**Florida grandmother convicted of jail ministry crime**

Avoids life sentence despite helping prisoners exercise constitutional rights without a “license”

**Alex Newman**

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A grandmother of four young children could have spent the rest of her life in prison for what lawyers call “unlicensed practice of law.”

Nancy Jo Grant was arrested in Arcadia, Fla., on June 29. The 55-year-old dental assistant was charged with 19 violations of a Florida statute that she maintains was made obsolete by a constitutional revision in ‘68. This makes her the first person to be criminally charged with this violation, she said.

“A few years ago ‘unlicensed practice of law’ was a misdemeanor, not a felony,” said the prosecutor, Assistant State Attorney Don Hartery. “It doesn’t usually go this far because people normally stop when they are approached by the Bar.”

Grant’s research shows that the ‘UPL’ statute has been used on many occasions to threaten people who challenge the government about constitutional-rights violations, or the monopoly on ‘legal assistance’ held by the Florida Bar and enforced by government, she said.

Her ministry began when one of her sons was arrested in DeSoto County. During this time she learned about inmates who were still awaiting a hearing or trial after years of imprisonment, she said.

She began to help some of them exercise their rights by typing documents and taking them to court, and by sharing information and acting as a sort of ‘courier,’ she said. She also offered them religious comfort.

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**US to invade Pakistan?**

**Eric Margolis**

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The Bush Administration may be preparing to lash out at old ally Pakistan, which blames for its humiliating failures to crush al-Qaida, capture its elusive leaders, or defeat Taliban resistance forces in Afghanistan.

One is immediately reminded of the Vietnam War when the Pentagon, unable to defeat North Vietnamese Army and Viet Cong forces, urged invasion of Cambodia. Sources in Washington say the Pentagon is drawing up plans to attack Pakistan’s ‘autonomous’ tribal region bordering Afghanistan. Limited ‘hot pursuit’ ground incursions by US forces based in Afghanistan, intensive air attacks, and special forces raids into Pakistan’s autonomous tribal region are being evaluated.

This weekend, the US national intelligence chief and other intelligence spokesmen confirmed that strikes against ‘terrorist targets’ in Pakistan’s tribal belt are increasingly possible. These warnings were designed to both further pressure Pakistan’s beleaguered strongman, President Pervez Musharraf, into sending more troops to the tribal areas to fight his own people, and to prepare US public opinion for a possible widening of the Afghanistan war into Pakistan.

Pakistan’s 27,200 sq km tribal belt, officially known as the Federal Autonomous Tribal Area, or FATA, is home to 3.3 million Pashtun tribesmen. It has become a safe haven for al-Qaida, Taliban, other Afghan... Continued on page 3

**Regulation, free trade and Mexican trucks in America**

**Dr. Ron Paul**

Another NAFTA nail was just hammered into the coffin Washington is building for the US economy.

Within the last few days our borders were opened to the Mexican trucking industry in an unprecedented way. A “pilot” program is starting which will allow trucks from Mexico to haul goods beyond the 25 mile buffer zone to any point in the United States.

Officials claim this is being done with utmost oversight, but Americans still have their legitimate concerns. Rather than securing our borders, we seem to be providing more pores for illegal aliens, drug dealers, and terrorists to permeate... Continued on page 5

**Florida’s property owners are not protected**

**J.B. Ruhl**

Florida is getting national attention because of Riviera Beach’s attempt to displace 6,000 residents to make way for a billion-dollar waterfront yachting and housing complex.

The phenomenon of using eminent domain, the government power to seize private property, to further economic development is causing a lot of Floridians to ask, “Could that really happen?”

In a new study by The James Madison Institute, FSU College of Law Professor J.B. Ruhl surveys the history of eminent domain law in Florida and in the context of the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision Kelo v. City of New London. He concludes that it is wishful thinking to... Continued on page 5

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Letter from the editor:

Are you tired of reading about what Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan are doing? Do you feel neglected and ignored by the “main-stream media”? Do they dwell on issues that do not interest you and avoid the issues you feel are important? If so, you’ve picked up the right newspaper.

