Property Tax Reform Amendment Explained

Florida property owners hoping for a simple reduction in their taxes won’t be pleased with the complex amendment up for a vote this month.

GARY R. SCHOR - Sentinel Staff Writer

When Florida voters go to the polls on January 29th, they won’t just be picking presidential candidates; they will also be voting on an important property tax reform amendment to the Florida Constitution.

Florida property owners looking for clear and concise reductions in their taxes may be disappointed with the perplexing complexities of an amendment that tries to be everything to all people.

“Many homeowners are now ‘trapped’ in their homes because buying a new home would cause the tax rate to be reset on the current value of the new home.”

There are essentially four parts to the property tax reform amendment, and each part has its own benefits and detractions. There are also a few more obscure provisions that believers in the free market could find troubling.

The most straightforward part of the measure involves doubling the homestead exemption from 25 to 50-thousand, saving the average homeowner about $240.

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2) Send us your concerns. My e-mail address is on the right side of this page.

Sincerely,

The editor
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Property rights.

Hometown Democracy would turn Florida into a laboratory for a statewide experiment in the radical concept of “ballot-box zoning” that has fooled day-high housing costs in places like San Francisco, where the median housing price now stands at $220,000.

A 2001 study in the Journal of the American Planning Association examined ballot-box zoning in 63 Ohio cities and concluded that requiring rezoning decisions to be referendums had a consistent negative impact on “Hometown Democracy.”

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**Ocala elementary student arrested for steak knife**

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**Ocala** – It’s a dangerous world out there, so it’s great that our schools are taking steps to keep children safe. Schoolyard violence is the horror of any parent.

But, is there such a thing as going too far? Perhaps there is — when a 10-year-old child is arrested for possession of a knife — while eating lunch in the school cafeteria!

Citing a “zero tolerance policy,” school faculty of Sunrise Elementary School in Ocala reported the 5th grade girl to the Marion County Sheriff’s Department. She didn’t threaten anyone with the knife, she just used it to cut up her food, as classmate said.

Ric Ridgeway, Chief Assistant State Attorney, said the State Attorney’s Office decided not to prosecute the child because she had no previous criminal record and apparently meant no harm in bringing the knife to school.

Perhaps more frightening than the knife is the precedent the arrest represents.

Actions are “criminal” or “innocent,” not property. Virtually anything can be used as a weapon — cars, baseball bats, even pencils. Are we to ban them too?

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Judicial Watch: Ten Most Corrupt Politicians in 2007

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The attorneys at Judicial Watch, a public interest group that investigates and prosecutes government corruption, released their list of Washington DC’s “Ten Most Wanted Corrupt Politicians of 2007.” The list is in alphabetical order and includes several presidential candidates such as Hillary Clinton, Rudy Giuliani and Barack Obama. The list also includes leaders from both major political parties.

1. Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY): In addition to her long and sordid ethics record, Senator Hillary Clinton took a lot of heat in 2007 -- and rightly so -- for blocking the release her official White House records. Many suspect these records contain a treasure trove of information related to her role in a number of serious Clinton-era scandals. Moreover, in March 2007, Judicial Watch filed an ethics complaint against Senator Clinton for filing false financial disclosure forms with the U.S. Senate (again). And Hillary’s top campaign contributor, Norman Hsu, was exposed as a felon and a fugitive from justice in 2007. Hsu pleaded guilty to one count of grand theft for defrauding investors as part of a multi-million dollar Ponzi scheme.

2. Rep. John Conyers (D-MI): Judicial Watch accuses Conyers of repeatedly violating the law and House ethics rules, forcing his staff to serve as his personal servants, babysitters, valets and campaign workers while on the government payroll. While the House Ethics Committee investigated these allegations in 2006, and substantiated a number of the accusations against Conyers, the committee blamed the staff and required additional administrative record-keeping and employee training. Judicial Watch obtained documentation in 2007 from a former Conyers staffer that sheds new light on the activities and conduct on the part of the Michigan congressman, which appear to be at a minimum inappropriate and likely unlawful. Judicial Watch called on the Attorney General in 2007 to investigate the matter.

3. Senator Larry Craig (R-ID): In one of the most shocking scandals of 2007, Senator Craig was caught by police attempting to solicit sex in a Minneapolis International Airport men’s bathroom during the summer. Senator Craig reportedly “sent signals” to a police officer in an adjacent stall that he wanted to engage in sexual activity. When the police officer confronted Craig and asked to produce identification, Craig presented police his U.S. Senate business card and said, “What do you think of that?” The power play didn’t work. Craig was arrested, charged and entered a guilty plea. Despite enormous pressure from his Republican colleagues to resign from the Senate, Craig refused.

4. Senator Diane Feinstein (D-CA): As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee’s subcommittee on military construction, Feinstein reviewed military construction government contracts, some of which were ultimately awarded to URS Corporation and Perini, companies then owned by Feinstein’s husband, Richard Blum. While the Pentágón ultimately awards military contracts, there is a reason for the review process. The Senate’s subcommittee on Military Construction’s approval carries weight. Sen. Feinstein, therefore, likely had influence over the decision making process. Senator Feinstein also attempted to undermine ethics reform in 2007, arguing in favor of a perk that allows members of Congress to book multiple airline flights and then cancel them without financial penalty. Judicial Watch’s investigation into this matter is ongoing.

5. Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani (R-NY): Giuliani came under fire in late 2007 after it was discovered the former New York mayor’s office “billed obscure city agencies for tens of thousands of dollars in security expenses amassed during the time when he was beginning an extramarital relationship with future wife Judith Nathan in the Hamptons...”

6. Governor Mike Huckabee (R-AR): Governor Huckabee enjoyed a meteoric rise in politics in 2007, which prompted a more thorough review of his ethics record. According to The Associated Press: “Huckabee’s career has also been colored by 14 ethics complaints and a volley of questions about his integrity, ranging from his management of campaign cash to his use of a nonprofit organization to subsidize his income to his destruction of state computer files on his way out of the governor’s office.” And what was Governor Huckabee’s response to these ethics allegations? Rather than cooperating with investigators, Huckabee sued the state ethics commission twice and attempted to shut the ethics process down.

