

OK Justice - Prison For Life For The Innocent



Reno Francis

By US-Observer Staff

Oklahoma - USA - It was 1970. President Nixon sent combat troops into Cambodia to destroy the North Vietnamese headquarters, Super Bowl IV was played, the first Earth Day and the first New York Marathon were held, Janis Joplin and Jimi

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DHS Creates a Modern Day Tragedy

By Edward Snook
Investigative Reporter

Grants Pass, OR - In September of 1995, Fran Swann received a phone call from Dean Nunamaker a Department of Human Services (DHS) placement worker. Nunamaker asked Ms. Swann if she would take on an abused 4-year-old little girl from Klamath Falls, Oregon. Jessica Allen, soon to become Jessica Swann was probably Oregon's most abused child who has ever survived.

According to DHS Jessica had reportedly been used for drug money by her parents. She was reportedly raped, sodomized, shaken severely, and thrown against walls. She had a cigar put out on her leg by crazed drug addicts. Jessica was never given enough food to make her strong enough to pull herself up in her crib. The Citizen's Review Board (CRB) in K-Falls has pictures of what Jessica ate, which was rat infested oatmeal.



Left Jessica Swann, Center Fran Swann, Right Shane Swann

Three pictures were taken of the sack of oatmeal which sat on the floor showing 3 rats on the sack, 2 of which had urinated and defecated on the oatmeal. Along with the rats there was a baby bottle with the nipple cut off at the top, in which oatmeal and hot

water was added and given to young Jessica. At times Jessica would get a handful of French fries thrown into her crib; again the rats would help themselves. Jessica, a normal child at birth was slowly being tortured and physically ruined for life.

Ms. Swann was told that Jessica was taken to the hospital one night with a breathing problem and the medical staff didn't expect her to make it through the night. A nurse informed Fran that tiny Jessica hadn't had a bath in her four years on this earth. Subsequent baths were very traumatic for her as she had a severe sensory problem. When Fran went to the hospital to view Jessica she states, "The minute I saw the precious little girl I saw the fear in her eyes. She was anxious, overwhelmed, shut-down, rigid, and fussy and her teeth were rotten to the gum-line. I have never felt such overwhelming sympathy in my life."

When Fran finally took Jessica home she quickly discovered that Jessica couldn't pass gas, cough, yawn or sneeze due to the fact that if she made any noise during her 4 years of torture she would be in trouble. Jessica experienced many seizures which were generally precipitated by panic attacks. According to Swann it

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Unfit JoCo Judges

By Kelly Stone
Investigative Reporter

Josephine Co., OR - As readers may recall, a few years ago the Observer launched an all out campaign against the judicial system in Josephine County. That campaign eventually subsided as slowly the judges came to realize the very public consequences of their actions. However, since then all four judges retired and over the past 3 years all of the original judges are gone. This is an article about the corrupt and/or incompetent judges that have taken their place with the possible exception of Judge Thomas Hull. This all began with the appointment of Michael Newman as judge. Some time back this former Deputy District Attorney was specifically assigned

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Oklahoma False Prosecution Corrupt Cop(s), and Lying Witnesses

By Ron Lee
Investigative Reporter

Editor's Note: It seems as though Oklahoma City District Attorney Wes Lane likes to pursue cases that are illegitimate, false and therefore severely damaging to the recipient. Luckily Wes Lane will no longer be in office as of January '07 and it is the US-Observer's expectation that new DA David Prater will look at the facts in this case, search all the evidence and then do what is right and file criminal charges against the police officers involved in this obvious attempt to railroad an innocent man, but until then, Tom Barton stands falsely accused of a serious crime.

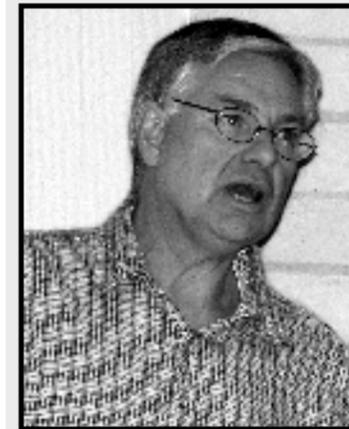
Bethany, OK - "I can't believe this. It makes me so mad that anyone can get away with this," Barton says about his current situation which is inconceivable,

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Tom Barton (pictured bottom right) w/his previously happy family

Gold Hill's Bad Councilors & Gasso - A Convicted Heroin Dealer



Royal Gasso

By Edward Snook
Investigative Reporter

Gold Hill, OR - On December 4, 2006, the Gold Hill City Council held its monthly meeting - a lame duck session, ending the terms Tom Daily, Donna Silva and Mike Hicks.

The session was nothing more or less than a conspiracy

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The Grange Adopted Resolutions for a Stronger America

The National Grange is the nation's oldest national agricultural organization, with grassroots units established in 3,600 local communities in 37 states. Its 300,000 members provide service to agriculture and rural areas on a wide variety of issues, including economic development, education, family endeavors, and legislation designed to assure a strong and viable Rural America. It was formed in the years following the American



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Civil War to unite private citizens in improving the economic and social position of the nation's farm population. Over the past 137 years, it has evolved to include non-farm rural families and communities.

The Grange is also a fraternal order known as the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, hence the "P of H" on the organization's logo. Founding members determined that a fraternal organization would be best able to combine loyalty and democratic ideals to provide service to others. The National Grange was one of the first formal groups to admit women to membership on the basis of equality with men. It remains so today.

The 11-story landmark National Grange headquarters building in Washington, D.C. was dedicated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on June 29, 1960, and is the only private edifice in a federal block across from the White House. It serves as a non-governmental headquarters for agricultural and rural families. A professional staff administers policies established annually by democratic Grange processes at local, county, and state levels.

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Each year, a listing of more than 1,400 issues of concern is published and distributed by the National Grange.

Grange Resolution

Constitution restoration Act, S.520 and H.R. 1070

Whereas: Reference: The United States Constitution, Article III, Section 2-2 states, "In all Cases affecting Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, and those in which a State shall be Party, the supreme Court shall have original Jurisdiction. In all the other Cases before mentioned, the supreme Court shall have appellate Jurisdiction, both as to Law and Fact, with such Exceptions, and under such Regulations as the Congress shall make."

Whereas: Article III, Sec 2-2 of the United States Constitution gives power to the United States Congress to provide exceptions and regulations on the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and the lower federal courts which were created by acts of the United States Congress.

Whereas: The passage of the Constitution Restoration Act, S.520 and H.R. 1070 will deny the Supreme Court and lower federal courts the jurisdiction to hear appeals involving the acknowledgement of God as the sovereign source of law, liberty and government.

Whereas: The new law would stop such actions as the Supreme Court ruling against former Chief Justice Roy Moore of the Alabama Supreme Court, for his display of a monument containing the Ten Commandments in the State Supreme Court Building.

Whereas: Our forefathers who drafted the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights, make it quite clear that the 1st Amendment pertaining to the subject of religious freedom, didn't mean freedom from religion. It meant that the Federal Government didn't have the right to establish a church like the English Government did when they established the Church of England.

Whereas: The United States Supreme Court has a blatant distortion of the 1st Amendment which has lead to the passing of rulings against displaying of the Ten commandments, etc., and has shown that they didn't follow earlier decisions but use foreign laws which have no place in United States constitutional jurisprudence.

Therefore be it resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports the passage of the Constitution Restoration Act, s.520 & H.R. 1070, which will deny the United States Supreme and lower federal courts to hear appeals pertaining to the acknowledge of God as so states in our pledge to the United States flag and on our coins, "In God we Trust," etc.

This resolution was adopted by the Deer Creek Grange #371 at its regular meeting held on May 8, 2006.

This resolution was drafted by William D. Waggoner, Master. Mr. Waggoner can be reached at 1920 Thompson Creek Rd., Selma, Oregon 97538. ■■■

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took about 20 months and countless hours of love and comforting for Jessica to begin trusting her. Along with everything else Jessica had to contend with, she couldn't communicate, she was non ambulatory and she was unable to feed herself or sit up without assistance.

Swann's Troubled Biological Daughter

In 2006, Fran Swann agreed to allow her daughter Barbie to come live with her after the daughter had been convicted of a felony crime for setting fires in the Sierra Mountains. Swann thought she could help Barbie who went astray after leaving home but Swann was soon to encounter a nightmare. Barbie was pregnant when she arrived at Fran's home and just three weeks later her boyfriend showed up at the door. The boyfriend promised to get a job and find other living arrangements for himself and Barbie in short order and Fran Swann's big heart over took her good judgment. After weeks of not even looking for work and several instances where the boyfriend used vulgar language aimed at Fran she informed them they would have to leave. Immediately the spineless boyfriend threatened Fran. He informed her that he was going to DHS and file a complaint against her for not taking care of her children. Fran proceeded to kick the two worthless human beings out while thinking nothing of the threat as she spent every waking hour caring for and working with Jessica and her son Shane.

To Fran's surprise she heard a knock at her door on February 19, 2006, at around 9:30 in the evening. She encountered two Grants Pass police officers who told her they wanted to see the children. They had complaints that she wasn't feeding her children and guess who filed the complaint – that's right, Barbie, her boyfriend and Barbie's younger sister who is reported to be a methamphetamine addict. Fran informed the officers that they could see Shane but they would have to return the next day to see Jessica as she was asleep and waking her with strangers there would most likely cause her to have a seizure. The officers entered Shane's room where they found a lunch pail full of snacks by his bed so he could have something to eat if he woke up during the night hungry. Shane often woke up due to his disorders. Although not as severe as Jessica, Shane also came to Fran from an abusive family who left him mentally scarred for life. Before the officers left Fran gave them Jessica's doctor's name and phone number and asked them to please contact him if they had any questions.

The officers never contacted Jessica's doctor, however, on February 21, 2006, Mollie Robertson from DHS showed up at Fran's front door with three officers and she took Jessica away. Jessica screamed, not wanting to leave her mother while Robertson ignored the fact that Jessica had strep-throat. Jessica was subsequently placed into an ambulance and rushed off to Three Rivers Hospital. Jessica entered the hospital having never experienced bed sores or diaper rash while with Fran. It didn't take long before she had both. Fran wasn't allowed to see Jessica for 5 days and upon talking with a nurse she was informed that Jessica was shutting down. When Fran

was finally allowed to visit, Jessica met her with, "hi Mom, hi Mom, hi Mom." Shortly thereafter Jessica was moved to Doernbecker Children's Hospital in Portland, Oregon. After arriving at Doernbecker Jessica had a feeding tube placed in her stomach. This was done with absolutely no investigation into Jessica's past.

From our exhaustive investigation we have found that Fran Swann has taken little Jessica to her doctor every time she so much as sneezed during the past eleven years that she has been with Fran. Jessica has been referred to over thirty specialists by her pediatrician due to the fact that she doesn't gain weight and for problems with club feet and bent legs that make it impossible for Jessica to stand. Yes, Jessica is severely disabled both physically and mentally for obvious reasons and she was much more disabled before Fran Swann acquired Jessica eleven years ago. According to some in the medical field, Jessica wouldn't be alive today if it wasn't for Ms. Swann. Not long after Fran adopted Jessica, Fran took her to her doctor over Jessica's inability to put on weight. The doctor explained to Fran that it could be damaging to Jessica if she put weight on too fast or even if she gained too much weight because her bones were so bad they couldn't support much weight. It is a fact that Jessica would certainly appear under-weight but not necessarily for a disabled child. In reviewing a chart from The Official Journal of American Pediatrics (September 2006 edition – page 1010) we find that there are other disabled children in Jessica's age group that weigh less than she does – children that are receiving good care.

DHS Ignores Factual Evidence, Becoming the Real Child and Parent Abusers

Fran Swann has loved and cared for little Jessica for over eleven years and Doernbeckers Children's Hospital has "cared" for her for only eleven months, if you can call it that. While in Fran's care Jessica never suffered a broken bone. Since she has been with Doernbecker Jessica has put on weight because they placed a feeding tube in her stomach and have been force-feeding her – she has also suffered 2 broken bones, bed sores, and substantial diaper rash in the short eleven months DHS has had custody of her. According to caseworker Sara Eberly, "Jessica sure looks better" but is Jessica happy and really healthy or is her new appearance simply making those who look at her feel better with what they see. How many months in the future will Jessica spend with casts on her legs – so far she has spent nearly her entire eleven months at Doernbecker with her legs in a cast. The formula they are feeding Jessica has been creating many kidney stones which Jessica is unable to pass. Jessica must be knocked out so they can insert a tube into Jessica's ureter and dismantle the stones – what a trade off Sara... Obviously what they are doing to Jessica is taking its toll. Mentally Jessica was thriving and now she is regressing. When Fran recently spent 5 days with her, Jessica kept pointing to the door meaning she wanted to go home. For the first time in the 11 years

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Are You a Victim of False Prosecution?

If you are then you are aware of how the 'justice' industry (racket) in America works. You (**the innocent person**) are falsely charged with a crime. Most of the time you receive a myriad of stacked charges intended for the sole purpose of extracting a "plea bargain" from you.

You then rush to an attorney, pay him a retainer to cover the usual \$150.00 per hour (if not higher), which he/she charges, to supposedly defend your innocence. The attorney usually files some motions, writes some worthless letters and makes many unproductive (unless they pertain to you accepting a plea bargain) phone calls until you are broke. Generally you haven't even started your trial and 99% of the time the attorney hasn't completed any investigation.

All of a sudden your attorney is telling you that you can't win your

case and you should accept the benevolent plea bargain that the almighty district attorney has offered you. "Do you want to take the chance on spending 30-40 years in prison when you can plea bargain for 18 months," your attorney tells you. What happened to: "I think we can win this case, it's a good case." Remember? Isn't that pretty close to what your attorney told you as he/she was relieving you of your money?

You then accept a plea bargain and go to jail or you have a jury trial, you're found guilty (because your attorney hasn't produced enough evidence-if any and because the judge directs the jury to find you guilty) and then you go to jail. When you finally wake up you realize that on top of now being a criminal, you are flat broke and incarcerated. You find that the very person (your attorney) you frantically rushed to retain, became your worst enemy.

Welcome to the Largest racket in history,
the American Justice System.

There is only one way to remedy a false prosecution: Investigate the accusers, the prosecutors, the detectives and then watch the judge very carefully. In other words, complete an in-depth investigation before you are prosecuted and then take the facts into the public arena.

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Do not contact us if you are in any way guilty and for justice sake, don't wait until they slam the door behind you before contacting us if you are innocent.

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Fran has had Jessica she was unable to help her. Both Jessica and Fran spent much time during the 5 days crying together – sounds like an awful mother doesn't it?

Shane's Story

Shane's story is much like Jessica's, however, he isn't nearly as disabled physically as Jessica. Shane came to Fran when he was ten months old, weighing only 8 pounds. Shane was reportedly locked in a closet by his mother for three days and nights. When a neighbor stood outside of Shane's house he heard little whimpers coming from inside. Realizing the mother was gone he called the police. The police and fire dept arrived, broke into the house and located Shane in a closet. The firemen resuscitated Shane and it was stated that he was 45 minutes from death when he was rescued. Shane went through 4 foster homes before he ended up with Fran.

Just after Shane started pre-school he had a severe problem with over-activeness and a lack of being able to focus. Fran took him to the doctor and he was diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). When Shane reached third grade level he was placed on medication to help improve his ADHD. The medication greatly

hampered Shane's ability to put on weight, but now DHS wouldn't know that because they didn't do any investigation whatsoever either before or after removing Shane from his home. Yes, on March 18, 2006, approximately one month after DHS stole Jessica, this out of control agency stole Shane from his mother. Does Shane have problems? Sure he does and probably many more than your average child due to the fact that he was abused and that he was a drug and alcohol baby. Our investigation shows that Fran Swann even got angry a few times in the past when Shane's actions required her to get angry – DHS now says she needs an anger control class. What she really needs is for DSH to leave her the hell alone and spend their time going after bad parents and charging them with the appropriate crimes. How does DHS explain the fact that they never charged either Jessica or Shane's parents for the felony crimes they inflicted upon their helpless children. It is very evident that many caseworkers and so-called professionals who work for DHS will go to any length to justify their position, protect their income and make their job appear legitimate. In this case DHS rushed to the Grants Pass Daily Courier and had them publish a sensational article about Fran and her children. The Courier, just like DHS did no investigation before publicly defaming Fran Swann. If they had they would have discovered the facts that we have

and they would have scrapped their more than deceitful article.

Cold, Hard Facts

It is more than apparent from numerous witnesses that Fran Swann provided excellent care for Jessica and Shane. It is a fact that DHS didn't do any investigation whatsoever before they swooped in and stole the Swann children. They didn't even take a few minutes to consult with Jessica's pediatrician who could have set them straight in short order. After stealing the children and leaving a loving mother completely distraught DHS came to Fran via her attorney and presented a statement in which Fran would admit that the children's condition was her fault. Fran's attorney informed her that if she didn't sign the document that she would never get her children back. This practice must be considered nothing more or less than absolute extortion. Eventually Fran realized that all the hoops DHS was forcing her to go through were merely a string of facades - DHS never have intended to return her children. Fran has now been forced to retain another attorney, she must travel to Portland to visit Jessica and her last two visits with Shane have been canceled. DHS is very good at strong-arming but they are about to experience the results of their abuses. Everyone involved in this tragedy is about to begin

the process of losing their fake reputations. Before this case is over everyone involved will be fully exposed to their community and state. We will start with DHS supervisors. Maybe the supervisors need to take a few minutes to read the letters from over thirty eye witnesses who have watched the treatment of Shane and Jessica in Fran's home first hand and are irate over DHS taking them. DHS needs to get these children home...now.

When DHS rushes in and removes children without any investigation, they become judge, jury and executioner. In many cases DHS would rather put their blinders on and try to build a case against a person even if there has been no wrongdoing.

In closing, the US-Observer is appalled at the treatment Fran Swann and her children are receiving. DHS is factually teaching the Swann children and especially Shane that he doesn't have to obey his mother – DHS is most likely creating a monster and this reporter is committed to making sure the world knows each and every destructive action that takes place. DHS has now disallowed any phone contact between Fran and Shane and they are reinforcing his ability to go his own way on a daily basis. The citizens of the State of Oregon must listen now and help stop the state from becoming the parent. If you are concerned please call 541-474-7885 and if you have information about the Swann case contact us. ■■

Foul Play Uncovered In the False Conviction of Kris Smith

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Kris Smith

Grand Junction, CO – Four months ago a featured story in this paper brought to light the blood sport that is prevalent in the federal criminal justice system. Kris Smith was convicted by a jury on three felony counts of willfully filing false tax returns (search our archives for Kris Smith - www.usobserver.com). It was made abundantly clear that the prosecutors used blue smoke and mirrors to convince the jury to bring in the verdict. Most of Ms. Smith's evidence was deemed inadmissible by Judge Phillip S. Figa, essentially dooming any kind of a defense that would ensure true justice. Due to court procedures and corrupted rules of evidence the jury was only allowed to see evidence the prosecution vouched to be conclusive thus ensuring a guilty

verdict.

In part her attorney was outclassed by the Department of Justice full time tax crime prosecutors who travel the country far and wide nailing down convictions through their courtroom antics. Fortunately, Kris's defense attorney has shown to be a standup person, due to the fact that in his heart and soul he is convinced that she is innocent he now admits he was overwhelmed by the procedures that left him virtually hogtied by the robotic manipulation of the courtroom by prosecutors. In an attempt to assist Ms. Smith with redemption he has willingly admitted that his defense of his client was indeed ineffective due to his lack of experience dealing with federal tax cases. This admission is leading the way for Kris Smith to move the court for a retrial based on the fact that prosecutors stacked the deck against her.

Due to her firm belief that the government unfairly railroaded her she retained a San Diego law firm to review the case. Last week a declaration with documents in support of a motion for a new trial was filed that exposed the many devious practices that are not uncommon in both state and federal courtrooms across the country. Foremost, was the contention that her trial attorney failed to present certain exculpatory evidence into the trial and conversely allowed key testimony to go unchallenged. This defense error was predicated on the fact that prosecutors had orchestrated the trial in such a way as to obfuscate the fact that Smith was truly a victim of a tax scam and not the promoter of the same.

