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Gold Hill Identity Theft Search Warrant Issued

By Edward Snook
Investigative Reporter

Gold Hill, Oregon - In June of this year false e-mails were sent to Gold Hill City Hall. The e-mail reached the city recorder's office and reportedly Gold Hill City Councilor Gus Wolf received a like e-mail. The e-mail fictitiously presented itself as if it came

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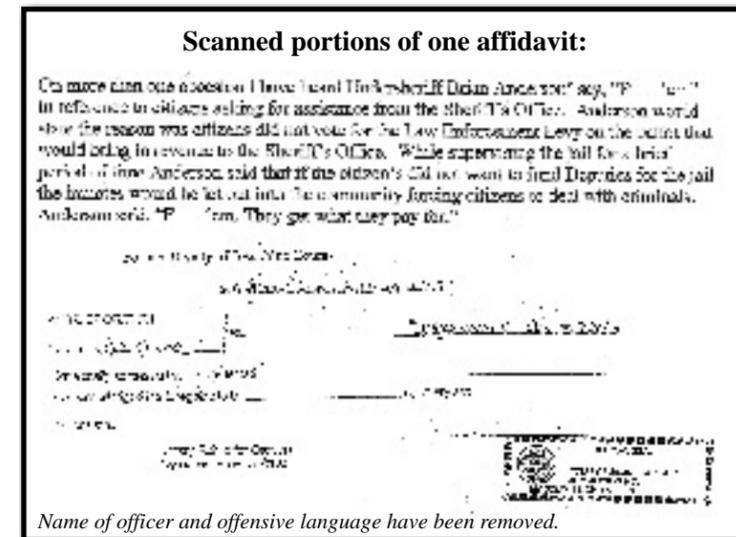
"F--- the Public" Says Brian Anderson Affidavits cite Anderson as saying, "citizens get what they pay for"



Undersheriff Brian Anderson

By Ron Lee

Josephine County, OR - Recently, several ex-Josephine County sheriff deputies along with one on-duty officer have stepped forward with affidavits claiming that on many occasions Brian Anderson, current undersheriff, made disparaging remarks toward the public in briefings to his staff saying, "F--- 'em. They get what they pay for." According to an affidavit Anderson even went on to say that he would release the prisoners of the jail if the public didn't want to fund it and let them deal with the criminals. In the affidavits Anderson also



Name of officer and offensive language have been removed.

instructed deputies not to respond to anything other than emergency calls. Included as well was information alleging Anderson allowed "false investigations against deputies to proceed despite his knowledge the deputies were innocent," because they didn't belong to the "A Team" - a group some in the

department call the good-old-boy club that currently exists. One of the affidavits even cites specific criminal misconduct. The US~Observer has also obtained a recent letter written by Grants Pass Chief of Police Joe Henner stating that the city police will no longer back the sheriff's department unless it is an

absolute emergency. This is because there are no procedures in place within the sheriff's department to take care of many situations they face. In his letter Henner specifically mentioned that he had previously brought this to the attention of Undersheriff Anderson, but that no procedures have as yet been adopted. These affidavits and the letter by the city police chief come at a pivotal point for Anderson who is seeking to be elected as the county sheriff in the upcoming election on the grounds that he is well qualified for the position and has been doing a good job as undersheriff.

On October 10, 2006, US~Observer investigative reporter John Taft called Anderson for comment on the allegations stated in the affidavits, specifically that of him saying, "F--- the Public." Anderson at first responded that his remarks were taken out of context but later recanted saying

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Showdown at the OK corral? Truth & justice currently have no home in Oklahoma

By US~Observer Staff

The US~Observer has been featuring a case from Oklahoma where a young man named Ryan Wonderly now sits in prison having been wronged by the judicial system. Unfortunately it is becoming a recurring theme as far more individuals in the OKC area are coming forward with similar stories to Wonderly's. Stories of judicial ethics violations, misconduct, and coercion where the defendant is forced to accept a plea to a crime they profess they are innocent of. These stories tell of judges colluding with prosecutors and