7. I. Lewis “Scooter” Libby: Libby, former Chief of Staff to Vice President Dick Cheney, was sentenced to 30 months in prison and fined $250,000 for lying and obstructing the Valerie Plame CIA leak investigation. Libby was found guilty of four felonies -- two counts of perjury, one count of making false statements to the FBI and one count of obstructing justice -- all serious crimes. Unfortunately, Libby was largely let off the hook. In an appalling lack of judgment, President Bush issued “Executive Clemency” to Libby and commuted the sentence.

8. Senator Barack Obama (D-IL): A “Dishonorable Mention” last year, Senator Obama moved onto the “ten most wanted” list in 2007. In 2006, it was discovered that Obama was involved in a suspicious real estate deal with an indicted political fundraiser, Antoin “Tony” Rezko. In 2007, reports surfaced of deeper and suspicious business and political connections. It was reported that just two months after he joined the Senate, Obama purchased $30,000 worth of stock in speculative companies whose major investors were his biggest campaign contributors. One of the companies was a biotech concern that benefited from legislation Obama pushed just two weeks after the senator purchased $5,000 of the company’s shares. Obama was also caught up in legislative campaign business in his Senate office, a violation of federal law.

9. Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA): House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who promised a new era of ethics enforcement in the House of Representatives, snuck a $25 million gift to her husband, Paul Pelosi, in a $15 billion Water Resources Development Act recently passed by Congress. The pet project involved renovating ports in Speaker Pelosi’s home base of San Francisco. Pelosi just happens to own apartment buildings near the areas targeted for improvement, and will almost certainly experience a significant boost in property value as a result of Pelosi’s earmark. Earlier in the year, Pelosi was also caught self-funding her campaign to help a luxury Air Force jet to ferry the Speaker and her entourage back and forth from San Francisco non-stop, in unprecedented request which was wisely rejected by the Pentagon. And under Pelosi’s leadership, the House ethics process remains essentially shut down -- which protects members in both parties from accountability.

10. Senator Harry Reid (D-NV): Over the last few years, Reid has been embroiled in a series of scandals that cast serious doubt on his credibility as a self-professed champion of government ethics, and 2007 was no different. According to The Los Angeles Times, over the last four years, Reid used his influence in Washington to help a developer, H a v e y Whitemore, clear obstacles for a profitable real estate deal. As the project advanced, the Times reported, “Reid received tens of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from Whitemore.” Whitemore also hired one of Reid’s sons (Leif) as his personal lawyer and then promptly handed the junior Reid the responsibility of negotiating the real estate deals with federal officials. Leif Reid even called his father’s office to talk about how to obtain the proper EPA permits, a clear conflict of interest.
CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — Republican presidential hopeful Ron Paul addressed a room full of student volunteers in a private room at the Marriott on December 18, 2007. They weren't being paid, but they spent hours walking through the bitter, sometimes single-digit temperatures of Iowa just to spread what they believe to be a message of hope.

The young people explained that he is the only candidate that is really speaking about things that will be affecting them as they get older—things like social security being bankrupt, the national debt, the erosion of our civil liberties and the cost of the war in Iraq.

Ron Paul has become a phenomenon on the Internet as well as on college campuses across the country, in addition to his growing support from older Americans and his popularity with the military and veterans. Fascinatingly enough, they seem to cheer loudest when Paul talks about abolishing the Federal Reserve.

While addressing the students he stated, "You're going to be living in exciting times. You will be involved in a peaceful revolution which won't be new. It'll be a continuation and refinement of what we started over 200 years ago."

This speech was different than from his campaign speeches. It was as if he was preparing troops for a true revolution to take back the country from big government.

"Things are changing and I think that's what is happening in this campaign," he said. "I think regardless of what happens in the election, you will be able to ask, 'who empowers the government? What is happening in this campaign,' he said. "I think regardless of what happens in the election, you will be able to ask, 'who empowers the government?"

After his address, I got a chance to ask Congressman Paul some questions for The Liberty Sentinel. This is the transcript:

CHRIS ARIAS: You’ve been running a bottom-top campaign, letting your supporters run the show, so-to-speak. Is this how you intended it to go from the very beginning?

DR. RON PAUL: We probably didn’t think it through. I think we probably were thinking more conventionally that you would run a top-down, because that’s the way all campaigns have ever been run. But, just by our nature…our nature, we like to let people be creative and let people go their own way, because we like that in our personal lives and our economic lives and all of a sudden I guess the supporters thought it was a great idea too and it sort of came about automatically and of course the thing I always told the supporters is, ‘if you go and do things on your own, try to have fun doing it, because it’s pretty boring and it’s hard work if you didn’t do it and they sort of grabbed it and were very creative and they’re raising money, so to me it was fantastic and maybe it was a major discovery. A lot of people ask me about this. They say oh, ‘how do you do it’ you know, ‘How did you organize all these people through the internet?’ I think everybody knows that it wasn’t our organization. It was the people – the supporters that organized themselves and came to us.

ARIAS: Were you expecting to make $6 million in one day?

PAUL: I didn’t expect that much. I mean it became believable in the recent months that something could happen like this, especially after the 5th of November, but if six or eight months ago, or you know when we started, to think that we could have two days and raise over $10 million in two days. No, I would have said, ‘We’re not even going to raise $5 million in the whole year’, so it is, it’s a very pleasant surprise. Yet, sadly we shouldn’t be shocked, we should say, ‘well, why shouldn’t our views be popular’ and ‘why shouldn’t people be enthusiastic.’ But, I guess, over time we become sort of stereotyped to the point where we think that the support isn’t there and I’ve always said that there’s a lot more support out there than I ever dreamed.

ARIAS: Where are you planning on spending all this money?

PAUL: Well, we don’t have every nickel and dime allotted yet, but it’s going to be spent in conventional ways: television, radio, direct mail, travel… I mean it is expensive. The big thing is… is if we can get through these early primaries and do decently, we’ll have the money in the bank for February 5th where the other candidates will have to really do some hustling because a lot of them don’t have that much money in the bank. That’s sort of what I look at.

ARIAS: Do you feel you’ve reintroduced conservative politics into the Republican Party, possibly changing the party for years to come?

PAUL: Let’s hope so, because they certainly need change and it is ‘reintroduce’ that is the right word, because some people think this is all new stuff and I’m not the Republican and ‘why don’t you go some place else’ and yet, I think what we’re doing is reintroducing these ideas and only time will tell. So far the encouragement has been so great that it looks like there will be some momentum that will be carried through, you know, after the selection.

