

## Excerpts from Blind Loyalty during Freedom 21 speech, November 19, 2005

I ran for Congress, twice (1994 & 1996). When I demanded a recount, I was denied and called a sore loser. Below is a small sampling of what happens on "election day" in this country. You can decide for yourself if your vote counts.

This data covers through the 2000 elections.

For more current information, there are two web sites devoted to the vote fraud issue for your consideration. Vote fraud is massive and these two sites are a continuation of the material below as more and more Americans realize the ballot box has been totally compromised.

[Black box voting.org](http://Blackboxvoting.org)

Votescam

<http://www.votescam.com/>

Samples of vote fraud:

Over 38,000 ballots *remarked* in Pierce County. Report dated January 17, 1997 by Diane B. Rhoades, 20th Legislative District, Work Session of (house) Government Administration Standing Committee. What does this mean? If there is a determination that the ballot will be rejected by the Op Tech vote counting machine, the ballot is considered a remake and workers remake and remark them! No room for vote fraud, there, right?

Electronic Elections Seen as an Invitation to Fraud, *LA Times*, July 4, 1989, pg. 1: "Most computer security experts wince when they look at the electronic ballot tabulation systems that now count more than half of the American vote Election Watch...warned just before the November 1988 election, 'The advent of computerized vote counting over the past two decades has created a potential for election fraud and error on a scale previously unimagined.' Craig C. Donsanto, who has prosecuted voting fraud cases for 18 years as head of DOJ's election crime branch: 'All voting systems are capable of being corrupted...Most of the them have or will be simply *because voting is the way we determine who gets power in this great country.*'"

That lengthy article covers fraud occurring in other areas of computerized elections, ballots being stolen, ballots run through card reading machines several times or not at all, corrupt poll workers punching ballot cards for non-existent voters, etc. Check your local library to see if they have these big newspapers on micro-film and you can read at all these in-depth articles I cite.

December 2, 1998: Oroville [CA] mayor keeps his job by five votes after recount. This is one of the counties in the district I ran in and was refused a recount. Mayor Dennis Diver allegedly lost his seat Nov. 3, 1998 by one vote. The manual recount completed in one day ended up showing that Mayor Diver had 1,366 votes to his opponent's 1,361. The opponent lost one vote and Diver gained five in the recount which won him reelection. Had there not been a recount, a lawfully elected public servant would have been denied because of fraud or machines that do not count accurately.

Computers: Bugs in the Ballot Box, *LA Times*, July 2, 1989, pg. 1. Another in-depth article pointing out things such as: "But a series of flawed elections in recent years has destroyed some of the early enthusiasm... computer counts are not always accurate....In Missoula, MT, in Nov. 1968, a programming error led to votes for Republican presidential candidate Richard M. Nixon being counted for Democrat Hubert H. Humphrey and visa versa..." This article cites example after example of the stupidity of electronic ballot machines by giving real election outcomes that were fraudulent. How many are never caught? Try mine.

Carmen Christopher Chimento: A candidate in the closest U.S. Senate race in history, the difference was two votes. Chimento came in third but since he was a candidate, he was given the opportunity to be present during the inspection conducted on the voting machines by the U.S. Senate. Chimento's book, *God, Politics and Vote Fraud*, in his own words: "...reveals the shocking manner in which voting machines can be preset before an election.. you will never trust anyone again with your sacred right to vote."

How about the incredibly stupid "Motor Voter" junk law enacted by Congress in 1993? Any problems there? How about the popular and preferred method of vote fraud: absentee ballots? A computer analysis of LA County found 78,000 duplicate names out of 3.6 million registered voters - with some people voting twice in the same election. One investigation verified that pets, pre-teen children, dead persons and illegal immigrants, including the man who killed Mexican presidential candidate Luis Colosio, were registered to vote. California's Secretary of State estimates that 14- 24% of the voting rolls are "deadwood" or on the rolls illegally.

Green County, Ala - where 1/3 voted absentee in 1994 - an address linked to the Democratic Party was listed as the permanent resident for many absentee voters. Other Greene County absentee ballots were sent to a non-existent post office box and retrieved by an unidentified man. Across Alabama, people armed with absentee ballots visit the sick - including those who are comatose or mentally incapacitated and help them fill out their ballots. (Source: Charles Oliver, "The Dead Live on in Voter Rolls," *Investor's Business Daily*, August 16, 1996.

Suspected local mail-in vote fraud probed, *Community*, [Oregon], 6.20.96: "Two

Benton County voters have been investigated for voter fraud and a third fraud investigation is pending; all three voters appeared to vote twice in the recent mail-in and polling place elections [U.S. Senate Primary and Jan 30 U.S. Senate Special Election and 1994 General election] ...Because the election results have been finalized, vote totals cannot be adjusted to reflect those illegal ballots, especially close results usually result in recounts and ballot checks.”

Police investigate vote fraud problems in Long Beach. *Sun Herald*, 1997. Another story of illegal voter registration and people voting illegally. Tainted voting rolls and this one involved a candidate who wanted to win so bad, he was willing to condone cheating.

Alabama earns mention in book on corruption, *Mobile Register*, May 19, 1996. “When Larry Sabato and Glenn Simpson researched their new book on corruption in American politics, it didn't take them long to find Alabama. To the state's embarrassment, the corrupt 1994 election for Alabama Supreme Court chief justice gets prominent mention in *Dirty Little Secrets: The Persistence of Corruption in American Politics*....It's one of four cases highlighted in the chapter on vote fraud, not because it is unusual, the authors assert, but because it is 'indicative of systemic corruption' throughout the country.”

"The Alabama case joins similar ones from Philadelphia, Texas and California as examples of traditional, ingrained local dishonesty that, when seen as part of a larger pattern throughout the U.S., expose a pernicious, cancerous corruption in American politics. Such corruption is allowed to continue, Sabato and Simpson insist, because the public is cynical and apathetic, and the media fail to reveal it... .The significance of the Alabama fraud, however, goes beyond the state's borders. It is but one example of how inadequate elections laws, lenient law enforcement, public acceptance and media sloth throughout the country contribute to a tapestry of corruption stripping America of legitimacy and citizens of their honest right to vote. The book documents an increasing use of “dirty tricks” and deceptive “push polls”; the use of “street money” by Democrats to get out the vote in black majority urban centers; the use of public office perks, such as congressional franking privileges, to further an incumbent's campaign; and the reliance on special interest money to fund political campaigns.”

Elections: Is this seat stolen? Angry Republicans contend that dirty tricks at the polls tipped the balance of power in Pennsylvania, February 7, 1994. Partisan belly-aching? Not when you find out that an investigation by the *Inquirer* [their main newspaper] that absentee ballots and fraudulent ballots cast by Puerto Rican natives who were told they were being given a “new way to vote.” What sparked Republican suspicion was that the victory depended on a large number of absentee ballots. Stinson [a Democrat] won by 461 votes but Marks [the Republican], led by 564 votes at the machines. It was Stinson's 1,391 to 366 victory in the absentee ballots that put him over the top. Another lawsuit and more corruption.

Registration forms weak link in elections, July 7, 1996, *Opinion* [Oregon].  
“Concerns have been raised about possible voting fraud during last winter's special elections for U.S. Senator. This incident involved mail-in ballots and double voting.” More fraud and who knows who really got elected?

Thief in the House - And Senate? *Investors Business Daily*, 3.17.97. “Vote fraud, once thought a relic of the days of machine politics is alive and well...while vote counting is now easier, electronic voting also offers new, and less detectable opportunities for tampering... .If true, it would be far from an isolated incident. The Voter Integrity Project's Blackwell notes that ‘computer hackers can change the outcomes of elections and no one will know. We hear about problems like that a lot.’” This is a lengthy article about the Jenkins & Dornan races - both fraught with blatant fraud, condoned and upheld by the U.S. Congress or if you subscribe to Investor's Business Daily, contact them for this back issue.

Felons, dead people vote in Virginia, report says. November 10, 1998, *The Virginian-Pilot*. “More than 1,700 felons...and at least two dead people voted in Virginia last fall...The figures were contained in a scathing audit released Monday that cites the State Board of Elections for poor oversight of voting rolls...and failure to upgrade its 10 year old computer system....more than 50,000 voter registration forms filled out at DMV [Dept of Motor Vehicles] offices during the past two fiscal years were disqualified because of mistakes...A computer search by the audit commission revealed the names of 11,221 felons on state voting rosters last fall. Of those, 1,739 cast ballots according to the audit....Auditors said 100,539 voter applications completed at state agencies during the past two years were disqualified because they were improperly filled out. The elections board said a majority of the forms came from the DMV.” This is just a minuscule sampling of the stupidity of the National Voter Registration Act, aka Motor Voter Law, pushed and passed by the Democrats. The provable result is massive voter fraud occurring all across this country. Thanks Congress.

Same article: "South Hampton Roads led the state in illegally registered felons (2,592).... 1,402 Virginians who had died prior to the election, 144 rose up from the dead to cast their votes." And people wonder why I will never run for public office again until this mess is cleaned up?

Possibility that felons voted has Republicans doubting results of House race. November 11, 1998, *The Virginian-Pilot*. Revelations that 881 felons were illegally registered to vote in Norfolk last fall are causing state Republican leaders to question the validity of Del. Donald L. William's' 11-vote victory last year in a House of Delegates race....The controversy was renewed on Monday with the release of an audit that blistered the state Board of Elections for poor oversight of voter rolls. The report, conducted by the Joint Legislative Audit Review Commission, found that 11,221 felons illegally registered to vote...of them, 1,739 cast votes....Shortly after the election, Norfolk Circuit Judge Win. F. Rutherford

denied Republican demands to see a list of participating voters. Rutherford ruled that recounts must be limited to an inspection of the ballots that were cast.”

<>Fair and open elections in America? There's a hoot. What's the big secret Rutherford? Dollars to doughnuts Rutherford's black robe represents a Democrat vote or his ruling which have been just the opposite. Party loyalty over integrity, honesty and a sense of fairness. What a sad legacy for America.

*Washington Post*, November 10, 1998: Felons, Dead People on VA. Voter Rolls. I already covered some of it above, but this article says statewide, 11,000 ineligible felons and nearly 1,500 dead people are registered to vote in the state and, this destructive Motor Voter Law has also hit New Hampshire according to their Secty of State, Wm M. Gardner who said, “The problems are all over the place. You can register to vote without an election official ever seeing you.”

