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Democracy. NOTE: Thanks to Soula Culver for the first set of these
and to Nico Haupt for the other; anyone wishing more info on vote
fraud will find a thorough bibliography at

<http://globalresearch.ca/articles/KEE411B.html> . -- kl, pp

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Subject: Vote Fraud Debunkers, Ohio, Greg Palast, Democracy Now

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Answers to Boston Globe's Dismissal of Voter Fraud Story

Date: Thursday, November 11

Journalist Ron Klein in his front page Boston Globe article wishfully
dismissing the Internet stories of fraud, suppression and chicanery in
the
foul play of the Election of 2004 totally and completely misses the
point
and investigates the rumor, not the central allegation. Zogby had it
right;
Ron Klein did not.

Some of his error is found within his own story. First, if Cameron
Kerry's
law firm email server almost crashed for all the people who for at
least
two straight days deluged it beyond capacity, with first hand reports
of
voter fraud and intimidation (because that is what the email called
for; to
write if they had facts) then there might be something serious going on
worth investigating?

Second, the issue with long lines isn't just convenience -- it is a
suppression issue when people are told (wrongly) that because of heavy
turn-out they can come back tomorrow, and a fraud issue when they know
that
the turnout will stretch out the door, around the block and down the
highway and only put two or three voting booths in minority locations
--
that is also potentially a Voting Rights Act of 1965 issue.

Third, when the computers malfunction to such a statistical percentage that in 12 Counties in Florida and all of Cleveland more votes came in for both Presidential Candidates tallied on election night than showed up at the polls, we know someone is playing fast and loose with basic arithmetic.

Fourth, when the statistically improbable if not impossible event occurs where after the numbers started coming in they jumped in five concurrent states at the same time for Bush, we know it is time to call the computer geeks at Stanford, MIT and Microsoft to investigate.

Fifth, we know that purging of the rolls was done aggressively, and in many cases improperly (one woman I obtained an Affidavit from in Texas declared under oath that she was told she was purged because she did not show up for jury duty, for example.)

Sixth, we know that people were often not told of the HAVA law right to obtain a provisional ballot, were actively discouraged from casting them because of statements such as "they are too much paperwork to bother" and "they probably won't count" which when coupled with long lines, people simply left and did not vote while they wanted to. In many places the Republican precinct "Election Judges" who are neither attorneys nor judges simply advised voters that they ran out of forms -- as early as 11:00 am.

As for the person he quotes from the campaign who allegedly organized the campaign election protection effort, he is misinformed. The election protection effort was undertaken by several groups, only one of which he supervised. Cam Kerry's letter makes clear that there were 17,000 attorneys doing election protection, not the number Klein quotes.

The People for the American Way, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil

Rights,
and other attorneys on Get Out the Vote efforts such as myself who are trained election protection attorneys in other venues such as the DCCC performed election protection function.

Consequently, for the Boston Globe to publish a letter in which the author glibly dismisses the fraud and suppression allegations as not amounting to much is superficial spin, and the easy quote from a Harvard professor who says she never saw anything makes one wonder -- How much was she paying attention and how hard was she looking?

<http://www.redefeatbush.com//modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=284>

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Debunking the Debunkers: Randi Rhodes interviews Bev Harris of Black Box

Voting on AirAmericaRadio, November 11, 2004 [partial transcription, see

below for info related to Cuyahoga County figures]:

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Bev Harris: Here's something many people don't know about the Help America

Vote Act (more like the Help Yourself to America's Vote Act) -- the HAVA

originally had a very strong provision to have a voter-verified paper ballot backup for recount, and that was right at the last minute lobbied

out of there by a couple of senators who had ties to companies like Cisco;

Cisco had ties to other voting machines, in fact they had a huge investment

in a voting machine manufacturer at the time that was doing internet voting

called Vote Here -- so it was just that curious last minute deletion on that bill that has allowed this to just go all over America

But it's not just the touch-screens, because at the same time that they're

putting in these touchscreens that don't have a paper ballot, they were removing our right to look at the paper ballot with our optical scanner

punch-card system. There was this slow migration among some Secretaries of State who were saying, well no you can't really look at the paper ballot, the only procedure you can do is run it through a machine, lock it in a box -- "for it's own protection" of course -- and then without a court order you can never open that box again.

