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## It's Time To Put Maine Taxpayers In Control of Taxes With Their Own "Bill of Rights"

By Mary Adams

**Maine people #1 highest taxed in America!**

It was good news for taxpayers everywhere in Maine when the Maine Supreme Court unanimously agreed that the Taxpayer Bill of Rights should be on the November ballot. Our great attorney, Michael Duddy of Portland took the taxpayer referendum through the court challenges imposed by our opponents and won a 7-0 decision from the Law Court that the referendum could proceed as scheduled. Mike has earned a place forever in the Maine Taxpayer Hall of Fame, and we all owe him a debt of gratitude for saving the taxpayer referendum from the hands of its enemies before the campaign even had a chance to begin.

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We need to vote for it because it puts taxpayers (not government bureaucrats, politicians, and tax-dependent organizations) in charge of taxes. It also has a taxpayer rebate and a savings fund built into it which promotes tax relief and financial stability at all levels of government. It's a taxpayer's dream which can come true in November.

I and hundreds of your fellow taxpayers statewide made sacrifices of time and energy to collect enough signatures to make it possible for you to vote on this measure. (Many of you reading this may have circulated a Taxpayer Bill of

Rights petition. Thousands of you signed it.) This is a citizen effort to get control over out-of-control government spending, which had resulted in the highest tax burden in the country.

On November 7 (or before, if you vote by absentee ballot) you can vote for the Taxpayer Bill of Rights. If it passes, it will allow government spending to grow at a reasonable level at each level of government, unless you give permission to spend over that limit. Under the Taxpayer Bill of Rights you will also decide tax and fee increases.

**Taxpayer Bill of Rights doesn't cut jobs or services; It controls amount of government growth**

The Taxpayer Bill of Rights does not cut jobs or services. It does say to towns, school units, counties, and the state, "I'm here to protect the Maine taxpayers, #1 heaviest-taxed people in America for the last 10 years! From now on, each level of government may at least spend what it did the year before or grow at a rate tied to economic indicators."

During most years, the Taxpayer Bill of Rights also allows government to grow at a reasonable pace, based on one of two growth allowances. Even in economic downturns, government will be able to spend what it spent the year before. This is in part due to the reserves that all levels of government will be forced to keep.

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*Pond on Hadley Mills Road near Jackson, Maine.*

## The Greening of Maine: How and Why Did It Happen?

By Michael S. Coffman, Ph.D.

For well over ten years, the citizens of rural Maine have felt like they have been under attack. The clearcutting referendums of the 1990s were the first evidence of something gone terribly wrong.

Then the legislature passed Governor King's Forest Practices law. The new law is almost impossible to follow. Environmental organizations attacked Great Northern when they attempted to relicense their dam, which was critical to their power production. That prevented the company from making critical capital improvements to keep the mills competitive in a cutthroat global marketplace. Given the hostile political environment in Maine, the company eventually sold their Maine mills and lands. Along with the resource shortage created by the spruce-bud worm outbreak in the 1980s, these political

actions forced more and more companies to sell or close their mills, decimating the economies of rural northern Maine.

The list goes on, but those living the nightmare already have every detail burned into their collective memory. Those memories will haunt them as long as they live. What they do not fully understand is how and why it happened. They just know it did not have to happen the way it did. Many blame environmental organizations for what has happened.

But that is only partially correct. They merely represent the visible portion of a much deeper and more complex effort that has been underway for a long time and has its roots at the national and international level.

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## Stalking Victims of Harassment Crimes

By Prometheus

Times change, evolution occurs. What we know now, we didn't know a few years ago. Crimes are also changing and evolving. There is a criminal element now whose movement is so evasive, so insidious that it's virtually undetected by the target's themselves until it gets to a point that life's little nuisances are happening at such an alarming rate that it obviously is no longer normal. This type of harassment happens to thousands of people. It is used against activists and whistleblowers, and one that has been going on in the Katahdin Region for quite some time.

These crimes are a reality, as hard as it might be to believe. There is a basic method that is used and THE LIES are the foundation of the organized stalking. This is how it works: Assemble a large group of people together—dedicated to getting rid of undesirables in the community.

The harassment looks like life's normal breaks to the selected targets. That way if the target complains about all of these things that are happening, and maybe realizes where it is coming from, the people he is complaining to are now regarding

him as a complainer or he could also be regarded as delusional or even a kook. Throw in some sabotage, tell lies about that person and ruin the target's reputation, and over a period of time that target will eventually be destroyed.

In a book called Terrorist (Citizen Gang) Stalking In America, by David Lawson, the author refers to this as CAUSE STALKING, which means that the group of stalkers is assembled under a leader with an unknown past, for a specific cause. According to David Lawson, the groups of individuals appear to be delusional in thinking they are spies, or are borderline mentally unstable.

He also mentions this method has been used by extremist groups since early 1990's. The basic system was suspected to have been developed by the Ku Klux Klan and it was refined over years of use.

What these members are taught is: **the target is the reason for their problems...** that he is the reason for their failures.

The members are then filled with lies about their targets.

The average stalking member has **no** criminal record. This in itself does not lend

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# Fanatics, Heretics and the Truth About Global Warming

By Tom DeWeese

"Oceans lash our coasts. Deserts Burn. The sky provides no shelter. Turmoil of Biblical proportions threatens not just our weather but life itself. Global Warming is upon us."

Those words aren't from the preview trailer of the silly, overblown, over dramatic film, "Day After Tomorrow" that invaded movie theaters a few years ago. And they aren't just carefully selected "scare" words developed from a sweep through a thesaurus. These are the opening words to yet another hysterical diatribe passing as news these days on the subject of Global Warming. This particularly silly one greeted readers of a recent issue of Playboy Magazine. The article was, of course, accompanied by the obligatory pictures of smoke stacks belching over a city and the melting of icebergs.

You hear it everywhere. Global Warming is a fact. It is here. It is now unstoppable. The Polar Ice Cap is melting. Polar Bears are endangered. Greenland is actually turning green! Hurricanes are blowing with more force. Tornadoes are growing in numbers. Water levels are increasing, threatening to flood New York City. Human existence is threatened. And, of course, the deserts are starting to burn. We are assured that scientists are in near total agreement with the assessment.

The media is in a frenzy, rushing to report the latest news release from special interest groups with the latest report or prediction. Al Gore is rushing his hi tech docudrama to the theaters to whip up more frenzy. Corporations are being forced to turn "green" to show their "corporate social responsibility" in the wake of the coming disaster.

Global Warming has become a euphemism for a political agenda. There is Socialism, Capitalism and Global Warmingism. It has become a religion run by fanatics reminiscent of the leaders of the darkest days of the Inquisition that nearly destroyed civil society only a few hundred years ago. We are not to question the great god of Global Warming. Those who do are separated from civil society and labeled as heretics.

So how can anyone question the decrees handed down from the Ivory Towers to the unwashed masses? Answer: every religion has its heretics.

The simple truth is there is no scientific consensus on Global Warming. In fact, as the media frenzy screams global warming, there are a growing number of scientists who are expressing their doubts.

In 1992, just prior to the UN's Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, 425 scientists and other intellectual leaders signed The Heidelberg Appeal, a quiet call for reason in dealing with the climate change issue. Neither a statement or corporate interests, nor a denial of environmental problems, the Heidelberg Appeal expresses a conviction that modern society is the best equipped in human history to solve the world's ills, provided that they do not sacrifice science, intellectual honesty and common sense to political opportunism and irrational fears. Today, the Heidelberg

Appeal has been signed by more than 4,000 scientists and leaders from 100 countries, including more than 70 Nobel Prize winners.

Also in 1992, another statement from some 47 atmospheric scientists was issued saying "such policies (greenhouse global warming theories) derive from highly uncertain scientific theories. The statement cited a survey of atmospheric scientists, conducted in the summer of 1991, "confirms that there is no consensus about the cause of the slight warming observed during the past century." The statement went on to say, "We are disturbed that activists, anxious to stop energy and economic growth, are pushing ahead with drastic policies without taking notice of recent changes in the underlying science."

In 1995, over 85 scientists and climate experts from research labs and universities worldwide, signed the Leipzig Declaration in answer to the International Symposium on the Greenhouse Controversy, held in Leipzig, Germany that year. In part, the Declaration says; "In a world in which poverty is the greatest social pollutant, any restriction on energy use that inhibits economic growth should be viewed with caution. For these reasons, we consider 'carbon taxes' and other drastic control policies - lacking credible support from the underlying science - to be ill-advised, premature, wrought with economic danger, and likely to be counterproductive."

In 1997, a Gallop Poll of eminent North American climatologists shows that 83% did not support the claims of the green house theory of Global Warming.

In 1998, The Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine (OISM) issued a petition for signature by atmospheric scientists saying there is no scientific evidence indicating that greenhouse gases cause global warming. That petition was signed by more than 17,000 scientists and leaders involved in the issue.

Global Warming scaremongers have tried to discredit these statements from the opposition, saying either they are too old to be counted in today's debate or that they weren't signed by real scientists. Neither is true. One only has to look at the signers on the documents and statements to know who and what they are. The relevance of the documents can be answered in two ways. First, most of the signers of these documents from the 1990's hold the same positions today. Second, as is the fallacy in the Global Warming debate, such drastic climate changes, as described in the scaremongers diatribes, would not come about overnight. Though the proponents would have you believe otherwise, 15 years is but a microsecond in the study of the earth's activities.

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# The Token Conservative

By Jon Reisman

## The Governor's Race

This column will appear just before Election Day and linger on the stands for several weeks thereafter. For that reason I was somewhat reluctant to tackle this most obvious of topics; columnists don't like potentially embarrassing accountability any more than pols do.

Nevertheless, I thought I should give it a try. Only time and the voters will determine whether I'm eating crow or counting coup this June.

Governor Baldacci will handily win his primary race; I'd be surprised if he draws a large number of votes- I'd call his support "tepid." A big chunk of the social service/nanny state community is ready to vote for their former lobbyist, Democrat turned Independent Rep. Barbara Merrill. Another group of disgruntled Democrats is decamping to vote for Sen. Peter Mills in the GOP primary.

The Republican primary will be very close. The best-known candidate, former 1st District Congressman Dave Emery, is the least well-financed. State Senators Peter Mills and Chandler Woodcock are less well known, but both are publicly funded "Clean Election" candidates and will have adequate money to raise their name recognition and compete in both the primary and general election, should it come to that.

Dave Emery will do well with moderates and older voters who know and remember him. If he somehow raises enough money to raise his profile he could pull it off, but I don't think bringing Senator McCain here is the ticket.

Peter Mills will do well with liberals. Ironically, it's Senator Mills who's following the McCain script for winning a primary: get cross-over votes from disaffected Democrats and Independents. And Governor Baldacci has made sure there are a lot of them. Mills may well be the most electable candidate in a general election, but he is not the only electable candidate- not in a three or four way race, not by a long shot.

Chandler Woodcock will do well with conservatives of both secular and religious stripe. He is the only candidate to strongly back Mary Adams and the Taxpayer Bill of Rights. Conservative voters are motivated voters, and those are the voters that count most in a primary. Woodcock will win the primary with 39-40% of the vote.

With Pat LaMarche (Green) and Barbara Merrill (Independent) on the left siphoning off 20%+ of the liberal vote, the Blaine House will be up for grabs in November. If Ms. Merrill qualifies for Clean Election funding, Governor Baldacci is toast.


Chandler Woodcock will command a united Republican Party. Liberal interest groups (Maine's version of moveon.org is called Democracy Maine) will attempt to scare the people of Maine about Chandler, but it won't work... he's not scary, he'll have enough money to get his message out, and the voters are weary of Baldacci doublespeak. But I'm sure the left will put aside their gun control fetish this fall in order to go woodcock hunting.

Jon Reisman is the University of Maine System's token conservative

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# Restoring Maine's Foundation

Bob Emrich

There is a lot of talk these days about the combination of morality, religion and government. Some would have us believe that this is a recent development. It seems to me that we should back up about 200 years to get an "American perspective". That should enable us to step outside of current trends and political maneuverings. The great majority of historians believe that Washington was very concerned about the precedents being established for the presidency and indeed for the federal government. Many of his assessments and recommendations are summarized in his farewell address. I quote one part of that here: "Of all the habits that lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would men claim the tributes of patriotism who would work to destroy these great pillars of human happiness." Here in Maine, we might appeal to a somewhat later, but more local acknowledgement of the same principles. Maine Governor Joshua Chamberlain, in an official proclamation, called upon the people of Maine to recognize "our utter need of His saving power in Christ", and to "humble ourselves before God, as to be spared the chastisement which our sins deserve, and obtain the blessings of His grace upon ourselves, our country, and our fellow men". Both of these men are icons of American history and their writings are a reliable source of the traditional mindset of our state and nation. It does not take a genius to note the importance of religion and morality to the good of our society.

One immediate conclusion we can draw from the above quotations is that the "new religious right" is not new at all. The foundational thinking of our society and government was built upon assumptions of morality and religion. That does not mean we are, or should be a theocracy. Nor does it mean that government should promote one denomination over another. But it does mean that we have long held to a standard of faith and morality to guide us. Those who want us to follow another standard have the burden of proving the need to abandon our established traditions.

That is at the philosophical heart of who have recently been dubbed "values voters" or the "religious right". We share the concern of others for national security; fiscal responsibility; economic prosperity and for maintaining a compassionate society. But we also are greatly troubled by the corruption of our traditional culture. There are specific issues that are bringing us into the public view. Let me point out a few of them.

We see marriage as foundational to a well-ordered society. Marriage as an institution must be protected from those who are seeking government action and approval to overturn centuries of established tradition. That trend is increasingly clear. Although much of the nation is strengthening marriage, Maine is not. Marriage is the union of one man and one woman. We are calling upon government to refrain from altering that sacred institution. In fact, we want to protect the definition of marriage with a constitutional amendment.

America has made a terrible error in allowing the intention killing of unborn children. The right to life is among the most basic rights recognized by our founders and the most treasured by our society. It is an unspeakable tragedy that this basic right is not afforded to the most vulnerable among us. That tragedy is only intensified by the interference of government into family relationships by prohibiting requirements for parental notification, consent and involvement. The fact that it is easier for a young woman to kill her unborn child that it is to stop a headache is a travesty. It is shameful that we do not even require abortionists to notify women about fetal development or the pain felt by children during abortion procedures. And in order to protect the "right" to abort children, we don't even inform women of the long term health risks they face as a result of an abortion. We desperately need to rebuild a culture of life, not only in America, but also here in Maine. Unborn livestock on farms have more protection than unborn children in Maine.

Public education has strayed far from its original intent in our society. The most renowned universities were started to promote moral and Biblical literacy. Now the leading education policy makers want to deny school children the most basic religious freedoms. Public prayers, Bible reading, and public displays with religious themes are often met with great resistance if allowed at all. "Values voters" want to see their rights of religious expression protected and want to provide the education that best suits their personal convictions without undue government interference. We do not want public schools to be used by select groups to promote philosophies and behaviors that are contrary to the best traditions of our society. We want to maintain and encourage parental rights to educate their children at home or in the schools of their choosing.

Freedom of religion is crucial to the well being of our state. This is no movement to stifle diversity or to promote intolerance. We are however, ready to insist on the right to freely express our religious views in the public arena. We are prepared to follow the tradition of past generations to build a fair, just and decent society upon the pillars of faith and morality. Weak and imperfect beings will always stumble in such a noble endeavor, but we will not allow the time-honored pillars to be removed because of that weakness and imperfection. Israel Washburn, as the Governor of Maine wrote, "While our lives have been upheld by His power and blessed by His love, they have too often borne the bitter fruits of weakness, insincerity, and uncharitableness." We join Governor Washburn in calling upon Maine people to overcome those weaknesses by clear and public demonstration that "our strength and reliance are in Him."

