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If WE THE PEOPLE Will Use OUR Constitutional Powers, We THE PEOPLE can SAVE the ECONOMY !

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE! Use it or lose it!

Presented by George Peabody for The MANonline

If Congress, the States, or the courts will NOT obey the Constitution in service of the public interest in the rule of law, sound money, and honest banking, can it be even minimally rational to expect the Federal Reserve System to serve the general welfare in preference to the special interests of its constituent banks?!

Many people will characterize today's monetary and banking problems as simply "insoluble," whatever the purely theoretical adequacy of the monetary powers and disabilities of the Constitution and the presumed willingness of virtuous and competent public officials to exercise those powers. This is the final counsel of despair. No problems can be deemed "insoluble" by the application of constitutional power until that power has actually been applied without success.

Defeatists should remember that at every major negative turning-point in America's monetary history, from the emission of the first legal-tender paper currency in 1862, through the establishment of the Federal Reserve System in 1913, to the purported "demonetization" of gold in 1933 (domestically) and 1971 (internationally) and of silver in 1968—at every major point at which the degenerate seeds of the noxious weeds of fiat currency and oligarchical central banking were sown in America's monetary soil, politicians unwisely turned away from the Constitution. Whereas, at every major positive turning-point in the chronicle of American money and banking, the Constitution has (more or less) provided the inspiration, the command, and the blueprint for governmental action. In the light of this experience, an assumed impotence is not only unbecoming but unhistorical.

If the past provides any guidance, the Constitution remains the most powerful legal, political, and moral device available at present to accomplish the goal of sound monetary and banking reform—if Americans have the knowledge, and the courage, to use it. Until the friends of sound money at least try to enforce the Constitution, in good faith to the very best of their abilities, they should recall the old adage that "It is a poor workman who blames his tools!"

Current events cannot fail to impress on the cautiously reflective that the United States—indeed, the developed nations of the entire world—are on the brink of a perhaps terrible monetary and banking crisis. Theory teaches the utter unworkability of fiat paper currency in the long run. And history is now openly recording what may be the final, fatal chapter in the dolorous worldwide experiment with "fractional-reserve" central banking among sovereign nation-states—and the commencement of a new, and perhaps darker chapter of "fractional-reserve" banking under the auspices of a supranational cartel of private bankers exercising political power without political accountability. Yet most Americans, in public office or private station, are either deluding themselves that no danger threatens, or hoping that the very institutions and persons which and who created the conditions conducive to catastrophe can somehow muddle through to safety.

Old habits of belief and behavior die hard, especially the alchemists' dream of transmuting base-metal into gold, or (in the modern-day formulation) the bankers' fantasy of creating real capital out of deposit-"credits" and real wealth out of paper currency. Those who profit from "fractional reserve" banking, "monetization" of debt, and the other paraphernalia of modern monetary manipulation are unlikely to concern themselves with the long-term injuries the rest of society suffers to underwrite their short-term benefits or to be at a loss for rationalizations of the status quo, for denials of the dangers the advocates of sound money predict, and for personal disparagements of the exponents of constitutional monetary reform. Others perhaps not as keenly self-interested nevertheless may believe the "fractional-reserve," paper-currency system to be as essential to successful commerce as it has become ensconced as a political-economic institution. To them, the government and its client banks are the only conceivable sources of "money," without which the country would be bereft of wealth. And even those who understand the evils inherent in contemporary "credit"-money often resign themselves to suffer these evils in silence and inaction, despairing of a remedy for the cancer that has so long and so thoroughly ravaged the economic and political body of the nation.

However, neither the self-interest of some, nor the ignorance of others, nor even the defeatism of others still will, in the final analysis, be responsible for the perpetuation of America's contemporary monetary and banking systems until their inevitable collapse. That responsibility lies with the blindness of the American people. The potential tragedy of our situation is that what many pretend cannot happen, and what many others perceive as an inescapable disaster, may be largely avoidable, if Americans timely employed the means so obvious it goes unnoticed: the Constitution.

