being prepared for American’s themselves.

Following this disturbing announcement, Homeland Security announced a budget of \$400 million dollars for 6700 more beds

for these camps across the country. That is only \$59, 701 per bed... raising eyebrows across the country, especially within the freedom movement. What is all the money really being spent on?

Liberty for Life, a group devoted to educating citizens of the government’s agendas and plans, was recently approached by a Russian Prime-Time TV crew for help in producing a documentary on "Concentration Camps in America." “The irony is that US citizens are now dependant on free press in Russia to get the truth out about what's going on in the US.” says Clive Boustred, Chairman of Liberty of Life.

“These camps, like Hitler's and Stalin's camps are filled with political prisoners and slave labor. The majority of prisoners in these camps have not committed any crime. The Law in the U.S. requires three elements to be present in any crime: the Act, Intent and Damage (MENS REA - willful intent, ACTUS REUS - act or crime, CORPUS DELICTI - body of the crime, the



actual damage). It is estimated that 90% of the people prosecuted by the courts in the U.S. committed no crime. “ (Quoted from Liberty for Life website).

America stands as the single greatest prison nation in the world, many times over, with over 800 prisons with inmates. It is a corporate money maker, and includes slave labor... inmates making pennies an hour for products they manufacture, and which corporate entities make the profits from, which “taxpayers” pay for the prison systems. What is all this leading up to?

“FEMA ordered 107,200 'AutoMax' prison cars from Gunderson Steel modified from original FEMA design to carry automobiles. Some of these rail cars, among others like them, have been modified to include chains impeded in the floors. The big question is, “Who are these camps and trains actually for? (See “Pastors on FEMA payroll,” page 14).

A reported quote from Michael Maholy, 20 years Naval Intelligence/CIA under BUSH SR, states; "Oh, all of us in the CIA know all about the concentration camps in America and their purpose! We all know that their purpose is to terminate ‘resisters of the New World Order’ under martial law!"

Could this really happen in America? Would Americans have believed 10-20 years ago that the government would be torturing people, suspending habius corpus, spying on it’s own citizens, removing freedoms, spending trillions of dollars illegally, and violating the Constitution with complete disregard for law? This has all happened on our watch.

Is it that hard to take the next step and realize that when the government mentions “subversives,” or “enemy combatants,” that these names could very easily be tagged on any one of us with little cause? Under the enemy combatant designation, anyone at the behest of the US government, even if they are a US citizen, can be kidnapped and placed in an internment facility

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forever without trial. It isn’t the threat some might be to the people of America, but to the government itself and corporate interests, and power/control.

Being placed on some of the government’s watch lists, (which is estimated to be over 175,000 Americans on such lists, and that is “known” lists), marks someone as a potential “trouble maker...” one that would be standing up to unconstitutional activities, or against government martial law that violates law and State sovereignty, or a dozen other attempts to stand for freedom and rights across the country.

People underestimated Hitler, and watched as
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County Courts: Is Something Amiss With Procedures?

By Jeff Maehr

Have you ever been in court for a traffic ticket or “infraction?” Did you notice how there was usually no district attorney, and that it was the police officer or Sheriff deputy who was “prosecuting” the case? You might not realize this, but that is illegal. Consider; We have three branches of government in the United States and Colorado... The Legislative branch, which writes the laws, the Executive branch which enforces the laws, and the Judicial branch, which is the courts and judges. They are separate for a reason Any law officer is part of the Executive branch of our governing body. He executes the enforcement of the laws. The three branches, whether Federal or State, CANNOT cross over into each other’s territories. That is, an officer, who works in the Executive branch, is prohibited from also usurping authority as a “judicial” officer and “prosecutor” of traffic cases. This violates the “checks and balance” separation of powers clause of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Articles of the Constitution. So what’s going on here? How is it that this same officer can make a

traffic stop and issue a ticket as an Executive officer, and then become a Judicial officer to try the case against you at the same time? Again, the answer is, it is illegal, and is actually Fraud on the Court which, in law, “vitiates,” or nullifies the judgment of that court. Do you realize what this means? ANY case that this process has occurred in, and where any judge has supported this fraudulent process, has committed “Fraud on the Court,” and is liable for this and can and should be sued in his person for violating the law, and your civil rights. Why do they do this? Economics! Because traffic infractions are such a big money maker for the state and county, they had to do something to make it easier to expedite the confiscation of money, under “color of law,” and to relieve the District Attorney’s office from having to handle this element of law enforcement. They removed THIS protection of your rights, and also one other. Previously, all traffic “infractions,” as they are now called, were listed as “crimes.” This meant that you had a right to a trial by a Jury of your peers on any traffic violation in any matter over the value of \$20. They conveniently changed it from a “crime” to an “infraction” in order to stop trials by juries because of the time and expense in providing that RIGHT. This protection of your rights

was removed as well so they could extract money easier and quicker and we’ve accepted it. Wasn’t that “public service minded” of them? So, what can you do if you find yourself in this situation in court? You simply challenge the jurisdiction in this issue, and point out that this is a violation of the separation of powers laws. If the judge ignores you, you also place the judge on NOTICE that he has committed “Fraud on the Court” and must remedy it immediately. He most likely won’t, but you’ve laid the groundwork for a suit against that judge, and having the case reversed. Remember, there is no statute of limitations for Fraud, so you have plenty of time to prepare yourself and your case, and the law club will help you. The more people that stand up for their rights and the Rule of Law, and the more that join the fight to restore honor to the courts, the more they will have to respond or be thrown out and lose their jobs, not to mention their pensions. Here, the Sheriff should be standing for the public in this and other illegal activities taking place in our county courts and government. How many more ways are your rights being violated under color of law? Well, consider joining the Pagosa law club being formed. Here you will learn about your rights and your legal remedy against corrupt judges and attorneys, and begin to hold them accountable!

From Taxes, page 2 These ”duties, imposts and excises” are taxes such as gasoline, cigarette, alcohol and firearms taxes. These taxes are to be uniform throughout the entire 50 states. This means that whether you live in California or Maine, everyone pays the SAME gasoline, cigarette, alcohol and firearms taxes. This type of tax is one that can be avoided by not purchasing the products in question. So, how do we determine if a tax is illegal or unconstitutional? We simply look at how it is being applied to us. For example, as mentioned above, the courts have a divided opinion as to whether income tax is a direct tax, or an indirect tax. However, we need not concern ourselves with this decision because income taxes are not being applied in either a constitutionally “direct or indirect” means.

Income tax is not being applied to individuals according to population OR uniformly. You are being taxed according to the money you bring in, and that is different for every individual in the country. How about property taxes? Are they being applied in a constitutional means? Again, the answer is NO! You are taxed on the value attributed to this property, counter to the constitution. These are two, well entrenched, scams stealing your money under color of law. WHY did this happen? With the Federal income tax, the original idea was for Congress to be able to spend all it wanted without having to answer to the people. If they actually tied spending to revenue taken in through taxes, the people would have quickly rebelled because the unconstitutional black hole spending government has sunk into would have placed an impossible tax on every American and they would have simply stated no, and not re-elected any of these scam supporters. So, in cahoots with the IRS and Federal Reserve, both established in 1913, they created a scam of world proportion in order to spend all they ever wanted through the printing of fiat (read counterfeit) money as they needed, and saddling the American public with the interest on this bogus borrowing of something created out of nothing. This means the Federal Reserve private banking cartel makes trillions, the government can spend trillions, and the people are conned into believing that it is “income” taxation that is paying for all the spending. The government had to have a cover... a plausible means of supposedly paying for all this spending, and the IRS, the collection arm of the Federal Reserve, was this facade. It gets worse. Have you ever asked yourself where does the money come from that is paying for the Iraq war and all the other military expenses? Where did the bailout money going to corporate interests actually come from? Did your taxes jump tens of thousands of dollars a

year to pay for this? No. It was business as usual, printing money out of nothing, devaluing your earnings, and using you, me and our kids as collateral on this national debt. That is why the bailouts will do nothing at all but make a worsening situation go terminal. It is impossible to stop it short of an economic miracle. So, if you are being taxed unconstitutionally, and the laws support your resistance, what do we do? We learn the specifics of this scam, study it, and learn the actually laws that prove this position, and then we tell the government, the state government and the county property tax assessor, “NO MORE” till they prove their position and begin to comply with the law. They will not defend us, so we must defend ourselves.

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IRLI Successfully Defends Border Residents Right to Protect Their Property

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In a major setback for the illegal alien advocacy network's strategy of legal intimidation, a federal jury in Tucson has rejected nearly all of the substantive claims brought by illegal alien advocacy group Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) against Arizona rancher Roger Barnett. Earlier, on February 10, federal district judge John M. Roll threw out related conspiracy complaints against his wife Barbara and his brother Donald Barnett, and dismissed the claims brought by ten illegal aliens who did not testify in court.

The Barnetts, who operate the Cross Rail Ranch near the Mexican border, were alleged to have violated the civil rights of 20 illegal aliens whom they detained as the illegal entrants crossed their property in 2004. The Barnetts were represented by the Immigration Reform Law Institute (IRLI), including Arizona attorneys John Kaufmann, David Hardy, and Sharma Hammond. IRLI is the legal defense and education arm of the Federation for American Immigration Reform.

Jurors awarded four female plaintiffs small punitive damages

for emotional distress they claim to have suffered. However, a 2006 Arizona constitutional amendment bars awards of punitive damages to illegal aliens. Barnett's attorneys have already objected that the jury was given legally flawed instructions on this claim.

"For years, MALDEF and other illegal alien advocacy groups have threatened local governments and individual citizens with lawsuits to intimidate them from protecting their communities and property," said Michael Hethmon, IRLI co-counsel for Roger and Barbara. "But the Barnett family are Americans who refused to be intimidated. IRLI is honored to have been able to help these honest citizens defend their right to protect their homes and safety."

When dismissing the conspiracy claims, the court explained that illegal aliens have no constitutionally protected right to travel in the U.S. and that people, like the Barnetts, who live in close proximity to the border can make a reasonable assumption that large groups of people they encounter hiding or trespassing are doing so with the aid of smugglers, a federal felony for which a citizens arrest is authorized under Arizona law.

John Kaufmann, the lead trial attorney for Roger Barnett, systematically dismantled MALDEF's core contention that the plaintiffs were detained because

of their ethnicity. The jury became aware that the poor and uneducated plaintiffs were being used by the Mexican government in a crude attempt to discourage border enforcement efforts.

In rejecting the claim that the Barnetts violated the plaintiffs' civil rights, the jury not only dismissed MALDEF's cynical decision to play the race card, but also provided the family members the opportunity to seek full recovery of attorneys fees.

"Smuggling of illegal aliens is a felony. Citizens who live along the border, like citizens anywhere in the country, have a right to act in such instances," stated David Hardy, a noted legal scholar and counsel for the Barnetts. "The vindication of the Barnetts should clear the way for other Americans to act responsibly without fear of specious and politically motivated lawsuits."

