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Note from the Editor

by Mike Blessing [gunssavelives@comcast.net]

A Bit of a Downer

It has recently come to my attention that L. Neil Smith will be unable to attend our state convention as his wife Cathy has just been diagnosed with breast cancer. I for one wish El Neil, Cathy and daughter Rylla the best, and look forward to seeing them at next year's State Convention, as L. Neil has expressed an interest in attending next year. See groups.yahoo.com/group/kcufmedia/message/144 for the full message. At press time, Joseph Knight has is searching for a replacement in – see page 4 for more details.



Even under American occupation, every Iraqi family can keep a modern automatic rifle for self-protection.



American families can't.

OUR LEADERS DON'T TRUST US MUCH

Field Reports

From County / Campus Chairs

Bernalillo – The BCLP is hosting two meetings per month, as well as a bi-weekly hour-long TV show (*New Mexico's Consumer Advocate*) on Albuquerque Comcast Ch.27. Show times are second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 8PM. For more information, see the BCLP website – www.lpnm.org/bernalillo. *The Weekly Sedition* resumes in July, 2007. *The Weekly Sedition* and *New Mexico's Consumer Advocate* are now available in webcast format. For the viewing links, see the Channel 27 site [www.quote-unquote.org].

The Bernalillo County LP is currently seeking one or more persons to represent the BCLP in front of the Albuquerque City Council and / or Bernalillo County Commission in the public-comment sections of those bodies' meeting agendas.

Jay Vandersloot has been active in staffing tables at gun shows at the State Fairgrounds in Albuquerque, and could use some help at those shows. The next Blade and Gun show will be on the weekend of May 5th and 6th and any assistance would be welcome, even if it is only for a couple of hours. Anyone interested in either helping at the table at the show, or providing literature to handout or an LP banner for us to use should contact Jay Vandersloot at either jayvandersloot@yahoo.com or call 505-362-1733.

Paul Gessing and the staff of the Rio Grande Foundation, has been getting columns and letters to the editor printed in the *Albuquerque Journal* on a regular basis. Some of those have been printed here in *New Mexico Liberty*. Others are available at the RGF's website – www.riograndefoundation.org.

The next BCLP convention will be concurrent with the State Convention.

Dona Ana – The LPDAC Central Committee has been having monthly meetings, as well as an information table at the Las Cruces Farmer's Market. See the LPDAC website – www.lpnm.org/dona-ana – for details.

LPDAC Chair Siebert Ickler has started writing op-ed pieces for the Rio Grande Foundation – see page 4 of last month's edition for an example.

Santa Fe – Former Vice-Chair and Grant County Chair Frank Martin has started a social group in the Santa Fe area that focuses on small-I libertarianism. For more information, contact Frank Martin – frank@fundimensions.com or phone 505-989-3670 or 505-310-5971.

San Juan – The San Juan County affiliate will be hosting this year's State Convention on the weekend of 13-15 April, the weekend closest to Thomas Jefferson's birthday. See page 4 for more information about speakers, schedule, locations, etc. In the mean time, Joseph, Bob and others are busy putting the libertarian message before the public.

The 2007 Annual Convention of the Libertarian Party of San Juan County will be Sunday, 15 April, 1:00 PM, at the Aztec Civic Center, 101 S. Park Avenue in Aztec. Business will include election of officers and central committee for the '07-'09 term. Bring a picnic or fast-food lunch at 12:00 noon and visit with other Libertarians prior to the meeting. A community meeting on Private Property Rights will follow the county convention. For more info, call Bob Ziesmer, 505-327-6681.

Sandoval – The LPSC is having its monthly meetings at the J.B.'s on 528, north of Intel, recently having changed from Wednesdays to Tuesdays.

Calendar

Special Events

State Convention – 13 / 14 / 15 April 2007 in San Juan County. See page 4 for more information about speakers, schedule, locations, etc..

Regular Events

Thursday, 5 April and 19 April – Bernalillo County Liberty Forum meets in Albuquerque, 6:00 to 7:00 PM at Fiesta's Restaurant & Lounge (Carlisle & Montgomery NE). Contact Mike Blessing, 505-710-5197, for details.

Wednesday, 11 April – Dona Ana County Libertarians will meet. Those Interested are invited to attend and to contact Siebert Ickler, 505-541-9079, for information on location and time.

Sunday, 15 April – San Juan County LP meets at 1PM – contact Bob Ziesmer, 505-327-6681, for details.