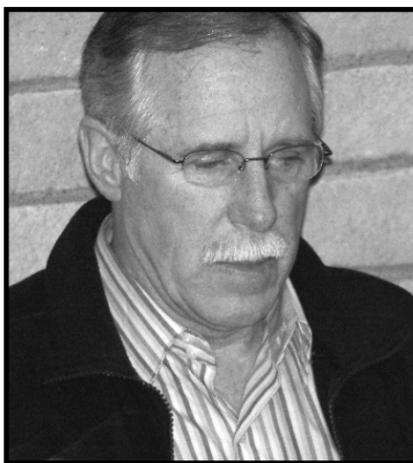
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Gold Hill - Strange Bedfellows Councilors' Wolf & Silva Need to Go

By Edward Snook
Investigative Reporter

Gold Hill, Oregon - "Politics make strange bedfellows" is an old saying from America's early beginnings. The antics of Gold Hill City Councilors Gus Wolf and Donna Silva in consort with recalled city councilor Christine Alford, prompting negative and costly decisions from Gold Hill's insurance provider, give this old adage new meaning. The close relationship between Wolf, Alford and Silva should have voters concerned with high liability and out-of-sight insurance rates, standing at full attention as Wolf and Silva are currently running for another term as Gold Hill City Councilors.

Wolf has a long history of erratic public "service." He's never held a steady "real" job but has existed selling fruit and vegetables or advertisement for a radio station, while subsisting on a wife's income. He participates



Councilor Gus Wolf

in council meetings to give him a feeling of self worth. He has constantly acted like a little dictator (often referred to as the big-man syndrome) regardless of what the council decides. He still does today. Nearly 20 years ago he was Mayor of Gold Hill. While he was the mayor he refused to sign a resolution which would bring a parcel of land into the city limits (the Lazy Acres R.V. Park). It reportedly took myriad threats by the city council



Councilor Donna Silva

and the threat of a law suit to force Gus Wolf to sign the council approved document. Later, after a councilor was busted for drug possession, Gus Wolf resigned as mayor (I wonder why?) just at the critical time the city was going into its budget phase. He gave no plausible reason for his resignation.

It Gets Worse

Wolf's and Silva's recent actions with their close friend and

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New Taxes Anger Residents

By John Taft
Investigative Reporter

Grants Pass, OR - In Josephine County, Oregon, neighbors turn on neighbors in an attempt to tax homes for cash to pay for their social programs. These people have no heart or soul for seniors, working families on low incomes, residents with fixed incomes, the sick and disabled, and children of low income families (add to these all the many people in Josephine County who have never stepped foot into the library). All they care about are their personal wants and using your home as collateral to pay for these wants. They don't care about families and the sanctity of family homes. Leading this hit squad is a former county commissioner candidate Cheryl Walker who wants free books and computer use for everyone. This is being done with the blessing of present county

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Grange Resolution

The Oregon "Kicker" Law

Whereas: In the year of 1979, Oregon law makers adopted a law that became known as the "Kicker" Law. This law requires that the revenues, which exceed the state projections for the two-year budget cycle by 2 percent or more, must be returned to the taxpayers. This is how the law got its name as the Kicked Back Law.

Whereas: The State revenue forecast predicts that in the year 2007, more than \$650 million in tax rebates will be returned to individuals taxpayers and corporations. Individual taxpayers would receive \$461 million and corporations would receive \$205 million.

Whereas: By law these rebate monies belong to the taxpayers not the State Government. This law limits excessive government spending which would be much higher today if there was no "Kicker" Law.

Whereas: We must realize that these tax refunds are a projected forecast that may not materialize.

Therefore be it resolved: That the Oregon State Grange supports the Oregon "Kicker" Law and opposes any efforts to repeal it.

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

This resolution was adopted by the Oregon State Grange at its 133rd Annual Session held at Molalla, Oregon, week of June 19-23, 2006.

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

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

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

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that he never used the F-word. However, commenting on the grounds of anonymity one high-ranking public official stated that he had heard Anderson say this many times.

me you can't fight the meth problem and any of those other issues if you don't have the staff to do it. You need detectives. You need deputies out there handling calls. You need directors for when people call in. You need the jail, a jail that's adequately funded to house



Brian Anderson, candidate for sheriff

One of the affidavits reads in part, "...Brian Anderson a patrol lieutenant ... came in to briefing and told ALL of us, I want all of you to only go out on emergency calls and do NO patrolling f-- the public they don't want to give us any money then f--- them go out on the emergency call and come right back to the office.' ... We were not allowed to go to burglary or theft calls and many more."