Randi: what have you been able to accomplish?

BH: Well, certainly over the last couple of years we've been able to bring attention and awareness among the american people to the fact that this is an issue. We are pretty much locked out of network tv that has a company line that this is actually -- some of their own journalists are just so frustrated because they've been told they are not to cover anything except this company line, you know, they can talk a little bit about vote suppression, they can talk a little bit about bizarre mathematically impossible elections and call them anomalies and glitches but they can't talk about fraud, period. No matter what. And I gotta tell you because I get booked all the time, like every other day, and then the story gets killed by management ... and then about half an hour before, we get told "we were told we can't have you on."
...
[Olberman of MSNBC cancelled because he knows that] I'm going to use the F word, fraud, because we know it existed, we've got reports which have not hit the news -- how strange -- and we're just proceeding ahead, because we have had an election where there's been fraud, and it appears to involve the machines, -- and you know, it's strange, you know they'll come to us and say "we have all kinds of lawyers and things for different candidates so tell us exactly what you have but don't give it to us until you have

the
entire case wrapped up with a bow ready to go to court and prosecute.?
And
we say okay, there's a handful of us in an office, where are the FBI
and
the police who are supposed to investigate this stuff when it's so
clearly
messed up?

But you know the kinds of things that we're seeing, even when they try
to
explain them, the explanations just don't make sense at all. It's like
well, the reason that the number of people who came and voted does not
match at all with what showed up in our machine is that well, um, yeah,
we
mixed in the absentees and didn't identify them.

Randi: Yeah, I heard that, and I heard another lame excuse too. One of
them
in Ohio was, Oh well, you had districts that overlapped for congress,
which
is why they counted twice in precincts that shared a congressman --?
What
does that MEAN?

BH: (laughs) I've seen the software, it completely handles that
problem.
You know it divides it into districts and subdistricts, it's not a
complex
database problem. And the software is completely designed to handle
that
particular problem. So it's just bogus.

You know, here's another example, you'll have slips from the polling
place
that say here's the result from that polling place, and it doesn't
match
what shows up in the central tabulator downtown, and they'll say "Oh we
mixed some other stuff in with the polling place votes -- well, WHY?

You know, I've seen accountants do that, and usually when they do that
kind
of commingling of funds, they're doing something they're not supposed
to do
and they're trying to obfuscate. What you do if you have other kinds of

votes is you don't mix them into something, you put them on line items and you say here's our absentee votes, here's our provisional ballots...

Randi: and also I would think that the only way my congressional vote could be mixed in with my presidential vote is if I voted a straight party ticket and a lot of people don't do that, so why would it matter that I voted for congress in an overlapping district?

BH: It doesn't

Randi: Of course not. These excuses that they're giving, and the more they come up with excuses and the more jargon and the more math they put in it, the less likely it is that any of it's true -- they're trying to bamboozle us

BH: And here's the thing, network TV -- which is what isn't covering this -- you can quickly turn the conversation into this technobabble argument, which makes it not interesting to the American public, so you have to keep turning it back and saying, whoa whoa, this is basic bookkeeping, this doesn't match this, and that don't make sense ...

[then they talk about the exit polls showing a landslide for Kerry but Bush wins -- and then they talk about the sophisticated hack attacks against blackboxvoting.org that are crashing that site every few minutes, that max their bandwidth, etc., ... more about the lockdown on the media ... the recount challenges in Ohio ... AND the blackboxvoting.org recount in Florida, "unless they change Florida law next week." ...]

download and listen to the interview in full at:
http://wilem.com/rrs/interviews/rrs_20041111_bevharris.mp3 [as posted at michaelmoore.com]
see also <http://www.blackboxvoting.org>

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KERRY WON OHIO: JUST COUNT THE BALLOTS AT THE BACK OF THE BUS
Most voters in Ohio chose Kerry. Here's how the votes vanished.
By Greg Palast, Friday, November 12, 2004

This February, Ken Blackwell, Ohio's Secretary of State, told his State Senate President, "The possibility of a close election with punch cards as the state's primary voting device invites a Florida-like calamity." Blackwell, co-chair of Bush-Cheney reelection campaign, wasn't warning his fellow Republican of disaster, but boasting of an opportunity to bring in Ohio for Team Bush no matter what the voters wanted. And most voters in Ohio wanted JFK, not GWB. But their choice won't count because their votes won't be counted.