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## Straight From Nana Beth's Kitchen!

### NEIGHBORHOOD PIE

Since my last recipe was "Company Casserole", I thought it was only fitting to give you my recipe for "Neighborhood Pie", a recipe given to me by my Sister-in-law that became an instant "hit" in my house. My kids think it's great when I make both...the menu sounds so "Welcoming", and it soon became a favorite of the grandkids, too!

This is such a great summer dessert, one that needs to be kept refrigerated, so keep that in mind. It's easy to make, and you can use any flavor pudding mix you want. Pistachio is my family's favorite, but we have found coconut, lemon or butter pecan pudding mixes to be very good too.

If you are looking for a dessert for a gathering of people, you can double this recipe. I've used a glass, lasagna pan for social gatherings, or 2—13"x9"

pans, and it's always a big hit. (Just make sure they have a refrigerator!)

Recipe: 1st layer  
CRUST  
1 stick melted margarine  
1 cup of flour—add while margarine is still hot  
½ cup chopped nuts—walnuts, hazelnuts, or almonds are good

Mix together and press in bottom of 9"x13" pan or pie plate...cook at 350\* 12 – 15 minutes. Cool

2nd layer  
1 cup of Confectioners Sugar  
1 –8 ounce package of cream cheese, softened  
1 cup of cool whip

Beat ingredients together then spread carefully over crust

3rd layer  
2 packages instant pudding mix... any flavor  
2 ½ cups milk

Beat and let thicken. Spread over the top of 2nd layer. Top with Cool Whip, and sprinkle chopped nuts on top,(optional).

If you have a recipe you are looking for, I would love to hear from you. Maybe some of our readers would be able to help you find it. Send inquires to: [nana@allmainematters.com](mailto:nana@allmainematters.com)

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# Maine GOP Convention 2006: Gubernatorial Candidate Speeches

By Scott K Fish

None of the Maine Republican Party's three gubernatorial candidates "set the crowd on fire." That's how one delegate at the GOP State convention in Augusta assessed the speeches of David Emery, Peter Mills, and Chandler Woodcock. However, Woodcock did get the best crowd reaction and delivered the best one-liner of the day.

I was watching the reaction of delegates in their seats, not the reaction of the candidate cheering squads.

All the gubernatorial candidates' presentations were alike in ways. Each had as many supporters as they could muster march to the stage from the back of the Augusta Convention Center carrying campaign signs, balloons, and whooping it up. Someone introduced each candidate, followed by a short candidate movie, more introductions by family members, and then the candidate's speech.

"I mean business and I want to be your next governor," said Peter Mills, who was the first to speak to the delegates. Mills supporters each held two long green hot dog shaped balloons. Instead of clapping, they tapped their balloons together, creating a timbale-like percussive sound.

Mills's speech was a bit too long on family history. If the point is to let us know his family has been around all of Maine forever: great. I think Mills's speech would be stronger if he had made that point quicker. His biggest round of applause — his only standing

ovation — came when Mills asked delegates to join him in thanking Maine's military people for their service.

Citizens want "government that is intelligent and fair," said Mills. He hit hard against Gov. Baldacci's Dirigo Health Plan, saying, "Dirigo has driven more people out of health care than are protected by it."

Baldacci, said Mills, "is unable to comprehend economics," listing Baldacci failures in balancing the State Budget, tax policies, borrowing and spending, and regulations.

"Our challenges may be great, but they can be overcome," said Mills. "The road to the Blaine House starts here." And, he told the crowd, "We can only win with a unified party."

Dave Emery spoke next. His biographical movie several times tied Emery to President Ronald Reagan by citing ways in which Emery worked with Reagan. Emery said his "number one priority" as governor is to "make government work and reduce state spending."

Emery also used his movie to tell delegates he is the only non-Clean Elections candidate and he would welcome campaign contributions online.

"This governor has horribly managed the budget," Emery said of Baldacci. His state budgets "depend on ruses and gimmicks and they're destroying our economy."

"I will not use taxpayer money to run my campaign," Emery said, telling

the crowd that he wouldn't be a leader if he would first "dip into your till" to run for governor. Emery as governor will audit all of State government, he said, drawing healthy applause. "My budgets will withstand the light of day and will be available to everyone online."

David Emery closed out his remarks with his ideas for reviving Maine's economy, including having the State be an "epicenter for renewable energies."

Chandler Woodcock's movie had the sound and feel of a country music video. "My vision is for government that is small and better," Woodcock began. He was the only one of the three candidates to recognize and thank Mary Adams for her toward that goal with the Taxpayer Bill of Rights. The GOP delegates gave Mary a standing ovation.

"I'm here to put the state on a diet," Woodcock went on, "and it starts with your income tax." Health insurance reform? "I will allow Mainers to purchase health insurance from other states." Government reform? "I will hire managers, fire them if they don't do the job, reward them if they do."

Chandler Woodcock said he does "not favor special rights" and believes marriage should be protected as a covenant between "one man and one woman...case closed," a remark which prompted another delegate standing ovation.

"Baldacci has over-promised and

under-delivered," said Woodcock, then entering a call-and-response with the crowd:

"Have your taxes gone down?" "NO!" "Is health insurance more affordable?" "NO!"

"And he (Baldacci) promised (Woodcock pauses and holds high his cell phone) better cell phone coverage." Woodcock then put his cell phone to his ear and spoke into it, "Governor, can you hear me now?"

The audience loved that line. It was the best line of the three candidates.

I asked about ten people who heard all three speeches which candidate they felt best reached the delegates. Woodcock was the favored choice with everyone. However, I also heard from everyone that while all three candidates were respectable, none of the three "set the crowd on fire" or "hit a home run."

Five weeks or so remain in this primary contest. It will be fun to see which lessons, if any, the Woodcock, Emery, and Mills take from the convention to sharpen their messages.

Well done, gentlemen.

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## Memorial Day Thoughts

By Senator Lois Snowe-Mello

Memorial Day, perhaps more than any other holiday, was born of human necessity. Deep inside all of us lies a fundamental desire to make sense of life and our place in the world. What we have been given, and what we will pass to the next generation, is all part of an unfolding history, a continuum that links one soul to another.

Memorial Day falls annually and most appropriately in between our Mother's Day and Father's Day celebrations. I say appropriately because of all the components of our great Republic that our fallen soldiers fought and died for, the family reigns supreme.

Ironically, of all the aspects of our Republic that have weathered the years since our founding, it is the family that has taken the greatest pounding in recent years. Divorce has become a standard factor in a child's life. Single-parenting has moved from being something to be avoided to another possibility to be achieved. Cultural pressures from activist groups and judges are working to alter the historic definition of what a family is.

Simply stated, the erosion of the family represents the erosion of the cornerstone of our nation, and indeed our civilization. Recognizing that, can there be a higher calling than to serve ones nation honorably, bravely, and with the defense of your

family back home at the top of mind? If not for the selfless, brave women and men stepping forward to raise families of their own throughout the ages, who among us would today be breathing God's fresh air, or drinking Maine's clear waters?

Similarly, if not for the selfless, brave men and women who stepped forward throughout the past two-hundred and thirty years to defend our freedoms, to defend our borders, to defend the Constitution of the United States and the concept of liberty as was forged by great minds over the course of many centuries — without the service and sacrifice of these sons and daughters all, mothers and fathers many, would this article even be appearing in this paper on this day?

Abraham Lincoln must have pondered these thoughts in the late fall of 1863. His darkest fear was that he might well be the last president of the United States, a nation then in the midst of what he described as "a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure." He began his remarks with those words as he stood on the battlefield near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on November 19th of that year.

The speech that became known as Lincoln's Gettysburg Address turned into what might be called the first observance of Memorial Day.

Lincoln's purpose that day was to dedicate a portion of the battlefield as a cemetery for the thousands of men who consecrated that soil in the sacrifice of battle. As Lincoln said: "That from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause which they gave the last full measure of devotion....that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom."

War is a pernicious thing for all concerned. The soldier does not want it. The generals do not want it. Those who have seen it up close want it least of all. It robs us of our youth and brings untold suffering to families everywhere it touches.

But it also serves as a grim reminder that the cost of our freedom, democracy and liberty was not paid in full by our forefathers. The debt remains with us even today, and the costs are heavy. The world has become a hostile place, with violence that seems contrary to every value we hold true. Our enemies are not a sovereign nation we can negotiate with. They represent an ideology we an scarcely understand. And now it remains a challenge for all of us. I salute the fine young Americans who have volunteered for military service in the far-flung places where we encounter this deadly enemy in a war that could last for generations.

At this Memorial Day gathering, we especially want to recognize

those who served during the epoch of World War II. Their generation is passing from the scene, and we are all the poorer for that. It is important that we show our appreciation of their collective sacrifices. Without their strong dedication and perseverance, the cause of liberty and sanity in the world would not have prevailed. We honor them today, along with all the others who have worn the uniform of the United States of America.

Our country remains the greatest hope for all humanity, indeed for the preservation of our great human family. We must go on, and we will.

Senator Lois Snowe-Mello represents District 15, including the communities of Auburn, New Gloucester, Durham, and her hometown of Poland. Currently serving her freshman term in the Senate, Lois was a member of the House of Representatives in the 118th, 119th, 120th and 121st Legislative Sessions. Senator Snowe-Mello prides herself on her reputation as being both pro-business and pro-environment as a current member of both the Labor and Natural Resources Committees. She is up for re-election, and intends to campaign tirelessly for the privilege to serve again. Senator Snowe-Mello can be reached at (207)784-9136 or at [lplois@megalink.net](mailto:lplois@megalink.net).

## Landowner's Coalition Demands Repeal of ESA

Fed up landowners have said "enough" to feeble efforts by Congress to "fix" the Endangered Species Act (ESA). That's why a coalition of property rights groups, led by the American Land Foundation, Stewards of the Range, the American Policy Center, Liberty Matters, and the PFUSA Grange have now gathered more than 6,300 signatures to a letter calling for repeal of the ESA.

The letter is being delivered to Senator James Inhofe (R-OK), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. His committee will soon consider legislation to "update" and "improve" the ESA.

The House has already passed the Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Act (TESRA). The Senate is considering a bill sponsored by Senator Mike Crapo (R-ID) called the Collaboration and Recovery of Endangered Species Act (CRESA). While the

House version makes at least a weak attempt to compensate landowners when the ESA is invoked, the Senate version offers nothing for them. Both bills confirm the worst fears of landowners about how serious Congress is to actually addressing the real problems of the ESA.

The coalition opposes those legislative efforts to "fix" the ESA and, instead is calling for outright repeal of the existing law, saying there can be no fix of the worst legislation ever produced by Congress.

Since its enactment in 1973, the ESA has penalized landowners unlucky enough to have an endangered species on their land. Farmers, ranchers, tree farmers, homeowners and others who harbor endangered species or habitat on their property are subjected to severe land-use restrictions that can lead to economic ruin.

"Rather than a solution to helping endangered species, the ESA has become a very powerful tool, used by radical environmentalists who want to stop literally any use of certain lands for any purpose," said Dan Byfield, president of the American Land Foundation of Taylor, Texas. "The entire community of Klamath Falls, Oregon was literally choked to death as its water supply was shut off to protect a sucker fish that isn't endangered," said Byfield.

Yet, as Coalition leaders point out, all of the pain caused by the ESA to landowners is really for nothing as far as endangered species are concerned.

"In the 33 years since the ESA has been on the books, just 34 of the nearly 1,300 U.S. species listed have made their way off the endangered list," said Margaret Hage Byfield, executive Director of Stewards of the Range based in Idaho.

"Of this number," she continued, "9 species are now extinct, 14 appear to have been improperly listed in the first place, and just 9 (.6% of all species listed) have recovered." Concluded Hage, "that's a 99% failure rate that proves the ESA is nothing more than a powerful tool for special interests groups to promote their political agenda."

These are the reasons why the coalition is calling for outright repeal of the ESA. "There is only one valid answer to this outrageous situation," said Tom DeWeese, president of the American Policy Center, Warrenton, VA. "Repeal the ESA and, if necessary, start over."

To that end, the coalition has generated more than 6,300 signatures for the letter to Senator Inhofe to demand repeal of the ESA. These signatures aren't from members of rich and

# Letters to the Editor

It is amazing the wonderful feedback that I have received from the parachute article that I wrote for your paper. Folks were calling me from northern Maine asking me to run for Governor. If they truly knew me they would not want me to do that, but nonetheless I was truly flattered. It is time that we put aside political correctness and tell the people the truth. It is hard to hear the truth, but truth does prevail in the end once it is told and accepted.

Sincerely,  
  
Senator Lois Snowe Mello

To the Editor,

President Bush had to do something. He was losing his “conservative” base. His attempt to win back those who have left the camp will fail.

He has given the appearance of getting tough on the southern border, however, his “guest worker program” is nothing but an amnesty program.

Our own Olympia Snowe has latched on, helping to defeat an amendment that would have frozen the citizenship path for illegals. She, once again, has betrayed the United States of America by allowing those who have broken our laws to become citizens. This should not be tolerated.

The truth is, although very hard to swallow, Bill Clinton was much tougher on the border issue than President Bush ever has been. The statistics do not lie; President Bush has gotten too cozy with Mexican President Vicente Fox to enact any meaningful reform. If we follow the Bush/Fox agenda we will soon be flying the colors of MexAmeriCanada.

Need we look any further than NAFTA and the FTAA to prove this point? There is more evidence: the new political configuration called the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America. This past March, President Bush met in Cancun, Mexico with Fox and Canada’s Prime Minister Stephen Harper. Here are Fox’s own words: “Our long-range objective is to establish with the United States, but also with Canada, our other regional partner, an ensemble of connections and institutions similar to those created by the European Union.”

This is scary. The illegal immigrant issue is only a sign that we are losing our sovereignty. Not only do we need to stand up and make our voices heard on the immigration issue, we need to let the administration know that we want to protect our American sovereignty.

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We do publish anonymous letters to the editor, or those signed with a pseudonym.

Enjoy reading your paper from cover to cover. Great writing and great wit. The satirical article on tagging “farm animals gone wild” was truly humorous!

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Great writing! Great insight! And I wish you much success! Thanks!

A Freeper from Maine  
fight\_truth\_decay

Ken and Michelle left copies of All Maine Matters in our office. I took one home to read, and left it on the ottoman in our livingroom. I finally got time to pick it up and read Jonathan Frary’s column the other day. That piqued my interest so I read Jon Reisman, always a favorite. Then I read more of the paper and finished with the excellent historical article about the little village in the woods called Onawa. It was a pleasure to be reminded of rural Maine and important private and cooperative construction projects like the building of the Alfred A. Burke Memorial Chapel. It was a reminder to me of the importance of Christianity to Maine culture, even in a town with only three year round residents. May God continue to bless the great places in Maine like Onawa. Thanks Ken for taking the time to write the article, get the pictures and publish the article. What a great public service.

Michael S. Heath, Executive Director  
Christian Civic League of Maine

Definition of tolerance: a permissible difference; allowing some freedom to move within limits

I live in Maine, however I am “from away” as I am often told. I graduated from High School in 1967. I was a member of the “free-love” generation that Laura Adelman speaks of in her article LIBERALS SILENCE PARENTS, SACRIFICE CHILDREN AT ALTAR OF TOLERANCE. (May, 2006)

I protested our involvement in the Viet Nam War, however I supported our troops as I had several classmates drafted or enlisted in this war. I remember full well the recruiters in our school in the weeks prior to graduation. As I often say, I grew up with the Viet Nam War.