Popular Absentee ballots hinder tally process. *Herald News*, Washington State, 9.21.97. Complaints have recently been made in Pierce County about how absentee ballots are counted...the results of a 1995 Everett School District election were contested in court. Another article on how easy vote fraud can be accomplished through absentee ballots; for those on the net, you can read the entire article at:

Sharpton charges fraud in NY vote, 9.25.97. While I am hardly a fan of Mr. Sharpton, I am a big fan of fair and impartial elections. From this lengthy article: Sharpton Charges Fraud in NYC Vote, we again see comments such as: “Now, according to *Daily News* columnist Juan Gonzalez, writing on Sept 22, it turns out that the Police Dept made so many “errors” in tabulating the primary vote that the Board of Elections reacted with shock when it received a memo from its staff detailing the discrepancies.” The whole mess went to the State Supreme Court.

Southern Indiana man arrested in vote fraud probe, *Indianapolis Star/News*, May 4, 1998. “Eric Brown was charged with receipt or delivery of ballots by unauthorized persons, giving or offering financial inducement to vote or refrain from voting and forgery.” Gotta love those absentee ballots - lots of control and accountability there!

For the *Post*, 11.8.96, Independent Daily Student Newspaper at Ohio University. Issues were raided about the validity of absentee and provisional walk-in voter ballots... .another recount.

Seven indicted in vote-fraud case in Pike [KY], *Herald-Leader Frankfort Bureau*, 6.13.96. Seven Pike County officials indicted on charges of vote fraud in November 1995 elections.

Vote Fraud in Parlier [CA], from Voter Abuse Rampant, *The San Diego Union-Tribune*, May 30, 1995: “A city council candidate was convicted of voter fraud after going door-to door in a Nov '92 race with absentee ballots and marking the

ballots for himself...California is one of only five states that does not require persons voting to present any identification.” And what has the California State Legislature done over the years to correct this sickening mess? Nothing. Instead, they have made the situation worse by mandating these easily manipulated voting machines.

National Center for Policy Analysis, Nov. '98, Justice Department's Role Cited in Voter Fraud. “Critics charge that the Justice Department aided by the 1993 Motor Voter Law, is encouraging voter fraud in many areas....At least 12% of the names appearing on California voter rolls aren't eligible to vote but DOJ has consistently blocked the state's efforts to cleanse the list of people who have moved, died or can no longer vote for various reasons.”

Bull feathers! In California 12-24% of the voters on the rolls are “deadwood” and that is clearly enough to throw an election and yet the federal mafia is forcing the states to leave tainted voting rolls? Why do the people of the states of the Union continue to sit back and allow this to go on?

Back to the report: “DOJ is reportedly forcing Texas officials to let admitted non citizens vote by blocking local governments from comparing their voter registration lists with INS records....DOJ just settled a case against Pennsylvania that will require the state to expand voter registration efforts at county mental health and mental retardation agencies.” The State of PA should have told DOJ to take a walk, that they have no jurisdiction inside their state and would they like to bump bellies over it? Sadly it appears there wasn't a single elected official in the state legislature or their AG with the intelligence or the backbone to stand up to this kind of strong-arming and idiocy - forcing voter registration at mental health and retardation agencies?

Should Americans who have mental health problems or suffer retardation be barred from voting? Each case should be evaluated on the degree of the individual's particular problem and this type of assistance should come only from trusted family members who can better assess whether someone should or should not be voting. Common sense can go a long way. No, instead DOJ unlawfully squeezes a state and the people are cheated, again. Americans need to read [Marbury v Madison](#), [U.S. v. Lopez](#) and [Printz/Mack v U.S.](#) (Brady law) Without understanding jurisdiction, one cannot fight effectively.

The same article cited above: A Boston reporter successfully registered his cat to vote three times while Alabama authorities accepted five applications with phony names. These incidences cited by NCPA came from: The Federal Voter- Fraud Mandate, James Bovard, *Investor's Business Daily and Editorial*, Eroding Elections, *Wall Street Journal*, November 3, 1998 [election day!] Of course, all these people objecting to shoddy voting laws, strong arming by the federal mafia and pre-programmed electronic voting machines must all be part of the dreaded “vast right-wing conspiracy.”

Boss Tweed Intact, *NY Times*, Ronnie Dugger, pg A15, Jan. 23, 1995: "When NYC...replaced its ancient mechanical voting machines with computerized electronic ones, it thought it would be secure against the kind of fraud that has been a staple of urban politics since long before Boss Tweed. Instead, the city has succeeded in demonstrating that such a system is inherently vulnerable by insiders at private companies or the Board of Elections itself...Douglas Kellner, the Board of Elections member who has taken the lead in raising questions about the new system, says this conclusion "may be the death knell of NYC's electronic voting system as it now stands." It means that it is virtually impossible to eliminate "Trojan Horses," secret computer instructions that can change the winners of elections or "back doors," which allow hackers to slip past the software's security system, or "time bombs," time-activated instructions that steal votes and then erase the evidence."

Modesto, CA, Nov 24, 1998, report by Jennifer Ramp, Channel 3, which I have confirmed and the story was this: Measure M in Modesto was supposed to pass. It didn't, so the affected individuals demanded a recount. Right on television, we all watched as they fed the cards into the voting machines and watched them flip flop every second vote against the measure. Whoa! This led to the investigation of two other ballot measures that failed. In a nutshell, all three measures were finally recounted and passed. Had no one questioned this fraud, it would have gone unchecked and again, we the people would have been cheated out of one of our most precious rights: fair and impartial elections. Sadly, tens of millions of Americans don't seem to even care because everything is for their party, win at all costs.

November 13, 1998: Ensign v. Reid [NV]. Ensign allegedly lost by one tenth of one percent of almost a half million ballots cast. The original count on election day reported Ensign had lost this race for the U.S. Senate by 459 votes but somehow, somewhere, another 193 votes suddenly showed up in Washoe County which brought the margin down to 401 votes. Additionally, about 3,200 absentee ballots that were mailed out remained unaccounted for yet the election results were certified Nov. 25th by the Nevada Supreme Court, showing Reid winning by just 401 votes out of over 430,000 cast. The Republicans in Nevada are steaming over this, but in the end, on December 9, 1998, Ensign conceded defeat by a margin of the 401 votes. After all, the bad guys have all the time and money in the world to stall, deny, obfuscate and bankrupt you in an effort to get to the truth. I've been there, done that.

Other bones of contention in Nevada: Failure of Washoe County elections officials to verify the accuracy of the optical scanning system which failed at least four post-election tests, in one test, the system counted 304 votes for one of the candidates when only seven ballots had been cast. Failure of the Accuracy Certification Board to oversee the hand counting of 6,000 ballots, some of which

were counted by people pulled randomly off the street who weren't registered to vote. Failure by the Washoe County Registrar's Office to explain a continuing discrepancy in the total number of votes cast.

The Conciliation Log indicates 71,734 votes were cast, but the Registrar's Office has also reported a figure of 72,376 and the Secty of State's office has reported 71, 650. How about 393 "blank" votes in Washoe County that haven't been verified?

Questions about the printing and counting of the remaining 70,000 ballots case that remain unresolved. To add injury to insult, according to John Byerly, a member of the Accuracy Certification Board, "...it was impossible to watch and verify the tallying process which took place in a number of rooms over a 28-hour period." And, yet, the Nevada Supreme Court certifies an incredible mess like this for a seat in the U.S. Senate. Amazing and shameful.

*Las Vegas Review Journal*, July 19, 1998: The Clark County vote: How secure is it? This is quite a long article but one item of interest: "In July 1996, a public test to certify Clark County's Sequoia Pacific machine for early voting was conducted. During the test, a cartridge malfunctioned; also the examiner had difficulty casing his vote. He had to vote 51 times rather than the designated 50, an option not offered the voter should the machine malfunction during an actual election. Election officials removed cartridges from the Sequoia Pacific machine for future verification but shortly thereafter the cartridges disappeared." Now, imagine that! The FBI was notified but of course, they won't comment.

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"In addition to its uncertain accuracy according to the *Review-Journal*, due to an especially close race in one assembly district, the election was re-run twice: a situation which would not have occurred had paper verification been possible. Assembly district 1 was decided by a 6-vote margin, but the outcome was placed in doubt by 40 voting errors....a technician removed thousands of files from the tabulation sector of the program during the vote count 'to speed up the reading of the count.' Peter Neumann of the Stanford Research Institute is on record as calling voter computer technology 'so vulnerable to manipulation that essentially nothing is impossible when it comes to fraudulent misuse.'" Mr. Neumann must be part of the vast right-wing conspiracy to make such a statement.

By the way, Sequoia Pacific refuses to permit the source code (used for tabulation) to be checked by outside sources, claims it is proprietary. The corrupted courts have upheld such nonsense. These elections and the equipment necessary to conduct them, including manpower - *all of this is paid for by our tax dollars and by God, we have the right to know all this information or the integrity of our election system will continue to be corrupted by the powerful.*



*National Review*, June 17, 1996: Vote Fraud in America, Early and Often. "On election day, five men show up at a post office carrying luggage. Their bags are stuffed with 1,100 ballots, which will constitute 20% of the vote cast that day. Is the scene Guatemala? Honduras? In destitute Greene County.... Alabama democracy is practiced strictly Third World style by the local black Democratic machine. "Races are being stolen here, there's no two ways about it," says Leewanna Parker, editor of the local Greene County independent." This is quite a long article about case after case after case of stolen elections.

The corruption isn't just at the federal or state level as cited above in Modesto, CA., for a local ballot measure. There was massive fraud involved in the new stadium for the SF 49ers - the city set up secret polling places and this particular "election" is one of the most screaming and blatant examples of some sort of organized criminal syndicate, elected public officials starting with then Da Mayor, Willie Brown, the most bought and paid for politician in California's history. What a disgrace and most of the cattle in the SF Bay Area just walk around with their eyes glazed over, nary a whimper of outrage.