ARIAS: One of the keynote items of your campaign seems to be monetary policy, something that hasn’t really been discussed in some time. What is your vision for the United States monetary policy and how could you hope to implement it?

PAUL: What I’d really like to do is just to obey the Constitution and have a backed currency: silver and gold, but I know I can’t do that overnight, so I advocate you know, just allowing gold and silver to circulate in parallel to the dollar and not being more disruptive by closing down the Fed. In time the dollar is going to go by the way side, because it’ll really be dead, but I think if we had a circulating hard currency next to the dollar, that it might even help the dollar. Just like if you have competition in public schools, it seems to improve the public schools. So, if you have competition in currency, maybe it would be an embarrassment to the Federal Reserve—maybe they would be more sensible.

ARIAS: Some people say that the Democrats are the anti-war party. How do you feel about the Democrats’ stance on the war?

PAUL: The Democrats? There’s a couple. As a matter of fact, we do a lot of arguing and debating on the war issue in Congress. It’s a coalition of Republicans and Democrats. There’s a lot more Democrats in that coalition than Republicans, but the number of Republicans is growing. But, when it came to the Iraq Resolution, there were six of them—six Republicans that voted against it. There were like 100 Democrats, but it still easily passed with a lot of Democrats. When you look at policy makers, many Democrats versus the Republicans, I would say they’re the same. They both have an international agenda. They’re both willing to use troops overseas. They both think we have to protect oil. The foreign policy doesn’t change. That’s why I would like to make a difference. [Under me], foreign policy would change. But basically the average Republican who’s on the stage other than myself [and] the average Democrat other than Dennis Kucinich, [have] policies [that] really remain very much the same. So it’s not so much that one is the war party and one isn’t. In the year 2000, Bush was representing the anti-war party, you know, because he ran on criticizing Clinton for getting involved in so many things. Over the years—over the last hundred years or so, Republicans were much more the anti-war party, because they argued against the World Wars and they got elected in 1952 to stop Korea, in ’68 to stop Vietnam, and we won in the year 2000 with this position, but right now it’s a real mess and this administration has been most aggressive with war of any Republican administration I think in our history.

ARIAS: Thank you, Congressman.
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Can you imagine combining the Canadian and Mexican flags with Old Glory and pledging allegiance to a North American Union (NAU)? In reality, the NAU process is already underway to erase our borders and form a new nation by merging the U.S., Mexico, and Canada.

“As to what kind of [North American] union might there be, I see one based upon free trade, that would then entail commitment to markets and democracy, transparency, rule of law.”

– Former Mexican President Vicente Fox, May 16, 2002

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– Former Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin, March 23, 2005

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The average donation on this record setting day was an unimpressive fifty dollars; small potatoes in today’s age multimillion-dollar campaigns. But these small donations added up to big results. The Boston Tea Party fundraiser, combined with the 5th of November fundraiser, will put Ron Paul in an enviable position financially.

Paul is racking in straw poll victories at an impressive clip, even in the face of some glaring improprieties. Some of the Liberty Sentinel staff were among those who witnessed first hand how Mitt Romney “won” his victory at the Florida straw poll, even in the face of an overwhelming turnout for Paul.

Why bother to call it a poll at all if attendees are allowed to vote multiple times; more accurately call it “finger calisthenics.”

It was even more extreme at the California straw poll. When Ron Paul supporters showed up in mass, they called the election off. Even so, Paul has still won 29 straw poll victories all over the nation, and placed second or third in many more.

The one area that Ron Paul still seems to be lagging in is the media polls, conducted by the likes of Rasmussen, Gallup, and Zogby.

In order to measure the significance of these polls, it is important to know how they are conducted.

Some of these polls use selective qualifiers to “filter out” bad data. This process often leaves those who didn’t vote in previous Republican primaries ineligible to participate in the poll.

The campaign is finding strong support among the Republican base, but Paul also attracts libertarians, constitutionists, Reagan Democrats, and independents who did not vote in the ’04 GOP primary, making the polling methods questionable.

Trevor Lyman, the grassroots supporter who organized the November 5th and Boston Tea Party fundraising drives which have netted over ten million dollars in donations, has never voted before in his life.

With those numbers, it’s obvious that Mr. Lyman and people like him are a new force to be reckoned with in this election. But he still wouldn’t be considered a “likely voter” in a Gallup poll.

Other polls simply leave Paul out altogether. The calls have been recorded and uploaded to the internet.

No campaign in recent history has motivated this level of grassroots support or encouraged this number of individuals to switch party or register for the first time. Writing his predictions down for all to see, pollster John Zogby said of Ron Paul, “He’s going to do better than anyone expects. Look to Paul to climb into the double-digits in Iowa. Why? He’s different, he stands out. He’s against the war and he has the one in four Republicans who oppose the war all to himself. Libertarianism is hot, especially among free-market Republicans and 20-somethings. And he’s an appealing sort of father figure. He’s his own brand. All he needs to do is beat a couple of big names in Iowa, then New Hampshire is friendlier territory. After all, the state motto is “Live Free or Die.”

Zogby was right - Paul was in the double-digits in Iowa, even placing ahead of ‘national front-runner’ Giuliani. He also beat Thompson in New Hampshire.

Congressman Paul is the first to admit that his grass roots campaign has achieved much of his success. “It’s not a top-down organization, it’s sort of bottom up. All we have done at the campaign is provide the message and the message turns out to be popular.”

His grassroots organization has paid for billboards, radio and television air time, and produced their own commercials. Supporters have even launched the first presidential blimp, the ‘Ron Paul Blimp.’

Clinton record reveals doubts about what would ‘change’

Despite fundraisers by owner of Fox News, her “Inevitability” seems to be slipping. Governor of Iowa and Clinton co-chair speaks with The Liberty Sentinel

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CHICAGO – As the presidential candidates scrambled to grasp last minute votes for the Iowa caucuses about 200 miles away, former presidential candidate and Governor, Tom Vilsack of Iowa sat down to read a newspaper while his plane docked at the terminal, a rare moment of peace before the circus that awaited him in Des Moines.

On January 3, 2008 Iowa took part in its caucus, the first major electoral event of the 2008 presidential nomination process. Clinton lost to Obama.

For over 30 years the Iowa caucus has served as a prime indicator of which candidate each party might nominate for the presidency at their respective national conventions. As a result, the event regularly receives wide national attention as the presidential election draws closer.