I protested the Viet Nam War, lived in a commune, travelled the country and eventually returned to New England. I married a Veteran of the War, we had two children, a son and a daughter. All the while I held on to my liberal views.

I raised my children during the “free love” generation that Laura Adelman speaks. They are now in their 30’s and parents themselves. My daughter is a nurse and my son a machinist. Both hard working American’s. Their Father passed away in a Veterans Hospital after an 8 year battle with cancer. (the children were 14 and 16 at the time)

Many of my friends, from the free love generation, have families and grown children. My friends are productive workers in jobs from Doctors and Lawyers to writers and farmers. Their children are also hard working adults.

Where does Ms. Adelman get the idea that all liberals from my generation are forever reckless and never grew up?

I taught my children that Peace is always something we need to work for. I taught them that tolerance of all people is a priority. We had friends of all races and religions and non religion. We taught our children that differences are to be embraced, we can always learn from people who are different from us. I taught my children that money does not make a person better, that the poor among us deserve our love also. I taught them not to be blinded by ignorance and to learn something every day of their lives.

I do not understand the thinking that a person with a tattoo or piercing is a reprobate.

I do not for one minute believe that children are having sex any more or less than in previous times. Human nature being what it is I expect that sexual activity will continue between unmarried folks. If you have young children at home than it is up to you, the adult, to censor pornography and violence in your home. Shut the TV off, don’t use the computer and all the other electronic gadgets for a babysitter. Eventually your children will grow up and make decisions for themselves. It is your job as a parent to prepare them for that day. Yes, children experiment with alcohol and drugs, they wear outrageous clothing, listen to music that hurts our ears, it is all part of growing up. Being naive to that fact will surely hurt your children. As I read on a bumper sticker recently “Denial is not a river in Egypt”.

I hear as much filthy language from adults at the local grocery as I do from ANY child or young adult. Recently, while shopping, I heard an adult call their child a “little f \* @ ker”. That language was never used in my home. Even with my liberal views, if my children used foul language they were soundly reprimanded.

The serious issues of our time will never be resolved until we can stop putting labels on people. He’s a Jew, she is a democrat, they are gay, she is liberal, she was a hippy and on and on.

Teach your children to think with an open mind, teach them that learning is a lifelong pursuit.

So, with my few words I am standing up and speaking out for accountability and morals. Love one another, do not judge, leave that to the Creator.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,  
  
Ann Harper  
Abbot, ME

Dear Editor, Exclusive to the All Maine Matters Newspaper:

Read with interest the letter in your April issue concerning immigration and after digesting it, respectfully request that I be given an opportunity to respond and offer my views on this very sensitive subject.

First, on a national level, if we allow all those illegal immigrants to get a free pass to citizenship, how will we ever be able to stop the stampede of all the people in other countries who see the floodgates open? We have woken up too late, and instead of guarding the borders of Iraq, we had better soon get on the ball and secure our own borders, albeit better late than never, right?

That being said, it’s strange how many people there are in Maine who for some unfathomable reason go out of their way to insult, ignore, and make life uncomfortable for people who move up here from away.

As a transplant of twenty years, I am just amazed at the goings-on of some (not all) Mainers who hate other new Englanders yet profess to love the Boston Red Sox and the New England Patriots who, of course, come from Massachusetts. This form of discrimination has always puzzled me and more so when over a thousand Somalis moved en masse to Lewiston, Maine, where they caused such a mess that the mayor had to beg for a halt which almost cost him his job.

What bugs me is these same Mainers who go out of their way to hate people from away welcomed the Somalis with open arms. Of course, something none of them knew -- I guess ignorance is really bliss -- is that these people had lived in Atlanta, Georgia, for over fifteen years. According to the media, they moved to Maine for our “benevolent welfare system”. They were informed of this cash cow by ads put in the Atlanta newspapers by Catholic Charities of Maine, who I guess wanted more people who breed big families to settle in Maine.

So to the letter-writers, I would caution them and al your readers that I have been called xenophobic (“Fear of the unknown”). I see a real immigration problem coming to Maine, and it’s not because of the hard-working and retired people who come from New England and elsewhere. It’s when they come from other countries for, as one man said at the welfare office, “I come for the free money.”

Maine better wake up and my first advice would be to change the sign welcoming all visitors to Maine from “Maine, the way life should be” to a new and bolder one saying “Maine, the way life used to be.” And that people is a fact. I have seen in just my short twenty years here.

One last word of wisdom: As a former educator, I always told my students, “if you want to correct the injustices of this world, start with the native American and work your way up; Blacks, Chinese, etc. The Native American welcomed us to their land, and we slaughtered them and jailed them on reservations located in a country they once owned. Even now, we fight their right to open casinos to get back some of their riches we stole from them over the years. Let’s hope all the new people immigrating here either way show us more compassion than we shoed the Native Americans, as son here in Maine and America, we will be the minority.

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# Celebrating Diversity

By John Frary

Conceptually, the command to celebrate diversity is no use at all; but as a slogan, it is flawless. No one can define it, but anyone can attach whatever meaning to it they wish.

This celebration has all the defining characteristics of an American fad. It appeared with great suddenness, almost no one has any idea of exactly where it came from; no one can explain what it's good for; everyone is expected to conform to it; only a few curmudgeons think of criticizing it.

Nowadays the word has heard on every hand. High schools, grammar schools, colleges, corporations, foundations, governments at all levels, newspapers, advertising agencies, fraternal organizations – all the world – praise diversity. The word has taken on a magical quality.

Let's take this celebratory mandate at its literal value and put it to the test. I happen to have had a couple of students who served in the French Foreign Legion. Now, there is a highly diverse organization. The very name affirms it. Its motto, Legion Patria Nostra (the legion is our fatherland) invites males from all over the world to leave their parochial conflicts behind and join a polyglot brotherhood. It matters not whether you are a veteran of the IRA or the Ulster Volunteer Force. In the FFL regiments, you have a common purpose and loyalty. You get to spend your service in such diverse places as Djibouti, Cayenne, and Tahiti. No American university can come close to equaling this organization in its diversity. On the one hand, it is possible to imagine octogenarian veterans of the Waffen-SS lounging around the hobby shop of the Legion's old folks' home (they have one) busily crocheting potholders with swastikas. On the other hand, I remember reading a notice in the classified section of the Legion's magazine, Kepi Blank, inviting its veterans in Israel to join an old comrades' association. Is that diversity, or what? Yet one never hears the diversity-mongers urging us to celebrate it.

Luis explained to me why he joined up. "You get to see new places and meet new people. And then you get to kill them." I once asked him if he would have been prepared to gun down women and children. He replied with a diffident smile and a shrug that he supposed he would if given the order. Now there is a set of diverse attitudes no one seems eager to celebrate.

If conversing with Luis sounds like a truly diverse experience for a sheltered professor, let me tell you about Corporal Bob, an

American of Cossack origins. His platoon contained Spaniards, Croats, Serbs, Germans, Africans, Englishmen, Australians and others. They had great times together. One of his favorite stories – I must have heard it a dozen times – was an account of the boys in the Djibouti barracks throwing rancid pork scraps to Moslem beggars.

Another favorite was about some of the Englishmen in his regiment discovering that one of their number was homosexual. They felt honor required them to waylay the fellow down on the Marseilles waterfront, strangle him with his own shoulder strap, decapitate him, throw the body into the ocean and the head into a dumpster.

Everything about Corporal Bob – his values, experiences and ideas – fairly shouts diversity, but I regret to report that nobody I knew showed any inclination to celebrate him. I admit to being a little unsettled myself when he showed up at my house one day to exultantly announce the discovery of a loophole in New Jersey's gun control law – that it was perfectly legal to own a flamethrower.

But enough of Corporal Bob. My point is that the demand to celebrate diversity is a mere windy abstraction. If it were serious, more liberal professors would go off and join the French Foreign Legion.

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# Whatever Happened?

By Michael A. Beardsley

Ever looked around and thought: Whatever happened to what Reagan referred to as that "shining city upon a hill?" I often wonder how we got from there to here and can we get back. I came up with "12 distinctive I wonder whatever happened to" questions:

Whatever happened to disagreeing without being disagreeable?

Whatever happened to supporting the troops, the mission and the Commander-in-Chief while making personal sacrifices in a time of war?

Whatever happened to living within our means, as a nation, as a state, as individuals?

Whatever happened to limited government and local control?

Whatever happened to personal responsibility?

Whatever happened to the American work ethic: An Honest Day's Work, for an Honest Day's Pay?

Whatever happened to strong men, leading, protecting and providing for their families?

Whatever happened to feminine women valued by society for their contributions as homemakers, wives and mothers?

Whatever happened to children honoring their father and mother?

Whatever happened to television fit for the whole family to watch together?

Whatever happened to discipline and teaching the difference between right and wrong?

Whatever happened to the priorities: God, Family, Republic?

Perhaps when we no longer have to ask whatever happened to basic values our country will again be America: One Nation, Under God, Indivisible.

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# Needed Reforms: Immigration

By Michael Fundalewicz

I'm taking a break from my original format and re-directing my focus on this "Border Issue" that's been the rage of late.

I just don't understand why the current administration is dragging its feet and saying it'll cost millions to enforce the influx of illegals into this country. The laws are already on the books; they're just not being enforced. We have a defined border but it's not being controlled with the vehemence it should.

We're at war folks, let's get over it and face the facts. An open border policy, also called "NAFTA", is gonna wind up killing us one way or another. We can't afford the risk of terrorists entering unrestrained nor can we afford to financially support every person who crosses over and wants to, and is entitled to, live on welfare. We have enough homeless and poor of our own. Do we need to support everybody else that wanders over the border too? NOT!

Instead of opening the doors, we should be building electric fences, setting the dogs loose and building guard towers every 1000 feet; and I mean north and south. Since 9/11 a lot has changed and we're gonna have to just get used to thinking outside the box.

The administration is saying it wants to implement a "guest worker program", WHY? We already have one established. It's called a work VISA. And foreigners can get one by applying at the I.N.S. like any other law abiding person would. But you have to go through the gate to get one; not over the fence. And if they can't abide that law, what else are they willing to disregard?

The agricultural businesses are claiming they'll lose valuable workers if we don't let these illegals stay; that's understandable. But that doesn't mean they should be allowed to hire illegals either.

Let's face it; our kids are lazy and uneducated. They don't want to work for minimum wage and if they can't run a keyboard, they won't work period. Instead they'll go to college on borrowed money, which you and I subsidize, and become career students. That's the main reason they have to hire immigrant workers.

Latinos, per se, are neither of the above, for the most part. All they lack is English language skills. They're hard workers and as honest as anyone else around here. They have a deep sense of family ties and values. I know of

several and you couldn't ask for better neighbors. But they came here LEGALLY! And now they're naturalized citizens.

I don't have a problem with foreign workers, my parents both came from foreign countries; but they came here legally and worked their butts off to make a living just like these "legal" people are.

I've worked with Latinos and I've seen them break their backs picking broccoli for 10 to 14 hours a day. Would any of you or your kids do the same for piece-work pay? I doubt it.

As for the "Minutemen" and Sheriff Joe Arpaio, of Maricopa Co., Arizona, who's gone all out to watch the Mexican border, GO FOR IT! You have my respect. It's the right and duty of every citizen of this great country to support and defend the nation we live in. Our "Pledge of Allegiance" sums it up quite well. It's too bad our own government won't do the same unless there's an uproar.

In summation:

- We need to close the borders to all illegals and issue work visas to those qualified to come through the gate.
- Arrest, process and document every illegal caught and deport them immediately.
- We need to place all ports of entry under limited martial law, and I do mean shipping ports too. Search every container!
- We can dump the "domestic spying", as well as its' price tag, because nothing's coming in or going out without being checked thoroughly. There's no need to watch a house with a locked door.

Then, and only then, will we be able to rest easy knowing there's a guard in the tower watching the gate while we sleep.

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” James Madison

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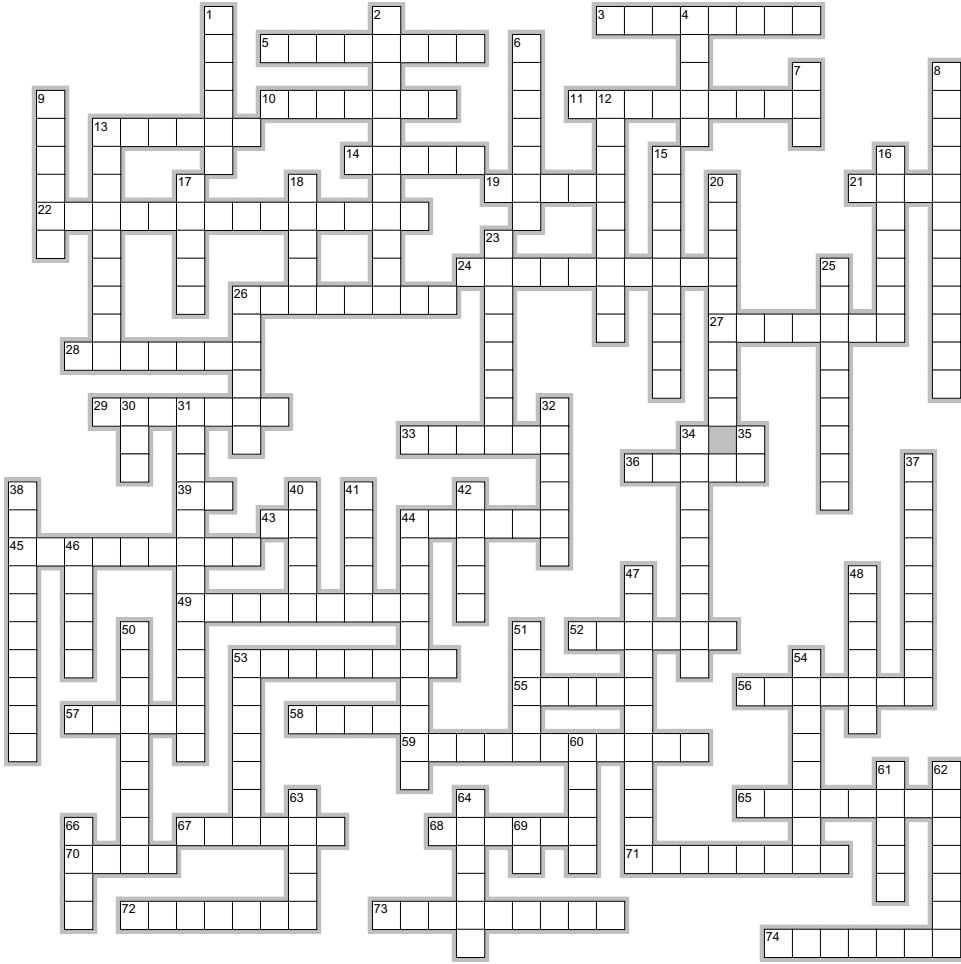
3. Proprietor for the mortgaged estate of the late General Knox (surname). (8)
5. First name of the first white child born in Washington Plantation. (8)
10. North of Brooks. (7)
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13. Last name of Captain John and General Thomas. (6)
14. Type of farm common to Brooks, Maine. (5)
19. First name of Hannah Cilley's father. (5)
21. The number of stores in Brooks in 1843. (4)
22. Church building erected in 1832. (14)
24. Who did General Knox name the Plantation that later become known as Brooks for? (10)
26. Strong agricultural product in Brooks until recent years. (8)
27. The first church building in Brooks was built in 1822 by the Society of ... (7)
28. Highest rank held by Henry Knox during the Revolutionary War. (7)
29. Hannah's husband, and a Tory (surname). (7)
33. Governor who had purchased a large tract of land from Madocawando, a Penobscot sagamore. (6)
36. What state are we in? (5)
39. Postal abbreviation for New Hampshire. (2)
43. Postal abbreviation for Pennsylvania. (2)
44. Bounds Brooks on the north. (6)
45. Surname of one of the 1913 Brooks graduating class, and the name of one of the two grocery stores in Brooks. (9)
49. Once named Greene. (9)
52. Bauchamp, one of the original patentees, was a merchant in ... (6)
53. Hill southwest of Brooks Village. (8)
55. Church on Jewell Street. (5)
56. Society of Friends. (7)
57. Name of the only school still in operation in Brooks. (5)
58. Surname of the man who built a log home near the top of the Dean Hill. (5)
59. Killing businesses and hurting small towns throughout Maine, according to Delmont Clark. (11)
65. The state of General Knox's property upon his death. (8)
67. Settled on Oak Hill. (6)
68. The purpose now served by the first church building in Brooks. (6)
70. Beasts of burden used to haul wagons of lumber to Belfast. (4)
71. Surname of the man who inherited the Musconkus Patent upon the death of Bauchamp. (8)