"It is regrettable that the Barnett family has been put through a legal ordeal for merely defending their homes," continued Hethmon. "What is more regrettable is that these conditions are allowed to persist and citizens along the border are faced with growing violence and property damage. IRLI remains committed to defending American citizens who have become the targets of such malicious and politically motivated lawsuits."

Reminder for IRS seminar...

We've had several responses to the IRS tax honesty seminar proposed for our area.

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The County Sheriff: The Ultimate Check & Balance

Sheriff Richard Mack (Retired) From his book, “THE COUNTY SHERIFF, AMERICA’S LAST HOPE.” Available through www.sheriffmack.com

When the United States of America was founded the framers spent arduous hours devising a Constitution that would protect future generations from tyranny and government criminality. A system of checks and balances was established to keep all government, especially at the federal level, from becoming too powerful and abusive. The Bill of Rights was promulgated to augment the limitations previously placed against the government, to further insure that government would stay in its proper domain. So, what happens when government does not obey its own constitution? What punishment is meted out to politicians who vote for and pass unconstitutional laws? What happens if they appoint unlawful bureaucracies or allow their agents to violate the rights of the American citizen? The answer to these questions is both astounding and lamentable; NOTHING!

Now the question becomes even greater; who will stop criminal and out-of-control government from killing, abusing, violating, robbing, and destroying its own people? Yes, believe it or not, there is an answer to this one. The duty to stop such criminality lies with the county sheriff. The question needs to be posed to each and every sheriff of these United States; will you stand against tyranny?

The office of sheriff has a long and noble history. It dates back over a thousand years and originated in England. The sheriff is the only elected law enforcement official in America. He is the last line of defense for his citizens. He is the people’s protector. He is the keeper of the peace, he is the guardian of liberty and the protector of rights. A vast majority of sheriffs will agree with all of this until they are asked to apply these principles of protection to federal criminals. Their backpedalling and excuses will be more plentiful than radar tickets and louder than sirens at doughnut time. Most of the unbelievers, who themselves have taken a solemn oath to “uphold and defend” the U S Constitution, will passionately and even apologetically exclaim that they have no authority or jurisdiction to tell federal agents to do anything, let alone stop them from victimizing local citizens.

The truth and stark reality is that it’s just the opposite; the sheriff has ultimate authority and law enforcement power within his jurisdiction. He is to protect and defend his citizens from all

enemies, both “foreign and domestic.”

Of course, there are those who will maintain that the feds have not and will not commit crimes against law-abiding citizens in this country, the IRS notwithstanding. For the sake of argument, let’s just pretend that the government did nothing wrong at the Branch Davidian church in Waco or at Ruby Ridge, Idaho when citizens were killed. Those incidents have been debated and will be forever. However, the immutable truth about both tragedies remains that if the local sheriff had remained in charge of both incidents, not one person would have died, including federal agents, and the law would still have been enforced.

Despite the frequency or the severity of government abuses, if they were to happen in your county, would your sheriff intervene? Well, don’t look now, but they are already occurring and some sheriffs have indeed taken very courageous stands against the feds coming in to their counties to “enforce” their laws. Cattle, lands, homes, bank accounts, cash, and even children have been seized and prisons filled all in the name of federal enforcement of EPA rules, The Endangered Species Act, IRS rules, (of which there are over 10 million pages) Forest Service and

the U S Supreme Court declared that the states or their political subdivisions, “are not subject to federal direction.”

Dept. of the Interior technicalities and the list goes on and on. The sheriff of NYE County, Nevada stopped federal agents from seizing a rancher’s cattle and even threatened to arrest the feds if they proceeded against his orders. Sheriffs in Wyoming have told the agents of all federal bureaus to check with them before serving any papers, making any arrests, or confiscating any property. Why? Because they are doing their jobs that’s why! It’s just another way to provide checks and balances that ultimately protect and help citizens.

Criminality within the IRS has been well documented. Hearings about such crimes were held before congress in 1998. IRS employees testified of hundreds of crimes being committed against law-abiding citizens. Congress did nothing about it. They were too busy checking Monica Lewinsky’s dress. The point remains, if any abuse occurs in your county by federal officials; does your sheriff have the guts and the authority to protect and defend you?

Does that question not sound redundant? Is he not bound by oath to do just that? Yes, he has the right and the duty to do so. In Mack/Printz v USA, the U S Supreme Court declared that the states or their

political subdivisions, “are not subject to federal direction.” The issue of federal authority is defined even further in this most powerful Tenth Amendment decision. The two sheriffs who brought the suit objected to being forced into federal service without compensation pursuant to some misguided provisions of the Brady Bill. The sheriffs sued the USA (Clinton adm.) and won a major landmark case in favor of States’ Rights and local

The governor and the state legislature should be preventing federal invasions into the states and counties way before the sheriff.

autonomy. In this ruling by the Supreme Court, some amazing principles were exposed regarding the lack of power and authority the federal government actually has. In fact, this is exactly the issue addressed by the court when Justice Scalia opined for the majority stating, “...the Constitution’s conferral upon Congress of not all governmental powers, but only discreet, enumerated ones.”

Scalia then quotes the basis of the sheriffs’ suit in quoting the Tenth Amendment which affirms the limited powers doctrine, “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution... are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.” To clarify this point, we need to understand that the powers and jurisdiction granted to the federal government are few, precise, and expressly defined.

The feds have their assignments within constitutional boundaries and the states have theirs, as well. Scalia also mentions this, “It is incontestable that the Constitution established a system of dual sovereignty” and that the states retained “a residuary and inviolable sovereignty.” Scalia even goes so far as to detail who is responsible to keep the federal government in their proper place, if or when they decide to go beyond their allotted authority.

In doing so he quotes James Madison, considered to be the father of our Constitution, “The local or municipal authorities form distinct and independent portions of the supremacy, no more subject, within their respective spheres, to the general authority [federal government] than the general authority is subject to them, within its own sphere.” (The Federalist # 39) Thus, the federal government has no more authority to compel the states or the counties to do anything, no more so than the Prime Minister of Canada has.

But what happens when the inevitable occurs; when the feds get too abusive and attempt to control every facet of our lives? The Mack/Printz decision answers this also. “This

separation of the two spheres is one of the constitution’s structural protections of liberty. Just as the separation and independence of the coordinate branches of the federal government serve to prevent the accumulation of excessive power in any one branch, a healthy balance of power between the States and the Federal Government will reduce the risk of tyranny and abuse from either front.”

To quote Madison again Scalia writes, “Hence, a double security arises to the rights of the people. The different governments will control each other, at the same time that each will be controlled by itself.” (The Federalist # 51) . So the state governments are actually and literally charged with controlling the federal government. To do so is “one of the Constitution’s *structural protections of liberty*.” (Emphasis added)

Yes, it is regrettable that a sheriff would be put in this position. The governor and the state legislature should be preventing federal invasions into the states and counties way before the sheriff, but if it comes to the sheriff, then he must take a firm stand. James Madison also said, “We can safely rely on the disposition of state legislatures to erect barriers against the encroachments of the national authority.” So when the state legislatures go along to get along and are bought off by political cronyism or the disbursement of federal funds, then the sheriff becomes the ultimate check and balance.

It is time for the sworn protectors of liberty, the sheriffs of these United States of America, to walk tall and defend us from all enemies; foreign and domestic. When sheriffs are put in the quandary of choosing between enforcing statutes from vapid politicians or keeping their oaths of office, the path and choice is clear, “I solemnly swear or affirm, that I will protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.”

Citizens Committee For the Right to Keep and Bear Arms: NEWS RELEASE - “OBAMA LIED TO GUN OWNERS,” SAYS CCRKBA; ATTACK PLAN REVEALED BY HOLDER

BELLEVUE, WA – As a presidential candidate, Barack Obama deliberately and repeatedly lied to America’s 90 million gun owners across the country when he insisted that he would not try to take away anyone’s firearms, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms said today.

CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb, reacting to yesterday’s remarks by Obama’s Attorney General Eric Holder that the president will seek to reinstate the ban on semi-automatic firearms, said Obama “knew he was lying to the nation because his own website touted his plan to revive the gun ban and make it permanent.”

“We warned America that Obama’s ‘support’ for the Second Amendment was empty rhetoric,” he stated, “and now Holder’s disclosure has confirmed it. Obama was lying, and now gun rights may be dying.”

Several times on the campaign trail, Obama told voters “I’m not going to take your guns away.” He said it at rallies in Duryea, Pennsylvania and in Boise, Idaho. He also told a news conference that “Lawful gun owners have nothing to fear...I think people can take me at my word.”

“Right now,” said Gottlieb, “I wouldn’t take Obama’s word if he said it rains a lot in Seattle. Apparently, law-abiding gun owners have nothing to fear unless they own sport-utility rifles, semiautomatic shotguns, handguns and any other firearm that Obama and his anti-gun attorney general don’t like.

“Thanks to Eric Holder, who has been far more honest than his boss about his anti-gun philosophy, it is now clear that the new president doesn’t support the Second Amendment at all,” he observed. “American gun owners should remind Democrats in Congress that the Second Amendment means what it says, especially when the president doesn’t.”

Doctors vs Gunowners

(Author unknown)

Doctors:

(A) The number of physicians in the U.S. is 700,000.
(B) Accidental deaths caused by Physicians per year are 120,000.
(C) Accidental deaths per physician is 0.171.

Statistics courtesy of U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services.

Guns:

(A) The number of gun owners in the U.S. is ~ 80,000,000.
(Yes, that's 80 million) (but likely many more - Editor).
(B) The number of accidental gun deaths per year, all age groups, is 1,500.
(C) The number of accidental deaths per gun owner is .000188.

Statistics courtesy of FBI.

So, statistically, **doctors are approximately 9,000 times more dangerous than gun owners.** Remember, 'Guns don't kill people, doctors do.'

FACT: NOT EVERYONE HAS A GUN, BUT ALMOST EVERYONE HAS AT LEAST ONE DOCTOR.

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Oklahoma House passes sovereignty bill -Path set for other states seeking to reassert constitutional rights.

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NEW YORK – Oklahoma's House of Representatives is the first legislative body to pass a state sovereignty resolution this year under the terms of the Tenth Amendment.

The Oklahoma House of Representatives passed House Joint Resolution 1003 Feb. 18 by a wide margin, 83 to 13, resolving, "That the State of Oklahoma hereby claims sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States over all powers not otherwise enumerated and granted to the federal government by the Constitution of the United States."

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Editor’s note: Since last issue, there are now over 30 states with similar sovereignty legislation seeking to remove unconstitutional Federal encroachment.

Bearing Arms...
Right, or Privilege?

By Jeff Machr

There are various opinions being bantered back and forth in this country on whether American’s actually have the right to have a gun, and to carry it. Some “revisionists” are working hard to brainwash our youth, and those being swept up in socialism, into believing the Constitution” is a document subject to interpretation and open to change by popular opinion or belief.

The issue of keeping and bearing arms, based on the second Amendment is a simple matter of reading what it said: “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.”

Some claim that this is addressing the military only, and that civilians aren’t included in this Amendment.