California should feel shame in being one of the leaders of all forms of vote fraud. Can we trust the following outcomes as reported by the *AP*, March 6, 1997: "In 1990, Democrat Arlo Smith led Dan Lungren for AG by 31,000 votes in 100% of the returns. Three weeks and a half million absentee ballots later, Lungren was certified the winner by a margin of 29,906 votes. Flip, flop. In Nov. '94, when there were 2,009,586 ballots cast, the final certified vote for governor was 777,319 greater than the final total in the semi-official canvass. In the race for U.S. Senate, the difference was 755,590 votes...In the 69th Assembly District, the final semi-official canvass had Jim Morrissey leading by 1,419 votes out of 43,019 ballots cast. But the final total was 51,007 votes cast, so 100% of the semi-official total was really only 84.33% and Morrissey won by only 92 votes." Sure.

The mayoral election in Miami, Fl., is a classic case of fraud. Joe Carollo was finally sworn in as Mayor of Miami in March, 1998 after winning in court an election he was denied by a vote fraud scandal which took four months to resolve. A very nasty business that one. Let's not forget to mention the politically corrupted and fraudulent election system in the State of NY - notorious for vote fraud.

The Woody Jenkins [Rep] v. Mary Landrieu [Dem] race in 1996 [Louisiana] is one of the grossest examples of electronic ballot and election fraud this country has ever seen and the State of Louisiana did nothing about it. *The Wall Street Journal*, December 1996 carried an article titled Cleaning Up Vote Fraud: "Louisiana's problems persist to this day. Rep. Billy Tauzin [Congress], who served 15 years as a Democrat told PBS's 'Technopolitics' that he thinks there was massive fraud in this state....up to 30,000-40,000 illegal votes could have been cast because gambling interests were so desperate to win local

referendums that would allow their operations to continue.”

A great deal of huff and puff has been spewed by the “mainstream” media about former Republican Congressman Robert Dornan’s race against Democrat Loretta Sanchez in 1996 (California). This story is another disgrace in the history of our nation. While I am no big supporter of Dornan, in a nutshell what we had, courtesy of electronic fraud, severely tainted voting rolls and criminal activity by one of the most militant, anti-American organizations in America was this: A sitting member of Congress was unseated by illegal aliens voting, and most probably, aided by electronic manipulation. I believe Congress critter, Loretta Sanchez, who didn't vote for herself in the '96 election, is an illegal alien. Far-fetched? I went to LA to investigate her citizenship. What I found doesn't jive, but no one seems to care except me 'cause it cost me about \$350 bus to go to LA, spend a couple of days tromping around old archives for public records, newspaper offices and hospitals.

The anti-American organization I spoke of above is Hermandad Mexicana Nacional Legal Center, which is given millions of dollars by the California Legislature, for which I strongly believe they should be jailed for bribery. This organization owns, lock, stock and barrel, several members of our legislature: Bustamonte and Villagarosa, just to name two. If you or I engaged in the same activities conducted by Hermandad Mexicana, we would be jailed for sedition. This is very, very serious. California is under invasion and attack. Those who protest these illegal activities are branded with the usual and worn out labels like racist.

Last April 1998, *The Carmel Pine Cone*, a newspaper in an affluent area of No. California ran a story titled, “Voter Fraud: Simple as 1,2,3.” Our then Secty of State, Mr. Do-Nothing Bill Jones, ordered the local county DA to prosecute the newspapers publishers for registering to vote Sandra L. Klaus. Kirstie Wilde and Paul Miller were to be charged with vote fraud until cooler heads prevailed. Why did these two courageous individuals do this? Because voter fraud is epidemic throughout the country, elections are being won and lost because of illegal voter registration and rigged electronic ballot machines. And because Americans would rather sit around and watch TV instead of marching by the thousands on their state capitols and demand the legislatures clean up their voting system.

Vote Fraud Is Easy Here, *Mobile [Alabama] Register*, October 11, 1998: A very lengthy article that said among other things: “The Register sent in five mail-in ‘postcard’ voter registration applications this summer, with bogus names, fictitious 55 numbers and made-up telephone numbers. All five were successfully registered as voters in Mobile County. Registration officials say they are not surprised, since a 1993 federal law [Motor Voter Law] made registration easier than ever and they say the potential for abuse is just one example of voter fraud problems in Alabama.”

How about John Shull who according to the *San Antonio Current*, The Alamo City's News weekly, June 19-25, 1997: John Shull Has Opened Pandora's Ballot Box? John's story is an all too familiar one: He sued in Shull v. Bexar County Elections, et al and the result was disgraceful at best. Who did he run against? Why the very powerful and inept Congressman, Henry Gonzales, who for the sake of this country decided to retire after 38 years. Of course, John must be another "sour grapes" member of the vast right wing conspiracy to make the charges he did. By the way, Shull has a degree in economics, a masters from John Hopkins, another master's from the Harvard Business School in Asia, he's a retired military officer and now that I think about it, he's probably too smart to serve in Congress. His father, Clifford G. Shull, won the Nobel Prize for physics in 1994 for his work in the '40's, mapping the nucleus of the atom.

On Nov. 1, 1998, it was revealed that in the district of Fred Keeley, (27th, No. California in the Monterey area), listed 16,000 fictitious voters where no addresses were found, this is two days before the general election. Keeley, quite frankly, and please excuse this raw language - is a Fascist pimp for the UN and his activities of which I am fully up to speed on, can only be considered anti-American at best. The question remains: what did our worthless Secty of State, Rep. Bill Jones do about this? The same thing he always did: nothing.

September 1998: Fred Tuttle, a 79-year old retired dairy farmer won the Republican primary with a campaign account of \$16.00. His opponent in the general election would be Patrick Leahy, another globalist, New World Order, anti-American member of Congress. Can anyone really believe that this sweet little man won a state-wide senate primary in Massachusetts with \$16.00 - a man who said during his campaign that he didn't even want to go to Washington to serve?

*The Charlotte Observer*, July 25, 1998: Recount Set in GOP Primary for Georgia Governor. "Georgia's top election officer ordered a recount... he said computer problems could have altered the vote count."

*Sacramento Bee*, November 10, 1998 [7 days after the election]: Downieville, A Second Chance to Vote. Why? Because the candidates names didn't appear on the ballots. The same thing that happened in one of the precincts in my race, but I was refused any investigation, any recount or any interest whatsoever by anyone in authority.

*Denver Post*, November 8, 1996, election day: "50-year old voting machines inaccurate. Denver's Election Chief warns....the machines are breaking down and no longer count votes accurately...our current system is not accurate...we're beginning to see a significant failure rate.. .that if candidates were to end up within 50 Votes of each other, it's possible the machines would put the wrong candidate in office."

What did Wellington Webb, a run of the mill Communist masquerading as a liberal Democrat have to say? "The city has other priorities right now." Remarkable. The people's precious right to fair, accurate and impartial elections are considered bottom of the pecking order by the major of one of the largest metropolitan cities in the country. Those big priorities Webb spoke about, he finally got: A new Denver Broncos football stadium and health care benefits for lesbians and Sodomites living together who work for the city.

August 25, 1998, Diane Rhoades, CPA, Orting, WA, from the net on a report cited earlier: In 11 races with incumbents, 11 incumbents ended up by chance, in the number one position on the ballot which, according to an ex-political east coast campaign worker, attracts an automatic 20% of the votes. What's the statistical chance of this happening? One time in 15,000 years. Gee, what a coincidence.

#### KIDD V. HERGER

What happened in my runs for Congress 1994 & 1996? In 1994 I ran on an independent ticket in the 2nd Congressional District in No. Ca. Allegedly I lost. At this time, I was already aware of electronic ballot fraud and the winners for all the house seats in California were so similar it was almost a joke. *The Associated Press* [AP] called all 52 house seats within minutes after the polls closed, with no votes counted and they were right on the money within a percentage point or two.

The second time I ran was a whole different story. My opponent, five-term Republican, Wally the Waffle Herger, lapdog for New World Order henchman, Newt Gingrich, did not even campaign except for a few radio commercials. He became very unpopular after he lied and told the district he would not vote for NAFTA. Two days later, after being bought by an astounding amount of special interest PAC money representing free-traders [documented by the Federal Election Commission], he voted for NAFTA anyway. This district was 87% against NAFTA, except for the short-sighted rice growers and one big lumber operation who owns Herger. This district was 90% against GATT, yet Herger, again having been bought and paid for by big bucks from trade groups, voted for this insidious and destructive treaty.

I ran a first class campaign. There were no scandals or mudslinging. We polled about two weeks before the primary. In three locations, Herger was 5% ahead of me. In one location he was about 7% ahead. Two days after the polling, we direct mailed 35,000 pieces of campaign literature to registered Republicans in those precincts where he was ahead the 7%. The response was overwhelming and strong support continued to build.

Herger's campaign manager told a major talk show host, in the studio - less than three weeks before this primary that - and I quote: "Wally is really worried Devvy

will take Modoc County hands down because no one there hasn't been destroyed by NAFTA." Primary night, according to the AP and within minutes after the polls closed with no votes counted, Modoc County allegedly rewarded Herger with 87% of the vote. The alleged final count at 4:13 the next morning was still 87%. That district was 87% against NAFTA. Funny how the same numbers seem to pop up.....

Primary night was over in a NY minute. At 8:55 pm, PST, almost one hour after the polls closed, all the media broadcast the same numbers - these numbers reflect no votes counted, only precincts "reporting."

Time	Herger	Kidd	"Reporting"
9:00 p.m.	86%	14%	4
10:30 p.m.	87%	13%	23
10:35 p.m.	81%	19%	30
11:00 p.m.	86%	14%	38
11:30 p.m.	83%	17%	41
4:13 a.m.	85%	15%	100

With 96% of the precincts "unreported" - not counted - but "unreported", within minutes after the polls closing, Herger was declared the winner by a landslide 86-14 on all major networks and radio. At 11.45 pm, the local news showed the boxes and boxes and boxes of ballots being brought to the Shasta County Clerk's office [in my district] for "counting," yet the election was already decided.

A strange thing. In 1994 in the general election when I ran as an independent to make sure I was on the ballot, I was allegedly given 7% of the vote, or 14, 898 votes.

Roughly seventy five percent of those votes were Republicans. I know who my voting base was and it wasn't from Democrats.

Yet, according to the official count by the Secty of State's office, I allegedly received 12,408 votes in the Republican primary March 26, 1996.