72. North of Brooks, this town is the only one to have retained the original name given it by General Knox. (7)
73. Joseph Roberts Jr. came to Washington Plantation from here. (9)
74. The nearest store, for the first settlers of Washington Plantation. (7)

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1. His first name was Benjamin, and he accompanied John and Jonathan Roberts Jr. to Washington Plantation. (6)
2. A Penobscot sagamore. (11)
4. A Roberts girl who married Shadrack Hall. (5)
6. Betty Littleton's occupation prior to retirement. (7)
7. One of Shadrack Hall's children. (3)
8. Sometimes credited with being the second settler in Washington Plantation (first and last name). (12)
9. Came to develop the territory included in the Waldo Patent (surname). (6)
12. Married Lucy Flucker (first and last name). (9)
13. Bounds Brooks on the east. (9)
15. Brooks students commute to this school in Thorndike for Junior and Senior High School (two words). (9)
16. Surname of the first permanent settler in the area that was to become Brooks, Maine. (7)
17. Proprietor for the mortgaged estate of the late General Knox (surname). (5)
18. The number of schools in Brooks in 1843. (5)
20. The marsh that Marsh Stream flows into. (9)
23. Original patentee of the Musconkus Patent. (8)
25. Madocawando was a sagamore of this tribe. (9)
26. The first Brooks railroad station agent (surname). (6)
30. Original name of Monroe, Maine. (3)
31. The backbone of Brooks now, according to Delmont Clark (two words). (13)
32. Came to develop the territory of the Waldo Patent about 1630 (surname). (6)
34. President of the Brooks Historical Society. (9)
35. Postal abbreviation for Maine. (2)
37. Patent granting land that included what was later to become known as Brooks. (9)
38. Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island (two words). (10)
40. The Great Charter for New England was granted by which king? (5)

June Crossword: Brooks, Maine - Answers on page 13.



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41. Patent that included all of what is now Knox County, most of Waldo County, and parts of Penobscot County. (5)
42. Subject of our May community profile. (5)
44. The name that General Knox had given to Troy. (10)
46. Benjamin Roberts' wife. (5)
47. Church on Route 139. (11)
48. There were canneries in Brooks to can this fruit. (6)
50. The first Place that Joseph Roberts Jr. cleared. (9)
51. What type of prison did Benjamin Roberts die in? (5)
53. One of Shadrack Hall's children. (7)
54. First name of Joseph Roberts Jr.'s second wife. (8)
60. The number of falls in the Brooks village limits. (5)
61. The stream that passes through Brooks. (5)
62. Used to be called Greene Plantation. (7)
63. The Council Established at Plymouth in the County of ... (5)
64. The subject of this month's community profile. (6)
66. First name of the governor for whom Brooks was named. (4)
69. Postal abbreviation for New Jersey. (2)

Repeal of ESA  
(Continued from page 4)

powerful lobbying groups. They are from the landowners, business owners, and community leaders who are suffering from the ESA.

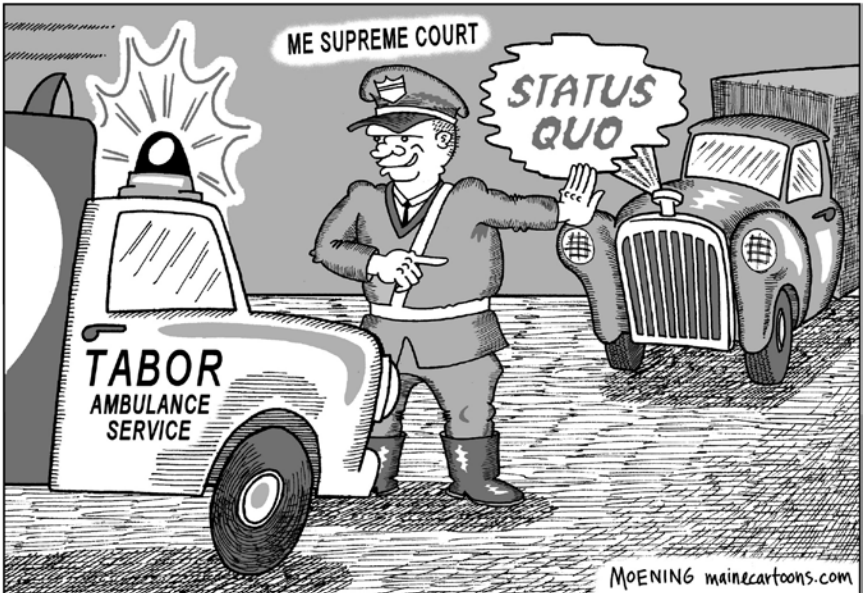
In part, the letter says, "Congress needs to revisit the wisdom of the Founding Fathers who believed the ownership of property must be secured from government intervention for liberty to exist. Take that security away through environmental laws like the ESA, and not only is liberty not secure, it no longer exists. You have only to look at the past 30 years since the enactment of the ESA to see what it has produced - the dramatic destruction of property rights and the failure to recover species." "Landowners need heroes to stand for us and protect our private property. It's time to listen to us for a change," said Byfield, appealing to the Congress to take a stand for property owners.

"In this day when Americans have come to understand the horrors of widespread government abuse of eminent domain, such as in the Supreme Court's Kelo decision, we should rightly fear the creation of a new ESA that could best be called Kelo 2," concluded DeWeese.

The coalition maintains a website at [www.repealesa.us](http://www.repealesa.us) where the full letter may be viewed and signed.

Mystery Photo

Where was this picture taken? (Answer in next month's issue of All Maine Matters)



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Last month's mystery picture was taken on Route 6 in Vanceboro.



# Profiles in Rural Maine

By Ken Anderson

## Brooks, Maine



*1st Congregational Church*

Before selecting it as our featured profile this month, I had never been in Brooks. I had been near there many times. For nearly two years, we made weekly trips along Route 1A through Winterport to Belfast, and back; and, early for a meeting of the Jeremiah Project in Plymouth, I had driven south on Route 7 once, turning back at Dixmont.

But I had never been in Brooks. Having selected it, the first thing that I do is see what I can learn of its history, even before going there. A lot of people are under the impression that history covers only the larger towns and cities of Maine, but the reality is that a written history can be found for even the smallest communities in the state. Last month's profile of Onawa, with its three year-round residents, demonstrated that.

In the past, I've driven to the Bangor library, which as a nice selection of regional history; and I've used the libraries in Augusta, as well as the University of Maine in Fort Kent; but even the smaller libraries throughout the state usually have collections of regional reference books. The same was true of Brooks. In this case, our library in Milinocket carried a book, published in 1935, on the history of Brooks, Maine, as it did for Onawa.

So we'll start out with the history of Brooks, moving on to what the town appears to be today.

The Great Charter for New England was granted in 1620 by King James I to forty individuals, known collectively as "The Council Established at Plymouth in the County of Devon." This grant included all of New England, New York, New Jersey, and parts of Pennsylvania.

The Council made several grants of land, including the Muscongus Patent, which derived its name from the Muscongus River. It later became known as the Lincolnshire Patent and, still later, the Waldo Patent. The Waldo Patent included all of what is now Knox County, most of Waldo County, and portions of Penobscot County.

About 1630, Edward Ashley and William Pierce came to develop the territory, although not that which included the current town of Brooks. Bringing engineers and laborers, they first established a trading house at Thomaston, located on the Gorges River. This settlement didn't last long, as it was abandoned during King Philip's War between the English and the Indian tribes.

One of the original patentees was a man named Bauchamp, a London merchant who was one of the company who sent over the Mayflower, but there is no record that he himself ever visited the American continent. After his death, the patent passed to Thomas Leverett, who came to this continent in 1633 with John Cotton, and others. He died in 1650, and the patent passed on to his son, John Leverett; and in 1714, it passed on to his grandson by the same name, a great-grandson of Thomas Leverett.

Meanwhile, Governor Phipps had purchased a large tract of land from Madocawando, Sagamore of the Penobscot tribe, but the Penobscots had always denied that their leader held the authority to sell this property. Ownership of the property was still in dispute when John Leverett bought it from Spencer Phipps, the heir to Governor Phipps.

He divided the land into ten shares, granting them to individuals known as the "Ten Proprietors." These proprietors admitted twenty associates, and among them was Cornelius and Jonathan Waldo. The Waldos were later given another 100,000 acres; and still later, an additional 300,000 acres. In 1734, he purchased one-half of the remaining shares. Upon Waldo's death, the patent descended to his four children: Samuel, Francis, Lucy, and Hannah.

During the Revolutionary War, Francis Waldo and Hannah's husband, Thomas Flucker, who were Tories, fled to England, and their land became the property of the state. In 1773 or 1774, Henry Knox, who became a general during the Revolutionary War, married Lucy Flucker, the daughter of Thomas and Hannah Flucker. The couple purchased Samuel Waldo's property, and acquired the remainder of the Patent from the state.

By that time, the Patent included nine towns; which Knox named in honor of several officers whom he had served with during the war. What is now Searsmont and Belmont were named Greene and Greene Plantation respectively, after General Nathaniel Greene. Monroe was named Lee, for General Henry Lee. Jackson was named for Colonel Henry Jackson; while Troy became Montgomery, who fell at Quebec. Thorndike became Lincoln, and Washington became Putnam. Brooks was first named Washington Plantation, after George Washington. Only Jackson retained the name given it by Knox. Knox died in 1806, much in debt, and his property in mortgage.

The first settlers of Washington Plantation were poor, and they had no roads except for bridle paths cut through the forest. The nearest store was in Belfast, so people lived off of what they could grow, hunt, or fish. These early settlers carried groceries from Belfast on their shoulders, or on crude litters along a blazed path.

Lumbering came slowly to Washington Plantation because lumber had to be transported to Belfast by oxen or horses on wagons in the summer, and by sled in the winter, and the absence of passable roads made this difficult. But as the roads were cleared, the routes from Dixmont, Jackson, Troy, Thorndike, Unity, and Knox led through Washington Plantation. At first, oxen were the most common beasts of burden, but by the early 1900s, as the roads were improved, horses became the rule.

The lands once owned by General Knox were mortgaged to Generals Lincoln and Jackson. The proprietors for the property were Israel Thorndike, William Prescott, and David Sears, two of whom were to have towns named after them.

It is generally accepted that the first permanent settler in the region was Joseph Roberts, Jr., who moved to Washington Plantation in 1799, selecting a spot about a mile north of where the village was later to be built. He cleared the land for the first home, which became known as the Thorndike Place.

The proprietors-Thorndike, Prescott, and Sears - wanted the improvements made by Roberts, so they exchanged with him for a large tract of land about a mile west of the first farm. Here, Joseph and his sons cleared another farm, later building a saw mill and a grist mill, on the site where the "Page Mills" would later be built.

Tradition has it that General Knox had promised 500 acres of land to Roberts, but had never followed through with this pledge.

Roberts was in Washington Plantation for many years before his family joined him, as his wife did not wish to leave Buckfield. It wasn't until after the death of his first wife, and his remarriage to a local girl, Margaret Hall, the daughter of Hatevil and Ruth Hall, that his family joined him. Joseph and his first wife had 12 children and 104 grandchildren; while he and his second wife had 12 children and 53 grandchildren.

Their second child, Benjamin, was the first white child born in Washington Plantation. He married Nancy Cilley, and their family was to include five children: Delphina, Rose, Leila, Charles, and Julia. Benjamin Roberts died in a rebel prison during the Civil War.

Upon moving to Washington Plantation, Roberts was soon joined by his brothers, John and Jonathan Roberts, Jr.; and by Benjamin Cilley, who was accompanied by his sons, Benjamin, Jr. and Simon. In this year also, came William Doble and James Jordan.

Shadrack Hall is sometimes credited with being the second settler in Washington Plantation. After marrying Sarah Roberts, the couple first settled in Buckfield, but moved to Washington Plantation in 1802, settling on the "Brown Hill." He and his wife were to have 11 children: Hatevil, Ann, Mary, William, Eliza, Arthur, Ruth, Nathan, Abigail, Enoch, and Miriam.

According to the census lists, however, Hall was preceded by Joseph, John, and Jonathan Roberts, Benjamin Sr. and Jr., as well as Peter and Simon Cilley, John Young, William Doble, William Kimball, Nathaniel Emerson, and James Jordan. By 1804, there were nine heads of families in Washington Plantation, and most of the subsequent early settlers were related to these families.

Other early settlers included David Record, Joseph, Allen, and Marshall Davis. A Mr. Chase built a log house near the top of the "Dean Hill," and lived there for many years. There was also a man named Palmer, who settled on Oak Hill; as well as Josiah Stickney, Lucius Curtis, Seth Brown, Samuel Jones, Nathan Wiggins, Benjamin Leathers, Calvin and Luther Fogg, and Benjamin Rowe, who some claim was the first settler in the area. Jonathan Lang came to Brooks from New Hampshire, along with his sons, Daniel and Jonathan.

Captain John Sawyer came to Brooks in 1801. He and his son, General Thomas Sawyer, built a sawmill, as well as a

grist mill. Other members of the Sawyer family who were to play prominent roles in the area's history include Abner and Phineas Sawyer, General Sawyer's sons, and their families.

In 1816, the citizens of Washington Plantation petitioned the legislature to incorporate as the town of Brooks, in honor of Governor John Brooks, the 9th governor of Massachusetts. Governor Brooks played a prominent role in the Revolutionary War, and was a confidant of Washington. He served as governor for six terms before retiring from public office in 1822.

Brooks is bounded on the north by Jackson and Monroe, on the east by Swanville, the south by Waldo, and on the west by Knox. The Marsh Stream rises in Knox, is supported by two tributaries, and flows into the Frankfort Marsh, which is where it derives its name. There are three falls within the village limits, which furnished water power for about nine months out of the year.

When the region was first settled, people subsisted on what they could grow, hunt, or fish. Later, there was some lumbering. Shortly after 1867, when the railroad came in, Brooks enjoyed seven large pants manufacturing plants, employing about three hundred people.

