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Ohio Now Does the Mara Salvatrucha

By Wayne Herrod, AFP Ohio Secretary

Ohio now joins the ranks of 33 other states that have a known presence of the most violent and fastest growing gang in the world, Mara Salvatrucha, or as it is more commonly called, MS-13. What is this group, this MS-13, you ask? It started in El Salvador from remnants of para-military death squads who have terrorized much of Central America for three decades. They now seem to be a fast growing organization with no definite head or hierarchy, which makes them hard to target by law enforcement agencies. While numbering perhaps 40,000 worldwide, they have at least 10,000 members in the United States now.

Some have been recruited from Latinos already in the United States but more and more cross our unguarded border yearly and now have strongholds in L.A., New York, Northern Virginia, Nevada and Detroit. Our local chapters seem to be around fast growing illegal areas in the Columbus, Ohio region where illegals are working in the construction and landscaping businesses. Nelson Flores, 34, AKA El Mula or 'the mule' was arrested December 23 of last year during a routine traffic stop. He had twice been deported from the United States by ICE officials, and was carrying a concealed firearm. Previously Flores had been convicted of assault with a deadly weapon and participating in a drive by shooting in Nevada. One would wonder how someone with a history like that got such short sentences.

David Henriques was caught a few months before in Columbus carrying a 9mm AB-10 "gang banger weapon" and faces multiple charges of murder, possession of drugs with intent for sale, and possible terrorism. This sadly again is in Ohio.

Although not proven as a member, an incident in Cleveland featured a "gang of illegals" living in an apartment who were being held for the gang rape of an unidentified Cleveland girl. There are probably more arrests and obviously more crimes committed by this growing group in Ohio but because of the nature of the relationship with law enforcement and ICE, police release a large number of people who never report back on their own "recognizance." So, unless an MS-13 gangbanger is caught in a violent act, he will not be held.

Since he is not a citizen and likely does not have a traceable criminal record, he is released back into our streets. Is this wise? Just read a few quotes from the Office of Homeland Security in testimony before the House Committee on International Relations.

Operation Community Shield has arrested 150 MS-13 gang members since February 23, 2005 (and) "more than half of those arrested have violent criminal histories"... "for such crimes as: robbery, assault, rape and murder." A number of arrests in Northern Virginia, California and Florida were also wanted in "home invasions". It should be noted that the weapon of choice in many of these "home invasions" is the machete. Mutilation and murder are not uncommon and gang rape is rife. Why has this not been more widely reported?

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AMERICA FIRST PARTY NATIONAL CONVENTION!

The national committee has called for another national convention to take place the first weekend of June, 2006. This is very exciting for all of us here in Ohio. The convention will be hosted in our backyard...almost. The convention will be held at the Drawbridge Inn, just off Interstate 71/75 near the Cincinnati International Airport in Covington, KY.

The Ohio AFP executive committee would like to invite every AFP member from Ohio to come to the national convention and represent our state with pride. We have an opportunity to make our efforts and goals felt, to make a real difference with our party. All of our members have done a great job spreading the ideals that we espouse and should be justly rewarded by sharing your voice and direction at the national convention.

Directions for the convention will be provided in the coming issues of this newsletter. For more information about the convention, or to volunteer your efforts to ensure a successful convention, please contact me (J.C. Schweingrouber, AFP Ohio Chair, P. O. Box 9847, Cincinnati, OH 45209; jc@americafirstparty.org or grouber@yahoo.com) and I will provide you with contact information. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Again, let's show our national members the hospitality of Ohio and make our mark on the future of the AFP.

Taft Proposes Weak Education Reforms

By J.C. Schweingrouber, AFP Ohio Chair

In February's newsletter I laid out some of the details regarding Governor Taft's "State-of-the-State" address. He paid lip service to many different issues and ignored many other issues that are crucial to Ohio's citizens. However, he did spend a considerable amount of time talking about the state of public education in Ohio.

As we all know, our nation's public education system is lacking many necessary qualities to provide our youth with the adequate knowledge and scope to be productive citizens. Parents, from coast to coast, have been concerned for decades about their children's education falling behind many other nations. Specifically, our children lack results in math and science, two fields crucial to the future development of our state's economy.

When confronting the recent results of education in Ohio, Taft stated, "We've boosted elementary reading proficiency by more than 24% and my budget will include new choices for students trapped in persistently failing schools."