The government proved this to be a fact in the main case involving Anderson Ark in Seattle, WA in late 2004. The government in that case went to the trouble of issuing a second

superseding indictment that clearly stated that people not unlike Ms. Smith were victims of a fraudulent investment scheme. Smith's new counsel cites the legal premise of the doctrine of collateral estoppel that according to Black's Law 6th edition is defined as: "Prior judgment between same parties on different cause of action is an estoppel as to those matters in issue or points controverted, on determined of which finding or verdict was rendered...When an issue of ultimate fact has been determined by a valid judgment, that issue cannot be again litigated between the same parties in future litigation." With this definition in mind how can Smith be a victim as judged by the Seattle decision and then be prosecuted for being a perpetrator in the same tax scam. Kris Smith and other scammed investors in Anderson Ark have felt the second edge of the sword of justice that was meant never to be wielded in the true pursuit of justice. The blood sport of prosecutorial misconduct is allowed to run rampant in this country for many reasons, with the most important being financial ruin of the defendants. Fines, restitution and defense attorney's fees are what keep the system well oiled. Once a government functionary sets their sights on an individual the principals known as blind justice, presumption of innocence, preponderance of hard evidence and the ability to mount a defense become subplots in a bad movie.

The Seattle case proves that the scammed investors had no knowledge of the fraud. Yet the government states that because she had business acumen she must have known she was filing false tax returns. No need to prove this allegation as long as the jury is so informed and takes it as fact. In order to be the victim of fraud one has to be ignorant of the

alleged facts that the perpetrators are concealing to affect the fraud. If the principals of Anderson Ark were convicted of defrauding Smith and others then she must have had zero knowledge of the scam. A reasonable person would think this to be axiomatic. DOJ prosecutors totally ignore this dichotomy since it hinders their conviction rate. The overwhelming proof of Smith's ignorance of the fraud is that she put her own money into the deal willingly because of the confidence she placed in the men and women working the scam. This principle alone should have prevented the government from prosecuting Smith.

Most tax crimes similar to the Anderson Ark tax plan are handled as civil cases. Since this case was not, did the government think they had an air tight case? However, air tightness should not be misconstrued to include malicious prosecution of a true victim. Could this prosecution be driven by the fact that the IRS had missed their deadline mandated by the statute of limitations? One can only ponder.

Mens Rea is another issue that begs to be discussed. Defined in Black's Law 6th edition:

"It is the element of criminal responsibility: a guilty mind; a guilty of wrongful purpose; a criminal intent." Does a reasonable person willfully and knowingly flush their retirement funds down the sewer? Not if they are of sound mind and body. Most people who are victims of a scam are led to believe that there is a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. In Smith's case there was a very convincing, exciting and seemingly legitimate business opportunity available. Isn't this how most scams work? Are the victims of the

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OK Justice - Prison for Life ...**

Hendrix both died, zip lock bags were invented, violence erupted on the Kent State University campus resulting in the death of four students, and Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry went through first grade. It was also the year a young Native American man named Reno Francis was sent to prison for life for a crime he did not commit.

Holdenville, a small town in eastern Oklahoma was the scene of the tragic murder of 13-year old Cathy Scott. Cathy and Reno, then 23, attended the same party on a summery August evening. Later that evening after Reno had left the party and was walking in a local parking lot where he had gone to find a pay phone he was arrested under suspicion of being "high on an unknown substance." Two days later Cathy's family finally reported her missing. In a very short time her body was discovered in a storage shed near the site of the party. Reno, who was already in jail, was charged with the crime.

He originally pled innocent. He was cooperative, even agreeing to be in a police line-up. He was not guilty and had nothing to hide. The line-up turned out to consist of one person - Reno Francis. The assistant district attorney who handled his case threatened him with the death penalty which in 1970 in Oklahoma meant the electric chair. He harassed and frightened Reno until fearful of losing his life he finally changed his plea. His court appointed attorney told him to waive his right to a trial, his right to appeal, his right to remain in the county jail for ten days. For reasons Reno still doesn't understand, his family was not allowed inside the county during the time he was locked up in the county jail. Therefore he faced the judge alone as his attorney was no comfort or help. Seventeen days after his arrest he arrived at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, a convicted murderer.

Reno knew nothing about who actually committed the murder and 36 years later he still does not know who was responsible for the crime that stole his life away by sending him to prison. He doesn't even like to speculate on the

question as he is not willing to take a chance on incriminating another innocent person. He knows all too well how that feels.

After spending 14 years in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester he was sent to a medium security prison at Lexington. While there he exhibited trustworthy and responsible behavior which resulted in his transfer to a minimum security prison at Taft. He stayed there until a new law made it illegal for any prisoner with a life sentence to be housed at a minimum unit. Because of this in 1996, he was sent back to Lexington to another medium security facility where he still is today.

During his 36 years in prison Reno has completed every program available to him. He has participated several times in the Speak-out program which is designed to help keep young people out of prison. He has run over 20 times in the Prisoners Run Against Child Abuse, even winning a trophy one year for running 44 miles. As the spiritual leader in the Indian sweat lodge he uses his position to encourage young inmates to accept responsibility for their actions and to change their lives for the better. He is liked and respected by the staff and inmates alike and is a peacemaker on the prison yard.

Reno is a very positive person with a strong faith in God. He loves to laugh and joke. He believes in being thankful for every day and making the most of it. His fiancée, Verna Wood, supports him completely and has only missed three Saturday visits in the last six years. He is a wonderful father figure for her young son, Dusty. Upon watching the two together one would never suspect that they are not natural father and son. Many visitors to the prison at Lexington have commented on the gentleness and loving care Reno gives to Dusty and what a pleasure it is to watch them together. In the winter they play board games and in the summer they can be seen on the visiting yard practicing Dusty's fastball with a "baseball" fashioned of trash and rubber bands.

In March 2007 Reno will celebrate his 60th birthday. Although he is no longer the young 23 year old man who was

railroaded through the system and sentenced to life for something he didn't do, he is an active, intelligent man who has a lot to offer to the world. He harbors no bitterness or resentment toward those who unjustly sent him to prison - most are long dead anyway.

He only wants a chance to walk out the prison gate and be with his family. He wants to help raise Dusty and to enjoy his other children and grandchild. He wants to be able to look across the countryside without seeing it through barbed wire and to be treated with the respect he deserves. He wants to know the joy of breathing the air around him as a free man. That's all he wants - to be Reno Francis, husband, father, grandfather, free man.

Editor's Note: Much unlike Reno Francis, the US-Observer is most resentful of his false prosecution. 17 days from arrest to a prison cell is the most outrageous act of heathenism this writer has witnessed in over twenty years of investigating false prosecutions. We are receiving calls and emails on a daily basis regarding falsely convicted or charged individuals from the State of Oklahoma where human beings are being rail-roaded like cattle through a shoot. Judges like Twyla Mason Gray are allowed to conduct insane sentencings where it is not at all uncommon for a person to receive 30, 40 or 60 years for highly questionable,

alleged crimes resulting from charges that even if true should garner no more than 5 years. These same judges have elevated themselves to "God-like" positions where they actually help the prosecutors scare individuals into plea bargains. The public in general would believe that the Salem Witch hunts are a part of history, however nothing could be further from the truth. Witch hunts are alive and well, not in Massachusetts but in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Supposed justice in Oklahoma is still; find the nearest person, tree and rope, string the person up whether or not you have any credible evidence they have committed a crime and then start looking for your next case. And above all make sure the person is allowed to have an attorney hold their hand while you place the rope around their neck. Cruel and unusual punishment as well as the prosecution of innocent people is factually the status quo in OK...all the while public officials are concerned with prisons that are busting at the seams. If this were a perfect world Judge Gray and others of her ilk would be required to change places with the innocent people they have locked up. While we wait for perfection the US-Observer promises the Judge Grays and Wes Lanes of Oklahoma that before long their names will be household names in the Great State of Oklahoma. ■■■

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Oregon News

By Edward Snook
Investigative Reporter

To Hate Bikers! DA Stephen Campbell Files False Charges...

Josephine County, Oregon – Anybody who is considered to be a "biker" is a criminal!!! This is obviously what Josephine County District Attorney Steven Campbell believes given the fact that he was recently presented conclusive evidence that he had filed false criminal charges against three Illinois Valley bikers and he has continued the false prosecution.



Bikers going through legal paperwork

On October 6, 2006, DA Campbell filed charges against Stanley Strange II, Louie Pombo and Glen Seybold. Strange was charged with assault in the Fourth Degree and Reckless Driving while Pombo and Seybold were charged with Reckless Driving.

In the afternoon of August 27, 2006, the three bikers were riding their

motorcycles together between Cave Junction and Obrien, Oregon when, according to eye witnesses a yellow Mercedes came up behind them at a high rate of speed. The bikers were forced out of their lanes, two of them ending up on the shoulder of the highway. According to witnesses the Mercedes stopped behind them blocking Highway 199.

Strange left his motorcycle as witnesses watched from the windows of Mc Grews Restaurant. Strange approached the driver's side of the car shaking his finger at the driver through the open window. Strange was obviously upset as the car had earlier nearly run him off the road. The driver, Eric Hill closed his window trapping Strange's arm, he took off and dragged Strange down the road twenty feet before Strange could get his "bruised and bleeding" arm free. Strange immediately went to the Restaurant, asked the employees to call 911 and then an employee took Strange "into the kitchen area to clean and bandage his wounds." One of the eye witnesses stated, "law enforcement officers never did arrive even though the riders waited more than three hours." Two of the eye witnesses state in their affidavit that was

handed to DA Campbell weeks ago that Strange only pointed his finger at Hill and that he did not hit him.

After waiting for hours at the Restaurant for police not to arrive Strange and friends went to his home where they had a beer and discussed the incredibly bazaar day they had shared. At 6:00 p.m. that evening the Oregon State Police (OSP) arrived at the door. Strange and Seybold both gave statements to the officer and expected him to file charges against Hill. The bikers were shocked when they received charges in the mail against themselves.

After the incident Hill continued on his way to the coast with two friends of his and was stopped by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) after crossing the CA/OR border. Hill had a bruise on his right cheek bone and claimed that Strange had assaulted him. Picture Strange at the driver's door facing the left side of Hill's face and then picture Strange hitting Hill high on his right cheek bone – one hell of a roundhouse wouldn't you say? Actually this near impossible fete is simple a lie when compared to eye-witness testimony – testimony that gains the eye-witnesses nothing. Amazingly, Hill could have

pulled off this false police report due to the fact that the cops bought his story were it not for the eye witnesses. Let's not forget that neither the OSP nor the CHP were present during the incident and no follow-up investigation was performed.

The real tragedy about this case is that this writer delivered 3 eye-witness affidavits to Josephine County District Attorney Stephen Campbell weeks ago and he has ignored them to date, forcing the innocent bikers to spend more money on their defense and wasting more tax-dollars that Campbell is claiming he is short of. Campbell has even separated the bikers and intends on having 3 trials if he is unable to force a plea-bargain out of the innocent men. This is unacceptable and it will be unacceptable for the Josephine County Commissioners to give Campbell the funding he is seeking if he continues his arrogant parade and practice of prosecuting highly questionable and false criminal cases. Our hopes for Campbell have been that he wouldn't follow the same practice of filing false charges as did his corrupt predecessor DA Clay Johnson, however, our hopes are fading fast... ■■

Oregon sheriffs group to review search for Kim family

By Jeff Barnard
Associated Press Writer

GRANTS PASS, OR - The Oregon State Sheriff's Association wants to know "who knew what when" in Josephine County's search for a San Francisco family stranded more than a week deep in the Rogue River Canyon.

The review was requested by Josephine County Sheriff's Patrol Search and Rescue, a nonprofit group of volunteers that searches for people missing in the backcountry, after stories in The Oregonian newspaper suggested officials in Josephine County did not make effective use of tips about what road the Kims might have taken.

"There was concern that our standard after-action review that we do after all significant searches was maybe subject to the question - we just didn't even want to bother looking like we were attempting to defend ourselves," said Rural Metro Fire Department Chief Phil Turnbull, chairman of the county search and rescue executive committee.

"The sheriff's association is the standard panel for local search and rescue to get this kind of review done," he said.

Klamath County Sheriff Tim Evinger, who is overseeing the review, said sheriff's detectives from Klamath and other counties would interview about 40

people connected with the search and hope to have a report done by Jan. 5, when a review of the state's role in the search is due on the governor's desk.

"We are going to provide them with an after-action report that really is who knew what when and how they learned the information or how they received the information," said Evinger. "It's about what went right and what they could have done better."

"A critical point in this critique is finding out when the search became under the control of one county," Evinger added. "Because (in the early stages) everybody thought it was theirs in a different county. A transfer of command is what we are looking at - when and how did that happen."

James and Kati Kim and their two young daughters got lost the night of Nov. 25 trying to drive a backcountry route known as Bear Camp Road through the Siskiyou National Forest during a snowstorm. They were headed for a Gold Beach luxury lodge where they had reservations.

They were not reported missing for four days, and the initial search stretched more than 300 miles between Portland and Gold Beach.

After being stranded a week on a remote logging road that branches off Bear Camp Road, James Kim hiked for help Dec. 2, but left the road to follow a

creek, where he was found dead of exposure four days later.

Two days after he left, his wife and two young daughters were found by a local helicopter pilot who was following a hunch and not involved in the formal search. The family hired its own helicopters to join the search.

Two Edge Wireless engineers acting on a hunch sifted cell phone records and found a text message for the Kims had bounced off a cell phone tower near Glendale and been received somewhere to the west of the

tower. They notified authorities the night of Dec. 2. ■■



Governor wants report on agency actions during Kim search

By Kristian Foden-Vencil
Oregon Public Broadcasting

PORTLAND, OR - Gov. Ted Kulongoski has requested a report on what state agencies did when, during the search for the Kim family in Southwest Oregon.

After a meeting with the Oregon Office of Emergency Management, the National Guard and the State Police, Kulongoski asked for a complete report on the facts and timeline of the search.

The governor's spokeswoman, Anna Richter Taylor, says Kulongoski is not trying to pass judgment, but just trying to find out what happened.

Anna Richter Taylor: "At this point what the governor's interested in is really getting the details, the timelines,



what happened when, where information was gathered, and where it was communicated and at what point in the search and rescue efforts, so that we have a better understanding of how the state can in the future better support the local efforts."

Search efforts have been scrutinized and criticized. There were substantial delays in passing on some key information to rescuers. ■■

By Ron Lee

Editorial Opinion

The recent article published in the Oregonian titled, "Confusion hampered search for Kims," as well as Sheriff Dave Daniel's response that the reporter must have been "on something" has obviously sent waves throughout the hierarchy of Oregon government and public. Finally there will be needed scrutiny placed on the Josephine County Sheriff's mis-administration.

This administration has endangered its citizens with their "F--- 'em-like" policy and sat idly watching their football games long enough. Thankfully for the citizens of the county a new administration will be taking the reins this month.

Sadly it comes too late for one family and many others who have been on the wrong side of the Daniel/Anderson "A-team." ■■

Guns, Dirty Politics, and Thieves

By John Taft
Investigative Reporter

GRANTS PASS, Oregon - They're coming! They're coming to take your gun rights. The November election in Oregon put enough left wing liberal legislators into office to move their agenda forward. These legislators, new and old, are already lining up their forces to attack the right to keep and bear arms. They never give up and move forward in incremental steps when they can't move rapidly towards the goal of every dictator, the disarming of the public. They claim to be doing this for the public good when in reality it is being done out of the liberals' fear of armed citizens. When a burglar enters a home, what does he fear most? He fears encountering an armed resident. [1] The socialist liberals are thieves just like the burglar and so they fear citizens with weapons. The liberals are stealing a birth right, a constitution and a nation while substituting a worthless socialist welfare state where the citizen is a sheep and they are the shepherds. Gun owners who say we must obey the law fail to realize the liberals are creating the laws they say we must obey, directly opposing the Bill of Rights and the Constitution.

Identity Theft by Thugs

Let's understand who the ban-the-gun-rights people are. Democrat and Republican are titles that political candidates use to run for office. These individuals may or may not be supporters of the Bill of Rights. Communists, socialists, liberals and other weird left wing thinkers are able to access high government positions, infiltrating both the democrat and republican parties by lies, deception, and with the assistance of the national media. This is a much more successful technique than using violence to obtain their goals. From elected positions in county, state, and federal government they are able to establish their own form of communist socialist government in the United States. High on the agenda of these socialists and communists are your guns and the throttling of Second Amendment Rights. Their objective is to create a totally socialist regulated state in place of this republic. Individuals, organizations, and media who are enemies of this republic are easy to tag as they are opposed to the Bill of Rights and the guarantees it gives to sovereign citizens. The First and Second Amendments are under continual attack by the liberals. They want to regulate guns and free speech although regulation is not an option under the Constitution.

Ginny Burdick: 10-Years in Jail for Owning a Shotgun or Rifle

A number of these socialists are in the Oregon senate. Ginny Burdick has been the senate judiciary chair and probably will be in 2007. It's an important position because gun bills go through

this committee. Kevin Starrett reports on Oregon Firearms Federation [2] in the legislature, "Last session (2005) Burdick proposed 10 years in jail and a quarter of a million dollar fine for possession of a modern rifle or shotgun." Burdick and others of her ilk certainly fall into the category of left wing socialists who are willing to dismantle the Bill of Rights to get at the Second Amendment. The list doesn't stop with Burdick; Peter Courtney, Greg MacPherson, Kate Brown and Jeff Merkley all have an antigun track record. These are unpleasant names and must be closely watched when the new Oregon legislature reconvenes in January, 2007. These people have homes, families, and jobs, but while they smile and shake your hand they are as deadly to this republic and your rights as a black mamba under your bed covers. (A highly venomous southern African mamba dreaded because of its quickness and readiness to bite.)Wordweb

Jackals Posing as Democrats and Republicans

Are American men and women ready to prostrate themselves and crawl on their bellies like a cowed dog to serve Oregon's Ginny Burdock, Nancy Pelosi, Hillary Clinton, Barbra Boxer, Charlie Schumer, Ted Kennedy and John McCain while these trash the Bill of Rights, regulate everything under the sun, and raise taxes? These individuals with their ideas for restructuring the Constitution, which they care no more about than does George Bush, have assumed the mantle of democrat and republican to gain legislative power while lying and committing fraud upon the American people. They are willing to establish controls on free speech, guns and whatever else suits their socialist agenda. They are unwilling to enforce existing law when it conflicts with their social agenda.

Why Aren't Our Borders Secured?

A major example of this unwillingness to enforce existing law is the lack of border control with both Mexico and Canada. The republicans who had the power to take action and close the borders only dragged their boots in the sand on this important issue. The voters took control of both houses of congress away from this bunch of wimps and unfortunately gave it to another bunch of wimps. The border wall that was supposed to solve the illegal entry problem apparently won't be built or only partially as the democrats now controlling the house and senate reportedly intend to withdraw funding for the project. Illegal immigration costs US citizens millions of dollars annually for welfare benefits. Illegal drugs find easy entry into the states, and illegals are particularly prone to crimes such as theft, rape, murder, and family violence. One report claims 12 citizens are murdered daily by illegals. Terrorists have a way into the US, and then there is voter theft.

Murder, Rape, Theft, and Fraud Fine with Republicans and Democrats

Why won't President George Bush, Attorney General Roberto Gonzales, and Congress posing as republicans and democrats not address these important issues? Are murder, rape, drugs, crime, vote theft, and terrorists important to them? Apparently not, because these issues don't fit their agenda. Maybe a lot of drug money finds its way back into the political coffers of both parties; maybe businesses that hire illegals make big political contributions to the men on the hill for special favors. It appears to be corruption and lots of pork regulating the American taxpayer, and taxing their incomes is what lights Congress' fire.