The ballots that add up to a majority for John Kerry in Ohio -- and in New Mexico -- are locked up in two Republican hidey-holes: "spoiled" ballots and "provisional" ballots

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<http://www.gregpalast.com/detail.cfm?artid=393&row=0>

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"A Legitimate Recount Effort in Ohio [needs \$]" By Steven Rosenfeld,
Friday
12 November 2004

An effort led by Common Cause and the Alliance for Democracy is underway in Ohio to conduct a statewide recount.

Efforts to launch an official statewide recount of the Ohio presidential vote are underway. While it's unclear if a recount will result

in a Kerry victory, it's likely to highlight many flaws in Ohio elections

that may have tilted results toward Republicans and against Democrats.

Common Cause of Ohio and the Alliance for Democracy, a progressive coalition, Thursday announced they were launching a recount campaign for

Ohio. Columbus, Ohio attorney Cliff Arnebeck, who represents both groups,

said both the Green Party and Libertarian Party presidential candidates would seek a recount if the \$110,000 filing fee could be raised.

"Common

Cause and the Alliance for Democracy are not partisan. The purpose of the recount is to verify the honesty of the process," Arnebeck said. "That is in the interest of anyone who would be declared the winner."

...And the clock is ticking on the Ohio process. In coming days, the Ohio secretary of state is expected to announce that the provisional ballots have been counted. A losing candidate for president then has 5 days to request a recount, filing the paperwork and filing fee. That cost is \$10 per precinct, which comes to slightly more than \$110,000. As of Friday morning, \$35,000 had been raised. There is a possibility that not all Ohio counties will finish the provsional ballot count, which would prompt those seeking the recount to pursue other actions, Arnebeck said.

http://www.truthout.org/docs_04/111304V.shtml

<http://www.votecobb.org>

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"The Ohio Factor: Did Homeland Security and the FBI Interfere with the Vote Count?" by Amy Goodman, Democracy Now! November 10, 2004

In Warren County, Ohio, election officials took a rather unprecedented action on November 2: They locked down the building where the votes were being tallied, blocking anyone from observing the vote counting process. President Bush won 72% of the vote in the county. We speak with the reporter who broke the story* [includes rush transcript].

Earlier this week on Democracy Now!, we reported on a story in Ohio's Franklin County. In one precinct, 638 people cast ballots. Yet, George W Bush got 4,258 votes to John Kerry's 260. In reality, Bush only received 365 votes. That means Bush got nearly 3,900 extra votes. And that was just in one small precinct. This in a state that Bush officially won by only 136,000 votes. Elections officials blamed electronic voting for the extra Bush votes.

Now, questions are being raised across the state of Ohio. In Cuyahoga County, Ohio, the County's website shows its 29 precincts had more votes than voters. In fact, it wasn't just a handful. It registered a

whopping 93,000 more votes than voters. In Fairview Park, twelve miles west of downtown Cleveland, only 13,342 people were registered voters there, but they cast 18,472 votes.

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<http://www.democracynow.org/article.pl?sid=04/11/10/1536254>

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Election-day footage from Michael Moore's "Video the Vote" team

Dave Pentecost is one of a number of volunteer filmmakers who worked

with Michael Moore to document election day conditions at polling sites throughout Ohio. Background on the project in a previous BoingBoing post:

Link.

