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Frontiersman

Facing the truth, however great the cost.
December 2003

Hay and Barley Cards

Sam Aurelius Milam III

Anonymity — I'm beginning to get annoyed at the number of retail food stores that are enticing people into getting discount ID cards, and especially at the number of people who are allowing themselves to be enticed. We've already been through the documentation meat grinder on ID for almost everything. Now, they want us to present a card for a cash transaction at a food store. The inducement is the discount. However, there are sinister implications associated with using a card to buy food. The cards are presently innocuous, but they might not stay that way. I'll pay cash for my food, and I'll do it anonymously.

Profit and Punishment — Besides that, it isn't a discount. It should be obvious that the stores can sell products at the "discount" prices and still make a profit. Otherwise, they'd raise the "discount" prices to a level that would enable them to make a profit. That being the case, the "discount" prices are actually the prices at which the stores ought to be selling their products. The regular prices are excessive. That is, the regular prices are higher than is necessary to make a profit. That casts the "discount" cards in a whole new light. The stores aren't giving a discount to the card holders. They're selling at the normal price to the card holders and imposing a penalty on the people who don't have cards. They're charging those people a higher price, presumably as a punishment for withholding whatever personal information they'd have provided if they'd applied for a card.

Permission — As more and more food stores offer cards and as more and more people get them, the influence of people who don't have the cards will diminish. When some critical propor-

tion of customers uses cards, then the people who don't have the cards will not have any influence at all. Then, the cards can be made mandatory. Seem silly? Don't think it for an instant. There are already retail stores wherein cards are mandatory. Sam's Club (how ironic) is one example that comes to mind. You can't shop there at all unless you have their card. So, more and more food stores will make their cards mandatory. It will get more and more difficult for people without cards to get food. That's how we controlled the animals at the farm where I lived for the past seven years. We controlled their access to food.

Once everybody (almost) has cards for the food stores, it will be easy to legislate a mandatory ration card requirement. Who's going to object except for the very small minority of people like me who refused to apply for cards? We already need government ID for almost everything else. We need it to drive, to have a job, to get married, and so forth. Our present ability to buy food without permission is a huge loophole in the web of control established by the government. As long as we can obtain cash somewhere and buy food without permission, we can just do without the other stuff and evade the control imposed by the government. However, once we need a government ration card to buy food, our geese are cooked. The legislation will be enacted and that will be that. No card, no food.

So, the next time the perky little sweetie at the cash register asks for your discount card, tell her no and tell her why. Maybe you could even give her a copy of this article. If enough of us object to this process before it goes much further, then maybe we can stop it. If not, remember the way the animals at the farm came running when we called them, so they could have their hay and rolled barley.

Baa, baa. Moo, moo. Here's my card. 

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Precedent of Preemptive Strike

Reverend Warren Dale Blackford

I recently attended a panel forum at the University of Montana on “The U.S., the U.N. & Iraq: The Search for a Constructive Outcome”. During the evening one of the presenters brought up a recurring objection as to the United States attack on Iraq. That is that we set a precedent by using a preemptive strike upon that nation in order to effect a ‘peaceful objective’.

But is that true? So-called imperialist nations have often used the weapon of preemptive strikes to effect change over another nation, thus accomplishing their goals. Look at Nazi Germany, Italy and Japan in WWII. One can also argue that we did so in Panama and Grenada as well. Through centuries of history we see countless examples of such attacks including those of Alexander, Caesar and Attila. However, supporters argue, unlike those other nations the U.S. used preemptive attack to accomplish a righteous purpose. That sets a worthy precedent doesn’t it? No, it’s still not precedent. The Old Testament recalls of how Moses and the Israelites slaughtered nations of Canaanites on their way to claiming God’s Promised Land.

The only precedent may be a possibility for our citizenry’s realization as to the nature of our nation. We Americans believe that we are decent and fair people, a nation standing for justice and human rights where like our Declaration of Independence states, “all men (and women) are created equal”. We imagine that we could never be so inhumane or mercenary as to attack a weaker nation unless the higher calling of “Freedom” wills us to do so. And so we become gods dispensing freedom to those whom we intuit as in need of it, imposed through whatever means we decide is fitting. We are the chosen ones. Our self-ordination allows us to justify military intervention, occupation and the commitment of atrocities against the innocent for in the Larger Plan we are acting as agents of a ‘Divine or at least Righteous Will’. Pax Americana is our Promised Land.