\$20 Billion Goes to Mexico

What action did your representative take when hundreds of thousands of illegals and their friends took to the streets, shutting down several major cities to protest immigration reform? The liberals' solution to the illegal problem is to grant amnesty and ingest the problem. What right does anyone have in shutting down a major US city? Our political leaders were either intimidated by the sheer numbers, or the marchers meshed with their political goals. This was certainly a visual demonstration of how many illegals there are in this country and their allegiance to a foreign country called Mexico. Mexican leaders prefer to have their uneducated poor going to work in the United States because it means lots of pesos coming home. These workers sent 20 billion dollars back to Mexico in 2005. One in seven of Mexico's workers have come to the US. This also helps to prevent the Mexican population pressure cooker from exploding from too many people, poverty, and not enough jobs.

Are You Being Educated or Indoctrinated?

The last two issues are examples of the things socialist, liberals, and communist types in our government turn their backs on and do nothing and then salivate at the thought of taking homeowners' guns. How could all of this happen in a country with a Constitution and a Bill of Rights? The answer may be that too many Americans are educated by the major news networks. Education is probably the wrong word as the listener is more likely indoctrinated. The listener hears the news that was often prepared by staff and commentators with socialist and communist leanings. Some of these news sources on cable, TV and the radio include CBS, NBC, ABC, CNN, and NPR. In newsprint AP articles can be so biased that if the reader understands what the writer is doing it's laughable,

and the article loses all credibility. Magazines like Newsweek and Time are no better. Young people are brainwashed in the universities when taught by left of center professors or outright radicals. Professor Jose Angel Gutierrez at the University of Texas thinks it would be a good idea to kill the gringo. If you're white, that's you, neighbor. The liberal BBC even ran a fictional assassination of President George W. Bush. They may have been hoping they brainwashed someone into becoming their Manchurian Candidate. It's called free speech when a liberal says these things, but it's disruptive speech when a conservative does likewise. Much of the problem we as a nation face today is brainwashing coupled with political correctness. When we hear something often enough, we start to believe it. Owning firearms has become a politically incorrect social behavior according to the liberals and Sara Brady, but very correct and proper under the Bill of Rights and most state laws.

Common Law and Gun Rights

In 1997 England banned handguns, and now their crime rate is ahead of that in the United States. Here is what Reason Magazine said in regards to weapons for personal defense [3] "This is a reversal of centuries of common law that not only permitted but expected individuals to defend themselves, their families, and their neighbors when other help was not available. It was a legal tradition passed on to Americans. Personal security was ranked first among an individual's rights by William Blackstone, the great 18th-century exponent of the common law. It was a right, he argued, that no government could take away, since no government could protect the individual in his moment of need. A century later Blackstone's illustrious successor, A.V. Dicey, cautioned, "discourage self-help and loyal subjects become the slaves of ruffians."

Gun Powder and Liberty

It is estimated that 35 to 50 percent of home owners have a weapon. The Oregon Constitution is explicit in preserving the right to possess firearms. There is no way Ginny Burdick and Nancy Pelosi could trample the Bill of Right and steal our rights and guns if every gun owner and defender of the constitution stood up and said, No! There is power in numbers as demonstrated by the illegals when they intimidated public officials including the police in several major cities. Every gun owner or person who believes in the Bill of Rights should seriously consider taking out a membership and supporting the following organizations, the National Rifle Association, [4] Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership, [5] Gun Owners of America, [6] and oregonfirearms.org. [7] There are also other gun organizations worth considering.

The Oregon Constitution Article I, Bill of Rights Section 27. Right to bear arms; military subordinate to civil power. The

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In The Nation

Marijuana top US cash crop, policy analyst says

By David Alexander

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. growers produce nearly \$35 billion (18 billion pounds) worth of marijuana annually, making the illegal drug the country's largest cash crop, bigger than corn and wheat combined, an advocate of medical marijuana use said in a study released on Monday.

The report, conducted by Jon Gettman, a public policy analyst and former head of the National Organisation for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, also concluded that five U.S. states produce more than \$1 billion worth of marijuana apiece: California, Tennessee, Kentucky, Hawaii and Washington.

California's production alone was about \$13.8 billion, according to Gettman, who waged an unsuccessful six-year legal battle to force the government to remove marijuana from a list of drugs deemed to have no medical value.

Tom Riley, a spokesman for the U.S. Office of National Drug Control Policy, said he could not confirm the report's conclusions on the size of the country's marijuana crop. But he said the

government estimated overall U.S. illegal drug use at \$200 billion annually.

Gettman's figures were based on several government reports between 2002 and 2005 estimating the United States produced more than 10,000 metric tons of marijuana annually.

He calculated the producer price per pound of marijuana at \$1,606 based on national survey data showing retail prices of between \$2,400 and \$3,000 between 2001 and 2005.

The total value of 10,000 metric tons of marijuana at \$1,606 per pound would be \$35.8 billion.

By comparison, the United States produced an average of nearly \$23.3 billion worth of corn annually from 2003 to 2005, \$17.6 billion worth of soybeans, \$12.2 billion worth of hay, nearly \$11.1 billion worth of vegetables and \$7.4 billion worth of wheat, the report said.

Gettman said the 10-fold increase in U.S. marijuana production, from 1,000 metric tons in 1981 to 10,000 metric tons in 2006, showed the country was failing to control marijuana by making its cultivation and use illegal.

"Marijuana has become a pervasive and ineradicable part of the economy of



the United States," he said. "The contribution of this market to the nation's gross domestic product is overlooked in the debate over effective control."

"Like all profitable agricultural crops marijuana adds resources and value to the economy," he added. "The focus of public policy should be how to effectively control this market through regulation and taxation in order to achieve immediate and realistic goals,

such as reducing teenage access."

Riley said illegal drug use was a "serious part of the economy," but he rejected the notion of an economic argument for legalizing marijuana.

He said marijuana use was an "inherently harmful activity" with serious physical and mental health consequences. He said more American teens were in treatment centres for marijuana dependency than for all other drugs combined. ■■

U.S. violent crimes jump in first half of 2006



WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Murders, robberies and other violent crimes reported in the United States jumped 3.7 percent in the first half of the year, continuing a troubling upswing that began in 2005, the FBI said on Monday.

The FBI said law enforcement agencies reported that robberies soared by a startling 9.7 percent, followed by an increase in murders of 1.4 percent and aggravated assaults of 1.2 percent.

Last year, the number of violent crimes

increased by 2.5 percent, the largest percentage gain in 15 years. The increase came after years of declines.

The U.S. Justice Department then announced that it would conduct a study of why the crime numbers are increasing, a study that has yet to be completed.

Department officials have cited as possible reasons a surge in gang-related violence, spreading use of the illegal drug methamphetamine and demographics, with children of the baby-boom generation entering the years when individuals are most likely to commit crimes.

The officials have rejected any suggestion that an emphasis on preventing terrorism since the September 11 attacks and funding cuts for federal programs to put more police officers on the street were to blame for the increase.

The FBI crime report, which comes out every six months, gave the latest statistics, but provided no explanation for the increase.

It said reported murders were up 3.1



percent in metropolitan areas, but the largest increase -- 8.4 percent -- occurred in cities with population of between 500,000 and 1 million.

Robberies were up in all population areas -- rural, small cities, medium sized-cities and big cities. The largest increase -- 12.8 percent -- occurred in cities with populations of only 10,000 to 25,000.

While violent crimes increased, so-called property crimes went down by 2.6 percent, mainly reflecting a decline in motor vehicle theft of 2.3 percent. But burglaries showed an increase of 1.2 percent and arsons also went up by 6.8 percent nationwide. ■■



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people shall have the right to bear arms for the defense (sic) of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power

The United States Constitution: The Bill of Rights "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Source: Bill of Rights, Second Amendment (ratified 1791)

The antigun names mentioned above are not the Bill of Rights' friends. They are your deadly enemies! They mean to disarm you. If they can't do it outright,

they will do it slowly by restrictions until you no longer have viable Second Amendment Rights. They intend to turn the Oregon and US Constitutions into paper tigers. Joining and supporting gun groups and getting political will go a long way in preserving your Second Amendment Rights. When Ginny Burdick and Nancy Pelosi knock on your door and say "We have come for your guns," what will you say? "Darn, I should have been more vigilant," or will you say, "You're trespassing on my inalienable rights, 'Don't Tread on Me.'" Thomas Jefferson said it best, "The strongest reason for people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last

resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government." He knew the Burdicks, and Pelosis would one day come for your guns. "Where guns are banned, the people are wimps." John Taft

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COMMENTARY Your Right to Speak Out

“Hallowed Ground” Government's Relentless Assault on Private Property

By Tom DeWeese
NewsWithViews.com

Politics is a very cynical, sinister business. As Government has gotten ever bigger and further removed from the electorate, elected officials have become more and more interested in image over actual substance in the issues and programs they promote; their messages created for emotional appeal rather than practical or even legal sense.

Such is the case concerning legislation proposed in the Senate by Senator George Allen and in the House by Representative Frank Wolf, both Republicans who claim limited government as one of their major reasons to serve in public office. Their actions in sponsoring the "Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area" speak otherwise.

This Heritage Area is designed to cover a 175-mile corridor from Thomas Jefferson's "Monticello" in Charlottesville, Virginia to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Sponsors of the Heritage Area claim the purpose is simply to honor the many historic sites in the corridor and to help local communities promote tourism.

Senator Allen and Representative Wolf vigorously deny the Heritage Area is a danger to property rights, pointing to specific language in the bill that says they will be protected. They claim the designation serves only to preserve valuable historic sights. The designated area includes many of the locations where the Civil War was fought, as well as the homes of six U.S. presidents.

The reality of Heritage Areas, however, is not so friendly. Heritage Areas are federal land use mandates with specific boundaries foisted upon local communities. Those boundaries have consequences for property owners caught inside.

It must be understood the Heritage Area affects all the land in the designated area, not just recognized historic sights. The federal designation, made up from Congressional legislation, creating federal regulation and oversight through the National Park Service, require a form of contract between state and local governmental entities and the Secretary of the Interior to manage the land-use of the region for preservation. That means federal control and zoning, either directly, under the terms of the "management pact" or indirectly.

Such "indirect" control is the real danger. In spite of the specific language in the bill which states property rights will be protected, the true damage to

homeowners may well come from outside private groups and preservation agencies which receive public funds through the Park Service to implement the policies of the Heritage Area.

The funds flowing from the Park Service provide a seductive pork barrel system for private advocacy groups to enforce their vision over the development of the Heritage Area. The experience with more than twenty-four Heritage Areas nationwide clearly shows such groups will convert this money into political activism to encourage local community and county governments to pass and enforce strict zoning laws. While the tactic makes it appear that home rule is fully in force, removing blame from the federal designation, the impact is fully the fault of the Heritage Area designation. The result being private property owner's rights are diminished and much of the local land use brought to a standstill.

Zoning and land use policies are and should be local decision to be made by locally elected officials who are directly accountable to the citizens they represent. However, National Heritage Areas corrupt this inherently local procedure by adding federal dollars, federal oversight, and federal mandates to the mix.

Specifically, when an area is designated a National Heritage Area, the Park Service partners with an environmental special interest group to restore, preserve, and manage anything and everything that is naturally, culturally, historically and recreationally significant to the Heritage Area. That is exactly what legislation for Heritage Areas states. This sweeping mandate ensures that every square inch of a Heritage Area is a prime target for regulation or acquisition private property included.

But what of the promised tourism that is supposed to help local economies? Many members of Congress admit they support the concept of Heritage Areas for that very reason: jobs created by people visiting their little part of the world to see why it's so special. Is it true?

As has been stated, those boundaries have consequences - strict control over the use of the land. Certain industries may prove to be too "dirty" to be allowed. Eventually such existing industrial operations will find themselves regulated or taxed to a point forcing them to leave or go out of business. Property that is locked away for preservation is no longer productive and no longer provides the community

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Two-in-One Verbal Assassination

New Year Wish A different sort of prediction

For the last several years I have tried my hand at predictions and I have found that I am no seer - no foreteller of the could be. What can I say, my "visions" aren't that solid. But hey, as far as I know Nostradamus didn't get anything right while he was alive, so maybe there's a chance my premonitions will yet come to pass, especially if I were to rewrite them into a more interpretive form so people could mold them to fit whatever happening they see fit. Until then I'm going to stray from the A-typical fortune-telling and write out a wish for this new year.

It is my wish that the American people rise up and take back control of their own government and judicial system.

To do this we need firm education, not this watered-down interpretive "history" we teach our youth. We need true reporting of fact, not a media based on bias. We need justice in our society, not this corrupted system of judicial misconduct and interpretive law. We need a leader whose view isn't that of a party but of a better society based on the principles of the Constitution not their own personal beliefs. We need to establish our own culture and not kowtow to others who complain that they can't understand our language. Yes, our language is English. Learn it, but also hold onto your own identity and never forget your roots. It is this that separates us from all other countries, our melting pot of people. We need to do away with our two-party political system and instead vote for the best person through educating ourselves on who that may be. We need to reign in our judges who create law at whim and are beholden to no one. They have to be made accountable for actions that unduly harm others. We need to uphold our current laws and not create new ones that give preferential status to any "class" of individual. We need to protect ourselves and keep ILLEGAL immigration from happening. We need to become the producers of old not the consumers we've become.

So, what do you say? Do wishes really come true? ■■

Saddam is dead Now what?

According to Forbes Magazine Bill Gates is the richest man in the world with an estimated wealth of 50 billion dollars, but there is one other whose worth has been more, Saddam Hussein. With a pricetag of roughly 410.1 BILLION for two wars (thus far) and an incalculable cost in lives, Saddam Hussein has been the most expensive person ever and I'm really wondering if it has all been worth it just to satisfy the Bush family legacy of doing away with this evil man.

As we enter 2007 there is one less cruel dictator in the world. Saddam is gone, strung-up like the villain he was. But it happened so anti-climatically, at least for me, and now that Saddam is dead I wonder how adamant President Bush will be in continuing his support for a free Iraq. I mean, he got his man and in the days to come we will see what his new vision on Iraq will be and it will be quite telling of his true nature.

No, I'm no anti-war protestor and I firmly believe in supporting the men and women of our armed forces but our mission in Iraq has been problematic from the beginning. With the foundation being built on doing away with WMDs and then on freeing the people it seems as though we have succeeded, at least in general terms.

But now that Saddam is gone who will take his place as the most evil man in the world? Perhaps that would fall back to Osama, but we can't find him ... so who will it be and will we pursue this individual as vehemently as we had Hussein? Who knows.

One thing is for sure, I don't want to pay nearly a half trillion dollars bringing whoever it is down and with less than 750 days in office, I'm sure even Bush couldn't spend that much on a new manhunt. But I'm sure he'd try. ■■

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unless of course you were using his story as a screenplay for a movie. "I just want to see my children and they want to see me. They mean the world to me," he went on to say, disregarding the false charges he personally faces and more concerned for the welfare of his family, which has been torn apart by reportedly admitted false allegations against Barton of indecent and lewd behavior. These degrading and baseless charges were brought on by two girls who frequently played with Barton's children. Because they weren't acting appropriately Barton asked the girls to not come back and to not play with his children any longer. According to witnesses the girls wanted to get back at Barton so they created this story claiming that Barton exposed himself through the window of his house to them while they were in the yard playing with other children. In light of the reported threats the girls made against Barton for excommunicating them and in light of the fact that they were with 6-10 other children as well, any prudent person must conclude that the two are simply lying. Even the grandmother of one of the girls says to fellow community members that she doesn't believe the allegations against Barton. The girls are reportedly known in the community to be the troublemakers, stealing a car and store merchandise, lying, and acting absolutely inappropriately. Hence, the reason Barton wanted his children to remain free of their influence. Barton's

anger, however, isn't exactly focused on the girls who have made the allegations but rather the Bethany police department who he says is seeking to destroy him and keep these false allegations alive for their own self-seeking end - regarding one officer in particular, Robert Lassiter.

According to PI - edited video originally showed cop with woman bent over hood

Robert Lassiter was the initial reporting officer in the Barton case and will be one of the state's primary witnesses but evidence gathered by our own investigation, an investigation by a private investigator hired by Barton and a report by Oklahoma City's own Fox 25, Robert Lassiter has a great deal to gain if Tom Barton were to go away ... Barton's wife April. It has been noted by family friends and church goers that Lassiter and Mrs. Barton have been spending time with one another - even prior to these allegations having been filed against Barton. According to one investigator working on this case, at one point on August 3, 2006, at approximately 10:45 p.m. officer Lassiter had Mrs. Barton bent over the hood of her SUV as he approached down

the secluded dirt road where the investigator had trailed her. With his video camera rolling the entire time the investigator captured her vehicle on film, the "situation" he had caught them in, and the ensuing confrontation with Lassiter who arrested the private investigator for "interfering with an officer." Lassiter then went on to confiscate the investigator's camera which was eventually returned to the investigator but with missing segments of footage as reported by Fox 25.

The private investigator's attorney Mike Gassaway who is representing the PI in a false arrest case against Bethany police department stated on Fox news, "The tape has been obviously altered while in the possession of the Bethany police department."

According to the Fox report, at one point the time on the tape jumped from 10:44:55 to 10:45:11 and then another segment seemingly taken out was where the tape jumped from 10:51:34 to 10:53:34. However, when asked by Fox 25, the police chief adamantly denied allegations that his officers or any officer in his department would have edited the tape. But with the Fox news investigation citing an officer Justice having accessed the evidence room a total of seven times in one hour and a reported recent admission by April Barton during a witnessed telephone conversation stating that they did in fact edit the tape, it seems as if the chief of police might not know all of the facts or is seriously covering for his officers.

Cops protecting cops

With the potential of a department wide cover-up, it is fast becoming transparent that Lassiter hasn't been the only one culpable in this situation. Along with the possible involvement of officer Justice mishandling evidence, Lassiter's old buddy J. R. Jencks took over the initial investigation of Barton and Jencks has reportedly been seen over at one of the accusing girl's home telling her not to back out of the charges and to, "stay the course." Jencks also went on to take a statement by the youngest Barton son. According to Jencks the boy said his father touched him. However, the 4 year old has not since said this to anyone else and even stated just the opposite leading the US~Observer to believe that this story was a fabrication created to further implicate Barton in wrong doing. Even Oklahoma City's DHS's report says that none of the Barton children have said that their father ever acted inappropriately, but for some reason DHS still has Jencks' statement listed as having been said, even though it is just one man's word against the entire family.

On the condition of anonymity one young man, who had been with the accusing girls and overheard them say that they wanted to get back at Barton and how they intended to do it, wrote an

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SADDAM IS DEAD

Saddam Hussein executed in Iraq

Iraqi State TV has been showing footage of Saddam Hussein's atrocities

Former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has been executed by hanging at an unspecified location in Baghdad, for crimes against humanity.

The news was confirmed to the BBC by the Iraqi Deputy Foreign Minister, Labeed Abawi.

Two co-defendants, Saddam Hussein's half-brother Barzan al-Tikriti and former Iraqi chief judge Awad Hamed al-Bandar, were also executed.

All three were sentenced to death by an Iraqi court on 5 November after a year-long trial over the 1982 killings of 148 Shias in the town of Dujail.

"Criminal Saddam was hanged to death," state-run Iraqiya television announced, as patriotic music and images of national monuments were broadcast.

A scrolling headline read: "Saddam's execution marks the end of a dark period of Iraq's history."

Other Arab TV stations aired live footage of the sunrise over Baghdad's Firdous Square, where US Marines pulled down a statue of Saddam Hussein, after he was deposed in April 2003.



Image released by Iraqi state television

'Turning a page'

US troops and Iraqi security forces are on high alert for any violent backlash. The US State Department has urged all its embassies to increase security.

The BBC's Peter Greste in Baghdad says Shias have generally welcomed Saddam Hussein's death and hailed the execution as justice for the suffering endured under his leadership.

But Saddam's own Sunni tribesman

were angered by his treatment and they may well protest once more, our correspondent adds.

