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personal behavior to make one act more responsibly." - Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX)

*Ouch! Thanks, Ron.*

◆ "We should remember that today is the tomorrow that yesterday's policy makers told us we could ignore". - Lawrence W. Reed, President, Mackinac Center for Public Policy

*Former Governor John Waihee, call your office.*

## TIDBITS

◆ If you have not done so yet or are not yet doing so regularly, connect to [www.hawaiireporter.com](http://www.hawaiireporter.com) and get the latest uncensored news. Editor Malia Zimmerman, who is also our Vice President, has a fresh perspective and always seems to have the latest scoop.

◆ The Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI) has produced "Environmental-free market guide to environmental issues" (ideal for an office coffee table). Source: CEI. It covers virtually all imaginable environmental issues from Agricultural Biotechnology to Urban Sprawl with eleven major subjects in between. After a brief discussion of each issue, it provides a list of key experts and recommended

readings on each subject.

CEI provided us with 15 of these books and we have carefully distributed them to key legislative people and their research staffs. In addition, we have given one to each to a public and a private high school. If you know an educator that would use a fresh perspective outside the prevailing mainstream, please let Dick Rowland know. We will get them a book.

## STOSSEL IN THE CLASSROOM

We reported earlier on the special classroom videos of ABC News Correspondence John Stossel making his reports. John is a gifted professional and he shares our philosophy. He causes students to think about and rethink some common everyday conclusions and myths. Thanks to one of you, a University of Hawaii Professor has all four of the videos and reports great results. We need help two ways:

◆ Help us buy a teacher a kit. Cost is \$45.00 per kit which can be used over and over again. All four kits = \$180.00

◆ Help us identify a teacher (grade 11 up) who would use the kit and report results. Please call Dick Rowland 487-4959 to discuss ways & means.

## INTERESTING STUDIES:

◆ Steps for Building a Better State Budget by Charles E. Greenawalt II PhD  
Contact: The Susquehanna Valley Center for Public Policy, P.O. Box 338, Hershey, PA 17033. (717) 867-5262. [www.susvalley.bhcom.com](http://www.susvalley.bhcom.com)

◆ Let's Hold Global Warming Forecasters Accountable---Brazilian Style, by Tom Randall, National Policy Analysis no 390, 2 pp. [www.naturalcenter.org/NPA.390.html](http://www.naturalcenter.org/NPA.390.html)

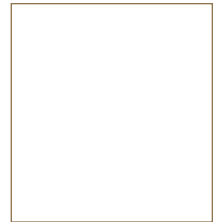
◆ "Teach for America" Sources Points the Way to Teacher Certification Reform" by George C. Leef. Viewpoint on Public Issues #2002-06 Mackinac Center for Public Policy, 140 West Main Street, P.O. Box 568 Midland, MI 48640 (989) 631-0900.

◆ "Of Markets, Government, Lawyers and Freedom" by John Stossel, Policy Dialog #47 Pioneer Institute for Public Policy Research, 85 Devonshire Street, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02109 (617) 723-2277 [www.pioneerinstitute.org](http://www.pioneerinstitute.org)

◆ "The Good News About Welfare Reform" by Robert Rector and Patrick F. Fagan. The Heritage Foundation Backgrounder #1468. 214 Massachusetts Ave N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002-4999. (202) 546-4400. [www.heritage.org](http://www.heritage.org)

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our first report (3/1/2002) was a compilation of our activities on behalf of you and yours in which we indicated that you would henceforth get a monthly update. We didn't make that happen because it was decided to do some time consuming design as well as content. Hope you like the result.

Our first priority, pushing all others aside, appeared unexpectedly on March 29 when Lowell Kalapa announced that funding had dried up for the Tax Foundation of Hawaii (TFH). At that time, funds for only 90 days of operation were on hand. Using our nationwide contacts through the State Policy Network we are formulating a plan to get the funds to carry the TFH for the rest of this year and to reorganize the operation so that funding will become more steady and predictable. Supporting our effort are Small Business Hawaii (SBH), Hawaii Reporter, KHVH's Rick Hamada and many others. At the end of the last SBH Sunrise event, we requested donations and collected \$460 on the spot. Please break out your checkbook and ask others to do so. To get TFH through this year would only take \$100 from 500 donors. It is absolutely essential that Hawaii retains the TFH, our primary non-partisan voice for fiscal sanity for the last 49 years.