The evidence supporting that Anderson told his staff in briefings to only work on emergency calls comes in the form of the department's own published reports on burglaries in 2004. The report says that they had received 516 burglary calls but that only 95 of these cases were reviewed and only 43 were actually investigated, something many, especially in the outlying county areas, know all too well. One resident stated that she had called the sheriff's department when her home was burglarized but didn't hear back and it was only after several calls and almost a week when they actually responded by sending out officers. According to this woman who wished to remain anonymous, when they did respond they were rude and never investigated the crime.

Anderson has, in part, based his platform on running for the position of sheriff that there needs to be an individual in the top position who has budgetary experience as funding is, according to Anderson, the biggest law enforcement challenge this county faces saying, "we don't have stabilized funding so we end up losing a lot of our officers to other agencies because they might not have a job next year. And to

people. I think funding is the biggest issue." But mismanagement of funds is one of the many issues the affidavits address calling into question Anderson's ability to head the department, one which obviously has more issues than previously known. As for "budgetary experience;" any experience Anderson does have is for naught given the excessive amount of lawsuits (most successful) that have been filed against the Josephine County Sheriff's Office while Anderson and Dave Daniel have overseen the department, or in better terms, failed to oversee the department.

The authors of the affidavits all feel the public need to be informed of what is going on in the department. One of the affidavits reads in part, "In making these statements, it is not my will or intent to bring disfavor upon the Josephine County Sheriff's office. I still have many friends there that are good people that work hard. I simply want the citizens to know the truth about what has been happening ..." Another even says, "I do not believe that the public would want someone like this (Anderson) to be our sheriff for Josephine County."

With the election now days away the effects of these affidavits remain to be seen. As for Gil Gilbertson, Brian Anderson's opponent in the election, he had no comment when asked if he had any opinion on the effects the affidavits might have. ■■

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of Brian Anderson?**

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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.

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Judicial Corruption Arrogance – Part Six

The Eugene Forte Story

By: R.S. Errol

In the last segment of this story you read that Eugene Forte filed a lawsuit against Judge Robert O'Farrell only to have O'Farrell assign the case to himself. It is hard to comprehend that anyone with the power that is bestowed on a judge could have the unmitigated gall to totally and deliberately violate a citizen's right to a fair trial. But this is what actually happened in Monterey County, California.

On December 17, 2004, Forte files his complaint with the clerk of the Monterey County Superior Court, case number M72599. (Read Complaint) This action names O'Farrell in both his public capacity as a judge and his individual capacity as a citizen for civil rights violations against Forte. In addition to the judge Forte names as defendants Dennis McCarthy and the law firm Fenton & Keller as well as real estate agent Stephanie Crabb, along with a host of county employees that participated in the injustices against Forte.

A few months later in February 2005 a Notice of Demurrer to Complaint was filed by the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California and was signed by the Supervising Deputy for Bill Lockyer, Paul T. Hammerness. The document announced that these gentlemen are the attorneys of record for State Judicial Defendant Robert O'Farrell. This is as it should be when it concerns O'Farrell in his public capacity as an employee of the State of California but there was something amiss since O'Farrell was also a defendant in his individual capacity as a citizen. Forte's main concern was what attorney should he contact with trial related questions for O'Farrell the individual? When Forte raises this question with the Attorney General's Office he was told that they will defend "both." Upon further questioning as who constitutes "both," Forte's question was met with silence. Is this silence an implied admission that O'Farrell is receiving free counsel at the taxpayers' expense and the Attorney General is cutting corners with propriety? Additionally, the Attorney General should have conducted an investigation of the charges of corruption regarding O'Farrell's conduct before undertaking the role as defense counsel. They neglected to do so.

The main thrust of the Notice was to claim that Forte had no grounds to sue the judge because O'Farrell was "clearly acting within his judicial capacity and not in the clear absence of jurisdiction when he held plaintiff in contempt, and ordered plaintiff restrained." Also it was stated that there is no subject matter jurisdiction for the court to hear this case because, "plaintiff's contempt conviction was never reviewed and reversed."

Hammerness continues, "The United States and California Supreme Courts long ago established the rule that courts and judges are immune from civil suits arising out of the exercise of their judicial functions." On the surface this was a very impressive rebuttal if some very germane facts didn't get in the way of the Attorney General's argument.