The White House is expected to issue a written statement, although President Bush is not expected to make an address.

The BBC's Adam Brookes in Washington says the Bush administration will see the act as turning a page in Iraq - a demonstration that Iraq has a sovereign and democratic government.

However, the administration will be

keen to portray the execution as a matter purely for the Iraqi government and its court system, our correspondent says.

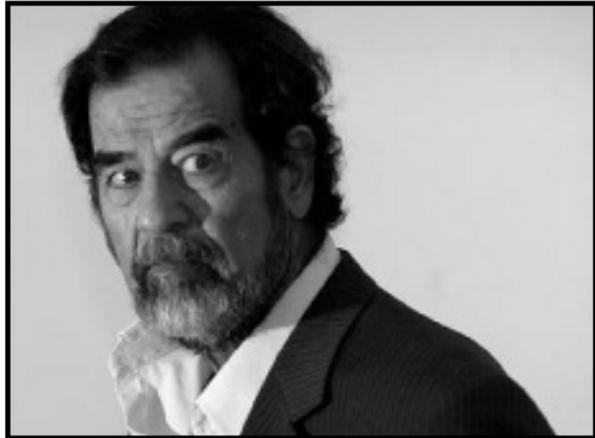
UK Foreign Secretary Margaret Beckett welcomed the fact Saddam Hussein had been tried by an Iraqi court "for at least some of the appalling crimes he committed" and said "he has now been held to account".

France called on Iraqis to "look towards the future and work towards reconciliation and national unity". ■■



"Iraqis in the Shiite-majority Baghdad suburb Sadr City cheer as they surround an effigy of Saddam Hussein hanging from a rope during celebrations of Saddam's execution." (AFP/Ahmad Al-Rubaye)

Saddam's reign leaves destruction behind



By Salah Nasrawi
Associated Press Writer

Saddam Hussein boasted of being the "builder of modern Iraq." Iraqis are likely to remember his reign much differently. Even before the U.S.-led invasion to oust him, Iraq's economy was in tatters after decades of wars and U.N. sanctions, its people cowed by a dictator's brutality.

Before Saddam led his people into the disastrous 1980-88 war with Iran and the 1990 invasion of Kuwait — which led to the Gulf War — Iraq was the envy of the Arab world.

During the 1970s oil boom, Saddam's Baath Party envisioned a country ruled by Arab socialism.

As deputy chairman of the ruling Revolutionary Command Council, Saddam headed an economic planning council that oversaw the building of vast industrial plants, huge housing projects, eight-lane highways, bridges, airports, universities and communication systems.

His name and the slogan "builder of modern Iraq" adorned streets across Iraq as well as airports and new towns. He even ordered his name inscribed on stones in reconstructed monuments in

ancient cities like Babylon, alongside those of the kings Hammurabi and Nebuchadnezzar.

The building spree was paid for with earnings from the country's oil reserves, second largest in the world after Saudi Arabia's. From 1970 to 1974, revenues from oil exports went from \$896 million to \$7.6 billion.

"People overlooked their political

deprivation and lack of participation, they only saw buildings sprouting here and there," said Iraqi economist Ghanim Hamdoun, who researched Iraq's 1970s economic experiment.

Under Saddam, imprisonment or summary execution of political foes was common. Political parties, unions and civic groups not controlled by Baathists were banned. Traditional bonds were reshaped to support a one-party state.

Millions of Iraqis, though, were able for the first time in their lives to wear designer clothes and vacation in London, Madrid or Paris. Others started tasting imported foods and driving Japanese, German or French cars — all at government subsidized prices.

Baghdad was a hub for Arab writers and artists who gathered at annual festivals. An Iraq-based foreign development fund provided economic aid to poor nations in Africa.

Tens of thousands of young Iraqis were sent to colleges in the West on state scholarships.

"Saddam seemed to be building an empire and only waiting to declare himself its emperor," said Hamdoun.

But the oil boom also ushered in an era of heavy-handed, centralized decision-making. In the 1975 state budget some

\$13.7 billion, or 27 percent of public expenditures, went to the army, police and other security forces.

Saddam suppressed opponents at home and embarked on military adventures abroad.

His 1980 invasion of Iran, portrayed as a fight against the Persians on behalf of all Arabs, set off an eight-year war that drained Iraq's economy and killed hundreds of thousands on both sides.

Weary soldiers returned home to few or no jobs. Soon the regime found itself in the throes of deep crisis. Iraqis

protested the presence of millions of Arab workers, mainly Egyptians, brought by Saddam to run the factories, construction projects and farms while Iraqis were away fighting Iran.

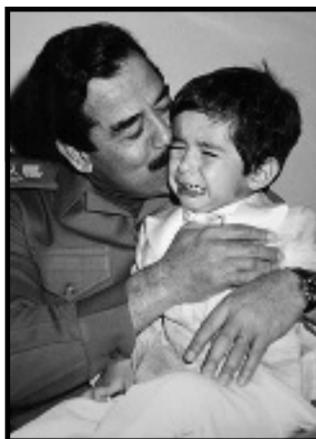
With the decline in oil prices, the economy stagnated. Funds were slashed for development and imported Western goods. Saddam, desperately in need of cash, demanded that Kuwait and Saudi Arabia forgive debts incurred in the long war with Iran.

When Kuwait refused, Saddam accused his neighbor of stealing Iraq's oil through wells pumped under the two countries' border. Claiming Kuwait was historically an Iraqi province, he invaded on Aug. 2, 1990.

The invasion brought the Gulf War, as well as U.N. sanctions that remained in place until the 2003 invasion and further strangled Iraq's economy.

Wahid Abdel Meguid, deputy director of Cairo's Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies, said Iraq will need decades to recover from Saddam.

"Saddam leaves behind misery and destruction everywhere," he said. "It is a society imbued with fear." ■■



They say children are good judges of character.



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against Barton.

State's witness previously denied allegations

In a surprising move away from the months of letter writing and statements made in regard to her husband's innocence, April Barton will now be a state witness. Okay, maybe it's not so surprising seeing as though she reportedly has stated that she wants to move in with officer Lassiter and be a family. Taken from an application gathered as part of the investigation April Barton has also taken money from Tom Barton, something she herself has described as "stealing" when she recently applied for a position at the Bethany Police Department. From apparent adultery to theft, evidence tampering to lying, evidently, April Barton doesn't see anything wrong with what she has done and is doing or has allegedly been involved with. It's amazing that all of this is occurring right in the middle of America's Bible Belt.

Family lost

Due to Barton's charges, his five children have been taken away and he is not allowed any kind of visitation. As a matter of fact he was recently arrested for giving gifts to his children through a third party, which according to Barton's attorney is just absurd. Even Tom Barton's parents are being kept from the children.

The children still remain outspoken in support of their father to their friends and at least want to be back with their Grandparents until this has all been cleared up. One thing they are clear on is their disdain and mistrust of officer Lassiter.

While April Barton might be finding whatever it is she needs (like being on the hood of a car late at night on a dead end road?) in officer Lassiter, it's unfortunate that she would put her children and their wishes behind her own selfish desires.

It is clear that Tom Barton wants the best for his children. He even wants the best for April. But right now he just wants to be vindicated of these baseless accusations so he can get back to being a good father.

Go with the evidence

With all of the evidence gathered in this case it is obvious there is at least a potential cover-up underway within the Bethany police department. At most, a full-blown conspiracy to imprison an innocent man for the sake of stealing his wife through whatever means they can muster. And let us not forget the vindictiveness of two adolescent females who were clearly going astray and then called on the carpet by Tom Barton. The young gals will soon find that lies can never cover a multitude of sins.

Bad cops and lying witnesses? You be the judge. ■■■

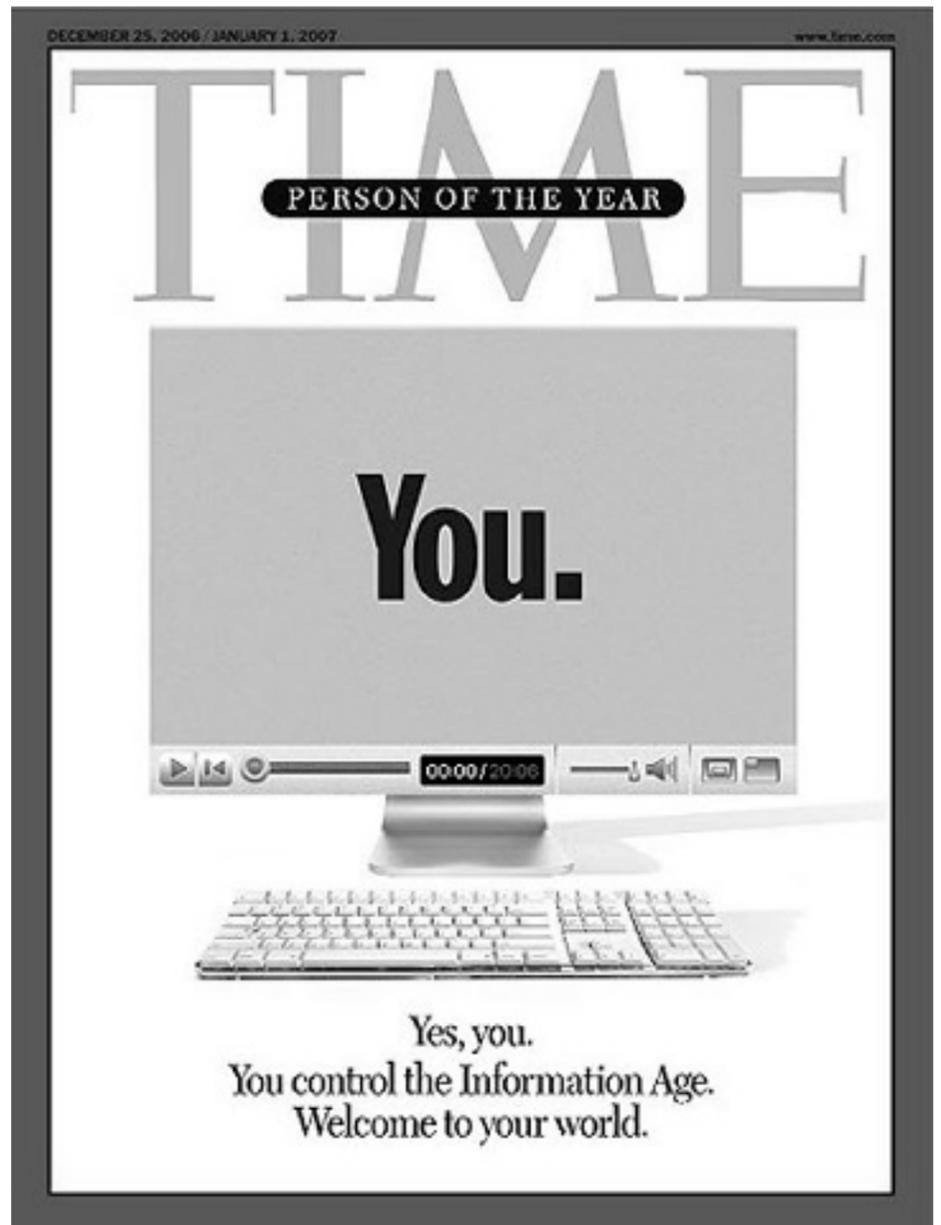
Overwhelming witnesses to the opposite

The Barton house has been the center for many children to come and play. With five of their own children and on any given day an additional 2-6 playing in their yard there has been an incredible outpouring of support for Barton. "If he were to have done what (they) say he did, we'd all have seen it," one of the Barton's children's friends stated. One witness for the state has even said she has told the investigating agencies time and again she had never seen anything, and personally doesn't believe the allegations against Barton. Yet, she is still being required to attend any possible hearings as a state's witness disrupting her and her family's life. With many others who have spent far more time with Barton and his family, than the two accusing girls, coming forward in his support, and more saying that the girls aren't trustworthy, or are flat-out liars it becomes increasingly difficult to find any just cause as to why the charges against Barton are being pursued other than the connection between officer Lassiter and Barton's wife and his involvement in the case.

False charges? Without any doubt

There have also been multiple witness statements made that one of the accusing girls was wanting to change her story but that her mother, who was on speaker phone on the girl's cell phone at the time, told her that if she changed her story now they'd all get into trouble. Not to mention this same girl sent one of the Barton daughters a letter asking for her forgiveness and that her mom had made her do it, saying in the letter, "I love you so much ok. I want you to know that because I know you hate me. It wasn't my fault my mom threatened me so ... I had to. You know I love you ... + your dad + mom ... I love your whole family ok." The other accusing girl is the one witnessed in a conversation with officer Jencks who was telling her to continue with her story and there have been multiple witnesses to this accuser saying she would be dropping her charges

You Are Time's Person of the Year



In 2006, the World Wide Web became a tool for bringing together the small contributions of millions of people and making them matter

By Lev Grossman

The "Great Man" theory of history is usually attributed to the Scottish philosopher Thomas Carlyle, who wrote that "the history of the world is but the biography of great men." He believed that it is the few, the powerful and the famous who shape our collective destiny as a species. That theory took a serious beating this year.

To be sure, there are individuals we could blame for the many painful and disturbing things that happened in 2006. The conflict in Iraq only got bloodier and more entrenched. A vicious skirmish erupted between Israel and Lebanon. A war dragged on in Sudan. A tin-pot dictator in North Korea got the Bomb, and the President of Iran wants to go nuclear too. Meanwhile nobody fixed global warming, and Sony didn't make enough PlayStation3s.

But look at 2006 through a different lens and you'll see another story, one that isn't about conflict or great men. It's a story about community and

collaboration on a scale never seen before. It's about the cosmic compendium of knowledge Wikipedia and the million-channel people's network YouTube and the online metropolis MySpace. It's about the many wresting power from the few and helping one another for nothing and how that will not only change the world, but also change the way the world changes.

The tool that makes this possible is the World Wide Web. Not the Web that Tim Berners-Lee hacked together (15 years ago, according to Wikipedia) as a way for scientists to share research. It's not even the overhyped dotcom Web of the late 1990s. The new Web is a very different thing. It's a tool for bringing together the small contributions of millions of people and making them matter. Silicon Valley consultants call it Web 2.0, as if it were a new version of some old software. But it's really a revolution.

And we are so ready for it. We're ready to balance our diet of predigested news with raw feeds from Baghdad and Boston and Beijing. You can learn more about how Americans live just by looking at the backgrounds of YouTube videos—those rumpled bedrooms and toy-strewn basement rec rooms—than you could from 1,000 hours of network television.

And we didn't just watch, we also worked. Like crazy. We made Facebook profiles and Second Life avatars and reviewed books at Amazon and recorded podcasts. We blogged about our candidates losing and wrote songs about getting dumped. We camcordered bombing runs and built open-source software.

America loves its solitary geniuses—its Einsteins, its Edisons, its

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proverbial pigeon drop scam prosecuted by authorities? Of course not, as it would be absurd to do so. In the Anderson Ark program people were led to believe that the investment program was up and running and ready to yield large returns. The tax deductions were backed up by IRS codes authorizing such tax treatment. Any and all duplicity was conducted offshore in Costa Rica, completely outside the purview of Smith and others.

One of the glaring government errors is the fact that they prosecuted Kris Smith because she became an Information Officer (I.O.) for Anderson Ark. One of the government witnesses against Smith was Bill Hays, the I.O. that introduced Smith to Anderson Ark. She in turned recruited others thinking she was offering a fine investment and savings program to the public. No where in the Seattle Superseding Indictment does it allege that any I.O. conspired with the defendants in that trial, however, it does show that the I.O.'s were declared victims of the fraud. Yet she is dragged through the legal muck and mire in the name of blood sport. This unconscionable behavior isn't about finding the truth. The truth in this case would indict the prosecutors.

Every single piece of evidence that the government used against Smith and was lifted from the Seattle trial that proved she was a victim. They described how the fraud worked in the opening days of the trial inferring that Smith was part and parcel to the creation of the scheme, which started in 1996. The governments facts are skewed since Smith did not hear about Anderson Ark until 1999, thereby making it impossible for her to be a co-creator of the scheme. Also, the fact that she was following the advice of purported tax professionals was deemed insignificant. This instruction gave her a state of mind that her participation was totally legal, unbeknownst that the scam artists were stealing her retirement funds. The bizarre allegation that Smith

knew the ins and outs of the Anderson scheme was not based on fact but on prosecutors' flimsy belief that 20/20 hindsight always precedes action. Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Larry Wszalek went so far as to tell the jury that because Smith's investment partnership didn't rent office space or buy office equipment that she should have known her business venture was a sham. Interesting deduction if you have no idea what the program offered. The partnership invested in an ongoing business development venture, whereby many other partnerships had a piece of the pie. The money invested allegedly went for development of the product which was not described as a conventional store front business. How many startup businesses are initiated without all the amenities of a law office? The money for this venture went into product development not mahogany paneling.

Even more troubling is the fact that Smith and other investors did not take the initiative to create their own tax returns, file forms to recapture back taxes in accordance with the plan or work independently from Anderson's advisors. The alleged illegal conduct was mandated by the scam artists and these allegations were proven in the Seattle trial. More importantly the Seattle trial proved that the fraud was concealed from Smith. Yet she is prosecuted. A fine kettle of fish if there ever was one.

With her new attorney adamant about her innocence it will be interesting to see if the vaunted federal prosecutors make the effort to retry Smith once a new trial is granted. The government may have invested too much in this folly to turn tail. Knowing they will be going up against a successful defense attorney may make them call in sick for the next trial. The US-Observer will continue to report the score in the DOJ's blood sport and whether or not Judge Phillip Figa grants Smith's motion for a new trial. Stay tuned!

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Jobses—but those lonely dreamers may have to learn to play with others. Car companies are running open design contests. Reuters is carrying blog postings alongside its regular news feed. Microsoft is working overtime to fend off user-created Linux. We're looking at an explosion of productivity and innovation, and it's just getting started, as millions of minds that would otherwise have drowned in obscurity get backhauled into the global intellectual economy.

Who are these people? Seriously, who actually sits down after a long day at work and says, I'm not going to watch Lost tonight. I'm going to turn on my computer and make a movie starring my pet iguana? I'm going to mash up 50 Cent's vocals with Queen's instrumentals? I'm going to blog about my state of mind or the state of the nation or the steak-frites at the new bistro down the street? Who has that time and that energy and that passion?

The answer is, you do. And for seizing the reins of the global media, for

founding and framing the new digital democracy, for working for nothing and beating the pros at their own game, TIME's Person of the Year for 2006 is you.

Sure, it's a mistake to romanticize all this any more than is strictly necessary. Web 2.0 harnesses the stupidity of crowds as well as its wisdom. Some of the comments on YouTube make you weep for the future of humanity just for the spelling alone, never mind the obscenity and the naked hatred.

But that's what makes all this interesting. Web 2.0 is a massive social experiment, and like any experiment worth trying, it could fail. There's no road map for how an organism that's not a bacterium lives and works together on this planet in numbers in excess of 6 billion. But 2006 gave us some ideas. This is an opportunity to build a new kind of international understanding, not politician to politician, great man to great man, but citizen to citizen, person to person. It's a chance for people to look at a computer screen and really, genuinely wonder who's out there looking back at them. Go on. Tell us you're not just a little bit curious.

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Dialing 9-1-1 May Ruin Your Life

By Jim Kouri
NewsWithViews.com

Canadian Mounties smashed down the door of a North Vancouver, British Columbia, woman's home and injured her guest when she accidentally dialed the 9-1-1 emergency number instead of 4-1-1 for telephone information.

When Marget Lieder of North Vancouver accidentally dialed 9-1-1, she says she just simply hung up and dialed 4-1-1. What followed was something out of a Stephen King's horror novel.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police broke down her door and arrested her and her guest Larry Pierce, who happens to be a respected attorney in Vancouver, according to WorldNetDaily.

Lieder said she refused to allow the officers who arrived on her doorstep into her home, preferring to speak to them only on her front porch. From that vantage point, she said the officers could see "the peaceful atmosphere" in her living room.