"Fractional-reserve" banking and paper "credit"-currency have insinuated themselves into every important economic and political relationship in American life, creating a quasifeudal system of distinct classes—some even specially privileged by law—and impressing upon society a peculiarly corrupt system of materialistic (anti)morals that elevates pursuit of a "quick buck" above love of family or duty to country. Yet, for all that, the new economic feudalism of "fractional-reserve" banking and "credit"-currency is no more ineradicable than the original feudal parasitism of openly titled nobility, which the Constitution swept away in two short, but complete and unequivocal prohibitions.

In those prohibitions, the Constitution abolished a well entrenched political, economic, and social system designed to commandeer the first places in the state, that the history of centuries had proven pernicious. In as few words, the Constitution outlawed a newer system designed to commandeer the real wealth of the state, and the dangers of which the Founding Fathers themselves experienced firsthand, foresaw, and sought to avoid. The history of almost two centuries has, not surprisingly, proven their fears prophetic—and given the monetary powers and disabilities they fashioned an urgent relevance and unprecedented potential to establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity."

Yes, it is possible to implement America's highly idealistic "monetary constitution" through a corrupt and cynical Congress or the State legislatures, or to enforce it through the kangaroo courts these bodies have created. Yet the history of the United States is replete with examples of proper implementation of the monetary powers and disabilities by less-than-perfect legislatures, even in the face of terrific political pressures and after episodes of unconstitutional actions—for examples, the coinage acts of 1792 and 1843, the refusal to recharter the Second Bank of the United States in the 1830s, the resumption of redeemability in gold coin for the Civil-War "greenbacks" in 1875, and the restoration of individuals' rights to own gold and to make "gold-clause contracts" in 1973 and 1977, respectively. And American history also records important judicial decisions favorable to the "monetary constitution"—such as Lane County v. Oregon, and Bronson v. Rodes and Penry v. United States to name but three cases.

"Rebellion against tyrants is obedience to God." T.J.

Preserve YOUR Sovereignty: Enforce the Constitution and our Bill of Rights !

**Come Share Your Mana'o
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**Molokai Water Advisory
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March 12, 2009, Thursday
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Kulana 'Oiwī DHHL/OHA Conf Room**

Light refreshments will be served.
For Info, contact the
Department of Water Supply
(808)244-8550 or 553-3531



DIRTY Kauai Police Management EXPOSED

Book Review: **KPD Blue** A Decade of Racism, Sexism, and Political Corruption in (and all around) the Kauai Police Department
by Anthony Sommer
ISBN: 1-4392-0346-6 and ISBN-13: 9781439203460
Visit www.booksurge.com to order additional copies.

If you think banana republics, crooked cops, corrupt politicians and unethical government bureaucrats exist only in the Third World, welcome to Kauai Police Department 1995, exposed in Sommer's **KPD Blue**. [Sounds a lot like MPD under chief Thomas Phillips administration: Cops are above the law at MPD]

In 1995, a Kauai Police Department sting operation busted a prostitution ring. KPD detectives transported the women back to KPD headquarters, took one into the watch sergeant's office and closed the door. Then they took off her clothes and fondled and photographed her. Police supervisors looked the other way. And that was just the beginning....

EXCERPT from Chapter I: "Then she pulled her panties to the side, exposed her vagina, and then she started to gyrate on my lap, rubbing her vagina on my crotch area."

That's Officer Alfredo Villanueva of the Honolulu Police Department describing Monica Alves during the trial of Carl Irvin Richie, charged with promoting prostitution and racketeering through his business, Fanta-See Express.

More than a decade later on Kauai, what happened that night, which became known as the "Lap Dancing Incident," casts its long shadow over the Kauai Police Department: The 10-year political war for the control of the KPD can be traced back to that single incident.

On one side: Two reform police chiefs trying to make the KPD more professional and modern and diverse.

Opposing them: A cabal of entrenched middle managers clinging to the KPD's longtime reputation as a gang of thugs in blue with no respect for the rule of law.

KPD BLUE is the only book about Kauai that contains no pretty pictures.