H. H. Pilley was the first station agent.

Early residents included John Pilley who, after moving to Brooks in 1821, married Hannah Cilley, the daughter of Peter Cilley, one of the town's pioneers, and became one of the town's oldest and well-known citizens. Loren Rose came to Brooks from Greene in 1836, buying a place near the church. In 1873, he built an elegant two-story public house.

The population rose from 210 people in 1820 to 910 in 1840, then remained relatively stable throughout the remainder of its history. There were 900 people living in Brooks in 1990. At the time of the 2000 census, there were 1,022 people in the town, one more than there were in 1850.

In 1843, there were four stores, one tannery, two grist mills, four sawmills, eight schools, and three churches in Brooks.

Brooks was also home to apple canneries, creameries, and companies manufacturing wood products, such as furniture, carriages, and sleighs. Agriculture played a significant role in the history of the town up until recent years. Potatoes and apples were grown in abundance, and the dairy industry was strong up until recent years.



*Marsh Stream*



## Brooks, Maine

### Churches

Many of the first settlers were members of the Society of the First Baptist Church. Among them were Joseph Roberts, Sr., Joseph Roberts, Jr., William Doble, William Cilley, Jonathan Roberts, John Roberts, Benjamin Cilley, and Enoch Hall. They met first in private homes, then at the school house, until the first church was erected.

The first church was built by the Society of Friends in 1822. Also known as the Quakers, they were active in the early history of Brooks. In 1919, they sold their church building to the Harvest Home Grange, which still stands and is in use as a Grange Hall.

In 1832, the Congregational Church was built. Although it has been moved from its original location to its present site near the bridge crossing the Marsh Stream, it still stands and is in use today.

Currently, Brooks has three churches: the Congregational Church on Route 9, the Pentecostal Church on Route 139, and the Bible Church on Jewell Street. The Friends Church still stands, but has been used as a Grange Hall for nearly a century.



*Brooks Bible Church*

### Schools

In 1843, there were eight schools in Brooks. Although none of the earliest schools are still standing, the names of early Brooks school teachers include Eliza Hall, Isaac Roberts, Milton Roberts, Dr. Jacob Roberts, Jacob Wellington Roberts, Barnabas Myrich Roberts, Charles Linneus Roberts, Emily Esther Roberts, Linda Chase, and Grace E. Dow.

In 1913, the Brooks High School opened with eight students. The 1915 graduating class was made up of Phyllis Reynolds, Mabel Johnson, Alice Reynolds, Hazel Hall, Frances Eaton, Leroy Staples, Clair Wentworth, and Marshall Ellis.

In 1931, the Willis Morse estate left \$61,000 for the construction of a new school. Located at what was formerly called the Rider lot, the school was completed by December of that year. The original school burned in 1947, and was rebuilt in 1949. Today, Morse Memorial School has an enrollment of under 200 students, from grades kindergarten to 6th grade. Junior and Senior High School students commute to Mount View, in Thorndike.

I spent a couple of days in Brooks; certainly not enough time to come to know the town intimately, or to appreciate it in the way of those who have lived there for years, and whose families were themselves a part of the history of Brooks. But I did speak to a couple of folks who do.

I found Delmont Clark in his shop across the street from Ralph's Cafe which, unfortunately, was closed both days that I was in Brooks. Mr. Clark was born in Brooks and, except for one year at the University of Maine, he has always lived there. He spent much of his life growing potatoes, farming 60-70 acres, before he began selling farm machinery, including milking machines. He has also built several of the buildings in town; among them, his shop and the building across the street.

Over the past several years, he has witnessed a decline in the businesses that Brooks people have depended on. He's seen the decline of the farming industry, to a point where no one is

growing potatoes in Brooks anymore. The decline of the apple industry has led to the closure of local canneries. And while the dairy industry was once strong, there are only six dairy farms in Brooks today. Since his own business was dependent upon the dairy farms, his own business has declined to almost nothing.



*Delmont Clark*

He blames over-regulation for much of this, insisting that state requirements are unreasonable. "All of these regulations are killing businesses, and especially hurting the small towns in Maine."

"This doesn't leave people with much to do."

I asked what people in Brooks do for a living these days, and the answer was that some of them had worked at MBNA, and many commute to Bangor. Of those who work in town, quite a few are employed at Morse Memorial School, many are retirees, and others are running small businesses, in shops for from their own homes.

"These country stores are the backbone of our towns now," he said.

And Brooks Village Grocery and J.P. Wentworth's General Store both appeared to be doing good business both days I was there; as did the hardware store.

Delmont Clark was a big help in filling in the gaps in the history of Brooks. Since the book that I've used for the early history of the town was published in 1935, and Clark graduated from high school in 1939, he was able to put much of the history together for me.



*Kilgore Manor*

There were ten students in his graduating class, by the way; and seven of them were there for the last class reunion. Besides Delmont Clark, the 1939 graduating class consisted of Parker Johnson, Norman Kenney, Eben Elwell, Margaret Carr, Hazel Cookson, Chesla O'Brien, Edith Hawkins, Frances Roberts, and Arlene Hamlin.

Next I spoke to Betty Littleton, the President of the Brooks Historical Society. She was born at a private hospital in Brooks, and grew up on a farm that sat on the Brooks-Monroe line, the house in Brooks and the yard in Monroe. Except for her time as a student at the University of Maine and one year teaching in Bradford, she has always lived in Brooks. She then taught at Morse Memorial until School District 3 was formed, at which time she taught at Mount View for a time.



*Morse Memorial School*

Even after she retired from teaching, she says she didn't truly appreciate the importance of preserving history. It wasn't until her husband died that she became interested in the historical society.

"I realized that we should bring out history together," she said.

She has also come to appreciate the generosity of the many people who have come together to work with the Brooks Historical Society, donating pieces for the museum that will be opening soon. The Pilley House was donated to the museum, and the Society is in the process of repairing and restoring the historical residence. To that end, they are also indebted to a grant that they received from MBNA.

"There is a lot of work yet to be done, but people have been generous."

On my first day in Brooks, I had taken a lot of photographs of buildings that seemed like they might have historical

or other significance, but I didn't know what some of them were. Mrs. Littleton was a tremendous help in being able to put names to the buildings that I had already photographed, and in suggesting others that I had overlooked.

As I always feel at this point, I wish I had been able to spend more time in Brooks; to have talked to more people, and to have gotten to know my subject better.

Brooks is a town that many people have gone through, since Routes 7 and 139 are well traveled, but I expect that most people haven't slowed down enough to look, or stopped to appreciate the wonderful town that is Brooks, Maine.

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*Brooks railroad station*



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# Anti-Gun Senator Kills Own Domestic Violence Bill

Sen. Strimling (D-Portland) Blames the NRA For Legislative Failure

By Jeff W. Zimba

LD1938 (An Act to Protect Victims of Domestic Violence) was sponsored by Senator Ethan Strimling (D-Portland) and failed to become law this past legislative session. This bill, simply enough, would have required that if someone who was under a Protection From Abuse Order (PFA) tried to purchase a firearm from a licensed firearms dealer, the person who filed the order against that person would be notified.

Representative Josh Tardy (R-Newport) introduced two common sense amendments to this bill. One asked that if a PFA is filed against someone wrongfully or without merit, that the person filing the PFA could be held accountable legally and financially. The second asked that if firearms are confiscated from someone who has a PFA filed against them, that the firearms be treated and stored properly. The National Rifle Association even supported this bill with the Amendments.

Nothing in the original bill, or either of the amendments, seemed to be anything but commonsensical, but both amendments were met with a huge amount of opposition from Senator Strimling and others in his camp. The first Amendment relating to the legal accountability of filing a PFA was eventually dropped in order to be debated later in an in-depth legislative session. This left only the amendment about proper handling and storage of confiscated firearms.

Under intense pressure from anti-gun forces, House Speaker John Richardson (D-Brunswick) ruled the amendment was germane and allowed a vote in the House. At the urging of Senator Strimling the Senate disagreed. When it looked like the entire bill would be placed in jeopardy because of this rabid opposition, the amendment was even dropped by Representative Josh Tardy and replaced by an amendment drafted by Rep. Janet Mills (D-Farmington). The Mills amendment simply required the Criminal Justice Academy to include proper firearm handling and storage in its training.

The bill eventually ended up being killed in the Senate just because of their unwillingness to accept the original LD1938 with this amendment and they would not budge on their position. Due to the inability of the House and Senate to reach an agreement the bill could no longer move forward and it was dead in the water.

Since the bill stopped moving forward and had little or no chance of being resurrected, the blame game has been on in full force. Moving at light speed in his typical and predictable manner, Senator Strimling immediately began blaming the National Rifle Association for the defeat of the bill.

The amendment to this bill that in its final form would have only provided training to our law enforcement officers to properly care for and store potentially valuable firearms, was just too much for Senator Strimling to sign on with. Speaking of the NRA, Strimling was quoted saying, *“They came in, and they threw their power around, and decided that it was more important to have something that had nothing to do with the bill than trying to confront domestic violence in this state.”*

Speaking of her own amendment Rep. Janet Mills (D-Farmington) said, *“I drafted my amendment myself; it is not an NRA amendment, it is a Janet Mills Amendment. It simply accommodated the concerns on both sides about training of law enforcement officers.”*

Sorry Senator Strimling, the emperor has no clothes and you have made it painfully apparent over the years. The past legislative session when you sponsored an anti-gun bill that called for the **CONFISCATION** of legally owned firearms from residents of the State of Maine; your true colors were streaming like a rainbow. When you sponsored a bill that advocated the **SEIZURE** and **FORFEITURE** of legally owned private property from law-abiding citizens in your own State, your intensions were, and will forever be obvious. Your relationship with and your constant political backing, from those who do their best to orchestrate the will of the out-of-state anti gun hate groups, speaks volumes about your unspoken intensions. Because of your own actions, your political number is up Senator Strimling. Any bill that bears your name will forever be held as suspect and studied and scrutinized. The good, honest, law abiding citizens of the State of Maine will never, ever be fooled by you and your false intensions again.

LD1938 was not a partisan bill. It had support from both sides of the political aisle. Amendments and key positions about its passage were drafted and supported by both Democrats and Republicans. There was no left versus right contention or conflict anywhere in sight. There was nothing in this bill or any of its amendments that warranted a failure. The only reason this bill failed is because of the selfishness of the anti-gun lobby and the actions of its puppets, and no amount of smoke and mirrors will ever cover that up. If there was a shot fired that killed this bill, it is obvious to anyone who looks into the facts a little, that the shot was self-inflicted.

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# Who Actually Listens To Liberals?

By Matt McDonald

Everyday we are hearing about the falling approval ratings of the President. You can't turn on the news or go on the net without seeing a headline about how the President's approval numbers are crashing and how terrible things are going in his administration.

In light of this, it seems to me that the voices of the liberals are getting louder. Every major newscast and newspaper is filled with left leaning views. We are hearing about how bad the economy is, how bad the war in Iraq is going, how we are losing the war on terror, how we must allow illegal alien criminals the same rights as American citizens, how bad big corporations are and all the other major talking points of the left. A person can hardly turn on the television without seeing some fringe leftist group calling for the resignation of either the President or one of the people on his administration.

The fact of the matter is, even though the voice of the liberals seems to be getting louder, no one is listening. This can be proved by the fact that major newspapers are losing record numbers of subscribers, that the mainstream newscasters on television are losing record numbers of viewers and where ever the major liberal radio network is on the air the programs it transmits are always at the bottom of the ratings. It seems that no one is listening to what the liberals have to say no matter how loud they say it, except in Iran.

Recently the President of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, sent President Bush an eighteen page letter. The liberals in the media went crazy about this letter. It was mentioned on every newscast, printed in every major newspaper and news about it was even transmitted on the major liberal radio network. The left described this letter from Ahmadinejad to President Bush as extension of diplomacy from Iran to the United States. In a major newspaper out of New York this letter was described as "the start of talks that will help to settle all issues of mutual concerns as well as help Iran's integration into the global community." The top negotiator of Iran's nuclear program called the letter "a diplomatic opening between the two countries [The US and Iran]."

Here are some highlighted quotes from Ahmadinejad's letter,

*“Can one be a follower of Jesus Christ, the great Messenger of God, Feel obliged to respect human rights, Present liberalism as a civilization model, Announce one's opposition to the proliferation of nuclear weapons and WMDs, Make War and Terror his slogan, And finally, Work towards the establishment of a unified international community – a community which Christ and the virtuous of the Earth will one day govern, But at the same time, Have countries attacked; The lives, reputations and possessions of people destroyed and on the slight chance of the ... of a ... criminals in a village city, or convoy for example the entire village, city or convey set ablaze.”*

*“There are prisoners in Guantanamo Bay that have not been tried, have no legal representation, their families cannot see them and are obviously kept in a strange land outside their own country. There is no international monitoring of their conditions and fate. No one knows whether they are prisoners, POWs, accused or criminals.”*

*“Young people, university students and ordinary people have many questions*

*about the phenomenon of Israel. I am sure you are familiar with some of them. Throughout history many countries have been occupied, but I think the establishment of a new country with a new people, is a new phenomenon that is exclusive to our times. Students are saying that sixty years ago such a country did no exist. The show old documents and globes and say try as we have, we have not been able to find a country named Israel.”*

*“I tell them to study the history of WWI and II. One of my students told me that during WWII, which more than tens of millions of people perished in, news about the war, was quickly disseminated by the warring parties. Each touted their victories and the most recent battlefield defeat of the other party. After the war, they claimed that six million Jews had been killed. Six million people that were surely related to at least two million families. Again let us assume that these events are true. Does that logically translate into the establishment of the state of Israel in the Middle East or support for such a state? How can this phenomenon be rationalised or explained? “*

*“Lies were told in the Iraqi matter. What was the result? I have no doubt that telling lies is reprehensible in any culture, and you do not like to be lied to.”*

*“The question here is what has the hundreds of billions of dollars, spent every year to pay for the Iraqi campaign, produced for the citizens? As Your Excellency is aware, in some states of your country, people are living in poverty. Many thousands are homeless and unemployment is a huge problem. Of course these problems exist – to a larger or lesser extent – in other countries as well. With these conditions in mind, can the gargantuan expenses of the campaign – paid from the public treasury – be explained and be consistent with the aforementioned principles?”*

*“Liberalism and Western style democracy have not been able to help realize the ideals of humanity. Today these two concepts have failed. Those with insight can already hear the sounds of the shattering and fall of the ideology and thoughts of the liberal democratic systems.”*

So, in this letter in which the liberal media hails as an extension of diplomacy, the President of Iran Mahmoud Ahmadinejad not only questions President Bush's faith, he questions the ethical bases of the war in Iraq, he questions the legality of the prisoners held at Guantanamo Bay, he questions the right of Israel to exist as a nation, he questions if millions of Jews were really killed during the holocaust, he questions the truth behind the Iraq war, he questions why America is spending billions of dollars in Iraq instead of taking care of those who are living in poverty and to top it all off not only does he question the success of western style democracy but he prophesized the fall it.

It's no wonder why the liberal media is so in love with Ahmadinejad's letter it is nothing more then their talking points in letter form. The same points that you hear liberal politicians, news media and activists speak about are the same points that are found in the letter that Ahmadinejad's penned.

Congratulations are in order to the liberals: while your stock in America is certainly falling, it seems that you have found a fan in a crazy dictator in Iran.

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Quote from Justice Hugo L. Black

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# Editorial: Squelching the 1st Amendment: The UnAmerican Political Trend

There is a disturbing trend in this state these days. Actually, I am told that it is a nationwide trend, but I will stick to the state of Maine, since that is what I am familiar with. The trend is for local elected officials to deny First Amendment rights to citizens who disagree with them politically or dare to speak out in dissent about local policies.