So, let me see if I have this straight: In 1994, 75% of my vote in the general election, according to the alleged vote totals, as an independent candidate was from Republicans for a total of 14,898 votes.

In 1996, as a Republican in a closed primary where only Republicans could vote in their party, with the polling very close in the three biggest vote areas, another year and a half of educating these voters and another year of Herger's non-existent job performance - I allegedly lose 2,490 votes from the previous election. That sure makes a lot of sense to me.

Again, in the blink of an eye, the AP called all the races, again with uncanny accuracy compared with the final "counting." How could they know these numbers within minutes after the polls close all over the state of California and feed them to our local affiliates without a single vote counted?

How could 11 congressional races in California end up with virtually the same numbers on March 26, 1996 within minutes after the polls closing with no votes counted and the same numbers end up being the "final count?"

Check these winners/losers that night: 85-15, 81-18, 85-15, 81-18, 85-15, 85-15, 86-14, 87-13, 81-18 and 86-14 (mine).

There are 165,500 precincts in the U.S. How can they do this in five or six minutes? I would rather wait a week or two to find out the results of my race and lose honestly than have it stolen from me by corrupt individuals who care nothing for our great Republic. Who needs fast food elections? I don't, I would rather have honesty.

All voters throughout California that night voted the same way regardless of how strong the challenger was or how unpopular an incumbent was. What was the common denominator for all these congressional incumbents who "won" reelection on 3.26.98? I checked each and every one of their voting records and this was the only common thread: All incumbents voted for both NAFTA & GATT, all their opponents were against these devastating treaties. All the incumbents "won." What a coincidence. There always has to be a winner and loser in any political contest. However, the preponderance of evidence that the ballot box has been compromised is there, one just has to take the time to research the cases. I was refused every request for an investigation or recount by any elected official.

I would like to mention a couple of other occurrences that night that the liars for hire, excuse me, I mean the mainstream media talking heads call conspiracy theories. Bonnie Kibbee ran for office in San Diego County. Here's two versions of the same vote the night of the primary in Bonnie's district:

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Registrar of Voters %</b>	<b>Telemetrix (Internet) %</b>
Diane Jacob	56.17	26.67
Bonnie Kibbee	17.51	23.33
McMillian	15.76	16.67
Pavin	6.00	13.38
La Madrid	4.55	20.00

By the time the final results were published by the Registrar of Voters, La Madrid had lost 1,049 votes. The final vote results in San Diego for all the races had a total lost vote count of 272,508 votes! In Humboldt County, California, there is a rural precinct with 9 registered voters. The voting machine recorded 108 votes.

The county clerk then took it upon herself to “adjust” the machine to reflect 9 votes. Who did she take it upon herself to give the 9 votes to and did all 9 registered voters vote that night? Par for the course, no one seems to have an answer to any of my questions.

Alter this primary and the refusal by any elected public official [which were all Republicans], I bailed from the party. I cannot and will not support any political party that has been lying to me all my life and that will sit back and for reasons like territorial imperative, will sacrifice all that America has stood for and will stand for in the future. No way, no how.

Let me quote Jim Collier, author of *Vote Fraud: The Stealing of America*, May 1996:

“...The deal was struck and News Election Services (NES) was founded. Today that network pool of NBC, CBS, ABC, CNN, AP, the NY Times, Washington Post and others have a tote board at 225 W. 34~ Street in NY. When Brokaw, Jennings, Rather and CNN tell the public on election night, at 7:01 p.m. EST, ‘We are the first with the most,’ they all lie.”

The networks also own the exit polling unit called Voter Research and Survey (VRS). That allows them to announce who won the presidency at 7:01 p.m., before a single vote is counted. The numbers do not change and they are always 100% correct. NES merged with VRS and is now known as Voter News Service (VNS). What does that mean? It means that Americans get all their election results from one source, all owned by the same people with extraordinary powers that allow them to call thousands of races with the same numbers at the beginning of the night as are shown the next morning. Quite a cozy deal, wouldn't you say? No? This can't be? The words of one of the greatest men who ever lived in this country, Patrick Henry, are appropriate here: “We are apt to shut our eyes against a painful truth...”

And from Jim Condit, Jr.: “Try to explain this: at 7:01 pm CST - 1 minute after the Iowa Caucuses opened on Feb. 1, 1996, the *AP* sent a news wire around the world announcing: Bob Dole Wins Iowa Republican Caucuses. During normal elections, Voter News Services takes “exit polls” throughout the day from the few voters who will talk to them, as such voters are leaving the polling place after casting their votes. Since the Iowa Caucus took place from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, the networks are claiming that VNS took “entrance polls” between 6:30 pm & 7:00 pm before the Iowa Caucuses started.

"How is it possible for VNS to have its supposedly hundreds of field people interview Iowans as they rushed into the 2,000+ caucus gatherings between 6:30 pm & 7:00 pm, then phone their results into VNS headquarters in NYC (a time consuming process), then for the VNS office to collate the supposed thousands of citizens responses, turn the info over to the AP wire service and the networks

(Peter Jennings at ABC actually projected Dole the winner at 4 minutes until 7!) so that AP could analyze the statewide "entrance" polling information and announce an "accurate" projection of the winner in a race that was ultimately decided by 3% points - all by 1 minute after the caucuses officially opened, and clearly before even one vote had been cast, let alone counted!"

This whole process is absurd on its face. And yet, this instantaneous projection scenario has been witnessed in every critical election in the U.S. since 1972. In the alleged defeat of Dornan (this is thoroughly covered in my Dec '96 newsletter) let's hear what Jim has to say about that fraud:

"The establishment sanctioned tactics to defeat Dornan are brazen and constitute the handwriting on the wall for freedom in America for good people. If the vote fraud issue is not solved, we will soon be without any honest public officials or judges." Ten thousand absentee and provisional ballots showed up on election day in the Dornan race. This out of 98,000 votes cast. What are provisional ballots? They are ballots cast by unregistered people who show up and claim they live in the district!

"These people just show up and poll workers have no way to check if their ID is fake, or if they have even moved into the district. The poll workers must take the voter's word for it. Thus "motor voter" laws and other deliberate attempts to punch holes in verifiable election rules are succeeding. How about an official admission? The Registrar of Voters in Orange County, Ca., Rosalyn Lever, *LA Times*, November 12, 1996: 'Since 1976 prospective voters have not been asked to provide proof of citizenship when registering. ..we have no authority to ask for proof of citizenship.'"

For those who wish to do further research on this, do like I did and go to the library:

Computer Vote Fraud, *The Fresno Bee*, February 11, 1996, Metro Section, pg B6, Elsie Bush

Fear of Fraud: As Technology Enters Voting Booth, Stakes rise, *The Record*, May 12, 1992, Sari Han-ar

Glitches, Security Gaps; Computers: Bugs in the Ballot Box, *LA Times*, July 2, 1989, Part 1, pg 1 Level of Protection Debated; Electronic Elections seen as an invitation to Fraud, *LA Times*, July 4, 1989, Part 1, pg 1

Vulnerable on All counts: How Computerized Vote Tabulation Threatens the Integrity of Our Elections, the *CPSR Newsletter*, Vol 6, No. 4, Palto Alto, CA., 1988

Making Votes count: How to Steal An Election - the Modern Way (computerized



voting systems) *Science News*, V 144, n18, October 30, 1993

Some U.S. Elections Remain A Real Steal, May 29, 1996, *The Detroit News* by Richard Willing

In mid-1998, the so-called conservative controlled Republican congress refused to vote for a law that would require concrete proof of citizenship before people could vote in this country. Swell. "We'll remember in November" is just another empty, meaningless phrase if the ballot box has been compromised. There is only one reason for electronic manipulation of the vote: POWER, plain and simple. Lust and greed for power by the one party system doing a two-party tap dance. Anyone not in a state of denial must see that we've just about achieved the status of "banana republic" and your children will be the ones to reap this insanity.

ABC NEWS' GAFF OF THE CENTURY  
(or vindication for the Collier brothers)

November 2, 1998, the night before the general election, ABCNEWS.COM posted the following: "Earlier tonight, during testing of the ABCNEWS.COM site, we inadvertently posted results and erroneous predictions on the outcomes of races. There was no bias intended by what we posted and the predictions do not reflect the reporting or news judgment of ABC News."

Notice the word "results" in this denial. How it is that they could post results of the elections a good 12 hours before any polls opened in America? How stupid do they think we are? You can fool some of the people some of the time, but millions of us have now caught on to this most heinous stealing of our elections. I know, it's just more conspiracy theories by the right-wing wackos!

I downloaded their "results" and predictions before they pulled them off their web site and issued their weak disclaimer. I have election "results" for the last four elections nationwide and everything from California. The obvious and not-so creative fraud is sickening once you see it all laid out in one place instead of just one race here and there strewn out across this huge land mass of America. Unfortunately, most people just go to the polls, go home, turn on all the news that's fit to fake, listen to the results and either take an aspirin or break open the champagne and that's exactly what the shadow government behind the scenes is counting on: No one questioning the election results, just be sheep, sit down and shut up.

Was ABC News right, wrong or accurate in the posting of "results" and predictions in the nationwide elections?

A complete analysis of all the results posted and the "final" totals reflect that ABC News was off .0174% - what would you say the odds of that happening are?

Good predictions? What a hoot! Read this from the *Sacramento Bee*, the morning after the election in the Boxer Beats Fong for Senate story, front page:

“The major television networks and the AP declared Boxer the winner shortly after the polls closed, based on exit polling by Voter News Service.” Remember them? Here in Sacramento, Boxer was declared the winner 6 minutes after the polls closed, even though Fang led at times, the networks stuck to their guns. Wally Herger, for the 12th straight time, “won” within minutes of the polls closing and you got it! Herger ended up with his usual 67% in the general election race. Absolutely amazing!

There has been lots of blarney spewed about the election results since November 3, 1998 - who won, who lost, who didn't get their message out and on and on and on. As far as I'm concerned, it's all nothing more than political gas to fill the airwaves. Who really knows who is getting elected anymore? Can you honestly say after all you've read that America's election system isn't totally compromised and broken? Sure, some people will because the truth is too painful, the truth disturbs their comfort zone and their blind loyalty is to their political party and nothing else matters. Not truth, not fairness, not integrity. Just so long as their party or candidate wins, who cares how they get there.