Ted Abram, President of the American Institute for Full Employment, visited with us on April 30. He briefed a group of employers and policy advisors on the steps Mayor of New York City Rudy Giuliani took to reduce crime (-) 57%, homicides (-) 65%, public assistance rolls (-) 53.4%. In the year 2000 alone NYC found jobs for 132,954 public assistance recipients. Much of what Giuliani did is transferable to Hawaii in a Full Employment Program. We will be calling on him to help settle upon and establish performance criteria, design a program and get training workshops going.

The Foundation for Economic Education is holding its first annual convention in Las Vegas in early May. Hawaii's own Ken Schoolland, author of *Jonathan Gullible*, is scheduled to speak as well as accept an award for his outstanding book. I will be representing the Grassroot Institute interacting with organizations throughout the community of free-market advocates.

Richard O. Rowland  
President

## GUEST EDITORIAL

By Eloise Anderson

Social policy has changed, replacing the family with the state. In order to look at where we are today, we need to think about where we have been. Around 1774, our founding fathers looked out at the world and saw Europe's church state.

European churches dominated the social realm. They were responsible for education, health care, and childcare. They were the social services of Europe. But our founders left Europe. They certainly did not want to recreate it.

Aside from the church, the founders examined other societal structures. One of them was the family.

The family took care of most things at that time. The family was responsible for education, which is the generational transfer of knowledge. The family was where, for the

most part, economic production took place. The family provided for the safety and security of children. And illnesses and injuries were by and large taken care of by the family.

At that time, the family was the major institution off of which all other institutions played. And the founders did not want to change this. They have this notion that the federal government would do very few things; the states had some things to do, but we as individuals were going to do most the work. They believed that the family was a very important institution for carrying out the goals of this country.

But today, social policy has changed. The state has taken over the role of education. The state has over caring for our elderly. And in many cases, the state has taken away

economic responsibility of the family through our welfare programs.

Most of our welfare and social policies are anchored around mother and child with no mention of the father. Nature does not let us have children without each other. We need a male a female; and both are important. Fathers even have a pre-birth affect. When a father is not around, a baby's birth weight is generally lower and their health is worse.

Yet, we structure our income maintenance programs to take care of a single mom not the family. This undermines the institutional structure of the family because mom and dad are no longer the family breadwin-

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ners. The breadwinner becomes the state.

Every social policy we have on the books has some good consequence. But for every good consequence there are at least five negatives. The majority of social policy in the United States rests in the Social Security Act. And for the last sixty years that act has undermined the family on both the federal and state level.

If you compare our Social Security Act with Germany and Russia's, you see the same systems. Many years ago Russia tried to break down the family making the family more interested in state protection. That is happening today with our Social Security Act. It keeps getting bigger and bigger. Such turning to the state erodes the family.

The basic institution is the family and it is being driven to destruction by the very social policies we think support it. We cannot maintain the freedoms that we enjoy without strengthening the family. That means, in many cases, we should quit making such social policies. And the quicker we do nothing, the off we will be.

*By Eloise Anderson, Director of the Program for the American Family at The Clairmont Institute and former director of social services in Wisconsin and California.*

# CURRENT CONTROVERSIES:

## EDUCATION:

◆ Columnist Deroy Murdock who spoke to us in January wrote an op-ed piece in February in which he pointed out that those who oppose vouchers for grades K thru 12 because they unconditionally entangle church and state are mostly the same people who are in favor of existing Pell Grants for college. Both entail personal, individual choice. Murdock says the opposers can't have it both ways. Thanks, Deroy.

◆ Déjà vu all over again. Kam Napier of Honolulu Magazine dug up an article from the February 1912 files which criticized the Territorial public schools, saying, in part "Let's cut out the rot...and let's not be so stingy that we can't erect decent school buildings" which brings to mind the question "Why do the government schools have a recurring problem of too many customers (students) yet private schools never have such a complaint". See Honolulu Magazine February 2002.

◆ "Cyber schools" provide the latest heartburn for HSTA and other champions of the status quo. About 50 online schools have taken root where children – freed of any geographic boundaries at all – communicate with their teachers and other students via telephone, chat room and e-mail. Such cyber schools offer broader opportunities courses – and for the 850,000 children who are home schooled. Source Robert Tomsho,

"Controversy Flares Over Public Funding of Cyber Schools" Wall Street Journal, April 5, 2002.