Tuesday, 24 April – The Sandoval County LP meets at JB's restaurant on 528 near Intel. Contact Ron Bjornstad, 505-288-4228, for details.

TV Shows – Channel 27 in Albuquerque (not necessarily endorsed by LPNM)

New Mexico's Consumer Advocate
2nd Wednesday, 11 April – Dona Ana County Libertarians will meet. Those Interested are invited to attend and to contact Siebert Ickler, 505-541-9079, for information on location and time.

2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 8PM
www.myspace.com/kcufmedia

Hemp TV – Tuesdays at 7PM
www.myspace.com/nmhemptv

Reeferhead – Saturdays at 6PM
Contact Brian Bakri at hippiegypsy@webtv.net for details

THE UNANIMOUS CONSENT CHALLENGE

CASH Ø10,000 PRIZE

To the first person to write a logical and documented essay showing one of the following to be compatible with the Declaration of Independence:

Sherman Anti-Trust Act of 1890
Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906
Federal Communications Act of 1934
National Firearms Act of 1934
Banking Act of 1935
The Internal Revenue Code
Controlled Substances Act of 1970
RICO Act of 1970
Federal Elections Act of 1970
Endangered Species Act of 1973
National Organ Transplant Act of 1984
Plumbing Products Efficiency Act of 1992
Anti-Money Laundering Act of 1992
USA PATRIOT Act of 2001
Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002

To claim your prize, contact
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or gunssavelives@comcast.net.

The Unanimous Consent Challenge is available online at the KCUF Media site – www.tinyurl.com/hn982

“Do not blame anybody for your mistakes and failures.”
– Bernard Baruch, investor

Take Two Aspirin and Call Me in the Morning!

How often have you visited your doctor, and were provided with some sort of medication? When you used the medication, it seemed to take care of the symptoms from which you were suffering, but it didn't seem to cure the underlying problem. Sometimes, with time, the body takes care of healing the problem, but other times the problem still exists, and you have to continue using the medication to prevent again suffering from the symptoms. Sometimes you have to continue using the medication for the rest of your life in order to prevent continued suffering.

In how many aspects of our lives do we, ourselves, do the same thing? How often do we “treat the symptoms” instead of working on correcting the underlying problems?

In politics the same “attack the symptom” syndrome is quite prevalent. Take for example the goal of the LP and the LPNM and compare it to the actions and words of many around us who are fervently and honestly working towards strengthening the LP.

Some believe our goal is to nominate, support, and elect more Libertarians to public office. But, is that the goal, or is it just a means for accomplishing the real goal?

Others believe our goal is to pass resolutions to lobby officials and government bodies, and by general advocacy. But, again, is that the goal, or is it just another means for accomplishing the real goal?

Yet others believe that our goal should be to engage in educational and informational activities. But, again, we are still missing the mark. This, also, is just another means of trying to accomplish the real goal.

So, what is the real goal? How do we cure the underlying problem, instead of just attacking the symptoms?

The preamble of the 2006 LP National Platform states, in part, “. . . **we have set forth our basic principles and enumerated various policy stands derived from those principles. These specific policies are not our goal, however. Our goal is nothing more, nor less, than a world set free in our lifetime, and it is to this end that we take these stands.**”

Likewise, the LPNM Constitution and Bylaws states, in part, “**The purpose of LPNM shall be to move society and public policy toward the ideals embodied in the Statement of Principles by . . .**” and then enumerates various means that we can employ to endeavor to bring about the goal.

Put together, we find that **our real goal is to move society and public policy towards . . . a world set free in our lifetime . . .**” Electing Libertarians, passing resolutions, lobbying, educational activities, etc., are only “vehicles” by which we hope to bring about the real goal, the resolution of the underlying problem.

Yes, I would like to see Libertarians elected, but I don't really care what political party name a person wears, so long as he or she is working to move government policy in the right direction. US House Representative from Texas, Dr. Ron Paul, is an example of this. In fact, he does such a good job, he has become known as “Dr. No” in the halls of Congress.

Yes, resolutions sometimes get published in the news media, but are they worded in such a way as to have a positive effect on politicians who are in a position to bring about necessary changes, or is the wording in the nature of an attack that just turns the politicians off and causes them to ignore the resolution?

Yes, educating our fellow citizens is good. But when we start viciously attacking and name calling, using names such as “Nazis,” “Fascists,” and other such names and negativities do the voters don't listen to what we have to say. Instead, they just label us as kooks, extremists, and other such epithets, and they discount and ignore anything we say.