County Secrets EXPOSED

Hawaii County secrecy policy confirmed, rescinded. [Molokai PD and Maui MPD need to be corrected, too, as they violate 1st Amendment Freedom of the Press rights of The MAN by their exclusionary and vindictive actions.—MAN]

by Larry Geller

A Hawaii Tribune-Herald article published today described a Big Island government policy implemented and now rescinded by the county Department of Public Works that sheltered employees from public scrutiny, denied reporters access to road projects and blackballed Internet bloggers.

The policy specifically instructed DPW employees not to give out information to bloggers Aaron Stene (The Kona Blog) and Damon Tucker (Damon Tucker's Weblog) and Dave Corrigan of Big Island Videonews.com.

The policy has been rescinded, but until there is a clarifying county-wide policy in place, there's no assurance that the public will have the access it should. The article indicates that a county-wide policy will be created.

Particularly objectionable is the blackballing of particular individuals by name, presumably on the basis of the content of their websites. On Molokai, the editor for Molokai's longest lived community newspaper since 1984 has been black balled by MPD chief Thomas Phillips since 1995, and state OIP has advised MPD/Phillips to give George Peabody access to MPD records by law, but Phillips et al find ways to continue their criminal and vindictive actions—MAN]

"There is no question this is not an acceptable media policy," said Hunter Bishop, public relations specialist for Mayor Billy Kenoi.

"It is not in effect. We do not support this policy," added Bishop, a former Tribune-Herald reporter who authored a popular blog before pulling it voluntarily when he started working for the county in December.

We are all entitled to public information, of course, regardless of the means of conveyance to our computer screens. This requires some adjustment in relationships between government workers and the public. Until government gets wired to the point where the information is automatically made available, there will be discomfort among those who still believe that their work products are government secrets. The inquirer may be a reporter, a blogger, or just anyone. Each deserves access to public information.

[Yes, even chief Phillips of MPD must comply with law, or be prosecuted.]

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS COUNTY OF MAUI 2009 REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT NOTICES

Real property assessments for the County of Maui for the 2009-2010 tax year have been compiled and are on file in the County assessor's office located at the County of Maui Service Center, 70 E. Kaahumanu Avenue, Suite A-16, Kahului, Maui, Hawaii or at the Mitchell Pauole Center, Kaunakakai, Molokai, Hawaii. Property owners may visit the assessor's office to review the assessment of their property and to confer with the assessor.

A "Notice of Property Assessment" showing the taxable value of the land and improvements, if any, the amount of exemption allowed on the property, the classification assigned to the property, and the net taxable value of the real property will be mailed to property owners on or before March 15, 2009. If you do not receive a notice within ten days of this date, you should inquire at the assessor's office at (808) 270-7297.

If you do not agree with the value placed on your property, or if you were not given an exemption to which you feel you were entitled, or if you do not agree with the classification assigned to your property, you may file an appeal with the Board of Review or the Tax Appeal Court.

The deadline for filing an appeal is Thursday, April 9, 2009 (No Exceptions). The appeal must be hand delivered to the Real Property Tax Division by 4:00 p.m. and date-stamped on or before the deadline, or, if the appeal is mailed, it must be postmarked by a government postal service by April 9, 2009. All private couriers, private metered postage, and Pitney Bowes postage are not government-issued postmarks, and date and time the appeal is actually received by the real property office will be applied. An appeal cannot be lodged by facsimile transmission. If a receipt of the appeal is requested, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

All appeals shall be in writing and, at the time of filing, must provide the tax map key number, name, mailing address, phone numbers, and signature of the taxpayer. The taxpayer must also state the grounds of the appeal and total valuation claimed by the taxpayer for the property if the appeal is based upon the ground that the assessed value of the property is excessive. At the time of filing, the appellant shall include the \$50.00 filing fee required by ordinance. Appeal form and instructions are available from our office or on the website. For an appeal to the Tax Appeal Court, the cost is 5% of the taxes in dispute but not more than \$100.00 nor less than \$5.00.

If you have any questions, please call our Molokai office at (808) 270-7297 or our Maui office at (808) 270-7297 or visit us on the website at www.mauipropertytax.com.