"They didn't have a search warrant and they didn't have anything to do in my house," she is quoted as saying by WND.

Assuring the two RCMP officers there was no problem, Lieder returned inside her home.

But that didn't end the episode.

The two Mounties returned with an additional three officers and insisted on being allowed into her home for an inspection. When Lieder continued to deny them access, they broke down the door and arrested her and Pierce on the charge of obstruction of justice.

While Lieder wasn't injured during the police raid on her home, Pierce claims he suffered two cracked ribs.

"I was sitting on the couch. They stuck a Taser in my face, threatening me with 50,000 volts," he said. "They threw me on the floor, twisted my left arm. A police officer stuck his knee into my ribs and jumped on me."

While still in the house, the police officers started to tape-record their conversations with Lieder and Pierce in spite of the fact that they had not been read their rights, the pair said. Later, Pierce claims he was interrogated for over an hour at the jail.

The couple were taken to the provincial court the following day, although they were subsequently released before being brought before a judge.

"They arrested me in slippers and a T-shirt," complained Pierce. "After the [prosecutor] told them to let me go, they just shoved me out in the rain. I had 43 cents in my pocket."

Pierce, who is an attorney specializing in disability cases, told reporters that he and Miss Lieder are planning a lawsuit against the RCMP. As a first step they've directed the authorities to preserve all tapes and records associated with the case, including the mistaken 9-1-1 call

that initiated the incident.

"The list is pretty long for what we can sue them for," he said, referring specifically to false arrest, false imprisonment, trespass and assault.

North Vancouver RCMP spokesman Constable John MacAdam said in a statement that police are obliged to search the premises after a hang-up 9-1-1 call.

"When a 9-1-1 call has been placed, whether or not it is mistaken, we have the right to attend that residence and to search that residence to make sure that the safety of everyone (there) is confirmed," he told reporters.

His statement claimed that the police actions are "particularly necessary in instances of spousal abuse where it's very common for the victim to say that everything is fine, only for the RCMP to find out upon searching the residence that police involvement is needed."

"In most cases people are going to understand our job and why we are in the residence. They understand that we have to have a quick look," said MacAdam adding that the policy is based on a 1999 Canadian Supreme Court decision.

It states: "Police have the authority to investigate 9-1-1 calls, but whether they may enter dwelling houses in the course of such an investigation depends on the circumstances of each case and that the intrusion must be limited to the protection of life and safety."

MacAdam told the local newspaper, the North Shore News, that while he cannot comment on this incident, police are supposed to use a minimal amount of force needed to control that situation.

Pierce told North Shore News that his rights were violated and he will go ahead with a law-suit. "The list is pretty long for what we can sue them for." His list of possible civil charges includes false arrest, false imprisonment, trespass and assault.

"There's a number of questions in my mind about why [the RCMP] behaved the way they did and what other information they have and what other information they are hanging onto," Pierce said to North Shore News.

During a telephone call by NewsWithViews.com to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police's "E" Division, which has jurisdiction in British Columbia, NWV was told the case is under investigation and no information will be released to the news media at this time.

"Cops are sometimes placed in a no-win situation in which if they do nothing they're criticized if a crime occurs, and if they do something they're criticized for overreaction," former New York City Police detective Sid Francis told NewsWithViews.com.

But he quickly adds, "Based on what I've read about this case and what [NewsWithViews.Com] is reporting, these Mounties were way out of line with the tactics they used. Way out of line." ■ ■ ■

"This Nation was founded by men of many nations and backgrounds. It was founded on the principle that all men are created equal, and that the rights of every man are diminished when the rights of one man are threatened."

President John F. Kennedy

Happy New Year!

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with tax dollars. Roads will be closed (to protect the integrity of the historic area). That means the land is locked away from private development, diminishing growth for the community. It also means hunting and recreational use of the land will be curtailed.

Eventually, such restrictions will take away the community's economic base. Communities with sagging economies become run-down and uninviting. Preservation zoning and lack of jobs force ordinary people to move away. Experience has shown promised tourism rarely materializes as promised. And it's never enough to save a area economically.

These are the reasons why the specific language in the Heritage Area legislation designed to protect private property rights is meaningless to the actual outcome. While the land is not specifically locked away in the name of the federal designation, its very existence creates the pressure on local government to act. The result is the same.

It is interesting to note that proponents

of Heritage Areas refuse to even consider a program to officially notify land owners of pending Heritage Area designations. When specifically asked to include such notification in their plans, they shuffle their feet, say there is no way to do it and then drop the subject. Of course the ability is there. The mail man delivers to each of these homeowners every day. No matter how noble a project may sound, alarm bells should go off when proponents want to enforce their visions in secret.

The fact is, vital historic sights in the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Heritage Area are preserved. Much of it is already controlled by the National Park Service. Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, to the Manassas Battle Field, to the Gettysburg Battle Field, and several other birthplaces and significant historic sights are well preserved.

The boundaries of the Gettysburg battlefield were specifically laid out by the men who fought there. Most of the land was private and donated by the owners for the park. While protecting private property and the farms across which the battle raged, they preserved the most significant parts into what

today is a comprehensive memorial. Such a system of preservation may not be perfect, but it's superior to a process that uses the massive power of the federal government to rip out the roots of property owners unlucky enough to live near something that should be special and precious.

In contrast, it is significant to note that today, as coercive preservation policy is imposed in Gettysburg, the community has seen the near destruction of its once vital downtown area where private businesses are being forced out. Many parts of the downtown now seem rundown and void of significant businesses like clothing shops or hardware stores. Most businesses in the downtown area today are restaurants and tee shirt shops designed for the tourist industry.

True, some areas of battlefields have been developed and lost to preservation. Given there way, preservations would set out to turn the entire nation into a museum. Some would simply be happier to live in the past and now seem to hide behind historic preservation to try to achieve it.

Every step of land had something from

the past occur on it. But let us remember, those who fought on those fields did so to protect our liberty, including the ownership or private property. One must ask how they would react to huge government restrictions over that land now, simply because they fought there. One can envision them again taking up arms to free it from government clutches.

Senator Allen and Congressman Wolf tell us they simply want to honor history. If that is truly their goal then legislation to honor the areas without establishing a flow of cash through the Park Service would be enough. Then, local communities would be free to do their own tourism efforts based on the honorary designation.

In truth, Allen and Wolf are using our great love of history as an emotional sledgehammer to impose a massive federal pork barrel scheme that enriches the pockets of private advocacy groups while helping to impose draconian controls over the dreams of average Americans caught in the cynicism of their political ambitions.

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Sold Out by Farm Bureau ... to The National Animal Identification System

By Karin Bergener

How, you have to wonder, did farmer-members of Farm Bureau become the fringe in NAIS development? The exact origin of the Farm Bureau's NAIS policies is unknown, but all Farm Bureau policies are supposed to start at the county chapter level. As one Nevada Farm Bureau staffer put it, this is the method "in principle" by which policies are created. By 2005, though, many state Farm Bureau organizations had resolutions on the NAIS, and in that year Illinois Farm Bureau amended its existing resolution to insert the word mandatory. An Iowa Farm Bureau staff person told Mark Miller, president of Iowa's Jackson County Farm Bureau, Illinois first raised up the resolution for a mandatory NAIS at the 2006 Farm Bureau annual meeting. In that meeting the word mandatory was inserted into the Farm Bureau policy on animal identification. As we now know, this insertion merely documented Farm Bureau's long-standing position. And a coercive, supposedly voluntary, system that's being implemented across the United States is fine with Farm Bureau.

"The only reason to do this animal ID thing is for the money," David White—executive director of the Ohio Livestock Coalition and the Ohio Farm Bureau's representative at an educational NAIS session in Hillsboro, Ohio—told an anti-NAIS activist. "They're going to get you to do it by strangling you at the slaughterhouse and the auction house," he added, without any indication that something might be amiss with this prediction for our future.

If you are a member of Farm Bureau, when did you first learn about NAIS? Was it from Farm Bureau? If so, did you find out before your state Farm Bureau voted on an animal identification resolution? Did Farm Bureau tell you it includes animals other than cattle? Or about all three aspects of the program—premises registration, individual tagging of multiple species, and tracking and reporting movements?

That the costs are estimated to be almost \$40/head in Australia and \$60/head in the United Kingdom? Is your local Farm Bureau hosting "educational" sessions on the NAIS, and do they invite opponents to speak?

Has your local chapter mentioned that earlier this year Farm Bureau helped form a company to manage the databases? This nonprofit company, the United States Animal Identification Organization (USAIO) has on its board of directors Don Shawcroft, vice president of the Colorado Farm Bureau. On March 1, 2006, USAIO, ViaTrace LLC, and Microsoft Corporation jointly announced the launch of an industry-led, multi-species animal tracking database to record movements of livestock from point of origin to processing.

Farm Bureau is in the thick of NAIS. Farm Bureau is helping build the NAIS infrastructure. Farm Bureau has, for a number of years, presented itself as a supporter of mandatory animal identification and made commitments to other members of USAIO to move forward on its plans.

So where are the state delegations and county Farm Bureau chapters? Left in the dust. Members across the country are angry. While some members try to make change from within, others may follow the example of the member who said, "I'm cutting up my membership card and mailing it to [president of Farm Bureau] Bob Stallman."

Each of us who is a member of Farm Bureau and against NAIS must make our own decision. I was a member of the board of my county Farm Bureau. I quit when I realized Farm Bureau would not take a position against NAIS and the rest of my fellow board members didn't even know what NAIS is. They were busy raising such issues as "We need better signage at railroad crossings." Not that signs at crossings aren't important, but if animal ID wipes us all out, we won't be driving teams down the road past those signs anyway.

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CCRKBA to Bloomberg: Police State Mentality Breeds Poor Judgment, Quick Triggers

BELLEVUE, WA – While citizens in New York search for answers in the horrendous shooting death of an unarmed man hours before he would have married his high school sweetheart, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms says a factor nobody wants to discuss could be the anti-gun mentality fostered in that city for generations.

"The mere thought that a citizen may have had a firearm seems to have contributed to the terrible shooting death of Sean Bell," said CCRKBA Chairman Alan M. Gottlieb. "Nobody would suggest for a moment that police officers can't protect themselves from genuine threats from armed criminals, but the Nov. 25 incident leaves too many unanswered questions, not the least of which should be an examination of why officers involved in the shooting fired at least 50 shots when nobody actually saw a gun. As it turns out, neither Bell nor his two companions, both of whom were wounded, was armed.

"For years," Gottlieb said, "New Yorkers, including police officers, have been subliminally taught to perceive any armed person as a threat. That's what

happens in an environment where only the police, and a few elitist cronies of city hall, can legally carry guns. You create what amounts to a police state, where cops are a little too hasty to pull a trigger when somebody yells 'gun'."

Noting that New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg would like to see the entire nation subjected to the kinds of Draconian gun laws now enforced against New York City residents, Gottlieb said it could lead to adoption of a "police state mentality" among rank and file cops.

"Bloomberg's contempt for the average citizen's right to bear arms is pretty well-established," Gottlieb said. "Millions of law-abiding citizens legally carry firearms every day in places outside New York City; places where police know better than to automatically reach for their guns, and use them, just because they think they see someone with a gun. Bloomberg's vision for America could wind up being a place where the people fear, rather than support, their local police. Well, this is still the United States, not a police state."

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to be Josephine County's Family Court Judge. Serious and extreme consequences have resulted to the citizens and families of Josephine County during his short tenure.

A good example of his corruption and incompetence is the Deer Creek Ranch case which has now been in the system for over 7 years. Our regular readers should be familiar with that case so we will not repeat the history (others can find the articles at usobserver.com on the world-wide web). Suffice it to say that case involves a clear cut separation of "good guys" versus "swindling criminals." Guess who Judge Newman has consistently sided with? That's right, the criminals! In doing this he has ignored the most basic principles of law. First, this was a lawsuit between 2 trusts regarding the rightful ownership of the Deer Creek Ranch, a multi-million dollar asset. The sole Trustee of Fountainhead Global Trust (FGT) who filed the suit was Rick Prescott. The Defendant was the Fiduciary Educational Society (FES), with Ivan Cermak and Peter B. Thompson as Trustees. When Defendants arrived at that hearing with their Attorney Duane Schultz Plaintiff Prescott was not present. Instead his wife Karla Prescott was there pretending to be a Trustee of FGT which she was not at the time. She also announced that she had a Power of Attorney from her husband which she could not produce. At that time Attorney Schultz strongly objected to her representing the Trust and genius Newman overruled after drooling on the bench over Karla Prescott's outward attractiveness. At this point it is important to note that one spouse can not represent the other spouse unless the spouse intending to represent is an active Attorney, which neither of the Prescotts are.

Next, Karla Prescott produced the forged document that eventually broke the camel's back and lost the case for FES. That document was a copy of a document entitled "Promissory Note." In reality that document was a one sided agreement stating FES would give the ranch to FGT under certain circumstances. The only Trustee of FES who supposedly signed that document was Rick Prescott. He was later fired on August 3, 2002. The other two people signing were allegedly Roy Fritts and William Joe Little Jr. who were both Trustees of FGT. Rick Prescott was a Trustee of FES also at the time the document was supposedly signed. What a conflict of interest! The Observer, after extensive efforts, revealed that this document was a forgery. When this reporter located Joe Little Jr. in California and presented the document to him he immediately stated that the signature was not his and that he had never seen the document or any other even remotely resembling it. Moreover, it was not notarized nor recorded in the county records. Attorney Schultz objected strenuously to this document being admitted into evidence on three grounds. First, that the document was a copy rather than the original which the Oregon rules of evidence prohibit when objected to. ORS 40.560 states that; "A duplicate is admissible to the same extent as an original unless: (1) A genuine question is raised as to the authenticity of the original; or (2) in the circumstances it would be unfair to admit the duplicate in lieu of the original". Second, the document was phony on its face because no person in their right mind would create a document purporting to transfer a multi-

million dollar piece of property without notarizing and recording it. Third, because Thompson and Cermak testified that they had never seen the document before.

That document eventually led to a Summary Judgment in favor of FGT, taking the ranch from FES and ruining Thompson's and Cermak's lives. They strongly believe that Judge Newman's preoccupation with Karla Prescott's appearance and possibly a lot more, led to this absolutely ignoramus decision. The US-Observer has received frequent and numerous complaints about the validity of Newman's decisions from the bench – decisions that have ruined many people's lives.

Judge Pat Wolke

On August 24, 2006 and no doubt on prior occasions, Wolke heard three of his own brother's cases! His brother is Dan Wolke, a local Attorney who specializes in being a Public Pretender (Defender if you must.). That action is so unethical it should be obvious to the most casual observer. A complaint regarding this incident was filed with the Judicial Fitness and Disability Commission, which has, at least up to this point, treated the matter seriously. Like Newman, we have had many complaints against Wolke ruling against what was right and the destructive affects his decisions have had on people's lives. A few years ago we published articles on the Steve Andrews case. Steve was falsely charges with sex abuse and Observer investigative journalists came up with the solid evidence to vindicate him. Wolke was his public defender at the time and when Andrews presented the evidence to him he told Andrews he wouldn't use any evidence coming from the Observer. Andrews immediately fired Wolke, the Observer found a competent attorney for him, he had a short jury trial and was found not guilty by his Josephine County jury. The jury listened intently to the conclusive evidence and deliberated for less than one hour before returning their verdict. Andrews would most likely have spent years in prison had he remained with Wolke – just as countless others have who trusted this incompetent person to represent them. Wolke was not a competent attorney and he is worse as a judge.

Corrupt Judge Victory Walker

Like Wolke, Walker was a public pretender prior to her being appointed as a Judge Pro Tem. The reality of the situation is that law school graduates obtain jobs commensurate with their academic record and abilities. The top of the class obtains employment either from a prestigious law firm or goes into sole practice. The middle class members often obtain employment with the government such as the District Attorney's office. The bottom class members take almost all they are offered, i.e., the public pretender's (Defender's) office.

Three different people have contacted the Observer over the issue that Judge Walker has refused their request (motion) to disqualify (recuse) her. The statutory scheme does not suggest that she can refuse to do this. In fact it makes it mandatory on her part to allow the motion unless; (1) the same party has already disqualified 2 judges or (2) the judge drafts a written affidavit substantiating her belief that the motion is made in bad faith. Neither of these

requirements were adhered to by Judge Walker. ORS 14.250 through 14.270 are the operative statutes.

On top of the above, Walker has acted in a totally vindictive manner towards the people who attempted to disqualify her. The shining example of this is when Defendant Ron Gibson moved to disqualify her on August 30, 2006 and she refused. Then on October 24, 2006, Walker decided that Gibson should be evicted from his own property. When Gibson filed an emergency ex-parte motion for her to hear on November 2, 2006, she recused herself at that time. In other words, she can hear your case as long as she wants to shaft you but when it comes to possibly helping you, she is gone. Through a great deal of trouble Gibson obtained two judgments that nullified Walker's eviction order. One judgment was obtained in Judge Orf's court in Jackson County and the other was obtained from the Oregon Court of Appeals. Is there a reason for Walkers incompetence. Yes indeed; we found that evidence while looking at Walker's Oregon State Bar (OSB) records. Walker was only admitted to the OSB in 2001. This has got to be record time for a person to go from totally wet behind the ears, to sitting in judgment of important legal cases. This completely explains the fact why her rulings are so far off base but it doesn't explain why she was appointed by Judge Lindi Baker in the first place.

In addition to the above, Judge Walker's general attitude in court is one of brashness, arrogance and ignorance. She has no consideration whatsoever for the litigants or the law.

Judge Lindi Baker

Last but certainly not least, is Presiding Judge Lindi Baker. She is the supervisor of the other judges who was informed by a detailed letter in October

that her judges were out of control. To our knowledge she has done nothing to correct this serious problem since some of the incidents being reported in this article occurred well after she received the letter. In addition, the editor of this paper phoned Judge Baker and she has refused to return our calls. This is always the practice of someone who has something to hide or dodge and it is unacceptable for any public official to refuse to speak with the press.

It was a serious mistake for Judge Baker to allow Victory Walker anywhere near the "bench," it is unaccountable for Judge Wolke to hear his brothers cases and it is a complete perversion of the law for Judge Newman to award criminals property that they have absolutely no interest in whatsoever. Unfortunately for Judge Lindi Baker, she is ultimately the person responsible for what goes on at the Josephine County Courthouse. Judge Baker should act on these problems and others and she should not ignore the press as this is the only forum available for the tax-payers who employ her.

We strongly encourage that readers phone these judges, especially Baker, to complain about these illegal practices. You will probably only be able to speak with their judicial assistants but the messages will be relayed as the assistants seem to be more competent than the judges themselves. The court phone number is (541) 476-2309. Just ask the operator for a judge's particular extension number. Better yet, submit written complaints. The address of the courthouse is 500 N.W. 6th Street, Grants Pass 97526. Just as important, if you have had similar problems with the Josephine County Courts please phone the Observer at (541) 474-7885 and tell us your story. And stay tuned – we will have much more on Josephine County judges in the near future...

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Gas Prices in Oregon Number 2 in Nation

PORTLAND, OR (AP) -- You have to leave the mainland to find a state with higher gasoline prices than Oregon.

On Christmas Eve, the average price for a gallon of regular unleaded in Oregon sat at \$2.69 -- 25 percent more expensive than it was a year ago. Hawaiians were paying \$2.82 and Washington had the third-highest price at \$2.67. The national average was \$2.34.

Oregon typically has high prices because it is far from the oil refineries where gasoline is made. But Elliott Eki of AAA Oregon/Idaho has no clear-cut answer for why the price has risen more than a dime in the last month.

"Some of the increase probably is the demand by drivers for the Christmas and New Year's weekends," he said. "But this is normally the time when gas prices are at their lowest level.

Usually, you'll see a spike when things are thawing out and people are preparing to drive at spring break."

Oil industry analysts say the main reasons for the increase are a rise in demand and the stabilization of crude oil at about \$63 a barrel.