We need to start considering what the real goal is, and we need to work towards it in a positive manner, one that will cause people and politicians to listen to what we are trying to tell them, rather than causing them to reject our message. No matter how **right** our message is, if people and politicians turn it off and won't listen we are engaging in a useless waste of time and effort. Let's put out time to better use by approaching things in constructive ways that will be listened to.

LP Platform Undergoes Major Change

There were major changes to the LP National Platform passed at the Convention in July. Mainly, it eliminated the majority of the planks. I envision a flurry of efforts between now and the next LP Convention in May 2008 to reinstitute as many of the planks as possible.

Let's take a look at the next of the remaining planks from our LP National Platform.

1.8 – Reproductive Rights

The Issue – The tragedies caused by unplanned, unwanted pregnancies are aggravated and sometimes created by government policies of censorship, restriction, regulation and prohibition.

Recognizing that abortion is a sensitive issue and that people can hold good-faith views on both sides, we believe that government should be kept out of the matter, leaving the question to each person for their conscientious consideration.

The Principle – Individual rights should not be denied nor abridged on the basis of sex, age, dependency, or location. Taxpayers should not be forced to pay for other people's abortions, nor should any government or individual force a woman to have an abortion. It is the right and obligation of the pregnant woman regardless of age, not the state, to decide the desirability or appropriateness of prenatal testing, Caesarean births, fetal surgery, voluntary surrogacy arrangements and/or home births.

Solutions – We oppose government actions that either compel or prohibit abortion, sterilization or any other form of birth control. Specifically we condemn the practice of forced sterilization of welfare recipients, or of mentally retarded or “genetically defective” individual. We support the voluntary exchange of goods, services or information regarding human sexuality, reproduction, birth control or related medical or biological technologies. We oppose government laws and policies that restrict the opportunity to choose alternatives to abortion.

Transitional Action – We support an end to all subsidies for childbearing or child prevention built into our present laws.

“Fix the problem, not the blame.”
– Japanese proverb

“If a nation values anything more than freedom, it will lose its freedom; and the irony of it is that if it is comfort or money that it values more, it will lose that too.”
– W. Somerset Maugham, writer

**Libertarian Party of New Mexico
2007 State Convention
Farmington, New Mexico**

All events FREE except Banquet Program and Diehard Breakfast Program
PUBLIC WELCOME but only members can participate in the Business Meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL 13 – K.B. DILLON'S, 101 W. Broadway – Mapquest: www.tinyurl.com/srlf9

- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Registration / No-host cash bar, appetizers and short order from bar menu
- 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM Presidential debate, candidates for 2008 LP nomination
Steve Kubby, George Phillies, Christine Smith
www.kubby2008.com / www.phillies2008.org / www.christinesmithforpresident.com

SATURDAY, APRIL 14 – FARMINGTON CIVIC CENTER, 200 W. Arrington – Mapquest: www.tinyurl.com/yxy84m

- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Registration
- 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Penni Adrian, independent candidate for 2nd Judicial District, *The Dumb-Dumb Button*
www.penniforjudge.com
Margaret Mathers, LPSJC founding member, *Upon My Oath*
- 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM Former state chairman panel, *Future of the Libertarian Party*
Including Ron Bjornstad, Joseph Knight, Richard Obergfell
- 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM State of the Party, LPNM Annual Business Meeting
Jay Vandersloot, State Chair
- 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Leslie D. Cumiford, President, and Lance Klafeta, Center for Family Justice, *The State as Parent*
www.family-justice.org
- 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM Dennis W. Montoya, civil rights attorney, *The Saga of Juan Mata* – www.montoyalaw.com

SATURDAY, APRIL 14 – K.B. DILLON'S, 101 W. Broadway – Mapquest: www.tinyurl.com/srlf9

- 7:00 PM Banquet Program (see below), Key Note Address, Fundraiser Auction and Concert
To Be Announced – L. Neil Smith has canceled, but is planning on next year's State Convention
(See front page for more.)

