Part 7: Bush National Security is a Bald-Faced Lie

Pop Goes the Bush Mythology Bubble: Part 7

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"HEADLINE: Border Agents Let Fake IDs Go Through **[See postscript 1]**

By Lara Jakes Jordan, 8-2-6

WASHINGTON (AP) - Undercover investigators entered the United States using fake documents repeatedly this year - including some cases in which Homeland Security Department agents didn't ask for identification.

At nine border crossings on the Mexico and Canadian borders, agents "never questioned the authenticity of the counterfeit documents," according to Government Accountability Office testimony to be released Wednesday.

"This vulnerability potentially allows terrorists or others involved in criminal activity to pass freely into the United States from Canada or Mexico with little or no chance of being detected," concluded the GAO, the investigative arm of Congress, in testimony obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press.

The findings, to be presented to the Senate Finance Committee, come as Congress considers delaying a 2007 deadline requiring passports or a small number of previously approved tamperproof ID cards from all who enter the United States."

Boo! Make sure you heed their warnings. Their entire sham depends on it.

The Economy is doing GREAT! Didn't you get the memo from the President?

The War Machine is racking up record profits for the Bush Buddies in that sector of the economy. We are arming Israel at break-neck speed and now they want to sell $4.6 billion in arms to Arab nations and stir the pot some more. Big Banks are raking it in and Big Oil could not be happier if they were Big Oil Pigs in a really big puddle of mud.

The Florida economy is doing great according to Bush, what with no hurricanes and plenty of people needed in the low paying service industry jobs to cater to the wealthy and struggling families on vacation.

By the time you return home from that Florida vacation, you may well be worth less in two ways. The money you shelled out for vacation and your home value is finally going to be recognized to be a lot less than you thought it was. That tsunami hit the US a long time ago so don't worry about high ground. There is none unless you are part of that elite inner circle.

"HEADLINE: Realtors: Home Prices May Fall **[Make sure you see Postscript 2.]**

The National Association of Realtors yesterday announced that home prices could start to fall nationwide in the coming months for the first time in a decade, reports USA Today.

They made the announcement on the heels of reporting that existing home sales tumbled in June, for the eighth time in 10 months. The NAR also said that the number of homes for sale reached its highest point since 1997.

David Lereah, NAR chief economist, tells USA Today that he expects "price numbers to start deteriorating."

In some markets, prices are already falling. Prices of condos nationwide have fallen 2.1 percent in a year. Single-family home prices increased just 1.1 percent from last year.

"Prices got too high in some local markets," Lereah said. "So, you're seeing two things occur: Investors are leaving quickly, and regular home buyers are staying on the sidelines."

As a result, there's a 6.8-month supply of single-family homes and an eight-month supply of condos, according to the NAR. Compared to a year ago, existing home sales are down 8.9 percent.

"Markets which have been the hottest are quite likely to see home price declines," John Ryding, an economist at Bear Stearns, tells USA Today. "In those markets, you could see declines for the year."

In the West, which includes hot housing markets California, Nevada, and Arizona, sales of existing homes fell 17.1 percent in a year. The California Association of Realtors announced that home sales plunged 26 percent in a year and are off 20 percent for 2006.

"Affordability has probably hit a record low," Robert Kleinhenz, deputy chief economist for CAR, tells USA Today.

In the Northeast, another hot housing region, sales fell 9.8 percent. The Midwest experienced a 6.2 percent decline in sales, and sales in the South fell 5.5 percent.

The Washington Post reports that home prices in the Washington, D.C. area are falling in certain areas for the first time in five years.

Peter Morici, an economist at the University of Maryland, tells the Post "prices could drop 10 percent by the end of the year, and perhaps by 20 percent 'by the time it's all over.'"

Editor's Note:

Real-estate expert and Yale professor Dr. Robert Shiller says that housing prices nationwide could fall by as much as 40% over the next few years. In this exclusive interview, find out how the five ways to protect yourself and profit from the coming real estate crisis."

That, folks, is not the sign of a great economy. Just the opposite is true.

Yes, folks, the housing bubble has burst, and they are finally getting around to admitting it or recognizing it about 18 months after the train wreck. It is a Buyer's Market and 8 of the last 10 months existing home sales have fallen. Part of the reason is banks are doing everything in their power to dump the construction loan new homes before the market wakes up that they are overpaying grossly for property. We cannot have those homes selling for less than the construction loan, which would be a clear indication of true value. When the Buyers are not buying, there is a huge hole in the US economy. We are very close to having the same type of market glut that was present when the S&Ls collapsed during the Reagan Administration.

