

What Happened to the "Pagosa" Free Press?

Because so many are asking, the short of it is... we simply don't know, but you deserve an answer. The longer version is that the paper was passed on to me, personally, and there was no "misunderstandings" of that fact. The disclaimer from Rick Baker printed in the last Free Press was agreed upon by us to proceed with things and attempting to make peace. The facts are these: For almost 4 months, Jeff Kelley and I

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DEFENDING THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW. . . AND RULE!

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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

Whistleblower Vindicated

By Lara Greenamyre

(Due to pending litigation, we cannot disclose at this time, some names, or other issues until this case is fully resolved and justice has been served.)

Over four months ago, beginning with her being fired by her boss, Paul Debock, of Ensignal, Lara Greenamyre's nightmare began. After bringing charges of sexual harassment against him, this same boss later accused Lara of illegally being in her previous place of employment, (See 9-23-08 FP, page 1). Lara was then charged with criminal trespass and had to deal with court issues for several months.

One court date turned it all around. She was offered a plea opportunity, which Lara turned down because it presumed guilt and continued to involve her with the courts and police. In the courtroom that day was a woman who was subpoenaed to provide time cards for evidence in this

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BEYOND THE POINT OF NO RETURN?

Staff Report
Jeff Maehr

Throughout history, one of the single greatest threats any people faced is being caught off guard or found to be asleep as to what their leaders were doing. Complacency, apathy, ignorance, comfort zones all work to sedate a population to where danger can approach unheeded and bring great damage because the people were not vigilant. History has repeated itself countless times in the past, and is in the midst of repeating itself within our very borders.

A few people have commented that the Free Press was too "negative," or had things that were "heavy" and hard to take. We agree, but it isn't done because we like to focus on negative things, but because "WE" have been warned and we want to sound the trumpet as well.

Here's an example: Imagine you were on the Titanic on April 14th, 1912. You are asleep in your bunk deep within the ship, and it was late at night. If someone saw that the ship was heading toward the iceberg, would you want them to wake you up so you could prepare for this disaster, or to not disturb your peaceful unconsciousness?

Imagine having the time to get a life jacket, go up top, get near a boat, all before the ship hit the iceberg. What if more people were warned? How about having some people, long before the ship hit the iceberg, watching,

vigilant in waters that icebergs were obvious? Would they have been able to sound the warning and steer the ship away from the iceberg?

The point is, the Free Press, and thousands of publications and groups across America are sounding the warnings on many issues. This issue has articles on these major efforts from even some elements of state government's themselves. America has been asleep far too long, and we have allowed the enemy to approach into our very lives and homes, and this enemy is destroying our economy, our freedoms, our industry and will eventually completely transform our way of life... all because we were not watch or involved with maintaining our freedoms. Freedom is NOT free, but we all have been guilty of freeloading on the backs of our Founding Families' sacrifices, and all those since who have been defending our rights and freedoms, even to death. The wake up call has been sounding through many sources, but so few take any of it seriously. For those who refuse to wake up, it usually takes a major life-changing disaster or hardship to get them to respond.

Did you know that only 10-15% of the population of America in the 1700's was interested or involved in bringing this nation into existence? The other's were comfortable with their chains and restricted freedoms and servitude. Today, it is the same, but the tidal wave coming toward us all is far bigger,

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ON CAPITOL HILL

Stimulus to ban religious worship; 'This isn't like a convenient oversight, this is intentional'

By Bob Unruh

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President Obama's proposed economic stimulus plan makes a deliberate – and unconstitutional – attempt to censor religious speech and worship on school campuses across the nation, according to a lawyer who argued related cases before the U.S. Supreme Court 20 years ago and won them all.

"This isn't like a convenient oversight. This is intentional. This legislation pokes its finger in the eyes of people who hold religious beliefs," Jay Sekulow, chief of the American Center for Law and Justice, told WND today. His was the organization that decades ago argued on behalf of speech freedom on school campuses, winning repeatedly at the U.S. Supreme Court. Since then, the 2001 Good News Club v. Milford Central School District decision was added, clarifying that restricting religious speech within the context of public shared-use facilities is unconstitutional.

The problem in the proposed stimulus bill comes from a provision that states: "PROHIBITED USES OF FUNDS. - No funds awarded under this section may be used for - (C) modernization, renovation, or repair of facilities - (i) used for sectarian instruction, religious worship, or a school or department of divinity; or (ii) in which a substantial portion of the functions of the facilities are subsumed in a religious mission."

The wording that specifically targets religious speech already has been

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WHAT'S INSIDE:

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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"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Wendell Phillips

Free Press Well Received Despite Rough Start

By Jeffrey T. Maehr
Publisher

Well, despite multiple setbacks, obstacles, errors and surprises, we finally got the first issue out. We are encouraged by all the positive comments and excitement of seeing the paper out again and addressing controversial issues, in various categories. We also appreciate the constructive comments that help us to grow in this project. We had calls within hours of the paper being out that showed it was being dispersed quickly.

This has been a major endeavor with a huge learning curve because we had to start, essentially, from scratch. What have been some of the challenges? First, learning a brand new program that creates the paper. Didn't have any help at all. Second, we were several days away from publishing, and we were notified that the printer didn't carry the old stock size which the Free Press used to be printed on which the layout was created under.

This meant, of course, we had to completely resize every page and article to either a larger size format, or a smaller one. If you haven't noticed, the first Free Press was larger than all previous editions, by 3 inches, top to bottom. This resizing created the obvious empty spaces on some of the pages. The time to take to resize all ads and pictures simply wasn't available. We considered delaying the paper further, but there were time-sensitive ads involved. Talk about frustration.

Another glitch came when the printer printed the wrong file sent to them. They normally print evenings, but they printed several hours earlier, so they did not get the newest file uploaded to their office.

The early printing was due to the bank payment not going through the previous day because of bank rules on sizes of payments in a 24 hour period. This delayed printing for a day, and they were anxious to get the paper done because of other jobs waiting to be printed, so they brought in several workers early to get it out and they missed the newer, updated file.

That week was one of the most stressful in my entire life. However, we survived it, and this edition is much improved. The larger size will accommodate larger ads now, and have more room for additional letters, articles, etc., and larger print size which we've had positive comments on as well, so get to writing.

We certainly appreciate the support in spite of the glitches and errors. It is humbling... and kind of discouraging... when one works so hard to get something out to help others, and there are so many glitches at once. Of

course, we have had a few negative comments or complaints, and that is usually the case on any project such as this. Overall, though, most have been very understanding, very supportive, and merciful.

We have received some great contacts with locals who are willing to help with editing and layout. Several pairs of eyes on a production you are mind-numb in reading sure helps. We also have some great leads on stories and drama of local situations, which we are following up on, and even have one in this issue.

So what happens now? **If you want REAL change, be ready to change!**

If you've been watching the news for the last 8 or so years, you'll realize that our **country** is in BIG trouble... capital T. Unless we all wake up to what is happening, and find out HOW to correct it, our way of life is over and we will regret every day of our future.

When it comes to serious situations, in any facet of life, the most fundamental, the most foundational issues are usually being ignored, and this causes a domino affect that eventually takes a life of its own, and usually many different avenues that all cause pain, suffering, loss, and worse.

Archuleta County is a microcosm of this, and when you multiply this by the thousands of countys across our country, our nation at large also becomes damaged. We can be the example.

We ask that everyone be patient as we grow into this new project. Mistakes will be made and as the community rejoins our efforts, we will be able to offer much more in subsequent editions.

So, in addition to what was stated in the "Back in the Saddle" article on Page 1 of the first issue, here's what we need help with; We welcome letters to the Editor and will print as many as we can. Of course, advertising is the lifeblood of any newspaper or magazine, and we will be working with local community businesses and appreciate those supporting us as they can. We know times are tough...

We would like to continue the classifieds, but we will have to charge a bit for these ads to help toward expenses as we begin, and hopeful we can get back to FREE. Remember, this is YOUR community newspaper and we need the help to make this work. Classified ad information can be found on page 12.

In order for us to print County issues, we need to have "YOU" providing the FP your "eyes and ears" on all that is transpiring, good or bad. We want to highlight those who are part of the solution but also shine a spotlight on those who are the problem and put pressure on them to quit any foolish, criminal and sometimes treasonous activities.

We mostly want articles on real issues, although light-hearted articles or other informative pieces are welcome, but we are in a critical time here, and we can't afford to be "entertaining ourselves to death."

The FP will be working with a national magazine group to provide information and resources to local communities across the country, county by county. This will be on every element of government, business, corporate, legal, court, constitutional, financial, etc., arenas, among others.

Knowledge is power, but it is useless if we have the knowledge, but we do not USE it. If you are tired of the "good ol boy club," then you have a lot to look forward to in the coming months. We look forward to working with you to better our county and country!

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worked on trying to get the data disks, the software program, advertiser information and records, the website domain, etc., and simply didn't get cooperation as we needed. (Ray Baker did help as he could).

We did get some data disks, but nothing else, including the very paper software promised by Rick Baker, and the domain he agreed to transfer. I could go into the actual facts, along with presenting email evidence of the sale of the paper to me, as well as witnesses to the transfer, along with website data showing that the paper was passed on, but I won't. (This evidence is available for anyone to examine).

When it was being claimed, in late January, (Why so long in making any obvious mention of some change of mind?) that Rick was still the owner of the Pagosa Free Press, (making us out to be liars) despite evidence to the contrary, and despite his not returning the agreement sent to him which he requested, (dated October 8, 2008), we decided to simply give Rick the name back and to move forward and not wade into a threatened law suit... (one we'd win hands down by the way for breach of contract).

We had decided this for several reasons: 1. We wanted to take

the high road in this issue and not be bogged down with foolish antics. 2. We wanted to change the name anyway, because we felt the paper was beneficial beyond "Pagosa" and will be welcome by a broader scope of communities.

3. We wanted to distance ourselves from any negative elements associated with the past publication which people remember. Now, mind you, we don't mind a fight for truth and justice, but one must pick their battles, and this one wasn't worth fighting. As we sow, we reap. That can't be escaped, by anyone.

The new name, Southwest Free Press, will help to create unity in our neck of the woods. We hope it will challenge you, stir you up, and bring more people together in a unified mindset and purpose... that of taking back our respective Counties, and our Country.

Yes, there will be controversial topics as you've already seen, but the facts and truth will remove any doubts once you investigate the issues "rulers" don't want you to know about. We will drive ahead until the communities, and other counties decide they don't want what the Free Press stands for... truth, freedom, rights, power and saving our way of life.

It isn't an easy road, but once you are on it, you will know its right and what's needed!

**YOU NEED THE FREE PRESS, THE
FREE PRESS NEEDS YOU.**
If we don't have your support, we disappear.

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Mission Statement:

The Southwest Free Press is newspaper dedicated to seeking the truth through research and investigation. We remain committed to the mission of the free press in a free society - as a light, exposing corruption, fraud, waste and abuse of power wherever and whenever it is found. We also seek to provide a free-and-open debate about the great moral and political ideas facing Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County, and our great Republic, by providing a truthful forum for our readers to interact with and join the Revolution to take our freedoms back. Reprinting permitted with reference to Southwest Free Press.

The History of SOUTHWEST Free Press

The Southwest Free Press was started by Jeff Maehr and Jeff Kelley as a continuation of the original Pagosa Free Press. It is published in Beautiful Pagosa Springs, Colorado. The FP grows with each issue, and we will carry the torch and bring topics that matter to County citizens and citizens across the Southwest, in all aspects of life, whether they yet realize it or not. Without the truth, we have no hope of a future worth living. We hope our countrymen and women feel the same and will join together into a strong, free People!

THE FUTURE?

That remains to be seen, and depends on all of us working together to bring change we "really" can believe in and support!

Legal Disclaimer

There is no legal advice within the pages of this paper. We do not offer legal advice on any topics within the Southwest Free Press. Any legal discussion is for information only and it is up to each of us to research the topics before making any decisions or acting on information within these pages. Any questions on legal issues should be discussed with an attorney, or researched on your own.

approved by the majority Democrats in the U.S. House – all GOP members opposed it. In the Senate, Jim DeMint, R-S.C., proposed an amendment to eliminate it, but again majority Democrats decided to keep the provision targeting religious instruction and activities. Critics argued schools would accept any money offered, then impose a ban on religious events.

DeMint warned organizations such as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Campus Crusade for Christ, Catholic Student Ministries, Hillel and other religious groups would face new bans on access to public facilities that would not apply to other organizations.

"This is a direct attack on students of faith, and I'm outraged Democrats are using an economic stimulus bill to promote discrimination," DeMint said. "Democrats should be ashamed of themselves for siding with the ACLU over millions of students of faith."

DeMint's comments have been posted online and also are embedded here:

"These students simply want equal access to public facilities, which is their constitutional right. This hostility toward religion must end. Those who voted to for this discrimination are standing in the schoolhouse door to deny people of faith from entering any campus building renovated by this bill," said DeMint.

The senator said the stimulus bill now becomes an "ACLU stimulus" that has the goal of triggering lawsuits "designed to intimidate religious organizations across the nation."

"This language is so vague, it's not clear if students can even pray in a dorm room renovated with this funding since that is a form of 'religious worship.' If this provision remains in the bill, it will have a chilling effect on students of faith in America," he said.

DeMint cited Obama's statement at the National Prayer Breakfast this week that faith "can promote a greater good for all of us. This provision is an assault against both. It's un-American and it's unconstitutional. Intolerant and it's intolerable," DeMint said. The ban on religious organizations is linked to the \$3.5 billion intended for "renovation of public or private college and university facilities."

The ACLJ, (American Center for Law and Justice) which focuses on constitutional law, said the provision "has nothing to do with economic stimulus and everything to do with religious discrimination."

"The thing is I litigated these cases on these exact issues 20 years ago," Sekulow told WND. "Not only did we win, two of the decisions were unanimous and the other was 8-1."

"We're seeing a rollback to the 1970s regarding church-state relations," he said. "That's what is troubling. It is a complete rollback that now institutionalizes discrimination through targeting religion."

Sekulow said he already is drafting a complaint that will challenge the constitutionality of the provision, to be used if it isn't removed. He said under current court precedents, it will be an open-and-shut victory. However, he also warned that the problem is the damage that can be done within the probable four years it would take to get the issue to the U.S. Supreme Court and what that court would look like at that point. Under Obama, he said, "there will be an ideology shift." New appointments to the bench by Obama, he said, would be "much more left of where Justices (Ruth Bader) Ginsburg and (Stephen) Breyer are."