A caucus works differently than a primary, where each individual simply votes for a candidate via a secret ballot. A caucus is more like a town hall meeting. It involves debate, discussion, and the selection of delegates. The rules vary by party, but both involve interaction with members of the community to choose the candidates.

In the past, Governor Vilsack played the role of advising candidates during the caucuses. Some credit him with helping Al Gore and John Kerry win Iowa, but up until now he has never officially backed a single candidate for the caucus.

Earlier this year, Vilsack dropped out of the presidential race, citing financial reasons, and almost immediately afterwards endorsed Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY) for the nomination. Vilsack was then named the national co-chair for Clinton’s campaign.

Setting his newspaper down for a moment, Vilsack explained, “I think she will bring serious change. She was ready to be president from day one.”

Recently, Clinton criticized her opponent, Senator Barack Obama (D-IL), accusing him of running for president since kindergarten; however, according to the Federal Election Commission, April 1, 2007 Senator Clinton transferred $10 million to her presidential campaign, left over from fund raising for her Senate campaign, prompting some to accuse Clinton of the same thing; “being ready to be president from day one”.

“Obviously I want someone who can win and she’s been bringing all sorts of women, many of whom have never voted before,” Vilsack continued.

Clinton placed third in the Iowa caucus (29%), with former Senator John Edwards (D-NC) placing second (30%), and Obama taking first (38%). Clinton was behind Obama in the latest polls for the first primary state, New Hampshire. She won but a recount is likely.

The Iowa caucus also resulted with more women coming out for Obama than Clinton.

Inevitability for Clinton seems to be a thing of the past, despite what Vilsack believes about her ability to win.

Where foreign policy is concerned, Clinton’s record actually brings her likelihood for change justifiably into question. She has taken a relatively hawksish stance on relations with the Middle East, which bares resemblance to that of her neo-conservative opponents.

She voted to authorize the invasion of Iraq, makes no promise to bring American troops home prior to 2013, plans to keep residual troops in the country indefinitely, voted for and supports the Patriot Act, which Clinton record reveals doubts about what would ‘change’

in new spending, including $440 billion for the administration’s foreign policy.

The current administration has received heavy criticism for its spending habits; however, Clinton’s campaign spending proposals currently total over $600 billion in new spending, including $440 billion for her healthcare plan.

Despite Clinton’s similarity with the current administration in foreign policy and spending habits, Vilsack is convinced Clinton will bring some sort of change.

“Iowa is going to be crazy in the next couple of weeks and then it’s going to be very quiet”, concluded Vilsack, before taking his seat on the plane.

Clinton’s disappointing results in the Iowa caucus speak tumullosly loud and clear that many Democrats actually have doubts about how much change she can bring.

might not think this was the record of a leading Democratic contender, but maybe that of someone supporting the Bush administration’s foreign policy.

The Internet is facilitating a rebirth of grassroots political activism that is sure to have repercussions well beyond the 2008 election. Whether or not his supporters prevail on Election Day, one thing is certain: Ron Paul is quixotic no more.
The wisdom of Reagan applied today

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SIMI VALLEY, Calif. - Ronald Reagan once said, “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn’t pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same.”

As I made my way around the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California, I couldn’t help but begin to consider how far we’ve strayed from the messages of Ronald Reagan. What are we leaving to our children right now?

“This is the issue of this election: whether we believe in our capacity for self-government or whether we abandon the American revolution and confess that a little intellectual elite in a far-distant capitol can plan our lives for us better than we can plan them ourselves.”

For starters, at this rate, they will not be awarded their social security benefits. The trust fund has been raided by Congress and will be completely bankrupt by 2042. Social Security will become cash flow negative in 2018 according to some estimates. At the start of Social Security there were 37 or more workers to every person retiring. That figure is now 3.3 and will be 2.3 by 2025. The growth of retirees will go from 35 million in 2000 to 62 million in 2025.

Often a 9 trillion dollar debt is discussed, but this is only the debt the U.S. currently has. When debt from future social security benefits, Medicare benefits, and other implicit future expenditures is calculated, the debt actually totals about 48 trillion.

To put this into perspective, forty-eight trillion dollars is equal to just over 91% of the total household net worth of the United States. This means every person in America will owe hundreds of thousands of dollars. According to some estimates, in order for Congress to balance the budget in 2040 they will either have to reduce spending by 60% or double the current tax rate.

When Ronald Reagan gave his famous “Time for Choosing” speech in Los Angeles while working for Barry Goldwater’s campaign, he was faced with a relatively similar situation: spending was spiraling out of control. It was not until he later became president that America began to embrace fiscal responsibility once again.

Since then, America seems to have forgotten his warnings. Spending has cut across party lines. Congress has simply adapted. They know that tax hikes are unpopular, so what do they do? They spend, borrow, or print the money, leading our children into a world where the American dollar could actually be completely destroyed.

Tax raises and cutting spending affect the here and now. The public seems to ignore the growing debt because they think of it as a problem for the distant future. But, this problem is only growing and it will catch up with future generations if we don’t start changing it now.

But, why must we continue down this route? What ever happened to the option of cutting taxes AND cutting spending? Our government has grown so bloated that it is almost beyond repair. It doesn’t have to be this way. I believe we can change it. There is still time.

Ronald Reagan believed in reducing the growth of government spending, reducing the marginal tax rates on income from both labor and capital, reducing regulation, and reducing inflation by controlling the growth of the money supply. These are the sort of principles we need once again to be set in the hearts and minds of our elected leaders.

By refusing to follow these standards, Congress is enslaving us all to the confines of a centralized government bureaucracy. We are becoming more dependent on government, as it takes more of our tax dollars in order to pay for the thickening of the bars in our cage.

So how do we fix this problem? How do we make sure that we can still hand down freedom to our children and not just an insurmountable financial burden? Electing a fiscally responsible president would help, but even Ronald Reagan couldn’t stop all the spending he hoped to.

Congress is the key. We have to stop asking for special projects. The best way to end government programs is to not use them. We need to educate each other as well as our congressional representatives. If our representatives refuse to listen, we need to punish them. The only way to have an accountable Congress is to vote them out of office if they waste our money. It is a disgrace that Soviet Russia at one time had a better turnover rate with elected officials than we presently do.

