

Club 71 Serving in Excess

By US-Observer Staff

Sunny Valley, OR - Timothy Little, known to his friends as "Skittles", was in a near fatal accident on I-5, southbound at mile post 68, at 1:02 am, Friday, April 22nd. He was driving home after patronizing the controversial strip joint, Club 71, in Sunny Valley, where he had been drinking with friends and family. According to witnesses and employees, the bartender did not try to get him a cab or "cut him off" before he became overly inebriated and left the bar visibly intoxicated.

In his new Toyota Tacoma, Tim headed south down I-5 behind another vehicle and with 2 others trailing. Striking the vehicle in front of him,

Prosecuting a Real Purple Heart IRS / Kerry Falsely Target Swift Boat Vet

By Investigative Reporter
Edward Snook

California Federal Court - Three 30-caliber bullets ripped into Tedd Peck's arm, back and leg, leaving him hospitalized for 89 days ending in a stay at St. Albans Naval Hospital in NY, where he was presented with his meritorious Purple Heart award. There is no doubt that Tedd Peck,

a retired Captain in the Naval Reserve, earned his Purple Heart award during a 7-boat river incursion in January of 1969. Peck was given orders to probe a canal when he and his crew came under heavy fire, which blasted an estimated 300 bullet holes into the Swift boat he commanded.

Now the bullets aimed to destroy Tedd Peck are coming from vindictive prosecutors and

not the Viet Cong. This is a war of retribution against him and is being waged by white-collar, renegade, left-wing elements of his own government. He is being charged with numerous counts of filing false tax returns with no evidence whatsoever, except the lie of a CID agent and the totally conjured words from a robotic prosecutor doing what he is ordered to do. Peck, a former Swift Boat Commander during Vietnam, who served in the same unit as

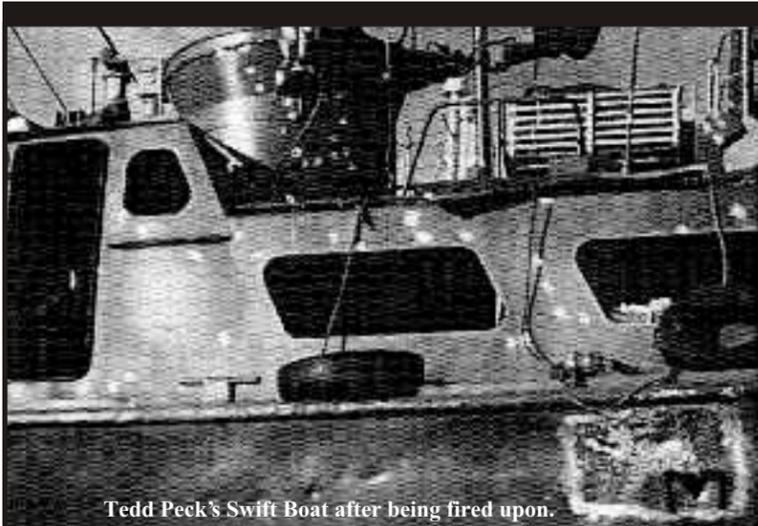


Tedd Peck

John Kerry, prepares for yet another battle of a lifetime. This time not for the security of his country or in a fight against ailing health after suffering a heart attack, but rather for his freedom. Make no mistake, this is a war of retribution against Tedd Peck for assisting in and winning the charge against leftist John

Kerry and his associates in the last Presidential election.

In 1998, Mr. Peck was informed of an investment possibility called a Complex Business Organization (CBO) marketed by Anderson Ark Associates (AAA). After performing his due diligence on the investment potential Mr. Peck decided to



Tedd Peck's Swift Boat after being fired upon.

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Welcome to the Hall of Shame



Circuit Court Judge Gary S. Thompson representing Crook County, Oregon is our newest member of the US-Observer Hall of Shame (page 18).

On February 7, 2005 an arrogant Judge Thompson sentenced former gubernatorial candidate Roger Weidner to ten days in jail for contempt of court.

A US-Observer investigation has shown that Mr. Weidner was

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Harassment in the Hills of Nevada

By Cecil Fredi

Every time you go to the field be prepared for a confrontation. That is a good possibility, especially if you use an off-road vehicle. Currently there are two bills, SB397 and SB400 that, if passed, will have many negative impacts,

not only on hunters but all people who use the outdoors.

First, SB397 is what Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) wants to impose on Nevada sportsmen. It is fourteen pages of more rules, more regulations and more penalties and nothing to enhance game numbers. SB400 is eight pages of new regulations, fees and penalties for off-road vehicle users.

Before we get into the details of these two bills, let's explain why these harassment bills should never have been proposed. When Governor Kenny Guinn appointed John Moran and



Sierra Nevada Mountains

Tommy Ford to the Nevada Wildlife Commission sportsmen thought good things would be coming to them. **Nothing could have been further from the truth.** The governor relied on those two individuals for their recommendations for future appointments to the Commission. **Their selection couldn't have been any worse.**

The Wildlife Commission is a nine member board of which five are sportsmen's representatives. They not only did not represent sportsmen, they have sold them out. What should have happened was to get five people on the

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Ex Deputy Sheriff Crashes Into Home, Blames Friend

By Investigative Reporters
John Taft & Edward Snook

Grants Pass, OR - Shortly after midnight, Friday, April 29, a Grants Pass city police officer was dispatched to a residence on Cloverlawn Drive. A vehicle had damaged a garage and home. The driver had left without leaving his name and other information at the scene of the damage. This is required by state law, and failure to do so could cause the perpetrator's license to be suspended. An elderly resident of the home described the impact as nearly knocking her out of bed. Since the person had left the scene, the victim thought it may have been a neighbor named Sean Valdez. Wonder what ever caused this elderly lady to think it was Valdez? We can rest assured that it wouldn't be because he's a "good cop" according to Sheriff Dave Daniel!

Valdez who recently resigned from the Josephine County Sheriff's Office. In Valdez's last tangle with the law he was reportedly charged with fourth degree assault, a felony, on his girl friend. Apparently he attempted to throttle her while drinking. On our website, the



Sean Valdez in JoCo jail photo. According to Sheriff Daniel, "He's a good officer ... I'd hire him back."

Sheriff Praises Valdez

And yes, this is the same Sean

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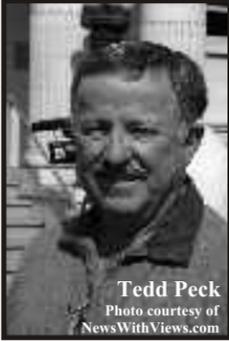
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invest. Over two years elapsed before Peck, achieving the expected results, decided to step up his involvement by becoming what was known as an Information Officer. Peck's



Tedd Peck
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independent contractor's job description was to market the program to other interested individuals, a practice he was well accustomed to during his many years working in the insurance industry. He embarked on a three-month study program to ensure that what he said was accurate and in accordance with the applicable rules and laws. During this time Mr. Peck felt his investment was safe and the opportunity legitimate. He and other investors were looking forward to the returns on their investments until February 28, 2001 when the IRS raided the Costa Rica offices of Anderson Ark. Indictments were handed out to the senior members of the organization, and some have subsequently gone to jail; theirs, another story.

Others, like Peck, invested large portions of their retirement funds in different entities sponsored by AAA. Peck committed funds in excess of \$300,000, which was more than twice what tax savings he and others with similar invested funds may have experienced had the bureaucracy not meddled in their private affairs. What is even more bizarre is the IRS would have realized three times more tax revenue than the program saved for the investors within 3 to 5 years if they had not interfered. Peck even paid early withdrawal penalties on IRA funds withdrawn prior to attaining the age of 59 ½.

Many in the organization still feel that the business opportunity was legal when used by individuals like Tedd Peck, who funded their investment with after tax dollars. Because of this belief, Peck, along with others kept in contact in hopes to hear about the outcome of their **retirement** money. "I, along with many other members, submitted affidavits to the Seattle Court prosecuting AAA to show the court that members of AAA think that this is government persecution of honest citizens pursuing commerce." He said in regard to his

involvement after the raid.

One of the elements the prosecutor must prove is that of "intent." Any prudent person must agree that if Tedd Peck were intending to file a false tax return he certainly wouldn't send an affidavit to the court in defense of the business activities of AAA and he wouldn't openly invest over \$300,000 of his **retirement funds**. Further, Mr. Peck absolutely wouldn't be reporting his activities to the IRS if he was intending to cheat them...



The "Real" John Kerry.

Along Comes Kerry

The 2004 Presidential runners were out pounding the street; spewing issues we'd all like something to be done about. Both candidates were posturing themselves for maximum voter approval. John Kerry used his military service and medals to distinguish himself from George Bush's Air National Guard duty. Because of this Kerry caught the attention of those he served with in Vietnam, especially the other Swift Boat Commanders when he uttered those words "Reporting for Duty" at the Democratic National Convention.

Six months earlier his autobiographical fiction "Tour of Duty" penned by Douglas Brinkley, spurred the book, "Unfit for Command" and set in motion one of the greatest grassroots movements in recent political memory. In Brinkley's book Peck was interviewed at great length in May of 2003. Peck was puzzled, when reading the book a year later, as to how words he never spoke were put in his mouth and actual accounts of his experiences with Kerry were somehow edited out of the text. Peck was to learn in August of 2004 that the 2003 interview was a vetting process to see which long ago Swift officers were in Kerry's corner and which were not. Peck, who has detailed hour-by-hour accounts of Kerry's antics regarding the first Purple Heart encounter, never wavered in his strong disliking for a man who would degrade the Purple Heart. "That was one medal that none of my squadron mates wished to receive with the exception of Kerry who knew about

some obscure Navy regulation and subsequently choreographed three hearts and a fast exit out of Viet Nam," Peck told us last year.

In "Unfit for Command" Peck is quoted several times regarding the veracity of Kerry's claims to his first Purple Heart and his attempt to recruit Peck into the "Viet Nam Vets Against the War" (VVAW), while they were still on active duty and Peck still a patient, recovering from his combat wounds. Kerry was quickly discovering how dangerous Peck's memory would prove to be. **According to a witness, "John Kerry's animosity toward Peck was set into action at the time Peck refused to go along with Kerry's anti-war efforts."**

Peck clearly remembers being told by the division executive officer that he and Kerry went on a special operation on the night of November 25, 1968. The next day and prior to Peck's scheduled patrol he learns about Kerry accidentally wounding himself and proceeding to request a Purple Heart medal. Peck, returning to base on November 27th was told that Kerry had initiated a letter writing campaign with the division commander and that Kerry threatened writing his Congressman if he were denied the award.

The award citation indicates the action took place on December 2, 1968 and not November 25th. This is quite peculiar since Peck was on patrol that night and no significant action took place the entire evening. According to Peck, "If one of the Swift boats was receiving fire it was a common practice to sortie to the hot spot and provide cover or search and rescue." In addition Peck went on the exact same mission in the same location two nights later and not one word was said during the briefing about anyone receiving enemy fire the night of December 2nd.

Kerry arrived in Viet Nam on November 17th without a crew and was awaiting assignment to a boat. During this time he was undergoing indoctrination patrols as an observer in order to become a qualified patrol officer. He states in his memoir-based biography how he took a Boston Whaler with two enlisted men into the area where he received the enemy fire. At that time he did not have a crew, so who authorized him to select these men and proceed on the supposed mission? What officer on what boat carried him, the whaler and his two-man crew to the

area? The division commanding officer and his executive officer had no knowledge of Kerry's secret mission on December 2nd. Four days hence Peck would lead Kerry out of Cam Ranh Bay for reassignment to a river division in An Thoi. "When we departed Kerry did not have the Purple Heart" states Peck. Thirty-six years later no one knows how he secured the award. This is one of the many reasons that Kerry refuses to release his Standard Form 180 opening his entire military record to the public. It is a most difficult situation Kerry finds himself in. The political solution would obviously be to marginalize Peck, **which we have no doubt he attempted, using IRS contacts that share his political views.**

Other Swift boat veterans including his immediate superiors concurred that John Kerry did not deserve his first Purple Heart, and they have even gone so far as to suggest that all of his medals should be questioned along with the possibility that he was dishonorably discharged. Fighting this immediate threat to his candidacy, Kerry called his old operational commander, Admiral Roy Hoffman, and asked if he would "call off" the swift boat guys. Hoffman's answer was no. Kerry realized months prior to his conversation with Hoffman the negative impact the Swift Boat Veterans and specifically Tedd Peck would have on his Presidential campaign; so had Kerry already contacted an IRS insider to attempt to neutralize Peck? The answer is a resounding yes. According to a confidential source, **"There is no question that Kerry contacted an IRS confidant of his to attempt to place Peck in an unfavorable light and therefore make himself more appealing in his political world."**

The following day a grand jury indictment was handed down on Peck and on March 25, 2004 CID agent Karen Fazio arrested him. According to a federal prosecutor, the direction to indict came straight from Washington and although there is no known evidence of wrongdoing or IRS audit conducted, the case is being pursued and Peck has been in limbo since that time with little or no success in obtaining the evidence that was used to indict him. He was told the case is circumstantial and evidently it is secret as well.

"This is unlike anything I've had to face before," Tedd Peck said last year in regard to the IRS and the Federal Prosecutor vehemently pursuing his case. "My former attorney intimated that the feds view me as a tax protester

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driven by Kevin Sanderson, Tim lost control and collided with the median, sending his truck into a roll at which time he was ejected.

Sanderson's vehicle also struck the guardrail, and it fortunately came to a "controlled rest" along the outside shoulder according to the Oregon State Police incident log. The entire accident was witnessed by Sanderson's wife as

she was driving the vehicle directly behind Tim on the freeway.

After the accident Kevin Sanderson jumped out of his vehicle and into his wife's and told her to tell the police that she had been driving the involved vehicle because he (Sanderson) was driving with a suspended license. According to the OSP report, after succumbing to neck pain, Mr. Sanderson admitted to having been the one involved in the accident with Little. There is speculation, however, that there was freeway play between Kevin and Tim that lead to this accident and sources suggest that Little may have been run over by another vehicle after he was ejected. According to witnesses on the scene there was another man involved who fled just before OSP officer Ken Snook arrived.

Two employees of Club 71, came upon the scene of the accident and

followed the ambulance containing an unconscious Tim, and his visibly shaken father, Ron "Sarge" Little, who had been driving the 2nd vehicle behind Tim on the freeway that night. They all arrived at the hospital where they were joined by another of Tim's friends and waited for the results of his injuries, which included a compressed leg and shattered hip and pelvis.

Sanderson was also transported to Three Rivers Hospital for treatment of a neck related injury.

OSP officer Snook tested the blood alcohol level of all those at the accident scene. Tim Little's Blood Alcohol Level (BAL) came back an astounding .22. He had arrived at Club 71 sober and left at 3 times the legal limit.

Since Mr. Little had arrived at the club



Larry Lacey and counsel.
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between 10:30 pm and 11:00 pm and Club 71's supposed closing time is midnight, there is some concern as to the new manager and bartender's abilities to do the hardest part of their jobs, monitoring and keeping other people's drinking under control.

Tim and his father, Ron, have been patrons of Club 71 since it opened in

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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 countless, 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.

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Your Right to Speak Out

WHY DO CRIMINALS BREAK THE LAW?

By Larry Pratt
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Criminals are as much a victim as those they have victimized, right? After all, they do what they do because of poverty, or bad parenting, or lousy peers, mental illness or the availability of a gun, right?

Well, no, says clinical psychologist Stanton Samenow. Criminals are the way they are because that is what they choose to do. From his experience, Samenow argues that even if a criminal has a mental illness, they commit crimes because they want to do so. Lots of people have mental illness, but very few of them commit crimes.

Samenow warns that criminals are not stupid. If they score low on IQ tests, that is usually because they could not care less about learning the kinds of things in school that are measured by such tests. They are quite adept at picking up on what will help them - the law being a favorite course of study behind bars.

Also, criminals are quick to pick up on psychological jargon and get good at feeding it back to the practitioners. In other words, crooks are good at scamming mental health workers. If someone thinks they are nuts, not a crook, and that will get them out of jail, then, they quickly learn to sound as if they are mentally ill.

Samenow warns therapists against listening to just one side - especially when the one side is a criminal (of any age) who lies not out of necessity but as a way of getting a thrill from manipulating other people. Lying gives power. A child or a student can often con a mental health practitioner into thinking that a parent or a teacher is an abuser and should be brought under control in the criminal justice system. Samenow has found that without a third party who can provide a "truth check" of what the child or student accuser is saying, devastating injustices can result.

Indeed, many people come from

poverty, broken homes, lousy neighborhoods filled with budding criminals - and lead good, productive lives. And criminals can come from wealthy homes just as easily as not.

One of the implications of Samenow's decades of experience is that the War on Poverty was doomed to failure as a crime-fighting measure.

Another implication of Samenow's research is that prisons do not make criminals into criminals, although they may increase their networking behind bars for when they get out.

Criminals like the excitement of doing what is prohibited. It is a characteristic they demonstrate often very early in life. Normal living is boring. Breaking the law is fun. One predator told Samenow: "If rape were made legal, I would find some other law to break." They lie not out of uncontrollable compulsion, but for the excitement of manipulating and controlling other people.

Criminals can change; they can stop being criminals, Samenow has found. To do so, they have to choose to do so. They have to learn how to think about the future, and especially about how their actions will affect other people.

(To learn more about Samenow's findings and his book, *Inside the Criminal Mind*, you can listen to my interview of him at www.gunowners.org/radio.htm in the archives of my Live Fire radio program.)

Until criminals choose to change, they will be criminals and the rest of us make a huge mistake to ignore that simple fact.

And, sorry gun control advocates - criminals don't care about your gun control laws. They know that gun control is only for suckers (their word), not for them. What does that make those who support gun control laws? Aiding and abetting criminals is a term that comes to mind.

One of the legislative ramifications of Samenow's research bears on the so-called Our Lady of Peace Act. Anti-Second Amendment Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) wants to add mental health records to the National Criminal Information database. The assumption is that mental illness is a predictor of violent behavior. Based on his extensive clinical experience, Samenow puts it very succinctly: "[A]ll criminals are rational and ... crime is never caused by mental illness."

Of course, Schumer wants to disarm Americans and has shown that, for him, any excuse is a good excuse. But the rest of us now know the truth: all medical records, including mental health records, should be off limits to police investigators.

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"Congress has not unlimited powers to provide for the general welfare but only those specifically enumerated. ... A wise and frugal government...shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned." --Thomas Jefferson

Next We Should Starve the Courts

By Phyllis Schlafly

The courts so purposely humiliated Congress in the Terri Schiavo case that some U.S. representatives are finally beginning to talk back. Non-elected judges have flagrantly abused the legislative and executive functions of government for so many years that we wonder why a reaction has taken this long.