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I want to make clear that this is your paper and we want to cover issues that are of interest to our readers, not tell our readers what they should be interested in. We welcome submissions and letters to the editor from our readers because we want to know what issues are important to you. Are you concerned about your taxes constantly rising, or that the government has not been obeying the Constitution lately? We are too.

It is my humble opinion that Congress, the courts, and all levels of government have been disregarding the Supreme Law of the Land for too long. The press, supposedly the guardians of liberty, has been skirting its duties to keep the public completely informed. Self governance demands that citizens and voters understand issues or the ideals of liberty will surely perish.

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They Lied: It's a Sovereignty Surrender

James P. Tucker, Jr.

President Bush and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, when finally forced to face AFP-inspired questions at the three-way summit with Mexico, lied when they denied the real purpose of creating a North American Union and planning a superhighway linking the three nations. This is demonstrated by the words of their own flunkies.

Even when trying to be sarcastic, President Bush remained grim-faced, knowing they were lying. "I'm amused... It's really quite comical," said Bush, looking very unamused. Harper made a weak attempt at wit, suggesting the superhighway would be "interplanetary." Bush remained grim.

Before the summit-ending press conference, officials from the three nations had been meeting in secret behind locked doors and armed guards to advance the cause of a North American Union in which there would be no borders, laws and regulations would be "harmonized" and people and goods would move freely.

A paper entitled "Negotiating North America: The Security and Prosperity Partnership" was among the documents "working groups" relied on during secret sessions.

It reads: "The SSP process is the vehicle for the discussion of future arrangements for economic integration to create a single market for goods and services in North America... The design of the SSP is innovative, eschewing the more traditional diplomatic and trade negotiation models in favor of talks among civil service professionals and subject matter experts within each government. This design places the negotiation fully within the authority of the executive branch in the U.S.

This is the rationale for the administration's claim that any agreement reached is not a "treaty" subject to Senate confirmation. Helping establish this rationale at the summit were Bilderkreis and Trilateral luminaries Henry Kissinger, Richard Armitage, Zbigniew Brzezinski and Harold Brown.

The paper says that "in the context of North America, and of deepening continental integration, the management of congressional relations presents significant challenges for U.S. negotiators." This proved true as 22 congressmen wrote to Bush denouncing the summit and surrender of sovereignty, as AFP reported this week. "There is now a handful of members of Congress (concentrated for now, in the House) publicly opposed to proceeding with the SSP and determined to convene investigations and oversight into the content of the talks," the paper warns.

"We have right now in Texas a project that is underway, a massive project to build a 12-lane highway heading north, presumably funded largely by private funds, which will head north toward Oklahoma," Hunter told the House. "And the understanding that I have, looking at the statements which have been made by the Security and Prosperity Partnership, is that this is part of an overall plan to develop a corridor between Mexico and Canada transiting the U.S."

"America's ambassador to Canada, Paul Cellucci, has suggested the borders between Canada, the United States and Mexico be dismantled with the aim of achieving a more integrated economy," said Bob Barker, founder Veterans for Secure Borders. "America's fighting men have served our country in order to preserve its sovereignty—not some borderless mashup, some elitist pipe dream."

War on Pakistan?

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my book, 'War at the Top of the World.' The 40 million Pashtun - called 'Pathan' by the British - are the world's largest tribal group. Imperial Britain divided them by an artificial border, the Durand Line, which went on to become, like so many other British colonial boundaries, today's Afghanistan-Pakistan border. When Pakistan was created in 1947, the Pashtun were split between that new nation and Afghanistan. Pakistan's Pashtun number 28-30 million, plus an additional 2.5 million refugees from Afghanistan. Pashtuns, one of the British Indian Army's famed 'martial races,' occupy many senior positions in Pakistan's military, intelligence services and bureaucracy, and naturally have much sympathy for their embattled tribal cousins in Afghanistan. The 15 million Pashtun of Afghanistan form that nation's largest ethnic group and just under half the population.