Dave sends BoingBoing this short movie comprised of excerpts from footage they captured on November 2, 2004. Much of it was apparently edited

on laptops in the back of a bus. He says:

"Our thanks to People for the American Way and Election Protection. My

apologies to the Jayhawks for not clearing the music first. (I'm still waiting to hear back, their rights person is in transit, I'll do it next

week). The decision to go ahead was mine. This was shot by a dedicated group of 20 volunteer filmmakers, but any faults in the editing or focus of

this video are my responsibility. The organizers of the trip will release a

longer selection of statements by voters who had problems voting.

This is not leaked Michael Moore footage. As far as we know he has no

plans to make a film with it. This was created by the Ohio volunteers on

their own and the material belongs to them. Anyone wishing to use the original footage will be able to license it from the individuals who shot

it. We are saddened by the voting problems we saw and hope that releasing

this short video will add to the conversation on election reform."

One BoingBoing reader suggests the short be known as Fahrenheit 59MB.

Video (in 3 MB, 20MB, and 59MB streams and downloads): Link 1, Link 2, Link

3.

http://www.boingboing.net/2004/11/06/electionday_footage_.html

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"Why did John Kerry abandon his crew (US!) in battle?" by Harvey Wasserman,
November 11, 2004

In the heat of battle, John Kerry abandoned his crew.
Not in Vietnam. This is not Karl Rovian Swift Boat libel.
No, John Kerry abandoned us here in Ohio and around the country
at
precisely the moment we needed him most....when the fire was heaviest
and
we were taking the hardest casualties....right after Election Day.

This is also not about whether or not the election itself was
stolen.
Many of us believe it was, and that the evidence is clear. Many don't
and
never will, no matter what the evidence.

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<http://www.freepress.org/columns/display/7/2004/987>

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testimonials from Ohio:

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call-in to Randi Rhodes show on 11/11/04 (partial transcription):

Kathy in Columbus: Hi Randi, first I want to say thank you for
everything,
it is giving me hope and inspiration, and I donated to Alliance for
Democracy. The reason I'm calling is that I worked the polls for the
first
time ever in Columbus Ohio, and the most heartbreaking was a woman,
black
American, born in 1927, who came in and the presiding "judge"
challenged
her vote, and I told him that he wasn't allowed to do that -- well, he
pulled out the challenge book that we had and he had her start filling
this
out and so on and so forth, and I called the election board and
reported
him, fought for her, and as it turns out she had to do a provisional
ballot
because she was in our district but she had moved two blocks away --
and

that is why he was challenging her vote. And also he was holding onto the provisional ballots, and I did not feel comfortable and so I took care of them. I also called 1-800-ourvote, and it was interesting ..

Randi Rhodes: Did you know that 1800ourvote got over 200,000 calls that day?

Kathy: Wow

Randi: Uhuh, 200,000 people had problems voting, and of course Bush won by 136,000 people, we still haven't counted 150,000 provisional ballots in Ohio, haven't counted military, haven't counted absentee ballots -- but "he won"...

Kathy: I was out campaigning 3 weeks prior, and from what I saw and the turnout that we had I was shocked, I was absolutely shocked that he won. I actually left home early the next day and went home and cried.

Randi: I'm shocked too that he won because I know in my gut that young people vote Democrat and I know for a fact that 51% of people 18-24 voted, I know that they're downplaying their participation, which is sad and sick, I know that there were only 25 provisional ballots in some precincts and there were more than that that were challenged and they didn't get to vote, I know that there were so many things that went wrong, that the people who did know the number to call, 1800ourvote, 200,000 of them took advantage of that and called with complaints; they've never been investigated, the machines had no paper ballots generated, there were so many problems -- and to trust that day to a black box or to a --- you know, just not count them -- how could it be okay -- I don't understand how America doesn't want the votes counted -- I don't care if he wins, if he doesn't win -- I mean obviously I care about who is President of the United States, but at

this
point all I want is for the votes to be transparent, and the votes to
be
counted. And then I'll live with it. Once everything is counted and
once I
see that everybody has scoured every avenue for anybody who was denied,
anybody who was thrown out -- Then I'll be allright -- I know in
Florida
Gore won and I've been living with this for four years, and here we are
again and people said to me, you know Randi, what if we can't vote,
what if
we can't vote, and I used to get frustrated and I'd say, well, you
know,
we've got people working on paper ballots -- Rush Holt has this bill,
the
bill was sponsored by Rush Holt, then he got Wexler on board, then a
majority of the House, both Republican and Democrat, got on board, and
then
the speaker of the house, Denny Hastert and Tom Delay, the Majority
Whip,
refused to let it come to a vote. That would have solved all of this.
We
would have had paper balltos