With the whole world watching, a mere probate judge in Florida thumbed his nose at a congressional subpoena and refused to comply. Then the federal judiciary closed ranks behind him, asserting its independence from and supremacy over not only an act of Congress, but even over the life of an innocent and defenseless woman.

Eleventh Circuit Judge Stanley Birch stuck in the knife, asserting that Congress unconstitutionally "invades the province of the judiciary and violates the separation of powers principle." We marvel at the chutzpah of a federal judge charging Congress with violating the separation of powers after we've endured years of judges legislating from the bench, rewriting our Constitution, distorting our history, assailing our morals, saving vicious criminals from their just punishment, raising taxes and inflicting us with foreign laws.

When a man's honor is impugned, he can pretend he didn't hear the insult or he can come out fighting. Congress can't pretend it didn't hear Judge Birch's insult, so Congress must take action to curb the imperial action of supremacist judges.

Rep. Patrick McHenry, R-N.C., responded that we saw "a state judge completely ignore a congressional committee's subpoena and insult its intent" and "a federal court not only reject, but deride the very law that Congress passed." House Judiciary Committee Chairman Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., who has likewise had enough, said, "Terri's will to live should serve as an inspiration and impetus for action."

Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, spoke for Americans who believe in the Constitution when he said, "The Congress of the United States for many, many years has shirked its responsibility to hold the judiciary accountable. No longer."

Even some Democrats in Congress are dismayed by the arrogance of the judges. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., observed that "once they get on the bench, they seem to think the importance of having a relationship with the House and Senate no longer exists."

But Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., like most liberals who can't achieve their radical goals legislatively, supports judicial supremacy over Congress, the president, the Florida governor and legislature. Kennedy even tried to silence complaints by absurdly suggesting that public criticism incites violence against judges.

The Constitution expressly limits the power of federal judges to what our elected representatives give them. After

all, what is the point of having representative government if non-elected and unaccountable judges decide everything of significance?

Congress and the president should not pass the buck to judges in black robes and hide behind their skirts when they make outrageous decisions. Here are some ways Congress can start to restore representative government.

Congress should withdraw jurisdiction from the federal courts over the Pledge of Allegiance, the Ten Commandments, and the Defense of Marriage Act. Two bills to do this (the Akin Bill and the Hostettler Bill) easily passed the House last fall but were ignored by the Senate, and now it is time to make them law.

Congress should withdraw jurisdiction over court challenges to the Boy Scouts of America, a federally chartered organization, which the American Civil Liberties Union is currently trying to ban from public schools. The ACLU is seeking activist judges who will rule it a violation of the First Amendment for the Boy Scouts to pledge allegiance to God and country and commit to keeping themselves "morally straight."

Congress should repeal the 1976 law that permits activist judges to grant lavish attorney's fees to the ACLU when it succeeds in banning the Boy Scouts, the Ten Commandments or a cross that has existed on public property for decades.

Both Houses of Congress should hold hearings about remedies for supremacist decisions. Congress should bring defiant judges before the American people to answer questions about their worst rulings.

Any judge who allows an adulterer with a live-in girlfriend to terminate the life of his wife should be impeached. Victims of such judges should have the right to demand a different judge (as is currently granted by Illinois courts).

Now that judges embrace forcibly starving someone to death, Congress should use its appropriation power to starve the judicial budget. Let's cut out judges' perks such as travel to international conferences where they pick up bad ideas about conforming our laws to foreign opinions and United Nations treaties.

On April 1, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg criticized congressional resolutions to curb the out-of-control judges, saying, "It is disquieting that they have attracted sizable support." She endorsed the practice of consulting foreign and international law.

But Chief Justice William Rehnquist included this statement in his annual report without any criticism or comment: "There were several bills introduced in the last Congress that would limit the jurisdiction of the federal courts to decide constitutional challenges to certain kinds of government action."

Maybe Rehnquist was reminding Congress of its constitutional powers to constrain the judiciary. ■■

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Public Servants, My Foot

By Charley Reese

The U.S. public debt is \$7.7 trillion. The annual interest on it is \$120 billion. Total receipts for fiscal 2005 through December were \$487 billion. Total outlays were \$605 billion.

There is a line from one of Charles Dickens' novels that goes something like this: Income 21 shillings, outgo 19 shillings equals bliss. Income 21 shillings, outgo 22 shillings equals misery.

It is a simple truth that anyone – a person, a family or a government – who spends more than what is taken in will eventually be bankrupt. Most of the politicians in Washington, including the president – not to mention most Americans – seem unconcerned about this pending disaster.

How many people have to work how long just to pay the taxes necessary to cover the annual interest? That \$120 billion goes right into private and corporate pockets before the government even buys a pencil, much less performs any services. To most of us, billions and trillions of dollars are inconceivable, and therefore we tend to look upon them as abstractions that have no meaning.

They do have meaning, because every penny the federal government takes in must of necessity come out of the labor, sweat, savings and earnings of the American people. Money the government takes from us is money we don't have to feed our families and provide them with medical care and with shelter.

There's your best argument for small government. We need government, and we must pay for it. But if government gets too big, it becomes predatory and impoverishes people rather than helps them.

Governments, of course, don't go bankrupt. They usually resort to inflating the currency. That not only cheats the creditors by paying them off with dollars that won't buy much, but it also robs the people of their earnings and their savings. Our government, in cahoots with the Federal Reserve System, has been systematically inflating the currency for years.

A dollar in 1967 would buy four gallons of gas. Today, it will not buy one gallon. You have to remember, our currency is backed up by nothing. You can't exchange a dollar for gold or silver. Therefore, its purchasing power depends on how many dollars there are

in circulation. The more dollars, the less each one buys. So for years, Congress has been flushing more dollars into the system to cover its deficits and reckless spending.

Now, most modern politicians being liars, they are always trying to cover their tracks. They want you to concentrate on the monthly figures, which are reasonably low. What they don't tell you is that inflation is cumulative. The sum of low annual rates added together equals a large loss of purchasing power.

Another trick they use is to constantly change the base year by which purchasing power is measured. If they still used 1967, it would show that the dollar has lost almost 75 percent of its purchasing power, so they set a new base year every 20 years. That means, for example, a \$10,000 life-insurance policy purchased in 1967 would today pay the beneficiary about \$2,500. The other \$7,500 has been stolen by the government.

I've always been puzzled about why so many Americans are so easily satisfied by their politicians. I suppose it's a combination of low IQs, inadequate education and naturally trusting nature, further helped by incessant distractions

and entertainment.

The American people deserve a sound currency that keeps its value. They deserve a frugal government that will not burden future generations with debts for things long ago consumed. Thomas Jefferson said that no government debt should extend beyond 20 years, generally considered one generation.

As we say in the South, the American people are being screwed, blued and tattooed by the politicians in Washington, and most of the people don't even know it. They are suffocated by the incessant amount of fertilizer poured on them by the smiley, overpaid, overperked, overpensioned politicians who have voted themselves into the top 5 percent of income. Public servants, my foot.

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Oregon News

Oregon House Passes Parental Notification on Abortion Bill

By Steven Ertelt
LifeNews.com Editor

Salem, OR -- The Oregon House of Representatives on Tuesday passed a measure that would require abortion facilities to notify parents before an abortion is performed on a teenager.

The bill, approved on a 32-27 vote, now heads to the state Senate, though it is not expected to be approved there because Democrats control the chamber.

Backers of the legislation say parents should be able to be informed about medical surgeries performed on their children and note that parental involvement is required on other medical issues.

They also say that abortion has serious emotional and physical consequences for teenagers, including increasing risk of depression or incidence of contracting breast cancer.

"Whether or not a girl's going to have an abortion is not the issue," said Rep. Dennis Richardson, a Republican who backs the bill. "The issue is whether parents ... should have the right to know."

Parents must be informed about the abortion 48 hours ahead of time and exceptions would be made in life-threatening situations and cases of child abuse.

Oregon Right to Life called the measure a "common sense" bill, according to an Associated Press report and said it was modeled after similar laws in 24 states. Such statutes have been credited with significantly

reducing the number of teen abortions.

Even if the bill makes it out of the Senate, pro-abortion Governor Ted Kulongoski, a Democrat, would likely veto it.

Planned Parenthood and other abortion advocates told members of the to oppose the bills because it would harm women.

But pro-life lawmakers disagreed.

"Would you support a law allowing your teenaged daughters to receive cosmetic surgery without your notification and consent?" asked Rep. Donna Nelson (R-McMinnville). "Most parents would never dream of allowing their minor children to undergo invasive and possibly dangerous elective surgery without notification and consent."

Esther Ripplinger, who volunteers with a group of post-abortion women who regret their abortions testified along with other post-abortive women in favor of the bill, according to the AP story.

"I want all women to have the opportunity to have the facts about abortion, and to be offered pregnancy resources prior to choosing an abortion," Ripplinger said.

Gayle Atteberry, executive director of Oregon Right to Life says that surveys taken of Oregonians on abortion show that there is support for these kinds of proposals.

Still, she realizes the fight to pass the bills is more difficult in the Democrat-controlled state Senate.

"I know the support is there, except among the Senate Democrats," Atteberry told AP. ■■■

Oregon's Amber Alert



By Fox 12 News

Oregon - If a child is abducted in Oregon, the Amber Alert system is now more ready to help find them.

Oregon's system recently connected to other states through a new web portal that gives police officers and the general public a greater chance of finding the missing child alive.

Last October 11-year-old Tanner Kahn was abducted from his Mt. Angel home and Oregon's Amber Alert system went to work.

Police say Tanner's mother's boyfriend, Jeffery Eggiman kidnapped the child taking him to this heavily wooded area.

Fortunately these three hunters spotted eggiman with tanner. Eleven-year-old Mathew Dickson paid special attention.

When Mathew later saw the Amber Alert on FOX 12, he recognized tanner and Eggiman and called police.

"I head sweat running down my head. I was concerned cause I heard he was kidnapped taken just taken away."

Thanks to Mathew, police later caught up with Eggiman getting Tanner safely back home.

"He's a good kid he's aware of his surroundings were vey proud of him."

At a recent news conference, Oregon's governor introduced the new Amber Alert web portal.

The enhanced system links Oregon to five other states, allowing Oregon's Amber information to be shared with millions of more people...

It also gets potentially life saving information to many state police agenices faster.

That means kids like tanner have a better chance of making it back to their mothers alive.

When a child is abducted quickly distributing information about the case is key.

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Ex Deputy Sheriff Crashes ...**

US-Observer has the details of this sizzling story that is still dogging Valdez. The case was moved to neighboring Jackson County (JaCo) for DA Huddleston to prosecute. It appears Valdez received favored citizen status because of his law enforcement connections with the JaCo DA who presented Valdez with a chocolate-coated plea bargain. The charges were reduced to a misdemeanor menacing charge, community service, a domestic violence diversion program, and counseling. At this time Valdez still had his police certification, and Sheriff Daniel said he would hire him back since he was a good officer. With his latest escapade it's most likely Valdez has violated the terms of his plea agreement. After reading part two of the Sean Valdez calamity, Mr. DA Huddleston needs to take a second look at Valdez's record. Perhaps the original charges should be reinstated. A felony conviction would preclude him from owning a gun and being a police officer in the future. Cops that drink to excess, attempt to throttle women, and engage in hit and run should try another occupation. Should Huddleston excuse Valdez's criminal actions further, the public will have little doubt regarding his poor to unacceptable job performance...

My Friend Did It

The allegations against Valdez are adding up like takers for a free meal. The police report includes all the following ingredients: hit and run, alcohol, lying to a police officer, and intimidation of a victim. Initially, Valdez denied responsibility for hitting the home structure and claimed it was a friend driving his vehicle. The officer checked out Valdez's statement and found the statement to be false. When the officer asked Valdez why he lied, Valdez responded that he didn't know what to say.

Valdez admitted to drinking at local establishments and then having several beers when he got home. The smell of alcohol was detectable on his person as mentioned in the police report.

Interestingly, no breath test was done on Valdez. The practice of Valdez's excessive drinking and other criminal activity has been reported by the Observer in the past, only to fall upon deaf ears.

The officer states specifically in his report that he told Valdez not to go over and contact the neighbor. The officer said Valdez understood the request. Yet Valdez ignored this order of a police officer and contacted the neighbor the next day. The officer then received a call from Valdez saying the neighbor had agreed not to press charges.

The neighbor was reportedly intimidated by Valdez. She did take a check from Valdez for \$1,000 to cover the cost of her homeowner's deductible insurance. She told the officer she failed to see why her insurance company should have to pay for the damages. The officer agreed that her insurer shouldn't

have to pay.

**DA Stephen Campbell
Has a Choice**

Valdez is reportedly on a cruise and will have more questions to answer on his return. The paper work on this case has been transferred from the Grants Pass City Police to the local district attorney's office. This case will take the measure of the new District Attorney, Stephen Campbell. Will the case be transferred to JaCo as the first case was or handled in Josephine County since Valdez is no longer employed by the county sheriff's office? There should be no conflict of interest for the JoCo DA now. Will Valdez again have his day in court or will there be another attempted cover up?

The Black Mark

The name Sean Valdez has become a black mark against the Josephine County Sheriff's Office and of interest to the residents of Josephine County. Valdez and Sheriff Daniel are tied together as though with a nuptial knot. What Valdez has done reflects back on Sheriff Daniel. County residents should be worrying about the ethics and quality of some of the deputies in the Josephine County Sheriff's Office as should some of the excellent officers working there. Many crimes in the county aren't being investigated. Sheriff Daniel's promises have turned out to be a crock of pickle juice and Josephine County residents have been left with a few criminal officers possessing the ability to charge others with crimes. And a very, very incompetent and embarrassing Sheriff.

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Did You Know?

The flag of Oregon is the only state flag with different pictures on each side. On the reverse appears a beaver, the state animal. Both sides have a field of navy blue with design in gold. The front picture includes a heart shaped shield with an eagle on top, surrounded by thirty-three stars. (The number of states in 1859.)



More COMMENTARY

Verbal Assassination

Jo-Co-Rama (joke-o-rama)

The endless laughter generated by a sham system ...

By Ron Lee
The Verbal Assassin

It was years ago when I was introduced to the goings-on of hidden agendas and the corruption of those who were supposed to be responsible and trustworthy.

Back then I was student body president at a high school in the "biggest little city in the world," Reno, Nevada, where my principal stated his goal of providing lights for our football field - night games a must.

Perhaps I was a bit fanatic about my position, or possibly I took the responsibility to my constituency to the extreme, and I stood-up against this obvious (to me, anyway) waste of school funds. I mean we had text books that were a decade outdated, an emergency phone system that would never be trusted in a true crisis, and awnings between buildings that left students more exposed to the elements than if they were to be standing directly under a sudden cloudburst!

For me, it was simple. The money could be spent in other ways ... all (+/-)\$63,000.00 of it. I voiced this. *Oops, my mistake.*

The principal, offended that anyone, especially a punk kid, would stand in the way of his sporting dreams informed the football coach that there might be a problem. The coach informed his players - who were awe struck to be playing under lights like real football players - and I was left dodging blows for the remainder of my senior year. Luckily, I'm quick on my feet, especially over long distances. I ran cross-country.

To make this story short, I suffered repeated attempts by the administration to strip my presidency and expel me from school. Not because of attendance, or grades, or behavior, but because I opposed their will.

Fortunately, the bookkeeper - who I think had a crush on me - slid me the complete file on my principal, the football light project, the athletic fund and everything that could give me some solid leverage against those trying to get rid of me. And I used it. Yes, I stooped to blackmail to get them off my back. I just wanted to graduate because I earned it, and that June of my senior year, I did. Two years later the file ended up with certain agencies who could do something about what was going on in Reno, Nevada. The documents contained evidence of misappropriation of school funds, and embezzlement. It went all the way up to the top. Even the superintendent of schools was involved.

My only regret, I let them beat me, they got the football lights - even though it was pretty cool to see our team play their hearts out under them.

Then there was Portland, Oregon, where I learned that to "protect and serve" often meant officers of the law lining their own pockets. I watched helplessly as a couple of mountain bike cops shook-down a hispanic man in China Town. They pulled out his wallet, asked him where he got the wad of cash, split it, and stuffed it down their pants. He simply said, "I ... I ... just got paid. But they pushed him and told him to get

out of there or there would be a problem. I took a step forward toward them and they saw this ... they knew I had been watching. One turned toward me, "What'cha gonna do?" The answer then ... nothing.

Now I've come to live in this beautiful corner of the country - Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon. There is no doubt that its surroundings rival most sights in other parts of the country and I think everyone should come and marvel at the majestic Rogue River Valley, travel out to the Oregon Caves, go play in the California Redwoods (only a short distance away), and jaunt over to Ashland for an evening of Shakespeare.

For the first few years of my residence I was naive of the corruption that percolates from almost every corner of JoCo county and GP city governments. I might sleep better at nights if I was still that unknowing and uncaring of it. Now don't get me wrong, I'm not a conspiracy theorist. I DON'T think everyone is out to get me, and YES there are fantastic officials amongst the creeps, as well as great police/sheriff personel who truly do care and make a difference every day. Unfortunately, the ranks of these outstanding individuals is diminishing.

Since becoming an investigative reporter people want to talk to me. They want to give me their scoop; their dirt. At first I didn't listen, or I should say, I didn't give all of the stories the ear they deserved, until separate parties started telling the same stories with the same names. These unaffiliated individuals have drafted one of the most bizarre and disturbing pictures of many officials and officers and it can no longer be ignored, nor will it.

The information I have been privy to has, as years before, shaken my morality to the core. The morality that you do not steal; you don't have to lie; you don't commit adultery; you don't allow for - or participate - in the sale of drugs; you don't cheat those that rely on you to represent them.

There have been multiple allegations of officers sleeping with under-age girls, of sleeping with women who are not their wives, of using their badges to intimidate, of officers taking stashes of drugs as a "favor" to the one they then only give a misdemeanor offense to. I have stories of county officials working with establishments; even though their constituency overwhelmingly is voicing opposition. I have officials covering-up for their subordinates. I have officials misappropriating funds. There is evidence of a certain Sheriff practicing unfair hiring and firing. There is so much more than anything previously published. So much that it makes me laugh that not everyone has heard everything and done something about it already. There is so much out there for everyone to find out ... and you can. Start talking to each other. Start asking about your officials and policemen. Get the dirt yourself, because it seems like only then will action take place.