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Wake up militia! Use it , or lose it ! Got your gun, yet?

"...with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, or fortunes and our sacred honor."

(Unanimous Declaration of Independence)

If you will not fight for the right when you can easily win without bloodshed, and, if you will not fight when your victory will be sure and not too costly, you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all the odds against you and only a precarious chance of survival. There may even be a worse case. You may have to fight when there is no hope of victory, because it is better to perish than live as slaves.

"The people cannot delegate to government the power to do anything which would be unlawful for them to do themselves."- John Locke

"Those who make peaceful change impossible, make violent change inevitable." -- Robert F. Kennedy

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Enforce the Bill of Rights !

"And how we burned in the camps later, thinking: What would things have been like if every Security operative [insert your favorite alphabet Gang DEA, BATFE, H.S., TSA, FBI, IRS, NSA, CIA, LEOs etc. here], when he went out at night to make an arrest, had been uncertain whether he would return alive and had to say goodbye to his family? Or if, during periods of mass arrests, as for example in Leningrad, when they arrested a quarter of the entire city, people had not simply sat there in their lairs, paling in terror at every bang of the downstairs door and at every step on the staircase, but had understood they had nothing left to lose [neither do you now] and had boldly set up in the downstairs hall an ambush of half a dozen people with axes, hammers, pokers, or whatever else was at hand. The Organs would very quickly have suffered a shortage of officers and transports and, notwithstanding all of Stalin's thirst; the cursed machine would have ground to a halt!" -- The Gulag Archipelago, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

Gun Confiscation in Nazi Germany

Independent Institute Research Fellow Stephen Halbrook, author of The Founders' Second Amendment, has written a law-review article on the confiscation of firearms in Nazi Germany that merits much attention. "Based in large part on German archival resources, the article contributes to a neglected topic in human rights and Holocaust studies," Halbrook writes. Former Olympic gymnast Alfred Flatow, a gold medalist at the 1896 Athens games, is one of three gun-owners profiled in the paper. Here's an excerpt:

"Over a period of several weeks in October and November 1938, the Nazi government disarmed the German Jewish population. The process was carried out both by following a combination of legal reforms enacted by the Weimar Republic and by sheer lawless violence. The Nazi hierarchy could now more comfortably deal with the Jewish question without fear of armed resistance by the victims....

"One wonders what thoughts may have occurred to Alfred Flatow in 1942 when he was dying of starvation at the Theresienstadt concentration camp. Perhaps memories of the 1896 Olympics and of a better Germany flashed before his eyes. Did he have second thoughts, maybe repeated many times before, on whether he should have registered his revolver and two pocket pistols in 1932 as decreed by the Weimar Republic? Or whether he should have obediently surrendered them at a Berlin police station in 1938 as ordered by Nazi decree, only to be taken into Gestapo custody? We will never know, but it is difficult to imagine that he had no regrets."

Read more: "Arms in the Hands of Jews Are a Danger to Public Safety": Nazism, Firearm Registration, and the Night of the Broken Glass," by Steven P. Halbrook (St. Thomas Law Review, 2009)

Every time I bash the cult ritual of voting, or point out how crumbly one candidate or another is, lots of people ask me, "Well, what are we supposed to do? You're not giving any solutions!" Let me say this very bluntly: the way to end tyranny is not by voting, or petitioning, or running for office. The only way to end tyranny is by disobedience. Whether by revolution or by passive resistance, the only thing that has ever reduced oppression is a bunch of people refusing to do what "authority" told them to do. Of course, that's risky, and "illegal," and so most people will never dare to do it, at least not until things get really bad. That's why I WANT things to get really bad. Maybe then the American people will grow a spine, and stop all this pathetic groveling to politicians.

What do you feel is the best handgun caliber for general self defense?

* .45 ACP * 10mm * 9mm

The best answer of the choices given you above is the .45 ACP. Our grandfathers knew it in World War II and our grandfathers' grandsons are figuring it out again in Iraq. A .45 ACP stops 'em best.