It’s time we Americans wake up and smell the coffee. Our nation made a preemptive

strike on a decimated third world country still suffering from the destruction of the Gulf War and ten plus years of devastating economic sanctions. And simply put, we did it because we wanted what we wanted when we wanted it and we had the power to do so. That’s as clear as it gets. And when you boil it all down, whether by Divine Revelation, perceived moral superiority, or by just plain lust for power, every imperialist nation that has ever attacked another nation without military provocation has rationalized the same before the killing and taking began. The story is always the same — the strong take by force from the weak, while selling their intentions through distraction to their oblivious citizenry or by ignoring them completely — whatever works.

President Lincoln speaking of slavery wrote:

“The world has never had a good definition of the word liberty. And the American people just now are much in want of one. We all declare for liberty; but in using the same word we do not mean the same thing. With some, the word liberty may mean for each man to do as he pleases with himself and the product of his labor; while with others the same word may mean for some men to do as they please with other men and the product of other men’s labor. Here are two, not only different, but incompatible things, called by the same name, liberty. And it follows that each of the things is by the respective parties called by two different and incompatible names, liberty and tyranny.”

The United States has become what we were taught to fear and detest within the Soviet Union, China, et al. We, the people, are the poster child for President Reagan’s “Evil Empire” and no amount of noble intention will justify, denial mask, or false affirmation eradicate the stains of innocent blood upon our hands or the seeds of shame within our hearts for what we have done.

No empire has ever withstood the test of time and this one is no exception, in spite of its multinational (corporate) body and camouflaged brain trust. A corrupt body feeding upon fruits obtained through its corruption cannot stand — it is impossible. The long-standing principle →

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applies: 'absolute power corrupts absolutely'.

What will our generation be remembered for twenty, fifty, a hundred years from now? Our world firmament shifted with the attack upon the World Trade Towers and the attack on Iraq. Both acts stemmed from deep roots connected with long-standing U.S. policies of Imperialism. One connected us with the world through grief and empathy, the other continues to isolate us through resentment and fear. One will serve as a watershed for our future. Which will it be? Building bunkers or bridges? We have the choice and if we fail to choose, our choice will be to accept what others choose for us. Either way, we're still accountable and so will our children be. ∞

Bio

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Murder in Iraq and Elsewhere

Sam Aurelius Milam III

U.S. forces are killing **suspected** or **alleged** enemy fighters. If they're not **known** enemy fighters, then it isn't combat. It's murder. ☹

Social Security

Original Source Unknown. Forwarded by Carolyn, of Honolulu, Hawaii

Perhaps we are asking the wrong questions during election years.

Our Senators and Congresswomen do not pay into Social Security and, of course, they do not collect from it.

You see, Social Security benefits were not suitable for persons of their rare elevation in

society. They felt they should have a special plan for themselves. So, many years ago they voted in their own benefit plan. In more recent years, no congressperson has felt the need to change it. After all, it is a great plan.

For all practical purposes their plan works like this:

When they retire, they continue to draw the same pay until they die. Except it may increase from time to time for cost of living adjustments.

For example, former Senator Byrd and Congressman White may expect to draw \$7,800,000.00 (that's Seven Million, Eight-Hundred Thousand Dollars), with their wives drawing \$275,000.00 during the last years of their lives.

This is calculated on an average life span for each of those two Dignitaries.

Younger Dignitaries who retire at an early age, will receive much more during the rest of their lives.

Their cost for this excellent plan is \$0.00. NADA — ZILCH.

This little perk they voted for themselves is free to them. You and I pick up the tab for this plan. The funds for this fine retirement plan come directly from the General Funds;

“OUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK”!

From our own Social Security Plan, which you and I pay (or have paid) into, every payday until we retire (which amount is matched by our employer) we can expect to get an average of \$1,000 per month after retirement.

Or, in other words, we would have to collect our average of \$1,000 monthly benefits for 68 years and one (1) month to equal Senator Bill Bradley's benefits!

Social Security could be very good if only one small change were made.

That change would be to jerk the Golden Fleece Retirement Plan from under the Senators and Congressmen. Put them into the Social Security plan with the rest of us — then sit back and watch how fast they would fix it.

If enough people receive this, maybe a seed of awareness will be planted and maybe good changes will evolve.

