

Just in case you did not get this on the first e-mail transmission.

Greetings from Tyler,

In case you haven't heard the news, Mr. Richard Anderson has died from what should have been a minor accident. By the time hospital staff found him in his room unconscious and not breathing, apparently it was already too late. Everyone here and around the country who knew Richard is just sick about it. He was always a warm, friendly and fun guy to have in the mix. He leaves behind his wife Nancy and an adult son. He will be greatly missed.

We can only watch in dismay what is transpiring in our nation. Recent statements made at the [G-20 conference](#) last week, and in various other speeches reinforce the suspicion that is dawning across this country and around the world, that the [United States is being hampered and cut down to size by design](#). We could have hoped that the collection of advisors, czars and appointees all shared anti American educational backgrounds and philosophies as some bizarre coincidence. But it is clearer by the speech that this is no coincidence.

As was noted last night by at least two national networks, [federal agencies continue to hamper and stand in the way of efforts to deal with the oil spill catastrophe](#). Surely it has nothing to do with the fact that the South has successfully avoided the influence of Unions; or that the people of the South do not represent a supportive constituency of the current administration. Instead of getting the kind of help that all of us would have taken for granted in the face of such a national disaster, [national agencies are actively hurting efforts to deal with the mess](#).

Now we watch in dismay as [national leadership undertakes legal action against the State of Arizona](#) to prevent the state from dealing with a scourge of violent crime, kidnappings and the assorted mayhem that accompanies armed smugglers of drugs and humans. We're told that violent smuggling cartels control numerous strategic hilltops in the Arizona border region where tabs can be kept on the movement of border control and law enforcement. In a situation eerily similar to that in the Gulf states, where national leadership would be expected to intervene on behalf of the people in jeopardy, instead, the interests of the people of the states apparently run counter to the grand design of our national planners.

[The Gulf oil spill has been taken as an excuse to wage war on the one substance that, perhaps more than any other, makes our modern way of life possible. Cap and trade, as the wealth redistribution mechanism is called, "will necessarily cause energy prices to skyrocket,"](#) with the proceeds to be supposedly transferred to nations that don't use so much. It seems the oil spill is just what was needed to make the case.

In the case of illegal alien mayhem, it seems just right to promote "[comprehensive immigration reform](#)" which ultimately means amnesty and, beyond that no doubt, voting rights. But we've been informed conclusively now that [our southern border is just too vast to ever be secured](#). Never mind concerns about [Middle easterners from terrorist camps](#) that are thought to have made the trip of late, or about the millions from Latin America who will take such actions as encouragement to get here for their piece of the pie. Obviously, this line of discussion is politically incorrect, and worse, but what else are we to conclude?

From an economic standpoint, everyone seems to hang on the latest release of [official numbers from unemployment](#) to [consumer confidence](#) to [housing starts](#). Even though none of those numbers are inspiring any confidence in the long term outlook, [the solution we're told is for the government to keep hiring and spending](#).

[Not a few economic analysts are predicting that 2011 will be a terrible year for the American economy. Tax rates are due to increase dramatically next January](#), prompting the private sector to transfer of as much income and profits as possible to be taken before this year is out. That is expected to make the 2010 economy appear to be stronger than it actually is, but may result in a ruined economic environment next year.

But D.C. is undeterred, at least for now. To those in power the obvious solution is for the government to [spend, spend and spend some more](#). Is it not remarkable to see as we did at the economic conference in Toronto, [leaders of European nations look upon the American president with absolute dismay as he promoted additional "stimulus spending."](#) The Europeans have watched their treasuries disappear behind a torrent of socialist spending and "green" programs and initiatives until they've hit an economic wall. They've already learned the hard way that government spending does not produce national prosperity. It's a lesson present leadership is determined to teach America the hard way.

[Weren't those non-violent demonstrations in Toronto just great?](#) Why, it looked just like the scenes we've been seeing from Athens, and the ones they don't show us from France and Spain. Given the rapidly changing demographics in the U.S., and particularly in border states, don't think the United States will be immune from the kind of mindless chaos that automatically ensues when expectations of government freebies fail to materialize, as eventually they always do under socialist rule.

[As we've seen, the very practice of democracy in Europe over the long term is in serious doubt.](#) As history shows, the practice of socialism eventually results in national impoverishment. Is that what's in store for the United States as well? As Margaret Thatcher famously stated, the problem is that socialist governments eventually run out of other people's money. [Economic collapse results in governmental collapse, and it now looks almost a certainty for several European states.](#)

[Now that leadership is governing against the interests of private enterprise](#), against the interests of States that don't embrace their ideology, we might be forgiven for worrying about what's in store for the United States as a whole. God warned Israel about the results that could be expected for turning from his laws, embracing evil practices, and even in regard to choosing leaders. Whether or not it will ever be widely recognized, those warnings apply to us too. It appears that the natural consequences of turning from His plan for our freedom and prosperity are playing out rapidly now.

Last week the Garner Ted Armstrong telecast resulted in 467 requests with one hundred ninety seven first time contacts. This week 386 requests came in with one hundred seventy nine new contacts.

We're all still reeling from the unexpected loss of Mr. and Mrs. Rash and Richard Anderson. But the rest of us are still here, with work to do. Thank you all for your efforts in your local areas.

Have a good Sabbath and we'll be in touch.

Mark Armstrong