Forte responds to their demurrer with an Opposition to State Judicial Defendant's Demurrer to Complaint on the Ides of March 2005. In it Forte rebuts each and every point of the demurrer. Forte stresses the Code of Ethics that restrain judges from prejudicial treatment toward all parties in their courtrooms but most importantly he points out that O'Farrell had no jurisdiction over any of Forte's legal pursuits since December 19, 2003, when Forte filed the California Civil Procedure 170.6 Peremptory Challenge against O'Farrell prior to O'Farrell arresting Forte. (See the April installment - Part Three at www.usobserver.com) Specifically, Forte references a plethora of case law that states that the challenge is immediate disqualification of the trial judge and is mandatory. O'Farrell in fact would not allow Forte to announce his intent to use the peremptory challenge in the above mentioned hearing. Note that a party or attorney who announces the intent to exercise a 170.6 challenge must be given an opportunity to provide the sworn statement required by statute.

The Attorney General's Office overlooks this fine line of law when they state the judge was acting in his official capacity, therefore being afforded immunity from civil lawsuits. However, Forte counters that all of the case law the defendant is relying upon does not take into consideration that the 170.6 Peremptory Challenge was in play during Forte's run in with O'Farrell, thereby eliminating the immunity issue. It is hard to comprehend why the State Attorney General's Office is so anemic in its response to the lawsuit. One reason may lead one to conclude that clouding the opposition's issues with nonsensical legal arguments, meant to confuse and stifle the legal process, is the preferred tactic utilized by the establishment. Another reason is that they are caught dead to rights trying to deprive Forte of justice. After reading both the Demurrer and Forte's Opposition documents it may behoove O'Farrell to reconsider his defense team, that is if he didn't have the entire Superior Court bench providing cover fire for him.

Three days after Gene filed his Opposition to the Demurrer he filed two additional documents; a "Supplemental Declaration" and a "Supplemental Memorandum of Points and Authorities" (see below) that exposes additional proof of his contentions. In the first document he states that the case was assigned to Judge Adrienne M.

Grover in Department 13 of the Monterey Superior Court as of March 14, 2005, but two days later the case is re-assigned to Department 14 the courtroom of Robert O'Farrell. What more blatant disregard for the Canon of Ethics that guard against conflict of interests could there possibly be? The entire case revolves around O'Farrell's assault on Forte's civil rights and by the very fact that that Forte must now send all motions and other court documents to the defendant/judge is prima facie proof of the shenanigans being perpetrated by the Monterey Court. The biggest problem Forte is faced with is not about the issue of right and wrong but the issue of judicial procedures that separate the common man from the attorneys.

In July 2005 Gene was handed a set back by Judge John J. Golden in an "Order Sustaining Demurrers to Complaint." Golden found for the defendant, apparently ignoring Forte's well thought out case law, by stating that Forte failed to state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action. He further states that O'Farrell had immunity from a civil suite even though Forte filed a Peremptory Challenge prior to the hearing on December 19, 2003. Actually, Golden omitted mentioning that the challenge was in place and defied the case law that states that it is in force immediately. Somehow the violations of the Canon of Ethics was also overlooked, as well, which is par for the course when you're playing poker with someone else's deck of cards. This ruling defies all logic, not unlike sleight of hand card tricks performed by a magician. Let me assure you that this setback is temporary due to the fact that Forte does not cave to the antics of the courts but actually lures his adversaries deeper into his web.

Forte then waits for the Attorney General to prepare the judgment for Golden's signature and subsequent entry into the court record but it is not forthcoming so Forte being well within his procedural rights prepares the judgment for the judge's signature. The significance of his actions is lost on the uninformed because Forte's appeal can not be submitted until the judgment is handed down. Evidently, the AG was stalling with the hope of causing Forte additional stress and aggravation by denying an opportunity for appeal. Judge Golden staying true to form considers this action a motion and schedules a court date for an exparte application hearing regarding his own order for November 23, 2005. Albeit he does delay the process for two more months, which is no doubt the intended consequence.

In late 2005 Forte is made aware of other tawdry activity by a former court clerk in Monterey County. Crystal Powser comes forward with an affidavit of fact regarding Commissioner

Rutledge (See first installment) and the general practices of the Superior Court Judges manipulating court cases and court assignments. (Read her affidavit to see what collusion and utter disregard for the rights of others runs rampant in the chambers of Monterey Superior Court. This declaration is not rated PG.)