The mainstream media mouth pieces like to say that people aren't voting they are disenchanted with the offerings from the one party system, they aren't getting the message from a party, they don't support the agenda of a party and so on. That may be true to some extent, but I can tell you as someone who has been in the trenches in this fight to restore America to a Constitutional Republic, there's another reason: electronic ballot fraud and tainted voting rolls. Millions of people have become aware of all I have written about in the preceding pages, including the discoveries by Philip O'Halloran, February 1997:

“Philip O'Halloran may have found a ‘smoking gun’ that provides more firepower for those who claim the American vote can be manipulated without public oversight. O'Halloran contacted Doubleday Publishing of Kalamazoo, MI., which sells the GES ‘Accu-Vote’ system. Programming technician matter of factly told us that there are modems inside each of the vote counting computers which are used to transfer results from dozens of precincts to central counting computers. They talk between modems.” Thus the vote counting computers at the precinct level can ‘talk’ to the central computer (mainframe) and are technically vulnerable to outside access.”

Is it any wonder people aren't bothering to vote? Millions know their vote may or may not count, and even if one just can't believe deliberate manipulation of electronic ballot machines, tainted voting rolls and absentee ballot fraud are without question stealing our elections, so why bother? Of course, the paid liars for hire (the media) will probably tell you that Dr. Philip O'Halloran is a member of

the 'vast right-wing conspiracy.' Kill the messenger, kill the message. *We've had Florida ad nauseum, but how much fraud wasn't caught in the other 49 states?*

Back to these "election" returns. Look at those numbers. The minute the polls closed in my race against Herger in March, 1996, the media called it 86/14 and it never changed throughout the evening without any votes counted, just precincts 'reporting.' No "exit polling" can be that accurate, besides there were none in my district. This instantaneous, right-on-the-percentage of vote happens every election. Turn on ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN who immediately call all these races with numbers then that match the "final outcome." Our local media does exactly the same thing.

Just how many "exit polling" employees does VNS have anyway? No one knows. Have you ever seen one at the 165,000 precincts nationwide? How is that they can tally up all these precincts "reporting" in 52 house districts, with thousands of precincts, and let our media know within 10-20 minutes the "projected winner and those numbers are always the same the next morning? It's impossible. The machines have to be set already.

These are just California. I don't have the time or the resources to go through all 50 states for the past four elections and break down the numbers. The smaller states aren't as easy to hide. I submit to you that this is what has been going on since approximately 1960.

No matter how many people die, move out of the county or change their voter registration, the vote tallies always seem to be the same except for a few seats. The vote never varies from the split second the polls close. The winners are announced, based on "exit polls" with 0% or 4% of the precincts "reporting." And, other than a smidgen, the totals are always the same the next morning with the same one or two variances to make it look like a "real horse race!" How amazing. Why even bother?

These few "horse races" makes the vote look more or less random. You see, California is a big state, just like Texas, Florida, Michigan and others. On election night, people are watching local news coverage. If it's a presidential election year, you'll get that coverage, otherwise, most people are watching their house seat, the mayor's race, supervisor and others *in their area*. A person in Placerville, CA (40 miles east of Sacramento) isn't watching the results of a house seat in Chula Vista (near San Diego and about 500 miles away) unless they have a relative running in that district.

Los Angeles carries a huge number of house seats. Who in Happy Camp, CA (just below the Oregon border) is watching the returns of a house seat in Santa Barbara, CA., hundreds of miles away? Yet, when you get all the election material from the Secretary of State's office, then you can see the incredible story for yourself. Not too easy to accomplish in Connecticut or Rhode Island, but the

big states are a cake walk. How about all the rhetoric about how “people want change?” Here in California the voters want change so bad, the same incumbents keep getting elected. We have 52 House seats. Guess how many incumbents were “voted back” in recent elections? In ‘94: 46. In ‘96: 46. In ‘98: 48, the 2000 primary -48 and November 2000: 48 repeats of the same old “business as usual.”

One world order: Order from chaos (2000 elections.) One world government: complete elimination of all national borders. One world religion (secularism/New Age). One world thugs (UN "peace keepers") and the complete elimination of our military. One world bank - the current central banks, owned and controlled by the few. These plans of the globalists are about 90% complete. That's why you want to the vote: to ensure that the agenda gets moved along by making sure those who will play the game get elected. This is why constitutionalists cannot get elected, even at the local level, although there is a rare exception here and there.

### The Florida Mess

As I belong to no political party, I have no ax to grind towards “winning at all costs!” My interest is fair and impartial elections, period. Having been a candidate twice for Congress, I know what it's like to be the victim of vote fraud. What went on election night in March, 1996, was a travesty. I believe in citizen candidates. I believe America should be a nation of laws, not lies. My work is to help expose the chicanery, the corruption and the lawlessness pervading our Republic.

There isn't enough space in this little booklet to cover each and every little thing that is happening in Florida, even as I update this booklet. On December 3, 2000, on FOX News, Paul Rothstein, a professor from Georgetown U., in response to the hearings going on in the circuit court about electronic voting machines, made this statement: “I used to think that electronic machines were a good way to ensure accurate voting and counting....Now I'm not so sure.”

On 12.2.00, Kimball Brace, President of Election Data Services, when responding to a question during the circuit court marathon hearings from one of the ) lawyers about how much of the country is using these same punch-card technology that is at the heart of the Florida legal quagmire, stated about 1/3 rd. Further prompting got him to admit that with all the errors detected in the State of Florida, and if 1/3 rd of the rest of the country is using these machines, is he then saying that about 1/3 of the country may not have elected the right candidate? Mr. Brace's hesitant and reluctant response was, in a round-about way, that there could be “a real problem with the final count.”

As far as the politics involved between the Gore and Bush camps, you could write a book on just Florida alone, but I think that Edward G. Robinson summed it up best in the movie, Key Largo, when he said:

“Those guys in office owe everything to me. I made them, yeah, I made them just like a tailor makes a suit of clothes. I take a nobody, see, teach him what to say, get his name in the paper. Pay for his campaign expenses, dish out a lot of groceries and coal, get my boys to bring the voters out and then count the votes over and over again until they added up right and he was elected.”

Between voting irregularities, fraud and illegals, vote fraud is rampant in this country. Let's look at the 2000 “election” and see if anything changed from the 1998 election discussed earlier:

Published Friday, December 1, 2000, in the *Miami Herald* By David Kidwell and others  
Hundreds of Felons Cast Votes Illegally

“At least 445 Florida felons voted illegally on Nov. 7, casting another cloud over a disputed presidential election already mired in legal challenges, a Herald investigation has found. The tainted votes -- found in a review of nearly half a million votes cast in 12 Florida counties -- provide evidence that the presidential race was influenced by thousands of ineligible voters. They also point out the failure of Florida's multimillion-dollar effort to prevent election fraud by eliminating dead and illegal voters from the registration rolls.

“This just goes to show that the most expensive voting equipment in the world is worthless when the voting rolls are that filthy,” said Deborah Phillips, president of the nonprofit Voting Integrity Project in Arlington, Va. “It's just an invitation to lower the integrity of the election.”

Vote Fraud, and Voter Fraud, in Miami-Dade  
Jack Thompson (Attorney)  
Nov. 28, 2000

"Human Events is about to run with a story under reporter John Gizzy's byline stating the real reason, according to investigative work by Gizzy, the hand recount of computer punch card ballots was stopped the day before Thanksgiving. It was not, according to Gizzy, the protests or the lack of time. It was fear of Democrat vote fraud in Florida's most populous county. Specifically, the canvassing board, headed by David Leahy, knew of 5,000 illegal ballots cast by Haitians who are not citizens of this country and thus cannot vote. Such votes would be expected to have been cast overwhelmingly for Gore-Lieberman."

November 4, 2000, [worldnetdaily.com/](http://worldnetdaily.com/) ELECTION 2000  
Military Missing Absentee Ballots. Some Army, Navy Personnel  
Unable to Vote for New Commander in Chief

By Jon E. Dougherty  
2000 WorldNetDaily.com

“Members of the military who are currently stationed overseas have complained that the Pentagon has not yet sent out absentee ballots this year, meaning they will not get to vote for a new commander in chief on Tuesday. Specifically, members of U.S. Navy units who are stationed overseas and aboard the USS Cole

-- the destroyer recently attacked by terrorists while it was undergoing refueling in the port of Aden, Yemen -- have either not received ballots or won't get them in time because of current deployment circumstances, Pentagon officials said yesterday.”

*The Wall Street Journal.com* - John Fund's Political Diary, November 22, 2000/Disenfranchising the Military

“Down in Florida, in a concerted effort to trim George W. Bush's margin of victory, they challenged a great many overseas absentee ballots, many of which come from military members. County canvassers disqualified a total of 1,527 ballots from overseas, according to an Associated Press report--more than 40% of the total. What could be more divisive than disenfranchising Americans who are risking their lives to defend their country?...

“Last year, the Clinton Defense Department sent all military commanders a directive ordering that no DOD facility could be used as a polling place, even if it had been planned for use in the 2000 election. The Pentagon eventually retreated, and Congress passed legislation leaving polling places for this year intact, but last month it formally opposed a bill, which the House has already approved, to make clear that polling places are allowed at military facilities. The bill languishing in the Senate; with the clock ticking on the lame duck session, the Democratic leadership hasn't responded to Republican requests that they agree to allow it to come to a vote.”

Released: Democrat Memo On How To Disqualify Military Votes

\*\*World Exclusive\*\*

“November 19, 2000: The DRUDGE REPORT ([www.drudgereort.com](http://www.drudgereort.com)) has obtained -- and is now releasing worldwide -- a memo circulated to Democrats throughout Florida detailing how to disqualify overseas military ballots!