For those of you with a burning interest in education, you should contact The Heartland Institute attn: Diane Bast and ask her to send you the monthly School Reform News. They are at 19 South La Salle #903, Chicago, Illinois 60603, Tel (312) 377-4000. Website [www.heartland.org](http://www.heartland.org)

## ENVIRONMENT:

◆ "Smart growth" is a concept in urban planning to slow suburban "sprawl". Idea is to increase urban population density, boost mass transit ridership and cut auto driving. Portland, Oregon has been one of the "cutting edge" cities for implementing smart growth policies.

The results:

1. From one of the most affordable single-family housing areas to one of the least affordable ones.
2. Apartment vacancy rates at a decade-high 7%.
3. Planned congestion was to cut per capita driving by 10%, now they "hope" for 4%.
4. Stop-and-go driving, caused by planned congestion, will increase smog by 10% even if per-capita driving drops 10%.

To quote one smart growth advocate, there is "a gap between the daily mode of living

desired by most Americans and the one that most city planners believe is appropriate". Source: Randall O'Toole (Thoreau Institute), "The Folly of 'Smart Growth'", Regulation Fall 2001.

◆ New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg has proposed a temporary suspension of some of that city's recycling in order to save taxpayers \$57 million. It turns out that recycling entails so much energy, water and labor to collect, sort, clean and process the materials that many public officials now realize most mandated recycling hurts, rather than helps the environment. Further, about 40% of NYC's glass, metal and plastic waste is not suitable for recycling and ends up in landfills anyway. Finally, new technologies have transformed the nature of landfills from the stinking dumps of the past into almost scenic spots. Source: Angela Logomasini (Competitive Enterprise Institute) Forced Recycling Is a Waste" Wall Street Journal 3/19/02. For those of you with a burning interest in the environment, we recommend you subscribe to Environment and Climate News, a monthly publication of The Heartland Institute. Contact Diane Bast (312) 377-4000 or 19 South La Salle Street # 903, Chicago, Ill 60603. [www.heartland.org](http://www.heartland.org)

## SOCIAL POLICY:

◆ As business activity picks up, jobseekers who lack skills and education will lag in finding jobs. First hiring is for those with the

# THOUGHTS THAT SIZZLE, THOUGHTS THAT CRY. MAYBE THEY WILL HELP US SEE EYE TO EYE.

◆ As Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "Man's mind, stretched to a new idea, never goes back to its original dimension."

*We hope the Grassroot Institute will stretch all our minds, and even a few in the "power structure".*

◆ "A hat should be taken off when you greet a lady, and left off for the rest of your life. Nothing looks more stupid than a hat." -P.J. O'Rourke

*Take that, Dick Rowland!*

◆ "Our country was founded on a distrust of government. Our Founding Fathers gave power to the people to keep an eye on the government. So when politicians say, 'Trust

me,' they're actually being very un-American." -David Duchovny

*Gosh, does this apply to the politicians you voted for in the last election?*

◆ "It would appear that, on the level of individual nations and of international relations, the free market is the most efficient instrument for utilizing resources and effectively responding to needs." -Pope John Paul II

*How's that for Devine guidance?*

◆ "There is one thing stronger than all the armies of the world; and that is an idea whose time has come." -Victor Hugo

*Believe me, our time will come.*

◆ As scientist Max Planck wrote, "A new scientific truth does not triumph by convincing its opponents and making them see the light, but rather because its opponents eventually die, and a new generation grows up that is familiar with it."

*Looks like we need to keep working, thinking and exercising extreme patience.*

◆ "No one advocates prior restraint to regulate journalistic expression, even though great harm has come over the centuries from the promotion of authoritarian ideas. Likewise we do not advocate the regulation of political expression and religious beliefs however bizarre they may seem. And yet we casually assume it's the role of government to regulate

most to offer. Only much later in the cycle will enough high school dropouts be hired to begin to drop their unemployment rate. Source: Alan B. Krueger (Princeton University), "Economic Scene: As Recovery Builds, the Less Educated go to the End of the Unemployment Line" New York Times 3/7/2002.