President Reagan said this of the 1964 presidential election: “This is the issue of this election: whether we believe in our capacity for self-government or whether we abandon the American revolution and confess that a little intellectual elite in a far-distant capitol can plan our lives for us better than we can plan them ourselves.”

Forty-four years later we are faced with the same challenge. Let us not abandon the American revolution. Let us secure a solvent future for our children and live up to the vision of President Reagan. Let us make 2008 a year of change for our system.
An open letter from a concerned citizen

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Imagine you and your neighbor are playing with your father’s favorite train set when the boy unintentionally leans on the tracks and pops off one of the wheels on a cargo car. Turning around, you call out, “Dad, can you come here a minute?”

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You imagine the boy’s face, his little hands pushing against the wheels, his whispered “Help.”

“Be right there, son,” you hear from the kitchen.

As Dad approaches the scene of the accident he sees the sad, ashamed, and deeply regretful young man’s face. Reaching out to the boy, he says, “It’s okay, son, it’s fixable.”

The decision to be morally good and deeply regretful young man’s face. 

When the boy unintentionally leans on the wheels and little boys?

We hear how government programs are failing almost everyday. Our education system is failing. Social Security is broken and broke. Medical costs continue to rise. Gas is constantly reaching new record highs. Taxes keep going up. And everywhere I go I hear “But how are we going to pay for all these Social Programs.” The reason these programs are failing isn’t because they “don’t have enough money.” The reason these programs fail is because they prevent and discourage competition. Anyone who would be able to provide a better service is run out. If a business doesn’t provide what a customer expects, they don’t get money. If a business didn’t have to worry about making money, they probably wouldn’t be worried about being better than competitors.

Government intervention in American Industries promotes a government monopoly, and therefore prevents innovation, entrepreneurship, and the very basis of the “American Dream.” I do not mean we need to rid ourselves of all government regulation. Small businesses can’t bring better services to the market place when government spending, subsidies, and tax breaks are only given to the largest of corporations.

How can alternative renewable energy ever compete in the energy market when huge tax breaks and government spending support the oil conglomerates? They can’t compete, at least not on prices. Consumers will always pay higher prices when the demand is inflated by the biggest spender: government.

Please act to protect Liberty, Property, and the Constitution.

Sincerely,

A concerned Citizen

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Property tax reform amendment confusing

per-year. But even this part is a little tricky. Known as the "split 50," the first 25-thousand of exemption would come from the first 25-thousand of a home's value. The second would come from the third 25-thousand of a home's value. This means that there is no additional exemption for homes valued between 50 and 75-thousand. This is probably to avoid distorting the tax base in poorer neighborhoods. Increases in commercial real estate and rental properties would also be capped, albeit at 10% annually, a number that is unlikely to relieve much pressure on struggling businesses.

Florida TaxWatch, a private, non-partisan research institute, stated on the matter, "The 10% cap for non-homestead property is so high as to be of little value to most properties. The average annual growth in the value of non-homestead property is less than 5%. And since school taxes are not covered under the cap, it only applies to approximately 60% of the average tax bill. Moreover, if the non-homestead cap works the way Save Our Homes does, in years where a covered property's just value does not rise as much as the cap, the assessment can still increase by 10%, as long as it does not exceed just value. So while the cap may help some properties with high price spikes, it will be very hard for the vast majority of non-homestead properties to accumulate any savings.”

As another aspect of the reform is a 25,000-dollar exemption on tangible personal or business property. This will relieve a serious burden on small business that often have to pay more in accounting fees than they have to pay in tangible property taxes. This category of taxes usually covers items like office furniture, computers, and light equipment. An estimated one million small, mostly home operated businesses will no longer have to file this part of their state taxes, and that is certainly a step in the right direction.

One of the most welcomed yet confusing part of the amendment is the homestead exemption portability. Back in the 90's, the "Save Our Homes" amendment capped property tax increases on homesteads at a maximum of 3% per year. As a result, many homeowners are now "trapped" in their homes because buying a new home would cause the tax rate to be reset on the current value of the new home.

This amendment attempts to address that problem, but it does so in a manor that is complex and confusing. There is an equation used to calculate homestead exemption when moving from a more expensive home to a less expensive one, and another equation used to calculate the exemption when moving from a less expensive home to a more expensive one. If "downsizing" to a home with a lower value, the homestead owner can transfer the same percentage of value he or she paid on the former homestead, up to 500,000. The amendment also allows homestead owners to transfer 100 percent of the benefit (again up to 500,000) to a new homestead if they "upszie" to a home with a greater or equal value. The important thing to remember with this part of the amendment is that your percentage of exemption stays the same whether you move to a less expensive home or a more expensive home.

There are many who feel that this reform doesn't go far enough, and there are still more who claim that the estimated cut in state revenues will adversely affect public services. A coalition of doomsayer media and public workers unions is forming to campaign against the amendment. The Liberty Sentinel finds these protestations laughable, set on the backdrop of soaring government revenues over the past years that have by far outpaced inflation, given the minuscule size of the cuts. Local taxes on schools and special assessments for other services, which can often be as much as the base property tax, are all exempt from rising by 3% per year. Troubling from a conservative and libertarian perspective is language in the amendment, which sets the groundwork for municipalities to give special tax breaks for undefined environmental reasons, historic preservation, and startup businesses. There are also special exemptions for adding on to your home for senior living, property that is part of a business for disabled veterans, provided the homeowner can decipher the complex legal qualifications.

In other words, local governments retain the right to hand out political favors and extract penalties as they deem fit. This is a system designed to play the political field. Some business will get these exemptions, and those who do not will not pay for government services.

A free and fair society is one in which all persons are equal under the law. Local governments shouldn't be able to buy their favors with some citizens at the expense of others, but playing favorites is a popular pastime for our elected officials. If the property tax reform amendment of 2008 is any indicator, they won't be changing habits anytime soon.

It would be nice if the each part of the amendment were offered to the voters separately. Then we could vote "yes" to the increase in the homestead exemption, tangible property tax exemptions, and exemption portability, and leave the rest of the reform where they belong -- in limbo. As it is, we must choose whether or not to drink from a cup that is two parts food and one part poison. Florida voters must approve the property-tax proposal by 60 percent on Jan. 29, 2008 in order for it to become law.

Brief interview with Gainesville candidate Armando Grundy

GAINESVILLE - The Liberty Sentinel interviewed Armando Grundy, candidate for Gainesville City Commissioner, District 3. He is a military veteran who served 8 years in the army and earned a number of awards. A portion of the transcript is below.