"It's true that demand really drops off at this time of year, but we're 2 percent higher on the demand scale than we were at the same time last year," said



Denton Cinquegrana, the West Coast spot markets editor for the Oil Price Information Service.

As is generally the case, drivers in the Medford/Ashland area were paying the highest price in Oregon at \$2.77 a gallon. In Eugene/Springfield, the average price was \$2.72. Salem and Portland motorists faced \$2.69 a gallon.

Cinquegrana said prices will drop when Oregonians and drivers across the nation decide to spend less time behind the wheel.

"The likelihood of high prices is always there if you always drive," he said. ■ ■ ■

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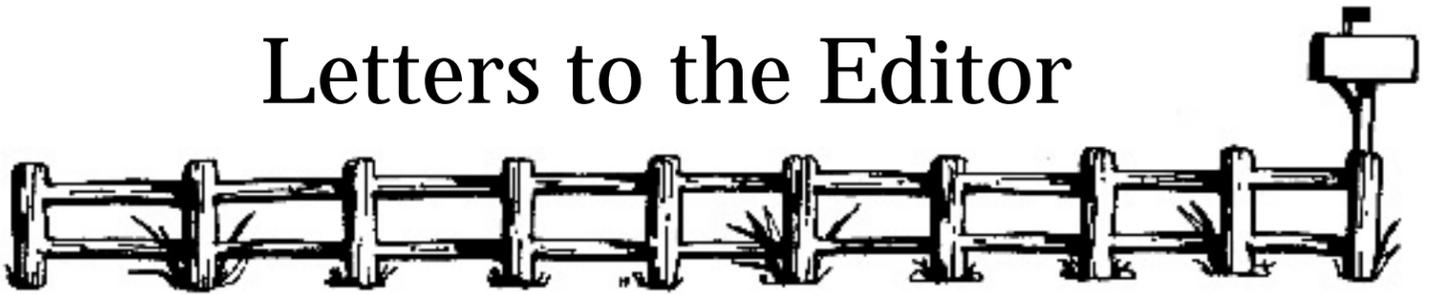
Citizens who have founded and support it believe in the Bill of Rights and Article 1, Section 1, of the Oregon Constitution which states:

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Vietnam Veterans Denied Rights

To the Editor

Attention veterans; especially Vietnam veterans and those citizens considering enlisting in the military; this is vital information of which you need to be aware. Your patriotic service may later result in you being denied your constitutional rights. I testify from personal experience.

This injustice is the court's decision to deny bail to veterans due to their combat training and experience. Veterans with reconnaissance skills and combat experience may be denied their constitutional right to release on reasonable bail.

I was denied bail because of my honorable combat experience in Vietnam. The prosecutor's court testimony inferred, because of my special Vietnam reconnaissance history, that I was an unfit candidate for release on bail. He alleged my training and combat experience created an inherently dangerous citizen who should be denied bail.

I was once a proud Marine Corps Purple Heart Vietnam Veteran. I am now an incarcerated felon sentenced to 18 years for a “he said/she said” domestic dispute. My ex-girlfriend received a black eye when I repelled another of her physical assaults. Due to that incident I received that draconian sentence.

Milton Douglas McCarthy
OSP, Salem, OR

Editors Note: I would like to see the paperwork on your conviction Mr. McCarthy. 18 years for a black eye whether or not it was deserved is a sentence influenced straight from the pit of hell. Those who prosecuted you and the Quack who sentenced you should receive the sentence, not you. If all citizens would rise up and demand that our totally out of control and obviously corrupted legal system stop this cruel and unusual punishment we would save hundreds of millions of dollars in wasted tax revenue each year. We might actually experience the extinct practice of enjoying the fruits of our own labor rather than watching them get flushed down the toilet on a daily basis. We wouldn't be experiencing overcrowded prisons and the destruction of countless good and innocent people in this country where we ignorantly believe we are free. Any prudent person who has their head out of the sand knows all too well that we are only free until the system decides to strip us. I for one will continue screaming and if there is anything I can accomplish in your case I will. Get me the paperwork, facts, etc. and thank

you for the bravery you displayed in Vietnam. ■■■

The Kerry Corner

Dear Sir/Madame:

I hope you will print this letter about my classmate, John Kerry. Thank you.

As a graduate of the Yale class of 1966, I resent the self-serving lies and misrepresentations advanced by my classmate John Kerry. Herewith, a few corrections:

John Kerry has been using the Pershing name to dramatize his Vietnam experience, claiming to have been a close friend of Richard Pershing, the grandson of General (Black Jack) Pershing. Richard Pershing was a member of the Yale class of 1966, and he was killed in Vietnam shortly after we graduated. However, Kerry's constant references to his ‘dearest’ friend are exaggerated and exploitative. In fact, Dick Pershing and I roomed together for all 4 years at Yale. I don't remember John Kerry ever being in our room or even being a particular favorite of Dick's.

In this regard, it is particularly revealing that a recent biography of General Pershing, *Until The Last Trumpet Sounds* (by Gene Smith), includes an entire chapter on Dick, primarily on his years at Yale; the name John Kerry does not appear. The Pershing Family did know Kerry, but they disliked him intensely. This antipathy stemmed primarily from an incident at the Pershing home on Park Avenue not long after Dick's death: at a gathering of friends and family, Kerry worked the room with his anti-Vietnam message, incurring the undying enmity of Mr. and Mrs. Pershing and Dick's older brother Jack, a Green Beret. The family was shocked and insulted by Kerry's insensitivity. Kerry has implied – as recently as the first Presidential debate – that he became disillusioned about Vietnam by his military experience.

However, as early as 1965, in his junior year at Yale, he was giving anti-war speeches; and his Class Day Oration in 1966 – prior to graduation – criticized American involvement in Vietnam. These sentiments clearly antedated his Vietnam experience. So why did he join the Navy? He told some classmates that it would help his career. The above pattern suggests a callous and opportunistic personality – hardly what I would call Presidential.

David Schlossberg
MD Yale '66

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Dear Senator Kerry:

We are still laughing over here in Iraq at your joke about the troops being dumb. We do recognize that you are a lot smarter than we are because you were able

To get out of combat in three months. This is why we are seeking your advice. Please give us guidance.

- 1.) Where is the least painful area on the body to inflict a wound?
 - 2.) Does it have to bleed or will a scratch do?
 - 3.) Where do you get the forms to fill out recommending yourself for a purple heart?
 - 4.) Do you need a witness? If so, how much does that cost?
 - 5.) Are three purple hearts still good for a trip home?
 - 6.) What is a realistic period of time in which to acquire these wounds? Less than three months sounds a little suspicious even to us.
- Thanks for your help and keep the jokes coming.

JUSTADUMB G.I.

P.S....What advice can you give me on how to meet really rich women? ■■■

Recognizing Opponents

The Letter from the US Fish and Wildlife Service "Connecticut River Anadromous Fish Coordinator" citing "scientific research abstracts" that "dispute" the fact that salmon "harm" brook trout should be read carefully by every hunter, fisherman, and natural resource user in the nation. (See *Outdoors Magazine* Vol. X Issue XII October 2006).

While touting "restoring" "healthy salmon and brook trout populations and habitat" and how "Trust Species" and "other native species" are their "focus": nowhere is there any mention of any fishing purpose to Federal programs, bureaucrats, or their "Joint Venture" "partners". That is because they do not intend to maintain fishing either public sport or commercial in the future world they hope to create. Like manipulations of wolves by the Ted Turners of the world and movie stars getting Wilderness views; "the right kind of people" will be the only ones with what we each took for granted and therefore lost while being too busy to fight for them.

Notice the reference only to "habitat degradation" and the need for more funding to fund "dam removals, fishway construction for eels, river herring, shad, and some instream habitat restoration". These are all just touchy-feely innocent appeals for support as they appear to

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push Atlantic salmon restoration that outdoor users assume will be available for fishing. The Federal environmental employees and their politically sensitive agencies never intend for anything other than creation of an untouched and inviolate wilderness or sanctuary with approved "Aryan" species of what they tell us must exist. The "research" they cite is funded by them for their purposes and their purpose is a never-ending campaign against "invasives" like rainbow trout and brown trout in this case and everything from fish "out of place" like certain muskies and walleyes and bass to pheasants and elk. I can only ask you to consider carefully how acquiescent your (and every other) STATE fish and wildlife agency is in this growing display of Federal power over STATE programs and community control of their economies, culture, and traditions. The citation of Trout Unlimited as a partner only confirms what I have said repeatedly, that most of the national Non-Government Organizations do not represent us, only their own welfare and a future based on government largesse from tax breaks and grants to employment and political status.

It is easy to dismiss all this as the rantings of someone that was forced to retire from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and whose Blog has been blocked by the US Department of the Interior. This is not personal, vindictive, or vengeful. The Federal agencies and their environmental / animal rights agendas are clearly laid out in this Letter from a government bureaucrat trying to sound sweet and helpful when indeed we should all take notice and bring this power to heel before it puts each of us out of business and makes couch potatoes of our children and grandchildren. Read it carefully. Such propaganda should not be published as worthy of print any more than a slanted piece from PETA or HSUS. The sooner such fair-play tactics are abandoned, the sooner we can get on with recognizing and defeating the opponents out to make us and our traditions as extinct as passenger pigeons and Ivory-billed woodpeckers.

Jim Beers

- *Jim Beers is a retired US Fish & Wildlife Service Wildlife Biologist, Special Agent, Refuge Manager,*

Wetlands Biologist, and Congressional Fellow. ■■■

DHS Tragedy

Dear Editor,

Fran faxed me the article which Ed Snook has written about her case, and which will soon be published on your web site. I have known Fran for many years, since before she became a foster parent, and have witnessed her behavior around Shane and Jessica, on many occasions, while visiting them in their home. I have seen nothing but love and devotion for those two children. You will not find a more committed mother in Fran. I am so happy that DHS's witch-hunt tactics are finally being exposed by Ed's article, and I am praying that the return of Fran's children will be happening, soon.

I have written letters to Mollie Robertson, Patricia Snyder at the Grants Pass Courier, and to Geraline Radford, Fran's neighbor, who also wrote a letter to Patricia Snyder. I realize that I am only one of Fran's supporters, but I consider myself to be one of her strongest. I would be happy to forward any, and all, of the letters, should you wish to read them. My guess is that Ed has already seen them, as they were in Fran's file, which both he and Fran's attorney have reviewed.

Thank you Ed, for believing in Fran. She deserves to have her life and kids returned to her. She has harmed no one.

Cynthia J. Barnett
Pollock Pines, CA ■■■

No News in Wisconsin

To the Editor:

I was at a public meeting here in Madison last week and an acquaintance of mine handed me a copy of your newspaper. I have never read a more conclusive and factual paper in my entire life. I found myself captivated while reading your articles.

We have had problems with our zoning department. They have different rules for different people. If you are a big

developer they kiss your backside and if you are a nobody they ignore you and treat you rude. They apply the same rules differently, depending on your status with them.

We have attempted many times to get our local paper to look into our complaints but they don't have the time. It's sad that someone from Wisconsin finds that they must go clear across the states to ask for assistance. If we were developers, spending money on advertising you can bet they would have all the time in the world for us.

I would love to speak with someone on your staff about assisting us. Please respond.

Carl Moore
Madison, Wisconsin ■■■

E-Mail Humor

Two Cows for the Editor;

DEMOCRATIC

You have two cows. Your neighbor has none. You feel guilty for being successful.

REPUBLICAN

You have two cows. Your neighbor has none. So?

SOCIALIST

You have two cows. The government takes one and gives it to your neighbor. You form a cooperative to tell him how to manage his cow.

COMMUNIST

You have two cows. The government seizes both and provides you with milk. You wait in line for hours to get it. It is expensive and sour.

CAPITALIST, U.S. STYLE

You have two cows. You sell one, buy a bull, and build a herd of cows.

MUSLIM EXTREMIST

You have two bulls. Each belongs to a different sect. They both wage jihad and blow each other up with a roadside bomb hoping to get 40 fertile cows. Hey, at least you have oil.

BUREAUCRACY, U.S. STYLE

You have two cows. Under the new farm program the government pays you to shoot one, milk the other, and then pours the milk down the drain.

AMERICAN CORPORATION

You have two cows. You sell one, lease it back to yourself and do an IPO on the

2nd one. You force the two cows to produce the milk of four cows. You are surprised when one cow drops dead. You spin an announcement to the analysts stating you have downsized and are reducing expenses. Your stock goes up.

FRENCH CORPORATION

You have two cows. You go on strike because you want three cows. You go to lunch and drink wine. Life is good.

JAPANESE CORPORATION

You have two cows. You redesign them so they are one-tenth the size of an ordinary cow and produce twenty times the milk. They learn to travel on unbelievably crowded trains. Most are at the top of their class at cow school.

GERMAN CORPORATION

You have two cows. You engineer them so they are all blond, drink lots of beer, give excellent quality milk, and run a hundred miles an hour. Unfortunately they also demand 13 weeks of vacation per year.

ITALIAN CORPORATION

You have two cows but you don't know where they are. While ambling around, you see a beautiful woman. You break for lunch. Life is good.

RUSSIAN CORPORATION

You have two cows. You have some vodka. You count them and learn you have five cows. You have some more vodka. You count them again and learn you have 42 cows. The Mafia shows up and takes over however many cows you really have.

TALIBAN CORPORATION

You have all the cows in Afghanistan, which are two. You don't milk them because you cannot touch any creature's private parts. You get a \$40 million grant from the US government to find alternatives to milk production but use the money to buy weapons.

IRAQI CORPORATION

You have two cows. They go into hiding. They send radio tapes of their mooing.

FLORIDA CORPORATION

You have a black cow and a brown cow. Everyone votes for the best looking one. Some of the people who actually like the brown one best accidentally vote for the black one. Some people vote for both. Some people vote for neither. Some people can't figure out how to vote at all. Finally, a bunch of guys from out-of-state tell you which one you think is the best-looking cow.

CALIFORNIA CORPORATION

You have millions of cows. They make real California cheese. Only five can speak English. Most are illegal.

Anonymous ■■■

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UN Report Pours 'Cold Water' on Global Warming?

By **Randy Hall**
Staff Writer/Editor

(CNSNews.com) - A United Nations study due for release early next year will reportedly lower estimates of mankind's impact on the earth's climate by 25 percent, a development a leading climate change skeptic in the U.S. Senate says will pour "cold water" on "global warming alarmism."

"We are all skeptics now," Sen. James Inhofe (R-Okla.), chairman of the U.S. Senate Environment Public Works Committee, said in response to media leaks on a report by the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which is set to be published next February.

London's Telegraph reported Sunday that the IPCC draft report reduces its overall estimate of the human impact on global warming by one-fourth, and halves its predictions for rises in sea-level by 2100.

The IPCC's new figures are attributed to "a refinement due to better data on how climate works."

The panel's report "says that the overall human effect on global warming since the industrial revolution is less than had been thought, due to the

unexpected levels of cooling caused by aerosol sprays, which reflect heat from the sun," the paper said.

Furthermore, "large amounts of heat have been absorbed by the oceans, masking the warming effect."

Copies of the document, which was sent by the IPCC to climate experts and participating governments on Oct. 28, were obtained by several news organizations in Britain.

"Climate science is always going through these 'refinements,'" Inhofe said in a statement. "The media has alternated between four separate global cooling and warming scares since 1895," including "the erroneous prediction of a coming ice age in the 1970s," he said.

"Each climate scare eventually faded away due to similar 'refinements due to better data,'" Inhofe said.

That global warming alarmism was "more hype than fact" should not surprise those who have heard the more than 10 speeches on climate change Inhofe has given, the senator said.

"Even the U.N. appears to now be sobering up and dousing much-needed cold water on the global warming alarmism promoted by much of the mainstream media, Hollywood, NASA

scientist James Hansen and former Vice President Al Gore," Inhofe added.

"Eventually, even the peddlers of climate alarmism will have to concede that the hoopla over man-made catastrophic global warming and the proposed solutions like the costly and ineffective Kyoto Protocol will prove to be one of the history's most misguided concerns."

However, despite the IPCC's reported reassessment, according to the Sunday Telegraph, the U.N. body maintains that "there can be little doubt that humans are responsible for warming the planet."

It said the IPCC report also "warns that carbon dioxide emissions have risen during the past five years by three percent, well above the 0.4 percent a year average of the previous two decades."

"The authors also state that the climate is almost certain to warm by at least 1.5 C during the next 100 years," the Telegraph said.

While calls seeking response from representatives of the IPCC were not returned by press time, according to the IPCC website a report compilation process is still underway, the deadline for submitting comments regarding the final draft having only passed on Friday,

Dec. 8.

Earlier this year, IPCC Secretary Renate Christ issued a press release cautioning members of the media against reporting "findings" in the study until it had been finalized by the working group in 2007.

"In wake of several premature reports that have appeared recently in the media concerning 'findings'" from the IPCC, Christ said at the time the process leading up to the 2007 release was "long, complicated and far from complete."

Nevertheless, the Telegraph reported that "one leading U.K. climate scientist, who asked not to be named due to the sensitivity surrounding the report before it is published, said: 'The bottom line is that the climate is still warming while our greenhouse gas emissions have accelerated, so we are storing up problems for ourselves in the future.'"

Inhofe saw a different "bottom line" in the leaked information, however.

"With the continued scientific demise of man-made catastrophic global warming fears, the environmentalists, publicity- and grant-seeking scientists and many in the media may now have to find another dubious environmental doomsday cause to scare the public and policymakers," Inhofe said.

Army eyes 1 million acres for warfare training *Landowners unwilling to sell could face condemnation proceedings*

By **WorldNetDaily Staff**

The U.S. Army is eyeing another million acres of southeastern Colorado ranch and croplands for additional training grounds for its modernized Army, and landowners who don't want to lose their homesteads could be facing condemnation proceedings.

The Army, through spokeswoman Karen Edge at Fort Carson Army Base, said nothing has happened so far, and technically, the base doesn't even have permission to acquire any more land.

But landowners around the present Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site are preparing their arguments against what they see as an evitable land grab, just like the condemnation proceedings during the 1970s when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers used legal proceedings to get about half of the 235,000 acres in the current site.

Susan Savoia of the Williams Land & Cattle Co. in nearby Walsenburg told WND that it is about the "biggest 'land grab' since the Indians lost their land to the government."

On the agenda is an expansion by about 418,000 acres, although the areas of interest including about a million acres.

"After promises of never expanding or allowing live fire to occur at the maneuver site, under a BRAC (Base Realignment and Closing) recommendation the Army has AGAIN decided that productive ranch and farm land is insignificant to the world's economy and is planning another 'theft' of land to expand the maneuver site," she wrote.

Opponents of the plan have organized in a group at PinonCanyon.com, and are attending public hearings, writing representatives and lobbying for the land that, sometimes, has been passed down from generation to generation since the Spanish Land Grants.

For the record, the Army officially is

seeking to expand the 235,000-acre training area by another 418,000 acres. Which land will be used isn't known because the Army says no plan is final until Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld makes a recommendation to Congress, which would have to decide.

The protest group said Las Animas County likely will be the most impacted by an army site expansion, and there are 567 farms and ranches with crop sales of \$761,000 and livestock sales of more than \$20 million that would be endangered.

"When the farms and ranches go, so does about 40 percent of already struggling businesses profits. There'll be trickle down economics alright, but not in a good way. Businesses will close, people will go bankrupt, and cities and town whose economies rely on agriculture will die off economically," the website said.

"Agriculture is one of the cornerstones of society, even though many people take it for granted, it is very much a national security issue. The United States is already dependent on foreign oil, what will happen if we become dependent on foreign countries for our food supplies as well?"

The group said entire towns would be removed from existence, "except as maybe urban warfare training sites."

Edge said the concerns are premature. "All we've done is identify a training land deficit," she told WND. There currently is a moratorium on acquiring more land, so the Army will have to ask the Department of Defense for a waiver, and move forward from there.