ALL handgun rounds are woefully inadequate stoppers compared to a shotgun or rifle. We carry handguns because we can conceal them and maintain an

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Guns Preserve YOUR Sovereignty !

Gun Rights Refresher

1. An armed man is a citizen. An unarmed man is a subject.
2. A gun in the hand is better than a cop on the phone.
3. If guns cause crime, then pencils cause misspelled words.
4. "Free" men do not ask permission to bear arms.
5. If you don't know your rights you don't have any.
6. Those who trade liberty for security have neither.
7. What part of "shall not be infringed" do you not understand?
8. The Second Amendment is to enforce the other 9 Amendments.
9. 64,999,987 firearms owners killed no one yesterday.
10. Guns only have two enemies; rust and politicians.
11. Know guns, know peace, know safety.
12. No guns, no peace, no safety.
13. You don't shoot to kill; you shoot to stay alive.
14. 911 - government sponsored Dial-a-Prayer.
15. Assault is a behavior, not a gun device.
16. Criminals love gun control -- it makes their jobs safer.
17. If guns cause crime, then matches cause arson.
18. Only a government that is afraid of citizens prohibits guns.
19. You only have the rights you are willing to fight for.
20. Remove the people's right to bear arms, you create slaves.
21. The American Revolution was about gun control.

Crimes of Politicians Must Be Stopped by The People (You are The Militia)

The crime on our streets is a tiny fraction of the crime in the offices of our politicians and bureaucrats - the massive majority of crime is committed by the criminal classes in power. Just look at the constant abuse of power in our State government offices and you will realize the extent of crime in Government. Just consider just how many BILLIONS of dollars a day Government extorts from the people and how little WE get in return; and just how comfortable the politicians make themselves at the expense of the peoples they extort!

The goal of the founders of America was to restrict government within severe limits and to protect the rights of sovereign individuals. Government has NO rights!

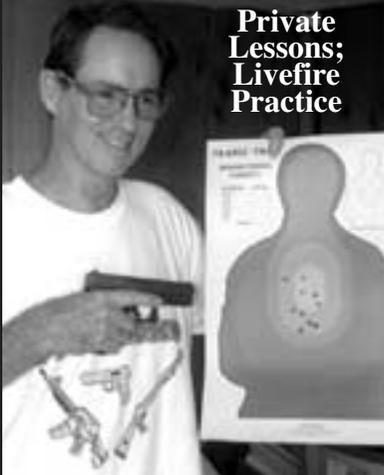
Judges are impeachable. Furthermore, judges may be removed immediately for violating oaths of office, involvement in conspiracies, extortion, and failing to uphold their duty to the common law. Judges can also be arrested, they are not exempt from this nor are any other officials, including the President of the United States.

Do the people have the power to do this? Yes, the people have the power to do everything to defend our country against all enemies foreign or domestic politician, and government has no power to say otherwise. Fascist bureaucrats might send out its armed marauders, but a huge group of The People (Militia) armed with guns as guaranteed their Right to keep and bear arms by the 2nd Amendment is likely to stop them unless the governments decide that it is time to begin mass killings of all people who believe in the rights of Man.

Wake up ! Enforce the Bill of Rights !

"A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." Exercise the 2nd Amendment.

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Drama Club Thank you

A belated but BIG mahalo to the freshman and sophomore students who presented the short play, "Kai the Opihi", for the enjoyment of the community's children at the Keiki Fair last month. Charisse Manley, Keesha Reyes, Francine Feig, Chelsea Simon, Chelsea Sakamoto, and Misty Mollena were wonderful as Kai, the little opihi, and his bird, eel, crab, octopus, and turtle friends who helped him achieve his goal. Thanks so much to MHS senior Shannon Abshire for creating puppets for the production; to Perry Buchalter who lent his mana'o and his foam-board; and to Kai Sawyer for allowing the group to use her fabulous painted critters. Nancy Lawrence, MHS Drama Club advisor.