The tribal agency's Pashtun were split between the new administration of President Pervez Musharraf and the old regime of President S.R. Fayyaz. The new Pashtunistan movement is part of the Pashtun resistance to the US military. Resistance to western occupation. US forces are already too over-stretched to get involved in yet another little war. Some of Musharraf's army officers who refuse to be bought may resist a US attack on their homeland, and overthrow the man who allowed it, Gen. Musharraf. A US attack would sharply raise the threat of anti-US extremists seizing control of Pashtunistan. That could begin unravelling fragile Pakistan, leaving its nuclear arsenal up for grabs, and India tempted to intervene.

The US military has grown used to attacking small, weak nations like Grenada, Panama, and Iraq, Pakistan, with 163 million people, and a poorly equipped but very tough 50,000-man army, will offer no easy victories. Those Bush Administration officials who foolishly advocate attacking Pakistan are playing with fire.
The Alachua County Republican Party has aimed to set itself apart by bringing in interesting and exciting speakers. From David Limbaugh to Ann Coulter, and Alveda King to Former Iraqi General Georges Sada, it has been our goal to set the standard for exciting and innovative speakers.

In keeping with that goal, we are proud to announce that our keynote speaker for the 5th Annual Ronald Reagan Black Tie and Blue Jeans BBQ will be Sean Hannity.

The 2007 Black Tie and Blue Jeans BBQ with Sean Hannity will be on November 1st, 2007. Tickets are on sale, now. Click here to go to our online store. You can also call us at 352-373-8500 or email us at: Hannitytickets@alachuarepublicans.com

Sean Hannity joined the FOX News Channel in September, 1996 as co-host of "Hannity & Colmes." He serves as the program's conservative counterpart to liberal Alan Colmes, and the show has now become the highest-viewed debate show on cable television.

He also hosts "The Sean Hannity Show" three hours daily from his studios at ABC Radio Network. Syndicated on 430 stations nationwide, Sean's voice reaches 14 million listeners daily.

In October, 2003 Sean received the Marconi Award (NAB) for "Network/Syndicated Personality of the Year." Four months later he was named "National Talk Host of the Year" at the Annual Radio & Records Talk Radio Seminar in Washington, D.C. Talkers Magazine has also named Sean "Talk Show Host of the Year" and one of the "Top 100 Talk Hosts in America."


Sean will broadcasting his top rated, national, call-in radio show from Gainesville, that day and will broadcast his Fox News program, Hannity and Colmes from North-Central Florida, that evening. Sean’s website is www.Hannity.com.
**Mexican trucks in America?**

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Not only that, but the anti-competitive and burdensome yoke of over-regulation of our industry at home is about to send a lot more Americans to the unemployment lines.

The American Trucking Industry has been heavily regulated since 1935. The express purpose of The Motor Carrier Act was to eliminate competition through permitting, regulating tariff rates, even approving routes.

American trucking companies have been fighting ever since for some relief from the substantial regulatory burdens placed on them. Regulatory compliance is the single most daunting barrier to entry, and eats up huge amounts of profit.

Now, to add insult to injury, Mexican trucking companies, not subject to the same onerous standards, will be allowed to roll right in and squeeze American industry further. This will severely undermine the ability of American trucking companies to remain solvent.

The fact that this is being done in the name of free trade is disturbing. Free trade is not complicated, yet NAFTA and CAFTA are comprised of thousands of pages of complicated legal jargon.

All free trade really needs is two words: Low tariffs. Free trade does not require coordination with another government to benefit citizens here.

Just like domestic businesses don’t pay taxes, foreign businesses do not pay tariffs – consumers do, in the form of higher prices. If foreign governments want to hurt their own citizens with protectionist tariffs, let them. But let us set a good example here, and show the world an honest example of true free trade.

And let us stop hurting American workers with mountains of red tape in the name of safety. Safety standards should be set privately, by the industry and by the insurance companies who have the correct motivating factors to do so.

Free trade is not the problem, and pseudo free trade is what is being offered in the wrongly named North American Free Trade Agreement and all its offshoots. The problem is a government-managed economy and the burdensome regulation that results.

