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## Advocates of Constitution Have New Plan

Floridian voters seeking change are focusing on state and local races while taking a closer look at third party candidates.

EDWARD MAXWELL  
Sentinel Staff Writer

The "R[love]ution" is far from over in Florida according to political analysts. Advocates of smaller government may not have much to cheer about in the coming presidential election, but activists have not lost hope. Though both of the major candidates for the presidency have taken stances that might alienate them from believers in the freedoms inscribed in the U.S. Constitution, voters across the state are checking out third parties, many for the first time. Additionally, they are now focusing their attention on state and local elections not dominated by the main-stream national press.

The battle shaping up for the Republican nomination in Florida's eighth congressional district will be one to keep an eye on. Congressman Rick Keller was elected in 2000, and ran on a strict promise to serve only 3 terms. Although his third term is about to end, he is running again, on yet another promise - "I will not spend my entire career in Congress, but I will seek reelection in 2008. There is unfinished business. I will use my seniority and position to advocate for educational opportunities for all children and low taxes for working families."

Orlando attorney and conservative talk-show host Todd Long thinks Congressman Keller needs to keep his original promise, saying "Sadly, since Ric Keller was elected in 2000, he and other career politicians in Washington



have failed to address our Nation's challenges, putting us and our children at risk." Todd Long promises to make the war on terror a central part of his campaign. "We must first defend America from Islamic extremists and place a renewed focus on Iran. Iran's dictator, Mr. Ahmadinejad, recently stated that 'a world with no America or Israel is both possible and feasible.' Iran's dictator must be held accountable for any future terrorist actions he supports directly or indirectly."

Candidate Greg Lewis agrees with Todd Long, at least so far as Congressman Keller's job plans are concerned. Lewis sees the threats to liberty here at home to be at least as pressing as the ones we face over seas. "Our government is unresponsive to the needs of the

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## Something Big is Happening

The following statement was given before the U.S. House of Representatives on July 9, 2008, by Texas Rep. Ron Paul, M.D.

Madam Speaker, I have, for the past 35 years, expressed my grave concern for the future of America. The course we have taken over the past century has threatened our liberties, security and prosperity. In spite of these long-held concerns, I have days - growing more frequent all the time - when I'm convinced the



time is now upon us that some Big Events are about to occur. These fast-approaching events will not go unnoticed. They will affect all of us. They will not be limited to just some areas of our country. The world economy and political system will share in the chaos about to be unleashed.

Though the world has long suffered from the senselessness of wars that should have been avoided, my greatest fear is that the course on which we find ourselves will bring even greater conflict and economic suffering to the innocent people of the world--unless we quickly change our ways.

America, with her traditions of free markets and property rights, led the way toward great wealth and progress throughout the world as well as at home. Since we have lost our confidence in the principles of liberty, self reliance, hard work and frugality, and instead took on empire building, financed through inflation and debt, all this has

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## A Minor Storm Could Bankrupt Florida



**As hurricane season heats up, Florida's tax-payers could find themselves in quite a bind absent some solution.**

ELI LEHRER

Sentinel Contributing Writer

Here's one scary Halloween scenario that could easily come true: By trick-or-treat time, just past the hurricane season's peak, Florida's state government easily could be bankrupt -- and its taxpayers reeling from enormous new costs -- unless the Legislature abruptly changes course.

This particular risk of a fiscal meltdown doesn't arise from the housing crisis or the slumping national economy, although those factors are causing the state's revenue projections to be dire enough.

No, this particular danger arises from the state's enormously misguided stance on property insurance. If a storm -- even a relatively minor one -- were to hit the wrong area of Florida, the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation and Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund could quickly run up bills topping \$30 billion.

How does the state plan to pay those bills? By selling bonds -- lots of bonds. Yet no state has ever sold more than \$11 billion in bonds at one time, so it's highly unlikely that today's skittish bond markets would buy that much debt from a storm-bat-

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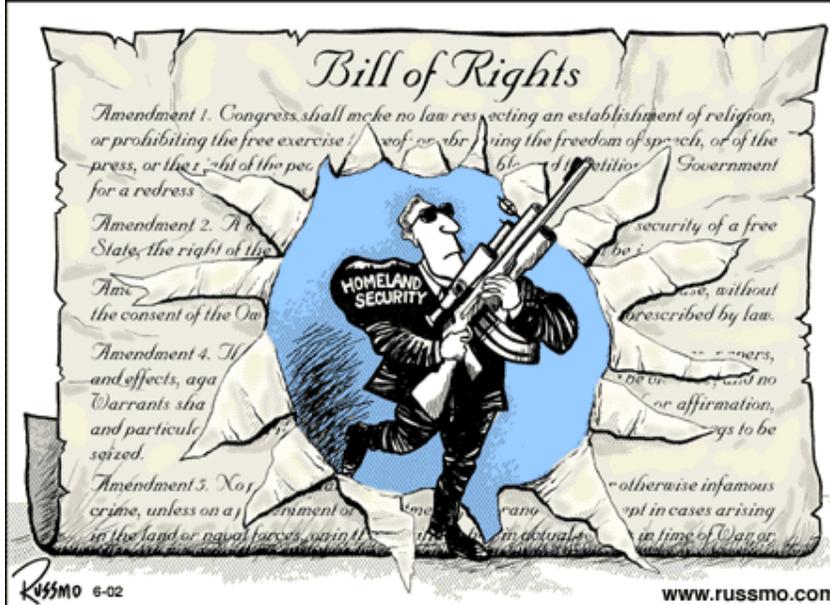
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**UPDATE:** The Liberty Sentinel staff recently took a vacation that deserves an explanation. Many of the volunteers who normally help put together the publication are college students. During the summer semester, many students go home or travel, so we un-

fortunately were not able to complete the paper without their help. We sincerely apologize for this disruption in service, but rest assured that your subscription will not include the two months during which the staff was on vacation.

### Dear readers,

Last issue we covered some very serious issues involving judicial loyalty oaths to the laws of Florida and these United States. This month I'm happy to report that progress is being made in moving the Sunshine State in to compliance.

After taking a brief vacation, the Sentinel is back to bring you the best real news and commentary around – and we're here to stay. Our coverage area will be expanding over the coming months because, while the demand for truth continues rising at alarming levels, the supply seems to be lagging sorely behind.

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*The editor*

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## Florida has highest mortgage-fraud rate in nation

Dishonest mortgage brokers have stolen more than \$85 million from consumers and lenders according to an investigation by the Miami Herald. Over 10,000 individuals with criminal backgrounds, including bank robbers and racketeers, were able to sell home loans. More than 4,000 of those passed criminal background checks despite committing crimes such as fraud and dishonest dealings that state law requires the Office of Financial Regulation to screen for. Gov. Charlie Crist ordered an investigation and has called for tougher licensing standards in response.

## University of Florida ranked #1 party school

According to the Princeton Review which polled 120,000 students, UF is now the top party school in the nation after taking that title from West Virginia University. "The fact that we have three national championships in two years is probably a major contributing factor," said UF spokesman Steve Orlando. Despite all the partying, the school's academic record is impressive; incoming students have on average a 1300 SAT score and 4.1 weighted grade-point average.

## Lawsuit alleges violation of Sunshine Law

A proposal to buy 300 square miles of everglades by the State of Florida is being called into question by attorney Dexter Lehtinen who filed a suit against the South Florida Water Management District alleging that the deal was illegally brokered in closed-door meetings. The \$1.75 billion deal with U.S. Sugar Corp. may have evaded Florida's Sunshine Law which requires that advance notice of government meetings and their agendas be made available. "I'm just trying to stop a process in which there are no answers and there's no way to get answers," said Lehtinen, who supports everglades restoration efforts. A spokesman for Gov. Crist noted that his office supports the deal and believes that the law was followed. If the deal does go through, U.S. Sugar will go out of business and 1,700 jobs will be lost.