As vocal citizens of northern Maine, my husband and I have been given a taste of this treatment for quite some time now. We have been targets of whisper campaigns, vandalism, and death threats. We have had the town council officially declare that our cameras must film from the back of the chamber (where there was no electrical outlet and still is no sound) because one councilor claimed he was being photographed “more than the other councilors.”

But what happened in May was disturbing, unAmerican, and just plain scary.

Along with All Maine Matters, my husband, Ken, and I run an online news site, the Magic City Morning Star. We have run it since before the Great Northern went bankrupt, but it became popular right after the bankruptcy, since Millinocket has only a weekly newspaper, and quite understandably, people in the area were starving for local news.

The Magic City Morning Star has a policy of publishing articles and columns from pretty much anyone who wishes to write, whatever their political leanings. But we have, much to some councilors’ chagrin, been instrumental in exposing illegal meetings and other unethical practices. Needless to say, this did not endear the Morning Star to those councilors who participated in such actions.

On Monday, May 1, 2006, the Millinocket Town Council held what they called an “Economic Development Workshop.” And at that meeting, they listed what they perceived as the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to the town. Councilor Matthew Polstein, whom I sought to recall from his office a couple of years ago, listed the Magic City Morning Star as a threat to the community.

Polstein has long objected to the Magic City Morning Star, complaining that by printing the local news and opinion, MCMS has caused businesses to refuse to move to Millinocket.

Taking advantage of what can only be described as a lynch mob mentality, the Council and public took several minutes to discuss the Magic City Morning Star and how to “drive it out of town.”

Below are my comments to the Millinocket Town Council at their May 11, 2006, meeting:

*I understand that last week, at an official town council “economic development workshop”, our online newspaper, the Magic City Morning Star, was declared by members of this council to be a “threat to the community.”*

*The Magic City Morning Star is our business. It puts bread on our table and pays our mortgage and taxes.*

*The fact that an alleged economic development workshop is now looking into ways to “shut down” our business, coupled with our local government officially attempting to abridge the right not only to free speech, but the right to freedom of the press is almost too ironic to mention.*

*And it should scare the citizens of this town as much as it scares me.*

*I understand that our newspaper has taken unpopular stands, and that my family has taken positions which were counter to those of the sitting council.*

*But that is our right as Americans.*

*Our country was built on the very freedoms that some members of this council seek, using their official offices, to squelch.*

*The First Amendment -- the very first of the Bill of Rights -- says that the government cannot make laws about the establishment of religion or abridge the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances. So far, 80% of that Amendment has been systematically abolished in this town.*

*And the fact that members of this council have publicly stated, while seated in their official government seats, that the Magic City News is a threat and needs to be shut down is distinctly unAmerican and should frighten everyone in this town.*

As I said at the beginning of this column, this trend is becoming more and more common of late.

Thomas Jefferson once said, “The price of freedom is eternal vigilance.” And we need to take him literally.

If you have a similar violation of civil rights in your town, please let us know. Send your email to [editor@allmainematters.com](mailto:editor@allmainematters.com), or call us at 723-4456, or send us mail at PO Box 788, Kingman, ME 04451.

# The American Contradiction: Open Borders And Homeland Security

by Matthew Jones

How many times have you flown since 9-11? We should feel more secure knowing that we have “tightened up” our security, right? The Department of Homeland Security is making us safer, right? As we wait in long lines, slowed by random searches that seem to target anyone but potential terrorists, many Americans remain blissfully unaware that we face a much bigger threat from our open borders.

While the TSA is making your Grandpa take his shoes off at the airport (we wouldn’t want anybody to think we are targeting real terrorists), a radical Muslim terrorist may be traveling a logging road from Canada into Maine with a suitcase nuke. While the DHS is data mining phone and library records, our entire northern and great parts of our southern borders are open. Think about that for a moment. Does it seem that our administration wants to give the perception of security without actually taking care of the biggest problem?

Make no mistake, true homeland security begins with the borders, yet, how many thousands of miles of United States borders remain open?

I have passed from Maine into New Brunswick many times. It is not very difficult to pass over the border. The openness of our Canadian border coupled with Canada’s reluctance to prevent terrorists from entering their own country makes all northern states especially susceptible to terrorist entry. Maine is not exempt from terrorist activity. Remember that two of the 9-11 terrorists flew out of the Portland Jetport.

While the Department of Homeland Security spends billions of taxpayer dollars on domestic programs which “toe the line” of our Fourth and Fifth Amendment protections, illegal immi-

grants pour over our open borders. There are very few of our elected officials that put any importance on the security of our borders.

Our relationship with Mexico has gotten too close for the border to close up. (NAFTA, FTAA.) Our “leadership” is more inclined to open the borders entirely — as Vicente Fox has suggested, even going as far as suggesting the Canadian border being erased — than to shut them up. Any Bush administration attempts to “seal” the border are simply a show to draw back in the conservative base. Republicans and Democrats have both failed us on the issue of borders.

The primary duty of government is to protect the God-given rights of all United States citizens. We need to re-focus our government “eyes” away from United States citizens and toward our borders. We need to stop spreading democracy across the globe — how sad it is that our “leaders” have forgotten that we are a Constitutional Republic, not a democracy — and use our military and financial assets to provide true homeland security. We need to break the ties with Mexico and re-establish our own sovereignty. When this is done, we will begin to creep back towards our Founders’ vision for the United States of America.

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“Let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.”

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George Washington

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Dear Alvina,

I’ve been with my girlfriend for almost two years, and we both love each other very much. But last month, she told me that she needs some time alone and we should see other people. What does this mean? I don’t get it. We have spoken about marriage, and this comes out of the blue.

She tells me that she will just be going out with other men as friends and that she isn’t interested in another man.

I am terribly confused. What does this mean? Will we be getting back together? Should I be looking for someone else?

My birthday is October 30, 1981, and hers is January 4, 1980.

Dear Scorpio,

You are in a space where you will have to confront AUTHORITY. It could be a parent, a boss, the law, the military, etc., you will have to assert yourself and overcome others control over you.

I see that you are, at this time, living a DREAM that someone else dreamed for you before you were born, it could have been that persons DREAM and you picked it up. You will be finding what you are going to do “when you grow up” between the summer of 2007 and the fall of 2009.

As for your girlfriend, she is very grounded and careful with a need to help the “underdog” at this time she is examining other peoples values, she need to learn the difference between, YOUR, MNE OR OURS. She is not telling you what is really going on, it is a “secret.”

As for the two of you, you are a person who wants to take chances and she is a person who wants to be safe. It is well that this is happening to you at this time, for soon you will be planning your life which will take you in a very different direction, probably travel and she would not want to budge. Take your time, allow life to take you where you must go and keep the energy positive.

KEY WORD: REFLECT

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My date of birth is January 6, 1964, 6:03 a.m. in Maine.

Dear Capricorn;

Boy are you in the right place! Go, everything is laid out for you, since nothing happens by chance. Half way through 2007 you will find that you have to “school” yourself because you will be learning things that will, in 2009, 2010, put you in a management situation. You are very well qualified for leadership. Just go and do not try to make others “happy” that is their job . . . not yours.

KEYWORDS: HARD WORK

Do you have a question for Alvina? Send it - along with your birth date, time, and place of birth - to Alvina at PO Box 6547, Santa Fe, NM 87502

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It's Time To Put Maine Taxpayers In Control  
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In all cases, if government wants to spend more, it just has to get majority approval from the voters.

Who will try to stop taxpayers from taking control?

Expect strong opposition to this common sense plan from those who live off your tax dollars. They will say that a Taxpayer Bill of Rights is dangerous or bad for Maine. But if you understand that their campaign to defeat your Bill of Rights is about not wanting to put taxpayers in charge of spending, then you'll understand why they are upset. They want to be in charge, not you. They've had more than 30 years to make Maine a place with a good tax and economic climate and they haven't done it. Time's up! Taxpayers have to take the reins now.

Who are the Redcoats and who are the Freedom Fighters in this modern Revolt?

Make no mistake, this will be a battle, and I'm so proud of our side which is standing up for the people.

The Taxpayer Bill of Rights is supported by dozens of great municipal officers, selectmen, councilmen, mayors, and budget committees and town managers, as well as numerous state legislators in the House and Senate.

But some public servants at the local and state level who oppose the Taxpayer Bill of Rights are more in sympathy with the Maine Municipal Association and other special interests who suck up tax dollars than they are to their own taxpayers. Fortunately, the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, once enacted, will be a constant reminder, year after year, that government works for the people. Isn't it about time?

Remember, this is not the Maine Municipal Bill of Rights or the special inter-

ests Bill of Rights....It's the Taxpayer Bill of Rights and it's worth fighting for!

There is solid support among Republicans, Democrats, Independents, Greens and Libertarians at the grass-roots level for this great referendum. It is truly a non-partisan taxpayer cause. The Libertarian Party of Maine and the Republican Party of Maine both have Taxpayer Bill of Rights planks in their current platforms.

Taxpayer associations statewide support the Taxpayer Bill of Rights referendum including the Citizens Alliance of Maine (headed by Jack Wibby of Gray), United Citizens of Auburn, the Portland Taxpayers Association, the Kennebunk Taxpayers Association, Bristol Taxpayers Association, Windham Taxpayers Association and the Biddeford taxpayers group to name a few. At least 52,000 registered Maine voters signed the Taxpayer Bill of Rights petitions.

The referendum language of the Taxpayer Bill of Rights was drafted by people who care deeply for the future of Maine, the Maine Heritage Policy Center in Portland, headed by William Becker.

How can you support the Taxpayer Bill of Rights? Here's how....

There is much to be done between now and November 7th to spread the good news to family, friends, neighbors across Maine that the worm has finally turned and that John and Jane Citizen have a chance to shift the balance of power of government spending to the people, where it belongs. (Feel free to cut out and make copies of this article, hand them out to those citizens around you who are struggling to pay their taxes and make ends meet. Urge them to make their own copies and spread the

word.) Please contact me by phone (924-3835), email [mga@tdstelme.net](mailto:mga@tdstelme.net), or letter sent to PO Box 10, Garland ME 04939 and tell me you'll volunteer. I can tell you of many important ways you can help to make sure that your Bill of Rights passes in November. If you have a computer, the web address is [www.TaxpayerBillofRights.com](http://www.TaxpayerBillofRights.com)

The opposition will have unlimited funding (estimates of \$1,000,000) to try to defeat this citizen referendum. It's King George vs. the patriots all over again. We'll even see our own tax dollars used to try to defeat us. So please send checks in whatever amount you can afford to: Taxpayer Bill of Rights Treasurer, PO Box 5271, Augusta ME 04332, or to me at PO Box 10, Garland ME 04939 (and I'll forward them to the Treasurer.) There is no limit on the amount which can be donated in a referendum. I'm an unpaid volunteer and most of us are, but we'll need every dime Maine people can spare in order to get our paid messages of taxpayer control out through the media to the people of Maine.

Remember: Voters can now vote weeks before November for the Taxpayer Bill of Rights. The rules have changed and any registered voter can vote early by absentee ballot, not just those who will be out of town on election day. This will be very helpful to the elderly who may not be able to count on a ride to the polls on election day. Just contact your municipal office and ask about an absentee ballot.

Find out which candidates support putting taxpayers in control!

Ask the candidates for office who will be on the June and November ballot if

they support your Taxpayer Bill of Rights. It will be important to have pro-Bill of Rights people in office at every level of government.

In the Republican Primary for Governor, two out of three candidates are on record supporting our Taxpayer Bill of Rights. Chandler Woodcock and David Emery favor it and Peter Mills does not.

For those living in Piscataquis County, the Taxpayer Bill of Rights Campaign Chairman is state senate candidate Joyce A. Perry of Dover-Foxcroft. Contact me or Joyce (564-2466 or email [japerry3@adelphia.net](mailto:japerry3@adelphia.net)) and say "Sign me up. I want to be a Taxpayer Bill of Rights volunteer and give the people of Maine control over taxes and put government on a budget." Since we have to live within a budget, it seems only just and fair that the government we are forced to support be put on a budget too!

By enacting the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, we can provide a framework of taxpayer control which will provide a backbone for accountability and send a message of hope and opportunity throughout the state and nation that Maine people are putting their state back on track themselves, using a century old referendum process to do it. Let's prove that when it comes to regaining common sense and fiscal sanity, reducing our #1 tax burden and strengthening our economy, we can get there from here.

Mary Adams has been a property rights and tax activist for more than 30 years. She led Mainers in the 1977 repeal of the State property tax. Ever the activist, she successfully led the charge to get TABOR on the ballot. The TABOR site is [taxpayerbillofrights.com](http://taxpayerbillofrights.com), and her email address is [mga@taxpayerbillofrights.com](mailto:mga@taxpayerbillofrights.com).

It's Worse Than Mud Season  
by David Hughes

It's here. No, not mud season though mud season might be more preferable. It's campaign season. Once every two years we're treated to political critters walking around in neighborhoods and, unlike black flies, you'll rarely see them in once the season ends.

Since the coming 5 months is the only chance most of us will have to observe and interact with political critters it might be handy to have a guide kicking around on how to identify the particular political critter you have before you. Do you have a panderer? Those are the worst of the lot no matter what party they are in. Do you have a "leftist Liberal? For reference Maine's government for the last dozen or so years has been fairly Liberal. Perhaps you've come across the very rare and seldom heard "Rabid Conservative". About the only time we hear from one of them is when some Liberal wants to scare us. I don't know if that's for lack of backbone on the Conservatives part or how easy those Liberal types think it is to scare us.

So, how do you find out what kind of politic critter you have before you? You ask them "how" questions. Can't ask them "what" questions 'cause they've all pretty much figured out that the free lunch comes with mimicking the right sound bite replies. So if you really want to be able to identify your political critter you have to ask them how questions.

Now we all know that every political critter out there is going to tell you they support making health care more affordable and available to more people. Question is, how are they going to do that.

Do they propose the state running a health insurance company that drives the other insurance companies away

leading to the state being the only health insurance provider left standing. Perhaps they would like to expand MaineCare, yet again, and put the whole cost onto the taxpayers.

Of course, you might just find one that wants to make some sensible reforms to the insurance regulations while instituting a program to help those who the reforms would hurt. Rare breed that one, if you find one you'll have to do some further checking to see if you have your run of the mill conservative or if you have one of the "rabid" variety. Can't be too careful when dealing with rabies now can we?

All those political critters are also going to tell you that they support a strong economy or want to work for job creation. Now this is the question that quickly splits out the Leftist Liberals from the Rabid Conservatives and whatever isn't one of those is something that is closer to representing all of Maine's values....or a panderer.

If your political critter says that taxes need to be slashed and regulations need to be repealed and the miracle of the free market will create jobs....that'd be one of them there Rabid Conservatives. The Leftist Liberal is going to tell you about how he has an idea for some new government spending scheme to create jobs or encourage business growth....if government spending created jobs then why doesn't the government just spend enough to give everyone a job?

Here's the dirty little secret most political critters don't know about business and economic development. Business critters, those folks who own and run the business, are people. Most people hate uncertainty. People like to know that what they face when they got up yesterday is the same thing they

are going to face when they get up tomorrow unless they go looking for something different. More important than cutting taxes is just simply leaving the rules alone long enough for a business critter to make a buck and expand.

Quality of life issues will be pretty big this year if forecasters are correct. Environmental issues can be lumped in with that. It's an important issue. We Mainers love our outdoor heritage. We understand that you're not going to get much hunting done if there are no deer, moose and bear out there to hunt. We understand that camping in a parking lot isn't much fun. We also know packing water in with you stinks and clean streams are more convenient. We understand all that.