How many people can YOU send this to? ∞

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Sam

Re: (Quarantine — 10-03)

Sam, I am reminded of the “DEW” advertisement where the white & black kids were arguing over who’s was the last “DEW”, when Dad came out and drank it!! Your “solution” is rational, logical, ethical, moral, and financially practical. However, you along with 200 million alleged “Americans” are not taking one very real fact into consideration. That is: The U.S. doesn’t want “peace” in that region! There is no moral/ethical purpose for the U.S. administrators of alleged gov’t! If the “people” cannot see that not one (1) facet is rational, logical, etc., and that they are the ones bearing the “financial burden” with NO choice in the planning or outcome, they deserve every act of insanity that any gov’t “employee” dishes out!

The “bad” part about being in the hole is “no news”! I’ve heard zip about the new governor ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER; as he embarks on “Terminator 4” The Conquest of California. or is it the “SAVE” California from the ZOMBIE MACHINES?? —Inmate; California

Dear Sam

Sir James the Bold (Oct. 03, p. 5) said he’s now waiting to see if US gov’t will follow their usual historical pattern by “BECOMING” a terrorist organization & torturing & killing American prisoners or prisoners in America. I’m STUNNED! The US Gov’t has been the #1 terrorist organization in the world for decades (wake up), they just used the old, usual Talmudist’s trick of calling their enemy what they are, when they came out with all the “Terrorist” hoopla lately.

They have been torturing prisoners in the USA for at least 2 decades that I am a personal witness of & victim of quite continuously, & without any cause but sheer sadistic sport (e.g.: I’m not even a criminal nor anti-American, nor bad-doer), & also I’ve witnessed them MANY TIMES torture prisoner TO DEATH right here in Calif. for 2 decades on & off.

I disagree about Christianity bashing from you, Sam & Brian in Sterling CO; I agree the so called Christians do the evil you say (GW Bush is #1 perpetrator), but you & Brian fail to distinguish that there are the REAL Christians who aren’t committing those evils in the name of “Christianity.” We are a great minority in

comparison. All are to be known by our fruits, not the label by which we call ourselves.

Blessings, my friend. Wish I could help with your pressing housing need.

—Another Inmate; California

Whenever I comment on the misbehavior of Christians, it’s normal for some Christian to tell me that it isn’t the REAL Christians who are doing it, but the PHONEY ones. I don’t care. They’re doing it in the name of Christ. If the REAL Christians don’t want to be identified with the evil acts of the PHONEY ones, then the REAL ones need to get off of their collective butts and clean house in their own camp. If they sit piously and let the PHONEY ones run the show, then I don’t really see much difference between the accomplishments of the REAL Christians and the accomplishments of the PHONEY ones.

I used to be a Christian and I still share many beliefs with them. However, the more I learned of the abominable behavior of Christians, the more disgusted I became with them. With very few exceptions, the REAL ones aren’t doing anything to improve the situation. Since I couldn’t correct the situation myself and since the REAL Christians didn’t seem to be trying, I terminated my affiliation. I refuse to be associated with a group that is guilty of such abominable behavior. So, I’m not a Christian any longer. By the way, I’ve had more than one Christian tell me that I’m a better “Christian” than their Christian friends. I try to take it as a compliment.

It’s improper of you to accuse me of Christian bashing, although it’s a sadly typical Christian response to constructive criticism. It isn’t “bashing” if it’s the unvarnished truth. Trying to impugn the legitimacy of my observations by calling them “bashing” is a cop-out. If you don’t like the situations about which I complain, then don’t impugn my observations. Address the situations. Also, please note that EVERY Christian ALWAYS claims to be among the REAL ones. It’s ALWAYS those other ones who are the PHONEY ones. Crap. Sort it out among yourselves and get back to me. —editor

Greetings,

I write to you in order to introduce our new book which has just been published, “LIFE ON DEATH ROW.” I believe you will find it interesting and informative on a topic of major importance, which is frequently in the news.

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There is considerable controversy over many aspects of the issue and unfortunately, most opinions are ill informed as to the realities of the death penalty. This book will provide an enlightened educational experience for its readers.

As eleven-year veterans of Arizona's Death row, we are well qualified on this subject, and my collaborating with the author gave the book a multi-angled point of view. You will find a wealth of information not commonly known. It is a contemporary view, an up-to-date source of knowledge about the system of executions practiced in Arizona and across the country in 38 States.