## Florida's economic output in decline

The Sunshine State suffered its first quarterly economic decline in 16 years according to a report by the Wachovia Economics Group. The bank's senior economist Mark Vitner pointed out that the decline in home values, sales and construction have had a negative effect on the state's economy. Florida lost more jobs in June than any state. While many economists are quick to blame the housing market as if it were independent of monetary policy, bubbles created by the Federal Reserve Bank are responsible for the housing crisis in the first place according to advocates of sound money.

Lee County School Board spent \$72,000 on

## "training" trip to Sin City

Ft. Meyers sent 38 educators on a training trip to Las Vegas at tax-payer expense, according to Americans for Prosperity, a non-profit tax-payer advocacy group. The training lasted 15 hours but attendees spent five days at Caesar's Palace. Among those who attended were the principle's secretary and a book keeper. AFP noted that it would have been cheaper to bring the trainer to Florida, which also would have allowed all of the teachers to receive instruction as opposed to just those who traveled to Vegas. "If we really believe this training is so effective, well why not spend the money to bring a trainer here and teach more of the educators. You'd save money and teach more people," said Adam Guillette, the State director of AFP.

## Alachua County joins nationwide "Stop on Red" week

The Alachua County Department of Public Safety is encouraging everyone to honor August 3-9, 2008 as "National Stop on Red Week" by slowing down and stopping at red lights. The National Campaign to Stop Red Light Running is seeking to decrease deaths and injuries due to traffic accidents caused by red light running. "Traffic crashes are the single most significant cause of preventable death and injury in North America," according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. The Institute also states that, "in 2006 in the U.S., as many as 171,000 crashes, 144,000 injuries and 887 fatalities were attributed to red light running." Many of these injuries and deaths are pedestrians and other vehicle drivers and passengers.

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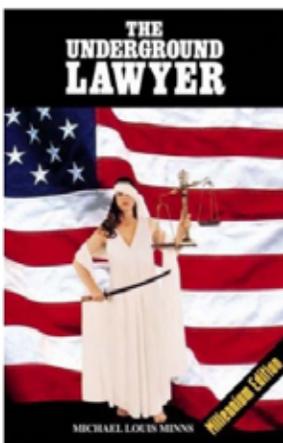
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# Hurricane could make Florida tax-payers liable

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tered state with a sluggish economy and a shrunken tax base.

As a result, Florida would be faced with some unenviable choices: massive tax increases, deep service cuts, or, most likely, some sort of federally supervised bankruptcy. If Floridians think a botched election soiled their reputation, just wait until the state goes broke.

The situation won't get any better until Florida's private insurance market is restored so property owners can be compensated using private capital gleaned from a broad base around the nation rather than from public funds collected in Florida.

In the past year, however, nearly all of the insurance industry's major companies -- State Farm, USAA, Nationwide, Allstate, Travelers, and the Hartford -- have reduced their exposure in Florida.

Meanwhile, Citizens' artificially low rates, coupled with the Cat Fund's massive potential liabilities, virtually guarantee that there won't be enough money on

hand to cover losses if even a minor storm hits a densely populated areas.

So covering this shortage will require massive new taxes (called special assessments on insurance premiums) that could easily double the premiums that Floridians pay to insure their property and their vehicles.

No plan that would solve these problems has even made it out of a legislative committee to date, and nobody I talked to during a recent visit to the Legislature believed that such a plan would emerge before the House and Senate go home on May 2.

Instead, the Legislature has concerned itself with a variety of measures that would tweak things around the edges, and some of these modest steps could pull the state back from the brink.

For instance, Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink's proposal to reduce the size of the Cat Fund should top the legislative priority list. Al-

though that wouldn't solve all the state's insurance problems tomorrow—something the CFO herself readily concedes—it still reduces the chances of a state bankruptcy.

Likewise, proposed legislation requiring that the state's insurance regulators reveal the methods they use to evaluate insurance companies' rate filings might give some private companies enough regulatory certainty to resume writing policies in the state.

But several bills advancing in the Legislature simply don't make sense. For example, proposals to remove insurers' antitrust exemptions would destroy smaller Florida-based insurance companies and, in any case, almost certainly violate long-

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standing federal law.

New penalties for “unfair competition”

would create a bonanza for lawyers -- both those working for plaintiffs and those working for insurance companies. However, the costs of litigation would probably be enough to drive up rates for everyone.

Finally, a plan to raid Citizens' already near-empty coffers to subsidize “private” startup insurers would allow private investors to reap significant profits so long as Florida remains storm free, but would likely leave taxpayers footing the bill if a storm came. At the same time, it could destabilize already shaky Citizens and send it tumbling towards bankruptcy.

Even if lawmakers defeated every bad proposal Florida still could face bankruptcy if the wrong storm hit because a real fix evidently will have to wait until 2009, which is not an election year.

Even so, if common-sense legislation were to pass this year, it could at least reduce the risks to Florida's taxpayers. Conversely, the wrong proposals, coupled with the wrong storm, could make bankruptcy almost inevitable.

## Nancy Grant Released From Prison

A grandmother of four that could have spent the rest of her life in prison for what lawyers call “unlicensed practice of law” was finally released last month after being arrested on February 19. “I just need to be with my family for awhile,” she said after leaving DeSoto County jail.

Nancy Jo Grant, a 55-year-old dental assistant, was convicted of 19 violations of a Florida statute that she maintains was made obsolete by a constitutional revision in '68. This made her the first person to be criminally charged with this violation.

“A few years ago ‘unlicensed practice of law’ was a misdemeanor, not a felony,” the prosecutor told the Sentinel for a story in the October issue. Assistant State Attorney Don Hartery continued, explaining that “It doesn't usually go this far because

people normally stop when they are approached by the Bar.”

An activist in Oregon fighting similar battles against “corrupt” use of the law responded enthusiastically after receiving a phone call from Grant. “I was almost unable to talk, the tears were filing my eyes, and I could hardly speak from happiness to hear her voice,” said Sherree Lowe. “She wanted me to express her thanks for all the prayers and thoughts from all of you. She did tell me they withheld most of the mail I sent.” Grant was ordered never to file another document into the court system. “What I did was file a racketeering and extortion complaint in federal court with my son and I listed as Plaintiffs. Although the state of Florida lawfully can not punish a federal litigant, I was still arrested,” Grant

said. “My [driver's] license is now suspended till the \$33,600 is paid in full and I am still ordered to make monthly payments of \$236 a month anyway.” Not one of the 19 people who supposedly filed a complaint testified against her. “All of them said I only helped move their cases forward [because] they had been languishing in jail for months, even years, because their right to speedy trial had been waived by their attorneys without their knowledge or permission. The federal racketeering/extortion lawsuit in federal court was laying open their operations which we, my son and I, had first hand knowledge of, being victims of illegal arrests,” Grant said.

According to Florida Judicial Accountability News, Grant's February arrest was actually an arrest for violation of probation

because she filed an appeal to overturn her convictions of unlicensed practice of law. The mediation hearing was scheduled for February 21 in Ft. Myers, Court of Appeals on a federal racketeering/extortion lawsuit and civil rights violations complaint, thus the arrest was timed for her incarceration, so that she would get a DENIED/DISMISSED for failure to appear at her own hearing with the appeals court.

“I couldn't attend because I was arrested. The case was dismissed shortly afterwards, ‘without prejudice’ meaning I can file to reopen it,” Grant said. Grant was taken back to court on May 8, 2008, where she was sentenced by Judge Diana Mooreland to 180 days with credit for time served, but the 15 year probation and the \$33,600 fine would still stand.