As for me, I've taken the liberty to record what I know and send it about to multiple sources in case of my demise. Soon, we will unveil it all. Soon, I will

Zogby Poll: Americans Not in Favor of Starving Terri Schiavo

LifeNews.com Editor

Washington, DC (LifeNews.com) -- Polls leading up to the death of Terri Schiavo made it appear Americans had formed a consensus in favor of ending her life. However, a new Zogby poll with fairer questions shows the nation clearly supporting Terri and her parents and wanting to protect the lives of other disabled patients.

The Zogby poll found that, if a person becomes incapacitated and has not expressed their preference for medical treatment, as in Terri's case, 43 percent say "the law presume that the person wants to live, even if the person is receiving food and water through a tube" while just 30 percent disagree.

Another Zogby question his directly on Terri's circumstances.

"If a disabled person is not terminally ill, not in a coma, and not being kept alive on life support, and they have no written directive, should or should they not be denied food and water," the poll asked.

A whopping 79 percent said the patient should not have food and water taken away while just 9 percent said yes.

"From the very start of this debate, Americans have sat on one of two sides," Concerned Women for America's Lanier Swann said in response to the poll. One side "believes Terri's life has worth and purpose, and the side who saw Michael Schiavo's actions as merciful, and appropriate."

More than three-fourths of Americans agreed, Swann said, "because a person is

disabled, that patient should never be denied food and water."

The poll also lent support to members of Congress to who passed legislation seeking to prevent Terri's starvation death and help her parents take their lawsuit to federal courts.

"When there is conflicting evidence on whether or not a patient would want to be on a feeding tube, should elected officials order that a feeding tube be removed or should they order that it remain in place," respondents were asked.

Some 18 percent said the feeding tube should be removed and 42 percent said it should remain in place.

Swann said her group would encourage Congress to adopt legislation that would federal courts to review cases when the medical treatment desire of individuals is not known and the patient's family has a dispute over the care.

"According to these poll results, many Americans do in fact agree with what we're trying to accomplish," she said.

The poll found that 49 percent of Americans believe there should be exceptions to the right of a spouse to act as a guardian for an incapacitated spouse. Only 39 percent disagreed.

When asked directly about Terri's case and told the her estranged husband Michael "has had a girlfriend for 10 years and has two children with her" 56 percent of Americans believed guardianship should have been turned over to Terri's parents while 37 percent disagreed. ■■■

stand up against all the corruption. I won't let this happen anymore. They won't get their "football lights" this time.

The true comedy will be watching it all fall apart.

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justice and psychology. He currently spends his time helping the US~Observer's clients with his no nonsense investigative reporting style.

Editors Note: The US~Observer will be publishing several upcoming pieces in regard to the widespread corruption in the Josephine County area. We would like to extend this opportunity to those real and honest officials to step forward. (541-474-7885) ■■■

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The War On Judges

BATTLE OF THE BENCH:

The rhetoric is heated.
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Inside the right's campaign
to rein in judicial clout.



Photo illustration by Newsweek; Supreme Court photo by Molly Riley / Reuters

State justices rule citizens can't take case to grand jury

By Robert Schwaneberg
Star-Ledger Staff

Only prosecutors, not private citizens, can take complaints of wrongdoing to a grand jury, the New Jersey Supreme Court unanimously ruled yesterday.

The justices overturned a lower court ruling giving ordinary citizens access to grand juries and reaffirmed prosecutors' long-held monopoly over the power to initiate criminal investigations.

In doing so, the high court turned back arguments by an activist attorney that citizens needed a direct path to grand juries to expose corruption in a scandal-plagued state.

Allowing any citizen with a grudge to complain to a grand jury would be "fraught with abuse," Justice Barry Albin wrote for the state high court.

"In some cases, a private person might be bent on pursuing an ill motive or vindictive agenda," Albin wrote. "For instance, political candidates, on the eve of an election, might charge their opponents with fraud or some other nefarious activity and request admission to the grand jury."

Assistant Attorney General Boris Moczula, who had argued against grand jury access for private citizens, called the ruling "very good news."

"The opinion shows that for legal, practical and ethical reasons, the criminal justice system is not well-served by creating the equivalent of open-mike night before the grand jury," Moczula said.

It had been decades since any citizen had gone directly to a grand jury when Monmouth County lawyer Larry Loigman demanded that right in 2002, claiming he had evidence of "financial irregularities" in Middletown Township.

Monmouth County Assignment Judge Lawrence Lawson ruled that Loigman could not contact the grand jurors but should instead take his suspicions to the county prosecutor or the attorney general.

Last June, however, a state appeals court concluded that ordinary citizens have always had a right to bring allegations of wrongdoing to a grand jury, even if it has been little used in recent years. It directed that a letter containing Loigman's allegations be read to the county grand jury, which could then, if it wished, invite him to testify. At the request of the Attorney General's Office, that ruling was promptly put on hold.

Yesterday, the high court ruled that

By Debra Rosenberg
Newsweek

It was meant as an olive branch in a time of escalating hostilities. For months, members of Congress had been railing against federal judges, lambasting their decisions and vying to limit their power. So Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor embarked on a quiet campaign to quell the tensions. Several months ago O'Connor invited a handful of House Republicans to a private lunch at the court. In a small dining room outside her chambers, the group discussed judicial philosophy over sandwiches and a salad sprinkled with walnuts. "It was just the two branches of government reaching out, trying to keep the lines of communication open," says Rep. Steve Chabot of Ohio, who's been highly critical of judges like O'Connor who he believes stray from a strict reading of the Constitution. Another critic on the Judiciary Committee, Iowa Rep. Steve King, returned for his second visit. Last year he dined alone with

O'Connor after a private tour of the court. Because the justice could not talk about any specific cases—or even controversial issues that might come before her—the conversation had its limits. "We didn't quite get to the meat of our discussion," King admits. "But it opened the dialogue."

The unusual private sessions suggest that concern over the rising tide of anti-judge rhetoric has rocked even the Supreme Court. Though judges have been dragged into the culture wars

before, lately the animosity—and a range of new efforts to curb judicial power—have reached fever pitch. Now with the possibility of a vacancy on the Supreme Court perhaps only weeks away, the stakes and the vitriol are higher than ever. When federal judges refused to intervene in the case of Terri Schiavo, House Majority Leader Tom DeLay railed against "a judiciary run amok" and said judges in the case would have to "answer for their behavior." (He later apologized for his "inartful" remarks.) At a recent Washington conference, speakers raised the notion of "mass impeachments" for liberal judges. Focus on the Family founder James Dobson compared black-robed Supreme Court justices to white-robed Ku Klux Klan members. Ever since the husband and mother of a federal judge in Chicago were brutally murdered in February, judges have stepped up their reporting of death threats to the U.S. Marshals Service, which protects them. Now some judges are requesting increased security and canceling public appearances. In a speech earlier this month at Goucher College, O'Connor herself said she was surprised at all the violent threats she received. "I don't think the harsh rhetoric helps," she told the crowd. "I think it energizes people who are a little off base to take actions that maybe they wouldn't otherwise take."

Criticizing judges is something of an American tradition. During Reconstruction—and again during the civil-rights era—some lawmakers tried unsuccessfully to strip controversial

subpoenas on the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office last month, acting Gov. Richard Codey ordered Attorney General Peter Harvey to find out whether Prosecutor John Kaye had tried to impede a criminal investigation by U.S. Attorney Christopher Christie that resulted in the arrests of 11 public officials.

That "fact-finding review" is still pending, said John Hagerty, a spokesman for the state Division of Criminal Justice.

Loigman, a vocal critic of Kaye, said that to his knowledge, the inquiry is unrelated to the allegations he tried to bring to the grand jury.

Loigman said, "I think the Supreme Court has exaggerated confidence in the abilities of the attorney general and the county prosecutor to deal with issues of misconduct in government." One need look only to "what has happened in Monmouth County in recent months," he said.

After FBI agents served seven

Lawson, the trial judge, was right to refuse to "open the floodgate's to countless requests to appear before a grand jury."

"I'm disappointed," Loigman said. "I have a lot more confidence in the citizens of this state than the Supreme Court does."

When he argued his case before the justices in February, Loigman contended that empowering ordinary citizens to bring evidence of corruption to grand juries would "help restore trust" in a government tarnished by recent scandals.

Albin, however, concluded that is not a job for citizens with no legal training.

"The prosecutors' offices in this state have hundreds of experienced and well-trained attorneys, many of whom have made law enforcement their career," Albin wrote. "We have no reason to believe they cannot be trusted to bring before the grand jury meritorious complaints of potential criminal conduct and to weed out frivolous allegations unworthy of presentation."

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issues from the courts' control. In the late 1950s, conservatives plastered impeach Earl Warren billboards across the country, angry at a string of controversial decisions on desegregation and communism (Warren survived). In the 1980s and '90s, liberal attacks on conservative Supreme Court nominees like Robert Bork and Clarence Thomas spawned a new era of political hostility.

Among conservatives, frustration with judges has been quietly building for years. They contend that "activist" judges are creating laws from the bench. "The courts are involved in everything," says Mark Levin, whose new book "Men in Black: How the Supreme Court Is Destroying America" became an instant best seller. "You have one branch of government that's entirely unaccountable." In the past few years alone, judges have irked social conservatives with rulings on the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance, gay marriage, the Ten Commandments and so-called partial-birth abortion. Democrats in the Senate stonewalled President George W. Bush's most conservative judicial nominees. And then judges at all levels refused to intervene in the Schiavo case—even after Congress passed a law allowing them to do so. That kicked the fight into high gear. Now, says Family Research Council president Tony Perkins, the issue of judges is so important to his members that it's replaced gay marriage at the top of his agenda.

"Every issue we care deeply about has the fingerprints of judges on it," he says.

Barry Albin wrote for the state high court."

Grand Juries were created by our Founding Fathers as a powerful check upon arbitrary government. The Grand Jury, in reality, possesses both a spear and a shield, and in both instances, it is an instrument of the Power of the People, and a check upon government. In Amendment V of our U.S. Constitution we are told, "No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury" What is a "presentment," and what is an "indictment" of the Grand Jury? A presentment is the shield operation of the Grand Jury, such as when the prosecutor presents a case to the Grand Jury, as when he asks the Grand Jury to determine Probable Cause in testing whether they will allow the government to proceed to try a citizen for an accused crime. An indictment is the Sword operations of the Grand Jury, as when the Grand Jury goes after government officials for violations of law. (They are at liberty to also indict non-government people, but going after government is its principle Sword function.) Now what is the distinction between "a capital offense," and "an infamous crime." A capital offense involves crimes worthy of death, such as

When Citizens Cannot Be Trusted

If one listens and pays attention to the words of government today, it is one that citizens are either untrustworthy or incompetent to decide for themselves their own affairs, and that government must decide for them. The below is a judicial decision that has just ruled that as it pertains to making complaints to the Grand Jury. "Allowing any citizen with a grudge to complain to a grand jury would be "fraught with abuse," Justice

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Message from Executive Director Kevin Starrett

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Furthermore we believe that change is effected by grassroots activists and the pressure they can put on elected officials, not by back room deals cut by lobbyists who have no real interest in the issue, only their next paycheck.

As a result of our positions we have angered many politicians who would like people to believe that they support gun rights even when they vote against them, but we are far more concerned with votes than popularity.

As a result of the actions of OFF supporters we have demonstrated that grassroots activism works. "Willamette Week", Portland's "alternative" newspaper said "...the members of OFF are reputed to be particularly venomous and intimidating. When Starrett told his members that state Senator Veral Tarno was wavering on the original gun show bill, the senator received messages so vile and vicious that he blew up at Starrett during a committee hearing. Ultimately however Tarno voted AGAINST THE BILL....."

Vile? Vicious? I doubt it, but there is no question that OFF supporters are committed and passionate. It is that passion and commitment that we rely on to alter the course of legislation in this state.

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murder, and comes from the word capitulation, "to behead." An "otherwise infamous crime" means a felony, such as kidnapping, hostage-taking, rape, or black-mail, etc. Felonies were once all very serious crimes in everyone's estimation. However, the standard of felony today comes to mean just about anything, including victimless "crimes," to wit: ownership and/or possession of guns, failure to file paperwork, moving of one's own funds without reporting it to the government, using privacy techniques to hid actions, for instance, have been "declared" felonies in some jurisdictions, which heretofore, were not even crimes, much less felonies. For fun, I once sat down a constructed a long list of paper "crimes" one could be accused of, and while sounding like the defendant, if convicted, should be placed under the prison, a simple

viewing of each one of them revealed that not a one of them were crimes at all. In other words, a thousand zeros equal zero, but it does compose a very long list.

Grand Juries hold a very, very important function for the correct running of our form of government, however, our Founding Fathers failed to pen in our Constitution the full details. They just presumed that future generations would know the duties of Grand Juries, which was detrimental to our future. Because of the vagueness of Grand Juries in our Constitution, government began turning things around by brain-washing the people into believing that their job as Grand Jurors was to be a sledge-hammer in the hands of the prosecutor. But from its inception Grand Juries were to be a forum in the hands of the people to investigate government corruption, and to go after government officials.

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Club 71 Serving in Excess

January and Tim had been "cut off" and kicked out for 24 hrs on several occasions by the previous management. He is known for not being able to control his own drinking and Little is currently enrolled in a diversion program for a previous DUII. All of these facts had been brought to the attention of the new manager, Rob Haynes, two weeks prior when the previous bartender cut off Little and then was reprimanded for doing her job. In that instance Little admitted to having had two beers at a friend's house prior to coming to the club. However, the same was not true on

the night of the accident, as witnesses say he had arrived that night "stone cold sober, and left stumbling drunk."

Tim Little is currently hospitalized at Portland University Hospital (OHSU) and has undergone extensive reconstruction on his leg and hip. He has been in and out of consciousness, but has remained in contact with friends and family in the Grants Pass area through his father.

Tim has been referred to as a light in a lot of people's lives, and had the bartender and manager of Club 71 simply done what OLCC has trained them to do, Tim would be spending time with them all and not fighting to regain his life. ■■■

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NEVADA NEWS

Harassment in the hills of Nevada continued ...

Wildlife Commission who wanted NDOW to go in a new direction. Under Director Terry Crawford's guidance, for the last seven years, sportsmen have had more rules, more regulations, increased penalties, higher fees and fewer deer.

Instead of getting this agency out of this mentality, it was more important for John Moran and Tommy Ford to get their buddy Clint Bentley on the Wildlife Commission than to get rid of Terry Crawford. Had five members of the Wildlife Commission sent the governor a letter of no confidence on Terry Crawford, he would not have been able to initiate a harassing bill such as SB397.

Last session, a bill took NDOW from a division to a department. This required the Wildlife Commission to submit three names to the governor who would then choose one of them to be the director of NDOW. This was a golden opportunity for the Wildlife Commissioners to recommend someone other than Terry Crawford, someone who wanted to focus on game not law enforcement. **But John Moran and Tommy Ford chose to sell out the sportsmen just to get a buddy on the Commission.** If these two bills are passed, their selfishness will have negative repercussions for many years in our state.

It is important to expose the people who helped contrive these harassment laws. The legislative committee consisted of four people. John Moran, an attorney, Bill Bradley, another attorney, Chris MacKenzie, another attorney (they are three reasons why attorneys should not be appointed to the Wildlife Commission) and the worst member of the Committee, none other than John Moran's and Tommy Ford's buddy, Clint Bentley. Commissioner Bradley has been on the Commission for nine years and has done nothing to

restore our deer. His focus has been more rules, more regulations and higher fees for sportsmen. Clint Bentley's failures are too numerous to mention. The amazing thing about Bentley, Bradley and MacKenzie is that they were appointed as sportsmen's representatives. For the representation they have given sportsmen, **anti-hunting organizations** should present them with a distinguished service award. Here is what this committee along with NDOW dreamed up to harass sportsmen in SB397.

An "administrative roadblock" may be established on any unpaved road for any lawful purpose of enforcing any game regulation. This includes specifically a "check station" whereby any game warden or biologist employed by the "Department" may stop a vehicle in order to determine whether anyone in the vehicle is hunting, fishing or trapping or to obtain biological information or samples of any wildlife harvested. Section 2 and Section 3 (currently, police officers- including game wardens- may establish a roadblock only on a "highway". NRS 484.359)

If you "disobey the lawful orders or directions of a game warden or biologist", you may be subject to penalties ranging from a misdemeanor (maximum of 6 months in jail + \$500 fine) to a B felony (maximum 6 years in prison + \$5,000 fine) depending on the circumstance. Section 6 *Disobey? Does that sound like someone disciplining a child?*

If a hunter, fisherman, etc., shall fail to appear in Court on a citation, beyond a sanction imposed by the Court, the "Department" will suspend your license, tag or permit indefinitely. You may, by written request, ask the "Department" for a hearing to reestablish your license, etc., Section 8

Incredibly, the Department of Wildlife has the audacity to propose that "any employee of the "Department" may take any wildlife from anyplace and in any manner for any purpose determined by "the Director" to be in the interest of conserving wildlife, etc. This gives carte blanche discretion to Terry Crawford to make up practically any excuse for he and his employees to hunt out of season or in violation of any of the many rules that you and I must comply with! **This amounts to legalized poaching for NDOW employees only!**

If a hunter kills a big game animal "in a manner, during a time or in a place otherwise prohibited by a specific statute or a regulation adopted by the Wildlife Commission", the penalties may be a criminal conviction of either a gross misdemeanor or felony, NRS 501.376 (amended during the last legislative session at the request of NDOW to raise penalty from a misdemeanor). The attempt is being made currently to increase the suspension time of a hunter's license from 3 years to "5 years, if convicted of a gross misdemeanor and 10 years if convicted of a felony." Section 9

Perhaps the most outrageous section of NDOW's proposed legislation is empowering a game warden to search any dwelling house without a warrant! **Let's just trash the fourth amendment of the U.S. Constitution so NDOW can search your house without a warrant. Why would NDOW and the Wildlife commissioners even consider such a preposterous proposal?** The law currently requires a warrant be obtained from a judge to enter a home. (NRS 501.375 {3}) If you protest in any way the entry into your home by game wardens or "obstruct, hinder, delay or otherwise interfere with any officer, employee or agent of the "Department" in the performance of any duty", you are

guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to 6 months in jail and a \$500 fine.

And finally, the law currently prohibits the hunting of any game animal with the aid of any aircraft, the information being communicated to hunters on the ground. NDOW's proposed legislation further restricts the use of information garnered through the use of aircraft by disallowing the use of such information by hunters within 48 hours of the aircraft handing. Section 15 (3)

Curiously enough, the next Section (4) of the legislation flatly states that "It is unlawful to use any information obtained by aircraft to hunt or kill mammals or game birds". In other words, if you fly over an intended hunting area in the spring and see elk, antelope, etc. you cannot use said information in your hunt next fall!