ERIK: What do you want to accomplish as City Commissioner?

ARMANDO: I want to keep the neighborhoods safe, build economic opportunities and hold our government accountable.

Within my first 90 days I would like to hold a summit to address the growing economic problems. Higher paying jobs and more businesses don't come here because of the interference of our government - it has stifled those opportunities.

The City of Alachua is a good model of lessening government's role in business. We can encourage business development by reducing our tax burden and lessening the ever growing regulation that is strangling our great city.

We can protect our environment without destroying the economy.

I would propose capping taxes unless 60% of citizens approve of a hike. Elected officials should also seek voter approval before increasing their pay.

Taxpayer money should never go toward private entities. Public dollars are for the public's use.

ERIK: Where could you cut the budget?

ARMANDO: We must address numerous concerns of wasteful spending in our budget. Artificial brick sidewalks to nowhere and corporate welfare giveaways would be a good place to start.

Our City Commission spends money like a kid in a candy store. Our district and our citizens are tired of this kind of behavior. My opponent Jack Donavan has supported this sort of spending and it must stop.

These giveaways, like the widely publicized subsidy of the Marriot hotel, amount to stealing from the public.

ERIK: What do you think about traffic in Gainesville and what are your plans to address it?

ARMANDO: Traffic has been a constant problem. We received an "F" from National Highway Safety Board in both condition and safety of our roads. The commission has taken steps to fix the issue by improving the timing and signaling of all traffic control devices throughout the city. We should await the results before exploring other options.

ERIK: Thank you Armando. Is there anything you would like to add?

ARMANDO: The city has encouraged this problem. Caring about people is one thing, and actions are another. I find Jack Donavan to be a dishonest leader. He says one thing and then the opposite.

ERIK: Thank you Armando. Is there anything you would like to add?

ARMANDO: The most qualified candidate to move District 3 forward is Armando Grundy. We cannot afford another 3 years of Jack Donavan. We need a leader who cares about District 3 and our future. Vote for me on January 29.

Marion County ‘Taxpayer Action Group’ forms

GARY R. SCHOR
Sentinel Staff Writer

Ocala - It is the duty of our elected officials and a well-informed populace to diligently guard the liberty our forefathers fought and died for.

The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution enshrines the freedom of the press and the ability of our nation's newspapers to educate and inform the public.

But, with a public that is struggling under the burden of regressive taxation, more worried with keeping food on the table than keeping an eye on government, and a press which more often behaves like lapdogs to the political establishment than the watchdog media envisioned by our nation's forefathers, how does the average person make informed decisions about their lives and policies that affect their daily lives?

The Liberty Sentinel was founded to help answer that question, by returning watchdog journalism to the people of North Central Florida, but it will take more than one community newspaper to turn the tide of neglect.

Enter T.A.G., acronym for the Taxpayer Action Group of Marion County.

For years during the recent real estate boom, local government revenues surged on the waves of new construction and staggering property value increases. But now that the increase has stopped with the current real estate bubble, the government is crying broke and even cutting some essential services like recycling facility operating hours.

Where did all that money go? T.A.G. wants answers, and they intend to find them by holding government accountable.

Committees are being formed to look into all aspects of Marion County government, including the municipalities of Belleview, Dunnellon, and Ocala.

To call the goals of T.A.G. ambitious would be an understatement. In addition to the focus on local government, they have issued statements calling for the withdrawal from the United Nations, and opposition to NAFTA and the North American Union.

If this seems like a stretch to some, remember that these international organizations have real effects for the local community and the quote by former Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill: "All politics is local."

Indeed it is, and T.A.G. is conceived to move District 3 forward is Armando Grundy. We cannot afford another 3 years of Jack Donavan. We need a leader who cares about District 3 and our future. Vote for me on January 29.
Solid gold silver surge

Richard Daughty
“The Mogambo Guru”

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Roger Reynolds of the famous “Shame on you Federal Reserve!!!” newsletter, (sporting three exclamation points for added emphasis!), notes that gold, “ALWAYS does as well as the inflation rate is above the interest rates.”

And in case you ain’t noticed, inflation in consumer prices is almost 300% higher than even the yield on the 30-year T-bond! And gold is up over 30% this year! See how it works, my darling Junior Mogambo Rangers (JMRs)?

And in case you STILL ain’t noticed, even though I just freaking pointed it out to you, inflation in consumer prices is so horrific that it is (when measured the old-fashioned way) running north of 10%, and the growth in the money supply is running north of 15%, meaning that consumer prices will continue to go terrifyingly up, and up, and up for a long, long time, meaning that (here I pause to let you come up with the answer on your own, which you don’t because you can’t, because you don’t pay attention when I am talking to you, which you have no doubt already forgotten, too) the lesson is that gold will continue to go up and up and up and for a long time.

How much will it go up? Since you asked, I will merely quote James Turk of the Freemarket Gold & Money Report, who fearlessly forecasts that in 2008, “Gold will finally break into 4-digits, which will be an event that gains worldwide attention. I think the high in 2008 will be $1,500, and the low will be $780.”

Seeing how excited we are at this glorious news, he goes on, “Gold will probably end the year at $1200-$1300, generating at least a 50% gain in 2008. The same monetary problems driving gold higher for the past six years continue, including: (1) the dollar will continue to decline, threatening its 6-decade global monetary stranglehold as the world’s reserve currency, (2) inflation/willworsen as the prices of commodities as well as other goods and services rise, (3) the federal government budget deficit will grow, further debase the dollar, and (4) global trade imbalances will continue to create huge pools of hot-money looking for a safe home, much of which will end up in gold.”

Now, for those who ponder the timeless riddle of why all the people in history always rushed to gold in economic turmoil, and who turn in desperation to the Loudmouth Mogambo Know-It-All (LMKIA) to ask me why they do it, I tell you: “I don’t know. They just do. Go away!”

But perhaps a part of the answer may be gleaned when he goes on to say, “Add to the above monetary problems a new worry - counterparty risk. This risk was highlighted by the bank-run at Northern Rock, and the depositor withdrawals presently underway in some institutional money-market funds in the US. Funds and more financial institutions will collapse in 2008, further highlighting this growing counter-party risk. Gold will benefit from this turmoil because it is the only money without counterparty risk - its value is not based on the promise of some financial institution, and that, “This attribute of gold will become more widely recognized in 2008, significantly increasing worldwide demand for gold.”