Open letter to all Banks:

Citizens of the Southwest request an answer to the following questions!

1. Please provide documentation which authorizes you to remove funds from private citizens accounts without a court order and without Due Process for any given individual when you are sent any "Notice of Lien," or any other unperfected notice from the IRS or State revenue department demanding funds from our citizens for alleged taxes or other alleged debts.

2. Please provide documentation proving you have authority to demand social security numbers from individuals opening accounts that have no interest or financial elements that anyone has jurisdiction over, and prove that jurisdiction.

3. Please provide documentation that you have authority to use a social security number as identification purposes contrary to federal law regarding social security numbers.

4. Please provide documentation that proves you are an agent of the IRS or State Department of Revenue required to provide documentation of private individuals and their business and financial matters, and provide this documentation showing signatures of agents and their authority over you, as a fiduciary agent of private citizens.

Citizens of the Southwest place ALL banks on NOTICE, that unless we receive documentation of your legal right to act as you have been, that if you take one more step against our citizens in stealing their funds and damaging their credit under the color of law, that you will be held liable for damages for fraud, racketeering, oppression, willful and wonton disregard for law and violation of civil rights, and you will be held accountable in a court of law, or the court of public opinion.

Also, be NOTICED that unless you comply with the law and constitution, we will secure a bank that will obey the law, or we will start our own bank and bring charges against all banks that continue to violate the law and citizen's rights!

The Southwest Free Press will print all answers to these questions from banks, but be noticed that the answers MUST have legal backing. Any bank that takes a stand with our citizens and against the fraud that has been practiced for decades by most every bank in the country, will be supported by southwest citizens.

Taxed to Death (Author unknown)

Tax his land, Tax his bed,
Tax the table at which he's fed.
Tax his tractor, Tax his mule,
Teach him taxes are the rule.
Tax his work, Tax his pay,
He works for peanuts anyway!
Tax his cow, Tax his goat,
Tax his pants, Tax his coat.
Tax his ties, Tax his shirt,
Tax his work, Tax his dirt.
Tax his tobacco, Tax his drink,
Tax him if he tries to think.
Tax his cigars, Tax his beers,
If he cries Tax his tears.
Tax his car, Tax his gas,
Find other ways to tax his ass.
Tax all he has then let him know

That you won't be done till he has no dough.

When he screams and hollers, Then tax him some more,
Tax him till He's good and sore.
Then tax his coffin, Tax his grave,
Tax the sod in Which he's laid.
Put these words Upon his tomb,
"Taxes drove me to my doom..."

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

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Cigarette Tax
Corporate Income Tax
Dog License Tax
Excise Taxes
Federal Income Tax
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Fuel Permit Tax
Gasoline Tax x (44.75 cents per gallon)
Gross Receipts Tax
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Inheritance Tax
Inventory Tax
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Watercraft Registration Tax
Well Permit Tax
Workers Compensation Tax

STILL THINK THIS IS FUNNY?

Not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago, and our nation was the most prosperous in the world. We had absolutely no national debt, had the largest middle class in the world, and Mom could stay home to raise the kids. How did this happen? Can you spell "politicians?"

And I still have to "press 1" for English!?!?!?!?

Attention citizens of ALL counties in the Southwest - We need a citizen's defense & support group!

It doesn't take a genius to know that our country is in trouble... and is in need of citizens to support lawful, constitutional and just plain "right" actions.

We believe it is the right of every private citizen to be part of a united effort to provide safety and security to its collective citizens, regardless of their counties or states.

Given the recent statistics on drug cartel activity... (See "news brief, page 10), we should be waking up to the real threats we all face right here in the southwest, and beyond.

We are calling on all citizens who are willing to join forces with local citizens to form a "civilian police force," or some similar group to support each other in times of disaster, national or state sovereignty threats, personal or community threats, or any other threat from without or within.

This will be a group, like hundreds across the country being formed in, conjunction with police and sheriff departments, to protect grass root citizens, and to hold all people to the Rule of Law.

This author lived in Pasadena, California for 9 years. Just prior to his move to Colorado, He was accepted into a Pasadena Citizens Police Force program they established as a support to police, and as an "incognito" group within the populace that were trained in basic elements of crises, crime and emergencies.

Many counties across the country have groups, such as "Colorado State Defense Force, civilian police force, citizen emergency task force, Sheriff support team," that are trained by police/sheriff experts to be a support to local authorities, for emergency situations and to help against the criminal elements that threaten our citizens should some happen upon such activities.

Realize that the local Sheriff has the authority to deputize anyone he wishes to assist him in law enforcement efforts. This is just one part of that authority. Most Sheriffs want a team they can depend on and who have been

trained in various elements of law enforcement tactics, emergency procedures in accidents, and more.

We are planning to develop such a task force for our local communities, and are looking for any and all men, and women, ages 25 and above, who want to be part of such a task force and to receive basic training in law enforcement, constitutional law, and serve in defense and support of our communities in whatever manner necessary.

Contrary to popular belief, a state "Militia," which is what is going through most minds right about now, is a constitutionally mandated requirement. Militias were the first level of "Homeland Security" and were made up of citizens who could defend the local colonies, the state, and the union, if necessary.

By deterring crimes, tyranny, corruption and usurpation locally, through vigilant citizens, there would be no need for statewide or nationwide battles against the same. Edwin Vieira, Constitutional attorney, stated in his excellent discourse on the second amendment and citizen protection...

<http://www.newswithviews.com/Vieira/edwin15.htm>

"Deterrence is always the best defense. And preparedness makes deterrence credible."

What we want is a "local" group that is looking to serve the local community, protect its citizens if necessary, and able to present a force against corruption in government, the growing gangs and illegal activity which is moving through the southwest with impunity and damaging our freedoms and threatening our lives and safety.

This isn't a call to return to the wild west days. It is a call to do what they did in the "wild west days..." to provide enforcement means against such activities that threaten our rights, our lives, our finances or our freedoms.

We want to hear from YOU!!!

Simply send an email, letter or phone call to our hotline number or contact us by phone directly (all available on page 2) and we will begin to develop a list of those who are ready to defend freedoms, rights, and the Rule of Law, and stop the madness taking place across our country and county.

Send us your thoughts as letters to the editor. Pros, cons, benefits, risks... This dialog is happening in many places, and Pagosa, or any other community in the southwest, is NOT immune to threats to our safety and freedoms. We have forgotten that it was the citizens who were instrumental in founding this country, and in defending freedoms. **Freedom is NOT free!**

This isn't for the faint of heart. it IS for those who are tired of the lawlessness, and how it is making inroads into our country and counties, and presumptuously thumbing its nose at us all. It is for those who are tired of feeling helpless, and joining with like-minded citizens who love their community and citizens and who want to become a formidable force in support of law, the Constitution, and freedom.

Imagine a hotline call/paging system that would rally a hundred responders against any and all threats against our citizens and counties, gang related, disaster driven, or plain government corruption and lawlessness. We can be prepared and not be taken unawares.

Look for a notice for a time and place to meet to discuss this project. Many have expressed a desire for such a team, and many others will see a day when they are thankful such a team exists. This is happening across the country, and these times demand we be prepared for the possibilities that could happen.

We have interest from local law enforcement personnel in being involved with this project, who can do training, and assure quality and safety. We invite the entire Sheriff's department (or any others with law enforcement backgrounds) to take part in this project, and to do all they can to support our citizen's rights and safety. The police and Sheriff's deputies can't be everywhere. In fact the courts state that the police and Deputies "have no duty to protect us," so who does this leave to depend on in times of need?

Let's be one step ahead of trouble, not be caught unprepared, and be ready and willing to step in to do all we can in any given situation. It is the wisest and safest thing to do.

United we stand, divided we fall. There is no escaping this fact!

The Story Of Leo Wanta 'The 27.5 Trillion Dollar Man'

A former U.S. Treasury official appointed trustee to a large sum of money by President Ronald Reagan, Wanta holds the financial "golden key" to 27.5 trillion dollars, money he says is now held in public trust for the American people.

To back up Wanta's trustee status as protector of trillions, a federal judge in Alexandria, Virginia, in 2003, ruled in his favor, saying Wanta's trustee status is legally binding and the money is rightfully the property of the American people.

The key issue is that the megabankers and elite don't want this fund to get into the hands of the American people, who actually own this money, because they will lose their financial control over the world. Many nations are desiring this fund to be legally released since they will also benefit. Source: <http://www.rense.com/general70/leo.htm>.

FREE Aaron Russo film, Freedom to Fascism:

Expose on the IRS and Federal Reserve.

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<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-1656880303867390173>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ueEfRXZCVA> (11 part series, easier to schedule viewing times).

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IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF HELP:

Please call and let us know your need. We do not donate money, but we will help you in any way we can.

I will facilitate the NEIGHBOR2NEIGHBOR program in Pagosa Springs for 3 months. We are looking for another volunteer to step up to facilitate Neighbor2Neighbor for 3 months after that.

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Staff Report
 Jeff Maehr

The Free Press has received information from Freedom Law School regarding ongoing seminars across the Country by noted Constitutional Attorney, Tom Cryer. Mr. Cryer, a 30 year lawyer in Shreveport, Louisiana, spent two years researching the entire history of the income tax, including the Internal Revenue Code itself. He has been an avid student of the Constitution his entire life and he knows THE TRUTH. If, after 2 years of researching, he couldn't locate the laws making most American's subject to income taxation, and he proved "income" was NOT constitutionally taxable, then what laws compel us to pay income taxes?

The IRS attacked Mr. Cryer, and charged him with willful tax evasion." Nationally renowned tax defense attorney Larry Becraft was lead counsel backed up by long-time tax honesty advocate attorney George Harp. Together, the two, working closely with Mr. Cryer, discharged a brilliant defense, and in the end, Mr. Cryer was acquitted of all charges. The laws are clear, and the IRS couldn't prove their case.

Now, we have the opportunity, if we want it, to have Mr. Cryer and team for a one day seminar if the numbers are right. Imagine learning what the IR Code actually says, what the Constitution says, and learn how to build a strong foundation "paper trail" based on laws and truth. This is a valuable seminar that can

change your life if you want it to. When you learn what the laws and courts actually say, you will be empowered to take back your finances.

The Free Press wants to hear from you if you'd be interested in such a seminar. The costs depend on the numbers we can generate. Mr. Cryer does NOT get paid for doing this service. He simply wants to be able to cover expenses for his team and materials.

Costs for this seminar range from \$50-80 per person, which is cheap for this kind of information. It also includes the manual of the actual legal information he used in court.

We can have an affect on this cost if we can help locate a free or inexpensive hall to use for the seminar that will house 100 or more people, which is what we want to achieve for this to work.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in this project. April 15th isn't far away, and having this knowledge could save you a bundle in the future.



Tom Cryer
 Constitutional Lawyer

Drop us a line at taxseminar@southwestfreepress.com with your name and contact information, or call our hotline number at (970) 731-7311 and leave us a message. If the interest is there, we will look to contact Mr. Cryer and determine seminar costs. The greater the number of people attending, the lower the costs for us all.

If you are tired of paying unconstitutional taxes, and tired fearing the IRS, and want to be empowered by the truth and laws, you'll definitely commit to this seminar.

Keep in mind that no one seeking to lower their taxes legally is a "tax protestor." What is happening across the country is a tax "honesty" movement. Taxes are legal when they comply with law. They are illegal if they do not.

Do YOU want to pay taxes that you legally do NOT owe? You have the legal right to do that, (courts have ruled on this) and you can also "volunteer" to file the 1040 form as often as you wish. Most of us don't want to continue in this facade, and have vital issues to spend money on and NOT for unconstitutional bailouts and more.

Come with your challenges, your questions, your feedback... learn the truth and then make a decision based on knowledge and not presumption. This could be the first step in your move toward regaining your freedom that has been stolen from you.

Keep in mind that other such seminars at classes are planned as well, so join our "Legal Club" (page 16) to obtain a wealth of knowledge that is a must for a free people!

Draft & Involuntary Service in America?

"National Service" and Conscription: A Question of Ownership

By William Norman Grigg

Government-mandated "community service" is integral to Barack Obama's vision of "change." Obama has described such service as a key element of creating "a new era of responsibility -- a recognition on the part of every American that we have duties to ourselves, our nation and the world; duties that we do not grudgingly accept, but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit, so defining of our character than giving our all to a difficult task."

Actually, there is nothing novel about Obama's emphasis on government-imposed citizen "service." National service, in some form, has been endorsed by every U.S. president since George Bush the Elder. But none has promoted it as insistently as Barack Obama.

Of course, most Americans are hardly strangers to responsibility. They hold jobs, provide for families, and perform volunteer work for schools and churches. Thousands of acts of service occur literally every second of every day in America, both in the form of mutually beneficial business transactions and charitable deeds performed out of conviction.

The problem with such service, apparently, is that it is neither mandated nor brokered by the government. So from the perspective of those who believe that life should be organized by the state, such spontaneous service simply doesn't count.

Before it created a small but significant scandal, the Obama campaign's position paper on national service promised that as president he would "inspire" Americans to render "universal

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voluntary service."

It was not explained how service could be both "universal" and truly "voluntary": Was the assumption that differences over opinion regarding the proper type of "service" would simply vanish? Or would the reluctance of many Americans to surrender valuable time to carry out government-approved activities be overcome by the sheer power of Obama's charisma?

Obama's vision of "Universal Voluntary Service," as originally outlined in his campaign literature, displayed far greater ambition and more than a touch of authoritarianism: "Obama will call on citizens of all ages to serve America, by developing a plan to require 50 hours of community service in middle school and high school and 100 hours of community service in college every year." The blueprint likewise called for the

expansion of AmeriCorps from 75,000 to 250,000 and the creation of five separate "Corps" of government-funded "volunteers" to deal with education, health, energy, veterans affairs, and homeland security.

One element of the Obama plan, the "Classroom Corps," employed frankly militaristic language, stating that the administration would "enlist" retired teachers, "recruit" civic leaders, and "draft" parents, grandparents, and others to serve as mentors.

The campaign for "universal voluntary service" is bipartisan and enjoys enthusiastic support from the mainstream media. Richard Stengel, Time magazine's managing editor, is co-chair of Service Nation, a non-profit established to promote Obama's service campaign. Former GOP presidential candidate John McCain has joined with Obama in promoting government-imposed service.