“Mark Herron, a Tallahassee lawyer helping shepherd Democratic presidential election lawsuits through the local courts, sent the five page letter to Democratic attorneys across Florida giving them tips on how to lodge protests against the ballots which heavily favored Republican George W. Bush. The 5-page memo as obtained by the Drudge Report:

Date: November 15, 2000

To: FDP Lawyer

From: Mark Hen-on

Subject: Overseas Absentee Ballot Review and Protest

The full memo can be seen at: <http://www.drudgereport.conjabsent.~trn>

Everyone probably remembers the disqualifying of military votes in the 2000 election" due to lack of postage. Here's a clue to the real world and what the law says:

From the U.S. Code: Title 39 - Postal Service - Part IV - Mail Matter

Chapter 34 - Armed Forces and Free Postage

Sec. 3406. Balloting materials under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens

Absentee Voting Act

(a) Balloting materials under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (individually or in bulk) -

(1) shall be carried expeditiously and free of postage;

Hundreds of Ballots Rejected By Michael A. Smith

*The Daily News* (Galveston County), November 19, 2000

"More than 400 Galveston County residents who voted by mail in the Nov. 7 general election learned last week that their ballots had not been counted. Many were unhappy after receiving letters stating their absentee ballots had been rejected by committees charged with ensuring the election's fairness, said County Clerk Patricia Ritchie.

"Gene Moore of Galveston was among those angered by the news. Moore said the letter stated his ballot had been rejected because signatures did not match...."To add insult to injury, they not only tell me my vote didn't count, but accuse me of fraud," Moore said. "That is outrageous."

*The MilwaukeeChannel.com*

Republican Party Asks DA To Investigate Claims

Include Multiple Ballots, Improper Voting Procedures

"MILWAUKEE, November 10, 2000 -- The state Republican Party is asking the Milwaukee County district attorney to investigate its claims of voter irregularities. State party chairman Rick Graber has provided D.A. Mike McCann with a list of more than two dozen accounts of alleged voting irregularities in Milwaukee County."

"What irregularities? The list below was given to the DA, along with the name, address and phone number of the individual who has sworn an affidavit and is willing to testify to the accuracy of these claims.

Incident: Marquette students were seen taking 10 or more ballots at a time.

Incident: Ballots were taken out of the polling place.

Incident: Individuals entered the voting place with more than one addressed envelope and asked which one would allow them to vote in that location.

Incident: A voter was asked by another voter to vouch for her residence in the ward. He said he wouldn't, and the woman appealed to another person in line. The other person claimed to poll workers that she is his roommate.

Incident: A voter was told that she had already voted upon arriving at her polling place. She was asked to sign an affidavit verifying who she was and was not told what happened to her first ballot.

Incident: Polling place had a "help yourself" pile of ballots. Voters could have easily voted more than once.

Incident: Ballots were left sitting on a chair prior to being fed through the machine. Poll workers were seen looking through them.

Incident: UWM student voted on campus. Another voter showed his off campus address to a poll worker. The poll worker told him, "you can't vote here, put down (address of dorm) instead." Same student said friends were bragging about having voted for Gore five or six times.

Incident: Voter was told that his marks on the ballot were too dark, and asked to re-do the ballot. The voter did not see the other ballot destroyed.

Incident: Ballot machine was not operating. The ballots were being stacked in a pile for workers to run through later.

Incident: Ballots may have been left unattended in some areas of Milwaukee due to a broken down truck.

Incident: Marquette students voted 5 or 6 times for Al Gore.

Incident: Two ballots were given to a man wearing a Milwaukee County Public Schools jacket. When he tried to return a ballot, he was told that he should have two.

Incident: Poll workers told a voter to "vote democrat".

Incident: A voter tried to register to vote at the 4th Precinct in the 72nd Ward of Milwaukee. He was not asked for identification or proof of address. Poll workers tried to prevent him from filling out a registration card. Registration cards that he observed only had a signature, no address.



Incident: Ward 296, District 16, called the city clerk to verify what was needed to re-register at a new address. When they re-registered, they were not asked for any proof of residence.

Incident: Non-registered voters were not asked for identification at the 6th District polling place.

Incident: A new voter was not required to show any identification at the Cumberland School in Whitefish Bay.

Incident: A Marquette student had moved since voting in the April primary. Poll workers told her "not to worry about it and just go ahead and vote" when she attempted to change her address.

Incident: A voter was given three different ballots due to mistakes he made on them. The two previous ballots were not seen destroyed.

Incident: Ballot machine in Wauwatosa was broken, and until the machine was fixed, ballots were stacked next to the machine.

*The Capitol Times*, Madison, Wisconsin, November 17, 2000

Lawmaker: End Walk-in Voter Registration

"Twenty-five years after it was enacted, some state lawmakers want to end Wisconsin's walk-in Election Day voter registration system. Sen. Margaret Fanow, R-Elm Grove, says irregularities reported in this month's election -- such as some Marquette University students claiming that they voted multiple times -- show the system should be dropped in favor of one that provides more security. Wisconsin is one of six states that allow residents to register and vote on the same day. New voters need only provide proof of residence -- ranging from a driver's license to a utility bill, lease or other documents showing their current address."

What a perfect invitation for voter fraud. You can buy a driver's license or social security card on any street corner for ten bucks.

Voter Fraud, Again!

2000 WorldNetDaily.com - November 6, 2000 By Joseph Farah

"Stop the presses! I mean it. Stop the election! Something is going on in Washington and California that will have a great impact on tomorrow's election -- and it stinks to high heaven. Let me start by telling you how I found out about it. A very good friend of mine, who shall remain nameless, has a long-time live-in housekeeper from Guatemala. The housekeeper has a daughter who just turned

18. The immigration status of both mother and daughter has been pending for years. Papers have been filed with the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Hearings have been held. But they are not citizens. This is very important: The daughter has not registered to vote.

“But, a few days ago, the 18-year-old got a very attractively packaged “Dear friend” letter from Bill Clinton, paid for by the California Democratic Party. Here's what it said (on one side in Spanish and on the other side in English): “While every election is important, the November 7th election will determine our future for the next decade, and beyond. The stakes are high for America’s Latino families. And California is the critical battleground. “That's why I'm writing. We need your help to elect a Democratic Congress.”

Of course Joe not only verified his story, but the letter was posted on his web site. I am by no means trying to beat up on just Democrats here. I quit the Republican Party in 1996 because of what I know is really going on in this country and they are just as much a part of it as the Democrats. As a matter of fact, I am an equal party basher. I believe in what's right, not whose right.

With Carl Limbacher and NewsMax.com Staff  
Nov. 25, 2000 10:10

#### Miami Resident Admits Ballot Punching Was Done

“Earlier this week, Jack Thompson reported that a video shows members of the League of Women Voters punching ballots that supposedly had already been voted in a Miami election. Sound fishy? Well, we note in today's Miami Herald, a member of the League of Women Voters writes that Miami-Dade had a unique way of handling questionable, indented ballots. “Volunteers” would simply help determine who the voter intended to vote for and punch the ballot after the election.”

#### Gore Wins New Mexico by 483 Votes

NewsMax.com Wires  
Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2000

“SANTA FE, N.M. (UPI) The official canvass of the New Mexico vote Tuesday gave Democratic Vice President Al Gore a narrow 483-vote victory and the state's five electoral votes. The certification came after a stormy three-hour meeting of the State Canvass Board in which Republicans complained about a 10 percent “under vote” in Roosevelt County, which went heavily for Republican George W. Bush. The canvass meetings are usually a formality following an election.”

For weeks, all we' heard from the Democrats is that they are being cheated by an

“under vote,” that thousands of people meant to vote for a presidential candidate, they were just confused. The Republicans publicly have been “pooh-poohing” the idea of an under vote. Tweedledee, Tweedledum.

Exclusive: Voter Error Not Limited to Democrat Counties, Stephan Archer, Newsmax.com, December 2, 2000

“Officials in Taylor County, Fla., didn't have to worry about hanging, pregnant or dimpled chads during the statewide recount of all districts after the Nov. 7 election, yet voter error in this pro-Bush section of the state was every bit as rampant as that in the more pro-Gore areas. In Taylor County, voters selected their candidate of choice on a sheet of paper consisting of all the candidates' names. Voters selected their favorite candidate by filling in an oval next to the name with a No. 2 pencil.

"Even though this ballot, similar to multiple choice tests taken in school, was seemingly straightforward, 517 of the county's 6,800 ballots, or roughly 7.6 percent of all ballots, had to be thrown out due to over voting. An over vote occurs when a voter casts a vote for more than one candidate in the same election."

Say! I've got the answer: More money for education! The problem is, by the time students get done with class time devoted to multi-culturalism, diversity, encouragement to go out and have a homosexual experience, pornography classes disguised as “sex education,” propagandizing America's children into believing our legal form of government is a “democracy,” and how wonderful it is to become a global citizen under the UN, America's children are no longer taught reading, writing, arithmetic or our nation's history and culture. Is it any wonder parents all over this country are pulling their precious children out of these public indoctrination centers called “schools”?

Volusia Officials Find Three Suspect Bags of Ballots By Roger Roy, *Orlando Sentinel*, Nov. 10, 2000

“DELAND -- Election officials in Volusia County, preparing to begin a massive manual recount of all ballots from Tuesday's election, have discovered three bags of ballots that were not properly sealed. One bag had split and some ballots had spilled out. But election workers recounted those ballots and confirmed none were missing, officials said. A seal was missing on a second bag, and the seal was broken on a third. The contents of those two bags were being recounted Friday afternoon...

“In a contentious meeting with political party officials Thursday, Volusia's election canvassing board ordered a recount because of problems including a faulty memory card on a polling machine that on election night showed a negative 16,022 votes for Vice President Al Gore.”

## Police Say Florida Democrat Had a 'Votamatic' in His Car

ABCnews.com - Nov. 15 "

Several days after presidential votes were tallied in what has become the hotbed of Florida's post-election confusion, police in Palm Beach County confiscated a ballot-box mechanism from the car of a well-known local Democrat. According to a police report filed at the Palm Beach County sheriff's office and obtained by ABCNEWS, Irving Slosberg, 53, pulled the mechanism from his car and handed it over to police on Nov. 11 after denying to a county government employee that he had it. When told of the incident, Palm Beach County's supervisor of elections, Theresa Lefore, declined to press charges, according to the report...Slosberg, a 53-year-old resident of nearby Boca Raton who owns a handbag company, recently won a seat in the state Legislature amid allegations he tried to buy his election."

'It Disappeared' - A Palm Beach Post political columnist wrote Monday that Slosberg had been "schlepping" the mechanism around the county government center "like a traveling election equipment salesman.... No further action was taken." Ho, hum, let the guy go.