And as for silver? I’m glad you asked! He thinks, “Silver will clear $30 in 2008, as the (gold/silver) ratio falls below 40. A $1200 gold price and 40-to-1 ratio puts generating at least a 50% gain in 2008. The silver is the best play for 2008, but silver is never a smooth ride.”

And if you think that silver could go to its rough 15-to-1 long-term ratio to gold, then a $1,200 per ounce gold price would mean an $80 per ounce silver! Wow! The stuff is selling for 15 bucks right now!

And for those holding gold mining stocks, too, the news is just as good or better, as he figures that “The XAU Index will nearly double, closing over 300 at some point during the year.” Double!

Then he started getting into that technical analysis stuff, which is over my head, so I started to leave, maybe grab a burger. But I was halted mid-stride when he said that “the technicals are fascinatingly bullish,” and that the long-term silver chart has shown that “silver continues to trade within its long-term accumulation pattern” which it has, “been forming for more than two decades.” A two-decade accumulation period! Wow! Who the hell ARE these long-term thinkers?

He doesn’t want to get stuck in one of my wild conspiracy theories, and to change the subject by waving a shiny object in front of my eyes, he says that one highly unusual thing is silver’s chart pattern of an “upward pointing flag,” which he says is significant because “Upward pointing flags are rare. They illustrate unusual strength. In effect, there is so much demand for silver, every dip is bought. Buyers (particularly the shorts) therefore get anxious, and don’t wait for a price retracement. They just keep buying, which describes what’s happening. Silver is being accumulated.”

I was hoping to make some sense of it, maybe make a few bucks on it, but since I am clueless and stupid, it promises to be a long night of research and work. Fortunately, I was saved from the prospect of actual labor when he volunteered, “2008 will be the ‘Year of Silver’. Look for silver to outshine gold in 2008.” Wow! Just what I wanted to hear! You, too, I’ll bet!

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World’s Smallest Political Quiz

See where you stand on the new political spectrum!

How do you stand on PERSONAL issues?

- Government should not censor speech, press, media, or Internet.
- Military service should be voluntary. There should be no draft.
- There should be no laws regarding sex between consenting adults.
- Repeal laws prohibiting adult possession and use of drugs.
- There should be no National ID card.

**SCORING** 20 for every A, 10 for every M, and 0 for every D:

**How do you stand on ECONOMIC issues?**

- End “corporate welfare.” No government handouts to business.
- End government barriers to international free trade.
- Let people control their own retirement: privatize Social Security.
- Replace government welfare with private charity.
- Cut taxes and government spending by 50% or more.

**SCORING** 20 for every A, 10 for every M, and 0 for every D:

Mark your PERSONAL score on the lower-left scale; your ECONOMIC score on the lower-right. Then follow the grid lines until they meet at your political position. The chart shows the political group that agrees with you the most. Liberals tend to value personal freedom. Conservatives tend to value economic freedom. Libertarians value both.

**ARE YOU A LIBERTARIAN?**

Libertarians believe in, and pursue, personal freedom while maintaining personal responsibility. Libertarians strongly oppose any government interfering in their personal, family and business decisions. Essentially, we believe all Americans should be free to live their lives and pursue their interests as they see fit as long as they do no harm to another.

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Suggested Reading: The Law by Frederic Bastiat, Free to Choose by Milton Friedman, Libertarianism: A Primer by David Boaz, Libertarianism in One Lesson by David Bergland.

Patrick Henry: “Give Me Liberty, Or Give Me Death!”

A speech to convince the meeting of Virginia delegates to join the American Revolution, delivered on March 23, 1775

This is no time for ceremony. The question before the House is one of awful moment to this country. For my own part I consider it as nothing less than a question of freedom or slavery; and in proportion to the magnitude of the subject ought to be the freedom of the debate. It is only in this way that we can hope to arrive at truth, and fulfill the great responsibility which we hold to God and our country. Should I keep back my opinions at such a time, through fear of giving offense, I should consider myself as guilty of treason towards my country, and of an act of disloyalty towards the majesty of heaven, which I revere above all earthly kings.

Mr. President, it is natural to man to indulge in the illusions of hope. We are apt to shut our eyes against a painful truth, and listen to the song of that siren, till she transforms us into beasts. Is this the part of wise men, engaged in a great and arduous struggle for liberty? Are we disposed to be of the number of those who, having eyes, see not, and having ears, hear not, the things which so nearly concern their temporal salvation?

For my part, whatever anguish of spirit it may cost, I am willing to know the whole truth—to know the worst and to provide for it. I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience. I know of no way of judging of the future but by the past. And judging by the past, I wish to know what has been in the conduct of the British ministry for the last ten years, to justify those hopes with which gentlemen have been pleased to solace themselves and the House?

Is it that insidious smile with which our petition has been lately received? Trust it not, sir; it will prove a snare for ceremony. The House is one of ceremony. The petitions of nations, and just God who hears them, can be meant for us; they are meant for us; they are not meant for none. They are meant for all. They are purchased at the price of peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery?

“They tell us, sir, that we are weak... But when shall we be stronger?... Will it be when we are totally disarmed?”

No, sir, she has none. They are meant for us; they can be meant for no other. They are sent over to bind and rivet upon us those chains which the British ministry have been so long forging. And what have we to oppose to them? Shall we try argument? Sir, we have been trying that for the last ten years. Have we anything new to offer on the subject? Nothing.

We have held the subject up in every light of which it is capable; but it has been all in vain. Shall we resort to entreaty and humble supplication? What terms shall we find which have not been already exhausted? Let us not, I beseech you, sir, deceive ourselves longer.

Sir, we have done everything that could be done to avert the storm which is now coming on. We have petitioned; we have remonstrated; we have supplicated; we have prostrated ourselves before the throne, and have implored its interposition to arrest the tyrannical hands of the ministry and Parliament.

Our petitions have been slighted; our remonstrances have produced additional violence and insult; our supplications have been disregarded; and we have been spurned, with contempt, from the foot of the throne. In vain, after these things, may we indulge the fond hope of peace and reconciliation. There is no longer any room for hope.