For our economy to remain competitive in the world, we must remember what it is to be truly free. We must lift the regulatory shackles threatening to sink our industries into oblivion. Free trade begins with freedom domestically, and we can’t afford to lose that.

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**New Web site collects war stories from U.S. troops overseas**

AUSTIN, Tex. – The new site, From The Front (FromTheFront.org), takes viewers on a tour through the trenches and war camps by combining soldiers’ blog entries, videos, and images onto one site.

From The Front, launched in July, aggregates real frontline experiences from thousands of troops stationed in military hotspots.

Any soldier can register their own existing blogs from sites such as BlogSpot.com or MySpace.com. Their entries are then automatically updated and featured on the site. Censored only for spam and pornographic material, the stories on From The Front can portray anything from the glory of victorious battles to the heart wrenching sadness of death and destruction.

Sponsored by FlvorFul an online video advertising site, From The Front donates all proceeds to the Army Forces Relief Trust. “I want to accomplish two things,” said Jake Varghese, owner of FlvorFul.com. “I’d like to see a central place for Americans to see what our troops are going through … from their own mouths instead of filtered by government or media. I also want to help raise money for their families.”

**Solutions to stop property seizures**

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believe that Florida’s laws prohibit property takings for economic development.

“The Florida Supreme Court has not spoken directly on the question of whether the Florida Constitution prohibits Kelo style takings, and no existing statutory provision expressly constrains local governments from engaging in economic development takings with substantial private involvement,” Ruhl wrote.

According to Professor Ruhl, Florida has several options available that would serve to prevent the taking of property for economic development purposes:

- Enact a constitutional amendment providing that no private property shall be taken except with full compensation and for a public purpose, defined as a use which the public shall have the right to employ.
- Tighten the Community Redevelopment Act designation standards with substantive limits and procedural safeguards.
- Amend the Community Redevelopment Act to require that cities in all cases bear a much higher burden of proof to justify use of eminent domain; e.g. require cities to demonstrate that the CRA initiative furthers a “critical public need” that without use of eminent domain the city would have been “incapable of achieving the public purpose” of the initiative, and that any involvement of private development interests in the initiative is justified only by the city proving a “lack of practicable alternatives.”
‘SPP’ to create a ‘North American Union?’ Protest attracts thousands

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on foot quickly followed their lead. They made their way past the main entrance of the chateau (which the police had said was a prohibited area) to the center of town. The buses stopped at what looked like a community center and unloaded.

The number of people gathered had to be about 2,000—maybe more. Others continued to arrive, music started to play on a loudspeaker and the anti-SPP chants began. Earlier in the day, I heard one of the protest leaders talking to the police. He said in no uncertain terms that they were going to march right to the entrance of the hotel—avoiding the “suggested” field (called “the pen”). So it came as no surprise after a few angry speeches that the group moved down the road toward the hotel.

It was a diverse crowd—communists, nationalists, feminists, unionists and even some Ron Paul supporters. And it was people of all ages—from young children to the elderly.

I was taking pictures and filming the march, so I neglected to see the police in full-riot gear ahead until I almost stumbled upon them. The show of force was impressive—with more troops quickly being added to the initial line—marching in military formation to the entrance area.

The police did not secure the entire entrance immediately. I think that the speed of the march had surprised them somewhat, but it did not take long for it to be cleared. And then it got really tense. The protesters were right in the faces of the fully equipped cops (helmets with face shields, full riot shields and batons). They yelled and chanted wildly at the stoic troops. A second wave of cops behind the main line put on their gas masks and soon yet another complement of troops came—many with plastic bullet guns. A police helicopter came quite close to the area, adding to the drama. It looked like things were going to get ugly fast. However, about 1 p.m., the situation calmed and the battle lines were drawn for the day. From 1 p.m. until about 5 p.m., there was a strange kind of street party. People danced all over town, there were circus type performers entertaining the crowd—including a man with a Bush mask and suit holding a sign saying ‘Send Canada to Iraq’ and ‘Buy more gaz.’ All of this was overshadowed by the presence of riot-police threatening chaos.

At around 5 p.m., the demonstration started to heat up again. It was a long hot day in Montebello, and tempers were flaring.