King George can stand on the railroad tracks while the freight train is barreling towards him bragging about what a great mediocre job he is doing, but I shall not join him.

Big Oil is picking your pocket every day and you can rely that a lot of that money is going to fund the DNC and RNC candidates since you will not do it yourself. They love the Two-Party Tango in Washington, DC and not a damned thing is going to change regardless of which party controls Congress come November 2006. A Third Party of the people and for the people could change it, but not the current system.

There are rumblings and grumblings in the political sector as indicated in a new poll.

HEADLINE United States

Polls Indicate Growing Dissatisfaction with Two Parties in The US **[See Postscript 3]**

By Joe Kay

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Public opinion polls are a fairly limited way of gauging popular sentiments. The way questions are posed, and the options given for answers tend to skew or distort the actual views of those being surveyed. Still, newly released US polls certainly indicate intense public opposition to the war in Iraq, widespread hostility to the Bush administration and its policies, discontent with socio-economic conditions, and deep dissatisfaction with the Democrats and Republicans.

The approval ratings for Bush remain at very low levels, with a Wall Street Journal/NBC poll released Thursday reporting a figure of 39 percent, statistically unchanged from a month before. More than half the population-56 percent-registered disapproval for the Bush presidency.

At the same time, dissatisfaction with other political institutions and with the Democratic Party persists. Sixty percent of the population disapproves of the performance of the US Congress. While the plurality of those surveyed (48 percent) would prefer a Democratic-controlled Congress after the November elections, the party as a whole has a favorability rating of only 32 percent. According to the Wall Street Journal, this figure "is as unflattering as the Journal/NBC survey has ever recorded."

The favorability rating for the Republicans is essentially the same-33 percent, which, according to the Journal, is "near the party's record low"-while 39 percent give a negative rating to the Democrats and 46 percent give a negative rating to the Republicans.

A striking 60 percent of the population said that the country is "on the wrong track," while only 27 percent said it was headed "in the right direction." Of the 60 percent who said the country is on the wrong track, 80 percent-or nearly 50 percent of the total population-said it was part of a long-term decline.

Democratic pollster Peter Hart, who conducted the survey sponsored by the Journal and NBC, commented that the figures are "horrendous" and indicate a public mood that is "as dank and depressing as I have ever seen" in more than three decades of conducting polls."

Gosh, Americans think both parties are full of **it and incompetent, so why elect either of them back in?

They are flying our Nation straight into the mountain on auto-pilot while they drink champagne, arrange the deck chairs on the Titanic, and riding around in their limousines headed to the next power lunch.

Many are predicting that the House or Senate will go back under Democratic control, but only 32 percent give the DNC a favorable rating. It poses the question of why give control over to the DNC that only has the admiration of 32 percent? Every poll makes it clear that the DNC is not standing on the high ground.

The Republicans, as despised as they are these days, have a 33 percent favorable rating, which means in statistical terms they still edge out the Democrats.

A full 60%, definitely a majority not even including the 71 million American Spectators we have that do not vote, have an unfavorable opinion of both the DNC and RNC and Congress in general.

Only 27% think the US is headed in the right direction, which must be that embedded group of sleepwalkers that Bush directs his message to and his true support level of about 27%. I say that because no one that is awake believes a thing Bush says. They lie about his numbers, so he is not such a glaring embarrassment for us to the rest of the world, but let me clue Washington, DC in - they already know that in every nation but the United States.

I have been in seven nations and they all think Bush is a moron. That I do not take exception to and it makes me want to be a better ambassador for our nation since Bush, Cheney, Rice and many other BushCo folks are not.

A full 80% think the US is in a long-term decline.

Bingo! The majority has finally figured it out.

Well, Don Pardo, what do we have Dick and Jane behind Door Number 3?

We have a life-long vacation to a Third World Banana Republic and they don't even have to leave home.

Many will get to watch the end of our Republic from home in their robe and bunny slippers since they will not have a job. If we let these idiots stay in power, many might be able to just change channels and watch Armageddon, too.

There was an interesting story in the Budapest Sun recently, not so much for what it said about Hungary and its low ranking in a recent study but also the extremely low ranking the United States received in that same study.