We also understand that you can't eat a quality of life. You can't heat your home with it, run your car with it, pay the mortgage with it or pay a doctor with it. So how do you tell your political critters apart based on the quality of life question? Dunno, depends on how well you yourself value and define quality of life issues. But here's some guidelines for the task.

If you value hunting and guns ask your cornered political critter if they have ever supported Rep. Ethan Strimling on a gun bill. If they have then that political critter isn't a keeper for you and is likely of the Liberal variety.

If you value access to pristine forests with few restrictions then ask your political critter if they support capping the amount of land the state or a county can own at 20%. If they do then that political critter is for you. If the political critter refuses to agree that capping the amount of land the state or county can own is a good idea then the political critter before you is working under

the belief that Maine would be much better off as a federal park and is likely a Leftist Liberal.

Keep in mind that Maine has converted about 4 million acres of farm land to forest land over the last 100 years. One has to wonder how much more land we have to give back before we've saved enough of it from greedy developers trying to make an honest living. I mean, only 98% of the state is forest land....I'm sure we can somehow manage to figure out a way to get that last 2%. After all, we are Mainers, we love our quality of life.

The real trick to figuring out which type of political critter you have before you is letting them think that you agree with them so they open up and tell you what they really think. The problem is we can't let them try to dazzle us with generalities. Make them tell you "how" they want to see things done. Politicians love "what" questions because they can talk in abstract theory. Most politicians hate "how" questions because answering those questions pins down the politicians stripes...and once that's done the old saying applies: "A tiger does not change its stripes".

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## Stalking Victims of Harassment Crimes

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any credibility in the initiation of a police investigation. These people are usually very self-righteous, but have no real understanding of "right or wrong". They don't look like your average gang member, and they can even be a governmental figure, a business-person or the average Joe in your neighborhood. They use deluded people to utterly destroy every facet of the targets life, even the ability to earn a living.

Citizen Vigilante Group, as a name, is a good one as their justice is mete out to alleged criminals or sinners, (for the religious vigilantes), who deserve what they get. Some are justified to act for no other reason than vengeance. Of course they are acting on lies told to them by their leaders.

One only had to listen to Councilor Matt Polstein as he declared the Magic City Morning Star a THREAT to the town of Millinocket to see this form of citizen manipulation, at a workshop that was supposed to be for Economic Development and Revitalization, held on May 1, 2006, in the council chambers. It was not lost on those in that room, that this councilor was stirring the members there into a mob mentality, which was frightening to witness.

Those citizens who attended with the intention of being a part of a positive agenda became witnesses to this type of harassment that is being used on many who speak out and stand up for their rights. We can only wonder what is said about the rest of us behind closed doors, with only his members in attendance.

These groups are well established and have a comparable justice system that allows innocent people to be prosecuted and the victim isn't entitled to a defense. It might have started out as a justice system to get justice for people who should have gotten justice from the known justice system, but didn't.

Not being accountable to anyone, this alternative justice system began to persecute people who were not criminals, but who may have not been liked by someone in power. This type of justice system is perfect for those who are whistleblowers and activists. All those people who would be a nuisance to them or certain groups.

The fact that this type of crime has become so common, and is NOT prosecuted by the judicial system of any country, means that the constitutional rule of law is DEAD. When these crimes go on for years and years, with no law enforcement to stop these crimes, you have the rule of the jungle, not the rule of law.

One of the reasons, I discovered from the web site listed below, for these harassment groups to become started was that as a dictatorship was in the forming stages these groups were set up to keep watch, making sure that the leader stayed in power.

What is truly alarming is: This works. ALWAYS. Having a group of people do this is what makes it work and allows the harassment to continue for the rest of the target's life.

It is such an insidious crime, that some who join in with the lies don't even realize they are participating in destroying an innocent victim. Because there are so many contributing just a little nuisance, the victim has a hard time breaking up what is considered to

be the crime of torture among so many people. Under the present justice system the stalkers can't be held criminally responsible. What a perfect crime!!

This is commonly called organized or citizen gang stalking. They are very specialized stalking gangs and are much different from other crime gangs. These gangs are much like Hitler or Stalin's citizen enforcement squads.

Researching this subject, I found many books and websites devoted to many types of harassment. I was shocked at the various methods used. Specific to this type of harassment, I discovered many similarities that are happening in the Katahdin Region. We have become a divided region for these very reasons.

I know first hand the lies that are being told about people. I've heard them. The targets themselves often downplay the lies, feeling that it's beneath them to acknowledge them. After all, the people that know them are not going to believe those lies. The real problem is with those who don't know the target, those are the ones who will believe the lies and spread them. If you work for the public, your work will be found fault with. Character assassination is prevalent among these crimes. Your reputation both as a person and a businessman or woman, will suffer greatly.

It's hard for people to believe this reality. After all, who would want to think people are capable of being so sinister. Have you heard complaints from people you know, or maybe it is you who are being affected by this crime and thought that you were just imagining it? You might want to re-think that. Some even know why they have become a target.

Please keep in mind this is a REAL ISSUE, not the unreasonable ravings of delusional people. The question that really deserves to be asked here is, what are the government and the media doing about it, and why is this crime kept so quiet? Why are they not enforcing the law?

There are also instances where the media actually helps these groups, printing the lies about the targets, as we saw with Carol Palesky. The tax cap she was trying to get passed was obliterated by the press's focus on her personally instead of the issue. She was deemed a kook, and is still carrying the consequences of their actions.

Or it could be a number of letters from people dissatisfied with work that was done by the target, if the person works for the public. We all have seen the news media's articles that can be construed as nothing more than hate articles in our own town, and Millinocket is not the only town being affected by this.

For those who are experiencing these types of life's little nuisances, or think you might be a target, or if you have inside information about any of this, I would love to hear from you. I can also guarantee anonymity, if that's a concern.

I would urge you to contact me at, [stalking@allmainematter.com](mailto:stalking@allmainematter.com). I will be writing more articles about these harassment crimes in the future.

### Resources:

- *Internet: Anti Multiple Stalker (Citizen Harassment Group) Information and Support Site*
- *Book: Terrorist [Citizen Gang] Stalking, by David Lawson*

## A Discussion With Stu Kallgren, of the Maine Leaseholder's Association

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The Maine Leaseholder's Association was organized in 1990 to address the concerns of leaseholders in the State of Maine. Stu Kallgren has served as its president since 1996.

AMM: Last month, we were discussing a letter that was going to be drafted, asking the governor to set up a commission to study leasing issues. Where are we with that?

STU: A letter has been sent by the Judiciary Committee to Governor Baldacci, asking him to set up the commission. We're all set to go. We have the people picked for our side, and we're waiting for a response from the governor.

AMM: When do you expect to hear from him?

STU: We'd like to get this all wrapped up by September, before election day.

AMM: Why election day?

STU: Maybe we should show how we feel about it come election time. The people of northern Maine didn't get any help from former Governor King, and so far we've gotten nothing from Governor Baldacci but promises. It's been more than two years now, and I don't know that the promises are worth anything. This has got to happen before the election. If it doesn't, I'm going to do everything in my power to see to it that he isn't reelected.

AMM: I can see that there's little reason to let the promises carry over into a second term, when he's no longer worried about reelection. What else is going on?

STU: A lot of people are concerned about the state reevaluations of property. We

haven't seen the full effect of that yet, but leaseholders throughout the state will feel it before it's over.

AMM: Go on.

STU: The state is pricing people right off of the water. Anyone who doesn't own their property will not be able to afford their lease, and they won't be able to buy their property. Everyone will feel the effect. The only access to the water that will be left will be through public landings.

AMM: Wealthy people from out of state will have the only access to the water.

STU: Yes, while the rest of us are priced off the water.

AMM: Anything else?

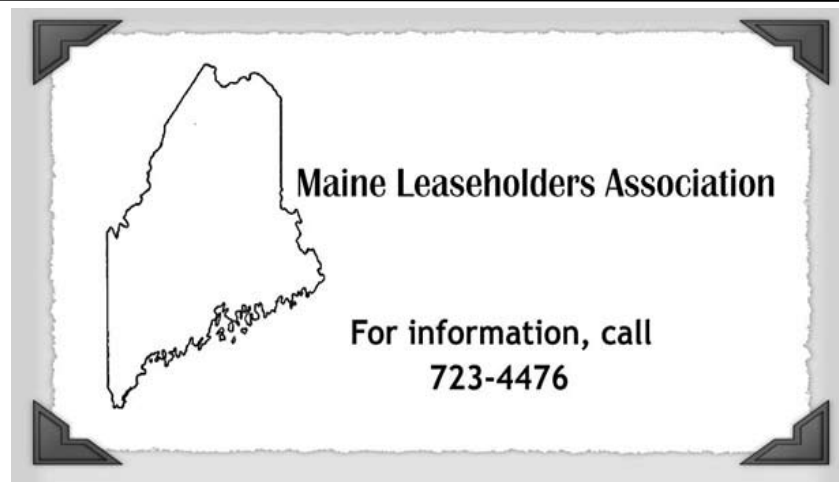
STU: Yes. I'd like announce the Annual Meeting of the Maine Leaseholder's Association will be in Millinocket this year. It'll be at the old Perley Wheaton Ford garage, starting at about noon, on August 19th. All members of the Leaseholder's Association are invited. In fact, if there's an interest, we might even be able to arrange for a bus to bring the ones from the northern region, around Cross Lake and Long Lake.

AMM: Okay, then. That'll be:

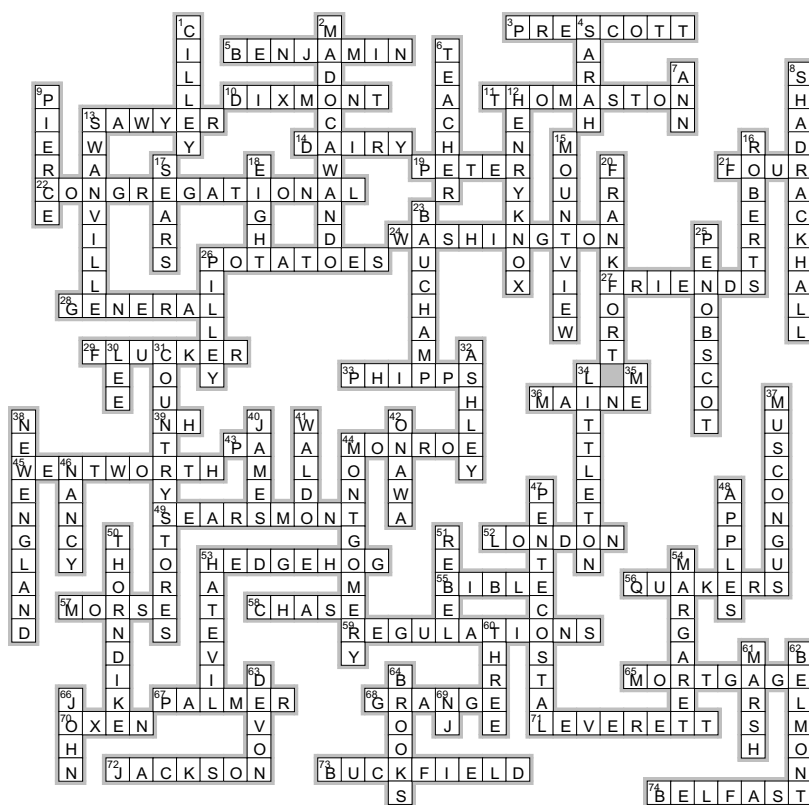
*Maine Leaseholder's Association  
Annual Meeting  
August 19, 2006  
12:00 Noon  
Perley Wheaton Ford Garage  
Millinocket, Maine*

STU: That's it.

AMM: Okay. I'll look forward to talking to you again next month.



**Maine Leaseholder's Annual Meeting  
August 19, 2006 at 12:00 noon  
Perley Wheaton Ford Garage  
Millinocket, ME**



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”

James Madison



The Pilley House in Brooks, Maine.



Delmont Clark's residence in Brooks, Maine.

However, there is great question about the validity of the documents promoted by the Global Warming crowd. There is strong, documented evidence to show they care little about sound science and facts and much more about their political agenda.

For example, in May of 1996, unannounced and possibly unauthorized changes to the United Nation's report on climate change touched off a firestorm of controversy within the scientific community. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the science group that advises the United Nations on the global warming issue, presented a draft of its report in December 1995, and it was approved by the delegations. However, when the printed report appeared in May 1996, it was discovered that substantial changes and deletions had been made to the body of the report to make it conform to the Policymakers Summery. Specifically, two key paragraphs written by the scientists were deleted. They said:

1. "None of the studies cited above has shown clear evidence that we can attribute the observed climate changes to increases in greenhouse gases."
2. "No study to date had positively attributed all or part of the climate change to man-made causes."

That was not the last time data has been manipulated by the IPCC to fit its political agenda. In 2005, a federal hurricane research scientist named Chris Landsea resigned from the UN-sponsored IPCC climate assessment team because his group's leader had politicized the process. Landsea said in his resignation letter, "It is beyond me why my colleagues would utilize the media to push an unsupported agenda that recent hurricane activity had been due to global warming." He went onto say, "I personally cannot in good faith contribute to a process that I view as being both motivated by pre-conceived agendas and being scientifically unsound."

In 2006, the voices of reason are speaking out louder than ever. Professor Bob Carter, a geologist at James Cook University, Queensland, Australia, says the global warming theory is neither environmental or scientific, but rather, "a self-created political fiasco." Carter explains that "Climate changes occur naturally all the time, partly in predictable cycles and partly in unpredictable cycles."

Meanwhile, more than 60 leading international climate change experts have gone on record to urge Canada's new Prime Minister to carefully review global warming policies, warning that "'Climate change is real' is a meaningless phrase used repeatedly by activists to convince the public that a climate catastrophe is looming and humanity is the cause."

In April, 2006, using temperature readings from the past 100 years, 1,000 computer simulations and the evidence left in ancient tree rings, Duke University scientists announced that "the magnitude of future global warming will likely fall well short of current highest predictions." The study was supported by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation. Gabriele Hegerl of Duke's Nicholas Schools of the Environment and Earth Sciences said her study discounts dire predictions of skyrocketing temperatures.

In 2004 the Heartland Institute published a report by Dr. Richard Lindzen, the Alfred P. Sloan Professor of Atmospheric Sciences of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Dr. Lindzen reported that global warming is unlikely to be a dangerous future problem, with or without implementation

of such programs as the Kyoto Protocol. Lindzen, a member of the IPCC and one of the world's leading climatologists, said that alarmist media claims to the contrary are fueled more by politics than by science.

Said Dr. Lindzen, "With respect to science, consensus is often simply a sop to scientific illiteracy. After all, if what you are told is alleged to be supported by all scientists, then why do you have to bother to understand it? You can simply go back to treating it as a matter of religious belief, and you never have to defend this belief except to claim that you are supported by all scientists except for a handful of corrupted heretics."

So why, if scientists are researching the issue and if there is no consensus that global warming is a reality, is this voice not being heard? Why is a near panic building in the news media, on Capitol Hill and in research labs across the nation and in the international community?

Answer: fear and money.

Simply put, scientists know where the grants will come from to pay their salaries. Dr. Patrick Michaels, a leading opponent to the global warming scare-mongers, calls it the federal/science paradigm. He describes it this way: Tax \$ = Grants = Positive Feedback Loop to Get more Grants.