The more radical parts of the crowd (many with their own improvised shields and body armor and holding large pieces of lumber) began to throw whatever they could at the police who responded with pepper spray, tear gas and, finally, plastic bullets. The organizers called a retreat and the day was done.

Later, many media outlets claimed that there were only a couple of hundred people at the protest. Anyone stating this is a flat-out liar. The turnout was in the thousands. And the press showed up in force as well—with the result being extensive coverage of the event and the issues surrounding it. By the evening of that August day, this secret meeting was not so secret.

Stories courtesy of the American Free Press
On July 1, 2002, the International Criminal Court became reality. The United Nations' International Criminal Court would deny Americans the right to a trial by a jury of their peers. An ICC "trial" would be decided by a panel of six or more judges, no more than one of which could be an American. In addition, the 1998 Rome Statute of the ICC contains no right to habeas corpus and no right to confront accusers. ICC prosecutors could even provide secret evidence to judges.

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The UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights," Article 29, (3):

"I want to extend condolences to the families of those who died in the service of the United Nations."

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"We strongly endorse community initiatives ... to encourage the disarming of civilians...."

— Our Global Neighborhood, published in 1995 by the UN-funded Commission on Global Governance.

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“It is not only the juror’s right, but his duty . . . to find the verdict according to his own best understanding, judgment, and conscience, though in direct opposition to the direction of the court.”

US Supreme Court Chief Justice John Jay in Georgia v. Brailsford

On August 5, 1735, twelve jurors deliberated on the fate of a German immigrant in a trial that would make legal history, and, indeed, American history.

The story starts almost four years before when in early August, 1731, one of New York’s most important newspapers, the New York Weekly Journal, was accused of libel. When the case went to trial, Cosby did all he could to affect the outcome, even having Zenger’s lawyers disbarred.

In the end, Zenger’s court appointed attorney could make almost no case, and Zenger did not contest that he had printed the articles in question. Before the jury went to deliberate, the judge gave very clear instructions, it was for the jury only to decide whether “Zenger printed and published those papers, and leave to the Court to judge whether they are libelous.”

Since Zenger had admitted to publishing the papers in question, there was little doubt what the jury would decide. Despite this, the jury shocked the court, coming back with a “Not Guilty” verdict. The jury had nullified the case.

From that point on, jury nullification has played an important role in American legal practice. When the United States attained freedom from Britain (a bold move prompted, in no small part, by the plight Zenger had faced), jury nullification was enshrined as a necessary check on the power of the law makers.

Not every case of arguable legal merit makes it to the Supreme Court, and so another step was seen as necessary to prevent to passage of bad laws. For example, in the mid-19th century, the Fugitive Slave Law forced northerners to return escaped slaves to bondage in the South, but a number of abolitionists used jury nullification in order to prevent this unjust law from being applied.

Perhaps the greatest hour for jury nullification was the period from 1920 to 1933, when alcohol was illegal in the United States. Though the state was constantly bringing Americans up on charges of selling alcoholic beverages, over half of the verdicts came back “not guilty” even when the facts were as clear as in the Zenger case. People were simply unwilling to convict their peers of engaging in an activity that nearly everyone took part in and enjoyed.

The pressure on the prosecutors from nullified juries was so great that eventually the state gave up on enforcing Prohibition and the 21st Amendment was passed, bringing Prohibition to an end.

However, the glory days of jury nullification were soon to pass. Just as it could be used to uphold liberty, nullification could be used to abrogate justice. In the turbulent 1950s and 60s (and in some cases earlier), all white juries would nullify cases against their racist peers who lynched blacks.

A number of appellate court decisions, inspired by such despicable uses of jury power, ruled that judges have no responsibility to inform a jury of its right to nullify. Spar v. U.S., one of the very few cases where the Supreme Court has addressed nullification, confirmed these decisions and has even been cited to allow judges to remove jury members who are suspected of planning to nullify a verdict.

Now it is nearly impossible to find a judge who is supportive of jury nullification. And it’s a shame. It’s understandable that judges are concerned about juries using their nullification powers to miscarry justice, but in the more tolerant atmosphere today, it seems like the need for jury nullification outweighs the risk of its misuse.