Tony Blankley, who served as chief of staff for former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, has called in his new book *American Grit* for the re-introduction of a universal military draft.

Blankley's proposed system is similar to legislation being promoted by House Democrat Charles Rangel; it would require all Americans who turn 18 to spend two years either in military service or in a government-selected "Homeland Security" role. He proposes a "compulsory program for all Americans aged eighteen or nineteen, men and women, after most have graduated from high school. The military, reviewing these graduates' transcripts, extracurricular activities, and medical reports, would select however many they needed to fulfill their draft allotments for a two-year period of military service. Those not chosen by the military would undertake a two-year service obligation."

Setting a tone likely to be emulated by other Republicans, Blankley condemns Obama's national service proposal not because it represents a presumptuous imposition on the lives of Americans, but because it wouldn't provide soldiers for ongoing and envisioned military conflicts.

"We will soon be faced with the choice of severely scaling back our role in the world or expanding the army through conscription," observes Blankley, blithely assuming that the former option is simply inadmissible. Since "there is a limit to the number of people willing to volunteer to be a soldier," the government must return to a system its critics consider nothing less than military slavery.

All "national service" proposals, whether civilian or military, are rooted in the assumption that individuals owe service to the State -- indeed, that the State has the first claim on the individual's time, labor, and wealth.

Although the legally protected practice of chattel slavery ended roughly a century and a half ago,

politicians routinely insist that the government is entitled to claim uncompensated labor from the citizenry in the name of "community" or "national" service.

The first American public figure of significant stature to endorse this concept was philosopher and psychologist William James, who in 1910 urged "a conscription of the whole youthful population. . . for a certain number of years as part of the army enlisted against Nature." James envisioned a national system of conscript labor to build roads and bridges, skyscrapers and tunnels; to extract ore from the ground, and fish from the sea; and to do various other kinds of manual labor as a way of having "the childishness knocked out of them."

Military conscription, which is the most severe form of "national service," is based on the idea that the people exist to protect the government.

Through government-imposed labor, James insisted, young men "would have paid their blood-tax" to the amorphous entity called "society" without serving in the military. In fact, it was through this proposal for universal conscription that James infected American political discourse with the phrase "moral equivalent of war," an expression that has become one of our more obnoxious clichés.

William James was not the first or only one to propose universal conscription. The eighth plank of the Communist Manifesto dictates a "universal liability of all to labor" as the state directs, and the creation of state-supervised "industrial armies."

After seizing power in Russia through the Bolshevik coup, Vladimir Lenin demanded that his subjects consider themselves part of a "great army of free labor" to be deployed as the ruling oligarchy saw fit: "The generation that is now 15 years old. . . must arrange all the tasks of their education in such a way that every day, in every city, the young people shall engage in the practical solution of the problem of common labor, even the smallest, most simple kind."

Undergirding such grand pronouncements is the shared assumption that only labor or "service" that is mandated and supervised by the state is worthwhile. Left to attend to their own business, human beings have an amazing capacity to serve each other in mutually beneficial ways.

But this is done without the intrusive and presumptuous involvement of social engineers who desire to correct what they see as defects in the way other people live. For such people "service" is simply unsatisfactory unless it somehow helps build and fortify the state. And to them the state of crisis produced by a war, or the "moral equivalent" thereof, is useful as a pretext for the regimentation of society.

This is why aspiring social engineers welcomed the onset of World War I, which offered unprecedented opportunities for government intervention in private

life.

During World War I, Bernard Baruch, chairman of the Wilson administration's War Industries Board, brazenly endorsed the concept of state ownership of every American:

"Every man's life is at the call of the nation and so must be every man's property. We are living today in a highly organized state of socialism. The state is all; the individual is of importance only as he contributes to the welfare of the state. His property is his only as the state does not need it. He must hold his life and possessions at the call of the state."

Baruch insisted that this form of human bondage -- that is, the ownership of one person by another -- was not prohibited by the 13th Amendment, since "involuntary service for a private master is and has been clearly and repeatedly defined by the Supreme Court as slavery." This isn't the case, he insisted, regarding the military draft of conscripted labor, since in those arrangements there "is but one master. . . and that master is America."

In its decision in the 1918 Selective Draft Cases, the Supreme Court took a very similar approach to the 13th Amendment in dealing with the World War I military draft: Grandly describing compelled military service as "the supreme and noble duty" of a citizen, the High Court simply insisted that the amendment didn't apply.

The common understanding is that government exists to protect the lives and individual rights of citizens. Military conscription, which is the most severe form of "national service," is based on the idea that the people exist to protect the government. This principle was given voice in a July 1863 editorial supporting the draft in which the *New York Times* claimed that "our national authority has the right -- to every dollar and every right arm for its protection" (emphasis added).

In any form, government-compelled "service" is an assertion of state ownership of the individual, and a violation of the most fundamental property right -- self-ownership. In the Western tradition of individual liberty under law, no other human being, either individually or acting as part of a collective, can properly claim ownership over any part of our lives, or the product of our exertions, without our consent. That consent can be expressed through contract, commerce, covenant, or charity. It cannot properly be obtained through coercion or fraud.

Thomas Jefferson, in a letter written to John Adams during the

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War for Independence, referred to conscription as "the last of all oppressions." If the State can steal you -- not just your labor, but your physical being -- as those controlling it see fit, you have no rights.

**Phone Scam Hits
Local Business!**

Staff Report
Jeff Maehr

The Free Press received a call from a local business owner regarding a strange call she recently received to her business. Cris Powe, who owns "Christine's Cuisine," a local catering service, received a call from a supposedly "deaf" person who was using a translation service to communicate to Cris. The caller requested 150 chicken salad sandwiches. Because of the translation difficulty, the caller switched to emailing Chris.

He stated he would send his shipper to pick the sandwiches up, and requested that Chris pay his shipper \$1480 for the shipping and cost of the sandwiches, and that he would provide her his credit card to pay her back. (Duh)

Of course, Cris realized this was an idiotic request, and told him no, after which he was no longer interested in the sandwiches. Cris happened to mention this event to a friend, Bob Goetzinger, who, appropriately 6 months ago, was selling beagle puppies. He received a phone call from a "deaf" man through a translator service requesting a puppy be shipped to

him. This caller wanted to pay Bob with a check for \$1500 and requested Bob send him, along with the puppy, the balance of \$1200, in cash. Needless to say, this, too, was rejected by Bob as an obvious attempt to rip him off.

This sort of scam has been going on for years across America. This author had this attempt several times in his own business, and reported it to the FBI. Scams such as these usually involve requests for large orders of some kind to be shipped to some destination, oftentimes International, and the offer to pay with a credit card, which in most cases, is stolen. These two examples are almost childish in their expectations of grown adults but these people play the odds.

If such a call comes, it would be good to obtain as much information as you can on the caller, his or her contact information, and when they provide a credit card for something that isn't as ridiculous as the two examples above, contact the credit card company immediately and check to see whether this card has been reported stolen, and notify Police.

These predators likely succeed to some extent because the scam attempts continue, so beware.

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Freedom From Government

President Obama signed an executive order last week continuing the faith-based initiatives program created by former President Bush. When the program was created, I warned that giving taxpayer money to private religious organizations would eventually lead to political control and manipulation of them. This week has provided some evidence that this was a justified concern.

The logic behind funding faith-based initiatives seemed reasonable to some. Private organizations are much more effective in charitable endeavors than government programs and bureaucracies. Therefore, why not "outsource" some of the government's welfare-state activities to these worthy organizations? This appealed to many conservatives, especially after the follow-up executive order exempting recipients from discriminatory hiring laws, which assured many that taking federal funds would not jeopardize their control over their own operations. But beware the government program started under an administration you like, for it may look a lot different under the one you don't. Exemptions that Bush gave, Obama can take away.

But now, dependencies on federal money have been set, operations have been expanded accordingly, and many charities are waiting breathlessly for the administration to tell them what new conditions they will have to meet. With the stroke of a pen, religious charities might not be able to take into consideration a job applicant's faith, sexual orientation or lifestyle if they wish to remain eligible for that taxpayer money that was so enticing a few years ago. Similarly, if FOCA (Freedom of Choice Act) is passed, will Catholic Church hospitals be forced to offer abortion services to retain their federal funding? Can they

remain solvent without it?

This is the major problem with basing a private business model on the receipt of government funds. This money does not come without control, or the future possibility of control. We are seeing parallel control grabs in industries that have recently been the recipients of taxpayer largess. Government officials are now discussing executive compensation on Wall Street, banking, and in the auto industry. How much is too much to pay someone? When is a bonus deserved? But because politicians have bought their way into these industries, these are now political decisions. It is easy to utilize class envy to whip up public support for these interventions, but government always slides down the slippery slope. Politicians are also discussing other aspects of these businesses in which they are not expert, such as, what should lending standards be? What sort of cars should we direct the auto industry to make? Once government money infiltrates a balance sheet, "taxpayers" meaning "politicians" have a say in how you operate.

Money is the Trojan horse that government uses to infiltrate and infect organizations. Funding that, on the outset, is designed to strengthen and support, will bureaucratize and regulate in the end. It is sad to see charities now having reason to focus on lobbying, regulatory compliance and paper pushing to get and retain money taken by force, rather than beefing up private, voluntary fundraising activities. Those tempted to join Washington's ongoing bailout bonanza should instead take the famed advice of former First Lady Nancy Reagan on the acceptance of harmful and addictive substances and "Just Say No" to government money. This is the best protection from government control.

Mortgage Forensic Investigations Helping Homeowners keep their homes! (Press Release)

Florida's premier mortgage fraud investigation and forensic mortgage auditing firm, is proud to announce the opening of its sister company, MFI-DC.

Steve Dibert, the president of MFI-DC, founded MFI-Miami in May of 2008 and has been featured in The Boston Herald, National Mortgage News, and on CNBC. He's widely recognized as an expert in the field of forensic mortgage auditing.

The purpose of MFI-DC is to determine if homeowners have been victims of predatory lending. To make this determination, MFI-DC examines as many documents as possible. Predatory lending can be difficult to pinpoint without a full analysis of all the loan documents and the circumstances of the loan process that only an experienced professional can identify.

"My staff and I examine the broker's documents, the lender's documents, the appraisal and the title company's documents," says Steve Dibert. "We request about 20-30 different documents from each party involved in the transaction, and we have a checklist of about 80-100 items that we seek."

MFI-DC examines all the evidence and then arms the consumer with a report that can be used to negotiate better terms for a short sale or loan modification, or to bring litigation against the

lender. Steve Dibert says, "We arm our clients with more than a slingshot in their fight with Goliath. We provide them with the weapons to defend their castle and win!"

MFI-DC's clients come to the firm through referrals from trial attorneys, real estate agents, and loan modification companies, in addition to the company's website, www.mfi-dc.com.

About MFI-DC:

Located in Washington, DC, MFI-DC conducts forensic mortgage audits and mortgage fraud investigations. MFI-DC is only one of about five firms nationally that conduct forensic audits by hand (not including its sister companies). MFI-DC looks for violations of RESPA, TILA, HOEPA, HMDA, FCRA, FACTA, the FTC Act, ECOA, FHA, and SCRA. MFI-DC is also only one of a few firms that investigate the transfer of the securitization instruments of the client's mortgage. For more information, visit www.mfi-dc.com, contact 301-979-9577, or email steve@mfi-dc.com.

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(For information on foreclosures, and what you can do about it, please see "Foreclosure Defense," Page 16)

Trivia Question: Do State Police have jurisdiction to ticket you on any road in the state? (Answer found elsewhere)

FIREARMS REFRESHER COURSE:

1. An armed man is a citizen. An unarmed man is a subject.
2. A gun in the hand is better than a cop on the phone.
3. Colt: The original point and click interface.
4. Gun control is not about guns; it's about control.
5. If guns are outlawed, can we use swords?
6. If guns cause crime, then pencils cause misspelled words.
7. Free men do not ask permission to bear arms.
8. If you don't know your rights, you don't have any.
9. Those who trade liberty for security have neither.
10. The United States Constitution (c)1791. All Rights Reserved.
11. What part of "shall not be infringed" do you not understand?
12. The Second Amendment is in place in case the politicians ignore the others.
13. 64,999,987 firearms owners killed no one yesterday.
14. Guns only have two enemies; rust and politicians.
15. Know guns, know peace, know safety.No guns, no peace, no safety.
16. You don't shoot to kill; you shoot to stay alive.
17. 911: Government sponsored Dial-a-Prayer.
18. Assault is a behavior, not a device.
19. Criminals love gun control; it makes their jobs safer.
20. If guns cause crime, then matches cause arson.
21. Only a government that is afraid of its citizens tries to control them.
22. You have only the rights you are willing to fight for.
23. Enforce the gun control laws we ALREADY have; don't make more.
24. When you remove the people's right to bear arms, you create slaves.
25. The American Revolution would never have happened with gun control.

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Truth Attack Calls for Suspension of Personal Income Tax. By Truth Attack (truthattack.org)

Truth Attack, a nation-wide organization of Freedom Movement groups and patriots, whose stated mission is "putting the government back in its box—one tentacle at a time", announced today that it has called for Congress to put the water on the fire, not on the arsonist, by suspending collection and withholding of the personal income tax.

According to Truth Attack founder and spokesman, Tom Cryer, "Americans are universally alarmed and angered by the nonchalant manner in which the federal government has been shoveling out our money—even if it is phony money—to help big business and the wealthy when it is the families, the real force that drives our society and our economy, that are the ones who are truly in need of relief."

Cryer says that "The current bail-outs and so-called stimulus package are classic Congressional stupidity. When a tyrant is starving his people we send grain to the tyrant. Now, we're doing that all over again. What is wrong with that picture?"

Truth Attack says that if Congress and the president really want to reverse the melt-down of our economy, then they should get out of the way and let the real strength of this nation, its people, take care of it. Truth Attack is demanding that Congress suspend the withholding and collection of the income tax from working American families, effective immediately.