If one were to listen to the Bush Hype, you know, the Bush Mythology Bubble that I have written about, one would think that USA #1 would be #1 on this list, but it came in 150th out of 178 nations. That is a clear sign of several words that come to mind - dissatisfaction, disgruntled, hopelessness, etc.

Folks, that sums up why Americans are the most spoiled and least happy people on the planet for to put it mildly, this Grand Experiment does not work in its current mode and now we are out trying to sell it to the world in its current belligerent fashion.

It is not about democracy and freedom. It is all about wanton greed that cannot be sated.

Read the article and then we can visit again on this matter.

"A Most Unhappy Country

Budapest Sun.com

July 20, 2006

Hungary is one of the world's unhappiest countries, ranking 121st, out of 178, according to the Happy Planet Index (HIP), a study conducted by the New Economics Foundation.

The HIP claims to be the first measure that shows the ecological efficiency with which human well-being is delivered around the world.

"It shows the relative efficiency with which nations convert the planet's natural resources into long and happy lives for their citizens," the organization said.

The index is determined by "ecological footprint" (the impact humans have on the environment), life-satisfaction and life expectancy.

It found that South-American countries are the happiest, as their three indicators "reflect the average years of happy life produced by a given society."

Hungarians' life expectancy is 72.7, the country's ecological footprint it 3.5 and life-satisfaction is 5.7. Vanuatu, Colombia and Costa Rica top the list.

Turkey, with 98, and Bosnia (103 points) are ahead of Hungary, as their ecological footprint is lower.

European countries generally gathered fewer points, with Italy ranking 66th, Germany at 81, Great Britain placed at 108, Romania is 120th, France is 129th and the United States at 150.

Russia comes 172nd, Ukraine is 174th, but Zimbabwe (178) is officially the world's unhappiest place."

I did a double take when I saw that Columbia topped the list, especially when I consider what I have read but then what I read was printed by OUR MAJOR MASS MEDIA. Can you imagine Turkey scoring higher than the United States? I can.

Being in Hungary for over 3 months in the past 12 months, I see clear signs why the people here are fed up with the system that pretends to serve and govern them. Lack of results and financial pressures increasing by the month pretty well sums it up here and for the US as well. It is hard to move forward when you take one step forward and then are shoved (or slapped) back two steps.

Recent "job creation announcements" here included expansions by Unisys and Morgan Stanley to put service centers here instead of in India. Those announcements were made right after Bush left here. Wow, and no, I did not see any Polka bands or Hungarians dancing in the streets when those were announced. Most Hungarians recognize that minimum wage jobs mean; they get to stay under the poverty line just as in America.

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While computer services company Unisys Corp. has announced it is cutting 1,900 more jobs in addition to 3,600 disclosed last October, it is beefing up its operations in countries where labor is less expensive, such as India, China, Hungary and other central and eastern European countries.

Unisys said the layoffs (of about 15% of its total workforce) would save at least USD 325 million annually by the second half of next year.

Hungarian business daily Világgazdaság said on Friday Unisys plans a fast expansion of its 30-40 workstation center in Hungary and will open a call center, setting up a total of 250-300 terminals by the autumn of 2006.

Unisys Hungary currently employs 100 people and in 2005 booked revenues of nearly USD 60 million. Among its clients it has Hungary's leading bank, OTP, Magyar Posta, Erste Bank and leading telco group Magyar Telekom.

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Morgan Jobs

Budapest Sun

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Morgan Stanley will open a service center in Hungary this fall to provide financial and technological support for its businesses in London and New York, the investment bank said on Tuesday, (July 18) as this paper went to press. The bank said the center will create 450 jobs by 2009 in operations support, mortgage finance, financial control and information technology. Morgan Stanley already has a mathematical modeling center in Budapest.

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It is starting to seem to me that the only people governments can fool are those that show up on election day.

Is America an unhappy nation? I say yes, and why is because we are like hamsters on a wheel. Many Americans are beginning to recognize that the American Dream is not for them, it is RSVP reserved for the Wealthy Elite. Those power hungry, money grubbing mongrels that make prostitutes look like honest business people because at least you get what you are paying for with a prostitute.

The pace of life in America and day to day pressures are mounting and that has a way of undermining quality of life, too.