Future Fest Thank you

Molokai High School would like to send a BIG MAHALO to all those who helped plan and participate in this years Future Fest that was held on March 6th. It was a great event that was positive for all students involved. Special thanks to; MCC Molokai complex, Tanya Mendija, Kelly Dudoit, Susan Nartatez, Ronald Kimball, Kimberly Helm, Sybil Lopez, Kapuaola Gellert, UH Academy of Arts, Kristian Lei, HCC cosmetology, Chaminade University, Air National Guard, Army, MCC Student to Student program, Raymond Naki Jr., Kepano Kekuewa, UH Hilo, The Kaneshiro Ohana (Molokai Meli), MCC Culinary Arts, Linda Fujitani and the MCC Academy, Zachary Helm, The Father Psalms Band featuring Mr. 83, Kali and BW.

Senior earns driver safety grant

Congratulations to senior Pamela Dela Cruz for earning a \$3500 grant from State Farm Insurance to promote teen driving safety on our island. Good job!

Boys Basketball places 4th in state

Congratulations to our Gentleman Farmers for placing 4th in the state in Division II Basketball. Go Farmers!

Commended Student in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program

The Principal, Linda Puleloa, of Molokai High School announced today that Kyle MacMillan has been named a Commended Student in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program. A letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to this scholastically talented senior.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue to the 2009 competition for National Merit Scholarships,

Free Health Insurance for Kids: 2009 Income Limits Increase

(Honolulu, Hawai'i) — A family of four can now earn around \$76,000 annually and their children may qualify for the state's free QUEST and Medicaid programs. That is about \$3,000 more than in 2008. Approximately 16,000 children and youths in Hawai'i are uninsured and many could be eligible for comprehensive QUEST and Medicaid health insurance. Children's eligibility is based on household size, income, and citizenship or immigration status and a simplified application makes it easy to sign up.

Hawai'i Covering Kids and its 200 federal, state, business, and community partners are working extremely hard during the current downturn to enroll eligible uninsured children and youths in free health insurance programs. "Health insurance connects kids to a pediatrician and regular preventive health care," explained project director Barbara Luksch. "Also, parents and guardians have peace of mind knowing that injuries or sudden illnesses can be treated at emergency rooms without incurring exorbitant medical bills."

Visit <http://www.coveringkids.com/community> for more information and to download a QUEST and Medicaid application. Parents and guardians can also call 211 (free from all islands) to talk with a live operator who will mail an application as well as link each family to an outreach worker for assistance with eligibility questions and completing the form.

QUEST and Medicaid for Kids 2009 Family Income Limits

Household Size	Gross Monthly Income
1	\$ 3,117
2	\$ 4,191
3	\$ 5,265
4	\$ 6,342
5	\$ 7,416
Each Additional Person	\$ 1,074

Hawai'i Covering Kids is a project of the Hawai'i Primary Care Association currently funded by AlohaCare, Hawai'i State Department of Human Services, HMSA Foundation, NFL Pro Bowl Charities, and Safeway Foundation.

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RUNNING NEWS

WAR Think?

It would surely burn them up, these men fighting in Afghanistan, to even suggest that they listen to the words of a woman about anything. It would probably burn them up, those warlords in Afghanistan, to suggest that they take her advice.

It would probably burn them up, those warlords in Washington, to suggest that they listen to this Afghan woman about how they should negotiate and end their interminable, destructive war there. It would probably even burn up Barack Obama, who plans to send more troops to their deaths in a land we are not at war with.

Rangina Hamidi is someone everyone might listen to.

From the Democracy Now webpage: Rangina Hamidi is an Afghan activist and founder of kanda-harttreasure.com, the first women-run business in her hometown of Kandahar.

Taliban, be it extreme or moderate, the question of Pakistan is definitely a must. You cannot deny the fact that Pakistan is not involved. Everybody knows this. The entire world knows this. And so, unless there is a clear focus or a clear item on the agenda about the issue of Taliban that Pakistan needs to be actively involved and that the extremists need to be somehow addressed, I fear that we might be losing time and resources and energy again by just merely focusing on the moderate.