This year's fund-raising auction will include a concert with several of the speakers singing or reciting poetry. Individuals with items to donate to the auction should contact Gary Wood, 505-486-5585, gzwood@peoplepc.com when they arrive in San Juan County, or at any of the events.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15 – GOLDEN CORRAL, 1715 E. Main – Mapquest: www.tinyurl.com/tct8m

- 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM Die Hard Breakfast Program
Paul Gessing, President of the Rio Grande Foundation, *Liberty: on the March or Retreating?*
www.riograndefoundation.org

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE – MUST be received by TUESDAY, APRIL 10

___ BANQUET: \$25 CIRCLE CHOICE: 8oz Top Sirloin Steak Hawaiian Stuffed Pork Fettucine Alfredo

___ DIEHARD BREAKFAST: \$25 – All-you-can-eat buffet

___ **BOTH** Banquet *and* Diehard Breakfast , **\$40 – save \$10** CIRCLE BANQUET CHOICE ABOVE

___ Check here if you are a member and plan to attend the business meeting

NAME & PHONE _____

ADDRESS & E-MAIL _____

Return to:
Joseph Knight, Convention Coordinator, Box 698, Flora Vista, NM 87415-0698
checks payable to LPNM

Tesla Deal No Model for Economic Development

www.tinyurl.com/36h4x6

By Paul Gessing [pgessing@riograndefoundation.org]

I was as happy as the next person when Tesla Motors announced last month that it was locating its new factory in Albuquerque. The company is planning to build electrically-powered sedans ranging in price from \$50,000 to \$65,000 here. If the car is successful – that's a big "if" considering the car has not been tested by anyone outside the company – Tesla could be a boon to both the state and local economies.

The arrival of Tesla may indeed bring the jobs and economic development being promised, but it must be pointed out that this type of incentive-based "economic development" is not the best or fairest way to improve New Mexico's economy. Tesla will receive an estimated \$20 million in tax incentives. How many small business men and women work every day to grow their businesses, almost always without special tax breaks (and usually besieged by all manner of government regulations)?

The question of "fairness" may sound idealistic with special interests spending millions of dollars to get their "fair share" in Santa Fe and from the City, but our tax policies should be built on the principal of fairness. Indeed, giving special breaks to one company not only shifts the tax burden to the rest of us (including small business), but it creates incentives for companies to spend even more on unproductive activities like lobbying.

The fact that the state is considering investing permanent fund money into Tesla's unproven electric roadster which happens to fill an "environmentally-friendly" niche makes the relationship between a private company and government a bit too cozy.

Perhaps more importantly, economic research has shown that the best way to do economic development is to keep taxes low, and to the best extent possible, levy them fairly on all businesses.

There is no way for taxpayers, or for Governor Richardson and Mayor Chavez, to know whether Tesla will be the next big thing or a bust. But, to use a baseball analogy, rather than using tax incentives to go out and sign the next "free agent," New Mexico needs to reform its tax policies in ways that allow the state to build talent from within. This will allow New Mexico to finally become an economic powerhouse.

Paul Gessing is the president of the Rio Grande Foundation, a non-partisan, tax-exempt research and educational organization dedicated to promoting prosperity for New Mexico based on principles of limited government, economic freedom and individual responsibility.



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[Comment by Joseph Knight on the LPNM Forum email list: [www.tinyurl.com/2ukjm7]: "If he gives up a libertarian position, we should call it a flip-flop. When he gives up a statist position, we should call it a reassessment." I agree 100% with Joe's sentiment. – MWB]

Bob Barr, who as a Georgia congressman authored a successful amendment that blocked D.C. from implementing a medical marijuana initiative, has switched sides and become a lobbyist for the Marijuana Policy Project.

But that doesn't mean he has become a bong-ripping hippie. He isn't pro-drug, he said, just against government intrusion.

"I, over the years, have taken a very strong stand on drug issues, but in light of the tremendous growth of government power since 9/11, it has forced me and other conservatives to go back and take a renewed look at how big and powerful we want the government to be in people's lives," Barr said.

Aaron Houston, the project's government relations director, said Barr brings a "great deal of credibility, particularly among people on the Republican side of the aisle."

"He certainly would not have been the first person I would have expected to sign off to us, but I'm very pleased that he has," Houston said. "I'm very pleased that he has come around, and I hope he serves as an example to his former colleagues."

Ironically, Barr said he will help lead the fight to give District residents a say on whether to allow medical marijuana — the very thing the "Barr Amendment" denied them in 1998. He will lobby for the rights of states to set their own medical marijuana policy without federal interference.

The four-term former Republican congressman will also work to unplug a youth anti-drug campaign which a recent study showed actually increased the likelihood that all teens would smoke pot.

"A lot of conservatives have expressed great concern over the taxpayer money that is being wasted on this poorly run advertising campaign," said Barr, who left Congress in 2003.

Houston said the project is a non-profit that seeks protections for medical marijuana patients and caregivers and advocates no jail time for marijuana use. Barr said there might be "legitimate medical uses of marijuana and we ought not have this knee-jerk reaction against it, and people ought to be allowed to explore."