That statement, held alone, would denote some positive movement in the direction of public education. However, he went on to state, "For every 10 students who start high school in Ohio, only seven will earn a diploma, only five will enroll in a post-secondary institution; and of those, fewer than 3 out of 10 will complete a Bachelor's degree within 10 years."

He cited some achievements such as having school building projects completed or currently underway in more than half the districts in the state, including urban centers. He claimed that Ohio was building schools faster than any other state in the country. Furthermore, "Since I've been governor, we've raised the per-student funding guarantee by one third, and our budget will include a new formula that ties some state aid to the types of investments we know improve student success, as proposed by our school funding task force."

Despite spending almost 8 times as much per student as compared to the early 1970's, Governor Taft proposes throwing more of our taxpayer dollars at the problems of education. Since the 1970's and the mass increase in education spending, our students have only achieved only a few points better on the SAT exam (taking into consideration the numerous changes in the scoring system over the years). The more we spend on education, the more we hear the education system shouting at us for more money. Perhaps money isn't the problem. It's the education system itself. Taft cannot see the forest for all the trees. He and his pals in the Republican and Democratic parties just don't get it.

Taft went on to describe his education plan. Step one is, "to better align high school graduation requirements with college readiness standards." As it stands right now, 40% of Ohio's high school graduates have to take remedial math or English during their first year of college. Obviously our public education system, despite all the money taxpayers throw at it, is a wreck.

Step two of his "plan" is to increase the number of high school students enrolled in more stringent curriculum. Teachers across the state take issue with this point. With a 30% dropout rate already

present as the system stands, teachers feel that by forcing high school students to take harder classes they will see that dropout rate go much higher.

The third step is to create more incentives for colleges and universities to improve their graduation rates. My fear is that by creating "incentives" it would force colleges to lower their standards in order to graduate more students. Those will only result in less qualified students going into an already troubled job market.

His final step proposed was to challenge Ohio's colleges and universities to keep tuition increases to a minimum. I think we all see where tuition has gone under Taft's watch, and many of his predecessors.

Ohioans are still waiting for the educational results they've been promised for over twenty years. As long as the Republicans and Democrats remain in control of Ohio's governmental bodies they will continue to wait.

It's time that we enact real fundamental changes in our public education system, and we can start by taking a few pages from the America First Party's play book. For starters, the problem isn't caused by lack of funds or the inability of our children to learn. We have the best and brightest here in America. Ohio's children should be at the top of that list. So, let's inform Governor Taft and all of the party bosses in Columbus and D.C. exactly how to revolutionize our public education system to yield better results and significantly cut back on wasted taxpayer money.

Let's make two things very clear. First, we must recognize that **a free society demands an educated citizenry**. Furthermore, **Federal education programs are unconstitutional**. Those programs must be returned to the states before we will ever see significant progress. Our children need to be educated for the benefit of their communities and for America, not for a failing attempt at educational globalism.

The so-called standards of the Department of Education have only resulted in the dumbing down of the public education system. The Constitution does not give powers to the Federal Government other than those specifically enumerated in it. Step two is to dismantle this failed and corrupt institution.

Third, we call for independently elected school boards to work locally with parents and communities to determine the standards necessary for the children of Ohio. The responsibility to educate children belongs to the people, in particular the parents or legitimate guardian of the child. This right shall not be denied to the parents. They are the most vital part of public education. Parents should have the right to choose what method their children receive education, whether it be private schools, home schooling, or public schools run by local and independent school boards whose members are elected in fair elections. Unlike the current education system, these boards should remain free from special interest groups, unions, and political influence. There is a reason that programs such as Outcome Based Education,

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America Needs Election Reform

Many of us in the America First Party have followed the issue of voter irregularities across our nation, specifically in our own state. Ohio is the focal point of this national problem, and many members have asked me to address this issue specifically in our newsletter. I would like to take a little time to bring this to the attention of our readers and issue a very important challenge to AFP members across the state.

Electronic voting has officially made its way around the country. Voters in most states blindly accept the results reported by the electronic voting machines to be absolute truth and never question their validity or why we needed to change our traditional voting methods. But we in the AFP need to consistently address this concern and educate future AFP members to the realities of election fraud...yes, right here in America!