Says Dr. Michaels, "What worker bee scientist is going to write a proposal saying that global warming is exaggerated and he doesn't need the money? Certainly no one wanting advancement in the agency! There is no alternative to this process when paradigms compete with each other for finite funding." The only ones who can openly oppose the party line of the day are those who don't need the grants or who have some other source of funding. There aren't many.

The money is in global warming because it's being pushed by a political agenda that wants power. Power in Washington. Power on the international stage. Power over economic development. Power over international monetary decisions. Power over energy. In short, power over the motor of the world. It's driven by literally thousands of large and small non-governmental organizations (NGOs) sanctioned by the United Nations, and implemented by a horde of bureaucrats, university academics and an ignorant but pliable news media.

Case in point. The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) used to publish the journal Science. Since 2000, it has published roughly 75 commentaries which have supported the idea that global warming is a serious problem requiring massive solutions. Now, the AAAS acts as a massive lobbying operation pushing this agenda. Taxpayers have now provided \$20 billion into the scientific community for global warming work.

Moreover, Science and its British counterpart Nature won't publish articles to the contrary of the agenda. If a scientist wants the prestige of being published, then he must carry the global warming banner.

According to Dr. Michaels, this is how it works: "They take a little truth and distort it or study it into a lot of revenue for them. Them = Academia + Environmental non-governmental organizations + private scientific fields + Government + all the associated public and private organizations supporting

this shell."

Concludes Dr. Michaels in his landmark book, Meltdown, "This junk science works for the fish movement, smart growth, sustaining development, rapid transit, wet lands, critical areas, water rights, property rights, fossil fuels, logging, justifying huge government and environmental land wildlife corridor buy ups with public money, changing regulatory laws, changing high court opinions, escalating enforcement codes, on and on." It's all thrown into the offering plate as the taxpayer sits in the pew of the Church of Global Warming.

Federal spending on climate research has ballooned since the early 1990's from a few hundred million dollars to \$1.7 billion today. As Dr. Michaels points out, scientists who don't toe the party line don't share in that bounty.

Blasphemy or not, here's the truth about Global Warming.

As reported by Dr. Lindzen, "The global mean temperature is never constant, and it has no choice but to increase or decrease - both of which it does on all known time scales. That this quantity has increased about 0.6 degrees C (or about 1 degree F) over the past century is likely. A relevant question is whether this is anything to worry about."

Professor Bob Carter says the public has been brainwashed by politicians and bureaucrats into believing world industrialization has created "climate change" that will lead to widespread disaster. However, he shows that a period of similar warming occurred between 1918 and 1940 before industrialization really began, followed by a cooling between 1940 and 1965, a period during which human-caused emissions were accelerating.

In fact, looking deeper into history reveals that global warming and cooling are simply a regular occurrence. According to Robert Essenhigh, Professor of energy conservation at Ohio State University, the ice sheets at the poles have been melting since the early 1900's and the Earth's warming had begun about the middle 1600s.

That warming trend followed a 300 - 400 year cooling period, commonly known as the Little Ice Age, which came after the much hotter Medieval Warm Period, running roughly A.D. 900 to 1300.

During that period, the Vikings had two settlements on the west coast of Greenland. The settlements vanished with the onset of the Little Ice Age. This is the same area global warming scare mongers are panicked over because some grass is now growing there. In fact, history shows such growth is nothing new.

We are told, however that man-made carbon dioxide is the source of the global warming problem. As Professor Essenhigh asks, "what has carbon dioxide to do with this?"

He explains, "the two principled thermal-absorbing and thermal-emitting compounds in the atmosphere are water and carbon dioxide. However - and this point is continually missed - the ratio of water to carbon dioxide is something like 30-to-1 as an average value. At the top it is something like 100-to-1. This means that the carbon dioxide is simply 'noise' in the water concentration, and anything carbon dioxide could do, water has already done." "So," he asks, "if the carbon dioxide is increasing,

is it the carbon dioxide driving the temperature or is the rising temperature driving up the carbon dioxide"? In other words, the carbon dioxide issue is irrelevant to the debate over global warming.

But what about all of those storms? We can see the weather changing before our eyes, we're told. We are experiencing death, destruction, plagues, extinction, biblical catastrophes at alarming rates. Any fool can see. Those reports simply show how effective the propaganda machine has been.

The truth about the hurricanes is that during the past 35 years, the average number of "significant" tropical cyclones in the southern regions, including the Pacific Ocean and the Southern Indian Ocean, is about 28.5 storms per year. The breakdown by decade is: 1970s - 32.9; 1980s- 27.8; 1990s - 29.1; and the 2000s, so far - 25.0 It is interesting to note that so far in the 2000s the numbers are actually below average. Even if one calculates just the last ten years it only amounts to 28.5 - well within the average.

The fact is, researchers are now looking into Hurricane Katrina to determine its true strength. It is currently listed as a category 4 storm. But will probably be downgraded to a category 3. It is important to remember that the disaster of New Orleans was a result of bad government not taking care of the levies. There was relatively little actual hurricane damage.

Ice is melting on the edge of the caps because it always melts in the summer. But research shows that the core of the ice is actually thicker than ever. And the burning deserts? Well, that's what deserts do, isn't it?

It's easy to distort the facts when you start from the premise that global warming is a fact and then one must only gather details to support the premise. It's easy to find film footage of natural occurrences like melting ice and beached whales and then put your own caption on it -- especially when you are armed with millions of dollars in grant money and an impressive title to go with it. A published report in a prestigious magazine accompanied by a news story in a major news paper will lead to speeches in front of a gathering of ones peers and on to a book deal. It's good to go along to get along.

So look out this summer. The Global Warming machine will be in full charge mode as Al Gore invades theaters with his new documentary entitled "An Inconvenient Truth." The primal panic will reach a deafening scream, sure to drown out the voice of reason and truth. The one that says there is no global warming!

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The Greening of Maine: How and Why Did It Happen?  
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It is not only affecting the lives of those living in rural Maine, it now affects all of Maine and threatens to undermine the economic foundation of the entire country.

Since the 1960s, an emerging philosophy or religion based on the belief that “nature knows best” has challenged traditional natural resource management in the United States. This new philosophy attacks the foundational principles of private property rights. Federal land management policy based on this new philosophy has caused a wide variety of problems from financial hardship to outright devastation to tens of thousands of American property owners, especially in the Western United States. Those Americans that the philosophy has harmed have often asked, “How could this happen in America?” The answer will shock most Americans. It goes back decades and has its roots at the international level, especially within the international environmental community.

The greening of America started with the creation of the United Nations (UN) in 1945. The following year an organization called the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) was also formed to serve as the primary scientific advisor to the UN on environmental issues. Since then, two other major international environmental organizations have also been created to serve as advisors to the UN; the World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF) and the World Resources Institute (WRI). All three work closely together to achieve common goals.

The IUCN has as members 81 individual nations and 111 government agencies, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service and other land or water based agencies. The UN Environmental Program (UNEP), UN Development Program (UNDP) and UNESCO are also members. Following the first Earth Summit in 1972 at Stockholm, membership within the IUCN was opened to non-governmental organizations (NGOs). These currently include the Sierra Club, Nature Conservancy, National Wildlife Federation, National Audubon Society, Natural Resources Defense Council, the Environmental Defense Fund and a host of other U.S. environmental organizations. Today, these environmental NGOs members number over 859; 84 of which are international organizations.

The purpose of the IUCN according to its 2006 website is:

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the World Wildlife Fund and World Resources Institute all work with the United Nations to develop and implement a global “ecospiritual” environmental strategy that they call sustainable development. As members of the IUCN, various federal agencies, environmental and UN organizations secretly plan how to implement that strategy on the unknowing citizens of the United States. Almost every strategy in the last 30 years has originated within this unholy alliance.

The Union’s mission is to influence, encourage and assist societies throughout the world to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature and to ensure that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable.

IUCN planning sessions with government representatives, environmental activists and UN personnel take place behind closed doors, excluding the media and other interested parties. An increasing number of people are expressing great concern over this secrecy. Government officials, UN personnel and special interest NGOs should never be allowed meet together in secrecy.

Although the definition initially appears innocuous, the IUCN’s primary purpose is to influence, encourage and assist societies to change the way they view the world. This is an enormous undertaking, historically associated with religious movements. The concern with this purpose is that it does not define what is meant by the phrase to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature. Nor does it define what it means to ensure that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable. What is equitable or sustainable?

Such undertakings can, and have, enormous impacts on Americans and natural resource management. Yet the IUCN excludes all but its selected government, NGO and UN members from participation or even knowing what those within the IUCN are planning.

People with a more traditional natural resource background have attended public IUCN meetings and were stunned at the new age, nearly religious fervor of the proceedings. It was very apparent to these observers that the meaning behind the purpose of the IUCN is not how most Americans would interpret them. The actual purpose of the IUCN more closely approximates the purpose given in the IUCN’s Ethics Working Group’s publication, Earth Ethics, in 1996:

*...promote alternative models for sustainable communities and lifestyles, based in ecospiritual practice and principles...to accelerate our transition to a just and sustainable future.... Humanity must undergo a radical change in its attitudes, values, and behavior.... In response to this situation, a new global ethics is taking form, and it is finding expression in international law.*

Many find the concept of ecospiritual practices and principles alarming. Most natural resource managers believe that although present resource management practices are not perfect, improvements will be made as better ways are discovered. In the meantime, resource utilization is better than it’s ever been in the history of the United States. Why does it require a radical change in humanity’s attitudes, values and behavior to be sustainable? Just what does sustainable development really mean? And how does it express itself in international law?

To most people sustainable means that we manage our renewable resources in a way that maintains them in perpetuity for man’s continued use. Dr. Steven Rockefeller is often described as the father of sustainable development within the IUCN and worldwide. Rockefeller provides an entirely different definition in his and John Elder’s book Spirit and Nature:

*Sustainable by definition, means not only indefinitely prolonged, but nourishing, as the earth is nourishing to life and the self-actualizing of persons and communities. The word development need not be restricted to economic activity, but can mean the evolution, unfolding growth and fulfillment of any and all aspects of life. Thus sustainable development may be defined as the kind of human activity that nourishes and perpetuates the fulfillment of the whole community of life on earth*

Rockefeller is professor emeritus of religion at Middlebury College in Vermont. As the son of Nelson Rockefeller, and part of the Rockefeller family, he has powerful connections. For example, he currently chairs the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. During his active tenure at Middlebury and following he was fully involved within the IUCN promoting this quasi-religious concept of sustainable development.

Robert Prescott-Allen, senior consultant to the second World Conservation Strategy project in 1990 made the connection between sustainable development and religion very clear. He said that, “Sustainability calls for a fundamental transformation in how people behave. Changes in behavior can be assisted by laws and incentives. . . to a new morality. . . and a new moral conception of world order.” (Italics added) The World Conservation Strategy is a project of the IUCN, UNEP and WWF started in 1980.

Rockefeller and Elder go on to describe the shocking actions needed to achieve sustainable development:

*Make sustainability a primary goal of economic and development policies, reflecting that goal in budget and investment decisions; establish the commitment to sustainability in law; make liable those who deplete biological wealth or damage the health of people or ecosystems; include environmental costs in the prices of energy, raw materials, and manufactured goods; use economic instruments to provide incentives for sustainable action; incorporate changes in environmental health and the stocks and flows of natural wealth in national accounting systems.*

This vision of how economic systems should function is explored many times in IUCN and UN documents. It is at the heart of the IUCN’s treaty called the Covenant on Environment and Development (CED) treaty and Agenda 21. The CED treaty is written but not yet released for ratification. It is the granddaddy of all treaties and is designed to fully enforce Agenda 21. Agenda 21 is a comprehensive forty chapter United Nations set of goals that was signed by the United States at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. It spells out UN requirements for sustainable development within every nation, including the United States. Not surprisingly, Agenda 21 labels modern agriculture, forestry and farming practices unsustainable. Foundations and federal agencies fund local environmental NGOs to stop these allegedly unsustainable practices.

Agenda 21 and its implementing treaties provide a web of interlocking international laws that regulate virtually every aspect of human interactions with the environment – from urban sprawl to forest practices laws. Hence, as members of the IUCN, international and national agencies and NGOs have contributed to the writing of treaties and policies that the federal agencies then enforce and NGOs try to implement in unsuspecting states like Maine. What has happened in Maine is directly traceable to this agenda. The Convention on Biological Diversity, for instance, would convert more than 50 percent of Maine into wilderness reserves and interconnecting wilderness corridors. Although Maine activists prevented its ratification in 1994, the federal government and environmental NGOs have actively attempted to get legislation in Maine since then to implement it anyway.

Agenda 21 was converted into United States policy in a 1996 policy document entitled Sustainable America. Sustainable America and a host of sub documents were written by the President’s Council on Sustainable Development (PCSD). Of the 26 appointees to the PCSD by President Clinton, nearly half represent organizations or agencies which are also members of the IUCN. IUCN members could therefore heavily influence the decisions of the PCSD to reflect those of the IUCN.

The changes required by Agenda 21 and Sustainable America represent a radical departure from America’s historic culture and the lifestyles of U.S. citizens – including those of Maine. It would mean a complete shift from the constitutional basis of “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness” to one of protecting nature at all costs.

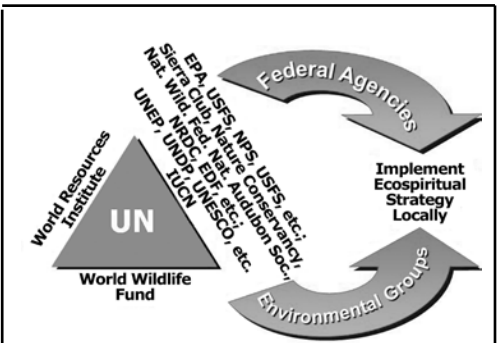
This concept of sustainable development, of course, is a deeply held view for those who believe in the sanctity of “Mother Earth.” For the past thirty years, the quiet implementation of these quasi-religious policies and treaties has caused inestimable harm to hundreds of thousands of American citizens, including many in Maine.

1. The IUCN can be found at <http://www.iucn.org/>
2. Agenda 21 can be found at [www.un.org/esa/sustdev/agenda21.htm](http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/agenda21.htm)
3. To understand the magnitude of this treaty and how it is being implemented without ratification see [www.takingliberty.us](http://www.takingliberty.us). This multimedia production works best with high-speed internet. It is also available in CD and DVD format for \$8 from Environmental Perspectives, Inc. in Bangor, Maine, 207-945-9878.
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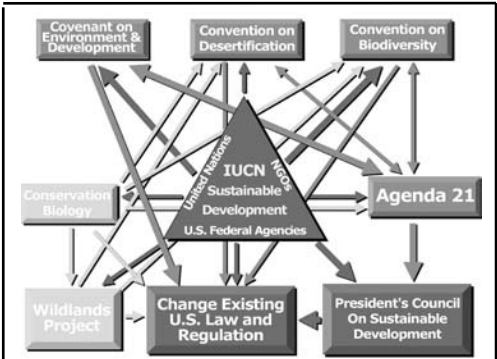


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The IUCN and its federal and NGO members have directly or indirectly contributed to the writing of major international environmental agreements and treaties, including Agenda 21 and the Convention on Biological Diversity. It has also implemented its policies through the Presidents Council on Sustainable Development and created the science of conservation biology. This web of agreements and treaties has forced major changes in the way federal and state laws are implemented in policy. The United States has not ratified the Convention on Biodiversity but it is being implemented anyway by NGOs in Maine and across the country.

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