## Florida Virtual School Costs Taxpayers Less and Its Students Perform Better

TALLAHASSEE — Florida TaxWatch Research released a new report on the efficacy and efficiency of

the Florida Virtual School. “A Comprehensive Assessment of Florida Virtual School” was undertaken by the Center for Educational Performance and Accountability (CEPA), a Florida TaxWatch Center of Excellence, in order to explore to what degree Florida Virtual School (FLVS) offers an efficient, taxpayer accountable alternative and supplemental system of education.

The study examined student demographics and achievement and cost-effectiveness, finding that during the 2004-05 and 2005-06 school years FLVS students consistently outperformed their counterparts in Florida's traditional middle and high schools on such measures as grades, Advanced Placement scores

and FCAT scores. All FLVS teachers are certified, and their pay is tied to student

performance, making FLVS the only true performance-based education system in the state. The study also found that FLVS is a bargain for Florida taxpayers. Largely because it has no expenses related to transportation or construction and maintenance of physical facilities, FLVS is able to offer computer-delivered instruction at a lower per-student cost than traditional schools.

“While there is always room for improvement in any organization, through this study, FLVS has proven itself to be a viable and innovative educational endeavor that works,” said Dominic M. Calabro, President and CEO of Florida TaxWatch. “It has also shown that it has the capacity to meet the increasing challenge and demand for many more students, which can also help offset some of the incredible costs of

Florida's multibillion-dollar constitutional class size amendment.”

The study also found that a significant portion of Florida Virtual School students withdrew from their classes, and outlines a number of factors that may contribute to this high withdrawal rate.

The study was funded by a leading grant from the BellSouth Foundation with

additional funding and data support from UCompass. Florida TaxWatch CEPA Executive Director Betty Coxe served as the report's principal author with assistance from Senior Research Analyst Necadi Aydin, Ph.D. and several others.

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# National headlines at a glance

## Supreme Court agrees with Constitution

In a landmark victory for gun rights advocates, the Supreme Court has ruled that a Washington DC regulation banning the private possession of handguns is in violation of the second amendment. Heller vs District of Columbia marks a rare instance of the Supreme Court examining the very meaning of the second amendment, specifically the debate as to gun ownership being either an individual or "collective" right. Justice Antonin Scalia wrote the ma-



The Supreme Court agreed with the Constitution in a ruling that gun-rights activists have applauded. Observers have called the sanity of the 4 justices who support gun bans into question, as the Supreme Law of the Land clearly states that the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

majority opinion, and was joined by Justices Alito, Thomas, Roberts, and Kennedy in affirming the individual right of gun ownership. The mayor of D.C. is now busy attempting to create new regulations while proponents of self-defense gear up for challenging unconstitutional gun bans.

"I'm very happy that I am now able to defend myself and my household in my own home," said Dick Heller, the lead plaintiff in the case.

## Government bail-out ahead for "public-private" mortgage companies?

According to congressional researchers, the Treasury's plan to rescue Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac could cost American taxpayers \$25 billion. Analysts say that "turmoil" at the two companies was pushing up interests rates for home buyers. Opponents of the bail out note that this arrangement is forcing taxpayers to bear the risks while giving the profits to private investors, but supporters of the proposal claim that the institutions are "too important" to fail. "The plan has faced criticism on Capitol Hill for exposing taxpayers to potentially huge losses," reported the Financial Times.

## Gay Activist sues Bible publishers

According to Bradley Fowler, Bible verses that condemn homosexuality violate his constitutional rights and have caused him emotional pain and mental instability. The gay activist filed a suit in US District Court against Zondervan Publishing

House Corp. seeking \$60 million, and another suit for \$10 million against Tennessee-based Thomas Nelson Publishing. The judge turned down his request for a court appointed attorney, saying "The Court has some very genuine concerns about the nature and efficacy of these claims." The 39-year-old Michigan man claims that the Bible's condemnation of homosexuality has led to a poor relationship with his family and periods of "demoralization, chaos and bewilderment."

## Former Congressman plans to take the White House as Libertarian candidate

The Libertarian Party has nominated former Republican Congressman Bob Barr as its candidate for president for the 2008 election. "I'm sure we will emerge here with the strongest ticket in the history of the Libertarian Party," Barr stated in his victory speech shortly after being selected as the Party's nominee. "I want everybody to remember that we only have 163 days to win this election. We cannot waste one single day." More than 650 Libertarian delegates

met in Denver from May 22 till the 26 for the 2008 Libertarian National Convention. After six rounds of voting Sunday afternoon, Barr was selected as the Party's presidential nominee. The Libertarian Party is America's third largest political party, founded in 1971 as an alternative to the two main political parties.

## Congressional hearings investigate Bush Administration

The House Judiciary Committee has opened a hearing titled "Executive Power and Its Constitutional Limitations" as it investigates what Chairman John Conyers calls "credible and substantial" evidence of wrongdoing in the Bush administration. "We do not intend to go away until we achieve the accountability that Congress is entitled to and the American people deserve," Conyers stated. The committee's ranking Republican, Lamar Smith, said "This hearing will not cause us to impeach the president. It will only service to impeach our credibility."

In order to hold a genuine impeachment hearing, the Judiciary Committee must obtain authorization from a House vote, but speaker Nancy Pelosi still maintains that impeachment is "off the table." According to reports, the hearing room was "packed" with impeachment advocates, many of whom applauded the stinging criticism and accusations made against Bush. Other activists reportedly remained outside shouting "Change."

## Missouri's Attorney General Attempts to Silence Pro-Life Citizens

The Democratic-controlled Missouri Attorney General's office is appealing a decision authorizing specialty license plates bearing the message "Choose Life." Though the specialty plate program promotes a score of other designs from private interest groups, including agricultural, environmental, and religious societies, two pro-choice state senators vetoed the message and caused denial of Choose Life's application.

Despite a ruling that the rejection of Choose Life's application constituted discrimination on the basis of viewpoint, state officials refused to abandon their at-

tempt to stifle conservative speech. Undermined by the failure of its request to halt the production of "Choose Life" plates pending the current appeal, the Attorney General's office insists on selectively censoring this "Choose Life" message. Eagle Forum Education and Legal Defense Fund, founded by grassroots political activist Phyllis Schlafly, stands against suppression of pro-life free speech. Pointing to the successful installation of over 400,000 Choose Life license plates in 17 states across the nation, as well as ample judicial precedent for the freedom and individual nature of speech through license plate slogans, Eagle Forum urges the Eighth Circuit to affirm the lower court's decision.



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# Interview with candidate Lorraine Sherman

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**ERIK MACLEAN**  
Sentinel Staff Writer

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LIBERTY SENTINEL: How long have you been practicing law?

SHERMAN: I have been practicing law for over 12 years. Currently I practice family and criminal law and I have also been a family law mediator in the past.

LIBERTY SENTINEL: What inspired you to run for office?

SHERMAN: Fifteen years ago I was working on a teaching degree in Texas but was forced to move to Florida and couldn't finish my degree. I didn't know what to do

and went to Santa Fe Community College where I decided I wanted to pursue law. I wanted to become a judge from the beginning.

LIBERTY SENTINEL: What do you want to accomplish as judge?

SHERMAN: The most important thing for a judge to do is follow the law. It is against the Constitution and separation

of powers to legislate from the bench. It is also important for the judge to listen to all the evidence in order to make a good decision. The judge should be neutral and base decisions on the evidence.

It is also important to be respectful to the courtroom. I have been in over 30 court rooms in Florida and have seen good and bad judges. Court is a scary place for people to be and the judge needs to keep order in the court room and be respectful.

LIBERTY SENTINEL: What do you think of the judges in Alachua?

SHERMAN: I have spent time in third and eighth circuits in Alachua and they had excellent judges. We are blessed to have such good

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judges.

LIBERTY SENTINEL: Tell me about your community service.