Army officials said the base needs to have "a dynamic, fully integrated battlefield environment" to train soldiers who are able to operation in smaller units and still control "significantly greater battle space."

The Army did confirm that condemnation proceedings would be used, even if only "as a last resort."



U.S. Army recruits prepare to participate in a live-fire convoy exercise at Fort Jackson, S.C., during basic combat training, Aug. 8, 2006.

However, opponents of the expansion plans note that the Army is holding its fifth annual Fort Carson Sustainability Conference this week, without allowing a representation from "the people living within the planned Pinon Canyon expansion."

"The Pinon Canyon expansion has been going through the planning process for the last five years, but people living in Southeastern Colorado didn't have a clue that the Army was planning to 'sustain' Fort Carson by seizing their land and forcing them from their homes," the opponents' website said.

They also note the potential impact on the Santa Fe Trail Scenic and Historic Byway, which runs through the region, and more than 500 archeological sites have been documented in the area.

Opponents note the tracks of the allosaurus have been documented in the area, as well as evidence of past usage by Native Americans, Spanish explorers, Hispanic settlers and Santa Fe Trail travelers.

"As ranchers, farmers, school food as

teachers, and business and community leaders in Southeast Colorado, we have strong core beliefs about environmental protection, humane animal care practices and private property rights. We also hold firm to the belief that our national security relies as much on our efforts to produce food as it does on a good national defense," the website said.

The citizens committee has not been alone in its opposition. The Lamar City Council has approved a resolution opposing the Pinon Canyon expansion, and Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave noted that in 1984 when Pinon Canyon first was constructed, "promises were made by the military and were broken and land was seized without proper compensation."

"That will not happen again," she noted.

The Army said Fort Carson is one of the top five installations responsible for the training of the nation's military, and Pinon Canyon services Fort Carson and a wide range of other divisions. ■■■

~ A New Year ~

George Carlin's views on aging

Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids? If you're less than 10 years old, you're so excited about aging that you think in fractions.

"How old are you?" "I'm four and a half!" You're never thirty-six and a half. You're four and a half, going on five! That's the key.

You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number, or even a few ahead.

"How old are you?" "I'm gonna be 16!" You could be 13, but hey, you're gonna be 16! And then the greatest day of your life . . . you become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony . . . YOU BECOME 21. YESSSS!!!

But then you turn 30. Oooohh, what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk! He TURNED; we had to throw him

out. There's no fun now, you're Just a sour-dumpling. What's wrong? What's changed?

You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, then you're PUSHING 40. Whoa! Put on the brakes, it's all slipping away. Before you know it, you REACH 50 and your dreams are gone.

But wait!!! You MAKE it to 60. You didn't think you would!

So you BECOME 21, TURN 30, PUSH 40, REACH 50 and MAKE it to 60.

You've built up so much speed that you HIT 70! After that it's a day-by-day thing; you HIT Wednesday!

You get into your 80s and every day is a complete cycle; you HIT lunch; you TURN 4:30; you REACH bedtime. And it doesn't end there. Into the 90s, you start going backwards; "I Was JUST 92."

Then a strange thing happens.

If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again. "I'm 100 and a half!" May you all make it to a healthy 100 and a half!!

HOW TO STAY YOUNG

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is why you pay "them "

2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.

3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.

4. Enjoy the simple things.

5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.

6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only

person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.

7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.

8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.

9 Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county; to a foreign country but NOT to where the guilt is.

10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away. ■■■

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Illegal Aliens Murder 12 Americans Daily

Death toll in 2006 far overshadows total U.S. soldiers killed in Iraq, Afghanistan

By Joseph Farah
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WASHINGTON – While the military "quagmire" in Iraq was said to tip the scales of power in the U.S. midterm elections, most Americans have no idea more of their fellow citizens – men, women and children – were murdered this year by illegal aliens than the combined death toll of U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan since those military campaigns began.

Though no federal statistics are kept on murders or any other crimes committed by illegal aliens, a number of groups have produced estimates based on data collected from prisons, news reports and independent research.

Twelve Americans are murdered every day by illegal aliens, according to statistics released by Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa. If those numbers are correct, it translates to 4,380 Americans murdered annually by illegal aliens. That's 21,900 since Sept. 11, 2001.

Total U.S. troop deaths in Iraq as of last week were reported at 2,863. Total U.S. troop deaths in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan during the five years of the Afghan campaign are currently at 289, according to the

Department of Defense.

But the carnage wrought by illegal alien murderers represents only a fraction of the pool of blood spilled by American citizens as a result of an open border and un-enforced immigration laws.

While King reports 12 Americans are murdered daily by illegal aliens, he says 13 are killed by drunk illegal alien drivers – for another annual death toll of 4,745. That's 23,725 since Sept. 11, 2001.

While no one – in or out of government – tracks all U.S. accidents caused by illegal aliens, the statistical and anecdotal evidence suggests many of last year's 42,636 road deaths involved illegal aliens.

A report by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Study found 20 percent of fatal accidents involve at least one driver who lacks a valid license. In California, another study showed that those who have never held a valid license are about five times more likely to be involved in a fatal road accident than licensed drivers.

Statistically, that makes them an even greater danger on the road than drivers whose licenses have been suspended or revoked – and nearly as dangerous as drunk drivers.

King also reports eight American children are victims of sexual abuse by illegal aliens every day – a total of 2,920 annually.

Based on a one-year in-depth study, Deborah Schurman-Kauflin of the Violent Crimes Institute of Atlanta estimates there are about 240,000 illegal immigrant sex offenders in the United States who have had an average of four victims each. She analyzed 1,500 cases

from January 1999 through April 2006 that included serial rapes, serial murders, sexual homicides and child molestation committed by illegal immigrants.

As the number of illegal aliens in the U.S. increases, so does the number of American victims.

According to Edwin Rubenstein, president of ESR Research Economic Consultants, in Indianapolis in 1980, federal and state correctional facilities held fewer than 9,000 criminal aliens. But at the end of 2003, approximately 267,000 illegal aliens were incarcerated in all U.S. jails and prisons.

While the federal government doesn't track illegal alien murders, illegal alien rapes or illegal alien drunk driving deaths, it has studied illegal aliens incarcerated in U.S. prisons.

In April 2005, the Government Accountability Office released a report on a study of 55,322 illegal aliens incarcerated in federal, state, and local facilities during 2003. It found the

following:

- The 55,322 illegal aliens studied represented a total of 459,614 arrests – some eight arrests per illegal alien;
- Their arrests represented a total of about 700,000 criminal offenses – some 13 offenses per illegal alien;
- 36 percent had been arrested at least five times before.

"While the vast majority of illegal aliens are decent people who work hard and are only trying to make a better life for themselves and their families, (something you or I would probably do if we were in their place), it is also a fact that a disproportionately high percentage of illegal aliens are criminals and sexual predators," states Peter Wagner, author of a new report called "The Dark Side of Illegal Immigration." "That is part of the dark side of illegal immigration and when we allow the 'good' in we get the 'bad' along with them. The question is, how much 'bad' is acceptable and at what price?"

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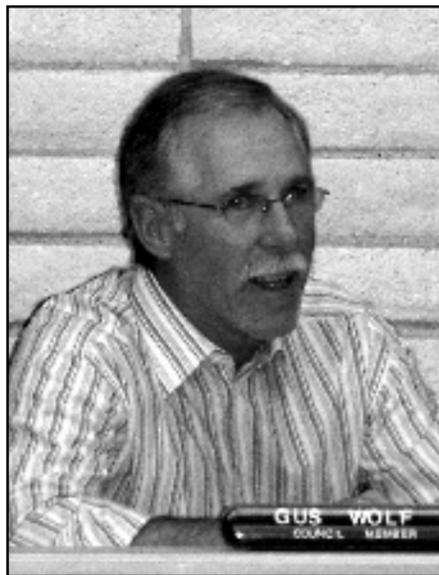
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Gold Hill Bad Councilors ...

between Gold Hill Public Works Director and convicted heroin dealer Royal Gasso, Donna Silva, Jan Fish and Gus Wolf. Councilor Tom Daily who has been heavily courted over the past month-plus by Gasso let his feelings take over and he joined in with the conspirators to pass a new employment contract for Gasso that none of them had read. After the meeting when this reporter confronted Daily he stated, "You have no idea what this man has been through." Obviously Gasso completely conned Daily – not surprising, that's what cons do.



Donna Silva

not to hold anything in the past against Gasso, thereby rubber-stamping any possible crimes he may have committed. Shouldn't this be considered Obstruction of Justice? Councilors Mike Hicks and Kathleen Price stood their ground and voted against this obvious act of Malfeasance but Gasso had already stacked the deck. The new city council should overturn the conspiracy vote if they are to properly represent the citizens of Gold Hill. The council should also fire convicted heroin dealer Gasso on the spot. The new council can use the case County of Klamath Falls vs. Select County Employee (1997) as precedent to overturn the conspired votes.



Gus Wolf

The new contract which should be overturned by the new council that takes office on January 8, 2007, would give Gasso a severance package worth nine months of his yearly wage which is approximately \$62,000.00. The severance would be required only if the city council fired Gasso without cause. Quite convenient, given the fact that Gasso was under investigation for Official Misconduct, Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle and a possible parole violation. The City Council also voted

Gold Hill Criminals

On November 24, 2006, Gasso and Frederick Dodson were discovered 15 miles south of Cave Junction, Oregon off of Happy Camp Road in a City of Gold Hill truck by Forest Service employee John Goodwin. Gasso told

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Texas city puts 'English only' policy into action

By Stephanie Sandoval
The Dallas Morning News

FARMERS BRANCH, TX - Since elected leaders declared English the city's official language last month, Spanish no longer plays on the wall of televisions overlooking the stationary bikes, treadmills and elliptical trainers at the Farmers Branch Community Recreation Center.

In public works, new trash bags being ordered for residents will have the holiday schedule for trash pickup printed only in English. But instructions on how to load the 50-gallon paper bags will be printed in both English and Spanish, because it's a safety issue.

Some temporary signs in Spanish have been removed at the public library. Fliers for park and recreation activities and library events and other nonessential information will be printed only in English.

These are among the ways that Farmers Branch has put into practice the language policy it adopted Nov. 13. City leaders stress that it applies only to city government, not to schools, churches or other organizations. It does not mean that city employees will not be allowed to speak in languages other than English.

And it doesn't mean that residents can't communicate in other languages, said City Council member Tim O'Hare, the driving force behind the illegal immigration crackdown and language-related initiatives.

City Manager Linda Groomer said the city will continue communicating with residents in Spanish when it's a matter of public health or safety.

Operations for police, fire, ambulance, code enforcement, building inspections,

restaurant inspections and most other city departments have not been affected by the new policy, Groomer said.

At the recreation center, nine televisions are pre-set to specific channels - two news channels, ESPN and three major networks. The Spanish-language channel that used to be tuned in is no longer an option.

"There's no health and safety reason for us to make the stations available in Spanish," Groomer said.

While resident Salvador Parada expected some changes after the city's decision, he didn't realize it would affect his ability to watch Spanish-language TV while working out.

"Residents should have a say in what stations are watched at the gym," he said. "After all, we are the ones paying for the membership and not the City Council. I also feel that it discriminates against those people that speak Spanish."

But other fitness center users said that they welcomed the change.

"I think it's a great idea," Shirley Walker said as she walked on the fitness center's indoor track. She lives in nearby Carrollton and works in Farmers Branch. "If they want to have it in their homes, that's fine. But I don't know why I should be exposed to it here, not in a public place."

Damien Bleu said he doesn't want his neighbors, who are immigrants, to feel animosity over the city's decision to make English the official language or the companion ordinance that will ban apartment owners from renting to illegal immigrants and require all renters to show proof that they are U.S. citizens or are in the country legally.

But Bleu believes the language decision has merit.

"If they speak Spanish, they really should be watching English TV anyway to get more accustomed to the language," the Farmers Branch resident said.

Residents can still check out Spanish-language books or other reading and audio material at the city's library. Comparing reading materials in a person's first language with the same materials in another helps people learn that new language, library director Danita Barber said.

"I just feel like the library's mission is somewhat different from the rest of the departments in that we are an educational institution," she said. "If the city wants our official language to be English, the library is the perfect place to start that learning process."

A third measure adopted by the council authorizes the Police Department to apply to participate in a federal program that will train officers to verify the residency status of people in police custody and in some cases initiate deportation proceedings.

O'Hare said the city's measures have caused some confusion.

"You had people, before the ordinance was passed, so-called leaders, over at the Catholic church telling people that if these measures were passed, we were going to prohibit them from having Mass in Spanish," O'Hare said. "Absolutely not. Nothing could be further from the truth."

He said that creating a policy to make English the official language has two purposes: to ensure that people who speak only English will not be prevented from getting a job with the city, and to end the publication of non-health-and-safety-related documents in Spanish.

"One of the glues that holds our society

together and unifies us is a common language, and we are losing that common language in a lot of areas," O'Hare said. "The people that don't speak English are only hurting themselves, but never would I consider ... or attempt to keep people from speaking any language they chose to in their homes or in their churches or out in public."

Meanwhile, longtime resident Gerald P. Smith, 67, has filed a complaint with the Dallas County district attorney's public integrity unit.

Smith says the council violated the Open Meetings Act by deliberating on immigration issues behind closed doors and making a decision before involving the public.

"They had two public inputs, but it was basically after they had already done their dirty deed," said Smith, a retired police captain. ...

He declined to release a copy of his complaint but said he was told the unit would investigate whether any criminal charges were warranted. Officials with the district attorney's office could not be reached for comment.

His complaint is separate from the lawsuit filed on similar grounds earlier this week by the Bickel & Brewer Storefront on behalf of Guillermo Ramos, a real estate agent and Farmers Branch resident.

Smith supports the policy making English the official language but not the two other measures.

"That is something that's in our heritage," he said of the language rule. "We don't have to bend over backwards to accommodate Hispanics or publish our language in Korean. That's the right thing to do. All that other stuff ... needs to be handled by the feds." ■■

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Goodwin that he and Dodson were looking for mushrooms. Later, after talking with (conspiring?) Donna Silva, Gasso told US Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer Sean Thomas that he and Dodson had really intended to go to Brookings and recover a report Gasso had written. The duo never made it to Brookings and rest assured they had no intention to go to Brookings in the first place as this took place on the day after Thanksgiving, meaning that offices in Brookings were closed. So, what were these two criminals up to? One can only imagine, however, it should be noted that Gasso is on felony parole and has been arrested in the past for Conspiracy, Possession and Distribution of Heroin, Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Being a Fugitive at Large. Dodson was arrested in 1981 for 1st Degree Kidnapping and for Felony Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute in 2003. Dodson is currently wanted on a Failure to Appear Warrant with a \$15,000.00 bail out of Josephine County. Again what were the two criminals really doing out in the middle of nowhere in a truck belonging to and funded by Gold Hill taxpayers? And much more important, why have Wolf, Fish and Silva been protecting Gasso and allowing him and other criminals to have close contact with the citizens and children residing in Gold Hill? One thing for certain, Gold Hill voters really blew it when they failed to recall Wolf, Fish and Silva. When United States Forest Service Law Enforcement

Officer Sean Thomas contacted councilor Donna Silva about criminal charges against Gasso and Dodson, Silva told him that Gasso was "self supervised" and the city didn't want any charges brought against the two criminals.

Gold Hill Hypocrisy



Jan Fish

Prior to the last election Jan Fish sent out a flyer to Gold Hill residents stating, "I would appreciate your vote for experience, stability and accountability in voting for Mike Stanley as Mayor, Gus Wolf to retain his Council Seat and Donna Silva to retain her Council Seat and writing in Bob Barry for a Council Seat." Fish leaves no doubt about her agenda and it is certainly not about "accountability." Bob Barry is reported to be a felon himself having been

charged with possession of drugs on three occasions and drunken driving. Amazingly Barry and Silva didn't get elected, however the completely unaccountable Wolf and Jan Fish are still on the council.

One last thought, Royal Gasso frantically stated at the last council meeting that he needed the new contract to protect himself from a new council that would do away with him for some unforeseen political agenda. The truth is he was worried the new council would see through his activities as nothing more than a smokescreen for possible criminal activity. Maybe Gasso knew the US-Observer was watching and there was no hope for him. Are we starting to get a good picture why Gus Wolf, Jan Fish, Donna Silva and Royal Gasso are so closely tied at the hip? Please - Please - Call the US-Observer

at 541-474-7885 if you have any information on the "Bad Councilors or Convicted Heroin Dealer and Public Works Director for the City of Gold Hill,



Royal Gasso

Oregon Royal Gasso." On the rebound - Why would Royal Gasso be concerned about his contract if he hasn't done anything wrong? A guilty conscience speaks volumes, doesn't it? ■■

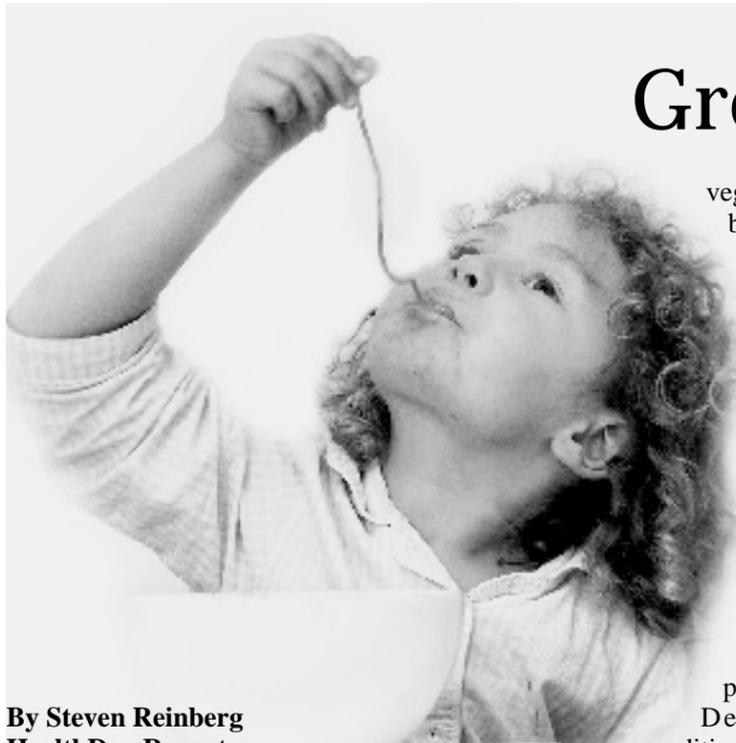
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Kids With High IQs Grow Up to Be Vegetarians



By Steven Reinberg
HealthDay Reporter

(HealthDay News) -- As a child's IQ rises, his taste for meat in adulthood declines, a new study suggests.

British researchers have found that children's IQ predicts their likelihood of becoming vegetarians as young adults -- lowering their risk for cardiovascular disease in the process. The finding could explain the link between smarts and better health, the investigators say.

"Brighter people tend to have healthier dietary habits," concluded lead author Catharine Gale, a senior research fellow at the MRC Epidemiology Resource Centre of the University of Southampton and Southampton General Hospital.

Recent studies suggest that

vegetarianism may be associated with lower cholesterol, reduced risk of obesity and heart disease. This might explain why children with high IQs tend to have a lower risk of heart disease in later life.

The report is published in the Dec. 15 online edition of the British Medical Journal.

"We know from other studies that brighter children tend to behave in a healthier fashion as adults -- they're less likely to smoke, less likely to be overweight, less likely to have high blood pressure and more likely to take strenuous exercise," Gale said. "This study provides further evidence that people with a higher IQ tend to have a healthier lifestyle."

In the study, Gale's team collected data on nearly 8,200 men and women aged 30, whose IQ had been tested when they were 10 years of age.

"Children who scored higher on IQ tests at age 10 were more likely than those who got lower scores to report that they were vegetarian at the age of 30,"

Gale said.

The researchers found that 4.5 percent of participants were vegetarians. Of these, 2.5 percent were vegan, and 33.6 percent said they were vegetarian but also ate fish or chicken.