He said "explore" – not experiment.

Bob Barr's official site – www.bobbarr.org

Bob Barr on Wikipedia – en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bob_Barr

Marijuana Policy Project – www.mpp.org

Related Articles

29 Sept 1999 – Congressional Legislation Introduced to Overturn D.C. Medical Marijuana Initiative
www.tinyurl.com/2lm5hy

21 October 1999 – Patients Protest Congressman Bob Barr's Move to Overturn D.C. Medical Marijuana Initiative
<http://www.tinyurl.com/2pp3rz>

20 August 2002 – Medical Marijuana Patients Celebrate: Georgia Rep. Bob Barr Defeated in GOP Primary
www.tinyurl.com/2kfyz

Illegal Immigration Quiz

by Joseph Knight [nm_libertarian@yahoo.com]
www.ncc-1776.org/tle2007/tle410-20070325-08.html

From The Libertarian Enterprise [<http://www.ncc-1776.org>]

(1) Who will remove you from your home, job, family, and community to lock you in a cage like an animal for no reason other than what you smoke in your pipe or grow in your garden?

- A. Government B. Illegal immigrants

(2) Who demands that you surrender a portion of each paycheck to be used for purposes that they decide on rather than you?

- A. Government B. Illegal immigrants

(3) Who demands that you render tribute annually or be evicted from your property?

- A. Government B. Illegal immigrants

(4) Who demands that you take no medicine or medical treatment without their permission?

- A. Government B. Illegal immigrants

(5) Who tells you whom you may or may not hire?

- A. Government B. Illegal immigrants

(6) Who demands that you turn your children over to them daily for indoctrination?

- A. Government B. Illegal immigrants

(7) Who tells you with whom and under what conditions you may have sex?

- A. Government B. Illegal immigrants

(8) Who claims the right to enslave you or your children to fight their wars?

- A. Government B. Illegal immigrants

(9) Who can seize your property for any purpose they desire?

- A. Government B. Illegal immigrants

(10) Who tells you what you may or may not read, look at, and listen to?

- A. Government B. Illegal immigrants

(11) Who can kick in your door and go through your stuff with impunity?

- A. Government B. Illegal immigrants

(12) Who is most likely to disarm you?

- A. Government B. Illegal immigrants

(13) Which group claims to work for you, gets exorbitant salaries, but can't be fired unless you act in concert with large numbers of like-minded individuals?

- A. Government B. Illegal immigrants

(14) Who created and perpetuates the welfare state?

- A. Government B. Illegal immigrants

(15) Which of these terms is the antithesis of "freedom"?

- A. Government B. Illegal immigrants

The Simon Jester Project

www.simonjester.org

What is the Simon Jester Project?

If you haven't read the classic SF novel, The Moon is a Harsh Mistress, by Robert A. Heinlein, the whole Simon Jester thing may be confusing you. Simon Jester was the "imaginary" creation of a group of Loonies fomenting rebellion. He was a little devil who tormented the Lunar government with catchy little jokes, ditties, poems, slogans, and cartoons. Later, Simon expanded into the poltergeist business by playing practical jokes on gov-goons and bureaucrats. He always signed his work with a little cartoon image of a grinning devil.

"Simon" was a game everyone could play, anyone who wanted to bug the ruling authoritarians, that is. Any pissed-off miner could scribble a bit of seditious graffiti on a wall and attribute it to "Simon" with the easily scrawled logo. To the Authority, it seemed that Simon Jester was everywhere, all the time.

We need Simon Jester now.



A "meme" is an idea, a thought; hopefully a seed that will germinate in the recipient's mind and grow into a whole garden of worthwhile ideas. In theory, one exposes people to short, memorable phrases or images which stick with them; rather like the tune you can't get out of your head. In this case, the "tune" is akin to Yankee Doodle Dandy and is meant to generate thoughts on liberty.

Planting those mental seeds is what the Simon Jester Project is all about. To get you started, we've provided a few basic files.

Surely this is enough to get us started.

Enough plotting; let's get out and do something!

What to Do With This Stuff

Okay. We've told you who Simon Jester is. We've given you a bunch of files for posters, stickers, flyers, et cetera.

So what the devil (pun intended <grin>) are you supposed to do with this stuff?