SHERMAN: From 1987 to 1992, I lead a free food program in Dallas. I would deliver meals to shut-ins, the elderly, and the handicapped. This was run by myself and my husband and was completely self sufficient. We had over ten volunteers and delivered to over 175 people. In Alachua from 2000-2003 I helped in team court which is a program for juveniles and first offenders. I sat as judge. The jury members, prosecutors and defense were volunteers and children. This helped



reach young offenders and gave kids an opportunity in community service.

LIBERTY SENTINEL: What makes you qualified to be judge?

SHERMAN: I am experienced in the courtroom and as a mother. I feel like I have lived two lives. I have handled over 1000 cases. I have done many custody cases, alimony cases, and some jury trials. Most of it was family law though I have also done some immigration law. I am experienced in the court room and as a parent. As a mother of four I was a full time homemaker as well as a full time student. My experiences as a parent would help in the court room. Like a parent, a judge needs to be nice but also needs to know how to keep order in the court room.

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# Money, policy and the future of America

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changed. This is indeed frightening and an historic event.

The problem we face is not new in history. Authoritarianism has been around a long time. For centuries, inflation and debt have been used by tyrants to hold power, promote aggression, and provide “bread and circuses” for the people. The notion that a country can afford “guns and butter” with no significant penalty existed even before the 1960s when it became a popular slogan. It was then, though, we were told the Vietnam War and the massive expansion of the welfare state were not problems. The seventies proved that assumption wrong.

Today things are different from even ancient times or the 1970s. There is something to the argument that we are now a global economy. The world has more people and is more integrated due to modern technology, communications, and travel. If modern technology had been used to promote the ideas of liberty, free markets, sound money and trade, it would have ushered in a new golden age—a globalism we could accept.

Instead, the wealth and freedom we now enjoy are shrinking and rest upon a fragile philosophic infrastructure. It is not unlike the levies and bridges in our own country that our system of war and welfare has caused us to ignore.

I’m fearful that my concerns have been legitimate and may even be worse than I first thought. They are now at our doorstep. Time is short for making a course correction before this grand experiment in liberty goes into deep hibernation.

There are reasons to believe this coming crisis is different and bigger than the world has ever experienced. Instead of using globalism in a positive fashion, it’s been used to globalize all of the mistakes of the politicians, bureaucrats and central bankers.

Being an unchallenged sole superpower was never accepted by us with a sense of humility and respect. Our arrogance and aggressiveness have been used to promote a world empire backed by the most powerful army of history. This type of globalist intervention creates problems for all citizens of the world and fails to contribute to the well-being of the world’s populations. Just think how our personal liberties have been trashed here at home in the last decade.

The financial crisis, still in its early stages, is apparent to everyone: gasoline prices over \$4 a gallon; skyrocketing education and medical-care costs; the collapse of the housing bubble; the bursting of the NASDAQ bubble; stock markets plunging; unemployment rising; massive underemployment; excessive government debt; and unmanageable personal debt. Little doubt exists as to whether we’ll get stagflation. The question that will soon be asked is: When will the stagflation become an inflationary depression?

There are various reasons that the world economy has been globalized and

the problems we face are worldwide. We cannot understand what we’re facing without understanding fiat money and the long-developing dollar bubble.

There were several stages. From the inception of the Federal Reserve System in 1913 to 1933, the Central Bank established itself as the official dollar manager. By 1933, Americans could no longer own gold, thus removing restraint on the Federal Reserve to inflate for war and welfare.

By 1945, further restraints were removed by creating the Bretton-Woods Monetary System making the dollar the reserve currency of the world. This system lasted up until 1971. During the period between 1945 and 1971, some restraints on the Fed remained in place. Foreigners, but not Americans, could convert dollars to gold at \$35 an ounce. Due to the excessive dollars being created, that system came to an end in 1971.

It’s the post Bretton-Woods system that was responsible for globalizing inflation

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and markets and for generating a gigantic worldwide dollar bubble. That bubble is now bursting, and we’re seeing what it’s like to suffer the consequences of the many previous economic errors.

Ironically in these past 35 years, we have benefited from this very flawed system. Because the world accepted dollars as if they were gold, we only had to counterfeit more dollars, spend them overseas (indirectly encouraging our jobs to go overseas as well) and enjoy unearned prosperity. Those who took our dollars and gave us goods and services were only too anxious to loan those dollars back to us. This allowed us to export our inflation and delay the consequences we now are starting to see.

But it was never destined to last, and now we have to pay the piper. Our huge foreign debt must be paid or liquidated. Our entitlements are coming due just as the world has become more reluctant to hold dollars. The consequence of that decision is price inflation in this country—and that’s what we are witnessing today. Already price inflation overseas is even higher than here at home as a consequence of foreign central banks’ willingness to monetize our debt.

Printing dollars over long periods of time may not immediately push prices up—yet in time it always does. Now we’re seeing catch-up for past inflating of the monetary supply. As bad as it is today with \$4 a gallon gasoline, this is just the beginning. It’s a gross distraction to hound away at “drill, drill, drill” as a solution to the dollar crisis and high gasoline prices. Its okay to let the market increase supplies and drill, but that issue is a gross distraction from the sins of deficits and Federal Reserve



monetary shenanigans.

This bubble is different and bigger for another reason. The central banks of the world secretly collude to centrally plan the world economy. I’m convinced that agreements among central banks to “monetize” U.S. debt these past 15 years have existed, although secretly and out of the reach of any oversight of anyone—especially the U.S. Congress that doesn’t care, or just flat doesn’t understand. As this “gift” to us comes to an end, our problems worsen. The central banks and the various governments are very powerful, but eventually

the markets overwhelm when the people who get stuck holding the bag (of bad dollars) catch on and spend the dollars into the economy with emotional zeal, thus igniting inflationary fever.

This time—since there are so many dollars and so many countries involved—the Fed has been able to “paper” over every approaching crisis for the past 15 years, especially with Alan Greenspan as Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, which has allowed the bubble to become history’s greatest.

The mistakes made with excessive credit at artificially low rates are huge, and the market is demanding a correction. This involves excessive debt, misdirected investments, over-investments, and all the other problems caused by the government when spending the money they should never have had. Foreign militarism, welfare handouts and \$80 trillion entitlement promises are all coming to an end. We don’t have the money or the wealth-creating capacity to catch up and care for all the needs that now exist because we rejected the market economy, sound money, self reliance and the principles of liberty.

Since the correction of all this misallocation of resources is necessary and must come, one can look for some good that may come as this “Big Event” unfolds.

There are two choices that people can make. The one choice that is unavailable to us is to limp along with the status quo and prop up the system with more debt, inflation and lies. That won’t happen.

One of the two choices, and the one chosen so often by government in the past is that of rejecting the principles of liberty and resorting to even bigger and more authoritarian government. Some argue

that giving dictatorial powers to the President, just as we have allowed him to run the American empire, is what we should do. That’s the great danger, and in this post-911 atmosphere, too many Americans are seeking safety over freedom. We have already lost too many of our personal liberties already. Real fear of economic collapse could prompt central planners to act to such a degree that the New Deal of the 30’s might look like Jefferson’s Declaration of Independence.

The more the government is allowed to do in taking over and running the economy, the deeper the depression gets and the longer it lasts. That was the story of the 30s and the early 40s, and the same mistakes are likely to be made again if we do not wake up.

But the good news is that it need not be so bad if we do the right thing. I saw “Something Big” happening in the past 18 months on the campaign trail. I was encouraged that we are capable of waking up and doing the right thing. I have literally met thousands of high school and college kids who are quite willing to accept the challenge and responsibility of a free society and reject the cradle-to-grave welfare that is promised them by so many do-good politicians.

If more hear the message of liberty, more will join in this effort. The failure of our foreign policy, welfare system, and monetary policies and virtually all government solutions are so readily apparent, it doesn’t take that much convincing. But the positive message of how freedom works and why it’s possible is what is urgently needed.