◆ The unemployed in America are generally young, childless and lack a post-secondary education. More than 44% are under 30 and 70% have no children under 18. A full 50% have never been a parent. Only 34% are head of family. A full 62% have no education or training beyond high school. Source: "Who are the Unemployed?" 1/16/2002 Employment Policy Foundation 1015 15th Street N.W. Ste 1200 Washington, D.C. 2005. (202) 789-8685

◆ A new study by David Newmark finds that existing government employees are the primary beneficiaries of living wage laws. Taxpayers foot the bill for the higher wages. They may then pay again when businesses relocate out of state, thus reducing the tax base. Source: Bruce Bartlett, senior fellow, National Center for Policy Analysis 3/20/2002.

## HEALTH CARE:

◆ British general practitioners are very unhappy. One in four are seriously considering leaving their work. Almost half plan to retire before age 60. Source: Zosia Kmietowicz, "Quarter of GP's want to quit, BMA survey shows" British Medical Journal, 10/20/2001.

◆ Two former executives of the nation's largest hospital owner escaped conviction recently when the appeals court threw out their case. Crux of the matter was interpretation of Medicare's complex, confusing and ambiguous claim rules. The Mayo Clinic once counted more than 100,000 pages of Medicare regulations, rulings and bulletins it must adhere to. Many family doctors (17%) are refusing to take Medicare patients. Patients may soon come to detest Medicare as they

Date: 4/23/2002  
To: Honolulu Advertiser  
Re: Letter to Editor\*

Mike Leidemann quotes City Transportation Head Cheryl Soon in the 4/20/2002 Advertiser as saying, regarding the city's \$1,000,000,000 transit plan: "I'm not going to be swayed now by a lot of Johnny-come-latelies who are raising questions for only political reasons".

What an unadorned, blunt attitude of limitless arrogance is contained in that statement. First, what political reasons? According to the Leidemann story, the complaints are centered on the extreme inconvenience and costs to be suffered by many individuals and businesses with the implementation of the plan. In other words, many people believe they will be hurt significantly by the spending of the \$1 billion (before cost overruns, of course) of public money, some of which was their very own earnings before being taken over by government. The fact that some constituents do not want to suffer self-funded deprivation for the benefit of others (who are chosen by Cheryl Soon) is political? Ms Soon is quoted elsewhere in the article again with enthusiastic moral superiority, "Traffic just keeps getting worse on its own. If you want to sit in your Cadillac and be stuck in it, be my guest, but we are going to create an alternative for those who want to jump on the bus and get somewhere quickly". That begs an obvious question; when has public transportation ever been defined as "quick". Furthermore, what about the poor lady in the 15 year old Ford escort who just wants to get to work and back with stops along the way to drop off & pick up her special needs kids at their schools, get some groceries, and wash clothes at the laundromat? She wants to leap on the bus and quickly accomplish her purposes?

Cheryl Soon will suffer no financial consequences from her decisions, should they be wrong. But others will pay and pay and pay ---

Get real, Soon ----- Soon!  
Or, quickly seek productive employment elsewhere, via The Bus, of course.

Richard O. Rowland  
President  
Grassroot Institute of Hawaii

look for scarce doctors and suffer lower quality care. Source: Editorial, "The Medicare Police" Wall Street Journal, April 1, 2002.

◆ The previously unabated tendency of states to add and add medical insurance coverage mandates seems to be ending. Last year Arkansas and North Dakota passed mandate relief laws letting insurers offer no-frills coverage at a more reasonable cost. Now 12 more states are considering such: Medical policy experts point out that insurance was originally designed to cover the huge, unexpected costs of serious diseases and accidents. But mandates have changed insurance from risk protection to prepaid health care. Source: Betsy

McCaughey, "States look to cut Red Tape to Ease Crisis of Uninsured", Investors Business Daily, 3/15/2002.

◆ "Bush wants to encourage people to voluntarily obtain private insurance. But his proposals also open the door to something desperately needed: personal and portable insurance. Individually-owned health insurance is the only permanent solution to the portability problem inherent in an employer-based health care system". Source: John C. Goodman "Two Cheers for Bush Health Plan" Brief Analysis # 389 2/19/2001 [www.ncpa.org/iss/hea](http://www.ncpa.org/iss/hea)  
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