Again, I'm not suggesting that it's not a good idea to begin with the moderates, a conversation with the moderates, but that should not be our ultimate goal and the end of the goal. We need to reach out to the extremists, and we also need to reach out—I mean, and not reach out, but reach out to the people, to the masses, and really just state our goal in Afghanistan. You know, I would like America to clearly state what it wants to achieve in Afghanistan, for how long it wants to be here. You know, when you compare it to Iraq, there is now a clear goal of when America wants to leave, and they're already pulling out troops, and, you know, the Iraqis now have a feeling that America will eventually leave. For Afghanistan, we still have no idea. Is this going to be an indefinite war? Is this going to be an indefinite presence in Afghanistan? And if it is, we would like to know. I think Afghans have the right to information, and that information is our right to know. And I think America owes that responsibility to tell us what they're doing here, how long they're going to be here, and what its strategy is in addressing the situation.

Pastor Murdered at Church

Prosecutor: Man Who Gunned Down Pastor Planned Attack 03/08/2009

TROY, Ill. -- An Illinois prosecutor charged a Troy man for murder after he walked into a church on Sunday morning and gunned down a pastor as he gave a sermon.

Terry Joe Sedlacek of Troy has been charged with murder and aggravated battery involving the slaying of Rev. Fred Winters, according to Madison County court documents. He is being held without bond, even though he is in a St. Louis hospital for self-inflicted knife wounds.

Madison County State's Attorney William Mudge said after charging Sedlacek that investigators discovered a day planner where Sedlacek listed Sunday as a "death day." Mudge said that indicates that the attack was planned, but he and the police are still struggling to determine a motive.

Illinois State Police Capt. Mark Bramlett said detectives haven't found a connection yet between Sedlacek and the pastor, except that Sedlacek had friends among the church's large congregation.

Sedlacek is accused of killing Winters at the First Baptist Church at 7110 State Route 162 in Maryville.

About 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Winters was giving a sermon when a gunman walked up to the pastor in the church. Sedlacek pulled a .45-caliber firearm and

shot at Winters. The bullet hit Winters' Bible, which burst into confetti. About 150 parishioners were watching when the gunman began shooting.

Then, Sedlacek shot the pastor the chest. Winters died a short time later. Sedlacek then pulled out a knife and cut himself, and two parishioners tackled him to the ground. The two parishioners were injured, one seriously. One of the parishioners is still hospitalized this morning, along with Sedlacek.

Sedlacek and the seriously injured parishioner -- Terry Bullard, 39, of Troy -- were treated at nearby Anderson hospital and then airlifted to a St. Louis hospital for surgery. Keith Melton, 51, of Troy -- the second parishioner who tackled Sedlacek -- was treated and released.

Madison County Coroner Steve Nonn said this morning that an autopsy showed that Winters was shot through the heart and died just seconds later.

Why exactly Sedlacek gunned down Winters is still a mystery to police, Bramlett said this morning. Detectives are out talking to neighbors and those who know Sedlacek to look for a connection. Sedlacek knew at least a few of the parishioners at the First Baptist Church, Bramlett said.

"We're still talking to friends and family members and trying to figure that out," Bramlett said. "Some people he knew went to that church, but we're not real sure why he chose that church, that pastor.

"Hopefully, after we get out and talk to people, it will be come clearer as to what motivated him to do that," Bramlett said.

Winters became senior pastor of the church 22 years ago, when the church had just 32 parishioners. At last count, the massive church near Anderson Hospital had about 1,200 members.

State police investigators and forensic teams are sifting through evidence found at the church, Sedlacek's Jeep Wrangler and at his home in Troy. Anyone with information about the attack or Sedlacek is asked to call Illinois State Police Special Agent James Walker at 618-346-3765.

A disaster cleaning company is at the church this morning. And, visitors are stopping by to leave memorials to the slain pastor.

Stolen Big Island Taser is NOT "non-lethal"

by Larry Geller

The Advertiser reported today that a burglar broke into the home of a Hilo police officer and took his semi-automatic pistol, a Taser weapon, and a container of pepper spray.

The article didn't ask why those weapons were not securely locked up, or if disciplinary action against the cop was warranted.