One of the best parts of accepting self reliance in a free society is that true personal satisfaction with one’s own life can be achieved. This doesn’t happen when the government assumes the role of guardian, parent or provider, because it eliminates a sense of pride. But the real problem is the government can’t provide the safety and economic security that it claims. The so called good that government claims it can deliver is always achieved at the expense of someone else’s freedom. It’s a failed system and the young people know it.

Restoring a free society doesn’t eliminate the need to get our house in order and to pay for the extravagant spending. But the pain would not be long-lasting if we did the right things, and best of all the empire would have to end for financial reasons. Our wars would stop, the attack on civil liberties would cease, and prosperity would return. The choices are clear: it shouldn’t be difficult, but the big event now unfolding gives us a great opportunity to reverse the tide and resume the truly great American Revolution started in 1776. Opportunity knocks in spite of the urgency and the dangers we face.

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# Freedom Movement Takes New Approach

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people. It is serving special interests and not the public. It has forsaken the Constitution and is trampling our civil liberties. Our national sovereignty is under attack. Our borders are porous. The Federal Reserve is devaluing and destroying our currency. The executive branch has become too powerful. It cannot balance the budget. The debt is out of control. Spending is out of control. We are going broke policing the world."

In Marion County, the showdown between Democrat Sheriff Ed Dean and his challenger, Republican Paul Truesdell is already heating up. When Truesdell noticed that Ed Dean's domain name registration on [www.eddeanforsheriff.com](http://www.eddeanforsheriff.com) was expiring, he placed a legal order to purchase the site. When the site registration was terminated for nonpayment, ownership was transferred to Truesdell's wife. Befuddled, Sheriff Dean said, "I've never met the man. I don't know why a political candidate would want to purchase the other candidate's Web site." Welcome to the world of cyber-politics.

But there is more to Paul Truesdell than just being tech savvy. His campaign platform is simple; Truesdell promises to; lower the budget, have more deputies and fewer chiefs, pay every deputy a better wage, get politics out of the sheriff's office, and reform the way crime statistics are reported.

Ed Dean's platform is less specific. His "new" website <http://www.electeddean-sheriff.com> - lists his priorities as; "putting citizens first, stewardship of your tax dollars, employee satisfaction, having a vision for the future, known for a servant leadership management style, providing service

with honor, accountability throughout the organization, and core values"

Dean has also drawn criticism from free-market advocate by having the Sheriff's Office take over the health care services at the Marion County Jail, and suggesting that same care could be expanded out to the uninsured residents of Marion County.

South Florida also has a number of freedom candidates that have been shaking up the political scene in the state. One tireless activist that was considering making his third run for Congress - this time as an independent, is fearful about America's future. Frank Gonzalez ran as a libertarian in 2004 and earned 27% of the vote against incumbent Lincoln Diaz-Balart. He ran as a "Jeffersonian Democrat" in '06 and received 41% of the vote in the overwhelmingly conservative district. In '08 he was supporting the candidacy of Dean Santoro, a "Ron Paul Republican" making a bid in the same race. But, dismayed by people's "apathy and ignorance," he has since made a decision to exit politics and at one point was considering emigrating to Croatia. Santoro has since decided to run for the Florida Senate.

"The cost of doing business in Florida is driving big companies out of the state while small businesses are going out of business," he said. One of his top priorities is lowering taxes for Floridians.

Jose Francisco Marquez, running in District 119, is one of many liberty-loving candidates for the Florida House of Representatives. His motivation to run: "States' Rights and Free Markets."

Though Ron Paul has ended his bid for the presidency of the UNITED STATES, he hasn't given up on restoring

the rule of Constitutional law. "If they expected us to retire quietly from the scene, the political elite are in for a surprise," he announced on the new "Campaign for Liberty" web site. Candidates and voters from across the nation are taking notice. In North-West Florida, Pastor Chuck Baldwin has jumped into the presidential race under the Constitution party's banner. He

has earned widespread support amongst former Ron Paul supporters, especially in the Sunshine State. But his candidacy is representative of a much bigger shift in voters' attitudes.

"All politics is local," remarked Thomas O'Neill, a longtime Speaker of the House in the U.S. Congress. It seems activists are finally taking heed.

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NEW YORK – Soon after the US invaded Afghanistan and overthrew the Taliban government in 2001, I predicted that Taliban resistance would resume in four years.

My fellow pundits, who were cock-a-hoop over the US military victory over a bunch of lightly-armed medieval tribesmen, became drunk on old-fashioned imperial triumphalism, and denounced me as 'crazy,' or worse. But most of them had never been to Afghanistan and knew nothing about the Pashtun tribal people. I had covered the struggle against the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan during the 1980's and was well aware of the leisurely pace of warfare favored by Pashtun warriors.

'Do not stay in Afghanistan,' I warned in a 2001 article in the 'Los Angeles Times.' The longer foreign forces remained in Afghanistan, the more the tribes would fight against their continued presence. Taliban resumed fighting in 2005.

Now, as resistance to the US-led occupation of Afghanistan intensifies, the increasingly frustrated Bush administration is venting its anger against Pakistan and its military intelligence agency, Inter-Service Intelligence, better known as ISI.

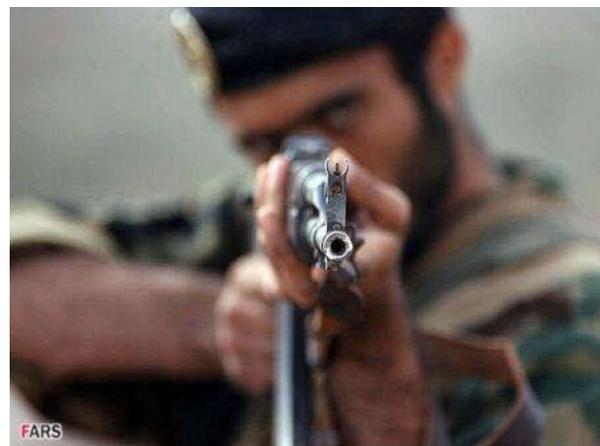
The White House just leaked claims ISI is in cahoots with pro-Taliban groups in Pakistan's tribal agency along the Afghan border and warns them of impending US attacks. The 'New York Times,' which allowed the Bush administration to use it as a mouthpiece for Iraq War propaganda, dutifully featured the leaks about ISI on front page. Other administration officials have been claiming that ISI may even be hiding Osama bin Laden and other senior al-Qaida leaders.

The Bush administration claims that CIA had electronic intercepts proving ISI was behind the recent bombing of India's embassy in Kabul. India and Afghanistan

echo this charge. No hard evidence has yet been produced, but the US media has been lustily condemning Pakistan for pretending to be an ally of the US while acting like an enemy.

President George Bush angrily asked Pakistan's visiting prime minister, Yousuf Gilani, 'who's in charge of ISI?' An interesting question, since all recent ISI director generals have been vetted and pre-approved by Washington.

I was one of the first western journalists invited into ISI HQ in 1986. ISI's then director, the fierce Lt. General Akhtar Rahman, personally briefed me on



Pakistan's secret role in fighting Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. ISI's 'boys' provided communications, logistics, training, heavy weapons, and direction in the Afghan War. I kept ISI's role in Afghanistan a secret until the war ended in 1989.

ISI was primarily responsible for the victory over the Soviets, which hastened the collapse of the USSR. At war's end, Gen. Akhtar and Pakistan's leader, Zia ul Haq, both died in a sabotaged C-130 transport aircraft. Unfortunately, most Pakistanis blame the United States for this assassination, though the real malefactors have never been identified and the investigation long ago shelved.

On my subsequent trips to Pakistan I was routinely briefed by succeeding ISI chiefs, and joined ISI officers in the field, sometimes under fire.