Kathy: Yes. And I highly think that if we don't have the recount and we
don't make it public that people are going to be extremely discouraged
and
when it comes to 2008, they're going to be like, well, the same thing
that
happened in 2000, "Hey my vote didn't count"

Randi: You're damn right

Kathy: I'm tellin ya, I'm doing everything I can, including sitting on
the
phone here tonight, to make sure that I can get my voice out there to
make
people understand that we have to make this happen, that's why I was so
excited today when I found out about Alliance for Democracy, as soon as
I
got home I told my husband, I'm getting right on the phone
<http://www.whiterosesociety.org> randi rhodes show, 11/11/04

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Subject: Basic report from Columbus

I worked for 3 days, including Election Day, on the statewide voter protection hotline run by the Ohio Democratic Party in Columbus, Ohio. I am writing this because the media is inexplicably whitewashing what happened in Ohio, and Kerry's concession was likewise inexplicable.

Hundreds of thousands of people were disenfranchised in Ohio. People waited on line for as long as 10 hours. It appears to have only happened in Democratic-leaning precincts, principally (a) precincts where many African Americans lived, and (b) precincts near colleges.

I spoke to a young man who got on line at 11:30 am and voted at 7 pm. When he left at 7 pm, the line was about 150 voters longer than when he'd arrived, which meant those people were going to wait even longer. In fact they waited for as much as 10 hours, and their voting was concluded at about 3 am. The reason this occurred was that they had 1 voting station per 1000 voters, while the adjacent precinct had 1 voting station per 184. Both precincts were within the same county, and managed by the same county board of elections. The difference between them is that the privileged polling place was in a rural, solidly republican, area, while the one with long lines was in the college town of Gambier, OH. Lines of 4 and 5 hours were the order of the day in many African- American neighborhoods.

Touch screen voting machines in Youngstown OH were registering "George W. Bush" when people pressed "John F. Kerry" ALL DAY LONG. This was reported immediately after the polls opened, and reported over and over again throughout the day, and yet the bogus machines were inexplicably kept in use THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

Countless other frauds occurred, such as postcards advising people of incorrect polling places, registered Democrats not receiving absentee ballots, duly registered young voters being forced to file provisional ballots even though their names and signatures appeared in the voting rolls, longtime active voting registered voters being told they weren't registered, bad faith challenges by Republican "challengers" in Democratic precincts, and on and on and on.

I was very proud of the way so many Ohioans fought so valiantly for their right to vote, and would not be turned away. Many, however, could not spend the entire day and were afraid of losing their jobs,

due to the severe economic depression hitting Ohio.

I do not understand why Kerry conceded and did not fight to ensure that all Ohioans would have a chance to vote, and for their vote to be counted.

<http://www.moderateindependent.com/v2i2lelection.htm#top>

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Poignant Ohio Story

From: Dot Fisher-Smith

Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2004

Hi, folks--I wasn't going to send this out, but his story is so vividly personal I feel like I was right there with him. I want everyone I know to feel the depth of truth, i.e. how things really are, revealed here. I phoned him on impulse, had a nice chat. His suggestion was to send "a few bucks" to the orgs. that are working so hard to unravel the facts.