With more and more legislation slowly eroding the liberties of Americans, it is necessary for the people to step in where legislatures and activist judges have failed.

Americans need to use their power as jurors to ensure that fellow citizens are not being punished under bad and oppressive laws. But, since nullification is not spoken of in a court room, Americans must learn about this latent power of theirs in other ways.

As Thomas Jefferson, one of the main architects of the U.S. Constitution and the third President, said: “The jury has the right to judge both the law as well as the fact in controversy.”

Some good sources for more information about jury nullification are: The Fully Informed Jury Association (fija.org) and the Jury Education Committee (jurypower.org).

Photo by Alyson Landry

The day after the tazing of Andrew Meyer at the John Kerry speech, students gathered for a march to the University Police Department that drew national attention. They proceeded to storm the Alumni building.

Meyer was Tasered after his microphone was cut-off during his questions regarding Bush and Kerry’s involvement in the secret society, Skull and Bones. The officers involved have been placed on leave.
Florida Grandma sentenced, will appeal (continued from page 1)

said they had been “abandoned” by their attorneys, she said.

During the trial, the state attorney’s office and the sheriff’s department stated that anyone who teaches civil rights, meaning the Bill of Rights, is “practicing law,” Grant said. The prosecution insists that “practicing law” without a “license” (membership in the Bar) is a third degree felony carrying a possible five year prison term per conviction.

Grant was sentenced on Sept. 25 to 15 years of probation with no possibility of early termination, and she was ordered to pay a fine of $30,000 plus court costs. She plans to appeal.

The State was seeking a minimum of five years in prison, the prosecuting attorney told The Liberty Sentinel. She could have been imprisoned for 95, five for each of the 19 people she allegedly gave ‘legal advice’ to.

Several conditions were imposed at the sentencing: The fine and court costs must be paid before Dec. 4 or Grant will lose her drivers’ license, a lien will be placed on her property until the fine is paid, and she may not continue her legal ministry or communicate with any prisoners.

Various civil rights groups in Florida and around the country are offering Grant assistance. ‘We the People of Florida’ has asked its four thousand members to mobilize into action, not only in her support, but also to denounce the crisis involving countless “detainees” still awaiting trial after years of imprisonment.

Grant’s interest in the judicial branch and her fight for justice began earlier in life when she ran for state representative, for governor as a write-in candidate in 2002, and most recently for circuit judge in 2004. This gave her experience regarding all three branches of the government, she said.

Amendment VI of the U.S. Constitution states that “In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial,” and “the assistance of counsel for his defense.” Nowhere does it state that a person’s “counsel” must have a “license.” The Constitution contains no mention of the Bar Association; it’s a relic from America’s days under British Crown!

Grant has 30 days from her sentencing date to appeal. She expects to win.

Mari Fernandez and Bob Hurt also contributed to this story. For in-depth coverage visit www.libertysentinel.org

State Attorney Earl Moreland’s office prosecuted the case.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Despite overwhelming public opposition to the Real ID Act, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is going forward with its plans to mandate the controversial “smart card.”

Over 20 States have vowed not to comply with the national ID law and many others have introduced similar bills. The DHS has warned that they will “face consequences” for failing to comply.

The act was passed by Congress in 2005 as part of the Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and “Tsunami Relief” under the guise of “fighting terrorism.” It mandates national standards for all drivers’ licenses and other official documents. The DHS claims these measures could help prevent terrorism.

The final version of the regulations hasn’t been released, but the agency said it will require the Federal identity cards to include a digital photograph and a bar code that can be scanned by electronic readers. Critics say the DHS will try to require finger prints, bio-metric data, social security numbers, and possibly even a microchip similar to those being used in U.S. passports.

The final rules should be ready sometime this fall, but the DHS spokesman would not give a specific date.

The Constitution does not give Congress the power to create a national ID which means the tenth amendment reserves this power for the States.