Truth Attack cites a number of advantages that would bring about an instant upswing in the economy:

- Put the water on the fire, not on the arsonist.
- The "cost" would be interest free and only a small fraction of the hand-outs Congress is making or proposing to businesses and state and local governments
 - No additional FRN's would have to be printed, eliminating the inflationary effect of printing (and borrowing) more to reward failed policies and bad judgment (and no checks or paperwork would be required, saving millions of trees)
 - Stopping the burdensome "federal rake" off the top of every State's economy would release the brakes and allow those economies to blossom as they should
 - Leaving earnings in the families that earned them will, without any expenditure, inject funds where they are most needed, permitting many to pay their house notes with their own money and reducing the foreclosures that are resulting from bad government policy on red zones and bad judgment on the part of lending firms and industry
 - Local, state and national economies would BOOM as a result of the weekly increases in household revenues across the country
 - Local and state tax revenues would SOAR as a result of the economic boom, permitting the States to operate without federal assistance ("Congressmen do want their States to be independent, don't they?" Cryer injects.)
 - Federal revenues from the scores of other federal taxes would SOAR, recouping much if not all revenue lost by suspending the imposition of the income tax on working America
 - Americans will be able to enjoy the standard of living they have earned and deserve by exercising their God-given, constitutionally protected, tax exempt right to earn a living for themselves and their families

Cryer added that these are crucial times that require Congress to reexamine the direction it has been leading the country, asking "Where are their priorities? With the people who elected them? With the States they represent? With the nation they are supposed to be serving? Or somewhere (or worse, someone) else?"

Truth Attack is a coalition of Freedom Movement organizations, including tax honesty movement groups, constitution-oriented groups and a number of veterans' groups who share an interest in restoring a constitutionally limited federal republic. It is determined to unify the freedom movement, focusing resources on one issue, "one tentacle", at a time. The first tentacle is what Truth Attack cites as the biggest fraud perpetrated in the history of man-kind, what it claims is the illicit application of the income tax to American citizens and families.

According to Truth Attack and many others, including the United States Supreme Court, all Americans have a fundamental, constitutionally protected right to earn a living through their own labor. The exercise of a fundamental right is, also according to Truth Attack and the Supreme Court, constitutionally exempt from taxation. Cryer points out that "The power to tax is the power to destroy. If Congress can tax our rights, it can destroy our rights. What is next? A tax on going to church? A tax on free speech?"

Truth Attack also has thousands of members, Truth Troopers, located in all fifty states. In what Truth Attack calls "Operation Stop Thief!" Truth Troopers, joined by thousands from across the spectrum of the Freedom Movement, assembled in front of more than 700 post offices on April 15 last year, handing out information to over a half million last minute tax return filers. OST II is scheduled to be repeated this April 15 and Truth Attack hopes to double the number of post offices covered.

Cryer is quick to point out that the ripples, the ill effects of the income tax, don't stop with the economic crippling of the American family and the States, "It has been proven beyond any doubt that the burden of the income tax is directly related to crime rates, divorce rates, frequency of child abuse and even teen pregnancy rates." Cryer cites a comprehensive study, Income Tax Causes Crime, that Cryer says "leaves no room for doubt that suspending the illicit application of the income tax to working American families will relieve the stresses causing and aggravating those social ills."

"President Obama claims he wants to help what he calls the 'ordinary' people as well as the 'prominent' people. This is his chance to prove that he serves both 'classes' of citizens, both the American aristocracy like the owners of the Federal Reserve and big business and peasants like the rest of us," Cryer concluded.

Source: Truth Attack, www.truthattack.org, 4348 Youree Dr., Shreveport, LA 71105; 318 866-9966

Source: <http://blackhillsportal.com/npps/story.cfm?id=2913> for video and text!

From Page 9 **Trivia answer:** NO! State police ONLY have jurisdiction to ticket citizens on STATE highways, so if you get stopped and ticketed on ANY other road, county or whatever, they have violated the law, and you can fight this in court... so be q-u-i-e-t when they do this... OR... challenge them... but they could then call the Sheriff and have them ticket you. If you decide to warn them and they ignore your warning of lack of jurisdiction, and ticket you anyway, sign the ticket with "under duress" above your name, and be sure the road location is on the ticket. Very helpful when you challenge jurisdiction and defend your rights with the law. They HAVE to prove jurisdiction to ticket you!

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Uphold the Constitution!

Election to the presidency did not sanctify Obama nor give him integrity, virtue, honesty, intelligence, insight, benevolence nor obedience to God. He has already attacked God, His Constitution, His commandments and virtues, our inalienable rights, our freedoms, our nation and its sovereignty and laws. Is that not what nations and peoples understand as criminal and treasonous? Everything he has done is calculated to destroy our economy, our government, our nation and any respect we had in the world. His "change" is merely more of that which we have had, the entire preceding century.

Americans who do not want to be slaves must stand together to protect our freedoms and inalienable rights, as well as our very lives. We must let our government know, those who are supposed to be working for us, that they cannot, with impunity, break the law and get away with it.

We must inform our representatives and senators that we are calling for mandatory Impeachment of Obama or anyone else who promotes or votes for anything not specifically allowed them in the Constitution, anything which would usurp function or authority of any other branch or level of government (no presidents going to war, no judiciary making laws, rewriting the Constitution with their decisions or interpretations, no usurpation of state or local authority, etc.), anything which would destroy the Constitution, our inalienable rights, freedoms, nation or sovereignty, nothing which would subject us to ANY FOREIGN NATION OR POWER, such as the UN, its NATO or various other tentacles, any international treaties and entanglements, such as preferential treatment of illegal foreigners, especially the criminals (is that not what those who break the law are called?), and anything which would preclude the federal government's removal from all aspects in which it has no business, education, religion, business, medical, our right and ability to defend ourselves, especially our defense against the federal government, or any other business.

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Does Archuleta County Own Google?

Recently I decided to go to the Archuleta County Internet site to do some research and ask a question, or two. You see I was especially concerned about how much property tax I, and the rest of my friends and neighbors, pay for the seemingly little service we receive in this county, especially when driving on these car wrecker roads and having dealt with an oil pan ripped off a car on Park ave. When I clicked on the link "Comments/Suggestions" I was taken to www.archuletacounty.org/Comments.asp. I proceeded to ask a couple of questions of our public servants that seemed reasonable since I, we, pay their salaries and they actually do, or should, work for us. After filling out all the appropriate blanks I clicked the "submit" button and was immediately taken to "Google". At that moment it occurred to me that I had been presented with this scenario about 2 years ago. At the time I thought it was simply a mistake but have now come to realize that these sorts of incidents are rarely, or rather never, mistakes when it comes to government entities. Maybe I am wrong and the county owns google and considers it a valid way to address its' citizens.

A fundamental principle that this country was founded on is redress of grievance. Although the comments/suggestions page may not be the "official" avenue to pursue this it seems that if they have it on their site it should actually be an honest and sincere medium of exchange. I wonder if some state statute is being violated by this smoke and mirrors ruse?

It seems that the people at the local government offices, at least those in charge of their Internet site administration, are trying to avoid their neighbors and salary subsidizers. When I have spoken to some of these people in the past they have always been eager to tell me "we are just doing our jobs" but it seems that these particular people don't consider listening to us as part of their job description. Hopefully they will come to realize in their hearts that caring to listen to our concerns should be near the top of their list of duties.

I want to make it clear that there are many people in the county government that I have respect and appreciation for who have gone over and above for me, although I won't name them as they will probably be

retaliated against for making the "others" look bad by contrast. But this elitist and arrogant attitude that some in the county perpetrate on us brings a foul stench upon everyone there.

This "comments/suggestions" reroute to Google that the county has continued to maintain for over 2 years exhibits a deeper insight into the attitudes of those who derive a living from our mandatory taxes. I ask that those who are responsible for this irresponsible attitude realize that they can't possibly help change the perceptions in attitudes between us, the common folk, and those who are often seen as lording over us by continuing to act this way. But above all else I pray that these people at the county would search within themselves to find a deeper meaning and context behind their positions as public servants to their friends and neighbors.

Dean Greenamyre
Pagosa

911 - Unanswered Questions

How many World Trade Center buildings collapsed on September 11th, 2001? Two, you say! Would you believe three?

WTC building seven imploded roughly two hours after the second WTC tower had collapsed. You can see video news coverage of the event at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NvX904dAw0o>. WTC building seven was setting outside the World Center complex between two other buildings not belonging to the complex. Bldg 7 folded in the center and collapsed in classic demolitions fashion in approximately 6.5 seconds, which is near free fall speed, without damaging the buildings on either side.

The 911 commission reported that fires started by debris from the collapsing towers had caused its implosion. This was only the third steel structured building in the history of steel structured buildings, both before and since 911, reported to have collapsed from fire. The other two were the WTC towers.

This should cause one to take a closer look at the demise of the two WTC towers. Each tower completely collapsed in around 10 seconds – again, near free fall speed. This implies that the hundreds of interior and exterior steel columns of the two towers offered no more resistance to the descending tops than thin air.

The tops of the towers had completely disintegrated before they

had collapsed to the half way point yet the collapse continued, accelerating as if through thin air, until the fall was complete. Does that seem logical to you? Indeed the laws of physics were surely miraculously relaxed that infamous day.

The WTC towers were known as buildings 1 and 2. WTC buildings 3,4,5, and 6, which set inside the WTC complex, were stripped of their exterior coverings by tons of falling debris and gutted by fires, yet these steel structures remained standing and had to be taken down by demolitions during the clean up. WTC building 7, which set outside the complex and was pelted by debris as were the buildings on either side of it, completely collapsed. I say once again, building 7 and the two towers collapsed at near free fall speed. The only buildings that were destroyed that day all belonged to the World Trade Center complex. Again I ask, "does this seem logical to you?"

These are not just the observations of an isolated nut. Many influential people that have noticed these, and many, many, other 911 irregularities can be found at:

Patriots Question 911:
[http://patriotsquestion911.com/9/11 Scholars:](http://patriotsquestion911.com/9/11%20Scholars)
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Architects and Engineers for 911 Truth: <http://www.ae911truth.org/>
Research 911:
<http://911research.wtc7.net/index.html>

I hope that the Southwest Free Press will be reporting more on 911.

Ty Baker
Pagosa

(Editor's note: This is a hot topic...We have received a lot of such questions and material on this subject that challenges the official government story as to what really happened on 911. One BBC news video reported building 7 to have "collapsed" a half hour before it actually did, despite no steel structured building having EVER collapsed in history before that day?)

Hundreds of experts across the professional board, including military professionals have examined the video, dust and eye witness testimony evidence, and we will be reporting their shocking, (but vital to know) conclusions in future issues of the

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NEWS BRIEF:

Mexico City is the world's leading kidnapping city. The second world's leading kidnapping city is... Phoenix, Arizona. Yes, you read that right, Phoenix Arizona. Police authorities estimate that anywhere from, officially, 1 person a day, 349 last year... up to possibly 5 a day, are kidnapped. The higher numbers are not tracked because many of those kidnapped are drug cartel related kidnappings, but oftentimes, this encompasses innocent bystanders, or others who happen onto the scene and are collateral damage, and no one knows if they are ever recovered or what happened to them. According to Darrell Ankarlo, Arizona radio talk show host, who has been researching and reporting on this topic, "it is out of control." The fear is, that when, not "if," when Mexico crashes, we will see an influx of cartel activity move rapidly through Texas, Arizona and California, where they are well established, into New Mexico, Colorado, Utah and beyond. Highway 160 is a major drug cartel thoroughfare. You put the pieces together and then decide on what we should do as concerned citizens. Keep in mind that drug cartels now have over 1 million people in over 20 U.S. cities, and are encroaching into America's heartland! This is a war being waged, and we need to defend our country and states. (See Page 4)

Pagosa Lakes Winter Perch Tournament

By Todd Ash and Larry Lynch



Reggie Jones, 2nd place winner, holds one of 87 perch he caught

On the sunny Saturday afternoon, February 7th, The Annual Pagosa Lakes Winter Perch Tournament took place Lake Pagosa. Atop the frozen tundra were eager fisherman, women, and children alike, taking advantage of the opportunity to participate in the annual fishing derby held on this community lake.

All for a minimal entry fee of just \$10 dollars per person, everyone got to enjoy a beautiful day fishing in temperatures that reached a high of 52 degrees. The yearly derby was sponsored by the PLPOA and Eagle Mountain Mercantile, and prizes were donated by Boss Tin. The fish were counted and recorded with the opportunity to have the largest fish weighed in and entered for a chance to win an additional prize.

Prizes were given to all child participants six years of age and younger, from fishing poles, to tackle boxes, and tackle. Cash prizes were also given to the winning adults ranging from \$50, up to \$250 for the grand prize winners. Even if their luck at fishing did not go so well, many participants got lucky at the Raffle drawing held at the end of Grand fishing derby. Another environmentally friendly advantage of having the annual fishing contest is to decrease the over population of the perch, and participants had the opportunity keep the monster sized guppies, or throw them in a barrel, and later donated to the wild life park to feed the bears.

The top winner for most perch caught was Bruce Oswald with 246 perch, from there the numbers went down quite a bit; Reggie Jones came in 2nd place with 87 perch and Chris Moody took 3rd place with 68. In the largest perch category the winner was Jeremy Gurule with a one and quarter pound perch followed by Mason Allen in 2nd place and Mark Brown in 3rd with slightly smaller perch.



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DESPITE ACTIONS OF POLICE AND LOCAL COURTS, HIGHER COURTS HAVE RULED THAT AMERICAN CITIZENS HAVE A RIGHT TO TRAVEL WITHOUT STATE PERMITS.

By Officer Jack McLamb (Retired) Aid & Abet News.

For years professionals within the criminal justice system have acted on the belief that traveling by motor vehicle was a privilege that was given to a citizen only after approval by their state government in the form of a permit or license to drive. In other words, the individual must be granted the privilege before his use of the state highways was considered legal. Legislators, police officers, and court officials are becoming aware that there are court decisions that disprove the belief that driving is a privilege and therefore requires government approval in the form of a license. Presented here are some of these cases:

CASE #1: "The use of the highway for the purpose of travel and transportation is not a mere privilege, but a common fundamental right of which the public and individuals cannot rightfully be deprived." Chicago Motor Coach v. Chicago, 169 NE 221.

CASE #2: "The right of the citizen to travel upon the public highways and to transport his property thereon, either by carriage or by automobile, is not a mere privilege which a city may prohibit or permit at will, but a common law right which he has under the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Thompson v. Smith, 154 SE 579.

It could not be stated more directly or conclusively that citizens of the states have a common law right to travel, without approval or restriction (license), and that this right is protected under the U.S Constitution.

CASE #3: "The right to travel is a part of the liberty of which the citizen cannot be deprived without due process of law under the Fifth Amendment." Kent v. Dulles, 357 US 116, 125.