Elsewhere in the Constitution, it addresses the issues of an Army and Navy...

“To raise and support Armies, but no Appropriation of Money to that Use shall be for a longer Term than two Years;” (OK... so why do we have a standing army of decades, and being funded without end and why do we continually deploy this army contrary to the Constitution regarding this happening ONLY when declaring war?)

The Constitution continues... “To provide and maintain a Navy;” (A Navy is the only force that has constitutional authority for being “maintained.” This is because it was a protection against foreign invasion via our coasts.

“Homeland security” was originally the State Militias which could be called to service if invasion from across our borders

was a threat. It was the responsibility of the Militias to protect our citizens...

“To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions;”

It is clear that our Founding Fathers intended that not only would every citizen have the right to keep and bear arms, it was their duty to the state they resided in. In addition to this, the type of weapons were not limited by so-called bans on “assault weapons.” The musket, the long gun, the cannons, etc., were the state of the art weaponry of their day, and there was NO interference by government in preventing citizens from having the same quality and type of weapon the military had.

This was the ONLY assurance that the People could defend themselves against our own government, should it become the enemy, with the same weapons which would surely be used against us. What better way to assure defeat than to ban most weapons, and label them as something to create fear in people.

In the “Memorandum opinion for the Attorney General, Legal opinion for the U.S. Attorney General,” dated August 24, 2004, the conclusion of this indepth study of case law was... “The Second Amendment secures a right of individuals generally, not a right of States or a right restricted to persons serving in militias. “

This is based on the abundance of precedent case law, as well as a study of the Constitution itself. (See southwestfreepress.com/second-amendment.html for this document).

Those citizens who choose to ignore not only our Constitution and case law on this subject, but history itself where gun “control” takes place, are actually countering the law itself. Belief and opinion have no place where law and facts counter either.

So called “gun control” is NOT about

guns, but IS about “CONTROL.” Our Constitution provides the right of revolution (or right of rebellion) as a right or duty to stop corrupt government: “That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.”

What better way to prevent this possibility than to illegally thwart citizen’s from being able to defend themselves? The evidence today is that the People are losing control, and the government if taking over everything, illegally, and unconstitutionally.

So what do we do as citizens? Do we simply watch as our rights, freedoms and finances disappear under pretext of “protecting” us?

Thomas Jefferson stated: “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.”

Why do you think there is such an attack to remove guns from the population?

"We'll take one step at a time, and the first is necessarily - given the political realities - very modest. We'll have to start working again to strengthen the law, and then again to strengthen the next law and again and again. Our ultimate goal, total control of handguns, is going to take time. The first problem is to slow down production and sales. Next is to get registration. The final problem is to make possession of all handguns and ammunition (with a few exceptions) totally illegal. - Pete Shields, founder of Handgun Control, Inc., New Yorker Magazine, June 26, 1976, pg. 53"

They have never given up and won’t till we stop them, or go quietly into the night without a whimper!

Don’t Miss This Fun
and Compassionate
Event!

By Peg Ellis

LASSO is a handful of people, exclusive to Archuleta County, that help to be a voice and refuge for the noble equine. We spend their own resources, time and equipment to help the animals and also often help people that just need a little boost with theirs.

LASSO is having their annual fund-raiser March 21, 2009 @ 6:00pm at the Vista Clubhouse.

There will be appetizers, music, dancing, dinner, cash bar, silent auction on great items and oh, so much more! It is almost “spring” which, when looked up, means “to leap, bound, to come, appear, to arise.”

So please, won’t you spring up to

lend a hand and appear at this most worthy, fun cause for our own? Often people comment, “Well, I don’t have a horse so...”

Listen, I don’t have any orphans, but I don’t mind supporting orphans. So please climb up in the buckboard and purchase a ticket; \$50 for single, or \$90 a couple, or to donate an item or service for the silent auction, please call:

DiAnn Hitchcox 264-0095, Nancy Orouse 264-9355 or Lyn Rogers at 264-2264.

LASSO is an established non-profit organization. Donation slips available for donated items or services.

Have a heart; take part!!

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TOUGH TIMES PRESENT
TOUGH CHOICES

If America (not the government of America, but the nation that is America) is to survive, it must rediscover the fact that power does not reside in a White House, nor in a heartless Congress, nor in our cowardly courts, but in We the People, the fourth and most powerful branch of our system of government..

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vaguely remembers somehow scrambling up the bank, and walking home in a daze, appropriately a mile.

At about 10am, a Sheriff's department deputy noticed the vehicle in the creek from Highway 160, and drove around to the scene. It is presumed that she located Ava through her vehicle license plates, and stopped by Ava's home and suggested she get to the hospital since she wasn't looking very well. Ava's son, Christian Theys, then home from college, took Ava to the hospital and she received pain medication, neck brace and had skull X-Rays taken.

This writer was not in town at the time of this incident, but his mother, Mary Lou Maehr was, and she had no idea anything was amiss until she looked out the window to see a police car and animal control trucks. Buckskin Towing showed up and someone attempted to walk around the bank, and down onto the property. Mary Lou was completely unaware of the accident as it is on the other side of a bank of trees and called out and stated this was private property and what were they doing. They commented, Oh, it is?" and continued to the vehicle and proceeded to tow it out, doing the damage to the fence.

Meanwhile back in the hospital, a State Police officer, Randy Talbot, located Ava and ticketed her, which he had her sign, along with another document, while under the influence of strong pain medication. Ava stated she didn't realize what was going on at the time or what she was even being ticketed for.

Some weeks later, Ava was contacted by Alexander Lowe, assistant District Attorney, and told she was being brought up on criminal charges, and threatened her with losing her license for 3 years, imprisonment and up to \$10,000 restitution for damages. The charges? "Failure to provide information after an accident involving injury," and "wreckless driving."

Keep in mind that Ava was in the hospital emergency room when

ticketed, and under the influence of medication, no less.

During this time, this writer returned to town and began investigation into the incident.

He contacted the State police on the event, and they offered to send him a complaint form to report damages to his property. They also told him that "Ava Williams" would be responsible for the damages, even though she had nothing to do with the damage to the fence.

Officer Randy Talbot of the State Police came out and walked the accident area with this writer, and when asked about this, was told that there was no alcohol or other criminal events involved.

Another twist to this story is that the "accident" took place, not on a county road or a state road, but on a metro (private) road, so where is the jurisdiction over this event the DA seems to be acting on?

This writer has never filed any charges or claim for damage against Ava, so "where is the injured party" in this action, and who is trying to collect restitution against Ava?

Technically such seemingly frivolous prosecutions have been reported to the Free Press from several others as well. The Free Press has received word from several sources that the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (among others) is conducting investigations into various issues, and when complete, will be taking actions where appropriate.

Private investigation is also being considered by some, and this may be instituted soon, if it is not already occurring. The Free Press encourages any and all citizens to come forward where any element of malicious prosecution, oppression, willful and wonton disregard for law, extortion or other corrupt elements are at work.

Anonymity is assured, if need be, and evidence will be provided to all investigation authorities who are seeking to rid out county of the corruption that is destroying our freedoms and rights.

Join the fight, and support your neighbor's rights as well!

Tea Party revolution brewing

Andrea Shea King, © 2009 WorldNetDaily

The kettle's whistling. Tea Parties are popping up all over the country. People are flocking to these sites which have cropped up practically overnight in search of information about rallies, demonstrations and Tea Parties in their cities. The revolution is brewing!

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Editor's Note: There has been very little coverage of this very relevant issue... whether Barack Obama is an actual native-born citizen. Substantial evidence suggests that he is not, meaning he has usurped the Presidency of the United States if true, and every law or document signed by him is void. He has refused to produce his legal birth certificate, lending evidence to the fact that we have been deceived!

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Prepare for the worst!

The economic collapse has exposed the stupidity of our collective faith in a free market and the absurdity of an economy based on the goals of endless growth, consumption, borrowing and expansion. The ideology of unlimited growth failed to take into account the massive depletion of the world's resources, from fossil fuels to clean water to fish stocks to erosion, as well as overpopulation, global warming and climate change.

The huge international flows of unregulated capital have wrecked the global financial system. An overvalued dollar (which will soon deflate), wild tech, stock and housing financial bubbles, unchecked greed, the decimation of our manufacturing sector, the empowerment of an oligarchic class, the corruption of our political elite, the impoverishment of workers, a bloated military and defense budget and unrestrained credit binges have conspired to bring us down. The financial crisis will soon become a currency crisis. This second shock will threaten our financial viability. We let the market rule. Now we are paying for it.

The corporate thieves, those who insisted they be paid tens of millions of dollars because they were the best and the brightest, have been exposed as con artists. Our elected officials, along with the press, have been exposed as corrupt and spineless corporate lackeys. Our business schools and intellectual elite have been exposed as frauds. The age of the West and America as we have known it has ended.

The greatest gift a 21st Century man can now possess is knowledgeable links to the past and a oneness with nature in order to survive. Master the concept of decentralization and self sufficiency, perfect your situational awareness skills and trust your intuitions... prepare for the worst!

In the weeks to come I will share positive strategies to prepare for the challenges ahead of us all. For now, be thinking of the dependencies you have developed that rely on others for food, water, shelter and clothing... the basics of survival! If we start to act now, the transition to a better and greener future will easy.

Do not waste your time on the deniers and skeptics, they will never become Warriors of the Rainbow, they belong to the past and not the future. Aho!

Rainbow Warrior

DOE - Typical government spending waste!

Does anybody out there have any memory of the reason given for the establishment of the DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY during the Carter adminstration

- a. Anybody?
- b. Anything?
- c. No?
- d. Didn't think so !

Bottom line... we've spent several hundred billion dollars in support of an agency ... the reason for which not one person who reads this can remember. Ready???????? It was very simple and at the time everybody thought it very appropriate.

The 'Department of Energy' was instituted on 8- 04-1977 to lessen our dependence on foreign oil. Hey, pretty efficient, huh????? And now it's 2008, 31 years later... and the budget for this necessary department is at \$24.2 billion a year.

It has16,000 federal employees and approximately 100,000 contract employees and look at the job it has done.

This is where you slap your forehead and say 'what was I thinking?' Ah, yes, good ole bureaucracy... And NOW we are going to turn the Banking System and the auto industry over to them?

God Help Us !!!

Wayne Kleinman
Pagosa Springs

Corrupt Power

I would like start by saying that since you took over the Free Press it is outstanding.

The articles are more informative, to the point. I hope it wakes up the people in this county.

The one that most interested me was on Page 11 titled Americans have the right to travel without state permits (drivers licenses). I did the research on the court cases you provided and its true, the states do not have the right to impose on you to obtain a drivers license thru DMV to drive on American highways. I even found a form that you can print out with the court cases and explanations on it. You get it notarized and carry it with you should you be stopped - just present it to the officer. Most will know what it is and let you go. Even if you get a ticket its unconstitutional. Don't believe it? Look up the court cases on Google.

Next, I like the article on Page 4 titled We need a citizen's defense and support group. This is a great idea but without the present Local Law Enforcement being involved.