If we wish to be free—if we mean to preserve inviolate those inestimable privileges for which we have been so long contending—if we mean not basely to abandon the noble struggle in which we have been so long engaged, and which we have pledged ourselves never to abandon until the glorious object of our contest shall be obtained, we must fight! I repeat it, sir, we must fight! An appeal to arms and to the God of Hosts is all that is left us!

They tell us, sir, that we are weak—unable to cope with so formidable an adversary. But when shall we be stronger? Will it be the next week, or the next year? Will it be when we are totally disarmed, and when a British guard shall be stationed in every house? Shall we gather strength by irresolution and inaction? Shall we acquiesce in the means of effectual resistance, by lying supinely on our backs, and hugging the delusive phantom of hope, until our enemies shall have bound us hand and foot?

Sir, we are not weak, if we make a proper use of the means which the God of nature hath placed in our power. Three millions of people, armed in the holy cause of liberty, and in such a country as that which we possess, are invincible by any force which our enemy can send against us. Besides, sir, we shall not fight in our battles alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations, and who will raise up friends to fight our battles for us.

The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave. Besides, sir, we have no election. If we were base enough to desire it, it is now too late to retire from the contest. There is no retreat but in submission and slavery! Our chains are forged! Their clanking may be heard on the plains of Boston! The war is inevitable—and let it come! I repeat it, sir, let it come!

It is in vain, sir, to extenuate the matter. Gentlemen may cry, “Peace! Peace!” — but there is no peace. The war is actually begun! The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms! Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!
VOTE FRAUD:

Can Americans claim true liberty while the chain of custody regarding our individual vote is compromised at every stage of the process? Let’s read a quote from a man who knows the answer:

“It is enough that the people know there was an election. The people who cast the votes decide nothing. The people who count the votes decide everything.”
—Joseph Stalin

So, our first order of business will be to acknowledge that fixing an election is as old, at least, as the mass murderer Stalin himself.

What man in his right mind would trust anyone with such an important process as vote tabulation? As I see it, a right minded man would never be so naive or gullible, unless his thought process had been pre-programmed to accept such folly.

It’s very important to know, but casting a vote is not the end of our responsibilities in the process… it’s only the first step. Counting that vote in an honorable manner is the next step, and then reporting the accurate final tabulation is the final step.

There is no vote when any part of the three steps are violated. Yet, that is what is happening.

So who is counting the votes in this great nation? I discovered this secret completely by accident. I was investigating exit polling and the reason why elections are called on the national news before precincts close on vote day. Did any of you ever wonder how? Let’s take a look at the organization in charge of this: Voter News Service.

Since the 2000 Palm Beach County fiasco they changed their name to the National Election Pool. Associated Press, NBC, ABC, CBS, CNN and FOX News make up this privileged cabal.

First they do “exit polling,” and then they use sophisticated formulas to calculate who the winners are before the “official” votes are counted. But now there are more players involved in this fraud.

They are Edison Media Research and Mitofsky International. By the way, you can Google any of these names and read for yourself exactly how they claim to run the whole show. They even admit on their sites that they do the final tabulation of all votes from all precincts in America. Can you imagine that? A private media cabal calls every election?

The exit polling here in Florida was supposed to be conducted by the League of Women Voters. They never showed up at certain precincts, which I confirmed, yet they say they did.

Jim and Ken Collier wrote a book back in 1992 titled “Voterscam: The Stealing Of America.” This book was one of the first to actually reveal just how deep the vote fraud goes. The Colliers discovered that Voters News Service had control of the final tabulation of all votes in addition to the exit polls.

The book is hard to find these days, as it was eliminated from all major book stores once the contents were revealed. I strongly recommend that you scour the web and find this book. Florida is notoriously a hotbed of fixed elections and corrupt politicians. Voters News Service nurtured this fraud for many years and since the merging of Edison Media and since the merging of Edison Media has nurtured this fraud for many years.

In 2000, here in Florida, a State Congressman by the name of Tom Feeney (also incoming speaker of the house) asked a fellow employee of Yang Enterprises, Inc., computer software programmer Clint Curtis, to design software that would flop the vote so that the candidate of their choice could win the election. Clint Curtis swore and testified before congress about this fraud. You can watch the video at this address: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jJEy2tmwEs

Curtis was also involved in an investigation conducted by FDOT Inspector General, Raymond Lemme, concerning Mr. Feeney’s involvement with Yang Enterprises, Inc. Feeney was a lobbyist for the Florida company, while also a Florida Congressman. Talk about ethics violations!

Inspector General Raymond Lemme instructed Curtis to keep his ears open for the upcoming report of his investigation. Lemme had discovered and stated “this goes all the way to the top.” Curtis would be pleased about this, since he was one of the two whistle-blowers. Two weeks later, Raymond Lemme was found dead in a Valdosta, Georgia hotel room.

The official police report stated it was a suicide.

In concluding this letter, which could easily be another 300 page book, we must realize that the voting process in our counties is open to fraud. The only way to ensure electronic voting accuracy is to gain access to the source code and monitor it at every stage of the process.

We have met with our Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections, Dr. Anderson and his team, twice. We have been through the entire voting process with them. We know that unless we hand cast and hand count the votes, along with citizen monitored, chain of custody integrity, our votes are like deserted coconuts in the open ocean.

Please do your own research and educate yourselves on these very important issues. The internet is a very powerful research tool. You won’t be seeing any of this information on the propaganda news channels, as they are involved in this. Remember, knowledge is power and no one can steal it from you unless you allow them to. Let’s prove Joseph Stalin wrong!

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(Editor’s note: Some information about vote fraud has made it into the mainstream. An HBO documentary titled “Hacking Democracy” and a New York Times Magazine article have discussed these issues. Many suspicious reports, particularly from the NH primary, have already surfaced this election. The Sentinel will be doing an exposé next issue.)
Ron Paul is one of the outstanding leaders fighting for a stronger national defense. As a former Air Force officer, he knows well the needs of our armed forces, and he always puts them first. We need to keep him fighting for our country.

~ Ronald Reagan

Ron Paul supports our troops, and they support him!
Ron Paul receives more campaign donations from our active and retired military personnel than any other candidate of either party.

Ron Paul is a real conservative.

In 20 years in Congress, he never once voted to raise taxes, never voted for an unbalanced budget, never voted to limit the second amendment, never voted for taxpayer funded abortions, never voted for amnesty for illegal immigrants, and has stood against the subversion of our sovereignty by the United Nations, the North American Union, and the World Trade Organization.

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