There are countless reports of voting fraud tied to electronic voting machines going as far back as the 1970's, but the issue was thrown back into the spotlight temporarily during the 2000 election, and more recently during the last presidential election. A lady by the name of Bev Harris from Renton, WA, was searching for information on electronic voting machines in January of 2003. More specifically, she was searching information on electronic voting machine manuals.

Bev Harris found much more than she was looking for. She found about 40,000 unprotected computer files that included source codes for Diebold's AccuVote touch-screen voting machine. She also found live voter data from about 60 precincts in a California primary election from the previous year. It was obvious to her that this information was a serious risk to voters everywhere. Anyone with access to the information she found could alter the outcome of elections.

Even now many computer scientists claim that these codes were designed by inexperienced programmers and can be easily hacked. Why should we leave the future of our republic to chance at the hands of those who can erase our votes with the push of a button? I challenge the members of the Ohio America First Party to remember this problem the next time we have an election. We need precinct captains that are loyal to cleaning up our political system and are trusted in the AFP camp! I have included below the portion of our party's platform in regards to this issue. It is vital if we are to end the corruption that has plagued Ohio politics and this nation.

From the America First Party Platform:

The Federal government shall not require any other language besides English for voting materials.

We oppose any voting system that gives a voter a receipt, which can be abused by facilitating the sale of votes. We oppose any voting system that does not generate a permanent, easily human-readable artifact that can be used to verify a proper vote count.

We favor paper ballots where each race or ballot issue shall have an option to abstain from voting for that race or ballot issue. This reduces the potential of partially blank ballots being tampered with.

We call for an end to early-return ballot casting. Instead, anyone wishing to vote early should instead request an absentee ballot and vote according to that method or drop his or her ballot in person into the Absentee Ballot receptacle. Absentee ballots will contain paper ballot to be processed with other paper ballots.

We favor an election process whereby our election officials who preside over our elections are above reproach in the vote counting process. Election officials should not be subject to an environment where the voting public is forced to rely on blind faith and trust as to the honor of any and all presiding elections officials. Therefore, we favor administrative changes to be enacted by county elections officials.

Among these:

1. Every Ballot cast in an election, henceforth will be hand-counted immediately upon the polls closing, at the ballot box by the named poll watcher/officer and witnessed by any resident acting as agents of any Candidate, or any Issue on that ballot. No ballots may be removed from the respective polling/counting site until a public posting, no smaller than 100 pt type has been made on a wall in the election location after poll closing
2. All Ballot Boxes shall be constructed of clear or translucent material. This will enable citizens to see that no ballots have been fraudulently created and placed in a ballot box before or during an election.
3. All absentee ballots shall be delivered by the United States Postal Service directly into a clear receptacle, kept in public view at all times until the election is over. With current technology, a web-video camera should be made available for and monitoring by Internet inspection. No ballots shall be

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removed from this box until counted. Counting will take place on a table immediately adjacent to the absentee ballot box, also viewed by the web-video camera.

4. Recognizing that computers can be easily manipulated and programmed for a predetermined outcome, computer generated tabulation of Vote Totals in any election shall only be done as a point of confirmation, and only after all hand-counting has been completed.

5. Assure there will always be verifiable, transparent elections by never allowing Computer Touch-Screen Vote Marking Machines to be utilized, and that Paper Ballots will always be employed in every election.

6. Where these vote marking machines are already in use, if counties refuse to replace them with a verifiable paper ballot counted system, a printer shall be attached so at the time of the vote, the voter can print out a paper document to verify his vote and deposit it into the clear box to be counted on site when the polls close.

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Ask the girl who testified against a gang in Florida and then was hacked to death as a not-so-subtle hint to others to keep quiet. The report goes on further to state that, “an investigation of (a) street gang known to transport large quantities of narcotics *from Mexico into the United States*. (Italics are mine) This investigation involves pursuing money laundering charges, drug smuggling charges”.

There is one silver lining, however, and the president is right that they are here to work because as odd as it might sound, many gang members are construction workers by day! They are employed by American businessmen willing to accept forged documents and shave off the difference in wages they might pay an American. Something to think about when you have roof work done or your yard work done by people who don't quite have a good command of the English language. The money you save might come back to haunt you knowing that in all likelihood, if you have money or a teenage daughter, they may be casing your joint. Crime apparently only pays when you are not the victim.