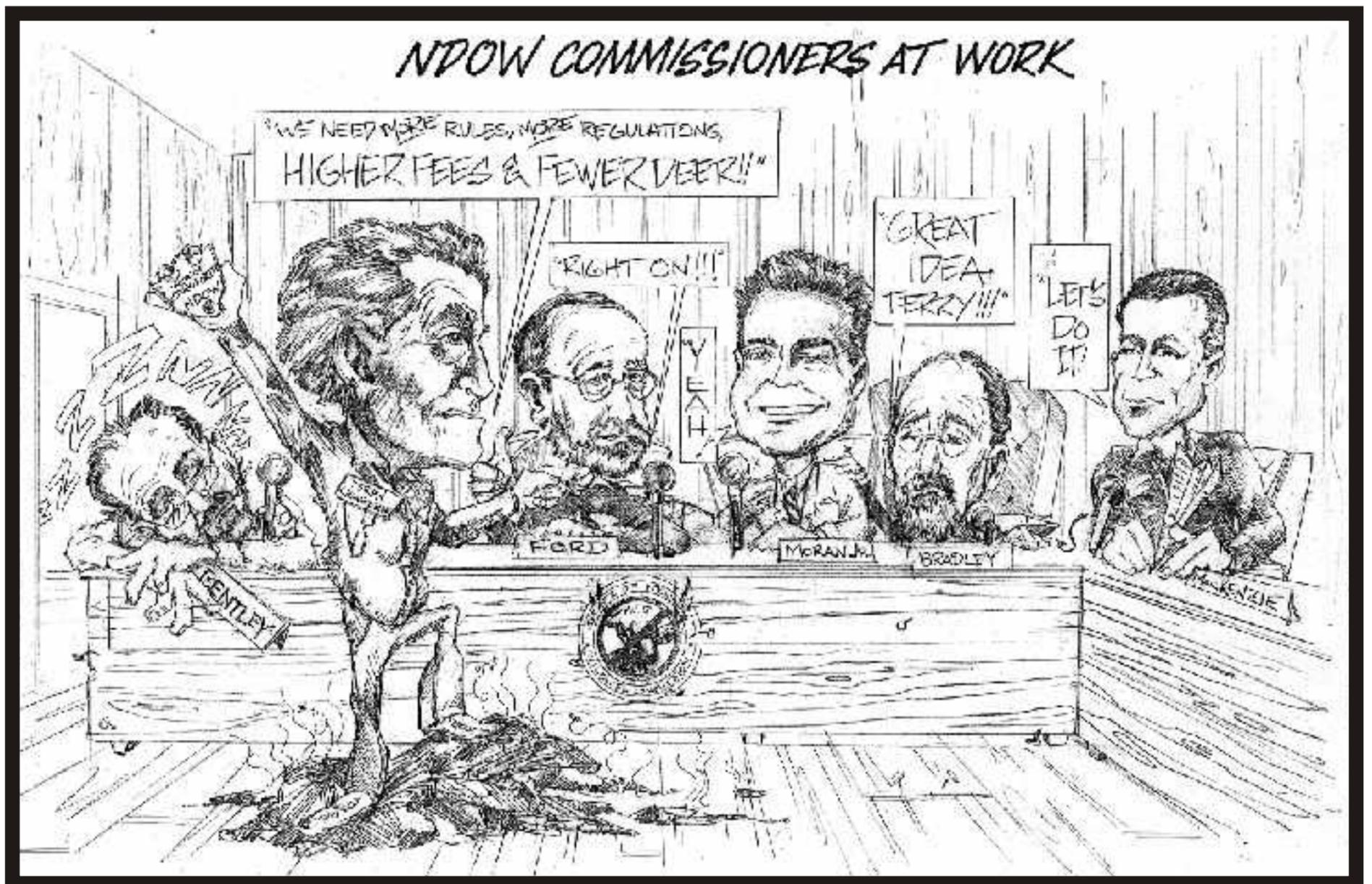
This bill is merely another example of NDOW's obsession with law enforcement at the expense of meaningful game management and the protection of our rights to hunt and fish which are being challenged daily.

For the off-road vehicle users, this is what you can expect if SB400 passes. An "off-road vehicle" will include any all-terrain vehicle, all-terrain motorcycle, dune buggy and snowmobile. Section 4.

No person shall operate an off-road vehicle in the state of Nevada unless he has obtained and attached to his vehicle a certificate of operation. Failure to obtain and display such a certificate exposes the user to an "administrative fine" of up to \$500.

The manner in which the "Department" manages this source of new-found wealth is not specified in the

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NDOW Hiding Something? You Be The Judge!

By Gerald Lent

With every legislative bill, there are always two sides. Let's present these two sides so you can decide which group is doing the right thing and which wants to continue with bad government. You be the judge. In this current legislative session, there is a bill, AB3, to do an audit of Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW)

First and foremost, this audit is long overdue as the last financial (performance) audit was completed in 1989. Even with the length of time there are people who do not want this audit. A payroll audit in fiscal year 2001-2002 revealed an NDOW employee worked 1100 (eleven hundred) hours of overtime in one year. Anyone with just a slight inclination of having a brain should realize there is something wrong with this. How can one employee work 1100 hours of overtime which is the equivalent of 137-½ days in one year?

Here are the facts of that misuse of funds. Terry Crawford is the director of NDOW. One of his employees, Steve Bremer, was called into full time National Guard duty. Terry Crawford chose to keep him on the payroll stating that he was working at home. In one year, Mr. Bremer accumulated 1100 hours of overtime.

Let's put this into perspective. Mr. Bremer works eight hours in the National Guard. In order to receive overtime from NDOW, he must put in an additional eight hours. We are now up to sixteen hours a day without overtime. In order to receive 1100 hours of overtime in one year, he must work four plus hours in overtime. We now have an employee who is working twenty plus hours a day for a full year. Does anybody really believe this is possible?

This was not a mistake. This was not a clerical error or oversight. This was a planned act on Mr. Crawford's part and it cost the sportsmen thousands of dollars in one year. How many other blatant acts are being covered up by Crawford? This should send up a clear signal that something stinks in this state agency and a complete audit should be implemented as soon as possible. This is what real sportsmen's organizations should have wanted to happen, but not NDOW's puppets who claim to be sportsmen or represent sportsmen's organizations. They testified against this audit.

At the first hearing on AB3, NDOW had their puppets stand up (Larry Johnson, Rick Elmore and Fred Church) and say the audit wasn't necessary as it would cost too much money and hurt the sportsmen. This is not even close to being the truth and shows their ignorance about wildlife issues. The legislative auditor stated this audit could be performed with the funding that has already been requested by the Audit Division in its budget. This means the money is already in place now. Yet the Wildlife commissioners and their puppets from the so-called Wildlife Coalition testified against the bill stating the Department couldn't afford an audit.

The estimated cost of the audit would be \$125,000. The billing for this audit wouldn't start until 2009 and the audit would be billed over a seven year

If You Don't Work for NDOW, Your Opinion Doesn't Count

By Brad Quilici

At various times over the past twenty years, I was a member of a county game board to manage wildlife. When I was not a member, I attended these meetings on a regular basis. At these meetings, it was always Nevada Department of Wildlife's (NDOW) position that no one from a county game board, ranch, farm or a hunter knew anything about fish and game matters. This was in spite of the age of the individual or how many years experience they had pertaining to wildlife matters.

Anybody and everybody who hunts, fishes or traps has an idea about how to do it or how to make it better. This is only natural for people who care. Now let's go further into this. Lots of these people will give their ideas to their buddies down at the local gun shop, coffee shop or sportsmen's fundraisers. But the die-hard and outspoken and the truly concerned will go to a county game board or even a Wildlife Commission meeting to voice their opinions.

I have heard these concerns at both levels as I have been both a game board and a Wildlife commissioner. Most of these people are truly serious

sportsmen, ranchers, farmers or just interested outdoorsmen. I have seen all of them at these meetings.

Many of these people are truly knowledgeable in their individual fields, whether it be a rancher who has lived in the same area for thirty years or the die-hard deer hunter who has hunted a certain mountain range for twenty years or a fisherman who knows a few streams like no one else. Like it or not, these types of people and there are lots of them are not only knowledgeable but are a very valuable tool in game management.

These people take the time to come to a meeting and present their honest, hard earned opinion and relate their ten, twenty or thirty years experience. Whether it be a low deer count, too many lions or too few sage hens, we should listen and take that information into account. After all, these people are out there in their counties way more than most of NDOW's biologists.

To prove that only NDOW's opinion counts, I have heard time and time again at local meetings and at statewide meetings the following statements from NDOW higher-ups:

"We need to listen to our biologists."

"Our people are trained in that area."

"They are the experts."

"They know what they are doing."

"They have the education."

"How can we listen to a rancher? He is not a biologist."

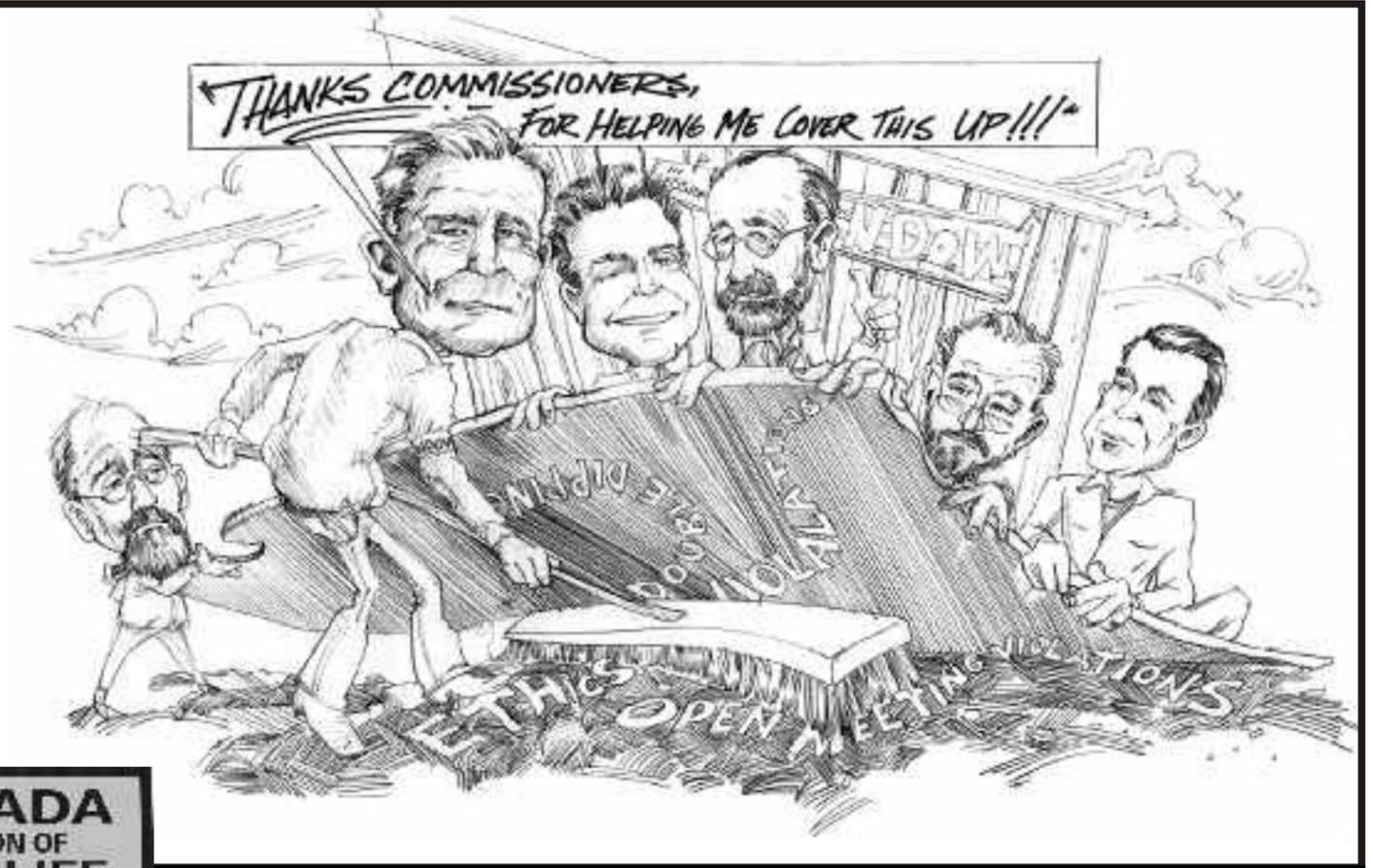
"That deer hunter doesn't know what he is looking at."

And the list goes on as we have all heard them point blank tell us that we don't know as much as these super-duper trained college boys.

In other words, all these dedicated people are stupid. I remember NDOW Game Bureau Chief Greg Tanner telling (then newly appointed) Commissioner Ford that he and Commissioner Moran wouldn't know anything for at least four years. He also told other NDOW personnel that they (NDOW) would have to teach the two new commissioners how to wipe their butts. At their first Commission meeting in Tonopah, Ford and Moran showed up with a roll of toilet paper and placed it in front of their microphones. I didn't see any NDOW personnel showing them how to use it! But I did see some butt kissing!

In the five years I served as a commissioner and the fifteen years of attending game board meetings, I have heard at least thirty or forty people speak

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period. That is \$17,000 per year from an agency that has a \$21 million budget and the cost of the audit won't start for four more years.

Perhaps the so-called "Larry's Coalition" members who are funded by the Nevada Bighorns Unlimited,

Reno would not get the big game auction if they went against NDOW. It appears they don't really care what's best for Nevada sportsmen, only themselves and they are against better and cleaner government.

As president of Nevada Hunters Association I testified in favor of this badly needed bill. Audits are helpful to an agency and they might show NDOW a better way to do things. All state agencies that handle public funds must undergo these performance audits. This audit is long overdue. In the last

legislative session, the legislature gave NDOW a \$7.5 million fee increase without any accountability as to where the money was being spent.

It is good government to hold a state agency accountable for the money that is given to them by the public. In this case, it is the sportsmen who fund 97 percent of this agency and what real sportsman would be opposed to better government? If you are opposed to an audit, you wave a red flag. Yet the Wildlife commissioners who were present were opposed to this bill.

If there is a waste of dollars, why wouldn't NDOW want to know? Why wouldn't they want to change if things are being improperly run. If they really want sportsmen to believe in their programs, show them that their funds are being spent wisely and properly.

They have stonewalled the audit in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee saying it has fiscal impact on NDOW. This is their way of trying to stop this bill from being passed. It would be poor

government by those who have a responsibility to watch over public funds if this were to happen.

An audit would determine if NDOW had adequate control over wildlife revenues and expenditures and also to determine if they have complied with laws, regulations, policies, procedures, contract requirements significant to the administration of wildlife revenues.

This is good government! Any sportsmen's organization should want this!

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Editor's Note: In the last legislative session, the people of the state of Nevada had their taxes increase by 33 percent. NDOW raised fees by 33 percent. Currently the state has in excess of \$300 million to give back while NDOW is begging for more money. Doesn't this sound like an audit is in order?

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about our deer herds which is the most talked about subject. Lots of times, these are the same people year in and year out, hunters, ranchers and very importantly, trappers who say the "deer are down, close the doe season" or "we need to kill some lions". The NDOW reaction is always the same, "What does he know? He isn't a biologist!"

Or what about the trapper who tells us he is losing bobcats to lions and he tells us that he knows of 5 or 6 different lions in a certain area. Ha! Another stupid one! "Hell, he has only been in that area for the last 3 months, every third day or so and only trapped it for the last 5 years. So what could he possibly know?"

What about the die-hard deer hunting family that hunts a certain range every year for the last 20 or 30 years. They come to a meeting and want the quota cut on bucks and want the doe season closed. They have basically monitored the area free of charge every year for the last 20 years with two, three or four people with spotting scopes and binoculars, spent all day on the mountain and fifteen or twenty days of a thirty day season. When they say the deer are down or there are not many does

or the bucks are not there, who do we believe? It can't be them, they are not biologists, they don't know anything...they are not trained!!

Case in point. When the southern region head biologist retired, that left a vacancy for that position. NDOW wanted to and tried to fill the position internally. Nobody wanted the job because they would be directly under Greg Tanner or "Big Red" as he is known in NDOW circles. So the Pope as Terry Crawford is known in the NDOW family forced Tanner to hire Dr. John Himes, this highly trained biologist from of all places, Mississippi. He went right to the top--head man, chief, supervisor. Yes, right to the top, supervising biologist of the southern region--sheep country--Ah, yes! The highly trained, college educated, brilliant biologist with a doctorate now was in charge of the southern region--sheep country. The pride of Nevada, our state animal was being overseen by a biologist from Mississippi. All of the dedicated sheep enthusiasts with hundreds of years of combined experience needed to step back as the new sheriff is in town and he is highly trained, just like NDOW likes 'em.

Now for the moral of the story. This was an actual event. At a winter

commission meeting in Las Vegas, I happened to have an 8 x 11 enlargement of a nice trophy moose that a client of mine killed in Alaska (Alert for little Stevie Albert-better check on this) while I was guiding for an outfitter. The picture was taken in the fog and in low scrub willow. It almost looked like brush. No mountains or trees were visible in the picture. It was mostly me and the large palmated moose horns. I was showing it off to members of the Commission when Mr. Himes came up to take a look. He was quite impressed and asked me where I had gotten the moose. I told him "The Sheldon". He asked where that was and I told him the northwest corner of his state. "Wow" he said. "How many moose do we have there?" I said, "Not many" at which time Commissioner Ford said "We only gave out one tag and Brad drew it." As Dr. Himes walked away he said something about not being able to wait to go there and see those moose....True Story!

Mr. Himes sadly did not get to the Sheldon to see those moose. He only lasted a few months with NDOW. Dr. Himes was a highly educated individual, highly trained. He was an expert, everything a biologist should be...his expertise was tree frogs and tree

snakes...Thank you, Mr. Crawford for hiring someone so inept. It certainly reflects your leadership.

Editors Note: Brad Quilici is a former Nevada Wildlife Commissioner. Look for more of his articles in the future to expose the corruption in Nevada Department of Wildlife.