Once this tidbit was loosed upon the community desperate measures by desperate people had to be taken and fast. On November 19, 2005, Forte receives in the mail a motion to strike and seal the Powser declaration from the Deputy Attorney General. The hearing was set coincidentally for the same time and day of Golden's hearing about the application for judgment four days hence. The peculiar twist in this schedule is that it precludes Forte the notice affording him time to prepare for the hearing in violation of court procedure. The rhetorical question is, is this another disregard of Forte's civil rights?

Next month the focus will be on Deputy Attorney General Paul T. Hammerness' attempt to control the outcome of Forte's crusade and Monterey County officials trying to avoid subpoenas from Forte to discuss what knowledge they have regarding obstruction of justice and failure to report a crime. It only gets better.

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Oregon News

Oregon legislator to seek ban on field burning



SPRINGFIELD, Ore. (AP) — Almost 1,200 Oregon residents have called the state this year to complain about the smoke from field burning, and some politicians are listening.

State Rep. Paul Holvey, D-Eugene, said he plans to introduce a bill when the Legislature convenes in January that would ban the practice that grass seed farmers use to get rid of straw after harvest.

"The economic benefit of field burning does not outweigh the huge cost to public health not to mention global warming," Holvey said.

Other candidates from the southern Willamette Valley also want the Legislature to consider the issue, including Bill Eddie, a Republican seeking a state senate seat. "I've had a lot of people out on the campaign trail talk to me about field burning and make a remark like, 'Bill, if you could eliminate field burning, I'd vote for you,'" Eddie said.

Each year about 200 Willamette Valley grass seed growers use fire to sanitize their fields and get rid of straw. As of Oct. 1, they had burned 48,285 acres, and the season isn't over until the heavy fall rains come. The fires send clouds of smoke high into the air and through communities in the southern Willamette Valley.

The state Department of Agriculture tries to minimize the impact on the Eugene-Springfield area by allowing burning only when winds carry the smoke over the Coast Range to the west or over the Cascades to the east. But the science is imperfect and sometimes smoke hangs in the air.

Though most politicians from the area appear to support a ban, Jim Oakley, a candidate for a house seat that includes the Linn County grass seed growing region, said field burning isn't much of a problem. "They're being very careful," he said. "The farmers are doing their best to try to find ways to deal with it — either not burning or making sure they don't intrude on the cities."

In a separate but related move on Tuesday, the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency Board voted 6-2 to draft a letter to encourage the Legislature to ban field burning.

But board President Dave Ralston, one of two members to

oppose the letter, said the agency shouldn't get involved. "It's strictly up to the Legislature," he said. "The farmers have businesses and that's a very powerful lobby."

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Trade agreements negatively impact Oregon

By Michael Rose
Statesman Journal

A group backed by opponents of expanding U.S. free trade pacts released a study Tuesday that blamed outsourcing and foreign competition for draining 68,000 jobs from Oregon.

Workers who lost their jobs when the AgriFrozen Foods vegetable-processing plant in Woodburn closed in 2001 were highlighted in the report released by the Oregon Fair Trade Campaign.

Called "Faces of Free Trade and Job Loss," the report is aimed at showing the people behind job-loss statistics. It makes the case that NAFTA and similar agreements are harming U.S. workers.

"When they passed NAFTA in '93, they promised that, in Oregon, they would create 3,500 jobs in five years. That is a broken promise," Tom Chamberlain, president of the AFL-CIO of Oregon, said at a briefing for the study. Oregon lost 40,000 jobs in the manufacturing sector alone as a result of "lopsided trade agreements," he said.

The AgriFrozen shutdown, which displaced hundreds of Woodburn workers, was cited as an example of how trade agreements have backfired.

The report noted that a national holding company bought the business.

As the vegetable-packing industry shifted to foods imported from Mexico, South America, and Asia, AgriFrozen's owners closed the Woodburn plant, saying it wasn't competitive.

"People tell me, 'Yeah, I can get a job for minimum wage, \$8 an hour or even \$10 an hour.' But the mechanics and lineman at AgriFrozen made \$25 or \$30 an hour," said Mary Riley, a former AgriFrozen worker, in the group's study.

The job-loss estimates in the Oregon Fair Trade Campaign study are more than double those tracked by the U.S. Department of Labor. The interest group said its job-loss estimates are higher because the study includes job categories not covered by the labor department's Trade Adjustment Assistance program.