In Memoriam

I announce with great sadness the passing of a Great American. On February 27 Paul Lanham gave up the fight to save his country and succumbed to his battle with cancer. Paul and his wife, Carolyn (Carol), worked many gun shows informing Americans of the paroles that this country faces. They were also very active members of the America First Party of Ohio. Paul and Carolyn decorated the hall for our State Conventions and helped coordinate several demonstrations at the State Capital. Paul was a great patriot. He will be greatly missed. Our prayers go out for Carolyn and may Paul rest in God's Peace—John Francis

"Temporary" Always Becomes Smoke & Mirrors

By Evan Ekstrand, Geauga County, KSU History Major

We watch predictably as the Republican President and majority congress embrace the prospects of diversity as both parties converge to bring in "undocumented workers" to do the "jobs Americans won't do". Both statements make you cringe. Unfortunately these are not just lettuce pickers, nor do they have desire to assimilate into our culture. Day labor jobs such as construction and farming have traditionally belonged to middle class America. Jobs that were frequently held by college students such as landscaping and hotel work have shut out those individuals in favor of third world wages.

In a few short weeks we will feel the effects of another "temporary" program; instituting a direct tax on income earned by Americans. The income tax was proposed as a temporary way of generating government revenues. Prior to its passing the Supreme Court stated in 1895 that such a direct tax would be an unconstitutional "burden" of personal property. Is everyone else feeling the burden yet? It appears the monster is never satisfied, even as deficit spending over the generations have led to a new figure of \$9 trillion in national debt, close to \$30,000 for every man, woman, and child in the Union.

So ask yourself this; when the President and congress continue to push a "temporary guest worker program", how will we get them to leave? Or is this really the fatal slight of hand that will introduce 20 million new citizens who refuse to pay taxes and demand the benefits of our bleeding heart politicians? "Temporary" is a dangerous myth, and any "comprehensive" immigration bill needs to be watched as if our way of life depends on it.

Will We Stand Up and Make a Difference?

Ohio holds a unique position in our great republic. The Buckeye State has held a powerful seat in the world of U.S. politics. Often referred to as a "swing state," Ohio has held in its hands the outcome of recent presidential elections, been the focus of an ongoing investigation into voter fraud, and one of the key battleground states in the fight for faith, freedom, and economic survival.

NAFTA was rammed through the U.S. congress thanks to the unrelenting effort of the Bush dynasty, Bill Clinton, and Al Gore. It seems like only yesterday that Al Gore and Ross Perot squared off on CNN's Larry King Live, where Gore went on to make Perot's argument look weak and poorly planned. Over a decade later we in Ohio are seeing the results of that pseudo-religious doctrine of free trade. Despite these results the outcry against NAFTA and other free trade agreements, although present, is seldom heard in the way that is necessary to bring our national focus back to "We the People."

It is truly shocking to see the figures of the job losses across Ohio that directly relate to NAFTA. Some of the hardest hit towns in our state are Zanesville (losing close to 1,000 workers directly related to NAFTA), Greenfield, Cincinnati, Dayton, Glenwillow, Marion...the list goes on and on. Those jobs were lost to either NAFTA imports, moved to Canada, or moved to Mexico. According to many Internet sources, about 40,000 jobs were lost in Ohio as a result of NAFTA by early 2001.

At that point, the side effects hit Ohio. The recession that was coming on from the exuberance of the 1990's was obviously on its way. Then national tragedy furthered that economic decline. As a result, millions of American's lost their jobs due to layoffs. The side effect, often called out-sourcing, hit the white-collar workers of Ohio. How many times have you read about our jobs being sent somewhere other than Mexico...for example, India, China, Indonesia, etc...?

Thanks to the collusion of our two-party system, the Democrats and Republicans have dealt a forceful blow to the blue-collar workers of America, those that make the nuts and bolts of the world's most vital economy. Then as an encore they threaten the very jobs of the white-collar workers, the other part of the vital economy by shipping jobs to lands where Americans are hated and scorned. Let's not confuse these "leaders" with true American Patriots!