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Prosecuting a Real Purple ...**

and upper management in AAA. I have always filed income tax returns, usually with the assistance of a tax professional or Turbo Tax, and I don't believe that tax protesters file tax returns. And I never had anything to do with management. In addition, after a 31 year career in the insurance industry acting as an independent contractor (agent/broker) I was never considered to be an insurance company employee or manager, however, the IRS thinks my AAA independent contractor status comes with a key to the executive washroom."

The fact remains that of the 25 Anderson Ark Information Officers, he is the only one that has been indicted and sources have stated that Kerry's influence and that of the CID agent, who lied under oath at a detention hearing, in trying to "get their man" are two factors keeping this flawed case alive. **Karen Fazio stated at the detention hearing that Peck had an off shore bank account with millions in it and although we haven't seen the grand jury testimony there is no doubt that Fazio helped indict Peck with her damning lie. Our investigation has proven that Peck does not have any off shore account.** The truth will be exposed and Peck is hopeful that his pending book will be a wedge in the crack.

The Observer's investigation has been as in-depth as any case we've every taken on and the results are clear; Tedd Peck is a "Real Purple Heart" who is being falsely prosecuted at the hands of a US prosecutor's office who is acting maliciously towards an innocent war hero. There isn't one shred of credible evidence against Mr. Peck, yet there is a mountain of evidence clearly declaring his innocence.

We believe Mr. Peck has competent counsel as he is represented by Eugene Illovsky, an experienced and highly professional lawyer from Walnut Creek, California and his team of highly qualified individuals. Further, the US~Observer will provide more exposure than those attacking Tedd Peck are prepared for.

Are you outraged that a US Attorney would attempt to falsely prosecute a man who laid his very life on the line to protect all Americans? **Are you outraged that our government would attempt to ruin the life of a man who was severely injured fighting for his country?** You can share your outrage with Prosecutor Kevin B. Ryan at 415-436-6999...

Anyone willing to assist this Purple Heart war hero should contact Edward Snook at 541-474-7885.

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bill. However, if you fail to appear on such a citation, the further penalty is set out as explained in SB 397 above. If you obtain your vehicle after January 1, 2006 - you must apply to the "Department" for a Certificate of Title which can only be obtained if a Certificate of Operation or Certificate of Verification has been obtained from a licensed "dealer" of such vehicles-Section 8

There are four classes of certificate provided and the red tape and fees charged are substantial. It is interesting to note that the enforcement of this registration requirement is all "in house", within the "Department", in other words, citations contemplated to be written by game wardens, an administrative fine paid to the "Department" the sanction of license suspension for failure to appear or pay the fine, the overseeing of the standards of issuance and fees for the Certificate of Operation, and the policing of vehicle compliance in the field, will inevitably call for more law enforcement within the "Department"!

The next bureaucratic brainchild of the Department of Wildlife is to establish a "fund" in which to place these new license/certificate revenues, created "within the Department". Section 11

A seven member committee is to be formed from various groups supposedly representing users of off-road vehicles in the state. (no hunter's representative is called for) Curiously enough, seven "organizations" have been pre-selected to submit names to the governor for appointment to the "Committee".

This committee is an example of bureaucracy at its worst! The members are to be paid *per diem* and travel expenses "if money is available". Section 3 {5}

The committee is to adopt standards in receiving requests for "Grants" of funds to enhance and maintain trails and

"other opportunities for off-road use," (whatever that means) additionally for education and safety training relating to off-road vehicles. (you can expect a driver's license of some kind will be required next) Of course, the "Department" gets its share in the form of money to provide "law enforcement". Section 12

Finally, in a single sentence, the "Department's" control of the whole mess is reaffirmed in Subsection 2 wherein it states, "The Director may adopt regulations required for the operation of the committee!"

The result of the committee and fund concept is to buy off the seen off-road organizations by giving a voice (ultimately, no doubt, it will be reduced to the whisper NDOW affords wildlife advisory boards) and an opportunity to share in the wealth, establishing play areas for vehicles, organized races, etc. NDOW will benefit in a massive expansion of their bureaucracy with an eye toward controlling all off-road vehicle use from the State's perspective. A large infusion of revenue for law enforcement will be available which is the obvious priority of NDOW as evidenced by the many laws, rules and regulations sought in the past! With the requirement of certification of off-road vehicles will come the logical request for more law enforcement to force compliance by literally thousands of sportsmen! You can expect such things as prohibiting hunting with the use of a four-wheeler (a goal NDOW sought from the Wildlife Commission recently but was met with major resistance from hunters) or the requirement of liability insurance as is the case in Canada. The comical aspect of the scheme is the fact that rather than a logical connection between vehicle registration and the need for tax money, such as a car tag and funds to build roads- NDOW has "created" a need (the fund and committee to oversee the expenditure of sportsmen's dollars) and then created a manner to finance this trumped-up

need. In reality, it is merely a power play and another means for government to get its hands in your pocket!

For you naysayers who think these bills won't cause harassment, it would be wise to consider what happened as a result of a bill passed in the 2003 session. Anti-hunter anti-gun state senator Dina Titus, with the help of none other than (should be) sportsmen's representative Bill Bradley were instrumental in getting SB135 passed.

The intent of this bill was that if a person shot a big game animal without a tag, the individual would be prosecuted for a felony. On numerous occasions, NDOW has used this 2003 law to prosecute people on felony charges using technicalities as no big game animal was shot without a tag. If NDOW has circumvented this law, they will do the same for their proposed bills should they become law.

For the future, sportsmen need to be made aware that John Moran, Bill Bradley, Clint Bentley, Chris MacKenzie and Tommy Ford were responsible for turning a Wildlife Department into a Police Agency. They are all a disgrace for having failed the sportsmen of this state and their capricious acts will be felt in this state for generations.

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Editor's note: Former Wildlife Commissioner John Moran is considering running for Lieutenant Governor. His involvement in helping to propose harassing laws and his recommendation to appoint Clint Bentley to the Wildlife Commission are disastrous to the sportsmen of the state of Nevada. If this is any indication of his public service, we don't need John Moran holding a political office.

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Are you outraged by these bills? If so, Call Governor Kenny C. Guinn at 775 684-5670 and Terry Crawford at 775 688-1500.

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Law loses its way

By John F. Molloy

When I began practicing law in 1946, justice was much simpler. I joined a small Tucson practice at a salary of \$250 a month, excellent compensation for a beginning lawyer. There was no paralegal staff or expensive artwork on the walls.

In those days, the judicial system was straightforward and efficient. Decisions were handed down by judges who applied the law as outlined by the Constitution and state legislatures. Cases went to trial in a month or two, not years. In the courtroom, the focus was on uncovering and determining truth and fact.

I charged clients by what I was able to accomplish for them. The clock did not start ticking the minute they walked through the door.

Looking back

The legal profession has evolved dramatically during my 87 years. I am a second-generation lawyer from an Irish immigrant family that settled in Yuma. My father, who passed the Bar with a fifth-grade education, ended up arguing a case before the U.S. Supreme Court during his career.

The law changed dramatically during my years in the profession. For example, when I accepted my first appointment as a Pima County judge in 1957, I saw that lawyers expected me to act more as a referee than a judge. The county court I presided over resembled a gladiator arena, with dueling lawyers jockeying for points and one-upping each other with calculated and ingenuous briefs.

That was just the beginning.

By the time I ended my 50-year career as a trial attorney, judge and president of southern Arizona's largest law firm, I no longer had confidence in the legal fraternity I had participated in and, yes, profited from.

I was the ultimate insider, but as I looked back, I felt I had to write a book about serious issues in the legal profession and the implications for clients and society as a whole. The Fraternity: Lawyers and Judges in Collusion was 10 years in the making and has become my call to action for legal reform.

Disturbing evolution

Our Constitution intended that only elected lawmakers be permitted to create law.

Yet judges create their own law in the judicial system based on their own opinions and rulings. It's called case law, and it is churned out daily through the rulings of judges. When a judge hands

down a ruling and that ruling survives appeal with the next tier of judges, it then becomes case law, or legal precedent. This now happens so consistently that we've become more subject to the case rulings of judges rather than to laws made by the lawmaking bodies outlined in our Constitution.

This case-law system is a

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Surely it's time to question what has happened to our justice system and to wonder if it is possible to return to a system that truly does protect us from wrongs.

--John F. Molloy, Former Chief Justice, Arizona Court of Appeals

constitutional nightmare because it continuously modifies Constitutional intent. For lawyers, however, it creates endless business opportunities. That's because case law is technically complicated and requires a lawyer's expertise to guide and move you through the system.

The judicial system may begin with enacted laws, but the variations that result from a judge's application of case law all too often change the ultimate meaning.

Lawyer domination

When a lawyer puts on a robe and takes the bench, he or she is called a judge. But in reality, when judges look down from the bench they are lawyers looking upon fellow members of their fraternity. In any other area of the free-enterprise system, this would be seen as a conflict of interest.

When a lawyer takes an oath as a judge, it merely enhances the ruling class of lawyers and judges. First of all, in Maricopa and Pima counties, judges are not elected but nominated by committees of lawyers, along with concerned citizens.

How can they be expected not to be beholden to those who elevated them to the bench?

When they leave the bench, many return to large and successful law firms that leverage their names and relationships.

Business of law

The concept of "time" has been converted into enormous revenue for lawyers. The profession has adopted elaborate systems where clients are billed for a lawyer's time in six-minute increments. The paralegal profession is another brainchild of the fraternity, created as an additional tracking and revenue center. High-powered firms have departmentalized their services into separate profit centers for probate and trusts, trial, commercial, and so forth.

The once-honorable profession of law now fully functions as a bottom-line business, driven by greed and the pursuit of power and wealth, even shaping the laws of the United States outside the elected Congress and state legislatures.

Bureaucratic design

Today the skill and gamesmanship of lawyers, not the truth, often determine the outcome of a case. And we lawyers love it.

All the tools are there to obscure and confound. The system's process of discovery and the exclusionary rule often work to keep vital information off-limits to jurors and make cases so convoluted and complex that only lawyers and judges understand them.

The net effect has been to increase our need for lawyers, create more work for them, clog the courts and ensure that most cases never go to trial and are, instead, plea-bargained and compromised. All the while the clock is ticking, and the monster is being fed.

The sullyng of American law has resulted in a fountain of money for law professionals while the common people, who are increasingly affected by lawyer-driven changes and an expensive, self-serving bureaucracy, are left confused and ill-served.

Today, it is estimated that 70 percent of low- to middle-income citizens can no longer afford the cost of justice in America.

What would our Founding Fathers think?

This devolution of lawmaking by the judiciary has been subtle, taking place incrementally over decades. But today, it's engrained in our legal system, and few even question it. But the result is clear. Individuals can no longer participate in the legal system.

It has become too complex and too expensive, all the while feeding our dependency on lawyers.

By complicating the law, lawyers have achieved the ultimate job security. Gone are the days when American courts functioned to serve justice simply and swiftly.

It is estimated that 95 million legal actions now pass through the courts annually, and the time and expense for a plaintiff or defendant in our legal system can be absolutely overwhelming.

Surely it's time to question what has happened to our justice system and to wonder if it is possible to return to a system that truly does protect us from wrongs.

John F. Molloy was elected to the Arizona Court of Appeals, where he served as chief justice and authored more than 300 appellate opinions. Molloy wrote the final Miranda decision for the Arizona Supreme Court. ■■

JURY RIGHTS! Jury Nullification

Back by popular demand!

By Curt Chanler & Jeanne Wollman

Too often Americans forget they were guaranteed a republican form of government with democratic elections in order to protect our sovereignty as citizens. But even with this protection our elected representatives occasionally make laws that are no good and not well received by the electorate.

Fortunately our forefathers anticipated that problem. They gave us a clear, basic, and forthright method of correcting unacceptable laws. It is jury nullification. Jury nullification allows the citizen to judge the law as it applies to a given case, but unfortunately you will hear the exact opposite from today's judges.

A citizen's last bastion of justice is a trial by a jury of his peers. The judiciary has eliminated, eradicated or simply ignored many rights, but a jury still may judge both the law and the case before them. To accomplish this they must ignore a small portion of the "judges' instructions to the jury," and in so doing all jurors will know in their hearts they are doing the right thing. They will also live with a much cleaner conscience.

For whatever reason, the government is turning more frequently to the administrative courts to determine law. These administrative courts negate most judicial safeguards. Most particularly, the right to appeal the hearings officer's or tribunal's decision and the right to a jury trial are not part of administrative law.

In the Oregon system, judges would like you to think that only the Judge can dictate the law. However, the jury has the ultimate responsibility and duty to determine the case and the law. The decision of the jury cannot be re-examined by any Court of the United States. Is it any wonder that the legal system would like to eliminate, or at least control, juries?

Research has established that the intent of the Signer's of our Constitution regarding juries was that they were to judge the law as well as the case. Oregon's Article 1, Section 16 states that jury decisions must be made "under the direction of the Court as to law" but the jury will determine the "law as well as the facts."

In Oregon, judges are not required to inform the jury of their rights and they do not. Lawyers are not allowed to bring up jury nullification and they do not. That does not make jury nullification any less legal or applicable in coming to a decision.

"Jury stacking" is a common tactic of Oregon judges and attorneys who select only those who promise to abide by the direction of the court as to the law. This would be much more difficult if those who appeared for jury duty knew their rights, and more importantly their duty, as jurors.

Uninformed juries, in fear of the consequences that the judge might mete out, cave in to the coercive actions of the presiding officer. This would be less likely to happen if the schools were teaching the rights and duties of the citizen jurist as part of their curriculum.

Schools could teach of leaders such as John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, John Jay and Alexander Hamilton who spoke out on the rights of the jury. Citizens should know that in 1972, Justice Byron White and Justice Thurgood Marshal

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Following In The Footsteps of Judas

By Keith Allison, D.Dn.

Public servants who are obviously overly impressed with their "official authority," have called me everything from an anarchist to a person who is merely anti government. I suppose that by their definitions, those are meant to be disparaging remarks regarding my "loyalty" to their corrupted visions of the purpose of government, but I'll take them as compliments. Admittedly, I do hold a high degree of disdain for government officials, but it's only for those who lack personal integrity, or those with the ethics of a common alley cat. I'll freely admit that my contempt for the corrupters reached new levels after being tossed into the local jail for contempt of court. However, when a judge adjudicates any case based on a special interest group's private agenda and not the law, I shall always stand in protest. And for those who wonder if my sojourn into the catacombs of the Yakima County Jail made a lasting impression on me, I must admit that it did. If anything, it gave me a deeper sense of contempt and derision for those corrupt judges who believe they sit at the right hand of God.

Paul Jacob once said, "Politicians are obsessive about the appearance of impropriety, while the actual corruption steams full speed ahead. Making the federal government less powerful would be the best method of reducing corruption." While I agree with Paul's

concept about taking away some of the federal governments power, I would expand that to include all levels of government.

Much of my contempt for usurped authority comes from having been taught in my youth that the Constitution, not political agendas or threats of punishment for failing to comply with an illegal order, are the basis for our nations laws. But the corrupters have been doing all within their power to change that. Today, the law is no longer meant to protect the citizenry from harm, illegal incarceration, or coercion, it is meant solely to coerce citizens into compliance with unconstitutional government agenda's such as the U.N.'s Agenda 21 and One World Order. Compliance with the U.N.'s ascension to primacy is the moral equivalent of Judas' betrayal of Jesus. When even the president knowingly subverts the Constitution in favor of the U.N., and uses the legislature to deprive American citizens of their constitutional rights, or refers to this nation as a democracy rather than a republic, then we have a ship of state with a drunken captain asleep at the helm.

Many of our ethically challenged public servants presume they have the right to hold dominion over all aspects of an American citizens daily life. According to newly elected Washington State Attorney General Rob McKenna, he claims they possess a wide range of

constitutional rights to do as they see fit. However, this presumed right is a fallacy; governments only powers are those limited responsibilities, not rights, enumerated in the Constitution, and nothing more, no matter how much they pontificate about their worldly importance. No matter how loudly they pompously elucidate on their constitutional authority to do so, no public official, no legislator, judge, governor, president, or bureaucrat has the constitutional authority to assume control over, or cede our national, state, or a citizens sovereignty to another nation, state, or individual. It matters not how you label these dalliances into constitutional depravity; whether it's Agenda 21, Biodiversity, Smart Growth, Greening of America, Biospheres, National or World Heritage Areas, or save this, that or the other, it is the unconstitutional surrendering of our sovereignty to an organization bent on controlling every facet and commodity of life on earth.

In order to accomplish their mission, the U.N. demands that we eliminate God from our lives, our constitutional protections and independent thought from the American psyche. Through the use of The American Civil Liberties Union, the U.N. has found a willing accomplice to compliment their efforts in destroying the Judeo-Christian religious ethic of this nation. They claim we haven't the right to say a simple Christian prayer for athletes at sporting events, we cannot mention God or Jesus in our schools or public buildings and the displaying of the Ten Commandments is forbidden even in the halls of justice. We are expected to openly embrace the Muslim, Buddhist and any number of other religions, all while denying our obvious Christian heritage. In our public schools, our children are even often required to read the Koran, but not allowed to read a Christian Bible. They are taught to believe in various gods who cavort and live in trees, bushes and rocks. If the U.N. accomplishes its goal, all we will have left is an omnipotent, socialist, all knowing, all-powerful central government where individual sovereignty is non-existent.

In an attempt to control and possibly eliminate the ownership of private property as outlined in the United

Nations Agenda 21, federal, state, county and city governments are entering into agreements with non-government organizations which allow the NGO's to place enormous amounts of land into "land trusts." Since many of these NGO's undoubtedly enjoy tax-exempt status, this takes the land off of the tax roles, thereby increasing the tax indebtedness of other property owners.

And last but not least, of the \$2.5 trillion plus our federal government plans on spending in 2005, \$121 million will go to the National Endowment for the Arts, \$19 billion to rebuild the Iraqi infrastructure, \$454 million to fight alcoholism and drug addiction, \$1,468,000,000 for the Small Business Administration and the Securities and Exchange Commission combined and the Solar Energy Technology Program, Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology and Wind Energy Technology Program will receive a combined income of \$629.6 million dollars. Granted, that is just part of the federal budget for this year, but for the life of me, I cannot understand why American taxpayers are saddled with the enormous cost of not only developing these projects, but also having to pay for the federal bureaucracy that goes along with them. When one considers the costs of these programs, combined with the never ending flow of American dollars that support the United Nations as well as too numerous to mention dictatorships around the world, our federal politicians pork barrels runneth over. Add to this the insatiable appetite state, county and city governments have shown for an ever increasing bite into every American's paycheck, and it becomes obvious that government's power to tax needs to be severely limited.

Knowledge is the key that unlocks the shackles of bondage.