Assuming you read The Moon is a Harsh Mistress, you should already have a pretty good idea. But here some specifics you might try:

- Flyers can go on bulletin boards, car windshields in parking lots, or simply be handed out.
- The same goes for folded pamphlets, or you might put some in the form slots on bank tables and the counters at the post office.
- Stickers can go anywhere: Service counters at DMV, the post office, post drop boxes, windows and doors. But if you're considering putting them on private property, also consider whether the owner might not appreciate it.
- Business cards can be handed out, left on magazine piles in waiting rooms, set on counters, stuck under windshield wipers, or even flung out high windows. Try including one in all your bill payment envelopes.
- The Cthulhu election posters can go up anywhere you see other campaign signs posted. Try putting them up in your car windows, too. If you stake out a polling station like the other campaign aides, come election time, the Cthulhu posters go great with the Democracy Explained flyers to get voters' attention.
- Stickers can also go on packages and envelopes. Kinda like Easter Seals, but a lot more fun.

Law Pollution

by Kent McManigal [dullhawk@hotmail.com]
www.ncc-1776.org/tle2007/tle410-20070325-09.html

From The Libertarian Enterprise [<http://www.ncc-1776.org>]

Recently, I heard a politician mention that "America is a nation of laws". When I hear that phrase, I understand that the speaker has no moral compass at all. Every nation, by definition, is "a nation of laws". Germany was in the 1930s, the Soviet Union was during all of its existence, and America is today. Big deal. The problem arises when most, or even any, of those "laws" are counterfeit. This is the state America finds itself in today: a state of "law pollution". It is easy to shrug and say "enforce the laws we have instead of passing more". That is the normal "conservative" cop-out. The real patriot will say to stop enforcing the "laws" that are aimed at regulating something other than actual force or fraud; you know, the counterfeit ones. Then the amoral state-worshipper will whine: "If you don't enforce one law, where will it end? Which law will you stop enforcing tomorrow?" How about all the ones which are counterfeit? Who, other than a control-freak, could have a problem with that?

It makes me wonder: do laws solve problems? Do they cause more problems? I am not being facetious here, but I am truly looking for any instance of a law being passed that actually solved a problem. Not a problem caused by a previous law either, (like "shall issue" concealed carry laws reducing crime rates), nor an authorization to punish someone for a crime. A case (or cases) where there was a real problem, and then a law was passed, and the problem was gone. Has it happened? Can it happen? I think that "Bill of Rights Enforcement" would truly solve a lot of problems, but even this is simply a case of cleaning up the mess made by all the counterfeit "laws" that have been foisted on us.

I know there is a huge chasm between "legal" and "right". I am not a lawyer so I do not pretend to have any expertise in legal matters. What some may call "simplistic", I think of as "cutting through the crap". I also believe that the "law" has lost most of its relevance to "right and wrong" precisely because it has become so convoluted and self-contradictory that it requires legal scholars to decipher.

In my view, laws should be easily understood by the average person in a particular culture. "Average" means that this particular person would probably seem rather dull-witted to most experts who concern themselves with "legal matters". If a law requires panels of judges or law-firms to interpret and rule upon, then it is too complicated to be useful in day-to-day life. I have had lawyers admit to me that they have very little understanding of laws outside of their direct area of expertise. How then could a government expect you and I to understand the laws which they insist we obey to the letter? I don't think that most of these "laws" were put in place in order to destroy our lives; most were probably proposed with good intentions, but I do think that destruction of lives has been the primary unintended consequence that has come out of it. Plus, in the case of "laws" which attempt to regulate something other than actual initiation of force or fraud, they have no ethical standing to begin with. They are "counterfeit" just as surely as if I were to run dollar bills off my home printer. Having the appearance of legitimacy does not make something legitimate. "Legalese" does not make a "law" legitimate.

Someone made the comment to me that my simplistic views on "laws" can't work in today's society because we no longer live in the 13 original colonies, but in 50 states with a multitude of jurisdictions. I think this is an example of inverted thinking. The more people you try to apply the "law" to, the less specific it must be. This could be called the "simplest common denominator" legal theory. You can't declare that all people must be 5'6" tall and weight 200 pounds. Human variances make such declarations absurd. It is also just as ridiculous to declare that people are allowed to vary between 5' 1" to 6'4" tall, but must get a permit for anything outside this range. You must accept that people are different, and have different values. As long as they do not aggress against others or defraud them in any way, you must leave them alone to live their lives as they see fit. Doctors have a principal precept which states "First, do no harm". If it is your intention to write, pass, or enforce laws, you have an obligation to make the exact same pledge: "First, do no harm".