They will pretend to be helpful in training and supervision but in reality they will keep a strong arm and watchful eye on these citizens who sign up. The present administration of the Sheriff's Office and City Police Department need to be replaced. There is no "To Serve and Protect" here its To Arrest and Jail, its our county's revenue.

You all know its true and the Gestapo Attitude needs to go. I was in law enforcement for 5 years and there were times I gave drunks a ride home instead of DUI's because I knew them and they were not bad

people. There were other acts of kindness I did instead of trying to make a name for myself. How many of the public do these officer's really know and would help them instead of making their lives worse? Not many Im sure. An act of Kindness goes a long way and people will remember and not make the same mistake and if they do then they deserve the outcome.

I have lived here for 18 yrs and used to write letters to the Sun Editor about the government here and was constantly harassed. But sooner or later they will keep on till they get you. They finally got me, I have minor problems, was railroaded by entrapment and not fully advised of certain ramifications. Enough of that. You just can not involve the Law here in your citizens group period. Good Luck. OUR country is headed for Martial Law. They are allowing the Banks, Wall Street and Big Industry to take the bail out money and waist it on Huge Bonuses, Parties, endorsements and sent the money to off shore banks that can't be touched for taxation. The companies and banks are as follows: Morgan Stanley, Merrill Lynch, Goldman Sachs, GM, Bank of America, JP Morgan Chase, American Express, Wells Fargo, GMAC, Citi Group and they are costing taxpayers \$100 billion a year in lost revenue.

Now their talking about Nationalizing the Banks which could be a good idea or not. What's next, travel papers from State to State? This so called Bail Out is a scam and will not do anything immediate for the people or rural America and the people who need help NOW.

You know Paul Rever went riding through the streets yelling "The Regulars Are Coming, The Regulars Are Coming." Oh he did not ride saying The British Are Coming, The British Are Coming like some people think. The point is that America needs to wake up and rise up and take back their Government and start over from scratch. Kick out the politicians, Wall Street Executives, Bank Executives, Business Executives and put some people in there who have been in financial trouble and know how to stay out of it. This country needs leadership that will not rape the people for their own good. Why keep giving money to the RICH who steal it from the POOR American People?

We the people need another revolution before its too late. Even present Military personnel have made comments they will be in our borders enforcing laws soon against there own. Hum sounds like another civil war!

(Person requests name to be withheld)

Gun Control Headlines

“The Obama administration will seek to reinstate the assault weapons ban that expired in 2004 during the Bush administration, Attorney

General Eric Holder said today.”

Folks, the Second Amendment is not about hunting and it is not about sport shooting. The phrase "Security of a free state" clearly indicates that the arms under discussion are military arms, of necessity equal to power and effectiveness of those that might be used by an invader, whether that invader is a foreign nation or an abusive central government.

"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 Papers p. 334, 1950).

"While the people have property, arms in their hands, and only a spark of noble spirit, the most corrupt Congress must be mad to form any project of tyranny." -- Rev. Nicholas Collin, Fayetteville Gazette (N.C.), October 12, 1789.

"[I]f circumstances should at any time oblige the government to form an army of any magnitude, that army can never be formidable to the liberties of the people while there is a large body of citizens, little if at all inferior to them in discipline and the use of arms, who stand ready to defend their rights and those of their fellow citizens." -- The Federalist, No. 29 -- Alexander Hamilton.

We live today in the very circumstances Jefferson and Hamilton spoke of; a large central government, broke, in debt, that even now seeks to remove our liberties that we may not resist their looting of our lives to fund their excesses.

The government is already planning how to make you a slave. You must plan how to be free.

Sue
Pagosa Springs

PLPOA Must Go!

After reading your latest paper about going after the banks and the crooked things they have done, boy have I got a story for you on that subject, but first thing first!

In your article, you asked for some very serious questions to be answered by the banks. Here is the problem I am presenting on the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association (PLPOA).

#1 Did the PLPOA give away twenty thousand dollars of property owners money to a favorite charity in 2007? It has been very obvious that our roads need work., and if so who did this and by what right or who's permission did they do this.

#2Considering the town of Pagosa has refused to annex the PLPOA area for years because they don't want to be responsible for the maintenance of the area, my guess would be that the territory from boundary to boundary still belongs to Private Property Owners. Just like other gated communities without the benefit of

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actual gates and if so, by what authority does the sheriffs department and the state parole have to be back in theses areas all these years harassing property owners and passing out tickets on Private Property and Roads!

If they indeed had no authority to be back on private roads and properties can all their arrests and citations be considered illegal conduct?

#3 Does the PLPOA have legal authority to pass out tickets and harass property owners for what they consider infractions?

#4 Is the person who has been passing out these tickets, an officer of the law and legally empowered to do so, or has he been impersonating an officer of the law all these years and by doing so breaking the law all these years? I would like to see proof that he and or she or they have been legally deputized all these years.

#5 If the PLPOA is not a legal entity and do not have the right to make up their own laws, by what authority has our own county judicial system had the right to honor and enforce these the PLPOA all these years?

Because if any one can just make up there own laws and start passing out bogus tickets, then I have quite a few tickets to be passing out and a few arrests to be made.

#6 If it has been discovered that the PLPOA has no authority to act as a Branch of the Law, shouldn't we all then be filing a class action suit against the PLPOA for misleading people into thinking they had the authority of the law and arrest people for impersonating an officer of the law all these years?

#7 If the PLPOA is not recognized as a legal entity or can't by law prove that they had legal authority to conduct themselves unlawfully all these years ,shouldn't we be filing a class action suit against our judicial system for enforcing penalties against individuals all these years by a private entity?

#8 Are the dues collected by the PLPOA every year to be considered an act of extortion or racketeering considering they collect these monies through threats of legal action as well as other means of harassment and intimidation tactics?

To put it all in a nut shell, here are the questions I

#1 Show me the money!

#2 Right of jurisdiction or criminal trespassing

#3 (PLPOA) a branch of the law or breaking the law and violating civil rights!

#4 A legally deputized officer or impersonating an officer?

#5 Are the courts guilty of contempt of the law?

#6&7 Let the law suits begin against PLPOA and its employees

for extortion, racketeering, and use of intimidation to collect monies just like Al Capone!

#8 Let the arrest and prosecutions begin for the use of extortion, harassment and intimidation by the employees of the PLPOA to collect

monies and used against the property owners in an effort to squelch them or deprive them of there constitutional right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness!

These are question that I'm sure every property owner in the PLPOA district would like answered, Right Now! Last but not least, I am currently seeking volunteers to walk through the neighborhoods of the property owners areas and collect signatures on petitions calling for the dismantlement of the PLPOA and its affiliates.

Also, I think it would be great if all the money that is going into the pockets of all these fattened cats of the PLPOA was redirected to a small crew to repair and maintain our roads and lakes!

It is to my understanding that all it will take is fifty one percent of the property owners votes to be able to tell these people that now the time has come for you to go out and look for a job!

Also, let this sink in to your brain; Out of the thousands of jobs lost, do you think it's strange that none of those lost are government related?

For volunteers to petition for signatures please call Reuben at 731-1109 and let's get some heads rolling!

Reuben Torres
Pagosa Springs

911 Evidence compelling

In response to the letter to the editor on 911 in the last Free Press, Dr. Steven Jones was the most compelling argument I've had time to watch to date, I thought, on the government's lies about 911. The only caveat with him is that, coming from academia (Brigham Young University), he is part of the Socialist-infiltrated "educational" system of our colleges and universities. His charts were impressive, but, since I'm not a chemist or physicist, he could have been showing me a chart on blood pressure. If this guy really HAS anything, he ought to start by bringing the case to the courts... starting at one of the lower courts and getting it kicked up toward the Supreme Court. (Like it or not, it's the one we're stuck with.) There IS one thing that I remarked about way back on 9/11/01, as I watched, with an Air Force Colonel friend of mine, the Towers come down: We both though it rather odd that the buildings came down in their own footprint, like a controlled demolition. I'll give the conspiracy theorists that much...the rest, I'll have to ponder.

Duane Branson
Pagosa Springs

Response to "The Starving Pirates" Feb 20, 2009

I read this article. I did not see any "accountable facts" mentioned. "Some even go without lunch," That is your CHOICE! There is nobody to blame but yourself! "Constant, repetitive dullness of

the salad bar". You have another choice here, try making suggestions to the staff, put it in writing.

You probably are one of those who consume these so called sugar infested energy drinks. In my opinion, energy drinks are a waste of money. Get involved in your school activities, they are good way to build confidence and self esteem. The activities are also a good way to burn calories. You are probably exhausted from not having some type of decent caloric intake. It takes calories to burn calories, it will raise the metabolic rate.

You want steak and lobster! Expect to pay the "market price." I am not talking about City Market. If you want to know what "market price" means, use your skills and research the definition. Oh yea, and expect to pay ten times the cost of a current lunch or maybe more. Next time you are in City Market, look at prices, then add at least 1/3 of that price to the cost of buying the item.

You still want the steak for lunch? I don't think the parents would be happy with paying 5-6 dollars more each day for lunch, you do the math. Now don't think just about yourself, what about your classmates? Sounds to me like some students would get left behind.

I can remember my days in school. They actually cooked that hamburger in front of you while you waited, they peeled the potatoes to mash. Yes, I understand and hear you, but evidently you DO NOT understand the process of a budget, money. Yes, bigger school districts have more money. Economics play a huge part in schools also. It's just not in the housing market or banking systems. I know for a fact the students have charge accounts. Some of these accounts are delinquent, interest free. Now let's look at a credit card. If you owed money, the company would make harassing phone calls or letters to


get their money owed to them, with interest. I ask what's the difference? None as I see. This could be part of the problem. The schools have to make a profit, or there will not be a lunch or wellness program at all.

When you get a piece of fruit, do you pay for it? Wait, I said just a piece of fruit. Ninety nine percent of the time the answer is no. The school takes the loss. Now, how many students are there? Just for fun let's say everyone took a piece of fruit without paying, again, you do the math.

You can either sit on the sidelines whining and complaining or use your student council as a stepping stone to address issues. The student council or some sort of group could probably get you answers instead of just jumping right into public. One thing you should possibly consider, try to handle issues at the lowest level before going to the top, get the facts. Give the people in the food chain a chance to address your issues first.

Welcome to the world of politics and economics. Are you involved in all your classes? If you are, then you know what I mean. Some day you will be in the "real world."

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Pot partnership
planned: Montrose,
Grand Junction men
ready for medical
marijuana storefronts

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MONTROSE ” Despite some fallout, William Hewitt says he remains committed to helping medical marijuana patients in Montrose. Hewitt, a medical marijuana patient and caregiver as provided for under Amendment 20, spoke to the Daily Press about his home-based dispensary a few weeks ago. Now, he’s partnering with Gregg Davis of Grand Junction, and both men hope to

open storefronts, with ambitious plans to help others. Hewitt said Monday that he took down the signs at his Montrose home at the request of his landlord, but still is able to provide medical marijuana to people with valid prescriptions. A friend of his ”who does not use pot” became so worried about federal raids, that he no longer stops by Hewitt’s home.

