

COMING SOON TO A CITY NEAR YOU!

There's no question that population-related problems are escalating across the U.S. Too many people are contributing to record city and state deficits. Traffic is up and education is down. Below we've profiled one such metropolitan area that's battling the effects of over-population. Chances are there are similarities to a city or county near you.

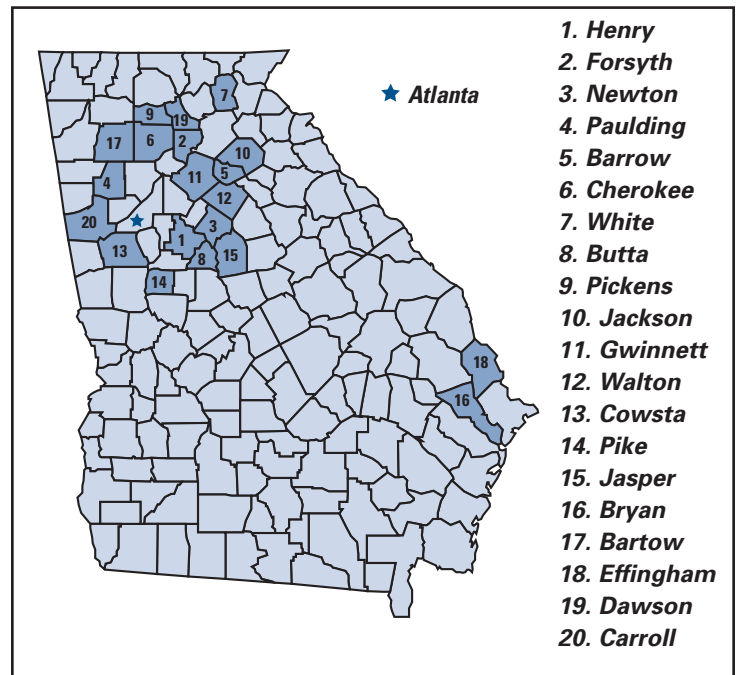
The City That Ate Georgia

When the U.S. Census Bureau recently reported that Georgia had 20 of the nation's top 100 fastest growing counties, it was no surprise that 18 of them were within a 50-mile radius of Atlanta. Metro Atlanta's population boomed 45 percent in the past decade, added more than 10,000 people per month during the 90's, and now stands at 4.5 million. That means that the 28-county area has a larger population than 29 states! The "big bang" as some locals call the massive influx has definitely impaired the daily lifestyles of millions of people:

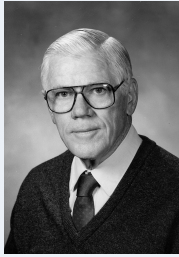
- The *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* reported in early June that while Georgia spends more than \$1 billion a year on its road system, researchers from the Road Information Program found that rush-hour gridlock is costing commuters between \$1,300 and \$1,600 a year in time and fuel — and many are sitting in traffic that wastes 114 hours a year — the equivalent of three work weeks per person.
- The growth of the counties around Atlanta means that the average commuter now travels 35.6 miles to work each day according to a 2001 study by the Federal Highway Administration.
- Gwinnett County's growth explosion has hit the town of Dacula so hard that a few schools may have to run double shifts which would have some kids in school as late as 8:30 at night! Many schools have dozens of portable trailers serving as classrooms.
- Estimates are that if current immigration patterns continue, post-2000 immigrants and their children will account for 1.6 million new residents in Georgia by 2025.

- While some people say it is now at capacity, the regional planning agency forecasts that Metro Atlanta's population will add more than 700,000 people by 2010 — just seven years from now.

All of these statistics are chilling and stand as a harsh reminder to cities and communities all across America as to what lies ahead if we do not get a grip on immigration-driven population growth. As NPG noted in its comments following the 2000 Census Report: "The greatest challenge that Georgia faces is finding the political leadership to realistically address its complex growth problems. This is the entire state's problem and residents must prod their legislators into aggressive action."



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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

A Message from NPG President Donald Mann

In my 30 years of working to find solutions to the population and immigration crises, I should be hardened to stories like the one on Georgia's exploding population (see page 1). Yet, it still gets my blood boiling to see our country's political leaders refuse to face up to the hard choices they must make now to control urban sprawl, immigration, crowded schools, hospitals and roads, and the paving over of precious acres of once-rich farmland.