ISI, which reports to Pakistan's military and the prime minister, is accused of meddling in Pakistani politics. The late Benazir Bhutto, who often was thwarted and vexed by Pakistan's spooks, always playfully scolded me, 'you and your beloved generals at ISI.'

But before Gen. Pervez Musharraf took over as military dictator, ISI was the third world's most efficient, professional intelligence agency. It still defends Pakistan against internal and external subversion by India's powerful spy agency, RAW, and by Iran. ISI works closely with CIA and the Pentagon and was primarily responsible for the rapid ouster of Taliban from power in 2001. But ISI also must serve Pakistan's interests which are often not identical to Washington's, and sometimes in conflict.

ISI was long and deeply involved in supporting the uprising by Kashmiri Muslims against Indian rule, and has been accused by India of abetting groups that have committed bombings and aircraft hijackings inside India, including a wave of terrorist bombings against civilians in Bangalore and Gujarat over recently weeks. For its part, India's

because Washington felt Mahmood was insufficiently responsive to US interests. Ever since 2001, ensuing ISI directors were all pre-approved by Washington. All senior ISI veterans deemed 'Islamist' or too nationalistic by Washington were purged at Washington's demand, leaving ISI's upper ranks top-heavy with too many yes-men and paper-passers.

Even so, there is strong opposition inside ISI and the military to Washington's bribing and arm-twisting the subservient Musharraf dictatorship into waging war against fellow Pakistanis and gravely damaging Pakistan's national interests.

ISI's primary duty is defending Pakistan, not promote US interests. Pashtun tribesmen on the border sympathizing with their fellow Taliban Pashtun in Afghanistan are Pakistanis. Many, like the legendary Jalaluddin Haqqani, are old US allies and 'freedom fighters' from the 1980's. When the US and its western allies finally abandon Afghanistan, as they will inevitably do one day, Pakistan must go on living with its rambunctious tribals.

Violence and uprisings in these tribal areas are not caused by 'terrorism,' as Washington and Musharraf falsely claimed. They directly result from the US-led occupation of Afghanistan and Washington's forcing the hated Musharraf regime to attack its own people.

ISI is trying to restrain pro-Taliban Pashtun tribesmen while dealing with growing US attacks into Pakistan that threaten a wider war. India, Pakistan's bitter foe, has an army

of agents in Afghanistan and is arming, backing and financing the Karzai puppet regime in Kabul in hopes of turning Afghanistan into a protectorate. Pakistan's historic strategic interests in Afghanistan have been undermined by the US

occupation. Now, the US and India are trying to eliminate Pakistani influence in Afghanistan.

ISI, many of whose officers are Pashtun, has every right to warn Pakistani citizens of impending US air attacks that kill large numbers of civilians. But ISI also has another vital mission. Preventing Pakistan's Pashtun, 15-20% of the population of 165 million, from rekindling the old 'Greater Pashtunistan' movement calling for union of the Pashtun tribes of Pakistan and Afghanistan into a new Pashtun nation. The Pashtun have never recognized the Durand Line (today's Pakistan-Afghan border) drawn by British imperialists to sunder the world's largest tribal people. Greater Pashtunistan would tear apart Pakistan and invite Indian military intervention.

Washington's bull-in-a-china shop behavior pays no heeds to these realities. Instead, Washington demonizes faithful old allies ISI and Pakistan while supporting Afghanistan's Communists and drug dealers, and allowing India to stir the Afghan pot - all for the sake of new energy pipelines.

As Henry Kissinger cynically noted, being America's ally is more dangerous than being its enemy.

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powerful intelligence service, RAW, has mounted bombing and shooting attacks inside Pakistan.

The reason it is often difficult to tell whether Pakistan is friend or foe is because Washington has been forcing Pakistan's government, military and intelligence services into supporting the US-led war in Afghanistan and rounding up and torturing opponents of Pakistan's military dictatorship. Pakistan was forced to bend to Washington's will through a combination of over \$11 billion in payments and threats of war if Pakistan did not comply. The ongoing prosecution of the US-led war in Afghanistan depends entirely on Pakistan's provision of bases and troops.

While Pakistan's government, military and intelligence services were forced to follow Washington's strategic plans, 90% of Pakistan's people bitterly opposed these policies. President-dictator Musharraf was caught between the anger of Washington and his own angry people who branded him an American stooge.

Small wonder Pakistan's leadership is so often accused of playing a double game. The last ISI Director General I knew was the tough, highly capable Lt. Gen. Mahmood Ahmad. He was purged by Musharraf



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# A Relief from the Pressure Cooker of Life

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Daily pressures. We all have them. Possibly you just started a new job. Perhaps you're a graduate trying to plan your future based on what you want to be "for the rest of your life" or maybe you're a teenage unwed mother, or her parents for that matter, trying to rearrange their lives to make room for one that wasn't planned. Any of these scenarios can make anyone's emotions rise to a boiling pressure cooker. It's appears that in our pursuit to make things simpler with the many conveniences of cell phones, microwaves, automatic teller machines and online shopping and banking that we have only added to the pressure cooker of life. To me, it seems

that today life has gotten... well... disconnected and far too complicated.

I tend to live for the moments that I can enjoy the simplicity. I've tried little by little to go back to some of the uncomplicated basics, farm fresh eggs - laid daily. I'm growing my own tomatoes, no high fructose corn syrup in my weekly created home menu, reusable, cloth "green bags" taken to the stores, a stainless steel canteen for my daily water bottle instead of plastic, timed sprinklers and outside lights. Anything we can do to make our lives simpler gives us more time to let off steam - to enjoy the life we have, because as you probably know, life goes by too quick.

In my time away from the house I try to grasp those simple moments as well with a very interesting hobby of mine. People

watching. That's right; while I'm sitting at the spotlight I often wonder about the people in the cars around me observe the young adults at the mall. I watch the families at the park interact and I ask myself "I wonder how their pressure cooker is? What's going on in their lives? Did they cry this morning? What about? Are they happy?" Usually about that point in my daydream oasis, the car behind me honks or if I'm in a store, someone runs into me heading for the sale rack at the mall or I nearly get grazed by a frisbee at the park and suddenly I'm brought back to reality.

But seriously, people are amazing - so different, yet so alike. We come from many walks of life, many cultures, beliefs and up-bringsings yet we all have dreams, opinions and moments that we live for when we can turn the pressure cooker off.

So what would you say if I told you that Jesus dealt with stress and pressures too? That's right. Actually, imagine growing up knowing you were the Savior of the world and getting ready for that role? Now there's some stress I can't even fathom and I was the oldest of eight children. Matthew 27 tells a count of the stress that Jesus went through from the betrayal and death of his friend to his own death (for us) on the cross. Talk about a pressure cooker! Yet even as stressed

as Jesus was he turned to his Father in Heaven. Worried beyond belief and hoping for another solution to "save the world" Jesus prayed in such anguish until he nearly sweat blood (Luke 22:44). I can't say that I've ever been under that kind of pressure before. You? But, God created us all for a reason and a purpose. Jesus' was to walk on the earth as God in the flesh, live as a man and die a selfless death to show a great love. This was his Father's will and as most children he wanted to do whatever his father expected of him.

Today, while you're stressing over your new boss, career, unexpected addition to the family or whatever it may be, please be encouraged. Speak up! Your Father in heaven is a great listener. It is great that we have friends and family we can turn to when life gets to us but I once heard it said, "when life gets tough do you run to the phone or to the throne?"

We all have tension and anxiety in our day and in our life that gets us to our boiling point in this pressure cooker world. But next time the load gets too much and you want to honk at the person still sitting at that "green light" remember Jesus knows about that weight and believe it or not even though now he sits on the throne He knows what you're going through. Oh, and he's also a good listener.