Keith Allison has been writing politically incorrect articles for newspapers and Internet sites for 20 years. He is a Viet Nam era veteran, holds two doctoral degrees and a degree as a paralegal. At this time, he is working on several politically accurate pieces of fiction that are based upon true events he has documented over the past 20 or so years.

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spoke out on the duty of the juror to judge the law as well as the case before them. Also South Carolina in *U.S. v. Gaudin* (1995) ruled that juries are empowered to determine relevance and materiality. *U.S. vs. Dougherty*, 473 F 2nd 1113, 1139, (1972) states "The pages of history shine on instances of the jury's exercise of its prerogative to disregard instructions of the judge..." "Citizens must understand that they are NOT obliged to set aside their conscience and their beliefs to follow the direction of a Court official. The fact that the Court chooses to ignore the rights and duties of the jury in no way obligates the jury to obey a judge who instructs them to perform against their conscience. As far back as 1894 Alexander Hamilton admonished that "Jurors should acquit even against the judge's instruction..." "if exercising their judgment with discretion and honesty they have a clear conviction that the charge of the court is wrong." Today, knowledge of this statement is even more important as we see juries blindly obey agenda-driven judges. As Justice Byron White in *Duncan v. Louisiana*, 391 US 145, 156 (1968) stated, "Providing an accused with the right to be tried by a jury of his peers gave him an inestimable safeguard against the corrupt or overzealous prosecutor and against the compliant, biased, or eccentric judge." It is the duty and obligation of anyone called for jury duty to know his/her rights and to exercise them. When you come before a court for jury selection you may simply state,

"Your Honor, I know it is my duty as well as my right to judge both the case and the law." In many states this will undoubtedly be cause for dismissal but you will have alerted others in the courtroom of their rights and duty. Hopefully, this would help curtail judges and the legal profession from controlling and directing the outcome of cases that are to be placed in the hands of a jury. It would also alert the lawmaking body of our government that they cannot continue to make laws that infringe on the rights of Americans.

We as citizens must remember that our forefathers gave us the ultimate veto power to use when the government fails us. The jury is our last protection against tyrannical law and an out of control government that only pays lip service to our rights and their oath of office. It is the duty of the jury to correct these mistakes.

The trial jury has more power than Congress, the President, or even the Supreme Court because they have the final veto power over all "acts of the legislature." It is also the responsibility of the juror to insist that his vote be respected by all other members of the jury. The juror is not there to agree with the majority, but to act as a qualified judge to see that justice is done. Each juror must step forward to protect all innocent Americans from unjust laws.

It is strongly urged that every citizen log on to the many internet sites which describe and define jury rights and the rights of jury nullification. Remember, if you do not exercise your rights you will lose your rights!

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Consumer Reports Renews Criticism of Popular Sharper Image Air Purifier

By PAULELIAS Associated
Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Consumer Reports magazine is taking renewed aim at a popular air purifier made by The Sharper Image two months after it fended off a libel lawsuit filed by the machine's retailer.

The magazine reports in its latest issue that hit newsstands Tuesday, April 5th, that Sharper Image's Ionic Breeze Quadra Silent Air Purifier and four other similar machines fail to significantly clean the air but also release potentially unhealthy levels of ozone.

The article was being published two months after San Francisco-based Sharper Image agreed to pay the magazine's publisher, Consumers Union, \$525,000 in legal costs after a judge dismissed its libel suit. The failed lawsuit alleged that earlier magazine articles highly critical of the Ionic Breeze's ability to reduce airborne particles were false and malicious.

Company lawyer E. Robert Wallach said Sharper Image was evaluating how to respond to the article, which advised against buying the machines. More than 2 million of the \$350 units have been sold.

"It is astonishing that Consumers Union would continue its misguided efforts to attack the judgment and experience of millions of Americans who are satisfied with the performance



of the Ionic Breeze products," Wallach said in a statement.

In a statement of its own, Consumer Reports said the magazine's latest article is accurate and that the nonprofit organization had called on federal regulators to look at the advertising claims being made by sellers of the five air purifiers it examined.

"All of these 'not recommended' products did a poor job in our tests of removing dust, smoke and pollen from the air," the statement said. "In addition, all five of these products failed in Consumer Reports' labs the standard industry test for ozone generation."

Consumers Union is based in Yonkers, N.Y. ■■■

Cassini Finds Organic Material on Titan

Science - AP

PASADENA, Calif. - A close flyby of Saturn's big moon Titan by the international Cassini spacecraft revealed an upper atmosphere brimming with complex organic material, a finding that could hold clues to how life arose on Earth, scientists said Monday.

Cassini flew within 638 miles of Titan's frozen surface on April 16 and discovered a hydrocarbon-laced upper atmosphere.

Titan's atmosphere is mainly made up of nitrogen and methane, the simplest type of hydrocarbon. But scientists were surprised to find complex organic material in the latest flyby. Because Titan is extremely cold — about minus 290 degrees — scientists expected the organic material to condense and rain down to the surface.

"We are beginning to appreciate the role of the upper atmosphere in the complex carbon cycle that occurs on

Titan," said Hunter Waite, a professor at the University of Michigan.

Scientists believe Titan's atmosphere may be similar to that of the primordial Earth and studying it could provide clues to how life began.

The \$3.3 billion Cassini mission, funded by NASA and the European and Italian space agencies, was launched in 1997 and took seven years to reach Saturn. The European Huygens probe carried aboard Cassini was released on Dec. 24 and plunged to the surface of Titan in January. ■■■

Lincoln County, Oregon District Attorney Skirting Law?

By Observer Staff

Lincoln County, Oregon — District Attorney Bernice Barnett seems to be ignoring a law passed by the Oregon legislature. Oregon is one of many states that specifically allow a parent or guardian to use spanking as a reasonable discipline. Oregon Revised Statute 161.205 reads as follows: "The use of physical force upon another person that would otherwise constitute an offence is justifiable and not criminal under any of the following circumstances: (1) A parent, guardian or other person entrusted with the care and supervision of a minor or an incompetent person may use reasonable physical force upon such minor...when and to the extent the person reasonably believes it necessary to maintain discipline or to promote the welfare of the minor or incompetent person."

Parents in Lincoln County Jailed for Disciplining Their Child

In a supposed cost-cutting effort, and to expedite their case loads, fathers and mothers are often persuaded by multiple felony charges to accept a plea bargain rather than face years in prison. For instance, in some cases when there is more than one child present during a disciplinary spanking, one more felony is added due to the fact that another child may have been aware that a spanking was occurring to their errant sibling.

Parents are Barred From Their Home

Parents charged with a crime for spanking their child are subjected to the possibility of imprisonment and fines if they have any contact with their spouse or children during the case, without the permission of the state. For a parent to send their son or daughter a birthday card would be considered by DA Barrett to be "interference with a state's witness." Notice who now possesses ownership of the child. Additionally, the "non-abusive" spouse is usually pressured to testify against their spouse, or face losing their children to the state!

Malicious Prosecution Damage is Permanent

Regrettably, many of the people charged with abuse for spanking cannot afford an attorney so they are given a court appointed lawyer. Generally, the court appointed lawyers have no financial motivator to "defend their client zealously" as hypocritically defined by the Oregon State Bar Association. In addition, the Public Defender's office most always has a heavy case load making it difficult for court appointed counsel to devote much time and energy to each case. The routine for the court appointed lawyer is to work with the DA to obtain a plea-bargain.

For Fathers and Mother charged with abuse and able to afford their own attorney the cost is generally \$5,000.00 to even \$20-\$30 thousand to defend their good name as a result of spanking their child.

The financial burden on these

families is enormous and often felt years later, as they pay down a mortgage on the family home because of false charges stemming from a warranted spanking.

The consequences of failing to mount an adequate defense, or accepting a plea-bargain is extreme. Research has shown that the victims of this type of malicious prosecution are often barred for life from owning a firearm. They are also permanently labeled a "domestic abuser." A false arrest and conviction leaves a family in shambles, the charged person a felon and the family broke and separated. It actually leaves the disobedient child in a position of authority over the parent, knowing the parent cannot discipline them. This often ruins the child and eventually creates another felon for the state to deal with.

Is Bernice Barrett and the State Motivated by State and Federal Dollars

Are abuse charges enticing to Children's Services and prosecutors? Every time the number of abuse cases rise, more dollars are awarded.

The Observer finds the practice of prosecuting loving parents doing their parental duties is an abuse of the system and it is an egregious abuse of power of the Lincoln County District Attorney's Office.

If you know anyone that has been subjected to this type of malicious prosecution please contact Lincoln County PAC so we may investigate the case. Call 541-336-1233. We would also prompt you to contact your State Representative and State Senator. State Rep. Dennis Richardson should hear from you as this type of waste of tax-payer dollars is used as an excuse to increase their budgets and Richardson heads the committee which controls the amount of money that Services to Children and Families receives. His number is 503-986-1404. Please reference House Bill 5038 (DHS budget bill). ■■■

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merely attempting to ask the judge a simple question prior to the hearing that Weidner was appearing for.

Our investigation concurs with Weidner's position that Thompson was set to have Weidner arrested before hand.

The Observer has received numerous complaints over the years on this judge who clearly violated his judicial canons when he incarcerated Weidner. According to witnesses, Weidner had just a few words out when Thompson ordered him arrested.

To the right is an excerpt from a letter that Roger Weidner wrote to Judge Thompson subsequent to his wrongful arrest.



CROOK COUNTY
Judge Gary S. Thompson

Judge Thompson,

I was stunned when you abruptly ordered my arrest, in front of a room full of my shocked supporters and Sheriff Deputies, moments after you appeared in court on February 7, 2005. I had asked your clerk several times before the hearing started if she had word from you whether the request I had made, on behalf of TV talk show host Susan Detlefsen, to video the proceedings had been granted. When you entered the courtroom and ordered me to take a seat behind the bar I started to respond by asking if the request to video the proceedings had been granted. Before I could say more than a few words you, still standing, angrily ordered me arrested and summarily sentenced me to 10 days in jail for contempt. Then you had the guards threaten my supporters by telling them that anyone speaking up would also be arrested.



JOSEPHINE COUNTY, OREGON
Sheriff Dave Daniel

Your heavy-handed "police state" type treatment of me is consistent with the pattern of outrageous judicial abuse I have been subjected to for the past 16-plus-years for exposing the corruption in the Oregon court system. That ongoing abuse is detailed in the documents attached to this letter. It was obvious to all the supporters that your ordering of my immediate arrest upon entering the courtroom was carried out according to a prearranged plan to keep me from

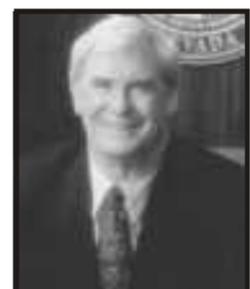
again speaking openly and truthfully in court about the ongoing corruption problem in the Oregon court system.

Roger Weidner

Editors Note: Anyone wanting to read related articles on Weidner and his involvement with the Patricia Wishon case, or the Ole Turnbow case should go to www.usobserver.com, or usoregonobserver.com. ■■■



JOSEPHINE COUNTY, OREGON
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Governor Kenny Guinn



UMATILLA, OREGON
Judge Garry Reynolds



LAKE COUNTY, OREGON
Judge Lane W. Simpson

Anywhere, USA All too often today innocent people are convicted or wrong rulings are handed down from incompetent or corrupt judges, in concert with incompetent or corrupt attorneys, which literally ruin the lives of those on the receiving end of the injustice.

The US~Observer has a "Hall of Shame" for the corrupt or incompetent. This section of the newspaper will be permanent, meaning that once a corrupt or incompetent official, judge or attorney is listed, they will remain there until they reverse their corrupt or incompetent acts and write a sincere letter of apology to their victim. This is unlikely to ever occur, so those listed can look forward to the public seeing their picture in each future edition under the "Hall of Shame" heading.

Our first inductee was Judge Lane W. Simpson of Lake County, Oregon. Judge Simpson issues false findings of fact from his office in Lakeview, Oregon. Our most recent inductee is Circuit Court Judge Gary S. Thompson who represents Crook County, Oregon.

We could literally fill the entire paper with pictures and stories based on accusations. This won't happen. Our readership should (as always) know that we are speaking first hand and factually when they see an Observer reporter's name attached to the by-line.

In Oregon a defendant can have a judge recuse him/herself for the simple reason that the defendant believes he/she can't receive a fair and impartial hearing from the judge appointed to their case. If a judge or attorney is listed in our "Hall of Shame," don't dare use them. They are there for a valid reason and therefore should be shamed instead of paid. If a politician is listed, don't vote for them and be sure that you inform as many voters as possible that the politician is corrupt and/or incompetent.

If a corrupt or incompetent judge or attorney has damaged you, please send their name and picture along with the proof of their corrupt or incompetent acts against you and we will do everything possible to see that they receive "Hall of Shame" status.

Washington D.C. • News

House ethics panel lapses Turmoil surrounding DeLay rises

By Gail Russell Chaddock
Staff writer - The CS Monitor

WASHINGTON – Every since its founding in 1967, the ethics panel has been the committee appointment most members were loath to accept. It builds no roads, fixes no tax rate, and means little to a member's home district. Also, it can help make enemies.

But its absence is emerging as an unexpected crisis for House GOP leaders, at a time when they are also trying to stem ethics allegations around majority leader Tom DeLay. "Many Republicans are getting very concerned about how to get this behind us," says Rep. Joel Hefley (R) of Colorado, the panel's former chair.

After the panel rebuked Mr. DeLay three times in the last Congress - a step short of a full investigation or censure - House leaders moved three Republicans and two staff members off the committee and then changed the ethics rules on a party-line vote.

For Democrats, the ethics committee impasse signals that Republicans have become arrogant in power and changed the rules to protect Mr. DeLay. Many Republicans, for their part, say the ethics process has been used to bash their leader unfairly, and that the latest impasse is a partisan bid to deny him a chance to clear his name.

The stalemate began when Democrats on the ethics panel rejected the rules changes and refused to allow the panel to organize. The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, as it is formally known, is the only House panel where the majority and minority parties are equally represented.

"The ethics committee works in a bipartisan way. If any minority ever gives that up, there should be no ethics committee," Rep. Alan Mollohan (D) of West Virginia, the panel's ranking Democrat, in a telephone interview over the weekend.

Last month, Democrats on the 10-member panel turned down an offer from Chairman Doc Hastings (R) of Washington for an immediate vote to investigate Mr. DeLay in exchange for an agreement to the rules changes.

Instead, Democrats are calling for a vote to overturn the rules and a new bipartisan task force to propose new ones. Only a few Republicans have publicly backed calls for a new vote. But last week, Speaker Dennis Hastert signaled that he is open to such a vote.

The allegations against DeLay include charges that trips were paid for indirectly by lobbyists.

While few House seats are currently considered competitive, there could be a fallout in the polls for Republicans, if charges that they have become arrogant in power stick. "Every Republican running next year has Tom DeLay running as a running mate," says Rep. Barney Frank (D) of Massachusetts.

"While the paucity of competitive House and Senate seats makes a turnover of control in either body extremely unlikely in 2006, it might easily lead to a loss of seats and put control of the bodies in real doubt in 2008," writes analyst Charlie Cook in his weekly column, "Off to the Races."

Ethics charges were the wedge Republicans used to end 40 years of

Democratic dominance in the House in the run-up to the 1994 election.

"The ethics wars in the House have been building for many years. [Former Rep. Newt] Gingrich used ethics against the Democrats in the late 1970s, when he was a freshman, and ever since there has been a constant escalation," says Jack Pitney, a political scientist at Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, Calif.

"When you're in the minority in the House, much more than the Senate, you don't have many opportunities to affect the process. What you find is that very often the only way the minority in the house can have a role is to smash the china," he adds, referring to the impasse on the ethics panel.

Ironically, there are members on both sides of the aisle who support some of the changes that passed by party-line votes on Jan. 4, when the House adopted its rules for the 109th Congress, especially due-process protections for members. Under the new rules, the committee must notify any members of complaints involving them and allow members a chance to review or contest findings before they are released to the public. Republicans say it's unfair to members to have allegations drag on in the press, tarnishing reputations, without a resolution.

In a reverse of previous rules, failure to act on a complaint within 45 days ends the process, unless the committee votes to extend it up to 90 days. Under previous rules, failure to act after 45 days triggered a formal investigation. The new rule is a formula for letting the clock run down on valid or tough ethics cases, Democrats say. "It is the easiest thing in the world to have a rule that helps you avoid your responsibility, and that's what this one does," says Mollohan.

Another rule change would allow the same lawyer to prep the member facing investigation and all witnesses - a move previously barred to discourage collaboration on testimony. "For us to have to allow that, we might as well not have an ethics committee," Mollohan says.

As part of his offer to break the panel's deadlock last week, Chairman Hastings offered his own "ironclad commitment" to extend the time period from considering whether to move from a preliminary investigation to a full-scale investigation to a minimum of 90 days. He also offered a personal commitment "that while I am chairman of this committee we will never dismiss any complaint without a vote of the full committee."

Democrats say the issue isn't the chairman's goodwill, but bad rules. "If you're sincere about it," asks Mollohan, "why not just change the rules?"



The filibuster - a debate that has never ended

"First let me tell Senators what potlikker is. Potlikker is the residue that remains from the commingling, heating, and evaporation - anyway, it is in the bottom of the pot...."

Today filibusters are more often threatened than waged. But in a nine-hour filibuster over judicial nominations on Nov. 19, 2003, Democratic leader Harry Reid discoursed on the virtues of wooden matches and read chapters from his own book about his hometown, "Searchlight: the Camp that Didn't Fail."

Behind the drama are serious stakes in the capacity of a minority to delay or block a vote. Where some see a protection of minority rights and of the Senate's heritage as a "deliberative" body, the majority party sometimes sees a hijacking of democracy. "Obstruction is a weapon, and like all weapons it is dangerous," wrote Franklin Burdette in "Filibustering in the Senate," a 1940 book. "Yet in the lives of nations as of men," he added, "there are times when weapons are a safeguard."

Nor is there much partisan consistency in how the filibuster has come to be viewed. For decades, northern liberals decried the filibuster as the key obstacle to civil rights legislation. South Carolina Sen. John C. Calhoun used it to defend slavery in 1841. Sen. Strom Thurmond logged in the longest filibuster in US history - 24 hours and 18 minutes - as he argued against the Civil Rights Act of 1957. Sen. Robert Byrd (D) of West Virginia filibustered the Civil Rights Act of 1964, a move he says he regrets. Senator Byrd and Democrats are now the leading voices for protection of filibuster rights. (The GOP's so-called "nuclear option" would restrict those rights in relation to the confirmation of nominees, but not other Senate business.)