Someone has to take the lead. That's why NPG is constantly working to build our membership and keep our grassroots organization active and energized. It is essential that we all work together to keep the pressure on our elected officials to find responsible solutions to the soaring population growth that is impacting all of our lives on a daily basis.

At least we can take heart that one of our nation's leaders, Congressman Tom Tancredo, refuses to keep quiet about our government's failure to confront the immigration crisis. As founder and Chairman of the Congressional Immigration Reform Caucus, Congressman Tancredo is not only pushing for passage of a five-year moratorium on most immigration (see story about H.R. 946 below), he has also confronted the Bush administration head-on and asked for an investi-

gation into why the U.S. Treasury Department is permitting banks to accept consular identification cards issued by foreign governments — including Mexican-issued Matricula Consular cards.

Like those of us involved with NPG, the Congressman sees the apparent acquiescence of the White House on such measures as a small step toward initiating an amnesty program for the 9 to 11 million illegal aliens already in our country, and he is determined to put a halt to such thinking.

After you've read this newsletter, please take a moment to look at the enclosed insert on the results of the NPG-commissioned Roper ASW Poll. It is heartening to see that such a vast majority of the American public are in sync with NPG's efforts to compel our government to be more forceful in dealing with illegal immigration. The numbers from this poll prove our point and will be very helpful in strengthening NPG's message that instead of catering to the pro-immigration advocates, it's time for Congress to take a more aggressive stance in dealing with the mass immigration that is choking our nation's future.

Remember, NPG is only as strong as members like you make us. Please continue to support our efforts as we carry on our mission to shape a better nation — and world — for future generations.

H.R. 946 — THE MASS IMMIGRATION REFORM ACT OF 2003

Congressman Tom Tancredo (R-CO) has taken a leadership role in focusing the attention of his fellow lawmakers on America's out-of-control immigration crisis.

In response to ever-increasing immigration and what seems to be a lack of government agencies to get a handle on the problem, Congressman Tancredo, along with six of his colleagues, recently introduced H.R. 946 — The Mass Immigration Reform Act of 2003.

The bill's goal is simple — to effect a moratorium on immigration. H.R. 946 would reduce to zero the number of legal immigrants permitted in most immigration categories and drastically reduce the numbers permitted under other sections for a period of five years. Essentially, the bill establishes a "timeout" that will allow the federal government, especially the new Department of Homeland Security to get its house in order — including updating

computers and investing in new visa tracking systems — so it can operate efficiently in controlling immigration and border security.

The moratorium would also give Congress a chance to revisit the recommendations of the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform which, a number of years ago, recommended a substantial reduction in the number of people permitted to enter the country each year.

NPG strongly supports this legislation. Slowing the flow of immigration into the U.S. would go a long way toward achieving a smaller, more sustainable population. We urge members to contact their Congressional Representatives and ask him or her to sign on as co-sponsors of the House bill. Go to www.npg.org and use our new link to Congress to get your message across.



UPDATE: EASTERN WATER WARS

The federal deadline for Georgia, Alabama and Florida to have negotiated a settlement on water rights — especially dividing up the water of the Chattahoochee River — is still set for July 31 of this year. The big issue is Georgia's population boom sucking up too much of the valuable water before it reaches the other two states. The three state Governors met in a mid-June summit with many environmental groups saying that they have been given little opportunity to be part of the decision-making that will impact millions of people for decades to come.

MEXICO'S PRESIDENT FOX STILL PUSHING FOR WORK VISAS AND AMNESTY

A new "amnesty program" for Mexican illegal immigrants already in the U.S. was on the fast track in September 2001 when it was derailed by the terrorist attack. Now, Mexican President Vicente Fox is again lobbying hard for America to increase the number of work visas for Mexicans. He also wants the legalization of more than 4 million illegal Mexican immigrants already in the U.S. What worries Fox most is that many in Washington, D.C. now view increased immigration as a threat to homeland security and are not so willing to give the green light to his requests that we change our policies to improve his political stature.

OUTRAGEOUS LAWSUIT!

The Arizona Star reported in early May that the families of 14 illegal entrants who died crossing the desert in May 2001 have filed a \$42 million lawsuit against the U.S. Department of the Interior. The lawsuit claims federal border policy forced the immigrants to enter through a treacherous desert area and Humane Borders (a pro-illegal alien group) was refused permission to place a water station "in the exact area" where the crossers died. The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Tucson, seeks \$3 million for the families of each of the victims.