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# Betrayed by the Village Idiot

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The Daily Reckoning

Last week, the low-IQ socialist scumbags in the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. among other legislative horrors raised the debt limit of the U.S.A. by another \$800 billion, taking the limit to a staggering \$10.6 trillion, so that they could continue to act like the mental defective lowlife collectivist scumbags that they truly, truly are, which is destroying our money and our country, which is why I hate them, and which explains why I intend to vote against every incumbent as often as I can, and urge everyone else to do so, too, (except for the people in Texas who elect Ron Paul), unless I can successfully get the American people stirred up into an unruly mob so that I can take over the country and give myself a nice, big salary, a generous retirement package, and the awesome, unlimited powers of an emperor!

In the meantime, Thomas Sowell had an interesting perspective on these Congressional commie losers, too, in that he says that the housing crisis is a direct result of these selfsame Congressional morons passing laws requiring banks to loan to poor people so that they could buy houses that they could not afford, and in areas where nobody in their right mind would loan a dime because people who live there default on loans a lot, which is exactly what happened.

Now we know why nobody wanted to



**Congress voted to raise the debt limit by another \$800 billion.**

loan money to these “red-lined” areas! Ergo, too many loans, as required by Congress under penalty of law, were made to too many people that couldn’t pay them back, and didn’t, which the lenders knew beforehand, but were forced to do it! Hahaha! Thanks, Mr. Sowell! I never put that two and two together before! Now that I think about it, it’s the same thing that happened to health care; the cost has run to back-breaking levels because the government demanded that healthcare providers provide first-class services to anybody who asked for them, whether they could (or would) pay for them or not, and the providers just added it to the bill of those who paid for their healthcare! Hahaha!

I am ashamed to have laughed at such incompetence and government bungling that is destroying America and, putting a serious look on my face, I say that the lesson to be learned here is that we have been betrayed

by Congress, again and again, as it screws up

everything it touches, which is what government routinely does, which is why it is obvious that the Constitution never meant for them to be doing this.

In fact, the nation was supposed to be basking in liberty and free enterprise, with minimal government interference, and the Founding Fathers obviously thought that there would be no need for the Congress to ever even meet! This is why they thought it was important to include Article 1, Section 4 in the Constitution, which requires that “The Congress shall assemble at least once in every year.” Hahahaha! Meet at least one day a year! Hahahaha!

Instead we have, courtesy of Gary North of garynorth.com bringing it up, The Federal

Register, which “is published every weekday, and it usually is 200 pages long. Each page has three columns of fine print. These are new regulations imposed by the Federal government on the American economy.” Published every weekday!

And while we are here, Mr. North has an article titled “The Senate’s 700-Page Housing Bailout Bill: No Discussion, No Opposition”, with the subhead that wins this week’s coveted Mogambo Brevity Is Wit Award (MBIWA); “It’s going to pass. It will not work.”

And the loathsome, ruinous, nation-destroying activities of Congress could not be possible without an unlimited supply of fiat currency, instead of the strictures of Article 1, Section 10 which requires that only gold and silver shall be money, a requirement discarded by the despicable, corrupt Supreme Court, a folly for which we are now paying with inflation in prices, and will continue paying for the next decade.

Now you know why we are so screwed, and who is directly responsible, which means that the voters who elected these losers are also directly responsible, and as such are going to get exactly what they deserve. And in the words of H.L. Mencken, “get it good and hard.”

There are, I am aware, pornographic films that successfully exploit this “get it good and hard” theme in a very entertaining way, but trust me, there is no similarity. If only there were!

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## 38 Reasons why America is in Peril

It's not necessary to go into great detail regarding the tremendous problems facing America. The issues confronting our world today seem overwhelming. The following is a list of issues – all of them are significant and any one of them could lead to catastrophic results.

1. **COLLECTIVISM** in all its forms including communism, fascism, socialism, statism and liberalism is spreading both inside and outside America. In 1963 the Communist goals for America were published in the Congressional Record. All but one has been largely fulfilled. Russia is still essentially a Communist country as are Cuba, Venezuela, China, Mongolia, North Korea and Vietnam. Venezuela and Cuba are actively spreading Communism throughout South & Central America.

2. **SOVEREIGNTY** is being eroded and Globalism is on the march. The North American Union plans to bring Mexico, America and Canada into a similar confederation as the European Union. [www.freedom.org/naugreen2/player.html](http://www.freedom.org/naugreen2/player.html)

3. **TERRORISM** is a threat to our stability. There are over 1 billion Muslims throughout the world and it is estimated that 100 million are fundamentalists that view Jihad as a legitimate method of spreading the faith.

4. **WAR** America is engaged in war not only in Iraq & Afghanistan, but possibly with Iran.

5. **PANDEMICS** are breaking out throughout the world ranging from Avian Flu to various plagues in Asia and Africa. Some are naturally occurring while others are purposely being made more virulent and stockpiled by governments.

6. **PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS** are being eroded. Americans no longer own their property, but rent it from the state. If you think you own your property, stop paying the rent (tax) and you will see who controls the property. Laws regarding eminent domain no longer prevent government from seizing property.

7. **ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION** It is estimated that there are at least 12- 20 million illegal immigrants living in America with more entering every day. They are a drain on welfare, education, social security and the health care systems. Someone said, "A nation without borders is not a nation."

8. **GANGS** such as the Mexican Mafia and MS13 are an increasing threat and are spreading throughout America. They are increasingly violent and are responsible for much of the distribution of illegal drugs and other crimes.

9. **DRUGS** Use of methamphetamine, crack cocaine and heroin is increasing and helping to support terrorism and gangs

throughout the world.

10. **WELFARE** roles are growing.

11. **LOSS OF MANUFACTURING CAPABILITY** Large multinational corporations are shipping American factories to third world and communist countries such as China, India, and Sri Lanka. China is an avid enemy of our nation and is buying up American factories. This loss of steel plants and other manufacturing facilities cannot be turned around overnight. According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis there has been a 60% loss of manufacturing since 1953. The infrastructure needed as well as the skills and technological expertise of tool & die makers, engineers, etc. is being lost and is not easily replaced.

12. **JUDICIARY** There is very little justice. Dangerous criminals are being released from our prisons due to overcrowding and untold numbers of people are being targeted for prosecution for what has been termed "administrative crimes." There are so many laws on the books that practically everyone is guilty of committing a felony.

13. **LOSS OF PERSONAL FREEDOMS** The Patriot Act and other legislation in addition to various Executive Orders are continually infringing on our freedoms.

14. **VOTE FRAUD** Sworn testimony from those who design computerized voting machines testify that these machines are capable of being programmed so that the outcome of any election can be predetermined by those in charge. Read "Vote Scam"

15. **SOCIAL SECURITY** is in jeopardy. As baby boomers reach retirement age enormous strains will be placed on this system.

16. **MEDICARE, PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS and HOSPITAL costs** are growing and will become increasingly economically unsustainable.

17. **ENERGY** Fossil fuels are becoming scarce. As nations such as China and India become more industrial and their personal wealth increases their demand for fossil fuel grows daily.

18. **CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES** Our Constitution which has produced the freest and wealthiest nation in the world is ignored by all branches of government.

19. **ECONOMIC DEFICITS** The total deficit both funded and unfunded has been estimated to be 37 TRILLION dollars.

20. **INFLATION:** Today's dollar is worth 4 cents as compared with the dollar in the early 1900's. The Federal Reserve stopped publishing M3 figures which allow economists to determine the actual rate of inflation. [www.joelscoins.com/exhibger2.htm](http://www.joelscoins.com/exhibger2.htm)

21. **FEDERAL RESERVE** since 1913 has created economic cycles that have resulted in numerous recessions as well as the depression and other monetary debacles. This is destroying the middle class.