CASE #4: "The right to travel is a well-established common right that does not owe its existence to the federal government. It is recognized by the courts as a natural right." Schactman v. Dulles 96 App DC 287, 225 F2d 938, at 941.

As hard as it is for those of us in law enforcement to believe, there is no room for speculation in these court decisions. American citizens do

indeed have the inalienable right to use the roadways unrestricted in any manner as long as they are not damaging or violating property or rights of others. Government -- in requiring the people to obtain drivers licenses, and accepting vehicle inspections and DUI/DWI roadblocks without question -- is restricting, and therefore violating, the people's common law right to travel.

Is this a new legal interpretation on this subject? Apparently not. This means that the beliefs and opinions our state legislators, the courts, and those in law enforcement have acted upon for years have been in error. Researchers armed with actual facts state that case law is overwhelming in determining that to restrict the movement of the individual in the free exercise of his right to travel is a serious breach of those freedoms secured by the U.S. Constitution and most state constitutions. That means it is unlawful. The revelation that the American citizen has always had the inalienable right to travel raises profound questions for those who are involved in making and enforcing state laws. The first of such questions may very well be this: If the states have been enforcing laws that are unconstitutional on their face, it would seem that there must be some way that a state can legally put restrictions -- such as licensing requirements, mandatory insurance, vehicle registration, vehicle inspections to name just a few -- on a citizen's constitutionally protected rights. Is that so?

For the answer, let us look, once again, to the U.S. courts for a determination of this very issue. In Hertado v. California, 110 US 516, the U.S Supreme Court states very plainly:

"The state cannot diminish rights of the people." And in Bennett v. Boggs, 1 Baldw 60, "Statutes that violate the plain and obvious principles of common right and common reason are null and void."

Would we not say that these judicial decisions are straight to the point -- that there is no lawful method for government to put restrictions or limitations on rights belonging to the people? Other cases are even more straight forward:

"The assertion of federal rights, when plainly and reasonably made, is not to be defeated under the name of local practice." Davis v. Wechsler, 263 US 22, at 24

"Where rights secured by the Constitution are involved, there can be See Travel, next Page

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no rule making or legislation which would abrogate them." *Miranda v. Arizona*, 384 US 436, 491.

"The claim and exercise of a constitutional right cannot be converted into a crime." *Miller v. US*, 230 F 486, at 489.

There can be no sanction or penalty imposed upon one because of this exercise of constitutional rights." *Sherer v. Cullen*, 481 F 946

We could go on, quoting court decision after court decision; however, the Constitution itself answers our question - Can a government legally put restrictions on the rights of the American people at anytime, for any reason? The answer is found in Article Six of the U.S. Constitution:

"This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof;...shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or laws of any State to the Contrary not one word withstanding."

In the same Article, it says just who within our government that is bound by this Supreme Law:

"The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the Members of the several State Legislatures, and all executive and judicial Officers, both of the United States and of the several States, shall be bound by Oath or Affirmation, to support this Constitution..."

Here's an interesting question. Is ignorance of these laws an excuse for such acts by officials? If we are to follow the letter of the law, (as we are sworn to do), this places officials who involve themselves in such unlawful acts in an unfavorable legal situation. For it is a felony and federal crime to violate or deprive citizens of their constitutionally protected rights. Our system of law dictates that there are only two ways to legally remove a right belonging to the people. These are:

- by lawfully amending the constitution,
- or by a person knowingly waiving a particular right.

Some of the confusion on our present system has arisen because many millions of people have waived their right to travel unrestricted and volunteered into the jurisdiction of the state. Those who have knowingly given up these rights are now legally regulated by state law and must acquire the proper permits and registrations. There are basically two groups of people in this category:

1. Citizens who involve themselves in commerce upon the highways of the state. Here is what the courts have said about this: "...For while a citizen has the right to travel upon the public highways and to transport his property thereon, that right does not extend to the use of the

highways...as a place for private gain. For the latter purpose, no person has a vested right to use the highways of this state, but it is a privilege... which the (state) may grant or withhold at its discretion..." *State v. Johnson*, 245 P 1073. There are many court cases that confirm and point out the difference between the right of the citizen to travel and a government privilege and there are numerous other court decisions that spell out the jurisdiction issue in these two distinctly different activities. However, because of space restrictions, we will leave it to officers to research it further for themselves.

2. The second group of citizens that is legally under the jurisdiction of the state are those citizens who have voluntarily and knowingly waived their right to travel unregulated and unrestricted by requesting placement under such jurisdiction through the acquisition of a state driver's license, vehicle registration, mandatory insurance, etc. (In other words, by contract.) We should remember what makes this legal and not a violation of the common law right to travel is that they knowingly volunteer by contract to waive their rights. If they were forced, coerced or unknowingly placed under the state's powers, the courts have said it is a clear violation of their rights. This in itself raises a very interesting question. What percentage of the people in each state have applied for and received licenses, registrations and obtained insurance after erroneously being advised by their government that it was mandatory?

Many of our courts, attorneys and police officials are just becoming informed about this important issue and the difference between privileges and rights. We can assume that the majority of those Americans carrying state licenses and vehicle registrations have no knowledge of the rights they waived in obeying laws such as these that the U.S. Constitution clearly states are unlawful, i.e. laws of no effect - laws that are not laws at all. An area of serious consideration for every police officer is to understand that the most important law in our land which he has taken an oath to protect, defend, and enforce, is not state laws and city or county ordinances, but the law that supersedes all other laws -- the U.S. Constitution. If laws in a particular state or local community conflict with the supreme law of our nation, there is no question that the officer's duty is to uphold the U.S. Constitution.

Every police officer should keep the following U.S. court ruling -- discussed earlier -- in mind before issuing citations concerning licensing, registration, and insurance: "The claim and exercise of a constitutional right cannot be converted into a crime." *Miller v. US*, 230 F 486, 489.

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and the ramifications are far more serious. Are we so complacent, so apathetic, so comfortable, or at least so willing to sacrifice our money, our freedoms, our rights, and remain ignorant and uninvolved with our own future? Was it easy for our forefathers and mothers to do what they had to do? Were their many WILLING sacrifices in vain as, today, we watch our country disintegrate on multiple levels and most are doing nothing to stop it? Have we become so soft, and yet so hardened in heart that we don't care for truth or to hear or do what must be done to save this country?

Have we become willing puppets and slaves of those who are manipulating our lives in so many ways just as long as our little comfort zones aren't affected yet... irrespective of what's happening to our fellow countrymen and women? Do we really believe it "won't happen to me?" Are we immune to this enemy? Are we somehow magically protected from the dangers, the threats, the inevitable results just because it hasn't happened to many of us yet?

The tidal wave that hit India in the recent past was totally missed by most people, but some few saw the obvious signs and took shelter and survived.

Far too often, we Americans must be brought o the brink of, or even well into, destruction and devastation before we wake up and are "willing" to then act because our comfort zones have been removed, but then it is usually far too late to change anything. This happened to Germany, it happens across the world and it is happening to America today.

We are in a war for our very lives and

futures. If we scoff at this, we are not paying attention. If we trust government to "save us," we are greatly deceived, because NO government in history has ever "saved" their population when it was the very government that was the enemy. We are the enemy of government, and they seek to control us.

No government of this world should ever be relied upon for ultimate safety and security, or to do what's in our "best interests." That is a nice, warm, fuzzy feeling, yes, but it simply is not true and never has been, and the proof is all around us. Are we looking?

It is the PEOPLE who are the source of this safety and security, and the Rule of Law, which we have all accepted as a protective barrier to out-of-control governments or individuals, is being ignored. If we continue to ignore the law, ignore the Constitution, ignore our leaders and their mindless, greedy, selfish and corrupt antics, there can only be one result... much more of the same, and it WILL affect EVERY man, woman and child in America, and beyond.

Albert Einstein is quoted as saying, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." Our leaders have been doing this exact thing for decades, telling us "change" is coming, and "we have the answers," but it never has worked because they continue down the same insane road, and We, the People, sit back and watch them perform their insane machinations, expecting something different to happen, while our freedoms, our rights, our money and our standard of living continually disappear. Are we all insane? The world looks to the freedoms and rights of Americans to set the standard,

and to not compromise. We are disappointing the world, and they are paying for our weakness and our apathy. We are taking them down with us. The point of no return is close at hand, and if we do not join ranks, and begin to make some sort of payment, some sort of tangible activity toward supporting... **defending**... our freedoms and rights, they can't possibly survive, and neither will we.

The Free Press won't make excuses for being vocal about the dangers. The bible states that there would come a time when people would not want to hear truth or what was "hard to hear," and vital for them to hear, and would desire lies and deceit instead because it was easier. Are we at that point in this country?

Do we believe lies and deceit... "smooth things" as the bible calls them... will prevent our destruction, or loss of our job, or money, or house, or health, or our very lives? The media has been speaking "smooth things" lulling us to sleep for decades while the enemy advances.

They are entertaining us with countless distractions, keeping us focused on the false picture, and we seemingly embrace it, even if just to block out the fear we feel inside, the apprehension, the "I know somethings VERY wrong, but what can I do about it" awareness.

We either make tough decisions now, and harness that American spirit to bring real change, or we will be force-fed tough decisions later, by a harsh taskmaster, and everything we love will be gone. Everyone can take steps to secure freedoms. If we can't accept what the Free Press is passing on now, (and there's far worse taking place) then we have, indeed gone way past the point of no return. Is that acceptable to you!

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One hour of television air time covering the state of Montana currently costs between \$500 and \$1,000. This includes promotion. The price of television continues to fall. We have to fight back!

Michigan Sheriff Exercises his Authority to Stop Foreclosures! Staff Report - Jeff Maehr

Sheriff Warren Evans stated recently that he was stopping all mortgage foreclosure sales handled through his office and urged other Michigan sheriffs to take similar action.

Evans states, "After a great deal of research, I have determined there is sufficient legal grounds for me - and for other sheriffs - to halt mortgage foreclosure sales. I cannot in clear conscience allow one more family to be put out of their home until I am satisfied they have been afforded every option they are entitled to under the law to avoid foreclosure."

Evans goes on to say, "For most people, their home is the greatest investment they will make in life. They have taken a big risk on behalf of

their families and our economy. As a public official, I have both a legal and moral obligation to make sure that all of their legal remedies have been exhausted before they lose their home."

Any local sheriff has the power to see that citizens are protected from court proceedings that do NOT provide legal evidence in support of a foreclosure, judges notwithstanding. Challenging all foreclosures in court with simple demands for the proper documentation (actual signed papers) from the mortgage company can make all the difference in the world. In addition to this, anyone purchasing illegally foreclosed properties can be liable indefinitely because there is no statute of limitations on fraud, so if you are purchasing, or have purchased a foreclosed property, it would do you great service to be sure that the process was legal and was not involving fraud. You might have it back on you in the future. The Pagosa Law Club (See page 16) will be teaching about this topic among other important and helpful issues!

If you want REAL change, be ready to change!

Jeff Maehr
Staff Report

If you've been watching the news for the last 8 or so years, you'll realize that our **country** is in BIG trouble... capital T. Unless we all wake up to what is happening, and find out HOW to correct it, our way of life is over and we will regret every day of our future.

When it comes to serious situations, in any facet of life, the most fundamental, the most foundational issues are usually being ignored, and this causes a domino affect that eventually takes a life of its own, and usually many different avenues that all cause pain, suffering, loss, and worse.

Archuleta County is a microcosm of this, and when you multiply this by the thousands of countys across our country, our nation at large also becomes damaged.

In order for the country to "change," each of us must become the change we want to see, and support the change we want to see. Without this change, even though tough, there is no hope of anything happening except more of the "same." This isn't easy. The depression of the early 1900's wasn't easy. Dealing with cancer isn't easy, but it can be done.

The Free Press is passing on what it receives from people actually making change elsewhere. it is offering the "medicine," even though unpleasant, is vital to saving the life we've known for 200 years. Change is vital. Change in thinking, acting, change in habits, change in dependence... a paradigm shift in expectations, demands, and actions.

We ask that everyone be patient as we grow into this new project. Mistakes will be made and as the

community rejoins our efforts, we will be able to offer much more in subsequent editions.

So, in addition to what was stated in the "Back in the Saddle" article on Page 1 of the first issue, here's what we need help with; We welcome letters to the Editor and will print as many as we can. Of course, advertising is the lifeblood of any newspaper or magazine, and we will be working with local community businesses.

We would like to continue the classifieds, but we will have to charge a bit for these ads to help toward expenses as we begin, and hopeful we can get back to FREE. Remember, this is YOUR community newspaper and we need the help to make this work. Classified ad information can be found on page 23.

In order for us to print County issues, we need to have "YOU" providing the FP your "eyes and ears" on all that is transpiring, good or bad. We want to highlight those who are part of the solution but also shine a spotlight on those who are the problem and put pressure on them to quit any foolish, criminal and sometimes treasonous activities.

We mostly want articles on real issues, although light-hearted articles or other informative pieces are welcome, but we are in a critical time here, and we can't afford to be "entertaining ourselves to death."

The FP will be working with a national magazine group to provide information and resources to local communities across the country, county by county. This will be on every element of government, business, corporate, legal, court, constitutional, financial, etc., arenas, among others.

Knowledge is power, but it is useless if we have the knowledge, or we do not USE it. If you are tired of the "good ol boy club," then you have a lot to look forward to in the coming months. We look forward to working with you to better our county!

TO JETTISON THE CONSTITUTION IS TO SINK THE REPUBLIC

Without question, our Constitution has been abandoned by America's elected and appointed officials and those whose water they carry (see, for instance, our previous article). Its violations are numerous and mounting with each newly elected Congress and President.

In addition, as the record clearly shows that since 1995, each new Congress and President has arrogantly refused to respond to repeated Petitions for a Remedy to these Grievances, instead answering the People's Petitions only with repeated injuries, playing both to the mob and to those who feed at the public financial trough.

America has transitioned from a Republic to a democracy even while the Constitution of the United States of America lies in plain sight.

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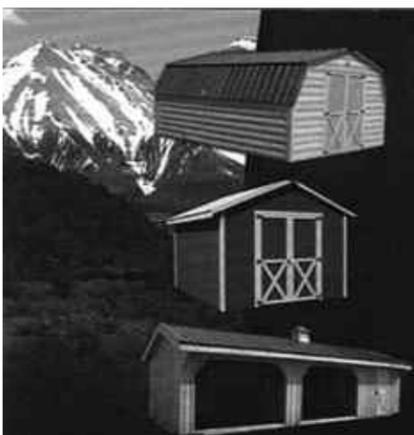
case. She happened to mention that one of the supposed witnesses who testified that Lara was in the business, when in fact she wasn't, was bribed by Paul Debock and was witness to this. When Lara told the judge that day, he postponed the hearing even though they had several hours of time left to resolve this... Seems this threw them a curve ball.