MAJORITY OF NEW CALIFORNIANS BORN IN STATE

Reversing the trend of past decades where the lion's share of California's population growth came from migration from other states and Mexico, the majority of new Californians now arrive via the hospital delivery room. The Department of Finance issued its annual head count in May noting that the state's population now stands at 35,591,000. Last year was the fourth year in a row where annual growth exceeded 500,000. Among other highlights, the report noted that California now has 59 cities with a population in excess of 100,000.

WATER WATCH LIST

A recent study by the U.S. Department of the Interior noted that seven of the West's biggest cities will be facing political and legal conflicts over water in the coming years. Making the list were Las Vegas and Reno, NV; Albuquerque, NM; Denver, CO; Houston, TX; Salt Lake City, UT and Flagstaff, AZ. The two rivers named as the most "highly likely" sources of conflict were the Rio Grande and Colorado. The study is based on population trends, rainfall records, water capacity and storage, and habitats of endangered species.

HALTING PITTSBURGH'S SPRAWL

Cities all across America are paying a costly price for unimpeded urban sprawl and now you can add Pittsburgh to the list. According to columnist Ben Moyer of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, more than 300 acres of Pennsylvania fields and woods are converted to other uses every day. Much of that development can be described as "sprawl" and it ate up more than 50,000 acres of farmland alone in Southwestern Pennsylvania during the 1990's. Moyer writes that "much of the region once known for its rural landscape, outdoor culture and vibrant small towns is becoming a bland suburban smear."

WWW.NPG.ORG - YOUR SOURCE FOR POPULATION INFORMATION!

We are constantly working to improve our web site to make it easier for members and visitors to access more information about NPG's programs and activities.

One of our newest additions is a link — right on the home page — that permits individuals to send a specific message about population and immigration issues to the White House and their U.S. Senators and Congressman via e-mail. Our new "Overpopulation in Your State" link offers our visitors a more direct route to how population and immigration issues are affecting their daily lives - right in their own backyard. This link will take you to news articles relating to your state, as well as extensive statistical data on how your state has grown over the years.

Other new features include legislative updates on immigration legislation and new chapters from *Too Many People — The Case for Reversing Growth* by Lindsey Grant. Of course, we also provide a link to the U.S. Census Bureau site for key population and demographic information and we have numerous other links to other national groups that are working to rein-in both population and immigration.

In the words of NPG's Executive Vice President, Craig Lewis: "NPG was founded over 30 years ago as a public education organization. By adding new and useful information to our website, and by making it easier to navigate, we are able to remain at the forefront of the population debate and continue to pass our message along to a wider audience. We want to make www.npg.org the premier site people access when researching population and immigration issues."

Of course, our web site is not the only place people learn about NPG. In recent months Dave Simcox has brought NPG's powerful message to talk radio audiences in Chicago, IL; Frankfort, IN; Hackettstown, NJ; Portland, ME; Grand Rapids, MI; Tucson and Scottsdale, AZ; and Brownwood, TX.

If you have any ideas or recommendations you would

like us to consider for our expanded web site or talk radio schedule, please contact us at 703-370-9510.

LATEST FORUM PAPERS

NPG constantly works hand-in-hand with many of the nation's top scholars who research immigration and population issues. On a regular basis, we publish papers by these academics as part of our NPG Forum series. Our latest Forum paper, *Forecasting the Unknowable*, was printed and released in June. We urge you to visit our website at www.npg.org to access all these papers and the valuable information they contain.

EVERY VOTE COUNTS

Everyone knows that it takes a team effort to win. That's why NPG works with other major organizations to complement each other's activities. We were especially pleased to learn that when the votes were counted in the Sierra Club's recent Board of Director's election, both Doug LaFollette and Paul Watson won solid victories. Both of these men are dedicated to re-implementing a Sierra Club population policy that clearly links the devastating effects of out-of-control population growth to our limited environmental resources. Thanks to all NPG supporters who are also Sierra Club members for casting such a smart vote!

WILLS, TRUSTS, AND ESTATE PLANNING

To ensure that your estate passes to whom you want, when you want, and is carried out in the manner you've chosen, it's smart to plan ahead. Here at NPG, we are regularly asked by friends how they can help NPG when it comes to planning their estate. To guide them in their efforts, we have come across a very beneficial 24-page booklet entitled *Making Your Will: What You Should Know Before You See Your Lawyer*. If you would like a copy of this useful and informative guide, simply check the box on the flap of the enclosed return envelope. If you have questions about making a lasting donation to NPG, please do not hesitate to contact us directly at 703-370-9510.

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