“But people are so, so thankful for what we’re doing here,” Hewitt said, telling of hundreds of calls seeking information. Davis, a medical pot patient for three years, has been researching opening a dispensary in Grand Junction for the past six months, and is assembling a team, plus hiring an attorney, to help him with the business plan. “When Bill (Hewitt) came out in the paper, I was, ‘Well, the public knows,’”

Davis said. He then contacted Hewitt.

To date, the men have registered Hewitt’s “THC with TLC” as a Web domain name and the site will be up and running soon. Davis hopes to secure storefront

property for his Grand Junction dispensary on Patterson, while Hewitt is eyeing a downtown location for his smaller office.

Both plan to have their offices up and running within the next two months and said they will do whatever is necessary to ensure customer comfort and safety.

The business partners also tout their not-for-profit’s mission statement: “to promote the welfare of patient members by providing a medium to create a safe, consistent and reliable source of quality medical marijuana at the lowest possible recovery amount for the medicine.”

The medical marijuana is to be distributed on an as-needed basis to those with valid medical marijuana cards. Davis said they would take donations for the marijuana, and they plan to donate the money back to the area communities. “It’s not marijuana that’s my focus. It’s the disabilities,” Davis said. “With us being a collective, us getting



donations...we’re going to give right back to the community.” Their work is not without opposition. Though Colorado’s Amendment 20 allows people to receive medical marijuana cards for designated chronic diseases and chronic pain” with a medical doctor’s say-so and appropriate, state-sanctioned registration” medical marijuana is illegal under federal statute.

And, now, the state is considering changing certain requirements that would limit the number of medical marijuana users that caregivers like Hewitt and Davis can help to a total of five. The proposed changes would also require signatures on application forms to be notarized and accompanied with proof of

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Trivia answer: (From page 6) NO, unless you feel safe where you can pull over. How many times have you seen a police stop partly on the road, causing traffic congestion, or even where off the road, causes traffic to slow down? Where you simply do NOT feel it is safe to stop, DON'T. You can motion to the officer to follow you, and drive till you come to a safe and secure, well lit place. You do NOT have to place yourself, or others, in danger with a traffic stop, so say the courts!

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545 People

By Charlie Reese

Politicians are the only people in the world who create problems and then campaign against them.

Have you ever wondered why, if both the Democrats and the Republicans are against deficits, we have deficits?

Have you ever wondered why, if all the politicians are against inflation and high taxes, we have inflation and high taxes?

You and I don't propose a federal budget. The president does. You and I don't have the Constitutional authority to vote on appropriations. The House of Representatives does.

You and I don't write the tax code, Congress does. You and I don't set fiscal policy, Congress does. You and I don't control monetary policy, The Federal Reserve Bank does.

One hundred senators, 435 congressmen, one president and nine Supreme Court justices - 545 human beings out of the 300 million - are directly, legally, morally and individually responsible for the domestic problems that plague this country.

I excluded the members of the Federal Reserve Board because

that problem was created by the Congress. In 1913, Congress delegated its Constitutional duty to provide a sound currency to a federally chartered but private central bank. I excluded all the special interests and lobbyists for a sound reason. They have no legal authority.

They have no ability to coerce a senator, a congressman or a president to do one cotton-picking thing.

I don't care if they offer a politician \$1 million dollars in cash. The politician has the power to accept or reject it. No matter what the lobbyist promises, it is the legislator's responsibility to determine how he votes. Those 545 human beings spend much of their energy convincing you that what they did is not their fault. They cooperate in this common con regardless of party.

What separates a politician from a normal human being is an excessive amount of gall.

No normal human being would have the gall of a Speaker, who stood up and criticized the President for creating deficits.

The president can only propose a budget. He cannot force the Congress to accept it. The Constitution, which is the supreme law of the land, gives sole

responsibility to the House of Representatives for originating and approving appropriations and taxes. Who is the speaker of the House? She is the leader of the majority party.

She and fellow House members, not the president, can approve any budget they want. If the president vetoes it, they can pass it over his veto if they agree to.

It seems inconceivable to me that a nation of 300 million can not replace 545 people who stand convicted -- by present facts - of incompetence and irresponsibility.

I can't think of a single domestic problem that is not traceable directly to those 545 people.

When you fully grasp the plain truth that 545 people exercise the power of the federal government, then it must follow that what exists is what they want to exist.

If the tax code is unfair, it's because they want it unfair. If the budget is in the red, it's because they want it in the red. If the Marines are in IRAQ, it's because they want them in IRAQ.

If they do not receive social security but are on an elite retirement plan not available to the people, it's because they want

it that way.

There are no insoluble government problems. Do not let these 545 people shift the blame to bureaucrats, whom they hire and whose jobs they can abolish; to lobbyists, whose gifts and advice they can reject; to regulators, to whom they give the power to regulate and from whom they can take this power.

Above all, do not let them con you into the belief that there exists disembodied mystical forces like 'the economy, 'inflation' or 'politics' that prevent them from doing what they take an oath to do.

Those 545 people, and they alone, are responsible. They, and they alone, have the power. They, and they alone, should be held accountable by the people who are their bosses - provided the voters have the gumption to manage their own employees.

We should vote all of them out of office and clean up their mess!

--Charlie Reese is a former columnist of the Orlando Sentinel Newspaper

(Editor’s Note: Vote them out? How about charging them with treason and giving some jail time in the concentration camps they built for us? I’m sure we could find many Patriots as guards...)

A Rifle in Every Pot

By GLENN REYNOLDS
Knoxville, Tenn.

It's a phenomenon that gives the term “gun control” a whole new meaning: community ordinances that encourage citizens to own guns.

Last month, Greenleaf, Idaho, adopted Ordinance 208, calling for its citizens to own guns and keep them ready in their homes in case of emergency. It’s not a response to high crime rates. As The Associated Press reported, “Greenleaf doesn’t really have crime ... the most violent offense reported in the past two years was a fist fight.” Rather, it’s a statement about preparedness in the event of an emergency, and an effort to promote a culture of self-reliance.

And it may not be a bad idea. While pro-gun laws like the one in Greenleaf are mostly symbolic, to the extent that they actually make a difference, it is likely to be a positive one.

Greenleaf is following in the footsteps of Kennesaw, Ga., which in 1982 passed a mandatory gun ownership law in response to a handgun ban passed in Morton Grove, Ill. Kennesaw’s crime dropped sharply, while Morton Grove’s did not.

To some degree, this is rational. Criminals, unsurprisingly, would rather break into a house where they aren’t at risk of being shot. As David Kopel noted in a 2001 article in The Arizona Law Review, burglars report that they try to avoid homes where armed residents are likely to be present. We see this phenomenon internationally, too, with the United States having a lower proportion of “hot” burglaries — break-ins where the burglars know the home to be occupied — than countries with restrictive gun laws.

Likewise, in the event of disasters that leave law enforcement overwhelmed, armed citizens can play an important role in stanching crime. Armed neighborhood watches deterred looting in parts of Houston and New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Precisely because an armed populace can serve as an effective backup for law enforcement, the ownership of firearms was widely mandated during Colonial times, and the second Congress passed a statute in 1792

requiring adult male citizens to own guns.

The twin purposes of self and community defense may very well lie behind the Second Amendment’s language encompassing both the importance of a well-regulated militia and the right of citizens to keep and bear arms. As the constitutional and criminal law scholar Don Kates has noted in the journal Constitutional Commentary, thinkers at the time when the Constitution was written drew no real distinction between resisting burglars, foreign invaders or domestic tyrants: All were wrongdoers that good citizens had the right, and the duty, to oppose with force.

Greenleaf’s ordinance is consistent with this approach. But it may also serve another purpose.

Experts don’t think the Kennesaw ordinance, which has never actually been enforced, did much to change gun ownership rates among Kennesaw residents. And, given that Greenleaf’s mayor has estimated that 80 percent of the town’s residents already own guns, the new ordinance can’t make all that much of a difference. But criminals are likely to suspect that towns with laws like these on the books will be unsympathetic to malefactors in general, and to conclude that they will do better elsewhere.

To the extent that’s true, we’re likely to see other communities adopting similar laws so that criminals won’t see them as attractive alternatives. The result may be a different kind of “gun control.”

Glenn Reynolds, a law professor at the University of Tennessee, is the author of the blog Instapundit and of “An Army of Davids: How Markets and Technology are Empowering Ordinary People to Take on Big Government, Big Media and Other Goliaths.”

“To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical.” Thomas Jefferson

Electrical pollution

Press Release Body: (DEPERE, WI)—Pollution can make your child obese, according to the latest study conducted by Barcelona’s Municipal Institute of Medical Research and reported in the Acta Paediatrica journal.

While this study links chemical pollution to extreme and debilitating weight gain, one American expert wonders if electrical pollution might be having the same effect on children in the USA.

Russ Allen, author of the new book Electrocutation of America: Is Your Utility Company Out to Kill You?, says, “Isn’t it time to conduct non-utility-funded studies here in America to see what kind of effects stray electricity is having on our people?”

Stray high voltage is current that travels through the earth on its way back to the substation. Up to eighty percent of this stray voltage travels through our homes, offices, schools, farms, streets and playgrounds. This means that children as well as adults, including pregnant women, are highly exposed to electrical pollution in every day life.

Stray voltage has been linked to shocks and even death in humans and animals.

In the Barcelona study, it was clearly shown that exposure to a range of common chemicals while in a mother’s womb can cause a baby to grow up fat. The researchers speculated that pollutants may have made the mothers diabetic, which would increase the chances of their children becoming obese.

Mr. Allen’s concern is that electrical pollution can produce the same insidious results.

“Stray voltage might be having profoundly negative effects on people’s bodies,” he says. “California has taken steps to deal with this form of pollution, but only recently. And they are the only state doing so. It’s time the rest of the country’s politicians and public health officials took this threat to our national health seriously.”

Russ Allen is a leader in the movement against electrical pollution. He is also an advocate for increasing unbiased government and academic studies of stray voltage’s harmful effects on humans and animals. He won a multimillion-dollar lawsuit against Wisconsin Public Service for the damage the utility company caused because of the

poor design of its electrical distribution system—a design that is common across North America.

Waste Wood BioFuel

The “Fuels for Schools and Beyond” program is a partnership between the USDA Forest Service’s State & Private Forestry Division, the State Foresters of Montana, North Dakota, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming, and the Bitter Root Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area, Inc., to promote and facilitate the use of forest biomass waste for heating, cooling and power in public and private buildings.

These organizations are advancing local and national policies in biomass utilization, and ensuring the viability of the nation’s forests and communities.

There are currently 14 biomass boilers operating throughout North Dakota, Montana, Idaho and Nevada with two more in the design or construction phase. While continuing to provide support to existing projects, the program is now actively advancing “wood to energy” for private enterprise.

After the wildfires in the summer of 2000, which burned over 350,000 acres and 70 structures in the Bitterroot Valley of Montana, a resident of Darby, Montana began to research ways in which to tie fire hazard reduction work with economic development in the valley.