It also made a huge mistake in describing the X26 Taser as a non-lethal weapon:

All four county police departments in Hawai'i use Tasers, which incapacitate suspects with a non-lethal, 50,000-volt jolt of electricity. Some Tasers have a video camera in the handle, which activates when the device is fired. Police departments review the video.

Information on Taser-caused deaths is readily available. A quick Google search yielded this information, for example:

According to an Amnesty International report in December, 334 people shocked with Tasers by law enforcement died in the United States between June 2001 and August 2008.

California, which logged 55 Taser-related deaths, and Florida, with 52, had the highest number of deaths during that seven-year span. [NBC Los Angeles, 2/17/2009]

If at least 334 people have been killed by Tasers, they cannot accurately be described as non-lethal.

You'll find reports where the medical examiner or coroner performing the autopsy has listed Tasers as a primary cause of death and has classified the death as a homicide. You'll see videos of people being tased who later died. In the case of the Brooklyn man who was tased and fell to his death we could argue, but the myth that no one has died as a result of being tased is

just that, a myth.

[I like the police report where they mention not to approach the suspect! You think he might be armed and dangerous with all the stuff he stole?]

WBad COPS

"Tearful Atlanta Cops Express Remorse for Shooting 92-Year-Old Kathryn Johnston, Leaving Her to Bleed to Death in Her Own Home While They Planted Drugs in Her Basement, Then Threatening an Informant So He Would Lie to Cover it All Up"

Radley's snarky title basically summarizes the case. Here's the Atlanta Journal-Constitution summary of the sentencing.

This is an atrocity that we should learn from. My view on provision of police services is fundamentally a constrained vision. We don't get things like this because of bad people per se, and we can't fix it by filling the police force with good people per se. The problem is with the incentives in place. No-knock raids, killings, and coverups are predictable responses to the incentives provided by the drug war. Governments are monopoly providers of police services, and they face political rather than economic incentives. It should not be surprising that they behave accordingly. No one is collecting systematic data on this as far as I know, but the quantity and character of the incidents Radley has chronicled suggests to me that there is something more than chance at play here.

Radley also makes an important point that complements some of Deirdre McCloskey's recent work on the bourgeois era. McCloskey argues that a change in rhetoric whereby bourgeois innovation became respectable explains the massive increases in western standards of living since the industrial revolution. It's a provocative (and so far unproven) thesis, but I think it has a lot of merit. Radley points his finger at the last thirty or so years of the war on drugs and argues that the drug war narrative—indeed, "war" metaphor used to describe the attempt to stamp out a capitalist act between consenting adults that some people don't like—is one of the root causes. Here's the economic case against drug prohibition.

So the police lied on the search warrant application (1st count of perjury) lied about the raid afterwards (2nd count of perjury) suborned perjury from a snitch, planted false evidence, committed felony murder, and all they get is 6-10 years? Welcome to America!

With any luck they will receive some righteous jail house justice.

GMO: Healthier Eating in America—NOT!

Mr. Smith's first book, *Seeds of Deception*, became the world's bestselling title on GMOs. When distributed to state legislators in Vermont, Representative Floyd Nease said, "It spread like wildfire...and it certainly colored every conversation in the Statehouse about GMOs. It was the subtext for everything after that, once it arrived.

It really was because it provided so much information that people didn't have." Dave Zuckerman, chairman of the House Ag Committee, said the book "was a jolt to the system for many individual legislators, who then became more active on the issue."

Mr. Smith's second book, written specifically for policy makers, is the product of a worldwide collaboration with scientists and medical doctors. Entitled *Genetic Roulette: The Documented Health Risks of Genetically Engineered Foods*, it presents irrefutable, overwhelming evidence that GMOs are harmful. Michael Meacher, the former UK environment minister, said, "The case presented is absolutely a smoking shotgun that should stop in its tracks any dabbling with GM foods." Indeed, GMOs are linked to allergic and toxic reactions, thousands of sick, sterile and dead livestock, and damage to virtually every organ and system studied. Current safety assessments by the FDA and other regulators worldwide are not competent to even identify most of the problems, while industry funded studies are specifically designed NOT to find them. ITS FRAUD, CRIMINAL!!