As I have said many times in the past, I don't care if you pass laws from sun up to sun down "legalizing" some criminal action such as taxation, victim disarmament, or "no-knock raids". A "law" will never make those things right. The claim that I am incorrect for thinking this way is a symptom of how far from free our society has fallen.

Kent McManigal is a Presidential Candidate. See www.kentforliberty.com

The New Ghetto Jews

JPFO Alert [www.jpfo.org]

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www.jpfo.org/alert20070330.htm

"Ghetto Jew" is a perjorative term used to describe those Jews who advocated working with the German government during the Nazi reign. Afraid of "rocking the boat" or "making things worse", the ghetto Jews not only did not resist the increasing oppression, but sometimes even assisted the Nazi terror by becoming Kapos (www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/Holocaust/kapos.html) or serving on the Judenrat (www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/Holocaust/judenrat.html).

Unfortunately this is common in any time of oppression. The firearms community, as you will see, has its own ghetto Jews.

The FAIR Trade group is an organization representing the interests of businesses involved in the legal import and export of firearms across international boundaries. In July 2001, Executive Director Rob Talley spoke at the United Nations Conference on Small Arms. His opening words were, "It is very important that we clarify at the outset that our membership supports efforts to . . . restrict the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons."

A recent newsletter from FAIR shows that they are continuing to compromise away YOUR rights. Some of their "accomplishments" include:

- Co-sponsoring a workshop with the US State Department Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) on small arms export licensing
- Promoting a "more narrow" definition of a small arms for future UN arms treaties
- "Reaching out" to the State department and "work[ing] with them to develop a more transparent and certain export licence approval process and constructive industry participation..."

They also express relief that "...as we discussed at the annual meeting, there was considerable concern that the budget impasse in Congress would result in a loss of staff or a freeze in hiring at ATF. Fortunately, funding for the 2007 fiscal year came in above dire projections so the office is not expected to drop staff as feared."

More BATFE agents? Oh, goody.

The FAIR Trade Group isn't alone in its betrayal of firearms owners. The National Firearms Act Trade and Collectors Association (www.nfatca.org) proudly announces that they regularly meet with the highest officials in the BATFE to "find a better way to work together." (www.nfatca.org/kcrmeet.htm)

Hey, it worked for the Judenrat, right?

Instead of opposing our tyrants – the UN, the BATFE, and all the other gun-prohibitionists – these agencies are working WITH them, assisting in their own downfall and selling us out, all while defensively claiming, "It would have been worse if we hadn't!"

At what point does compromise become complicity?

– The Liberty Crew

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Global warming is just hot air

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Walter E. Williams warns of allowing faulty science to prevail
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By Walter Williams

Most climatologists agree that the earth's temperature has increased about a degree over the last century. The debate is how much of it is due to mankind's activity. Britain's Channel 4 television has just produced "The Great Global Warming Swindle," a documentary that devastates most of the claims made by the environmentalist movement. The scientists interviewed include top climatologists from MIT and other prestigious universities around the world. The documentary hasn't aired in the U.S., but it's available on the Internet.

Among the many findings that dispute environmentalists' claims are: Manmade carbon dioxide emissions are roughly 5 percent of the total; the rest are from natural sources such as volcanoes, dying vegetation and animals. Annually, volcanoes alone produce more carbon dioxide than all of mankind's activities. Oceans are responsible for most greenhouse gases. Contrary to environmentalists' claims, the higher the Earth's temperature, the higher the carbon dioxide levels. In other words, carbon dioxide levels are a product of climate change. Some of the documentary's scientists argue that the greatest influence on the Earth's temperature is our sun's sunspot activity. The bottom line is, the bulk of scientific evidence shows that what we've been told by environmentalists is pure bunk.

Throughout the Earth's billions of years there have been countless periods of global warming and cooling. In fact, in the year 1,000 A.D., a time when there were no SUVs, the Earth's climate was much warmer than it is now. Most of this century's warming occurred before 1940. For several decades after WWII, when there was massive worldwide industrialization, there was cooling.

There's a much more important issue that poses an even greater danger to mankind. That's the effort by environmentalists to suppress disagreement with their view. According to a March 11 article in London's Sunday Telegraph, Timothy Ball, a former climatology professor at the University of Winnipeg in Canada, has received five death threats since he started questioning whether man was affecting climate change. Richard Lindzen, professor of Atmospheric Science at MIT, said, "Scientists who dissent from the alarmism have seen their funds disappear, their work derided, and themselves labeled as industry stooges." Nigel Calder, a former editor of New Scientist, said, "Governments are trying to achieve unanimity by stifling any scientist who disagrees. Einstein could not have got funding under the present system."