Discovering that waste wood was being used to heat a number of schools in the northeastern U.S., this individual approached community leaders with the idea of using slash (tree limbs, tops and branches) from hazardous fuels reduction projects for heat in Darby’s schools.

With the aid of a grant from the Economic Action Program and assistance from the Bitter Root RC&D, USDA Forest Service Forest Products Laboratory and the Biomass Energy Resource Center, a biomass boiler system was planned, designed and installed at Darby and began heating three schools in the fall of 2003.

Today, Fuels for Schools and Beyond is a recognized national leader in community biomass projects, moving into providing biomass energy for schools and private enterprise while maintaining healthy forests.

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Water Saving Tips

by Ellen McNeill

Even if your area has not been hit by a water shortage that is no guarantee there won’t be a problem in the future. So what can the average person do to help? Start with the basics. McNeill offers 10 easy tips to help conserve water.

1. Fix leaky faucets. A faucet dripping at one drop per second wastes 2,700 gallons a year.
2. Save up to 700 gallons of water each month by taking shorter showers. Even a one or two minute reduction can make a difference.
3. Don’t use the hose to clean sidewalks. Use a broom and save about 150 gallons of water each time.
4. Adjust sprinklers to make sure that only the lawn is getting watered. This can save 500 gallons of water each month.
5. Don’t run water while brushing your teeth or shaving and save three gallons of water every time.
6. Keep drinking water in the refrigerator so you don’t have to run water for cool drinks. This alone can save 200 to 300 gallons a month.
7. Water the lawn in the morning rather than during the day or in the evening. You’ll save 300 gallons.
8. Only use your dishwasher and clothes washer for full loads. Avoid using the permanent press cycle because it uses an added 5 gallons for the extra rinse.
9. Clean your car using a pail of soapy water rather than running the hose. Use the hose only for rinsing. Try a waterless car washing system such as Ecotouch which can save up to 100 gallons of water per wash.
10. Make sure your toilet tank isn’t leaking. Just put a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl, your tank is leaking and you're wasting up to 200 gallons of water a day.

CD Recycling Center

The CD Recycling Center of America will be celebrating its

second anniversary this coming Earth Day, April 22, 2009. The Center's disc recycling awareness campaign was launched Earth Day, 2007, and since then has attracted thousands of supporters. The campaign promotes the importance of recycling CDs and DVDs, and to increase community awareness of related environmental issues caused by unwanted discs being placed in the trash. The CD Recycling Center's website, www.cdrecyclingcenter.org is designed to educate consumers, companies and organizations, while building a national network of members and supporters that pledge to recycle their disc waste. The Center invites consumers and companies to send in their unwanted CD and DVD discs for recycling, at no charge.

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Fires fuel mercury emissions, University of Michigan study finds

ANN ARBOR, Mich. -- Forest fires release more mercury into the atmosphere than previously recognized, a multidisciplinary research project at the University of Michigan suggests. The study, which has implications for forest management and global mercury pollution, was published online today (Jan. 9) in the journal Global Biogeochemical Cycles.

Doctoral student Abir Biswas, the paper's lead author, came up with the idea for the project when he was a student at U-M's Camp Davis Rocky Mountain Field Station near Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Wildfires were burning all around the station that summer, and smoke blanketed the camp. Around that time, Biswas happened to read a new scientific paper suggesting the possible role of fires in global mercury emissions.

"There I was, watching forest fires around our field camp, and it seemed like the ideal place to study the problem," he said. The study Biswas read investigated mercury emissions from the combustion of foliage at locations around the USA and extrapolated to estimate mercury release during forest fires. "I'm interested in earth surface geochemistry so I wanted to approach the question differently," Biswas said.

Over the next two summers, under the direction of U-M professor Joel Blum, Biswas collected core samples of forest soil from burned and unburned areas, using sections of PVC pipe sharpened at one end to obtain the cylindrical samples. He and Blum also collaborated with U-M professor Gerald Keeler and former research scientist Bjorn Klaue to take air samples at Camp Davis---measuring mercury and trace metals over two summers---which provided the scientists with a picture of the atmospheric background on which the fires were superimposed.

Forests act as mercury traps because mercury in the atmosphere---which comes from both natural and human-generated sources such as coal-fired power plants and municipal waste incinerators---collects on foliage. When the foliage dies, it falls to the forest floor and decomposes, and the mercury enters the soil. Because it binds strongly to organic molecules, mercury is most prevalent in the top several inches of soil, where

organic matter is concentrated. By comparing the mercury content of burned soil with that of unburned soil, the researchers could estimate how much mercury was released when forests burned.

They found that both the type of trees in the forest and the severity of the fire affected the amount of mercury released. The type of tree makes a difference because evergreens take up more mercury from the atmosphere on their needles than do broad-leaved trees, leading to more mercury accumulation in the soil prior to the fire.

Based on their analysis and estimates of the area of forest and shrub land burned annually in the United States, Biswas, Blum and coworkers calculated that wildfires and prescribed burns account for approximately 25 percent of human-generated mercury emissions in this country.

Understanding the role fires play in mercury emissions is particularly important in light of predictions that forest fires will increase as global warming makes some parts of the world hotter and drier, said Blum, who is the John D. MacArthur Professor of Geological Sciences and director of Camp Davis.

The findings also have implications for forest fire management, Biswas said. "When you let fires run free in an area where they have been suppressed for a long time, as happened in the Yellowstone fire of 1988, the fires end up burning a huge area that has been accumulating mercury for a long time, so a lot of mercury is released. By contrast, when you allow fires to occur in natural 50- to 100-year cycles, you end up with more frequent, less severe fires, which release less of the mercury in the soil. So the current shift in management practices from suppressing fires to letting some of them burn suggests that in the immediate future there may be a lot of high mercury release fires, but that

down the road the amount of mercury released from these fires should drop."

In a related project, the researchers are trying to identify the sources of the atmospheric mercury that ended up in the forests they studied. Preliminary results suggest that much of it came from mining operations in the western United States.

Studies of the sources and fate of mercury pollution are critical, Blum said, because it's a problem that won't go away. "Once mercury starts getting emitted and deposited into a forest, it then gets re-emitted and re-deposited and re-emitted again. So the legacy of mercury pollution will be with us for a very long time."

Council rewards residents who recycle

Residents who recycle can earn points to redeem at local shops and businesses in a pilot scheme being trialled out in parts of Berkshire. The pilot is being carried out by the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead. It aims to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill and cut the council's "landfill tax liability". Wheelie bins will be weighed when collected and points allocated to each household. The bins will be fitted with an identification tag which will be read by an automatic reader on refuse vehicles. Each household is set up with a rewards account and the points they get are redeemable through a variety of local, regional and national outlets, termed reward partners.

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We Surround Them!

From glennbeck.com
(CNN news anchor)

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Do you read the headlines everyday and feel an empty pit in your stomach...as if you're completely alone?

If so, then you've fallen for the Wizard of Oz lie. While the voices you hear in the distance may sound intimidating, as if they surround us from all sides—the reality is very different. Once you pull the curtain away you realize that there are only a few people pressing

the buttons, and their voices are weak. The truth is that they don't surround us at all.

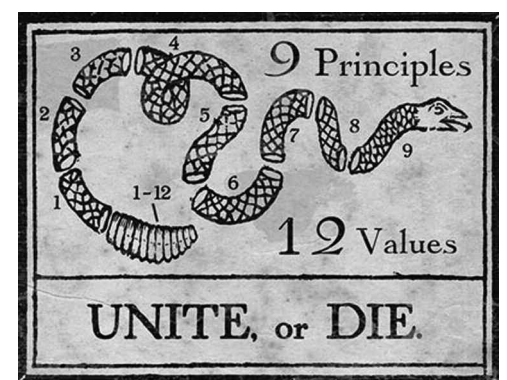
We surround them.

So, how do we show America what's really behind the curtain? Glenn Beck has a plan... (Go to glennbeck.com and look for "We Surround Them") that includes nine simple principles. If you believe in at least seven of them, then he believes we have something in common. He urges us all to read the instructions on the website for how to help make your voice heard.

Editor's Note: Glenn Beck is one of the VERY few mainstream news people who are voicing "some" of the facts and trying to educate our country on the major threats we face. This is a chance to voice your opinion and add to the growing chorus of Americans

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the very same things happening across America happened in Germany, and led to the Third Reich. We aren't reading a science fiction here, this is very real and very scary stuff. We have let go of many of our rights and freedoms already, and seem to accept that as "OK."

All this does is embolden those that would rule over us and subjugate us to their version of a world order that doesn't include freedoms, rights and all we have been given as Americans.

Editor's Note: You can followup on this topic at the following websites. Keep in mind that Glenn Beck with FOX news is now covering this frightening and highly suspicious government activity:

http://www.libertyforlife.com/jail-police/us_concentration_camps.htm

<http://www.apfn.org/apfn/camps.htm>

Glenn Beck Discusses these camps:

<http://www.brasschecktv.com/page/577.html>

Chapter 2, Conclusion!

A Mexican National Railway engineer, whose arm was in a sling, having been injured in a recent wreck, was out with me to see the sights. We visited the noted church of Guadalupe, which is said to have been built by Montezuma in memory of the angel Guadalupe. After going through the church and seeing the "serape" (blanket), which this angel saint wore on her flying trip from heaven to Mexico City, we climbed the hill to the graveyard where all the noted warriors are buried.

It covers a couple of acres and a guard with a rifle and sword is kept on duty night and day. On coming to old General Santa Ana's grave, I thought of poor Davy Crockett and his brave followers who met their fate in the Alamo at San Antonio, Texas, through the inhuman blood-craving of this same old general.

The earth mound where he sleeps was plastered over with all kinds of fancy, many-colored pieces of broken chinaware.

One particularly pretty piece took my eye and I told the engineer that it would be in my cabinet of curios even if it should cost me a leg. The engineer said it would mean possible death or a long term in a Mexican dungeon if I were caught stealing from this "heap big chief's" grave, but when he found that I was determined to risk a fight to a finish with this copper-colored son of old Montezuma, he agreed to assist me by steering the watchman away to another part of the graveyard and keeping his back towards me by asking him questions about the city which lay at our feet in plain view.

The guard stood in sight with the seat of his white cotton pants towards me when I and old Colt's 45 climbed over the sharp-pointed, tall iron pickets and secured the prize. We wondered if Davy Crockett turned over in his grave to smile. When a cowboy, and on a tear, we used to often in fun get up on the bar and yell: "I'm a wolf, and tonight is my night to howl. I've got two rows of teeth, one for ransacking graveyards and the other for devouring human beings." Little did I dream then that in years to come I would ransack old

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Santa Ana's grave just to satisfy a greedy desire for a pretty relic and to break the slow monotony of a peaceful life.

Much of my time was spent with Supt. Daniel Turner and his assistants in the Wells-Fargo office. They had just gone through a siege of fool Mexican law. They had all been held prisoners in their own offices over a peeled duck-that is, a duck with the feathers off.