22. **TAXES** local, county & state are all increasing. The Federal Income Tax is an unconstitutional tax. (See Aaron Russo's film, "From Freedom To Fascism" which

can be viewed free on the internet)

23. **DERIVATIVE MARKETS** have the potential for worldwide economic disaster.

24. **PERSONAL DEBT** is increasing and is at an all time high.

25. **REAL ESTATE** market is very vulnerable. Many people view their R.E. holdings as a significant part of their net worth. A.R.M. mortgages leave people vulnerable to rate increases and foreclosure.

26. **MEDIA BIAS** The media overwhelmingly exhibits a liberal/socialist worldview. A ray of hope lies in the internet and talk radio which have become alternative methods of obtaining news, but Congress is now considering the control of both talk radio and the internet.

27. **ENTERTAINMENT MEDIA** is morally destructive to adults & children. If you doubt this I challenge you to watch MTV, VH1, South Park, or Sex in the City.

28. **PORNOGRAPHY** is increasingly available to children via the internet.

29. **HOMOSEXUALITY** is increasingly entering the mainstream. Homosexual marriages and homosexual indoctrination of children in government schools is rapidly increasing

30. **PEDOPHILIA** Is on the increase. Estimates say up to 10% of children in public schools are exposed to improper sexual advances by either teachers or other employees of the school system.

31. **SINGLE PARENTS** More and more women are having illegitimate children. In some cities 67% of births are illegitimate.

32. **DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES** have lost the ability to raise children who will be productive citizens.

33. **ILLITERACY** is rampant. Estimates say nearly 40% of high school graduates can barely read their diploma, and approximately the same number have to take remedial (high school courses) before they can begin to take college level courses.

34. **SEXUAL PROMISCUITY** is increasing at an alarming rate.

35. **SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES** are rapidly increasing. There are now numerous STD's, some of which are incurable.

36. **ABORTION** 35 million children have been aborted since passage of Roe v Wade.

37. **EDUCATION** Public (government) schools are devastating our youth academically, spiritually and morally. <http://www.lewrockwell.com/shaffer/shaffer47.html>

38. **NUMEROUS GROUPS AND PATHOLOGICAL LEFTISTS ARE CONSTANTLY WORKING** to change our form of government and culture such as: United Nations, ACLU, Move On, Planned Parenthood, NEA, public (government) schools, CAIR, Supreme Court, GLYSEN, NAMBLA, Executive, Legislative & Judicial branches of



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# MAIL FROM OUR READERS

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government and other left wing groups such as the Council on Foreign Relations, Nonprofit foundations and organizations too numerous to mention, are continually lobbying, legislating, and suing to obtain their objectives.

It is inconceivable to me that the vast majority of politicians place power and money ahead of the best interests of the nation. We no longer have a Constitutional Republic. The courts and government have long ago abandoned Constitutional restraints designed to protect our liberty. For those who love America the question must invariably arise, What should I do? It amazes me to see the blindness of people who just carry on as if we have forever. If Americans do not begin to impact the culture as our responsibility to our forefathers and our families demand, America will become irrelevant as far as it is in the power of those working for the overthrow of America to do it. We don't have much time.

The primary cause of most of our nation's pathologies is the government controlled school system which is not only failing academically to prepare our youth to function in society, but is indoctrinating them in the Secular/Humanist religion as core curriculum in every subject. This destroys them spiritually, morally and academically. Government schools are responsible for laying the foundation for nearly every pathology in our nation and is the entity which many view as the greatest single evil in our nation. Butler Shaffer in his article, 'Legalized Child Abuse' states, "If I could push a magic button that would get rid of just one political program, that would be forever vanished into a black hole, it would be the public (government) school system." Give a percentage of your time and finances to see that children receive a sound education. Doing this will enable them to have a sound academic foundation and become a moral and ethical individual.

Let me say to those who have been laying up treasure for their children and grandchildren: They are not going to be around to enjoy them unless you do something about the situation now! America, with all its' flaws, is the nation that holds the best hope for mankind. The world got along for more than a thousand years without America, and it can get along without it again, but it will be the end of the freedoms we have enjoyed for 250 years.

Solzhenitsyn, in a work entitled From Under the Rubble, said that the shackles of tyranny and slavery could be thrown off if every single person would simply take one positive moral step. Please join in the battle to save our nation.

Anonymous  
Ocala, Florida

RIP Bob Buker, CEO U.S. Sugar,

## Fallen Freedom Fighting Hero

Few people know that Bob Buker, CEO U.S. Sugar, has fought for years to limit taxes and restore property rights for all Floridians. He poured millions into a Florida petition drive that resulted in two tax limitation measures being added to the Constitution and a landmark property rights law passed by the Florida Legislature.

Today, because of Bob Buker and U.S. Sugar's management team/owners, all Floridians can rest assured that a personal income tax or SUV green house gas "fee" cannot be added to their Constitution without a two-thirds vote of the people. In addition, every Florida property owner can expect to be fully compensated for losses suffered when regulators change their minds and devalue private property for a public purpose.

Bob Buker also backed two other proposed amendments to Florida's Constitution: Voter Approval of New Taxes and Private Property Rights. He made it financially possible for a grassroots petition drive to collect 600,000 signatures on both petitions. He and over 70% of Florida voters agreed that government's unchecked power to tax and spend was sapping our financial freedom and very often for "services" the people did not want and could not afford. Bob also believed, as did the vast majority of Floridians and our founding fathers, that the freedom to own and enjoy private property should not be "taken", even just a little, without just compensation.

Unfortunately for Bob and freedom loving Floridians, an unelected unaccountable Florida Supreme Court prohibited Floridians from voting not once but twice to stop new taxes without voter approval and require compensation when government "takes" private property for a public purpose.

All Floridians should recognize Bob Buker and U.S. Sugar's management team/owners for being freedom fighting heroes. RIP

Note: It is more than a little ironic that property taxes are going to be used to buy the country's largest sugar farm and build a vast new wetlands that will contribute to the production methane, a greenhouse gas twenty times more potent than carbon dioxide.

David Biddulph

Chairman, Florida's Tax Cap Committee,  
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## Marriage Amendment

There is much discussion on the "Marriage Bill" going around these days, and a lot of confusion on why one person is for or against same-sex marriage.

I find if you try to use a religious reason for not wanting to allow same-sex marriage, you are summarily shot down, with "don't try to force your religious belief down my throat." One will get the same faulty reasoning from those who approve of abortion. To them it is just a matter of "our" religious beliefs.

Back to same sex marriage and the reason we should all be against it.

Those who are of the same sex of the person they love, sometimes go to extraordinary means to bring a child into this relationship.

For instance they will try using one partner to have a heterosexual relationship outside their "MARRIAGE" in order to conceive a child. And then claim all rights to that child. This is where I draw the line. If a person wants to have a life long committed relationship with a member

of the same sex, while I don't condone it personally, I am not in a position to judge them. Nor do I wish too. I love all people because of who we are as humankind. They will find out at the end of their lives if they were right or wrong. I leave that for another to judge.

They can investigate for themselves the mountains of books and studies on a two ( different sex ) parents and same-sex parents. It has been proven, beyond a shadow of a doubt, by all kinds of scientific study, that a child raised by one female mom and one male father, are by far, exponentially, more well adjusted to their society and peers.

This is not my opinion, but the opinion of thousands who are versed in these matters. Why would we want to start out giving the child a handicap of not having masculine as well as feminine influences? These are necessary for nature. If you are an aware person, or even a sensible observer, you will notice every animal has the male and the female needed for the next generation to survive.

We will all have a say so, right or wrong, very soon, when this matter appears on the ballot.

Please examine the facts and vote YES on 2. Go to YES2MARRIAGE.org. AND THOUGHTFULLY STUDY THE FACTS FOR YOURSELF.

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