Bill Conerly, a Portland-area economist with Conerly Consulting, said he was skeptical of the study's estimates of trade-related job losses in Oregon.

Conerly said free trade is a net benefit for Oregon. Prices for consumers are lower, he said. Trade pacts also have opened new export markets to Oregon companies, such as Portland truck maker Freightliner, which exports products to Mexico, he said.

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Public officials can pay for their own trips

From the Albany Democrat Herald

Some people in public office in Oregon just don't seem to get the fact that nobody gives them a trip without hoping to get something in return. And because they don't get this, they keep being embarrassed by such trips, especially when they forget to report them as required.

As Brad Cain of the Associated Press reported Wednesday, House Speaker Robert Minnis went on a trip to Israel last year. She forgot to report that the Portland Jewish Federation paid \$4,000 for that seven-day jaunt last November. Her husband went along but paid his own expenses, according to the speaker.

Treasurer Randall Edwards also went on the trip, also sponsored by the federation. He had reported the trip, and he told the AP that it was valuable because it allowed him to visit a Tel Aviv buy-out company with which the state had invested \$50 million. You'd think that if you invest \$50 million, you might want to visit before you take that step. But in any case, if there's an official purpose for any trip by state officials, the

state should pay the expense. We do not need private groups to pay for journeys that are necessary in order for our public officials to do their work.

Before this latest flap, three or four other legislators — none from the mid-valley — had discovered that they had failed to report trips to Hawaii that had been arranged by a lobbyist and paid for from private funds.

Not reporting the trips is bad enough. But taking them in the first place is worse.

Why is it that legislators think it's all right to accept generous offers to fly them to tropical or otherwise interesting places? To participate in a conference or to give a speech? Do they think their views are really so interesting that someone would pay \$4,000 to hear them?

These and other trips are legal. But that does not make them right.

Lawmakers and anybody else in public office ought to live by a strict rule: Accept no gifts, and if you want to take a trip, pay for it yourself or stay home.

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Study: Modern hatchery techniques offer help for wild salmon

Oregon News

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — New research confirms that steelhead raised for generations in hatcheries do poorly when they try to reproduce in the wild, but the first generation of fish raised from wild parents in hatcheries are as successful at reproducing in their native rivers as their wild cousins.

The results of genetically testing some 15,000 steelhead returning to the Hood River in Oregon over the past 15 years offer support for federal policies using hatcheries to bolster threatened and endangered wild runs of salmon and steelhead in the Columbia Basin.

But Oregon State University geneticist Michael Blouin, lead author of the study posted last week in the online version of the journal *Conservation Biology*, cautioned that relying on hatcheries to sustain salmon runs is likely to fail in the long run without restoring river habitats, because the fish raised from wild eggs in hatcheries will soon evolve traits ill-suited to the wild.

In hatchery programs, “we have essentially created a fish version of white lab mice,” Blouin said. “This means they are very well adapted to being born in a little plastic tray and being raised in a concrete pond and fed fish chow. They don’t survive that well in the wild.”

“This is evolution in real time right before your eyes.”

Hatchery fish make up about two-thirds of the salmon and steelhead returning each year to the Columbia Basin, the largest producer of salmon on the West Coast. The returns represent just 5 percent of historical levels before dams, logging, agriculture and urban development destroyed much of their habitat.

Conservation groups, Indian tribes, fishermen, state and federal agencies, the timber industry, agricultural groups and property rights groups have been battling over whether to rely on hatcheries for decades.

In 2001, a federal judge ruled that Oregon coastal coho raised in fish hatcheries must get the same protection under the Endangered Species Act as Oregon coastal coho that spawned in the wild, despite the fact that the hatchery fish were descended from genetic stocks far outside the region.

The federal salmon hatchery policy adopted in 2004 to comply with the ruling was guided by preliminary results of the Hood River study, said Bob Lohn, northwest regional director of NOAA Fisheries, which is in charge of restoring salmon.

“We don’t expect this to cause us to make major changes,” Lohn said. “But it certainly adds importance to the hatchery reform effort that is now ongoing in the Columbia River system.”

NOAA Fisheries is reviewing 189 different hatchery programs, deciding which will keep producing fish and which should be shut down or forced to adopt modern techniques. It is expected to be completed in about six months, Lohn said.

Bill Bakke of the Native Fish Society said other studies have shown that even hatchery fish bred from wild eggs are inferior to wild fish in behavior, body size and other characteristics that determine their survival.