Once the evidence was collected, and the bribery witness confessed, all charges were dropped against Lara, and a warrant was issued for the arrest of Paul Debock, who was then in California. Extradition brought him back to Pagosa February 7th and on February 10th he was released on bail bond, and allowed to go back to California to obtain his personal possessions.

Lara presently has a case against Ensignal (due to Mr. Paul Debock's actions) for sexual harassment, discrimination and retaliation and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has filed charges on her behalf. Stay tuned for the whole story!

"A nation can survive its fools, and even the ambitious. But it cannot survive treason from within. An enemy at the gates is less formidable, for he is known and carries his banner openly. But the traitor moves amongst those within the gate freely, his sly whispers rustling through all the alleys, heard in the very halls of government itself. For the traitor appears not a traitor; he speaks in accents familiar to his victims, and he wears their face and their arguments, he appeals to the baseness that lies deep in the hearts of all men. He rots the soul of a nation, he works secretly and unknown in the night to undermine the pillars of the city, he infects the body politic so that it can no longer resist. A murderer is less to fear." ---Marcus Tullius Cicero

"There have been powerful hydraulic pressures throughout our history that bear heavily on the court to water down constitutional guarantees and give the police the upper hand. That hydraulic pressure has probably never been greater than it is today. Yet if the individual is no longer to be sovereign... we enter a new regime. The decision to enter it should be made only after a full debate by the people of this country." See: Terry v. Ohio, 392 U.S. 39 (1967).



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The Starving Pirates

Are the Pirates starving at the Pagosa Springs schools? Most accountable facts lead to, "yes." Some kids feel that the school cafeteria is full of fat and useless calories. Some even go without lunch, because of the useless processed, foul food that they are being served. We do have access to a salad bar, but some kids still choose not to eat it because of its constant, repetitive dullness contained in the basic empty nutritional value of Ice Berg lettuce.

The lettuce is often served still frozen, and wilted, how appetizing does this sound? "We often wonder what exactly we are eating." There are pieces of what we believe are artificial tomato on the pizza that's served on Tuesdays. Cold meat inside

raviolis anyone? Melted cheese that attaches your bread to your mystery meat? How about a bean burrito microwaved in the plastic bag before being served?

Two Plus Two equals chicken dinner. How can we think clearly on an empty stomach? "We need nutrition!" And we want healthy food to boost our energy, and support creative minds and athletic abilities." Let's talk about No Child Left Behind, "forget it!"

If we don't have access to good nutrition, there is no chance. According to visitors from Denver area schools, Pagosa Springs kids "are being fed the scraps." Are we not your future minds? Please invest in the minds of the future by feeding us a diet that we can look forward to eating. Let's Go Shopping! Let us get involved. Our lives are dependent on what we eat and we need to be fed some healthy, more appetizing grub!

Anonymous PSJH Pirates

21 States now Exercising Their Sovereignty Rights to Stop Federal Government's Violation of the Constitution! Staff Report - Jeff Maehr

New Hampshire followed suit with 20 other states to stop the Federal Government from its unconstitutional activities against our country. Dan Itse, New Hampshire State Representative, along with others, have drafted a resolution that tells the Federal Government... "thus far and no further." He continues, "This is the line in the sand that tells the Federal government that they are no longer allowed to transgress the constitution, and if they do, they are nullifying the constitution."

State sovereignty is the foundation to the "United States of America, vs. the "United States," which is essentially a corporate entity created to insert control OVER the individual states. Our "Republic" was never meant to be a single nation. It is a group of nations/states, just like Europe is a group of individual nation/states.

The Corporate "U.S." has been bribing all 50 states through "federal funding." This "funding" creates a privilege being accepted by states, and thereby legally allows "federal" incursion into state authority and jurisdiction.

You can't accept financing without accepting the "contract" that goes with that money. However, "We, the People" have NOT accepted this contract. Did you sign this agreement? Would you? Colorado is one of the states making a stand to take back sovereignty. Are you with them?

More video info on this is at www.nhliberty.org, and many other topics Glenn Beck is presenting that will shock you can be found at foxnews.com. Even some in the media are waking up to the truth and taking action!



Glenn Beck begs you to watch this graphic report on the economy... <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YDEe0Ai6lTM>

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Foreclosure Defense:

Staff Report - Jeff Maehr

Millions of people across America are in the process of losing their homes or have already lost them. This is a travesty, especially when it is highly likely fraud is involved, and if you do not know how this fraud is taking place, and what you can do about it, you have NO rights or power to stop it.

The simple explanation is this: When you sign your mortgage papers, they become a negotiable instrument, worth a certain value. It was YOUR signature that created this financial instrument, and many banks and mortgage companies use this financial instrument to obtain the funds they are claiming to have to "loan" you.

The actual credit or "loan" comes from the Federal Reserve as credit to the bank or mortgage lender, who then turns around and credits the account of the seller whose property you are obtaining. They, then, are the holder of this note, and charge you interest on this "loan." If that sounds a bit fishy, you are right.

The banks pay a certain interest on these funds, and they in turn charge YOU interest according to rates established by the "system."

It is a neat scam but it is fraud.

Consider, if it was YOUR signature on the mortgage documents which "created" the security, how is it that the bank or mortgage company claimed to "have money to loan you?" This was the first fraud.

Second, these companies often sell this note to other banks or mortgage companies, who sell them again, and often hundreds of these security documents are bundled together and sold to even others who all have a hand in the pie.

Sometimes the funds involved in these continuing sales can be actual private investors who have no idea the risks they are taking in this scam.

The problem stems from what is called "contract law." Under any contract you are personally involved in (and you are involved in "contracts" in far more ways than you could imagine but don't realize it), you have specific rights. One of these is to know ALL the facts involved with the contract you are signing. This includes what is called "consideration."

"Consideration" is the element of "just where is the money I'm borrowing coming from... what is the actual source of this supposed "loan." There is a legal duty on the part of the banks and loan companies to disclose this and any other element pertinent to a contract. If it is not disclosed, this is fraud which essentially nullifies the contract.

This alone is a huge deal in this

economic house of cards. So, when these companies sell these loans, the actual paperwork is transferred through countless hands, and in a vast majority of the cases, they have no idea where the actual loan documents reside. This means that if they cannot produce the actual, unaltered security document with your signature, they cannot claim to be the "holder in due course" of that note and the legal recipient of your monthly payments.

By unaltered, I mean the documents cannot have even a staple hole in them or this violates contract law. Can you see the black hole they have dug for themselves? Greed has run rampant with countless people speculating on YOUR mortgage or loan, and contract law gets tossed out the window. They have been doing this for decades and getting away with it because we simply don't know.

Simple question: If your signature is what produced the security and provided the funds, why do you have to pay interest on it? This means you are being loaned your own money, and charged interest on it.

We want to hear from any who are in foreclosure now, or have been foreclosed upon already. It is likely fraud exists as part of that process, and you have recourse to remedy it. This is part of what people will learn from the Law Club being formed. (See Law Club to the right). Stay tuned for the rest of the story!

LAW CLUB: Concerned citizens are joining together to form a local "LAW CLUB" designed to familiarize people with legal issues, court proceedings, citizen's rights, the Rule of Law, and much more. This club has been several years in preparation, and is designed to build a database of knowledge that will provide a sound and confident foundation in people who feel intimidated by law, and the courts.

This Club is NOT designed to provide "legal advice." It is providing legal knowledge from the best legal minds in the country so that you will not be taken advantage of by a system that depends on your ignorance and fear. Be prepared.

If you want to begin fighting back against unjust treatment, and misuse of law and court proceeding, or you just want to be able to defend yourself without going broke, then you'll want to be part of this club. If this interests you, please contact us at lawclub@southwestfreepress.com, and provide your basic contact information. Regardless of the numbers, this club will begin soon. You will be amazed at how your fear of law and courts will disappear. Stay tuned for more details.

CHAPTER 2, continued

I answered, "no." He then continued: "Well, what were you doing in Mrs. Sease's house tonight?" I replied that I did not know Mrs. Sease, nor had I ever been in her house. Said he: "Well, one of our men swears he saw you go in there."

At this I jumped off the bench and with my hand on old Colt's 45, demanded that he show me the dirty whelp that would tell such a lie on me.

And that if he said it to my face, one of us would have to die. I said this in a loud angry tone so that the mob in the hall could hear me.

Gordon said: "I believe, Anderson, you are telling the truth. But keep cool, and I'll put you face to face with the man."

We then walked into the hall and Gordon called the young man. As he stepped up I asked if he had lied about me. The result was the poor fellow weakened and said he could have been mistaken, but the man who entered Mrs. Sease's looked like me, but it being dark, he might have been mistaken.

That settled it for the night, but next day the mob became drunk and unruly and were determined to hang me as a spy. It would require too much space to give the details. The result was that through hard lying I saved my neck and was promoted. Sheriff Dyke made me one of his special deputies at \$4.00 a day, as long as I could remain.

This money came in handy and it was all "velvet," that is, belonged to me individually. Two days later, after being appointed deputy sheriff, I saved the lives of the county commissioners, the county judge and Attorney Russell, who, by the way, has since served as district judge of that district, and at the present writing, so I am told, is still an honored citizen of that county.

A plot had been planned for both sides to stack all the fire arms and leave two men from each side to guard them. Then a meeting of the commissioners could sit in the court house. The scheme was to have some rifles cached and make a raid on the fire arms and their guards.

Then the slaughter was to begin. All the county officials with the exception of Bedito Martinez had agreed to the plan. All were trying to get Martinez's consent. He finally caught my eye and I shook my head-as much as to say don't do it. That settled it. He stood pat and the plot fell through. I have heard it said that a Mexican can't take a hint, but Martinez

caught a hint in a very light shake of my head. Poor fellow, he soon afterwards shot a man dead in the Durango court room, which broke him up financially, though I hear he is getting on his feet again.

After holding the county officials and their armed escort at bay for about four days, peace was declared by the leaders of the revolutionists being promised an even division of the political pie in future. Then the commissioners held their meeting and all departed for New Mexico.

The blood of the insurgents had cooled off as the liquors in Bowland's saloon diminished, hence peace was declared under a flag of truce--a woman's white apron.

For the next six weeks I had nothing to do but play outlaw and eat Mrs. Taylor's good cooking. Whenever suspicious strangers appeared in town Sheriff Dyke would have me keep hid out until he could learn their business, for fear they might be Texas officers on my trail.

Poor fellow, he soon afterwards shot a man dead in the Durango court room, which broke him up financially

Often I would be the sole occupant of the Taylor residence and at such times I would read Mr. Taylor's private political letters. His old love letters would be laid to one side. I had secured a key that fitted his private desk.

There were piles of political letters and receipts for votes bought during past elections. The ruling price of votes was two dollars in cash or one sheep. Most of the interesting political letters were from Billy Adams, brother of the twice governor of Colorado, Alva Adams.

From these letters I learned many new lessons in up-to-date western politics. I appeared before the grand jury in the adjoining county of La Plata, at Durango, the judge of the court being Chas. D. Hayt, and the prosecuting attorney, G. T.

Summer, with the result that sixteen of the leaders in the uprising were indicted. I then disposed of my horse and saddle and "sneaked" to an eastbound train for Denver.

I had been on the operation about two months and during that time I dared not write reports or letters to my wife, nor receive mail from Denver, as the postoffice at Pagosa Springs was in the hands of the insurgents. I had used the name of Chas. Anderson on this

operation.

Arriving in Denver. I was hurried away to the Republic of Mexico to run down an A., T. & S. F. Ry. brakeman who had stolen \$10,000 from the Wells-Fargo Express Company at La Junta, Colorado, during the excitement of a train wreck.

A ride of 700 miles on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway brought me to El Paso, Texas, and another 1,200 miles on the Mexican Central Railway brought me to the City of Mexico.

On arriving there the first thing I did was to write a nice letter to my friend Taylor in Pagosa Springs, telling him that I had got a telegram from my brother in Texas warning me to skip, as the grand jury had found a true bill against me for murder, and that I intended to remain in the City of Mexico a month or so until my brother could get money to me; then I was going to lose myself in the wilds of South America.

My address in the City of Mexico under a new assumed name was given to Mr. Taylor, and in the course of three weeks I received a nice long letter from him. He told me that the grand jury in Colorado had indicted him, Sheriff Dyke and fourteen of the other leaders, for running the county officials out of Archuleta county and burning their property.

He said that they were all then under heavy bond, and on account of the mysterious way in which I left, they had laid their downfall on to my giving them away before the grand jury; that they were mad enough to murder me if I could have been found; that I only had one friend in Pagosa Springs who stuck up for me to the last and refused to believe me guilty, and that was his wife.

He said that this showed how a woman could be a true friend when once her mind is made up. He assured me that no matter to what part of the earth I might drift, I could count on having true friends in Pagosa Springs, and that any time I should need money or help, to write him.

I have never seen any of the Archuleta county warriors since leaving there, hence I do not know whether I am regarded as an outlaw yet or not. I see by the papers that Taylor still lives in Pagosa Springs, which has grown to be an important railroad town, and that he is judge of the court there.

In dismissing the Archuleta county uprising, I wish to state



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

that these men had good cause for revolting, as politics in that county were rotten. Most of them were honorable citizens, though a little rough and wild. Of course, I felt "sore" at them for wanting to hang me up by the neck.

I shall always hold my friend Gordon G. as one of the "true blue" sons of the Lone Star State, as he knows how to stick to a friend.

A few nights after my arrival in Mexico City, a big earthquake shook up the city. It shook the Guadaola Hotel where I had a room on the fourth floor, from stem to stem.

Many people in the city, according to reports, had been killed. The next morning the streets were still lined with natives praying. A few days later the big day of the Republic, the Fifth of May, was celebrated, and I then saw my first bull fight, and I never want to witness another.

If ever Uncle Sam should want a good soldier to help wipe Mexico off the face of the earth or make her promise to quit her coldblooded cruelties to dumb animals, he can count on me and I will gladly furnish my own ammunition.