## Immigrant Voter Surge Seen Aiding Gore

*The Boston Globe*, November 4, 2000, by Walter V. Robinson

"But there is another battle that Gore has already won, perhaps decisively, and without public notice: With a push from the Immigration and Naturalization Service, more than 1.7 million resident aliens have become US citizens in the past two years, most of them with an incentive to vote and a lopsided preference for the Democratic Party.

"Gore's advantage in this area is nowhere more evident, and potentially more significant, than in California, with its 54 electoral votes. Since 1994, with Democrats controlling the White House, California has welcomed 1.6 million new citizens, a third of the national total.

"Both parties show up at swearing-in ceremonies to try to register voters," said William A. Carrick, a California Democratic consultant. "There is a Democratic table and a Republican table. Ours has a lot of business. Theirs is like the Maytag repairman

"Memos to Gore and to President Clinton by eager staff members cited the need to naturalize a million new voters for the 1996 election, with one urging Gore to pressure the INS to "waive any INS rules, provided they stay within the law." Gore's e-mail response: "We'll explore it. Thanks."

"Another memo, to Clinton, declared, "You asked us to expedite the naturalization of nearly a million legal aliens who have applied to become citizens." The memo suggested options that included "Lower[ing] the standards for citizenship," but also expressed this concern: "INS warns that if we are too aggressive at removing the roadblocks to success, we might be publicly criticized for running a pro-Democrat voter mill."

"In the process, INS neglected to do fingerprint checks on about 180,000 of the applicants that year. A later check discovered that at least 80,000 had criminal records, and 6,300 of those had committed serious crimes...More than a decade ago, the United States granted amnesty, and legal alien status to an estimated 2.8 million people who had been in the country illegally. After a five-year wait, they were entitled to apply for citizenship. But many did not.

"What prompted the stampede for applications was a series of moves that non citizens saw as threatening, most prominently California's Proposition 187, a successful 1994 ballot initiative that barred illegal immigrants from getting many public benefits and services. A federal court ultimately found it unconstitutional."

Shall we examine this? America: the land of milk and honey. Bring in millions of people from socialist or communist countries who know no other way of life. These people have no concept or understanding that America is not a democracy (mob rule), that we are a constitutional Republic. They know nothing about the U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights or our history. Sign them up to vote and what do they hear from candidates of both parties, but predominately from the Democrats? Why, you're entitled to "free" prescription pills, "free" medical, "free" retirement, free dental, free, free, free Americans are embracing socialism with open arms. It's truly frightening.

I know people in California who are leaving this state because they refuse to be fleeced any longer in taxes to support more than 3 million illegals in this state. The operative word here is illegal. Those who break our laws to enter this country aren't likely to obey our laws once they get here. Yet, some robe on the federal bench ruled against the voters of California by overturning our vote to bar illegal aliens from getting 'free' public benefits, paid for by the sweat off the backs of those who produce. It is simply insane. Instead of stopping the madness, Congress has been flooding this country with immigration, while at the same time allowing our borders to be invaded by illegals. Our infrastructures are collapsing while America snoozes on in front of the great programmer (the TV).

These illegals load up our school systems, the medical system, available housing and destroying our quality of life while we are forced through immoral tax levels to pay for our own destruction. Illegals. They are entitled to "constitutional rights," when legally they have none since they have never become citizens. The federal judge on Prop 187 sent a clear message to anyone else who wants to enter

America illegally: It's okay. Break the law. I'll not only reward you by letting you stay here, I am approving the insane idea that all the millions of productive people in this country should support you and whoever you dragged across the border with you!

And, people wonder why America is in meltdown? I don't. Is it any wonder illegals sneak into this country? They all hear the mantra chanted by the politicians and media about "our democracy." Democracy is mob rule and that's what's ruling this country today - mobs of illegals and special interest groups whose financial well-being is maintained by defending this unlawful invasion. Too bad none of them have taken the time to understand exactly what a "democracy" will eventually do to this "land of milk and honey."

And, more:

At Least 39 Felons Cast Illegal Votes- S. Florida Rolls Compared to Databases

November 18, 2000, *The Miami Herald*  
By David Kidwell & Lisa Arthur

"At least 39 felons -- mostly Democrats -- illegally cast absentee ballots in Broward and Miami-Dade counties in the Nov. 7 elections, according to a Herald analysis of absentee votes in those counties... Although they make up only a tiny number of the 104,865 absentee ballots cast in Broward and Miami-Dade counties, if felons cast illegal votes in the same percentages at the polls it could amount to more than 470 illegal ballots locally and more than 2,000 statewide.

"I don't think that's an unfair analysis," said David Leahy, Miami-Dade supervisor of elections. "Given the amount of inaccuracies in these databases, I can't say I'm surprised."

"Like other election officials around the state, Leahy matches databases of felons against the voter rolls to eliminate illegal voters. Elections officials statewide say they have made enormous advances to scrub the voter rolls clean of felons in the past two years, since Miami's tainted mayoral election made national news. Leahy said his office alone has eliminated thousands of felons from the registration rolls since 1998."

So how come a newspaper can find illegals voting after an election, but all these county workers, who have two years between elections, can't find the time to do what the newspapers do in a few days? Think about that.

Gore's Point Man Argued Against Dimples in 1996

*The Palm Beach Post*, November 22, 2000

“Amid the swarm of the world press outside the county Emergency Operations Center, Dennis Newman leads the charge to find new votes for Al Gore in the dimples of the Palm Beach County ballot. His argument, put simply, is that dimples show the true intent of the voter. Voters caused those dimples. Dimples should count. Four years ago, in a similar election spat, Newman took a much different stand. Employing his best legal tactics on behalf of a Democrat holding a slight lead in a primary race for Congress, Newman scoffed at the idea of counting the tiny indentations as votes.” Hypocrites.

Seattle P-I.com | NationJWorld  
*The Associated Press*, November 22, 2000

### Bush Team Reviews Oregon Voting Records

“PORTLAND, Ore. -- A 10-person team that Republican George W. Bush sent to Oregon to review election and voter records says it has found some voters registered in more than one county in Oregon's Nov. 7 presidential election.

“With nearly all ballots counted, Democrat Al Gore led Bush by 6,595 votes -- well above the legal threshold of roughly 2,800 votes that would trigger an automatic recount. Leslie Goodman, a Bush spokeswoman, said a GOP search of voter rolls in 17 of Oregon's 36 counties found 4,000 people registered in more than one county. ‘It means that there is a systemic problem,’ she said.”

The message of vote fraud has finally taken hold in this country over the past couple of years, with no thanks to the jaded and biased “mainstream” media, but rather through the efforts of dedicated Americans from all parties who want fair and impartial elections. What better way to kill the message of pre-programmed results than to create chaos in Florida and a couple of other states? This insures plausible deniability and makes the messenger look like another “conspiracy nut.”

Sun-Tzu, considered the greatest military tactician in history, taught exactly what America has seen: Create a situation that will ensure the enemy does what you want. Herd the people into the desired direction, make them believe what you want, is what they want, and in the end, the enemy walks right into your trap. Chaos has been created over the presidential election. Trial balloons are everywhere about getting rid of any election system that has accountability.

The system wants everyone in the United States to be on the same system: straight touch-screen voting or on-line voting. Tragically, the people have bought into the trap and the conquering army brings the enemy to their knees with their own enthusiastic cooperation. In this case, elimination of all accountability in voting and *at the demand of the people*. This scenario is already in the works all over the country. In the newspapers that print “all the news that's fit to fake,” on television and talk radio. Herd the people in the direction you want them to go and make them think it's their idea.

The favorite mantra chanted by the government's media apparatus is that hand counted ballots take too long. Everyone wants speed. Speed has given us fraud and unreliable machines. On December 4, 2000, I gave a speech at the Officer's Club, McClellan AFB, Sacramento, CA., I spoke on vote fraud and the trap being set for Americans: Shoving 100% touch screen electronic ballot machines down our throats and Internet voting. Machines that have no paper trail, no accountability and are a screaming invitation for stealing elections. Lo and behold - what was in our local rag the following day?

#### Calif. Lawmaker Sets New Drive for Electronic Voting

“SACRAMENTO, Calif. (*Reuters*) - Pointing to the presidential election morass in Florida as evidence of serious problems with traditional balloting systems, a California state lawmaker on Monday proposed a bill to make his state the first in the nation to implement online voting.”

In this farce they called an election last month, Riverside and Placer counties (No. & So. Ca.) used the new M-100 electronic touch screen machines. The voters loved the speed and ease! Problem is, there is no accountability, no paper trail. Does it really take too long to count paper ballots?

Machine-Free, Canadians Swiftly Hand-Count Their 13 Million Ballots Associated Press, David Crary, November 28, 2000

“OTTAWA (*AP*) -- "Florida vote canvassers, take note. Within four hours after the last polls closed in Canada's parliamentary election, officials at 50,000 polling stations had hand counted virtually every one of nearly 13 million paper ballots.

"There were glitches, to be sure -- an angry voter seized a ballot box in Nova Scotia and threw it into a polluted lagoon. But overall, Canada's federal elections system, which uses no counting machines, had a smooth Election Night.

"From Newfoundland to Yukon, across the world's second largest country, roughly 150,000 election workers fanned out Monday to a far-flung network of polling stations. Even in the biggest cities, no one station serves more than 500 registered voters -- most of the officers entrusted with the hand counting had to handle no more than 300 or 400 ballots. Pierre Blain, a spokesman for Elections Canada, said the system stresses transparency, with each party entitled to deploy a representative to watch the polling station chief count the ballots.

"Any complaints can be registered with national elections officials; recounts are conducted automatically in cases of extremely narrow victory margins... .The Canadian system, in place for a century, uses traditional paper ballots, to be marked with an “X” beside the name of the preferred parliamentary candidate. There are no hanging chads, no questions about mechanical snafus.”



Conclusion:

Ladies and gentlemen: I submit to you that we have no idea who is getting elected anymore, except possibly in New Hampshire. I believe that if an accurate count could be taken, it would prove that Hillary Clinton did not take New York and that this new "political crisis," a 50-50 split of the two parties in the unlawfully seated U.S. Senate, was no accident. Think of the political mess it's going to create. Another horse and pony show to keep Americans focused away from the real issues.