We as a people are completely fed up with Washington, DC but come every election we walk into those voting booths and put these same idiots back into office. The answer as to the WHY of the phenomenon may well go down in history as the reason the United States failed. **[See Postscript 3.]**

There is not a military force Earth that could bring down the United States, but we have let the worst enemy inside the gates and they are bringing us down one dollar and one gold brick at a time.

Some of you may remember that I was a Republican for many years. I pulled out of the RNC when they let the Neocons in the door because unlike many of the RNC Sheeple, I clearly recognized the wolf in sheep's clothing. I learned long ago that leopards do not change their spots and do not stop being carnivores. I knew that when they let communists into the door, dressed up like fascists to sell their ideas, there was big trouble on the horizon. We have all witnessed it first in the capital markets frauds that stole hundreds of billions from investors (and that theft was to a large extent planned and policies, regulations and laws changed by DC to aid and abet) and then 9-11 and since.

Here is an underlying reason that DNC has only a 32 percent approval rating and RNC 33 percent. The Neocons now control the machinations of both parties and they merely switch masks from Fascist to Communist / Socialist and vice versa to fool you. Most Americans instinctively know that but do nothing about it but condone it with a vote. Our nation is the Foucault Pendulum in motion and swinging back and forth goes nowhere.

Are we a dissatisfied nation? I say yes, and it is because our quality of life is sliding backwards while we work hard to move ahead. That is what the HPI study is about, quality of life.

That Unseen Hand is a system that holds you back. It is a system that is served by the RNC and DNC and all they want is your vote. Otherwise, what you think, what you believe, what you want and need, they could not care less. They care even less about your quality of life and that is what is starting to get the dander up on many Americans.

I still get emails every week from people asking me to run in 2008, or have just now found my website and platform and see that the platform is a step in the right direction. I am still waiting to see what it will take to get America to stand up and fix what is wrong. No one person can stand up to them while the others sit back and watch the Gladiator games.

America is having more than just a leadership problem. It is also having a problem of the people being doers that are committed to fixing what is wrong. We need tens of millions of doers that will stand up for the right reasons and put an end to the nonsense they call government in Washington, DC.

We can change it, but the question remains will we do it?

[Postscript 1: In my book it is revealed that in Mexico all a person (or terrorist) has to do is go to a vending machine, pay $20 and get a “Matricula Visa” and pass straight thru Border Control even without a passport. When that news broke, the Bush Administration turned huffy and belligerent claiming that was disinformation. A US reporter went to Mexico, found one of those vending machines, paid $20, got the visa and reentered the US with only the Matricula Visa and was not made to show his US passport. Another Bush LIE!]

[Postscript 2: Bush Administration’s fabricated “Global War on Terror” wrecked the economy just like his father did with Desert Shield / Desert Storm. Total focus on totally fabricated war, and zero focus on the economic principles that drive the US economy. Like father, like son. The George W. Bush solution was the engineered and totally bogus Housing Boom and artificially fluffed up prices of homes. Some may remember that to cover up how weak the US economy was they created NINJA loans (No Income, No Job or Assets) but hey, go shopping and buy a home, and can buy 2, 3, 4 or more if a person wished. Then they slapped “Aaa, Aa and A credit default insurance” on those loans that were really mostly B, C and D credit rating, and sold them to foreign investors, pension funds, banks, etc. Some may remember that such capital markets fraud hit globally in 2008-2009 and crashed the world markets due to “subprime mortgage fraud” by the USA. In Europe alone, this US scam stole $4 trillion. Some may remember when Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke would not tell Congress where $2.0 trillion went. That $2.0 trillion was the first “50 cents on the dollar” repayment to EU investors because they were planning criminal lawsuit action against USA. EU was not going to settle for 50 cents reimbursement. The Federal Reserve scrambled to do QE1, QE2 and QE3 to cough up the other 50 cents, and in doing so added trillions in US debt due to Bush’s war adventures, capital markets fraud and bank bailouts.]

[Postscript 3: All of the squabbling, bickering and plundering in DC is to see which party, Republican or Democrat can fleece the taxpayer money to the greatest extent. I have stated on radio shows that one of the biggest threats I see to America as a Republic and as an Oligarchy Democracy is rather than research, think and know who a voter is voting for they amble to the voting precincts every 2 years for midterms, every 4 years when Presidents are elected and blindly push “D for Dumb” and “R for Retarded”. Until that biannual circus stops… America is doomed.]