From: Charlie Cowan <ccowan@sportmoves.com>

Sent: Tue, 9 Nov 2004

I was in Columbus working for ACT for the four days leading up to the election and on Election Day. I worked the phones, the neighborhoods, and the polls for ACT. There is no doubt that a fraud on the highest level was perpetrated there. The lines in the black areas, a very easy thing to map in this segregated town, and by report in the college neighborhoods, exactly the areas known to be, or suspected to be solidly pro Kerry were unbelievable. I heard from another source that there was one voting booth for 1,000 voters in Democratic areas vs. one voting booth for 184 voters in Republican areas (I cannot confirm this, but do know that this is what is widely believed). This was by design. Voters reported that voting places had been routinely changed from earlier elections; polling stations had been eliminated -- consolidated; and remaining polling stations that served huge numbers were given two or three voting machines. We spent the night bringing food and water to those who would end up waiting all night in line. Picture the line like this -- families -- mothers, fathers, toddlers, children sitting on the floor in long lines down the halls -- on the ground here, on a chair there, with the lines not moving fast enough for them even to slide along [the] floor for 15 minutes at a time. The look was resignation, disgust, acceptance of mistreatment, and only very occasionally rage. Those with young children or without the stomach for obvious disenfranchisement went home in large numbers.

Others determined to be counted stuck it out. We saw neighborhood women who were so dismayed at the obvious disrespect for the voters weeping as they brought water, toilet paper, and food. There was a quiet, uneasy sharpness to the collective mood as if everyone knew that history was being made, but it was so ugly that no one really wanted to talk too much about it.

Later in the evening, we called several television stations to ask if they would send a mobile unit to a polling site that was one of our last stops on election night. Channel 4 sent a truck and while I did not follow the tall, model-like reporter with the make-up and sleek dress around, I know one of her questions seemed to infer that those who were bringing the disenfranchised water might be trying to influence the election. It was at this point that I knew that the media was solidly in the camp of those who so easily would throw democracy aside. I do not believe that the election was free and everyone who sat on that floor knows clearly that freedom to vote does not exist in Columbus, Ohio.

I just got an email from someone else that was in Columbus from New York who observed the same thing. His email was forwarded to me by Sue. I had responded to their email and let them know that I was there also and would like to help. They told me to send this email (which I had sent them) to others that I know so it can be circulated.

Go ahead and forward it to your friends. We will see if anyone cares.

Sincerely,
Charlie Cowan

Seattle, Washington
206-683-5751

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From: "Nico Haupt" <nicohaupt@gmx.li>
Date: November 13, 2004 4:17:00 PM GMT+07:00
Subject: Blogosphere: Election Fraud? (Updates 11/13)

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<http://inn.globalfreepress.com/modules/news/article.php?storyid=980>

(Updates 11/13)
LA Times: Looking for Voter Reform, Groups Keep Eyes on Ohio:
"... Today, a coalition including the Ohio Citizens Alliance for Secure

Elections, the League of Young Voters and the People for the American Way

Foundation has scheduled the first of two public hearings "to investigate voter irregularities and voter suppression..."

Indiana: Voting machine glitch changes election: Democrat bumped a republican from victory

Minnesotans kicked off voter registration lists

123 allegations of voter fraud from around the nation:

vote2004.eriposte.com

Updates (11/12):

Kerry won Ohio (Greg Palast)

WashTimes: Major bugs found in Diebold vote systems

Newtown Bee: The Media Stays Quiet On Big Issues:

"...Election Systems & Software (ES&S), Diebold, and Sequoia are the companies primarily involved in implementing the new voting stations throughout the country. All three have strong ties to the Bush Administration. The largest investors in ES&S, Sequoia, and Diebold are government defense contractors Northrup-Grumman, Lockheed-Martin, Electronic

Data Systems (EDS), and Accenture.

Diebold hired Scientific Applications International Corporation (SAIC) of

San Diego to develop the software security in their voting machines. A majority of officials on SAIC's board are former members of either the Pentagon or the CIA, including: Army General Wayne Downing, formerly on the

National Security Council; Bobby Ray Inman, former CIA director; Retired

Admiral William Owens, former vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff;

and Robert Gates, another former director of the CIA..."

Register UK: Florida e-vote conspiracy theories grow

IndyStar: Vote machine error brings recount in Franklin County

NY Times: Vote Fraud Theories, Spread by Blogs, Are Quickly Buried

Rick Klein's Boston Globe article "Rumors of irregularities" (11/10) picked

up by IHT