There was no difference in IQ score between strict vegetarians and those who said they were vegetarian but who said they ate fish or chicken, the researchers add.

Vegetarians were more likely to be female, of higher social class and better educated, but IQ was still a significant predictor of being vegetarian after adjustment for these factors, Gale said.

"Vegetarian diets are associated with lower cardiovascular disease risk in a number of studies, so these findings suggest that a such a diet may help to explain why children or adolescents with a higher IQ have a lower risk of coronary heart disease as adults," Gale said.

One expert said the findings aren't the whole answer, however.

"This study left many unanswered questions such as: Did the vegetarian children grow up in a household with a vegetarian parent? Were meatless meals regularly served in the household? Were the children eating a primarily vegetarian diet at the age of 10?" said Lona Sandon, an assistant professor of clinical nutrition at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"In addition, we don't know the beliefs

or attitudes of the parents of the children, nor do we know if there was a particular event that led these children to becoming vegetarian in their teens or adulthood," Sandon said.

As the study showed, more women than men chose a vegetarian diet, Sandon noted. "Other research shows that women in general will focus more on their health than men. So, if they believe that a vegetarian diet will have health benefits, they are more likely to follow it," she said.

Given these factors, "we cannot draw any solid conclusions from this research," Sandon added.

Another expert agreed that a vegetarian diet is healthy.

"The evidence linking vegetarianism to good health outcomes is very strong," said Dr. David L. Katz, the director of the Prevention Research Center and an associate professor of public health at the Yale University School of Medicine.

"Studies, for example, of vegetarian Seventh-Day Adventists in California suggest that they have lower rates of almost all major chronic diseases, and greater longevity, than their omnivorous counterparts," Katz said. "Evidence is also strong and consistent that greater intelligence, higher education, and loftier social status -- which tend to cluster with one another -- also correlate with good health."

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Big bellies tied to greater heart disease risk



By Anne Harding

The more your belly sticks out, the greater your risk of developing heart disease, a new study shows.

"The message is really obesity in the abdomen matters even more than obesity overall," Dr. Carlos Iribarren of Kaiser Permanente of Northern California in Oakland, the study's lead author, told Reuters Health.

Body mass index (BMI), a gauge of weight in relation to height, is a fairly crude way to judge a person's heart disease risk based on obesity, he noted. For example, muscular people may have a high BMI and be perfectly healthy.

In the current study, Iribarren and his team tested whether sagittal abdominal diameter, or SAD, which is the distance from the back to the upper abdomen midway between the top of the pelvis and the bottom of the ribs, would improve the accuracy of BMI in predicting heart disease risk.

Waist circumference is widely used to measure obesity in the abdominal area,

Iribarren noted. But while there are many ways to measure a person's waist, he added, SAD, which is evaluated by a doctor or nurse with a caliper, is much more standardized, and therefore probably less subject to error.

He and his colleagues looked at 101,765 men and women who underwent checkups between 1965 and 1970, which included SAD measurements, and were then followed for about 12 years.

Men with the largest SAD were 42 percent more likely to develop heart disease during follow-up compared to those with the smallest SAD, while a large SAD increased heart disease risk by 44 percent for women, Iribarren and his team found.

Within BMI categories, the researchers found, heart disease risk rose with SAD; even among men of normal weight, heart disease risk was higher for those with bigger bellies.

The relationship between SAD and heart disease risk was strongest among the youngest men and women, which is not surprising, Iribarren said, given that people who develop central obesity younger in life would likely have more serious problems.

"I think it has important implications for prevention," he said. "Don't let this happen to you when you're young, that's kind of the message."

SOURCE: American Journal of Epidemiology, December 15, 2006

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Food & Drug Admin. says cloned animals safe to eat

By Jocelyne Zablit

The US government said meat and milk from cloned animals is safe for human consumption, bringing such products closer to supermarket shelves, and prompting an outcry from advocacy groups.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) made the announcement following studies that found that meat and milk from cloned livestock and their progeny is as safe to eat as that from conventionally bred animals.

"Based on FDA's analysis of hundreds of peer-reviewed publications and other studies on the health and food composition of clones and their offspring, the draft risk assessment has determined that meat and milk from clones and their offspring are as safe as food we eat every day," said Stephen Sundlof, director of FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine. "Cloning poses no unique risks to animal health when compared to other assisted reproductive technologies currently in use in US agriculture."

The FDA has set April 2 as the deadline for public comment on the issue, after which it would review the data and decide whether to lift a moratorium on the marketing of meat and milk from cloned cattle, pigs and goats.



"There could be a decision by the end of the year (2007)," Sundlof said.

If the moratorium is lifted, the United States would be the first country to approve the introduction of cloned food products into the food supply.

Sundlof said his agency has not yet decided whether products from cloned animals would require any special labeling.

"We will be making our final policy decision once we have reviewed all of the comments and make a decision on labeling," he said.

He added, however, that barring any new scientific evidence, he saw no reason why food from cloned animals would need any special labeling. He also said cloned food products, if approved, could be exported.

Critics denounced Thursday's announcement and pointed to independent polls that show over 60 percent of Americans oppose animal

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Possible Alzheimer's fingerprint found

By Lauran Neergaard
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists appear to have found a fingerprint of Alzheimer's disease lurking in patients' spinal fluid, a step toward a long-awaited test for the memory-robbing disease that today can be diagnosed definitively only at autopsy.

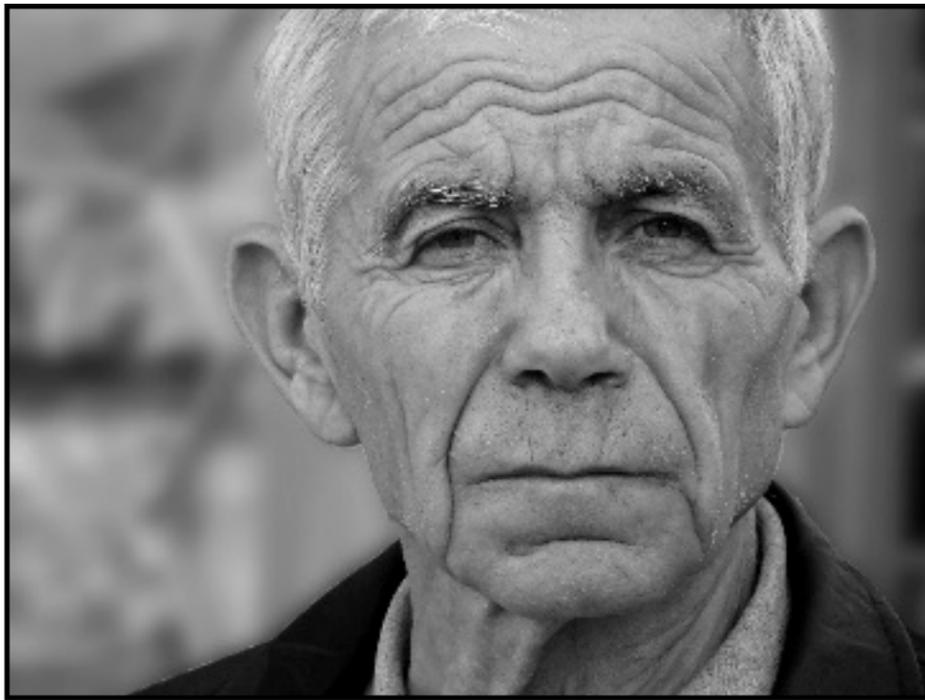
Researchers at New York's Weill Cornell Medical College discovered a pattern of 23 proteins floating in spinal fluid that, in very preliminary testing, seems to identify Alzheimer's not perfectly, but with pretty good accuracy.

Far more research is needed before doctors could try spinal-tap tests in people worried they have Alzheimer's, specialists caution.

But the scientists already are preparing for larger studies to see if this potential "biomarker" of Alzheimer's, reported Tuesday in the journal *Annals of Neurology*, holds up.

"We're looking to an era in which the kinds of uncertainties that many patients and their families face about the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease will no longer be a problem," predicts Dr. Norman Relkin, a neurologist and the study's senior researcher.

About 4.5 million Americans have Alzheimer's, a toll expected to more than triple by 2050 as the population grays. The creeping brain disease gradually robs sufferers of their memories and ability to care for themselves, eventually killing them. There is no known cure; today's drugs only temporarily alleviate symptoms.



Currently, doctors diagnose Alzheimer's mainly by symptoms. That makes early diagnosis particularly difficult, and even more advanced disease can be confused with other forms of dementia. Nor is there a good way to track the disease's progression, important both for decisions about patient care as well as in testing the effectiveness of new drugs.

Major research is under way to try to change that, including a \$60 million study now under way to give brain scans to 800 older Americans and try to pin down the earliest brain changes associated with Alzheimer's.

At the same time, scientists also are

hunting what they call biomarkers signs of the disease in areas other than hard-to-test brain tissue.

"A valid biomarker for Alzheimer's disease is sorely needed," said Dr. Sam Gandy, a neuroscientist at Philadelphia's Thomas Jefferson University and spokesman for the Alzheimer's Association.

But the new protein pattern requires "rigorous validation" by other researchers to make sure it really is linked to Alzheimer's, he cautioned.

By hunting for one protein at a time, scientists have discovered a few other biomarker candidates in cerebrospinal fluid. But Relkin and colleagues at

Cornell University expanded the hunt: Using a technology called proteomics, they simultaneously examined 2,000 proteins found in the spinal fluid of 34 people who died with autopsy-proven Alzheimer's, comparing it to the spinal fluid of 34 non-demented people.

What emerged were 23 proteins, many that by themselves had never been linked to Alzheimer's but that together formed a fingerprint of the disease.

Then the researchers looked for that protein pattern in the spinal fluid of 28 more people some with symptoms of Alzheimer's or other dementia, some healthy. The test indicated Alzheimer's in nine of the 10 patients that doctors suspect have it, and incorrectly fingered three people.

What's next? That huge brain-scanning study is collecting spinal fluid samples from some participants, and Relkin has begun talks with those researchers about testing his results. At his own hospital, he's using the protein test in a study of an experimental Alzheimer's treatment to see if changes in the fingerprint may predict when the drug does or doesn't work.

Scientists believe that Alzheimer's begins its insidious brain attack years, even decades, before forgetfulness appears and if so, there should be evidence of those changes in the spinal fluid, Relkin explained.

"The spinal tap gives people pause," he acknowledged, agreeing that a blood test would be easier. But, "in expert hands ... it's not much more traumatic than having blood taken."

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Cutting Back On Cigarettes May Not Cut Risks



By Amy Norton

NEW YORK (Reuters Health) - Heavy smokers who cut down on cigarettes may actually do little to reduce their exposure to toxic tobacco compounds, a new study suggests.

Researchers found that a group of heavy smokers who cut down to as few as five cigarettes per day still inhaled many more toxic substances than people who were long-term light smokers.

The problem, say the researchers, seems to be that the former heavy smokers inhale more often and more deeply from each cigarette -- trying to get the amount of nicotine their bodies are used to.

This habit is known as "compensatory" smoking, and it may cut into any health benefits of reducing, rather than quitting, cigarettes, the study authors report in the journal *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention*.

"It is important for smokers to know that cutting down on cigarettes may not

significantly improve their health risks," said lead author Dr. Dorothy Hatsukami, a professor of psychiatry at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

"The best way to reduce risk for disease is to quit smoking altogether," she told Reuters Health.

Hatsukami and her colleagues based their findings on a comparison of 64 formerly heavy smokers who had cut back and 62 light smokers. The heavy smokers had taken part in smoking-reduction studies and had managed to get down to five cigarettes a day, on average -- the same as the light smokers' levels.

To gauge the smokers' degree of compensatory smoking, the researchers measured their levels of a substance known NNAL, which indicates a person's exposure to a cancer-causing tobacco agent called NNK.

On average, the study found, NNAL levels were two to three times higher in former heavy smokers as they were in light smokers, even when they smoked the same number of cigarettes per day.

Hatsukami said the findings are consistent with what's been seen in studies of smokers' disease rates. That research suggests that people who cut their smoking by half lower their risk of lung cancer by no more than 25 percent, and do not appreciably change their odds of other smoking-related ills, including heart disease and serious lung conditions like emphysema.

"It's a good explanatory factor for why



you don't see a reduction in cardiovascular and pulmonary disease," Hatsukami said.

That doesn't mean there's no role for cutting back on cigarettes. Smokers who aren't ready to quit immediately can trim down their number of daily cigarettes as a first step, Hatsukami noted.

But that should be part of a path toward quitting, she said.

SOURCE: Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention, December 2006

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Food & Drug Admin. ...

cloning and would not purchase cloned meat and milk even if the government says they are safe.

"We think this would be a very bad decision," Carol Foreman, director of food policy at the Consumer Federation of America, told AFP. "We are urging people to write to the FDA, to members of Congress, to urge them to tell the FDA to back off."

She said failing any action on the part of the government, advocacy groups would urge consumers to pressure retailers not to sell products from cloned animals.

Foreman also said the government was ignoring scientific data showing that clone pregnancies often end in

miscarriage and many of the animals are deformed or do not survive to maturity.

"There is, in short, no public value from a technology that raises serious concerns regarding cruelty to animals and the nasty underlying threat that this is the first step down the slippery slope to human cloning," she said.

An animal clone is an exact genetic copy of a donor animal.

Dolly, a ewe, was the first mammal successfully cloned in 1996 from a somatic cell. Scientists have since applied the technique to other mammals.

Sundlof noted that if the moratorium on food products from cloned animals is lifted, it was unlikely consumers will be eating much food from clones, as they are meant to be used mostly for breeding. He also stressed that only a few hundred cloned animals are currently in existence.

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US~Observer *Demanding Accountability*

The Perfect Oklahoma Coercion; Innocent Elementary Children's Pastor in Prison?

By Edward Snook
Investigative Reporter

Bethany, Oklahoma – Thrust a young man into the legal system, bury him with enough charges to virtually end his life and then, with the help of a coercive judge, force a plea-bargain out of this individual.



Ryan Wonderly

After assisting the prosecution in scaring the hell out of Ryan Wonderly and right into an Alford Plea during his trial, Judge Twyla Mason Gray handed Wonderly a sentence calling for a minimum of 35 years in prison. This unethical judge reportedly told Wonderly that his jury thought he was guilty. This blatant act violates all 50 states' "Judicial Canons" (ethical rules for judges). One can only imagine the terror that this children's pastor felt when he realized that not only was he facing one prosecutor but a second prosecutor as well in the form of Judge Gray. A judge is supposed to be a



Judge Twyla Mason Gray

referee, not a prosecutor or defense attorney, and for a judge to know or claim knowledge of what a jury thinks before they render a decision is not only illegal, it does away with any hope for justice in a system wrought with corruption.

Oklahoma Coercion or Wenatchee Witch Hunt - No Difference?

When children make accusations, often prompted by over zealous or

vindictive parents the state child protective agency (CPA) steps in and all aspects of the case are escalated, and can be blown out of proportion or simply lied about. CPA's, with the obedient assistance of a police department not eager to seem soft on these types of accusations, start building their case or cases like what happened in Wenatchee, Washington back in 1994, and just as it has happened in Ryan Wonderly's case.

In Wenatchee, Washington 10 year old Donna Everett started the false-prosecution-ball rolling. Before it was over, 80 adults had been charged with sex abuse involving over 40 children. Among those indicted were Pastor Roby Roberson and his wife.

According to an article by David W. Cloud, "the Robersons were severely abused. Based on no physical evidence whatsoever and only the shakiest of testimony, they were arrested and spent three months in jail before they could make the bail bond. They had to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal bills to defend themselves against the most outrageous charges. The large food bank their church operated and which helped feed 9,000 people each month was forced to close. The CPS took the Roberson's baby from them. She was placed in foster care for three months and was then allowed to live with relatives, but the Robersons were denied visitation rights and were not able to visit their own baby for almost a year. Even after the Robersons were acquitted in a court of law, the CPS refused to relinquish custody of the child. Only after Attorney General Janet Reno's office was flooded with calls from irate citizens demanding justice for the Robersons did the Child Protective Services reluctantly acquiesce. Even then, the DSHS retained formal custody of the child and demanded that the Robersons attend "counseling" sessions every two weeks and allow social workers access to their home."

The Robersons sued the Washington Department of Health and Social Services and eventually won an \$850,000 judgment, but not until their lives had been changed forever, all because of false accusations from children. It would be appropriate to say their lives would have been totally ruined were it not for their faith in God.

Ryan Wonderly was the Elementary Children's Pastor at Bethany First Church of the Nazarene in Bethany, Oklahoma when he woke up one day to find that he was charged with 23 counts of lewd acts with a minor. Sound familiar? The girls, ranging from 8 to 12 years of age were part of his children's ministry or had been introduced to him by someone in his church. Our investigation into Ryan's past clearly shows that he is not a person who would commit 23 lewd acts or much less be able to conceal such acts as they accrued.

The Bethany case parallels the Wenatchee case and Ryan's charges are

every bit as bizarre as Pastor Roby Roberson's were. In Roberson's case there was absolutely no physical evidence - like wise there was no physical evidence in Ryan Wonderly's case. There were many lies by alleged victims told in the attempted false prosecution of Roberson's - there have been numerous lies by the alleged victims uncovered in the prosecution of Ryan Wonderly. Instead of investigating the lies and using those lies to expose more of the same, both Roberson and Ryan experienced a system that covered them up while they continued their attacks. Roberson was acquitted by a jury - Ryan never experienced a fair and impartial jury trial nor did he receive proper council. Roberson is a free man - Ryan sits in an Oklahoma prison looking at spending at least the next 35 years there. The agency in Washington State who conducted the "witch hunts" paid Pastor Roberson and his wife \$850,000 for their evil and outrageous treatment of the Robersons - the agency in Oklahoma that pushed the charges against Ryan are continuing to use some

of the same abusive techniques and procedures in other cases as they used to "get" Ryan and as those that were implemented in Washington State in 1994-1995.

A number of young girls came against their Elementary Children's Pastor, Ryan Wonderly and it will take some of those girls coming forward to tell the truth in order to see that justice is served in the Ryan Wonderly case. The US-Observer once again asks that anyone with information on Ryan's case contact Edward Snook at 541-474-7885. If the young girls are still involved in church they should have some sort of a conscience left and so should their parents. Remember, a young man is in prison and he needs the truth to come out. I for one will be praying that anyone who has made a false, coerced, or unduly prompted charge against Ryan Wonderly not have a nights sleep until they clear their conscience and call. This includes anyone who is concealing information.

It is easy to plant a lie and much harder to get that lie out in the light. ■■■

Club 71 - Lacey Update



Larry Lacey digging up old gas tanks from under his parking lot at Club 71

Sunny Valley, OR - On Dec. 31, 2006 at approximately 1:15 p.m. Sunny Valley residents observed Larry Lacey, owner of Club 71 at 102 Old Stage Road, Sunny Valley, OR, using a backhoe to dig up and remove 3 underground gasoline storage tanks. Numerous witnesses could smell gasoline (leaded) fumes from the excavation site.

Shortly after witnesses began taking pictures the passenger window of a truck belonging to one Sunny Valley resident was broken out by a rock that was thrown through the window.

The Oregon State Police responded to a 911 call and a report was taken. While three Oregon State Troopers were present, Larry Lacey reportedly asked if anyone had a match to set off some fireworks.

According to a spokesperson for the Sunny Valley Group, "all evidence (pictures), statements, etc., will be forwarded on Tuesday morning, Jan. 2, 2007 to the DEQ and EPA and all county officials who should be aware of this

obvious breach of environmental law." One witness stated that he drove by Lacey's shop later on and that Lacey was smashing the old gasoline tanks.

Larry Lacey and the Sunny Valley Group have had a long history of problems. The Group has picketed Lacey's Club 71 (a strip joint), stating that they don't want such a business in their community because a strip business attracts drugs and criminals. View our web-site for related articles on Club 71 and stay tuned for the outcome of this present beef. ■■■

Larry Lacey facing off with concerned citizens