True Patriots wouldn't end the economic viability of hard working American families, wouldn't wreck the chances of the next generation proudly serving as the backbone of this nation. They wouldn't threaten national security by providing the opportunity for financial corporations to send jobs overseas so that others can see our sensitive financial and banking information. Don't take my word on this. Pick up the phone and call your credit card company or other financial firms. I'm guessing you'd have about a 15% chance of talking to someone who speaks poor English and gets paid a fraction of what the U.S. worker makes. Think about this for a moment. If only 10% of those who have credit cards or do other financial business in this country were to declare bankruptcy due to identity theft we would have a big catastrophe on our hands. Do you trust your politicians now?

The America First Party is the Answer. Let's put control back in the hands of those that should make the difference instead of a bureaucracy that doesn't care about Ohio. Let our local leaders, directly responsible to us, determine the best course of action. It's important that many of our party members from around the state step forward to run for local office. Let's put our mark on the future of Ohio.

It never fails to mesmerize me how our politicians always preach that they are in the same mold of the founding fathers of this country. Not according to George Washington, who said, "...I hope, someday or another, we shall become a storehouse and granary for the world." (June, 1778). We have been just that, and now we're giving it away.

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School to Work, Goals 2000, sensitivity workshops, sex education, and all other manner of programs, don't work. They destroy our children's ability to achieve a good education.

Ohio, and America for that matter, will only go as far as our youth take us. We must understand this. Our nation was founded on principles to guide us in the right direction. Governor Taft and the political hacks understand this, but choose to ignore the wisdom already laid down in the Constitution.

Ohioans are ready for an educational system that gives them the best results for their hard-earned tax dollars. They're ready to look elsewhere to find leaders who recognize that parental authority, family values, and community are the solutions to the problem. Throwing money at the problem and relying on an unconstitutional system has always been the wrong approach.

It's time that Ohio's politicians stop accepting money from Washington and build a more responsible and affective education system right here at home where it belongs. We look forward to working with AFP members now and in the future to take the fight for our youth to their front door in Columbus. Take care and God Bless--JC

Special Note

In the interests of keeping the newsletter continuing for regular mail, and with the need to pursue advertising for our party, we are now accepting donations. This is not a requirement but would be greatly appreciated. ***The annual dues are \$50.00.*** However, if you cannot afford this then any donation would be helpful.

*Please make checks payable to: **America First Party of Ohio** and mail to:*

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Samuel Adams, Founding Father & American Patriot:

"... it does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's minds"

AFP OHIO ANNOUNCEMENTS *Ohio Platform!!!*

The state platform committee will begin serious meetings to begin putting together a proposed state platform for the America First Party of Ohio, to be submitted to the party membership for discussion and vote on different planks before final adoption. While a few may be working on preparing the proposals, to enable productive meetings, the state platform is a matter of serious concern for all party members.

We are trying to encourage every party member to submit their ideas and proposals. Suggested or proposed plans for the state platform should address state and local (not national) issues. Issues about which AFPOH candidates who may be elected to state or local offices can actually do something about. Some national issues can be revised for state or local application, eg., concern for "outsourcing" or exporting jobs under NAFTA/CAFTA could be addressed by such measures as prohibiting state and local government entities from doing business with companies which engage in such practices, as opposed to repeal of NAFTA/CAFTA, which only Congressmen and Senators can do. This is mentioned more as an example. If you are afraid you won't be able to articulate your proposal, just give the general overall idea or proposal, which can be worked into a plank proposal by the committee—one of the purposes of the committee.

We ask every AFPOH member to submit their state platform proposals to the AFPOH State Platform Committee Chairman, John W. Gerhardt, P.O. Box 713, Johnstown, OH 43031.

WANT TO HELP OUT WITH THIS NEWSLETTER?

We would like to extend an invitation for all AFPOH members to share your thoughts and opinions with the rest of the party. Although we agree on many of the core principles that brought us together, we would like to ask that you share your thoughts and opinions with us.

There are many towns and cities in the great state of Ohio. Those of us that write for the newsletter can't keep up with everything. Do you have a news story or a commentary you'd like to share? Did we miss something?

Write to us at the above address: JC Schweingrouber, P.O. Box 9847, Cincinnati, OH 45209 or email jc@americafirstparty.org.

Like all of us on the executive committee say: "We don't pay lip service." We will share your thoughts and ideas about the issues of the day, or your thoughts on where our party should focus its efforts. It is a team effort and you are the most vital part of our team. Thanks for sharing your thoughts!