He said he expected state and federal agencies that operate salmon hatcheries to use the study to justify expanding programs based on wild broodstock, despite the study’s cautionary note that they were likely to fail in the long run.

“This is the end of wild steelhead in the Northwest,” he said.

Mark Chilcote, a conservation biologist for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, said he did not expect the study to change hatchery operations in Oregon, where most are operated to provide fish for people to catch, not to help struggling runs survive.

“In that case, the main thing is you want to create a product that returns a lot of fish to a fishery, minimizes the impact with wild fish, and is an efficient operation,” he said. “Typically, when you take a wild fish and spawn them and tray to raise them in a hatchery, it is more difficult, because they are not as domesticated.”

The study extracted DNA from fish scales that have been collected from every steelhead returning to the Hood River since 1991. Hood River is a tributary of the Columbia flowing down the flanks of Mount Hood east of Portland. A dam makes it possible to sample every fish headed upstream.

By comparing the genetics of fish



**** FILE **** An Issaquah Salmon Hatchery worker scoops up 3-month-old Chinook salmon, April 22, 2004, in Issaquah, Wash. Steelhead raised for generations in hatcheries do poorly when they try to reproduce in the wild, but the first generation of fish raised from wild parents in hatcheries reproduce just as well in rivers as their wild cousins, according to a report Tuesday Oct. 10, 2006. (AP Photo/Elaine Thompson, File)

returning in different years, they found that fish from traditional hatcheries using nonnative broodstock for winter steelhead had reproductive success as low as 6 percent to 11 percent of wild

fish, which fish from hatcheries using wild broodstock had reproductive success indistinguishable from wild spawners.

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Oregon DHS is trying to steal my son (An open call for support)

Imagine the joy of giving birth to a beautiful baby boy that defied all odds. Now imagine having severe pain with complications during birth. An emergency C-Section had to be performed in order to deliver your child. Picture not being able to care for your infant without having to take medication in order to minimize the pain. To make matters worse you had a substance growing in your uterus for nearly a year thought to be caused by the delivery of your newborn. Imagine having minimal support with the need to ask the State for assistance. Every mother in Oregon should feel able to ask for help from a caring “No Child Left Behind” Government.

Instead, the Oregon Department of Human Services - also known as DHS - was anything but ideal or helpful. When I needed someone to lend a helping hand DHS was right there offering to watch the infant so I could be admitted to a hospital for my medical problem. After taking my child DHS failed to provide the promised medical treatment and refused my repeated demands to have my son returned to me.

This is the real, shocking nightmare I have personally experienced for two years. DHS intentionally lied, deceived, and manipulated me by telling me my child would be returned in two weeks when I was out of the hospital. Instead they have held my son for over a year and terminated my parental rights. The US-OBSERVER has confirmed that DHS gets 80 to 90 thousand dollars if a child is taken and put up for adoption and nothing if the child is returned to the natural parents. A Placement hearing is being held January 4th, 2006, in Judge Deanne Darlings Courtroom located at 2123 Kaen Road Oregon City, Oregon 97045. **Those wanting to support Ms. Hamar are welcome. Hearing set January 4th at 11 A.M.**

You can contact Deborah Hamar at 503-459-1014.

Continued from page 1 Gold Hill Identity Theft ...

from the Mayor Sherry Young. It falsely warned of a lawsuit between Gold Hill’s Chief of Police, Dean Muchow and the city. Attached to the false e-mail was an altered copy of an article from the US-Observer, “Support a good Cop.”

Presenting oneself as another via e-mail is a form of identity theft, a class “C” felony.

High technology investigators were called in on the case. As a result of the investigation a search warrant was signed by a Jackson County judge on October 12, 2006, to seize certain evidence at 292 2nd Ave, Gold Hill, Oregon, the Christine Alford residence.

Our investigation is continuing into this matter given the special relationship that re-called Gold Hill City Councilor shares with current councilors Gus Wolf and Donna Silva. The US-Observer has compiled much evidence that shows the three have been working diligently to

destroy Gold Hill Chief of Police Dean Muchow, certain officers and apparently the Gold Hill City Police Department.

Both Wolf and Silva survived a recent recall effort by citizens of Gold Hill, however the resulting number of votes cast in favor of their recall were substantial, while voter turnout was only around 36%. This fact would tend to support the theory that voters will most will send Wolf and Silva packing just as they did a few years ago with Christine Alford.