The Idaho Observer contributed to this report.
From Roosevelt to Wilson: America’s Internationalism

Alexander de la Paz
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America is a strange thing in history. While other European powers practiced imperialism openly, America did so quietly and with a sense of faux moral restraint. All while post-civil war America would serve as the symbol that stood above the petty, backward, and unenlightened affairs of Europe, it still ironically held the same goals that her European adversaries overtly professed: power and property.

After all, as Kissinger once noted, Andrew Johnson’s dream of an empire including Canada and Mexico and Ulysses Grant’s vision of an American Dominican Republic and Cuba were ideas not too unlike that of European imperialists Bismarck and Disraeli. Yet America, brash and new, seeking to illustrate the boldness of her own newly-honed sovereignty, could, at the time, justly wield such imperialistic prospects and get away with it.

Relative to now -- after fighting two World Wars, the Cold War, the Vietnam War, and countless others in the Middle East and Asia -- many may ask: who or what caused such an acceptance of foreign entanglements in the name of liberty? After all, American involvement in these wars could have been avoided simply by remaining neutral. Who or what served as catalysts to our plunging into the center of the international arena?

Teddy Roosevelt, elected in 1901, was the first president to outwardly claim it was America’s duty to propel its beliefs abroad, and that it was in its national interest to do so. He too believed America’s strength was a tool to be used when interests collided between states.

...the adherence of the United States to the Monroe Doctrine (in the Western Hemisphere) may force the United States, however reluctantly, in flagrant cases of such wrongdoing or impotence, to the exercise of an international police power,” evoked Roosevelt in his “Corollary” to the Monroe Doctrine.

Roosevelt made intervention America’s new global policy. He provoked Panama into war of independence from Colombia with the intention of building an American canal that would link the Atlantic to the Pacific. He would flex his muscles in the Caribbean by forcing Haiti to clear itself of European debt (in fear of Europe taking action for such debt) and he would send troops to occupy Cuba, among other things.

Roosevelt’s big stick diplomacy was arrogant and entirely fitting of its phallic name. No other president since Teddy Roosevelt has practiced power politics so overtly nor has any president since. He believed so strongly it was America’s duty to intervene, despite clear far-reaching than Roosevelt’s “big stick” could ever even hope to touch. While they did not directly preach action, they still stood for democratization of the world and the infallibility of the American democratic way. He believed, similar to Roosevelt, that it was America’s role “not to prove...our selfishness, but our greatness.” History shows that Roosevelt and Wilson indeed had the same goal, just different fighting styles. Wilson clearly butters up the thought of intervention and the suggestion that it is America’s duty to oppose aggression (which in later cases would be the formation of any ‘unapproved’ state) anywhere at anytime during his annual State of the Union address to congress: “We insist upon security in prosecuting our self-chosen lines of national development. We do more than that. We demand it also for others. We do not confuse our enthusiasm for individual liberty and free national development to the incidents and movements of affairs which affect only ourselves. We feel it wherever there is a people that tries to walk in these difficult paths of independence and right.”

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If government says it’s organic, it’s probably not

Foods carrying the USDA ‘95% organic’ seal are now allowed to contain factory-farmed intestines, PCBs and mercury

Despite receiving more than 10,000 comments from consumers and family farmers opposing various aspects of a late May proposal, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has approved a rule that will allow 38 new, non-organic ingredients to be allowed in products bearing the “USDA Organic” seal.

The USDA’s decision to loosen organic labeling requirements has resulted in the following:

- Anheuser Busch will be allowed to sell its “Organic Wild Hops Beer” without using any organic hops at all.
- Sausages, brats, and breakfast links labeled as “USDA Organic” are now allowed to contain intestines from factory farmed animals raised on chemically grown feed, synthetic hormones, and antibiotics.
- Products labeled as “USDA Organic” and containing fish oil may contain toxins such as PCBs and mercury (note: non-organic fish oil products have this same exempt status against the National Organic Standards to allow such toxins in organic foods).

“It’s disheartening to see how businesses like Kraft, Wal-Mart and Anheuser-Busch have more sway over the U.S. Department of Agriculture than family farmers, independent organic producers and consumers,” said Ronnie Cummins, OCA’s National Director.