A few hundred miles north, as a passenger train was fixing to pull out for the capital, a Mexican came running up to the Wells-Fargo agent with a duck in his hand. He demanded that it be expressed to his friend in Mexico City. This the agent said was impossible, as his duckship had to be billed out in regular form and now the train was ready to start. The result was the train pulled out leaving Mr.

Mexican and his duck on the station platform. But he had his revenge as soon as he could reach the office of the Alcalde and make complaint. For a week or two the agent lay in a dungeon and Supt.

Turner and his assistants dare not venture on the streets, as the place was surrounded by guards day and night.

For a week Mr. Turner and his men had to eat and sleep in the office on account of the measly little duck, for the law prohibited the officers from going inside the house to arrest them. I had located my man who had stolen the \$10,000. He was living under an assumed name, but he was free from arrest while on Mexican soil, so for that reason I had to keep track of him until he left Mexico. This suited me, as it allowed me a month or two to see the sights and to have a good time.

The thief invested some of the stolen money in diamonds. I kept track of the purchases. Finally he got ready to sail from Vera Cruz on a steamship for Havana, Cuba, thence to New York City, and by rail to his home in Leavenworth, Kansas. I was all ready to go with him on the ship and thereby see Cuba and the City of New York, but word came that yellow fever had broken out in Havana, and our trip was abandoned. However, we started for the United States by way of El Paso, Texas.

I remained with my man until he reached his home in Leavenworth, then had him arrested, and I departed for Denver, reaching there after an absence of about two months. Being so busy and constantly on the jump, I never went to the trouble to find out how many years in the penitentiary my friend received. After only a few days spent with Mamie and Viola, I had to "hit" the road again, this time for Roseta, a mining camp in Custer county, Colorado, to capture the world renowned Bassick mine. Foot" of us operatives, John Rucker, who had traveled with Barnum's circus as a Dickenson man for years, a fellow by the name of Goods, a Frenchman with a name as long as my arm, and myself, started armed to the teeth with Winchester rifles, pistols and playing cards.

At Canon City we left the railroad and drove over the Greenhorn range of mountains in a vehicle loaded with ammunition and grub to stand a long siege. A drive of twenty miles or more brought us to the top of a mountain overlooking the great Bassick mine and the little village of Quereda nestling at its feet. A mile further was the town of Roseta, noted for its tough men and the bloody local battles fought in the early history of Colorado mining. Eight miles to the west lay the prosperous mining camp of Silver Cliff, and the railroad town of West Cliff.

During the night we moved down the hill and entered the large Bassick hoisting works by breaking in a rear window. The custodian, a Kentucky colonel and exsheriff of Custer county whose name was Schofield, was at his home in Quereda, a few hundred yards down the mountain side, asleep.

In law, possession is nine points to the good, therefore, we had gained the points aimed at for our client, Mr. David Bryan, the Minnesota millionaire; but the question was could we hold it in the face of the great odds which Schofield could muster.

We sat up all night and next morning when



Charlie Siringo, Investigator, Cowboy and author of this continuing piece!

Schofield unlocked the big front door of the hoisting works, as was his custom as paid custodian for Bassick and his associates, we threw our rifles down on him and made him go away and leave the door open. He had a pistol but made no effort to draw it, his surprise being so great.

After he had climbed down off the high platform in front of the door, he was in the main street of Quereda. Across the street was

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the postoffice and a couple of stores, the remaining buildings being vacant. Finally Schofield recovered from his surprise and demanded to know what we meant. We laughed and told him that we had merely captured his job from him while he slept. He swore that he would dispossess us if it cost all the blood in Roseta.

He then got on a horse' and galloped over the hill to that town. Anticipating that the men of Roseta would open war on us, our superintendent had sent his trusted bookkeeper, Lawton, to Roseta a few days previous, so as to post us of impending danger. That night a little after midnight, our man Awton slipped up to a rear window of the hoist and called for us. He was too badly frightened to come in. He gave a note to one of our men and then began "hitting" the high places over the mountains for Canon City.

The note read about as follows: "Boys, run for your lives. Don't wait. 300 armed men, many of them drunk and desperate are now on the way from Roseta under the leadership of Schofield to kill you and take possession of the mine. I am off for Canon City. Follow me quick, before it is too late." We held a hurried council of war and decided to stand "pat" and die fighting "all same" the noted heroes under Davy Crockett at the Alamo. "Frenchy" was the only man who looked pale and he wondered what would become of his wife if he were killed.

Stationing ourselves at upper story windows from whence the little valley towards Roseta and the side of the mountain towards Canon City could be scanned, we awaited results with rifles ready.

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Church Organization Refuses To Divulge If Pastors Are On FEMA Payroll

(Paul Joseph Watson - Prison Planet.com)

A large church organization has refused to divulge how many of its pastors are on the FEMA payroll, after a member expressed concerns about religious leaders being used to condition their congregation to accept the declaration of martial law.

In a May 2006 story we first broke the shocking news that FEMA was training pastors and other religious representatives to become secret police enforcers who teach their congregations to "obey the government" in preparation for a declaration of martial law, property and firearm seizures, and forced relocation.

Despite debunkers and urban myth websites claiming the story was a hoax, it was confirmed in triplicate by mainstream news outlets over a year later. A KSLA news report confirmed that Clergy Response Teams are being trained by the federal government to "quell dissent" and pacify citizens to obey the government in the event of a declaration of martial law.

Concerned about such developments, a member of the California-based Worldwide Church of God, an organization that boasts 64,000 members in 860 congregations in about 90 countries, asked if any of the

church's pastors were involved in the FEMA program. "The head office quickly replied hastily within an hour by telling me, "Sorry, that is privileged information", the man states. "The reply was in big bold script like I've never seen before in emails.

I was also a bit put off by the word "privileged." "I responded to the stated email and reworded my request slightly by demanding, "are there ANY of our pastors on the payroll of FEMA, YES or NO."

Their first response came after about an hour. But, it has been almost 24 hours and I am still waiting for my church's second response to my second request," he adds.

It seems that church groups are reticent to let slip any information concerning the issue of pastors being trained to help manage a state of martial law following the controversy stirred up by the exposure of the program in 2006. Indeed, the pastors that took a risk by first divulging the information to us were later threatened by Homeland Security and told to keep their mouths shut.

With new legislation in Congress pending that will mandate the set-up of a network of FEMA camp facilities to be used to house U.S. citizens in the event of a national emergency, along with the announcement that tens of thousands of active military personnel are to be placed inside the United States under Northcom, partly for purposes of dealing with "civil unrest" and "crowd

control," fears about a state of martial law being prepared are no longer the fantasies of paranoid conspiracy theorists, but an all too real possibility as we move towards the end of the first decade of the 21st century. (See FEMA Concentration Camps, Page 3)

Editor's note: It might shock some to learn that the government is trying to prepare "leaders" to intervene to quell any dissent from Americans when martial law is declared. I say "when," because all signs lead to this event coming upon us unless Americans stand up and be heard, or at least prepare for this attempted grab for ultimate power and to stop the growing resistance across the country to government corruption and lawlessness.

Our very freedom is at stake here, and the evidence is clear... government wants ultimate control over all citizens. If this is what we've come to as a nation, and we allow this without a fight, then we deserve to sit in camps, and to be slaves in our own land.

How long will the many warnings go out before it will be too late? Dismissing this as "impossible" is exactly what "they" want us to do... believe it could never happen in America. It's happening, and countless signs exist on every level of American life. The very creation of an economic disaster is one of these attempts to manipulate and control us... especially when they could do much to stem the coming depression. **We must wake up!!!**

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identity.

Hewitt and Davis urge medical marijuana supporters to attend a rally at noon, March 18, at Denver City Hall (4300 Cherry Creek Dr.) to oppose the proposed caregiver limitations. "They want to send everyone out on the streets for their medical marijuana," Davis said of the state. The purpose of his and Hewitt's cooperatives is to ensure that patients do not have to expose themselves to that kind of risk. "Our organization is to help people. To stop people from having to go to illegal drug dealers," Hewitt said. He also reiterated that he does not dispense marijuana to anyone other than those who are authorized under state law to have it and that physicians decide who is eligible.

Hewitt does not issue medical marijuana prescriptions. "I can only direct them and allow (a doctor) to decide whether they qualify," he said. Both he and Davis are determined to set up dispensaries. "I'm proud of what I do, and for the people I help," Hewitt said. "A brick wall is not going to stop me," Davis said.

Hewitt encourages calls at 901-0778, or e-mails at thc_with_tlc@yahoo.com. Davis can be reached at 623-1669 or gregg_thcwithtlc@yahoo.com

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Editor's note: This would make it almost impossible for MOST residents of Illinois to afford any firearm constitutionally... It's time for Illinois citizens to stop this fascist madness...

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What does the Supreme Law of the Land tell us?

Continuing with this issue, we are printing the first portion of the Constitution itself. Note some highlighted text as this pertains to not only the illegal application of the income tax, (See page ?? for discussion on types of taxes) but the unconstitutional application of our financial system. If we are not complying with the Constitution, we are acting illegally, and our leaders have been doing this for many decades.

The Constitution of the United States
Preamble Note

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common decency, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Article I - The Legislative Branch Note
Section 1 - The Legislature

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

Section 2 - The House

Clause 1; The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

Clause 2; No Person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the Age of twenty five Years, and been seven Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen.

Clause 3; (Representatives and **direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States** which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Term of Years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons.) (The previous sentence in parentheses was modified by the 14th Amendment, section 2.) The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of ten Years, in such Manner as they shall by Law direct. The Number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty Thousand, but each State shall have at Least one Representative; and until such enumeration shall be made, the State of New Hampshire shall be entitled to chuse three, Massachusetts eight, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations one, Connecticut five, New York six, New Jersey four, Pennsylvania eight, Delaware one, Maryland six, Virginia ten, North Carolina five, South Carolina five and Georgia three.

When vacancies happen in the Representation from any State, the Executive Authority thereof shall issue Writs of Election to fill such Vacancies.

The House of Representatives shall chuse their Speaker and other Officers; and shall have the sole Power of Impeachment.

Section 3 - The Senate

The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, (chosen by the Legislature thereof,) (The preceding words in parentheses superseded by 17th Amendment, section 1.) for six Years; and each Senator shall have one Vote.

Immediately after they shall be assembled in Consequence of the first Election, they shall be divided as equally as may be into three Classes. The Seats of the Senators of the first Class shall be vacated at the Expiration of the second Year, of the second Class at the Expiration of the fourth Year, and of the third Class at the Expiration of the sixth Year, so that one third may be chosen every second Year; (and if Vacancies happen by Resignation, or otherwise, during the Recess of the Legislature of any State, the Executive thereof may make temporary Appointments until the next Meeting of the Legislature, which shall

then fill such Vacancies.) (The preceding words in parentheses were superseded by the 17th Amendment, section 2.)

No person shall be a Senator who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty Years, and been nine Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State for which he shall be chosen.

The Vice President of the United States shall be President of the Senate, but shall have no Vote, unless they be equally divided.