In the Democratic Radio Address last weekend, former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo called the filibuster "a vital part of the 200-year-old system of checks and balances in the Senate" that allows the "fullest possible debate" of judicial nominees.

Until 1917, there was no way to end a filibuster. But President Wilson and Senate Democrats, enraged at how "a little group of willful men" used the filibuster to block a bill to arm merchant ships in World War I, pushed a rule change to end filibusters with a two-thirds majority vote.

But between 1917 and 1962, the new rule was rarely successful in actually ending debate. So in 1975, moderate Republicans and liberal Democrats lowered the threshold for ending debate to a three-fifths majority, or 60 votes. That second change in the filibuster rules began to have a profound impact on how the Senate operated. "It changed the character of the Senate. Before 1975, 60 votes meant nothing. Now it means everything," says Robert Dove, a former Senate parliamentarian, now a professor at George Washington University.

Republicans note that when Democrats called for the elimination of all filibusters in 1995, 19 Democratic senators voted for it, including nine still in the Senate. No Republicans supported it. "Filibusters did not used to be the darling of liberals, just the opposite," says Mr. Dove. ■■■

By Gail Russell Chaddock
Staff writer - The CS Monitor

WASHINGTON – Named after a swift boat used by marauding West Indian pirates, the "filibuster" has long been the sharpest weapon in the Senate's procedural arsenal - and as such a point of recurring controversy.

It has been curbed twice in the last century, and, after two failed compromise attempts last week, the fight over its future threatens to eclipse the agenda for the current Congress - and fundamentally change minority rights in the Senate.

This week, interest groups on both sides of the filibuster fight expanded national ad campaigns targeted to the home states of key senators. Meanwhile, Republican and Democratic "war rooms" fire missives back and forth showing the inconsistencies in voting records on the other side.

The filibuster, or the use of delay tactics in debate, has often aroused strong passions. Today's fight over its use to stop judicial nominees is today's version of "nuclear war" in Washington, but it's hardly the first brawl over expansive congressional oratory.

A filibuster in 1841 over the firing of the Senate's official printers nearly ended in a duel. During the civil war, filibustering Sen. Willard Saulsbury of Delaware pulled a gun on the sergeant at arms and threatened to shoot him. He didn't. Opposing a currency bill in 1908, Wisconsin Sen. Robert La Follette sustained an all-night filibuster with glasses of milk and egg from the Senate restaurant, until he sipped the one laced with ptomaine poison. He later recovered.

Use of the filibuster has also had its lyric moments. Louisiana Sen. Huey Long recited recipes for oysters and scenes from the life of Frederick the Great during 15-1/2 hours of nearly continuous talking in a 1935 filibuster over the staffing of the National Recovery Administration. A sample:

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Hi, I enjoyed many of your articles in the Vol #1, Number 2 US Observer. I want to make one comment about your article on yoga. The writer said that there is, "...yoga for Christians." While I agree that some Christians are participating in yoga, I believe this is because of their ignorance of its content. They do not know that yoga and Eastern meditation, and Eastern religions are inseparable. I did a study of yoga and found that it is not something that a Christian should participate in. For although the Bible does mention meditation, its description is very different than that of yoga. Eastern/yoga meditation tries to get a person to completely empty the mind of all thoughts and to become "one with the One". Christian / Biblical meditation is a clearing away of all distracting thoughts in a person's mind and filling the mind with the thoughts of God. And there is a clear description of what God, the Bible, is talking about. It is NOT at all similar to the "All", or the "One" of Hinduism or Buddhism, etc. So, my main point is that people understand that yoga is Not for Christians. Of course, Christians should exercise and keep their bodies and minds pure and healthy, but that does not include yoga.

Sincerely,

Rick DeVos
Central Point, Oregon

Edward Snook's Note: Excellent exposure of truth, Rick. The Bible clearly teaches we are to keep control of our minds and not empty them...Thank you for reminding our Editor of that fact.

To the Editor,

Re: SS Charges

Social Security (SS) is a very good program even if 70 years old. One of the fantastic benefits, Poor Farms in America are history.

But some constructive changes are way past due:

How about preventing Congressional politicians from spending every last dime American workers pay into SS? There is no Trust fund, only I.O.U.'s. The money is often spent on home state

projects such as studying tattoos in California which, should be paid for by Californians, not all American taxpayers.

How about having CEOs with multi-million pay checks pay fully into Medicare?

And how about taxing Trust Funds with billions in virtually tax exempt income?

How about stopping unsafe employers from evading their responsibility for on the job injured workers by passing the Disability payments on to the SS program?

How about permitting beneficiaries for your money? At present if you die before retirement, you lose every cent of your payments.

There could be many economic benefits from permitting ownership in your funds. For example, perhaps workers would want to pay in and refuse “under the table” payments where nothing is withheld.

We're told Medicare is riddled with fraud. Good accounting controls are way past due.

Let's work for constructive change and stop the fear mongering. Think positive.

Helen Solem
PO Box 58
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Josephine County Sheriff

To the Editor

Let's listen in on Ma and Pa during dinner. Pa says, “Guess what the sheriff is gone and done, Ma?”

“He couldn't do anything that would surprise me, Pa.”

“He's gone and sued the county commissioners with our own money, that's what.”

“What in carnation did he do that for, Pa?”

“Well, he wants to promote a deputy and give him a raise, and the commissioners are trying to save the taxpayers' money. Now he wants another \$1,200,000 for more pay raises and benefits, Ma.”

“I'm not surprised. When the sheriff ran for office he promised he would investigate all them burglaries, what the other sheriff weren't doin' cause he said he were broke. And he was gonna have a live person on the phone in off hours to

take public calls, and he said he could do the job without an undersheriff. That was all a crock o' pickle juice, Pa.”

“And, Ma, don't forget, about the \$23,000 the sheriff paid a feller to teach him to be an administrator, and the undersheriff he hired costs \$80,000. Then the sheriff lost a \$330,000 lawsuit paid with county tax dollars and insurance funds. It all makes a person wonder what he's gonna do next. Folks are gettin' plenty riled up about the burglaries that aren't being investigated, and the speedin' on Redwood Highway.”

“Mercy me, Pa, and these are just the things we know about!”

“Pass the dog food, Ma, it's time to make another property tax payment.”

John Taft
Josephine County, OR

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your recent article about the child taken by DHS, but placed in a dangerous situation anyway. My family is currently confronting a different sort of DHS nightmare, in which our daughter was removed from us because of some confusing allegations she made in some notes at school. Without any proof, documentation, evidence, etc., DHS concluded that my daughter had serious mental and emotional difficulties and that my wife and I were unable or unwilling to meet her needs. As of this time, we have not been allowed to see our daughter for three weeks! It seems like everything we say is being turned around.

I'll be happy to give you the full story if you think it will be useful. In the meantime, can you recommend any books or articles that might document other instances of DHS abuse? Thank you very much.

Editor's Note: We will contact you via email within the next two weeks. We don't have any recommendations apart from getting the facts out to the public.

It's sad when a family is so afraid of a state agency that they are too afraid to sign their name to a letter. It's worse when a state agency is allowed to steal children. We haven't investigated this case yet, but will report in our next edition on the outcome of one...

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Letters to the Editor



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Dear Editor,

Behavior proves point at unavoidable obscenity.

Along with many others who don't want to see their neighborhood degraded, there are a lot of seniors, mothers and fathers protesting outside Club 71 for the best of reasons. The treatment of all these people (protestors) proves their point. Countless obscenities, indecencies, and foulness have been endured by these very decent people. These acts have been perpetrated by some of the patrons, some of the employees, and the owners of Club 71, Larry Lacey, et al.

Club 71 is the unavoidable obscenity and it dominates the landscape in this small community. Its effect can only be detrimental to every other business and residence in the area. The community stopped patronizing Lacey's tavern due to his mis-management and mistreatment of patrons and employees. In retaliation, he opened Club 71.

The dark, secluded area behind the building, including Lacey's ex-KOA campground, (Soon to be nudist/sex resort? Why not?) are perfect for the common, illicit activities associated with these businesses. Questionable activities have already been observed.

Talk to the protestors. Hear what they are enduring in their neighborhood. Help end the absurdity. If you like this business (expensive porn/cheap sex) invite them to your neighborhood. I'm sure they'll come.

**Don Barret
Sunny Valley, OR**

Dear US~Observer

Thank you so very much for your internet article on police officers Sean Valdez [REDACTED].

My husband and I have known for quite some time about [REDACTED]. You hit the nail right on the head when you inform the public how a few bad officers ruin the reputation of them all. Hopefully the good ones will see that the Observer is working for the good of the community and assist you when ever possible.

You have been magnificent regarding your coverage of the waste and abuses of Sheriff Dave Daniel.

John Taft's articles are a must read in our household.

To all who work so tenaciously at the Observer to produce so much truth and much needed information, you are in our prayers and thoughts often.

**Carol and Bob Miller
Josephine County, Oregon**

To the Editor:

Thank you for your stand against Club 71, the strip joint located at the entrance to our beautiful community. The articles by Ron Lee have been extremely in-depth about this vulgar, un-Godly hang out.

Our elected officials would be wise to do something about getting rid of this community eyesore and cancer. If they find themselves unable to after all that has been exposed about the club then I for one will get involved and find a way to get people into office that will.

Having closely followed this issue, both in the Observer and the Courier I am curious as to why the churches in our county haven't rose to the occasion. I sure remember when they rose up to protect a local judge who had deprived a person of a fair trial a few years back. The judge was wrong and the person is now in prison. The judge suffered a recall because of his corrupted actions and left office early. What's this tell you about modern "churches?"

Again Observer, you are a true asset to our community. Thanks!

**Jerry Ramirez
Grants Pass, Oregon**

“Purple Heart” Responses

To the Editor,

I never could figure out why, if Kerry was such a hero, he wanted to high tail it out of there in less than 2 months? Why not stand side by side and fight with the other troops who were risking their lives? That's what I envision a hero would do. Just imagine how many Purple Hearts he would have had if he'd stayed 6 months! OH MY! they couldn't produce them fast enough....

I wrote the White House and asked for the statistics regarding all other military personnel who had received 3 purple hearts in less than 2 months but they didn't reply.....oh well, I guess I'll just make up my own mind.....

Bless your hearts for doing the story!

**Carolyn Johnson
Los Angeles**

To the Editor,

I know what it is like to be in his position with the governments and being accused. They, local government and federal, took all we worked for.....hit with a \$20 million lawsuit in 1978 for a sewer collapse we did not do.....were not even on the job (we are underground excavators) and the lies and threats.....However, back in August, I think of 2004, this same sewer and same section collapsed again, but we are down in Florida, 1200 Miles away.....but no word of that in the Detroit News.

So, do all you can for Ted Peck.....all these politicians are about as necessary as lipstick on a hog.

**Pat Claerhout
Florida**

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your report and your assistance to Tedd Peck. I trust that you certainly will give the opposition more "exposure than they are prepared for."

**Tanya Peterson
Fresno, CA**

To the Editor,

Mr. Peck has the biggest reason for doing away with the IRS. No congressman should ever have power to put the IRS on anybody. Do away with the IRS and that will do away with the "Social Tierney" in our government. The IRS is the only agency that can hold-up the law. It's the same as the definition for the German "SS" society.

Lawrence McLeroy

To the Editor,

Why has there not been an investigation into John Kerry's medals? He seemingly has made a mockery of two of our country's most prestigious medals: the Purple Heart and the Silver Star. Many time the Purple Heart is awarded posthumously. Most often the recipient is incapacitated or has lost a limb! Why hasn't an investigation been mounted?

**Ken Zwick
Ocala, Florida**

A Real Purple Heart?

What goes around comes around! If this fellow is innocent of the crimes he is charged with he has nothing to fear, right, crybaby? Sources tell me this is another attempt to thwart justice by the Republicans, who will lie, cheat steal and slander to get what they want! Boo on ya!

Paul B.

Response to Paul B.:

Dear Paul:

What goes around does not always come around. Your right-on statement about Republicans lying stealing and cheating proves my point. Most of them never get caught. As for Peck having nothing to fear if he is innocent, I would say he has everything to fear. 1,000 cases to date wherein the US~Observer (formerly US~Oregon Observer) has rescued innocent, but charged people proves this point. It's reassuring that you see through the Republican facade, now you need to see through the Democrat facade and on and on. In self defense, I don't believe a crybaby would attack a crooked prosecutor and the corrupt people who set his actions in motion.

Thanks for the response and for your obvious awareness of at least part of the corruption surrounding us...

**Best Regards
Edward Snook**

Immigration

MS-13 GANGS: Immigration's Third World Momentum

By Frosty Wooldridge
NewsWithViews.com

"They come to do the jobs American's won't do," President Bush explains. "They come for a better life."

According to Newsweek, March 28, 2005, over 10,000 MS-13 gang members illegally crossed our borders looking for a better life, too. Now operating in 33 states, 'The Most Dangerous Gang in America' illustrates how illegal aliens cross our borders looking for a better life while they make ours a living nightmare.

While playing soccer, a 12 year old kid is shot dead by MS-13 members in Reno, Nevada. In Somerville, Massachusetts, two gang members rape two teen girls in Foss Park. Both are deaf--one is in a wheelchair. In Fairfax, Virginia in May of 2004, MS-13 gang members give chase to a 16 year old and hacked him up with machetes. The victim suffered loss of four fingers. A man named Ebert Rivera is arrested February 10, 2005 in Falfurrias, Texas. His crime? Rivera led six gunmen who opened fire on a bus in Honduras--killing 28 people. In Long Island, New York, police find gang members shot in the head and stabbed to death.

Machetes on Main Street America are the theme of Mara Salvatrucha MS-13 gangs now operating in dozens of US cities. We're not talking Disneyland. 'Mara' means 'posse' and Salvatruchas means 'street tough Salvadorans'. The number '13' is a gang number associated with Southern California. They kill cops, distribute drugs like candy machines, extort businesses and concoct drive-by killings as standard operating procedure. "We're not dealing with Boy Scouts or bums," Tony Saca said. "We're dealing with true assassins and rapists."

Oscar Bonilla, director of the National

Council for Public Security, "The gang is highly organized and disciplined...with vertical commands."

Correct me if I am wrong, but isn't President Bush supposed to protect Americans from enemies both foreign and domestic? Didn't he swear to uphold the Constitution, specifically, Article IV, Section 4? Would 10,000 armed and deadly alien nationals constitute a domestic enemy from a foreign land?

"They come here for a better life," Bush repeats. "They do the work Americans won't do."

That work includes murdering and spreading drugs from California to Maine. It means raping unsuspecting and unprotected women from coast to coast. It means 10,000 gang members put any of us at risk. It means the aforementioned reports may have our names on a future newspaper article when the gang jumps from 10,000 to 20,000 members.

With Bush's wide open borders, when does the gang recruitment stop?

"Flush with new recruits from Central America, MS-13 members set up cliques in remote places like Boise, Idaho and Omaha, Nebraska," Newsweek reporter Arian Campo-Flores wrote.

"Everything gets bastardized as it leaves the center," said Wes McBride, president of California Gang Investigators Association. "While machete attacks might occur on the East Coast, they're rare on the West Coast. While car thefts and drugs might be big in North Carolina, gang-on-gang violence predominates in Virginia."

Because Bush aids, abets and encourages illegal alien migration--the Russian Mafia operates in NYC, 18th Street Gang with 20,000 illegal alien members in Los Angeles, Chinese Mafia in New York, Hispanic Bloods

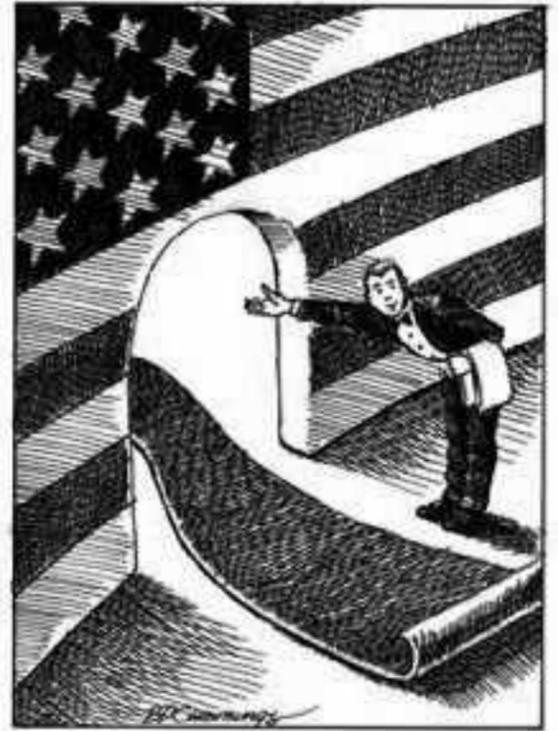
and Crips in Los Angeles, and now, we suffer a crime invasion from El Salvador.

How many imported criminals from around the world? Newsweek reported 700,000 gang members operate in America. The MS-13 gangs are considered the fastest growing and most violent. It's called Third World Momentum.

Those gangs bring drugs, lawlessness and fear to our cities. They bring other consequences, too. Who are the victims of drugs? Our children! Who pays for the 29 percent of illegal alien criminals in our Federal and State prisons at an annual cost of \$1.6 billion? What are the costs of rehab for drugs to American families? Who answers to the rape victims?

This begs questions. Is George W. Bush competent to fulfill his job as president of the United States? Does he understand the depth of the violence against the American people in this national crisis? Would he walk down the streets of Los Angeles as a private citizen? Does he understand his complicity in this gang invasion? How can he pretend to protect America when he knows 10,000 illegal aliens cross nightly? Who is responsible for National Park Ranger Kris Eggle's death? Who is responsible for Officer David Marsh's death? Who is responsible for the eight rapes of eight innocent women in Boulder, Colorado a year ago? Or, the New York jogger woman who was raped by illegals and killed a year ago? With over 500,000 illegal aliens in our prisons and illegals flying over our borders at three million annually, is Bush competent?

With 10,000 Mara Salvatrucha gang



members operating in America on Bush's watch, you decide.

Write for that 28-point action letter to stop this nation-destroying madness. For you West Coast night owls, every Thursday you can catch yours truly in Las Vegas, Nevada on Mark Edwards' "Wake Up America" talk show on 50,000 watt KDWN-Am-720 10:00 PM to midnight PT, or on the web at wakeupamericafoundation.com. On the home page, click on americanvoiceradio.com heard around the world. Five nights a week, Edwards engages patriots from across the nation to bring you the latest on this nation-destroying invasion. If you are affected by illegal aliens, please write 600 to 800 words for national publication. Your name will remain private.