OCA’s Environmental Scientist, Craig Minowa, noted that foods labeled as 100% organic will still be 100% organic.

“Why would anyone take the risk of a having cancer?” said Minowa.

Education

Student arrested for dropping cake

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A group of students and parents gathered on Sept. 28 at a high-school in California to protest the violent arrest of a student accused of littering.

The 16-year-old William P. Knight High School student, Pleajhai Mervin, was arrested the week before after dropping a piece of birthday cake in the lunch room.

She was pushed and accidentally dropped the cake on the floor, she said.

A security officer ordered her to clean up the mess. She complied, but each time she got ready to leave she was told to clean it up again, so she did. As she was leaving for class, the security guard grabbed her and slammed her on a table, breaking her wrist. He told her to “hold still nappy head,” Mervin claims. The guard’s name has not been released, and he has not issued a comment.

Joshua Lockett, 14, filmed the incident using his cell phone. When the guard realized he was being recorded, he threw the student to the ground. Lockett was arrested for suspicion of battery. His sister was nearby and after attempting to help him, the guards arrested her and broke her wrist. Lockett remains in juvenile detention.

LaTrisha Majors, Mervin’s mother, went to the school later that day to check on her daughter. She was arrested for allegedly assaulting the principal. Majors admitted to pushing the principal but maintains that she did nothing wrong.

Mervin has been expelled from her school and will attend an expulsion hearing. Her mother has consulted a lawyer from the Cochran firm and plans on suing the school district.

This is not the first time there has been trouble with the guards at this Palmdale high-school. Another parent of a student there, Teresa Augustine, said her daughter was victimized by the school’s guards in the past. Serena Ochoa, another parent, has complained about the guards on several occasions.

The protest’s leader, Najee Ali, mentioned the “Jena Six,” a group of 6 black students from Louisiana being accused of attempting to murder a white student. Critics of the prosecution say the charges are exaggerated, and accusations of racism have been flying.

“Children are being beaten and brutalized. Black students are being victimized.”

The Associated Press issued a breaking story revealing that microchip implants have induced cancer in laboratory animals and dogs, says privacy expert and long-time VeriChip opponent Dr. Katherine Albrecht.

As the AP reported, a series of research articles spanning more than a decade found that mice and rats injected with glass-encapsulated RFID transponders developed malignant, fast-growing, lethal cancers in up to 1% to 10% of cases. The tumors originated in the tissue surrounding the microchips and often grew to completely surround the devices, the researchers said.

Albrecht first became aware of the microchip-cancer link when she and her “Spychips” co-author, Liz McIntyre, were contacted by a pet owner whose dog had died from a chip-induced tumor. Albrecht then found medical studies showing a causal link between microchip implants and cancer in other animals.

Before she brought the research to the AP’s attention, none of the studies had received widespread public notice. A four-month AP investigation turned up additional documents, several of which had been published before VeriChip’s parent company, Applied Digital Solutions, sought FDA approval to market the implant for humans.

The VeriChip received FDA approval in 2004 under the watch of then Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson who later joined the board of the company.

Under FDA policy, it would have been VeriChip’s responsibility to bring the adverse studies to the FDA’s attention, but VeriChip CEO Scott Silverman claims the company was unaware of the research.

Albrecht expressed skepticism that a company like VeriChip, whose primary business is microchip implants, would be unaware of relevant studies in published literature.

“For Mr. Silverman not to know about this research would be negligent. If he did know about these studies, he certainly had an incentive to keep them quiet,” said Albrecht.

Since gaining FDA approval, VeriChip has aggressively targeted diabetic and dementia patients, and recently announced that it had chipped 90 Alzheimer’s patients and their caregivers in Florida. Employees in the Mexican Attorney General’s Office, workers in a U.S. security firm, and club-goers in Europe have also been implanted. More than 2,000 people have reportedly been chipped.

Albrecht expressed concern for those who have received a chip implant, urging them to get the devices removed as soon as possible.

“These new revelations change everything,” she said. “Why would anyone take the risk of a having cancer chip in their arm?”
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