How many members of Congress, state legislatures, governors, mayors, sheriffs, county board of supervisors, city council were elected via electronic ballot fraud?

How many citizen candidates have been cheated out of the opportunity for public service because they were deliberately vote frauded via these insidious machines?

I submit that unless and until the whole darned mess is cleaned up, Americans, regardless of political affiliation, will continue to be taken for a ride by the power brokers behind the scenes. The question is: will enough Americans take this issue to the state houses, county commissioners, county board of supervisors and mayors or will we continue to be cheated at the ballot box? The 2006 elections will be a turning point in whether or not the good ship goes down.

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Of historical note:

## **The Battle of Athens**

**2 AUGUST 1946**

### **I. Introduction**

On 2 August 1946, some Americans, brutalized by their county government, used armed force to overturn it. These Americans wanted honest, open elections. For years they had asked for state or Federal election monitors to prevent vote fraud -- forged ballots, secret ballot counts, and intimidation by armed sheriff's deputies -- by the local political boss. They got no help.

These Americans' absolute refusal to knuckle-under had been hardened by service in World War II. Having fought to free other countries from murderous regimes, they rejected vicious abuse by their county government. These

Americans had a choice. Their state's Constitution - Article 1, Section 26 - recorded their right to keep and bear arms for the common defense. Few "gun control" laws had been enacted.

## **II. The Setting**

These Americans were Tennesseans of McMinn County, located between Chattanooga and Knoxville, in Eastern Tennessee. The two main towns were Athens and Etowah.

McMinn Countians had long been independent political thinkers. They also had long:

- accepted bribe-taking by politicians and/or the Sheriff to overlook illicit whiskey-making and gambling;
- financed the sheriff's department from fines - usually for speeding or public drunkenness - which promoted false arrests;
- put up with voting fraud by both Democrats and Republicans.

Tennessee State law barred voting fraud:

- ballot boxes had to be shown to be empty before voting;
- poll-watchers had to be allowed;
- armed law enforcement officers were barred from polling places;
- ballots had to be counted where any voter could watch.

## **III. The Circumstances**

The Great Depression had ravaged McMinn County. Drought broke many farmers; workforces shrank. The wealthy Cantrell family, of Etowah, backed Franklin Delano Roosevelt in the 1932 election, hoping New Deal programs would revive the local economy and help Democrats to replace Republicans in the county government. So it proved.

Paul Cantrell was elected Sheriff in the 1936, 1938, and 1940 elections, but by slim margins. The Sheriff was the key County official. Cantrell was elected to the State Senate in 1942 and 1944; his chief deputy, Pat Mansfield, was elected sheriff. In 1946, Paul Cantrell again sought the Sheriff's office.

## **IV. World War II Ends; Paul Cantrell's Troubles Begin**

At end-1945, some 3,000 battle-hardened veterans returned to McMinn County. Sheriff Mansfield's deputies had brutalized many in McMinn County; the GIs held Cantrell politically responsible for Mansfield's doings. Early in 1946, some newly-returned ex-GIs decided:

- to challenge Cantrell politically;
- to offer an all ex-GI, non-partisan ticket;
- to promise a fraud-free election.

In ads and speeches the GI candidates promised:

- an honest ballot count;
- reform of county government.

At a rally, a GI speaker said, "The principals that we fought for in this past war do not exist in McMinn County. We fought for democracy because we believe in democracy but not the form we live under in this county." (*Daily Post-Athenian*, 17 June 1946, p. 1).

At end-July 1946, 159 McMinn County GIs petitioned the FBI to send election monitors. There was no response. The Department of Justice had not responded to McMinn Countians' complaints of election fraud in 1940, 1942, and 1944.

## **V. From Ballots to Bullets**

The election was held on 1 August. To intimidate voters, Mansfield brought in some 200 armed "deputies". GI poll-watchers were beaten almost at once. At about 3 p.m., Tom Gillespie, an African-American voter, was told by a Sheriff's deputy, "Nigger, you can't vote here today!!". Despite being beaten, Gillespie persisted; the enraged deputy shot him. The gunshot drew a crowd. Rumors spread that Gillespie had been "shot in the back"; he later recovered. (C. Stephen Byrum, *The Battle of Athens*; Paidia Productions, Chattanooga TN, 1987; pp. 155-57).

Other deputies detained ex-GI poll-watchers in a polling place, as that made the ballot count "public". A crowd gathered. Sheriff Mansfield told his deputies to disperse the crowd. When the two ex-GIs smashed a big window and escaped, the crowd surged forward. "The deputies, with guns drawn, formed a tight half-circle around the front of the polling place. One deputy, "his gun raised high ...shouted: 'You sons-of-bitches cross this street and I'll kill you!'" (Byrum, p. 165).

Mansfield took the ballot boxes to the jail for counting. The deputies seemed to fear immediate attack, by the "people who had just liberated Europe and the South Pacific from two of the most powerful war machines in human history." (Byrum, pp. 168-69).

Short of firearms and ammunition, the GIs scoured the county to find them. By borrowing keys to the National Guard and State Guard Armories, they got three M-1 rifles, five .45 semi-automatic pistols, and 24 British Enfield rifles. The armories were nearly empty after the war's end.

By eight p.m., a group of GIs and "local boys" headed for the jail to get the ballot boxes. They occupied high ground facing the jail but left the back door unguarded to give the jail's defenders an easy way out.

## **VI. The Battle of Athens**

Three GIs - alerting passersby to danger - were fired on from the jail. Two GIs were wounded. Other GIs returned fire. Those inside the jail mainly used pistols; they also had a "tommy gun" (a .45 caliber Thompson sub-machine gun).

Firing subsided after 30 minutes: ammunition ran low and night had fallen. Thick brick walls shielded those inside the jail. Absent radios, the GIs' rifle fire was uncoordinated. "From the hillside, fire rose and fell in disorganized cascades. More than anything else, people were simply 'shooting at the jail.'" (Byrum, p. 189).

Several who ventured into "no man's land", the street in front of the jail, were wounded. One man inside the jail was badly hurt; he recovered. Most sheriff's deputies wanted to hunker down and await rescue. Governor McCord mobilized the State Guard, perhaps to scare the GIs into withdrawing. The State Guard never went to Athens. McCord may have feared that Guard units filled with ex-GIs might not fire on other ex-GIs.

At about 2 a.m. on 2 August, the GIs forced the issue. Men from Meigs county threw dynamite sticks and damaged the jail's porch. The panicked deputies surrendered. GIs quickly secured the building. Paul Cantrell faded into the night, almost having been shot by a GI who knew him, but whose .45 pistol had jammed. Mansfield's deputies were kept overnight in jail for their own safety. Calm soon returned: the GIs posted guards. The rifles borrowed from the armory were cleaned and returned before sun-up.

## **VII. The Aftermath: Restoring Democracy in McMinn County**

In five precincts free of vote fraud, the GI candidate for Sheriff, Knox Henry, won 1,168 votes to Cantrell's 789. Other GI candidates won by similar margins.

The GIs did not hate Cantrell. They only wanted honest government. On 2 August, a town meeting set up a three-man governing committee. The regular police having fled, six men were chosen to police Athens; a dozen GIs were sent to police Etowah. In addition, "Individual citizens were called upon to form patrols or guard groups, often led by a GI. ...To their credit, however, there is not a single mention of an abuse of power on their behalf." (Byrum, p. 220).

Once the GI candidates' victory had been certified, they cleaned-up county government:

- the jail was fixed;

- newly-elected officials accepted a \$5,000 pay limit;
- Mansfield supporters who resigned, were replaced.

The general election on 5 November passed quietly. McMinn Countians, having restored the Rule of Law, returned to their daily lives. Pat Mansfield moved back to Georgia. Paul Cantrell set up an auto dealership in Etowah. "Almost everyone who knew Cantrell in the years after the 'Battle' agree that he was not bitter about what had happened." (Byrum, pp. 232-33; see also *New York Times*, 9 August 1946, p. 8).

## VIII. The Outsiders' Response

The Battle of Athens made national headlines. Most outsiders' reports had the errors usual in coverage of large-scale, night-time events. A *New York Times* editorialist on 3 August savaged the GIs, who:

"...quite obviously - though we hope erroneously - felt that there was no city, county, or State agency to whom they could turn for justice.

... "There is a warning for all of us in the occurrence...and above all a warning for the veterans of McMinn County, who also violated a fundamental principle of democracy when they arrogated to themselves the right of law enforcement for which they had no election mandate. Corruption, when and where it exists, demands reform, and even in the most corrupt and boss-ridden communities there are peaceful means by which reform can be achieved. But there is no substitute, in a democracy, for orderly process." (NYT, 3 Aug 1946, p. 14.)

The editorialist did not see:

- McMinn Countians' many appeals for outside help;
- some ruthless people only respect force;
- that it was wrong to equate use of force by evil-doers (Cantrell and Mansfield) with the righteous (the GIs).

The New York Times:

- never saw that Cantrell and Mansfield's wholesale election fraud, enforced at gun-point, trampled the Rule of Law;
- feared citizens' restoring the Rule of Law by armed force.

Other outsiders, e.g., *Time* and *Newsweek*, agreed. (See *Time*, 12 August 1946, p. 20; *Newsweek*, 12 Aug 1946, p. 31 and 9 September 1946, p. 38).

The 79th Congress adjourned on 2 August 1946, when the Battle of Athens ended. However, Representative John Jennings, Jr., from Tennessee decried:

- McMinn County's sorry situation under Cantrell and Mansfield;
- the Justice Department's repeated failures to help the McMinn Countians.

Jennings was delighted that "...at long last decency and honesty, liberty and law have returned to the fine county of McMinn...". (*Congressional Record*, House; U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1946; Appendix, Volume 92, Part 13, p. A4870.)

## **IX. The Lessons of Athens**

Those who took up arms in Athens, Tennessee:

- wanted honest elections, a cornerstone of our Constitutional order;
- had repeatedly tried to get Federal or State election monitors;
- used armed force so as to minimize harm to the law-breakers;
- showed little malice to the defeated law-breakers;
- restored lawful government.

These excerpts from Battle of Athens from:

<http://www.constitution.org/mil/tn/batathen.htm>