This book is not written as an exposé, but it does reveal some harsh and shocking insights on the death row experience. It is neither a dull nor a heavy tome, but is well written, with a lightness and humor, which might be amusing, if the subject matter were not so deadly.

I enclose some promotional materials in the hope that you will want to share the information about this book with your readers, customers and friends. I believe that they will appreciate the opportunity to become more informed through this new book. I am, as you may well understand, eager to promote sales of our book.

Sincerely, —Roger Wayne Murray, #94262
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I can provide copies of the promotional materials upon request. —editor

Re: Another Solution (2003-11 Frontiersman)

Why a two term limit? If the incumbent is doing a good job, why not let him do it?

—Sir James the Bold

Dear Frontiersman

Sorry I haven't written for a while. It's just that lately I've been reading every issue ... and it seems that more and more I agree with you! Frightening, isn't it??

—Tom; Redwood City, California

Stray Thoughts

Sam Aurelius Milam III

Motive — The attacks on September 11, 2001 didn't harm the U.S. government at all, not even a little bit. Indeed, the U.S. government achieved every possible benefit that could be had from the attacks. Think about it.

Home

Sam Aurelius Milam III

I've been provided with a place to live. However, I lack the cash flow to pay my portion of our operating costs. Therefore, I need all the contributions that you can send. I prefer cash. I'll accept checks or money orders by prior arrangement. Please inquire.

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- Lawyers Give Poor Free Legal Advice
- Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant
- Fund Set Up for Beating Victim's Kin
- Killer Sentenced to Die for Second Time in 10 Years

- Cancer Society Honors Marlboro Man
- Nicaragua Sets Goal to Wipe Out Literacy
- 20-Year Friendship Ends at Altar
- War Dims Hope For Peace

Fox News

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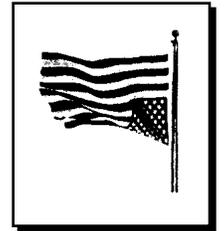
Up in Heaven, Alexander the Great, Frederick the Great and Napoleon were looking down on events in Iraq. Alexander said, "Wow, if I'd only had one of Bush's armored divisions, I'd have definitely conquered India." Frederick the Great said, "Surely if I'd only had a few squadrons of Bush's air force, I would have won the Seven Years War in a matter of weeks." There was a long pause as the three continued to watch events. Then Napoleon spoke, "And if I'd only had that Fox News service, no one would have ever known that I lost the Russia campaign."

Some Rules By Men, For Women

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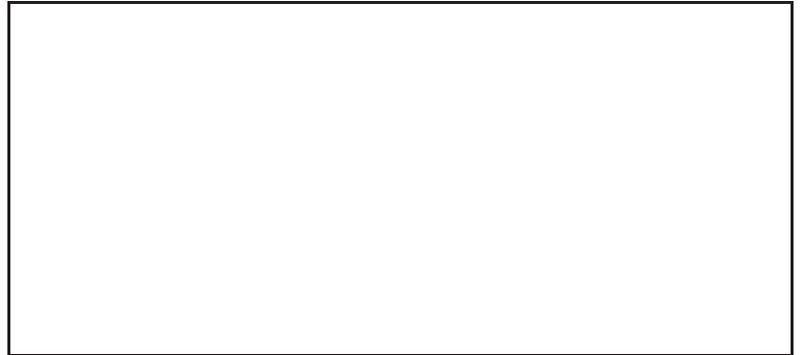
- Christopher Columbus did not need directions. Neither do we.
- Crying is extortion.
- Temper tantrums are extortion.
- Hissy fits are extortion.

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Nation in Distress

Don't show ID to the cops. If you do, you're providing information that might be used against you — a sacrifice of one of the fundamental principles of liberty.



Buck Hunter Shoots Off His Mouth

Dear Buck

My dog buries bones in the yard and then he can't find them. What can I do to help him?

—Dog Owner

Dear Dog Owner

They say on the TV that Fosamax helps prevent bone loss. Get some for the dog.

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Sixth Grade Test Bloopers

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Abraham Lincoln became America's greatest Precedent. Lincoln's mother died in infancy, and he was born in a log cabin which he built with his own hands. Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves by signing the Emasculation Proclamation. On the night of April 14, 1865, Lincoln went to the theater and got shot in his seat by one of the actors in a moving picture show. They believe the assassin was John Wilkes Booth, a supposedly insane actor. This ruined Booth's career. ∞

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—Sam Aurelius Milam III, editor

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