They pitted three bulls imported from Spain against four native bulls. The ones from Spain were artists when it came to butchering horses. If they had killed a few of the ignorant and cruel Mexicans who were riding the poor beasts up to be gored to death, they would have won my applause.

One horse was sewed up six times and each time ridden back to be gored again, until finally killed by the bull. It was enough to disgust a Piute Indian, and still men, women and little children went wild and shouted for joy at the sight of blood and the suffering of the dumb brutes.

To show what a great head I've got for avoiding danger, I will cite a little instance. **To Be continued.**

Pagosa Green Pages is devoted to anything "GREEN:" Environmental, Energy Saving Technologies, Resource Saving, Natural Health, Self-Sufficiency, etc. If you have anything on these topics that will help educate us all, bring it on and we will get it printed as we can. We are in this together!

Home Wastewater Treatment Systems

By Paul Donharl

Have you ever wondered what happens to your wastewater when it goes down the drain or when you flush the toilet? If you live in a rural part of the county, not serviced by a central sewer system, your waste probably goes into a septic system, also known as an onsite wastewater treatment system. Today these systems come in several varieties.

Most systems in use today have a septic tank and dispersal field. Septic tanks commonly have two compartments. Waste water and solids from the house dump into the first compartment of the tank. Heavier solids sink to the bottom. The lighter fats, oils and greases float to the top. In between these two layers is a third layer of nutrient rich liquid called "effluent." This passes through to the second compartment. Here bacteria which work without oxygen (anaerobic bacteria) begin to digest the nutrients and clean the liquid. This process is slow and the effluent almost always moves on to the dispersal field before the cleaning process is complete.

Dispersal fields are designed to receive the partially treated effluent. Aerobic (with oxygen) bacteria, in the field supply additional cleaning. The cleaned water evaporates back into the air or returns to the water table. Dispersal fields can vary from pipes buried in the soil, a media bed (gravel, sand, tire chips) using chambers or a mound system with pressure dosing. In this last stage of cleaning, a layer of bacteria and slime, called a "biomat," aids in further removal of pathogens and sewage solids.

When the effluent stream is overloaded with organics (garbage disposals are a main cause of this problem) the biomat can grow too thick, overloading the design limits of the dispersal bed. Final treatment cannot occur and partially treated sewage can surface or move laterally contaminating groundwater and wells. This is referred to as a failed

system. This is potentially dangerous as human contact or ingestion of harmful pathogens can cause serious health issues. Proper care and maintenance of your system can avoid this problem.

In part two we will discuss modern alternatives.

THERMAL MASS: ESSENTIAL TO PASSIVE SOLAR HEATING!

By Catherine Brackhahn of Foxfire Construction

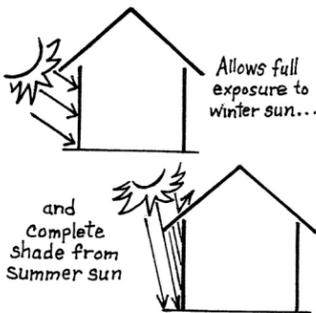
"Thermal mass" is essential to passively solar heating your home, according to David Brackhahn of FOXFIRE Construction, a Pagosa Springs natural building specialist. He has been involved in passive solar design and construction since 1976.

Savvy homeowners, motivated by respect for the environment and concern about rising costs, want to find alternative solutions. Many are concerned about continuing availability of conventional public energy resources. With our mountain winters, heating our homes can be both economically and ecologically challenging. Designing structures that passively utilize the sun's energy to provide additional space heating is a perfect solution, one that's cost effective, clean, and environmentally "friendly."

"Passive" solar heating utilizes simple principles of design that allow significant heating benefits from the sun without requiring electricity or fuel driven devices, such as fans or pumps. Passive solar begins with situating and shading a structure properly, in order to take full advantage of the natural movement and orientation of the sun during its daily and seasonal heating and cooling cycles. In a passive solar home, the people become a little more actively involved with the sun as their understanding of this marvelous resource grows. Simple acts, such as the timely opening or closing of a shade or window, not only maximize comfort but give people a sense of security and peace

of mind from working in cooperation with nature.

A CALCULATED FIXED OVERHANG:



Brackhahn points out that a common mistake people often make in trying to solar heat their homes is in assuming that huge areas of south-facing glass is all you need. In reality, that alone will severely overheat your air temperature, making you uncomfortably hot during the day, yet providing you no heat at all after nightfall when most needed. That's where "thermal mass" comes into the program.

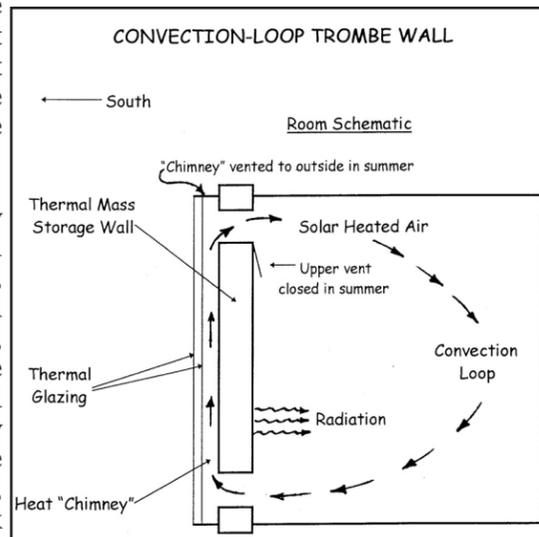
"Thermal mass" is any heavy masonry material such as adobe, concrete, hard tile, brick (or even water in sealed in dark containers) which, when struck by available sunlight, will absorb heat, and then will continue to gradually release the heat back into the house over a period of hours, even after sunset. Dark colored thermal mass structures absorb heat from the sun faster and better. Using sufficient thermal mass in areas where sun strikes, such as in floors, structural and decorative walls, "bancos" (masonry benches), and planters, creates more stable cycles of heat gain and heat release, making your living environment more consistently comfortable. All you really need for "back-up" heat is an efficient wood-burning stove, for those few cloudy days when your thermal mass can't get "recharged" from the sun.

Good passive solar design also includes calculated fixed overhangs above your solar oriented windows.

The positioning of windows and extent of the overhangs is calculated for your site's specific degree of north latitude, allowing maximum winter sun into your house, but shading it from hottest summer sun. (See diagram at left.)

Another good passive solar application, for those who prefer less direct sunlight in their homes, is the Trombe wall (pronounced "Trom"... named after Frenchman who designed it).

This externally-glazed, south-facing thermal mass wall, also known as a "heat chimney", creates a natural convection-loop current of solar-heated air which warms you in winter and delivers a "bonus" in summer as well. By utilizing proper venting techniques in summer, a convection loop Trombe wall can be utilized to



circulate naturally cooled air through your home... efficiently providing you with "low tech" heating and cooling!

Beginning with good passive solar principles in the design phase of your home is wise, but there are also passive solar retrofit concepts which can greatly help an existing home become more efficient and comfortable, such as adding thermal mass by the addition of a properly built "sun space", sun room, or solar greenhouse on the south. In some applications this can even extend the growing season for our high altitude vegetable gardening!

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Twenty First Annual Pagosa Springs Arts Council Photography Contest

By Todd Ash

On the opening day of the exhibit, two stores were abundant with patrons enjoying a spread of refreshments, while viewing a magnificent array of art displayed in special categories throughout the two stores.

Hosted and sponsored by Sharon D. Comeaux, owner of Frame and Photo Depot, and Nicki Alley, owner of Higher Grounds Coffee. Most all the entries are residents of Pagosa Springs, and had never previously



Tim "Cutter" Collins - Picture entered "Six Peaks Peak-a-Boo"

exhibited their works.

All the categories were judged by Paul Boyer, owner of the Open Shutter Gallery in Durango

Colorado. Paul awarded each of the twelve categories with a first, second, and third place ribbon.

This was the first year the youth category was offered, to encourage young photographers to capture their perceptions on film.

Best of show, and peoples choice awards are currently taking place at Higher Grounds Coffee, and the Frame and Photo Depot located at 189 Talisman Drive in Pagosa Springs. Voting must be entered at one of the two stores by February 27th, however the art will continue to be on exhibit until March 5th. It's a wonderful display of local artists, so hurry down and make your vote.

A special thanks for the volunteer efforts and hard work of carrying on this 20 year tradition goes out to;

Sharan & Mike Comeaux, at Frame and Photo Depot, Nikki Alley, and her crew at Higher Grounds Coffee Shop, and Bruce Anderson, for his talents in writing the published articles. C. J. Herrington for her help in organizing all the entries. Tim "Cutter" Collins, at Cowboy Catering, and Mountain Spirits Liquor & Wine for their contribution. Most importantly the participants for all the entries, making this event a huge success. Linda Echterhoff of the Pagosa Springs Arts Council also wishes

to express her appreciation to all involved. Paul Boyer Judged the event as follows:

Domestic Animals
1st - Richard Sandor "Notch" the Ranch Dog
2nd - Suzi White "Ruby"
3rd - Shannon Silz

Landscape or Scenic
1st - Carol Sexton
2nd - Mark D Roper Silver and Gold
3rd - Jerry Lester High in the Aspens

Action or Sports
1st - Joe Bigley Wrong Turn
2nd - Jere Hill
3rd - Ryan Beavers Bike Jump

Flora
1st - Linda Pampinella Lily
2nd - Kyle Monks
3rd - Sidney McCammond Leaves on Deck

People
1st - Richard Sandor Bather in India
2nd - Julia Adams High School Blues
3rd - Barbara Conkey Pam's Bounty

Close Up
1st - Carla Shaw Trapped in the web of time
2nd - J D Deilgat
3rd - Dave Douglas Fancy Colt

Black and White
1st - Mike Pierce El Catillo Chicher Itza
2nd - Pam Boone Savannah's Reflections
3rd - Linda Pampinella The Door

Wildlife
1st - Shannon Silz
2nd - Nancy Artis Morning Pride

3rd - Deb Knoblauch Pondering His Potential



Ann Marie Castor - Picture entered "Six More Weeks of Winter"

Open
1st - T J Reynolds Springs Resort
2nd - George R Johnson Smoking Pipe Street
3rd - Dave Douglas Cisturn's Istanbul 6th Century

Sunrise Sunset
1st - John J. Taylor Storm A'Coming
2nd - Linda Valadez Winter Warmth
3rd - Matthew Witting Sunset on St. Mary's River

Youth
1st - Walker Powe Chimney Rock
2nd - Serina L Thomas
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The US has officially overtaken Germany as the world's largest producer of wind energy following a record-breaking 2008 in which the country's wind capacity increased by a staggering 50 per cent. According to figures released last week by the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC), the US installed 8.4GW of capacity last year giving it a total of over 25GW, compared to just under 24GW in Germany. The US led a bumper year for the global wind energy industry in which investment in turbine installations topped \$47bn and worldwide wind energy capacity grew almost 29 per cent, even higher than the average over the last decade.

"These figures speak for themselves: there is huge and growing global demand for emissions-free wind power, which can be installed quickly, virtually everywhere in the world," said Steve Sawyer, Secretary General of GWEC. "Wind energy is the only power generation technology that can deliver the necessary cuts in CO2 in the critical period up to 2020, when greenhouse gasses must peak and begin to decline to avoid dangerous climate change."

While the US took the crown as the world's largest wind energy market other regions also enjoyed record breaking years.

Close to a third of all new capacity installed in 2008 was located in Asia with China doubling its installed capacity to over 12GW. The country is now on track to overtake Germany as the second largest producer of wind power next year and should meet its 2020 target of 30 GW of installed capacity ten years ahead of time.

Barricade fire gel earns EPA "Champion" award A J Enterprises LLC

Barricade Fire Gel has been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for demonstrating the use of safer surfactants and for documenting a strategy for ensuring that only safer surfactants are used.

Barricade is the only fire gel to receive a "Champion" designation from the EPA as part of its Safer Detergents Stewardship Initiative. The company will receive its award at a ceremony Nov. 19 in Washington. Champion is the highest level of recognition offered under SDSI.

Surfactants are chemicals that stabilize mixtures of oil and water. Barricade is the only gel on the market free of nonylphenol ethoxylates (NPEs), which scientific studies have shown can have long-term effects on fresh- and salt-water fish. "Safer surfactants ...break down quickly to non-polluting compounds and help protect aquatic life in both

fresh and salt water," says the EPA.

"This award is important because it demonstrates that a fire protection gel can be both effective and environmentally friendly at the same time," said John Bartlett, president of Barricade Fire Gel, based in Hobe Sound, Fla. Barricade has been widely recognized for its effectiveness in protecting structures and wildland from surrounding forest fires. It is used by fire departments in areas susceptible to wildfires and is available for individual homeowners in retail markets.

Green Junk Machine is Eating Our Junk to Help Keep the Planet Clean! (Press Release)

A new local San Diego based company, Green Junk Machine, is an eco-friendly service helping people remove their unwanted junk from households and commercial businesses. "If you have junk, we can help. Go Green and let us help you get your space back." says owner Ian Rebello.

Green Junk Machine removes almost anything ranging from old furniture and appliances to garden waste and renovation debris. They go into the properties and remove the items from where ever they are located, doing all the heavy lifting and loading. The company is committed to keeping our planet clean by recycling as much of your junk as possible, instead of just tossing discarded item into California's landfills. They are going green with junk removal.

Green Junk Machine focuses on recycling and reusing unwanted items. They say that nearly 60% of people's unwanted junk is recycled, reused, or donated, and they say, " We absolutely love hauling junk out of properties. It's the best feeling removing an old couch or an old piece of furniture, driving down to the Goodwill along with other local charities and know the items will find a new home where they will be appreciated. It really is true that one man's junk is another man's treasure, and we really focus on staying true to that philosophy," says Ian.

Web Site:
<http://www.GreenJunkMachine.com>

(Editors note: OK... so why can't we establish such a program, especially with grant money?

Imagine a business devoted to recycling EVERYTHING? For a fee for pickups, or a main delivery point and fee, we have a company working to keep our landfills cleaner and we all get that great feeling of knowing that our "junk" is being useful elsewhere!)

COLORADO HOUSING, INCORPORATED CELEBRATES

7 New Affordable Energy Efficient Homes currently being developed in Pagosa Springs

Colorado Housing, Inc. in partnership with homeowners and the United States Department of

Agriculture Rural Development are currently building at The Overlook on south 7th Street and Pines Drive in Pagosa Springs.