The Senate shall chuse their other Officers, and also a President pro tempore, in the absence of the Vice President, or when he shall exercise the Office of President of the United States.

The Senate shall have the sole Power to try all Impeachments. When sitting for that Purpose, they shall be on Oath or Affirmation. When the President of the United States is tried, the Chief Justice shall preside: And no Person shall be convicted without the Concurrence of two thirds of the Members present.

Judgment in Cases of Impeachment shall not extend further than to removal from Office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any Office of honor, Trust or Profit under the United States: but the Party convicted shall nevertheless be liable and subject to Indictment, Trial, Judgment and Punishment, according to Law.

Section 4 - Elections, Meetings

The Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by Law make or alter such Regulations, except as to the Place of Chusing Senators.

The Congress shall assemble at least once in every Year, and such Meeting shall (be on the first Monday in December,) (The preceding words in parentheses were superseded by the 20th Amendment, section 2.) unless they shall by Law appoint a different Day.

Section 5 - Membership, Rules, Journals, Adjournment

Each House shall be the Judge of the Elections, Returns and Qualifications of its own Members, and a Majority of each shall constitute a Quorum to do Business; but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and may be authorized to compel the Attendance of absent Members, in such Manner, and under such Penalties as each House may provide.

Each House may determine the Rules of its Proceedings, punish its Members for disorderly Behavior, and, with the Concurrence of two-thirds, expel a Member.

Each House shall keep a Journal of its Proceedings, and from time to time publish the same, excepting such Parts as may in their Judgment require Secrecy; and the Yeas and Nays of the Members of either House on any question shall, at the Desire of one fifth of those Present, be entered on the Journal.

Neither House, during the Session of Congress, shall, without the Consent of the other, adjourn for more than three days, nor to any other Place than that in which the two Houses shall be sitting.

Section 6 - Compensation

(The Senators and Representatives shall receive a Compensation for their Services, to be ascertained by Law, and paid out of the Treasury of the United States.) (The preceding words in parentheses were modified

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by the 27th Amendment.) They shall in all Cases, except Treason, Felony and Breach of the Peace, be privileged from Arrest during their Attendance at the Session of their respective Houses, and in going to and returning from the same; and for any Speech or Debate in either House, they shall not be questioned in any other Place.

No Senator or Representative shall, during the Time for which he was elected, be appointed to any civil Office under the Authority of the United States which shall have been created, or the Emoluments whereof shall have been increased during such time; and no Person holding any Office under the United States, shall be a Member of either House during his Continuance in Office.

Section 7 - Revenue Bills, Legislative Process, Presidential Veto

All bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives; but the Senate may propose or concur with Amendments as on other Bills.

Every Bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate, shall, before it become a Law, be presented to the President of the United States; If he approve he shall sign it, but if not he shall return it, with his Objections to that House in which it shall have originated, who shall enter the Objections at large on their Journal, and proceed to reconsider it. If after such Reconsideration two thirds of that House shall agree to pass the Bill, it shall be sent, together with the Objections, to the other House, by which it shall likewise be reconsidered, and if approved by two thirds of that House, it shall become a Law. But in all such Cases the Votes of both Houses shall be determined by Yeas and Nays, and the Names of the Persons voting for and against the Bill shall be entered on the Journal of each House respectively. If any Bill shall not be returned by the President within ten Days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to him, the Same shall be a Law, in like Manner as if he had signed it, unless the Congress by their Adjournment prevent its Return, in which Case it shall not be a Law.

Every Order, Resolution, or Vote to which the Concurrence of the Senate and House of Representatives may be necessary (except on a question of Adjournment) shall be presented to the President of the United States; and before the Same shall take Effect, shall be approved by him, or being disapproved by him, shall be repassed by two thirds of the Senate and House of Representatives, according to the Rules and Limitations prescribed in the Case of a Bill.

Section 8 - Powers of Congress

The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; **but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;**

To borrow money on the credit of the United States;

To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes;

To establish an uniform Rule of Naturalization, and uniform Laws on the subject of Bankruptcies throughout the United States;

To coin Money, regulate the Value thereof, and of foreign Coin, and fix the Standard of Weights and Measures;

To provide for the Punishment of counterfeiting the Securities and current Coin of the United States; **(The Federal Reserve “greenback” is a counterfeit currency, since it is not silver or gold backed - Editor)**

To establish Post Offices and Post Roads;

To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries;

To constitute Tribunals inferior to the supreme Court;

To define and punish Piracies and Felonies committed on the high Seas, and Offenses against the Law of Nations;

To declare War, grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal, and make Rules concerning Captures on Land and Water;

To raise and support Armies, but no Appropriation of Money to that Use shall be for a longer Term than two Years;

To provide and maintain a Navy;

To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces;

To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions;

To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the Militia, and for governing such Part of them as may be employed in the Service of the United States, reserving to the States respectively, the Appointment of the Officers, and the Authority of training the Militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress;

To exercise exclusive Legislation in all Cases whatsoever, over such District (not exceeding ten Miles square) as may, by Cession of particular States, and the acceptance of Congress, become the Seat of the Government of the United States, and to exercise like Authority over all Places purchased by the Consent of the Legislature of the State in which the Same shall be, for the Erection of Forts, Magazines, Arsenals, dock-Yards, and other needful Buildings; And

To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

Section 9 - Limits on Congress

The Migration or Importation of such Persons as any of the States now existing shall think proper to admit, shall not be prohibited by the Congress prior to the Year one thousand eight hundred and eight, but a tax or duty may be imposed on such Importation, not exceeding ten dollars for each Person.

The privilege of the Writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in Cases of Rebellion or Invasion the public Safety may require it.

No Bill of Attainder or ex post facto Law shall be passed.

(No capitation, or other direct, Tax shall be laid, unless in Proportion to the Census or Enumeration herein before directed to be taken.) (Section in parentheses clarified by the 16th Amendment.)

No Tax or Duty shall be laid on Articles exported from any State.

No Preference shall be given by any Regulation of Commerce or Revenue to the Ports of one State over those of another: nor shall Vessels bound to, or from, one State, be obliged to enter, clear, or pay Duties in another.

No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law; and a regular Statement and Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of all public Money shall be published from time to time.

No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States: And no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them, shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince or foreign State.

Section 10 - Powers prohibited of States

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No State shall enter into any Treaty, Alliance, or Confederation; grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal; coin Money; emit Bills of Credit; **make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts; (Why, then, are we paying our debts WITH debt instruments (U.S. Dollar) which are neither gold or silver, and is counterfeit? That is why we are in the dire financial condition we are - Editor)** pass any Bill of Attainder, ex post facto Law, or Law impairing the Obligation of Contracts, or grant any Title of Nobility.

No State shall, without the Consent of the Congress, lay any Imposts or Duties on Imports or Exports, except what may be absolutely necessary for executing it's inspection Laws: and the net Produce of all Duties and Imposts, laid by any State on Imports or Exports, shall be for the Use of the Treasury of the United States; and all such Laws shall be subject to the Revision and Controul of the Congress.

No State shall, without the Consent of Congress, lay any duty of Tonnage, keep Troops, or Ships of War in time of Peace, enter into any Agreement or Compact with another State, or with a foreign Power, or engage in War, unless actually invaded, or in such imminent Danger as will not admit of delay.

Article II - The Executive Branch Note
Section 1 - The President Note1 Note2

The executive Power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall hold his Office during the Term of four Years, and, together with the Vice-President chosen for the same Term, be elected, as follows:

Each State shall appoint, in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number of Electors, equal to the whole Number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress: but no Senator or Representative, or Person holding an Office of Trust or Profit under the United States, shall be appointed an Elector.

(The Electors shall meet in their respective States, and vote by Ballot for two persons, of whom one at least shall not lie an Inhabitant of the same State with themselves. And they shall make a List of all the Persons voted for, and of the Number of Votes for each; which List they shall sign and certify, and transmit sealed to the Seat of the Government of the United States, directed to the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall, in the Presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, open all the Certificates, and the Votes shall then be counted. The Person having the greatest Number of Votes shall be the President, if such Number be a Majority of the whole Number of Electors appointed; and if there be more than one who have such Majority, and have an equal Number of Votes, then the House of Representatives shall immediately chuse by Ballot one of them for President; and if no Person have a Majority, then from the five highest on the List the said House shall in like Manner chuse the President. But in chusing the President, the Votes shall be taken by States, the Representation from each State having one Vote; a quorum for this Purpose shall consist of a Member or Members from two-thirds of the States, and a Majority of all the States shall be necessary to a Choice. In every Case, after the Choice of the President, the Person having the greatest Number of Votes of the Electors shall be the Vice President. But if there should remain two or more who have equal Votes, the Senate shall chuse from them by Ballot the Vice-President.) (This clause in parentheses was superseded by the 12th Amendment.)

The Congress may determine the Time of chusing the Electors, and the Day on which they shall give their Votes; which Day shall be the same throughout the United States.

No person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any Person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty-five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States.

(In Case of the Removal of the President from Office, or of his Death, Resignation, or Inability to discharge the Powers and Duties of the said Office, the same shall devolve on the Vice President, and the Congress may by Law provide for the Case of Removal, Death,

Resignation or Inability, both of the President and Vice President, declaring what Officer shall then act as President, and such Officer shall act accordingly, until the Disability be removed, or a President shall be elected.) (This clause in parentheses has been modified by the 20th and 25th Amendments.)

The President shall, at stated Times, receive for his Services, a Compensation, which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the Period for which he shall have been elected, and he shall not receive within that Period any other Emolument from the United States, or any of them.

Before he enter on the Execution of his Office, he shall take the following Oath or Affirmation:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my Ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Section 2 - Civilian Power over Military, Cabinet, Pardon Power, Appointments

The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the Militia of the several States, when called into the actual Service of the United States (Where are our citizen defense groups today? - Editor); he may require the Opinion, in writing, of the principal Officer in each of the executive Departments, upon any subject relating to the Duties of their respective Offices, and he shall have Power to Grant Reprieves and Pardons for Offenses against the United States, except in Cases of Impeachment.

He shall have Power, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, to make Treaties, provided two thirds of the Senators present concur; and he shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the supreme Court, and all other Officers of the United States, whose Appointments are not herein otherwise provided for, and which shall be established by Law: but the Congress may by Law vest the Appointment of such inferior Officers, as they think proper, in the President alone, in the Courts of Law, or in the Heads of Departments.

The President shall have Power to fill up all Vacancies that may happen during the Recess of the Senate, by granting Commissions which shall expire at the End of their next Session.

Section 3 - State of the Union, Convening Congress

He shall from time to time give to the Congress Information of the State of the Union, and recommend to their Consideration such Measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient; he may, on extraordinary Occasions, convene both Houses, or either of them, and in Case of Disagreement between them, with Respect to the Time of Adjournment, he may adjourn them to such Time as he shall think proper; he shall receive Ambassadors and other public Ministers; he shall take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed, and shall Commission all the Officers of the United States.

Section 4 - Disqualification

The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors. **To Be Continued**

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