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Police arrest illegal alien

By Kathy McCormack
Associated Press

JAFFREY - Frustrated by perceived federal indifference to illegal immigrants, a small-town police chief struck back Tuesday by employing a novel legal strategy against a construction worker whose vehicle had broken down.

Mexican citizen Jorge Mora Ramirez, 21, pleaded guilty to trespassing last month in nearby New Ipswich and agreed to report to immigration authorities.

New Ipswich Police Chief W. Garrett Chamberlain charged Ramirez with criminal trespassing - a violation comparable to a traffic ticket - on April 15 after immigration officials refused to take him into custody. Ramirez, who also pleaded guilty to operating without a valid license, has until Friday afternoon to report to immigration authorities in Manchester.

A spokeswoman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement declined to say what the agency would do if he doesn't show up.

The statute says a person is guilty of criminal trespassing if, "knowing that he is not licensed or privileged to do so, he

enters or remains in any place."

"It is a novel application of state law," said Kris Kobach, a law professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, a specialist in immigration law who was counsel to former Attorney General John Ashcroft.

Ramirez, of Waltham, Mass., was having trouble with his sport utility vehicle and had pulled along a state road, Chamberlain said. An officer went to check it out. For identification, Ramirez produced a Mexican driver's license and a Massachusetts photo ID that lacked a state seal. He admitted to police that he was living in the U.S. illegally and worked for a Jaffrey construction company. He pleaded guilty in Jaffrey District Court.

Paula Grenier, a spokeswoman for the Immigration and Customs Enforcement in New England, said when the agency officially gets information on Ramirez, "we intend to write him up and put him into removal proceedings."

But the fact is, she said, this case is about one illegal immigrant whose only crime was being broken down on the side of the road.

"The police chief is choosing to use this alien to grandstand about illegal immigration," she said.



Border crossings near El Paso, TX.

"We, in fact, arrest illegal aliens every day in this country who are violent criminals and who pose a threat to public safety and national security. We prioritize our investigations on criminals and criminal networks that pose a threat," she said.

Grenier pointed out that in New Hampshire, for example, her agency recently caught two men linked to a Boston chapter of the brutal Central American crime gang MS-13, which is known for beheading enemies, severing limbs and boasting zero tolerance for police informants.

Manny Van Pelt, an immigration

spokesman in Washington, D.C., said the case illustrates a trend by states and municipalities to enforce immigration laws "through legislation, creative applications of the law such as this, and better in-depth cooperation" with federal authorities.

Clare Ebel of the New Hampshire Civil Liberties Union said Ramirez pleaded guilty to a crime he didn't commit.

"I think it's clearly an absurdity to suggest that the criminal trespass law applies," she said. "It's not novel; it's bizarre."

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EU Urges Tough Warnings on Antidepressants

By Ben Hirschler

LONDON (Reuters) - Europe's medicines regulator has called for strong warnings on two classes of antidepressants, informing doctors and parents of the risk they could pose to children and adolescents.

A European Medicines Agency expert committee concluded that Prozac-type serotonin-selective reuptake inhibitors (SSRI) and serotonin-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (SNRI) were associated with increased suicide-related behavior and hostility in young people.

"The agency's committee is therefore recommending the inclusion of strong warnings across the whole of the European Union to doctors and parents about these risks," the London-based watchdog said in a statement on Monday.

"Doctors and parents will also be advised that these products should not be used in children and adolescents except in their approved indications."

The action is the latest sign of a worldwide clampdown on the use of Prozac-type pills in teenagers, following evidence that they can lead to an increased incidence of suicide attempts, suicidal thoughts and anger.

Most of the drugs are only approved for treating adults in the European Union, but doctors have sometimes used them "off-label" in children.

A few of the products are, however, licensed for pediatric use in treating obsessive-compulsive disorder and one of them, Eli Lilly and Co's Strattera, is approved for the treatment of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Agency spokesman Martin Harvey said the new warnings would not prevent the use of these medicines in such approved settings.

In the case of Strattera, the agency said there was no sign of a link to suicide-related behavior but experts concluded the drug should carry a warning reflecting an increased risk of side-effects such as hostility.

Other medicines covered by the European review included GlaxoSmithKline Plc's Paxil, or Seroxat; Lundbeck's two drugs Celexa and Lexapro; Pfizer Inc's Zoloft; Wyeth's Effexor; Akzo Nobel's Remeron; and two other medicines from Lilly, Cymbalta and Prozac. ■■

Breast Cancer Drug Shows Lifesaving Promise

By Amanda Gardner
HealthDay Reporter

The news that two trials of the breast cancer drug Herceptin were halted early due to promising results was hailed by experts as a major advance in the treatment of a particularly aggressive form of the disease.

Genentech Inc., the manufacturer, and the National Cancer Institute (NCI), which sponsored the trials, announced late Monday that the drug had successfully prolonged life and dramatically decreased recurrence rates for women with early-stage HER-2 positive breast cancer.

"This turns someone who had a poor prognosis into someone who has a good prognosis," said Dr. Jo Anne Zujewski, the head of breast cancer therapeutics in the clinical investigations branch of the Cancer Treatment Evaluation Program at the NCI. "It basically eliminates the negative prognostic factor for this type of cancer."

"This is very important news," added Dr. Jay Brooks, chairman of hematology/oncology at the Ochsner Clinic Foundation in Baton Rouge, La. The Ochsner Clinic had several patients enrolled in the trials.

Patients with early stage HER-2 positive breast cancer who were given Herceptin in combination with chemotherapy had a 52 percent decrease in their risk for a recurrence compared with patients who received chemotherapy without the drug. All the patients had also undergone surgery to remove the malignancy.

"It's very striking. We don't often see

52 percent," Zujewski said. "Undoubtedly, there will be a group of women for which this will be a good idea."

HER-2 positive breast cancers produce too much of the HER-2 protein, which stands for human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 and is found on the surface of the cells. These tumors tend to grow faster and are more likely to recur than tumors that are HER-2 negative. "It's one of the most aggressive tumors," Zujewski said.

About 40,000 to 50,000 of the 200,000 women who develop breast cancer annually in the United States have HER-2 positive tumors.

"This is a major advance for those women," Brooks said.

Herceptin, also known as trastuzumab, is a targeted therapeutic antibody, meaning it has a specific mechanism of action, and is already approved for metastatic breast cancer. The drug, however, can have serious side effects, including cardiac failure.

Previously, women with this type of breast cancer typically underwent surgery, radiation and chemotherapy.

The women in these trials had early stage, invasive breast cancer, meaning the cancer cells had moved beyond the breast duct and had the potential to travel to other areas of the body, Zujewski explained. In many cases, the cancer had already reached the lymph nodes.

In order to make their decision, the Data Monitoring Committees overseeing the trials analyzed data on 3,300 patients. This analysis revealed the 52 percent decrease in disease

recurrence in patients who received Herceptin plus chemotherapy, a "highly statistically significant" number.

The specific results will be presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology on May 16.

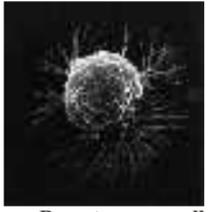
Herceptin was approved in 1998 to treat metastatic breast cancer. Colleen Wilson, associate director of product communications at Genentech, said that the company "plans to obtain data from the cooperative groups and share it with the FDA to discuss a potential filing for Herceptin in HER2-positive, adjuvant breast cancer."

"My sense is that because it's been approved for metastatic breast cancer, some people will use it off label before the FDA reviews it," Zujewski said. "If the FDA approves it [for the new application], it will get even more widespread use."

For now, Zujewski added, physicians will "have to do sort of an individual patient risk-benefit analysis."

For the future, the drug may hold the promise of more than just a treatment. "We would rather prevent a recurrence than treat it when it comes," Zujewski said. "When we prevent recurrences, we have the real potential for a cure. That's why this is so exciting."

The findings also offer hope beyond breast cancer. "This proves the principle that we can enhance our chemotherapy regimens for specific populations with targeted agents," Zujewski said. "It goes beyond breast cancer. It's a major advance in a major disease." ■■



Breast cancer cell

U.S. Panel Urges Guidelines for Stem-Cell Research

By Maggie Fox Health and Science

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Research using stem cells from human embryos is going ahead with or without federal support and must be regulated somehow, a panel of experts said on Tuesday.

The National Academy of Sciences panel said universities and private companies doing the work should establish strict ethical and scientific guidelines, and should reassure the public that there are controls on the sometimes controversial science.

"The premise is not to advocate that the work be done -- that has already been debated with some consensus reached in the scientific community and elsewhere -- but rather to start with the presumption that the work is important for human welfare, that it will be done, and that it should be conducted in a framework that addresses scientific, ethical, medical, and social concerns," the panel said in its report.

"The public increasingly supports this area of research and its potential to advance human health," it added.

"In the absence of federal guidelines broadly governing the generation and research use of human embryonic stem cells, the scientific community and its institutions should step forward to develop and implement its own," the report said.

Supporters of stem-cell research welcomed the report as vindicating their arguments.

"Because of an absence of comprehensive federal oversight stem-cell researchers are operating in a Wild West of science," said Colorado Democratic Rep. Diana DeGette (news, bio, voting record), who has co-sponsored bipartisan legislation to remove federal funding limits on stem-cell research.

Boosting Supporters in Congress

"The strong ethical standards in this timely report should give congressional champions of research even more support to expand the current federal stem-cell policy, and should give those who are still waiting on the sidelines a reason to get in the game," added Daniel Perry, president of the Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research.

The coalition, an umbrella group of organizations such as the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation that support embryonic stem-cell research, is lobbying in support of bills sponsored by anti-abortion conservatives and liberals alike that would expand federal funding for the controversial research, including the use of cloning technology to create embryos from a patient's own cells.



In August 2001, President Bush announced strict limits on federal funding of human embryo research, and said work could only be paid for if it used batches, or lines, of stem cells that already existed at that time.

Scientists, including the National Institutes of Health, have complained that these limits will not allow them to do the research that may lead to new, tailored medical therapies and perhaps even treatments for diseases such as juvenile diabetes, Parkinson's disease and cancer.

But the White House stands firm and opponents of embryo research in Congress, such as Kansas Republican Sen. Sam Brownback (news, bio, voting record), have vowed to fight to limit even some privately funded research using embryonic stem cells.

Stem cells are the body's master cells, used to generate new tissue and blood cells. Taken from days-old embryos, when they are still a ball of cells, these stem cells have the ability to become any type of cell or tissue in the body.

Opponents of their use say destroying a human embryo for any reason is wrong. ■■

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Continuing Investigations

Murder she wrote! JoCo Murder or Self Defense?

Josephine County, Oregon - She allegedly did the deed with a hammer. Wendy Maldonado, 35, stands accused of murdering her husband Aaron Maldonado, 36. Is this an open and shut case of murder? Or are there other ingredients in this mix that mitigate the circumstances of Aaron's death. The Observer has received information that Wendy and others were abused at the hands of Aaron Maldonado. So, what if it can be shown that Aaron practiced consistent violence upon his wife of 18 years and she lived in abject terror of being mentally and physically abused. If this proves to be the case then the term murder slips away and the term self-defense comes in play. Using deadly force to defend your life in Oregon is a legitimate response to a physical attack when you are in fear of your life. If Wendy Maldonado was in fear of her life then she had a legal and justifiable right to use a hammer to protect and extend her own life against any aggressor. That includes a husband, family member, or stranger. Josephine County District Attorney Stephen Campbell must consider these facts very carefully and not be seduced by the opportunity to gain fame and public exposure at the expense of Wendy Maldonado. Prosecutors have been known to do this. The grand jury and District Attorney Stephen Campbell need to approach this case with common sense and realize the public will not be favorable to incarcerating a long term abused women, if in fact she was abused, at \$28,500 a year in an Oregon penal institution for an act of possible self-defense.

Willamette Valley - Lebanon, Oregon Man Preps for Lawsuit Against Family

Lebanon, Oregon For the past few months Dalton Johnson of Lebanon, Oregon has listened to much slander about himself in this community he grew up in. Johnson dropped much of his personal business activities back in 2002 to come to the aid of his mother, at her request. According to Johnson, "My Dad's health was failing and Mom needed a lot of work done on their properties, which she said she couldn't afford. I knew she should have had plenty of funding from the sale of a residential piece of property in Lebanon, Oregon, but I didn't question her, she was my mother. She said she would square up with me for my time when funds were available. Approximately six years ago my parents set up a trust and made my brother Steve Trustee. In 2004 Dad was sent to a rest home while I was out of town and upon my return some in the community started relating highly derogatory statements made about me. Some of these folks had to believe the lies judging from the way I was treated. One claimed I was lucky I wasn't prosecuted for defrauding my parents and forging my Dad's signature on loan papers. At the same time my Mother sold another valuable piece of property in the Lebanon area for at least half of what it was worth. Wayne Robbins of Lebanon Realty handled the transaction. With the knowledge that I had never done anything but good for my parents I started investigating things and found that Dad's valuable gold collection and other valuables had disappeared. I confronted my Mother and soon I was shunned by her and my family, excluding my Father who I still visit regularly." The Observer has found that the information Johnson has provided us is factual. The property sold by Lebanon Realty was worth at least twice the selling price according to one qualified witness. Johnson is currently preparing to sue his parent's estate in order to get the truth out, as he believes his brother and sister have bilked the estate for hundreds of thousands of dollars. The Observer has opened its own investigation into the matter. Don't miss our June edition for more on this sizzling Willamette Valley case. Please contact Edward Snook or Kelly Stone at 541-474-7885 if you have any info on the Johnson case.

Club 71 Under State Scrutiny

Sunny Valley, Oregon Former employees of the Sunny Valley strip club, Club 71, have come forward on the condition of anonymity stating that they have reported safety violations to Oregon's Occupational Safety & Health Division due to the lack of effort of Josephine County agencies to protect the employees and public from alleged violations of building, health, and safety regulations. These employees further state that according to Oregon OSHA the club, owned by Richard Larry Lacey, must furnish documentation to the department which addresses the alleged violations, corrections made to alleviate these issues, which are to be supported by various forms of documentation to be provided to OR-OSHA within a limited time frame. The US~Observer has also been informed that OR-OSHA is somewhat perplexed by the county's lack of involvement in such obvious violations. To be sure, the US~Observer will follow this closely and continue our in-depth reporting on Club 71.

Cover-up in Rainier, Oregon?

Columbia County, Oregon - Dale Lynn Thomas, described by some in the city of Rainier, Oregon, as being a "responsible member of the community," is being accused of felony eluding and reckless driving. The evidence the state is presenting is highly suspect and there are allegations of official misconduct and evidence tampering. Thomas categorically denies any wrong-doing and questions why her own professional investigators and evidence experts have been denied original putative evidence and the ability to testify on her behalf. Currently, the US~Observer is seeking information regarding Rainier Police Department Officer Gregory Buddrius and Columbia County, OR, District Attorneys Stephen Atchison and Dale Anderson. Anyone with information regarding Officer Buddrius' involvement in a "high-speed-pursuit" on July 5, 2004 is asked to please contact Ron Lee at 541-474-7885. We are especially interested in witnesses that may have been present on Fernhill Dr. in the city of Rainier on the above date.

Northern District of Iowa - Another Federal Court False Conviction?

Cedar Rapids, Iowa - Don Washburn of Cedar Rapids was recently convicted in Federal Court on 10 counts of Wire Fraud and 2 counts of Money Laundering. US District Court Judge Linda R. Reade stated at the end of the prosecution's case, "I don't see the scheme to defraud in the first nine counts." This would make further money laundering charges impossible. She declined to grant a defense motion to dismiss stating, "Well, I'm going to let the jury look at it, but I'm going to -- if they come back with a verdict, I'm going to take a really hard look at this, because I don't know. So I'm going to reserve ruling and let the jury decide and then I'll take a look at it in post-trial motions if they return guilty verdicts. After the jury returned a guilty verdict Judge Reade switched gears and set sentencing for May 16, 2005. All those who Washburn was accused of defrauding were paid back prior to trial and the government's three main witnesses actually back Washburn. All three have told the court and the Observer that Washburn never had any intention of defrauding them, that the monies they loaned him were definitely personal loans and they plan to attend his sentencing, at their own expense, to again testify for him. Taking a close look at the original grand jury indictment we are informed that Leonard West, at the prompting of FBI agent Michael Kitzmiller, lied about a \$100,000 loan between him and Washburn. He reportedly told the grand jury that the loan was secured with phony bricks of gold. This would be a blatant lie as the documented loan was secured with a condo owned by Washburn and the loan was repaid years prior to grand jury testimony. The FBI knew and possibly the prosecutor's office knew this fact from documentation they possessed at the time the grand jury was convened. West mysteriously disappeared before the trial and didn't take part in it, which is unbelievable. It should be noted that once the feds had their original indictment they were able to easily go back to the grand jury and secure three superseding indictments against Washburn. The testimony given at trial shows the charges against Washburn to be frivolous at best. This case is the perfect example of withholding evidence from a jury. When a jury isn't allowed to hear the "rest of the story" because of convoluted court rules and obvious collusion between witnesses (Leonard West and Roy Carver) and law enforcement, they are left with a deceptive and incomplete picture. Had the jury in this case heard everything, we have no doubt that Don Washburn would have been acquitted. Had the FBI been honest from the beginning hundreds of thousands of tax dollars would have been saved. Was Assistant US Attorney Ian K. Thornhill involved or was he relying on the supposed honesty of his "fact finder," FBI agent Michael Kitzmiller? In the interest of justice Judge Linda Reade and prosecutor Thornhill will be provided with a copy of this expository, lead article prior to sentencing. What will be her response? What will be his response? Will the judge open a much warranted investigation into the alleged plotting between Kitzmiller, West and possibly Carver? Deception, collusion and charges of tampering with, or deceiving a grand jury are obviously serious accusations and in light of the judges own words on the record regarding Washburn's innocence, we would hope that she rules in favor of caution in this case. Attorney Diane Marger Moore, daughter of renowned Attorney Edwin Marger and a highly respected attorney in her own rights has been retained by Washburn to attend further hearings and file a post conviction case if necessary. As we go to press the Observer has discovered a new and highly damaging witness to the fed's case. This new witness who was not known at the time of trial can absolutely verify the existence and validity of a stolen ten million dollar check. The idea that the check never existed was used successfully by prosecutors during trial. Watch our hardcopy and usobserver.com for updates on our continuing investigation. The US~Observer urges anyone with information on this case or the players involved to contact Edward Snook at 541-474-7885.