The homeowners, who are participants in Colorado Housing, Inc.'s mutual self-help homebuilding program, have made significant progress on the construction of their homes, which are a great asset to the community for affordable homeownership.

All of Colorado Housing, Inc.'s homes are Energy Star Certified, truly making homes affordable by reducing utility bills.

CHI operates the Mutual Self-Help Homebuilding program in partnership with the USDA Rural Development who provides low-interest mortgages.

In addition to obtaining low-interest mortgages, CHI homeowners acquire construction skills through sweat equity they commit to complete their home. They also complete a comprehensive homebuyer counseling program including homebuyer certification and financial well being.

Colorado Housing, Inc. has recently become a HUD (US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development) approved Housing Counseling Agency. They are offering Homebuyer training on Saturday, February 28th, from 8 am- 5 pm at the Pagosa Springs Education Center. Included in the class will be budget and credit counseling. All are welcome to attend. Please call for reservations and details.

Colorado Housing, Inc. is also accepting applications for their Mutual Self- Help Homebuilding program.

Applications are available at CHI's office or their website at ColoradoHousinginc.com

To schedule an interview, please call Sherri Anderson at 970/264/6950 or e-mail Sherri at chisherri@centurytel.net

Southwest Free Press Seeks Feedback from Community on "GREEN" topics and projects!

Jeff Maehr, Publisher

Because "GREEN" is a rapidly growing area of interest by many people, we would like to know what you would like to learn about in the "GREEN" movement. This can be on any topic that is in the environmental, energy technology, organic food production, green house information, home self-sufficiency, natural health and wellness, and other similar areas.

There is a vast arena of information available, but we would prefer to know what YOU would like to know more about to help your household and family NOW.

This would be a good time to set down with your family and friends to build that "emergency" list of must-have items, and services you routinely use, but which could

disappear in a national or local emergency.

The more dependent we are on others and on outside services, the more we will be vulnerable to loss of those products and services. The article on "Passive Solar," (see page18) is a relatively easy way to provide both heat in winter, and a means to grow some of your own food right in your own home.

This isn't nearly as difficult as you might think. Even simple steps now could make a life and death difference later on. The community could even form a coop, to purchase, at much reduced costs, any and all of the necessary items many would want for their homes, and for self-sufficiency. Anything from food, to energy sources, emergency radios, first aid items, etc.

We can incorporate the "Neighbor2Neighbor" project (See page 5) that can help many of our citizens to begin taking such steps. Preparing for hard times isn't paranoia, as some might think. It is rational and logical, and to be taking steps to be able to handle a major depression, loss of income, loss of food stocks, bread lines, power shortages... is just plain smart.

If you are prepared, and there is no disaster, you still can save money, and have quality food right in your own home. If it does come, and ALL indicators point to multiple areas of decrease on the way, you are as "ahead" as you get your self NOW while there is time and resources.

So, take the time to examine your personal living situation. Look at all you need daily. What would be hard to live without... survive without? Write down your options for changing your dependency. The simple purchase of an extra bag of beans or rice each week can add up in a big hurry.

We can even form a task force of experts in the various areas we might want to address, to provide instruction, and advice in making some of these changes. Many of the southwest communities are in a great position to work together and to build a self-sufficient community.

We have ample solar energy. We can use technologies to build a secure community, and be able to provide for ourselves in a much greater means.

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the blood stream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on to them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

-Ronald Wilson Reagan -

What does the Supreme Law of the Land tell us?

Continuing with this issue, we are printing the Bill of Rights of the United States of America, the Supreme law of the land, under God, so that you have a copy to access as we progress in all the things we will be learning over the coming months.

I say, United States of America, and NOT just the "United States," because they are two entirely different entities, as you will learn. If you have never read through these documents, or simply don't remember what they say, you will be amazed at where we are now in the Rule of Law in this country and how far we have strayed from our founding documents, to our financial and other detriment.

Many elements within these documents will be addressed in future articles and investigation as to how this supreme law of the land is being broken every minute of every day across the 50 States. This is unacceptable for a free people and we all need to become more involved with where we are headed. It really doesn't take a huge, impossible effort... just some courage, some cooperation, and some fortitude, just as our founding ancestry showed in bringing us the freedoms we now enjoy. Let the journey begin, and let's take back our country, our laws and our freedoms!

The Bill of Rights are usually understood to be the first 10 Amendments to the Constitution. Later Amendments were added over the years!

Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Amendment II

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.

Amendment III

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Amendment IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Amendment V

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

Amendment VI

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

Amendment VII

In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise reexamined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Amendment VIII

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Amendment IX

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Amendment X

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

AMENDMENT XI

Passed by Congress March 4, 1794. Ratified February 7, 1795.

Note: Article III, section 2, of the Constitution was modified by amendment 11.

The Judicial power of the United States shall not be construed to extend to any suit in law or equity, commenced or prosecuted against one of the United States by Citizens of another State, or by Citizens or Subjects of any Foreign State.

AMENDMENT XII

Passed by Congress December 9, 1803. Ratified June 15, 1804.

Note: A portion of Article II, section 1 of the Constitution was superseded by the 12th amendment.

The Electors shall meet in their respective states and vote by ballot for President and Vice-President, one of whom, at least, shall not be an inhabitant of the same state with themselves; they shall name in their ballots the person voted for as President, and in distinct ballots the person voted for as Vice-President, and they shall make distinct lists of all persons voted for as President, and of all persons voted for as Vice-President, and of the number of votes for each, which lists 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 for President, shall be the President, if such number be a majority of the whole number of Electors appointed; and if no person have such majority, then from the persons having the highest numbers not exceeding three on the list of those voted for as President, the House of Representatives shall choose immediately, by ballot, the President. But in choosing 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. [And if the House of Representatives shall not choose a President whenever the right of choice shall devolve upon them, before the fourth day of March next following, then the Vice-President shall act as President, as in case of the death or other constitutional disability of the President. --]* The person having the greatest number of votes as Vice-President, shall be the Vice-President, if such number be a majority of the whole number of Electors appointed, and if no person have a majority, then from the two highest numbers on the list, the Senate shall choose the Vice-President; a quorum for the purpose shall consist of two-thirds of the whole number of Senators, and a majority of the whole number shall be necessary to a choice. But no person constitutionally ineligible to the office of President shall be eligible to that of Vice-President of the United States.

*Superseded by section 3 of the 20th amendment.

AMENDMENT XIII

Passed by Congress January 31, 1865. Ratified December 6, 1865.

Note: A portion of Article IV, section 2, of the Constitution was superseded by the 13th amendment.

Section 1.

Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

Section 2.

Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

See Bill of Rights, Page 22

From Bill of Rights, Page 21

AMENDMENT XIV

Passed by Congress June 13, 1866. Ratified July 9, 1868.

Note: Article I, section 2, of the Constitution was modified by section 2 of the 14th amendment.

Section 1.

All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

Section 2.

Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State, excluding Indians not taxed. But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and Vice-President of the United States, Representatives in Congress, the Executive and Judicial officers of a State, or the members of the Legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such State, being twenty-one years of age,* and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion, or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such State.

Section 3.

No person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, or elector of President and Vice-President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any State, who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. But Congress may by a vote of two-thirds of each House, remove such disability.

Section 4.

The validity of the public debt of the United States, authorized by law, including debts incurred for payment of pensions and bounties for services in suppressing insurrection or rebellion, shall not be questioned. But neither the United States nor any State shall assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or any claim for the loss or emancipation of any slave; but all such debts, obligations and claims shall be held illegal and void.

Section 5.

The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

*Changed by section 1 of the 26th amendment.

AMENDMENT XV

Passed by Congress February 26, 1869. Ratified February 3, 1870.

Section 1.

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude--

Section 2.

The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

AMENDMENT XVI

Passed by Congress July 2, 1909. Ratified February 3, 1913.

Note: Article I, section 9, of the Constitution was modified by amendment 16.

The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several States, and without regard to any census or enumeration.

AMENDMENT XVII

Passed by Congress May 13, 1912. Ratified April 8, 1913.

Note: Article I, section 3, of the Constitution was modified by the 17th amendment.

The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators

from each State, elected by the people thereof, for six years; and each Senator shall have one vote. The electors in each State shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the State legislatures.

When vacancies happen in the representation of any State in the Senate, the executive authority of such State shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies: Provided, That the legislature of any State may empower the executive thereof to make temporary appointments until the people fill the vacancies by election as the legislature may direct.

This amendment shall not be so construed as to affect the election or term of any Senator chosen before it becomes valid as part of the Constitution.

AMENDMENT XVIII

Passed by Congress December 18, 1917. Ratified January 16, 1919. Repealed by amendment 21.

Section 1.

After one year from the ratification of this article the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors within, the importation thereof into, or the exportation thereof from the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes is hereby prohibited.

Section 2.

The Congress and the several States shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Section 3.

This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of the several States, as provided in the Constitution, within seven years from the date of the submission hereof to the States by the Congress.

AMENDMENT XIX

Passed by Congress June 4, 1919. Ratified August 18, 1920.

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

AMENDMENT XX

Passed by Congress March 2, 1932. Ratified January 93, 1933.

Note: Article I, section 4, of the Constitution was modified by section 2 of this amendment. In addition, a portion of the 12th amendment was superseded by section 3.

Section 1.

The terms of the President and the Vice President shall end at noon on the 20th day of January, and the terms of Senators and Representatives at noon on the 3d day of January, of the years in which such terms would have ended if this article had not been ratified; and the terms of their successors shall then begin.

Section 2.

The Congress shall assemble at least once in every year, and such meeting shall begin at noon on the 3d day of January, unless they shall by law appoint a different day.

Section 3.

If, at the time fixed for the beginning of the term of the President, the President elect shall have died, the Vice President elect shall become President. If a President shall not have been chosen before the time fixed for the beginning of his term, or if the President elect shall have failed to qualify, then the Vice President elect shall act as President until a President shall have qualified; and the Congress may by law provide for the case wherein neither a President elect nor a Vice President shall have qualified, declaring who shall then act as President, or the manner in which one who is to act shall be selected, and such person shall act accordingly until a President or Vice President shall have qualified.

Section 4.

The Congress may by law provide for the case of the death of any of the persons from whom the House of Representatives may choose a President whenever the right of choice shall have devolved upon them, and for the case of the death of any of the persons from whom the Senate may choose a Vice President whenever the right of choice shall have devolved upon them.

Section 5.

Sections 1 and 2 shall take effect on the 15th day of October following the ratification of this article.

See Bill of Rights, Page 23

Section 6.

This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission.

AMENDMENT XXI

Passed by Congress February 20, 1933. Ratified December 5, 1933.

Section 1.

The eighteenth article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States is hereby repealed.

Section 2.

The transportation or importation into any State, Territory, or Possession of the United States for delivery or use therein of intoxicating liquors, in violation of the laws thereof, is hereby prohibited.

Section 3.

This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by conventions in the several States, as provided in the Constitution, within seven years from the date of the submission hereof to the States by the Congress.

AMENDMENT XXII

Passed by Congress March 21, 1947. Ratified February 27, 1951.

Section 1.

No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice, and no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President, for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected President shall be elected to the office of President more than once. But this Article shall not apply to any person holding the office of President when this Article was proposed by Congress, and shall not prevent any person who may be holding the office of President, or acting as President, during the term within which this Article becomes operative from holding the office of President or acting as President during the remainder of such term.

Section 2.

This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission to the States by the Congress.

AMENDMENT XXIII

Passed by Congress June 16, 1960. Ratified March 29, 1961.

Section 1.

The District constituting the seat of Government of the United States shall appoint in such manner as Congress may direct:

A number of electors of President and Vice President equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives in Congress to which the District would be entitled if it were a State, but in no event more than the least populous State; they shall be in addition to those appointed by the States, but they shall be considered, for the purposes of the election of President and Vice President, to be electors appointed by a State; and they shall meet in the District and perform such duties as provided by the twelfth article of amendment.

Section 2.

The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

AMENDMENT XXIV

Passed by Congress August 27, 1962. Ratified January 93, 1964.

Section 1.

The right of citizens of the United States to vote in any primary or other election for President or Vice President, for electors for President or Vice President, or for Senator or Representative in Congress, shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State by reason of failure to pay poll tax or other tax.

Section 2.

The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

AMENDMENT XXV

Passed by Congress July 6, 1965. Ratified February 10, 1967.

Note: Article II, section 1, of the Constitution was affected by the 25th amendment.

Section 1.

In case of the removal of the President from office or of his death or resignation, the Vice President shall become President.

Section 2.

Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of the Vice President, the President shall nominate a Vice President who shall take office upon confirmation by a majority vote of both Houses of Congress.

Section 3.

Whenever the President transmits to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives his written declaration that he is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, and until he transmits to them a written declaration to the contrary, such powers and duties shall be discharged by the Vice President as Acting President.

Section 4.

Whenever the Vice President and a majority of either the principal officers of the executive departments or of such other body as Congress may by law provide, transmit to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice President shall immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as Acting President.

Thereafter, when the President transmits to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives his written declaration that no inability exists, he shall resume the powers and duties of his office unless the Vice President and a majority of either the principal officers of the executive department or of such other body as Congress may by law provide, transmit within four days to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office. Thereupon Congress shall decide the issue, assembling within forty-eight hours for that purpose if not in session. If the Congress, within twenty-one days after receipt of the latter written declaration, or, if Congress is not in session, within twenty-one days after Congress is required to assemble, determines by two-thirds vote of both Houses that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice President shall continue to discharge the same as Acting President; otherwise, the President shall resume the powers and duties of his office.

AMENDMENT XXVI

Passed by Congress March 23, 1971. Ratified July 1, 1971.

Note: Amendment 14, section 2, of the Constitution was modified by section 1 of the 26th amendment.

Section 1.

The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age.

Section 2.

The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

AMENDMENT XXVII

Originally proposed Sept. 25, 1789. Ratified May 7, 1992.

No law, varying the compensation for the services of the Senators and Representatives, shall take effect, until an election of representatives shall have intervened.

"I am convinced that the people generally of the United States have not studied [the Constitution]. Many of them have never read it, and some know nothing concerning what it is all about." General Conference—April 1950 Joseph Fielding Smith (1876-1972)

"The greatest security of the people, against the encroachments and usurpations of their superiors, is to keep the Spirit of Liberty constantly awake." The Early Life, Correspondence and Writings of the Rt. Hon. Edmund Burke, p. 338 Edmund Burke (1729-1797) English Statesman

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