Suppressing dissent is nothing new. Italian cosmologist Giordano Bruno taught that stars were at different distances from each other surrounded by limitless territory. He was imprisoned in 1592, and eight years later he was tried as a heretic and burned at the stake. Because he disagreed that the Earth was the center of the universe, Galileo was ordered to stand trial on suspicion of heresy in 1633. Under the threat of torture, he recanted and was placed under house arrest for the rest of his life.

Today's version of yesteryear's inquisitors include people like the Weather Channel's Dr. Heidi Cullen, who advocates that the American Meteorological Society (AMS) strip its seal of approval from any TV weatherman expressing skepticism about the predictions of manmade global warming. Columnist Dave Roberts, in his Sept. 19, 2006, online publication, said, "When we've finally gotten serious about global warming, when the impacts are really hitting us and we're in a full worldwide scramble to minimize the damage, we should have war crimes trials for these bastards – some sort of climate Nuremberg."

There are literally billions of taxpayer dollars being handed out to global warming alarmists, not to mention their dream of controlling our lives. Their agenda is threatened by dissent. They have the politician's ear; not we, who will suffer if they have their way.

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Our Mad Mad Mad Mad Vice President Speaks

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19 March 2007

The Cheney speech to AIPAC – reassuring militant rightwingers in Israel and the US that America is leaning forward on Iran, and that we are never leaving Iraq – was filled with honesty and conviction, and gives us a clear window into the administration's thinking.

Cheney's description of terrorists is somewhat emotional and overblown. Calling them "freedom's enemies," he comes dangerously close to describing this administration's id. His emphasis on one-side's victims in last summer's war with Lebanon, and his proud silence on the thousands killed, injured, made homeless and jobless by American weaponry is also understandable as he speaks to the AIPAC audience. His "three myths" on Iraq and the so-called war on terror are sermons to a choir that raises its voice demanding America be not a policeman in the Middle East, not an inspiration, but a blustering and imbecilic bodyguard.

But the real truth in Cheney's speech is found in his sense of urgency. Cheney exhorts Congress to remember 9-11 and damns it for failing to subsume its every decision to the maintenance of the administration's cultural mythology of that day. He rails at the idea of time limits in Iraq, and suggests that debate in Washington on the role, objectives and cost of our militarism in the Middle East is counterproductive and allows the "enemy" to "watch the clock and wait us out."

But it is Cheney – not al Qaeda – who is watching the clock now. This former Secretary of Defense understands only too well that the deployment of two battle groups in the Persian Gulf, and the onset of this year's "spring offensive" in Afghanistan both point to a ticking clock – second-generation shock and awe forces require many months of planning, and a massive logistics tail to support even a short-lived coordinated attack. The clock is indeed ticking, and nothing must get in the way of that. It is not ticking for the occupied Palestinian territories, nor the fractured and dazed Iraqis living out some kind of neo-colonial nightmare. Those efforts are perfectly on track, as hoped for, and AIPAC completely understands this.

It is all about Iran. The U.S. military, from the tone and content of Cheney's speech, is now ready, and the window is open. The administration may actually be a bit behind in building its public case – at least one as plausible as the false case made by this same administration less than five years ago regarding Iraq. Part of this case-making process entails boxing the Congress, and preventing that body from asserting its collective intellect, refreshing its own collective familiarity with truth, justice, reality and even the Constitution. Iran is back on the table, and the House warning language on Iran stricken.

70% of the American public, and most of the soldiers and Marines in Iraq understand the idiocy, the pointlessness and shoddy logic of this alter-ego "war" we are fighting in Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia, soon Iran and perhaps even Syria. This majority of Americans are beginning to hate Dick Cheney and George W. Bush for what they are doing to our own nation. But the 70% in this country have no important conferences for the political leadership, they have no lobbyists, they have no deep pockets, and they have no rabidly confident sense that they alone have all the answers to the world's problems. AIPAC, on the other hand, has all these things.

And soon, it is likely they'll have their desired attacks on Iran. We may soon hear of an accident, an incursion, or a purported attack on our forces. That provocation will force the President to bomb until our bombs run out, and will give the Democrats one more opportunity to prove their abject fealty to war. From what we are hearing of this year's AIPAC conference, it will be up to a few honest and courageous souls in the Senate, or a revolt of the generals, to stop America's next war.

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