In a phone interview conducted with Chief Muchow shortly before press time he wouldn’t comment on when the search warrant would be served and only vaguely stated, “probably in the next few days.” Stay tuned to the US-Observer’s web site at www.usobserver.com for an update on seized property from the Alford residence as well as any charges filed against this recalled city councilor.

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In The Nation



Congress Creates a New Class of Criminal *Corporate welfare drives ban on internet gambling and criminalizes a new class of citizen*

Fairfax, CA (PRWEB) -- In the name of public morality, Bill Frist (R- Tenn) inserted a ban on Internet gambling into the Port Security Bill (H.R. 4954) which was presented to the President on October 3rd. In addition to criminalizing millions of Americans, this bill protects the existing online gambling industry from competition from Internet sites.

"This isn't about gambling," claims Richard Friesen, Libertarian candidate for Congress from California's sixth congressional district, "this is about corporate welfare for the brick and mortar casinos."

Attorney Tony Cabot, founding editor of the Internet Gambling Report said, "The casino lobbyists in Washington D.C. thought this was a pretty good deal."

According to Friesen, the gambling provision inserted into the Port Security bill without debate or review highlights three problems with our legislative process.

- First, Congress has abdicated its responsibility to have open debate for the laws that we have to obey.



- Secondly, Congress continues to be servants to the lobbyists, in this case protecting the casino lobbyists.

- Finally, Congress is creating a whole new class of criminals out of ordinary

citizens who gamble for entertainment.

"This is another example of why voter dissatisfaction is at an all time high. Citizens are losing faith in our hypocritical politicians as more and

more of them find themselves defined a criminals," continues Friesen.

Friesen claims that since both political parties benefit from corporate welfare and seek to enlarge their power, lasting changes can only occur by reducing the scope of government authority in our lives. "Just changing the players of the major parties won't work and I am willing to bet big on that," he grins.

About Friesen for Congress

Richard Friesen, Libertarian, is running for Congress against the Democratic and Republican candidates in California's 6th Congressional District comprising Marin and most of Sonoma Counties. With voter disdain of the political process at an all time high, Mr. Friesen believes that injecting his campaign with the searing truth of humor will wake up the voters to the need for an independent congressional representative. Richard Friesen has built his career in the financial markets, is a former director of the Pacific Stock Exchange and currently trains executives to improve their relationship skills. ■■

US federal judge declares boating & other public use illegal in all US navigable waters



By IBI Magazine

In a rather bizarre ruling that has marine industry officials worried, Judge Robert G. James of the United States District Court, Western Division of Louisiana, has said that it is criminal trespass for the American boating public to boat, fish, or hunt on the Mississippi River and other navigable waters in the US.

In the case of Normal Parm v. Sheriff Mark Shumate, James ruled that federal law grants exclusive and private control over the waters of the river, outside the main shipping channel, to riparian landowners. The shallows of the navigable waters are no longer open to

the public ...

"Even though this action seems like a horrible pre-April fools joke, it is very serious," said Phil Keeter, MRAA president, in a statement. "Because essentially all the waters and waterways of our country are considered navigable in the US law, this ruling declares recreational boating, water skiing, fishing, waterfowl hunting, and fishing tournaments to be illegal and the public subject to jail sentences for recreating with their families."

Last month, James rejected the findings of the Magistrate judge who found earlier that the American public had the right under federal law and Louisiana law to navigate, boat, fish,

and hunt on the waters of the Mississippi river up to the normal high water line of the river. Judge James Kirk relied on the long established federal principles of navigation that recognized the public navigational rights "...entitles the public to the reasonable use of navigable waters for all legitimate purposes of travel or transportation, for boating, sailing for pleasure, as well as for carrying persons or property for hire, and in any kind of watercraft the use of which is consistent with others also enjoying the right possessed in common."

"MRAA is working with the Coast Guard, state boating law administrators, and NMMA to fight this onerous ruling," said Glen Mazzella, MRAA chairman, in the statement. ■■

Bankruptcy Petitioners to Face Greater Obstacles in Some States

New median income figures taking effect on October 1 may exclude some people currently eligible for Chapter 7 bankruptcy. Those filing for Chapter 7 bankruptcy must qualify under the Chapter 7 "means test", a test that begins by comparing the petitioner's income to the median income for his state and family size. The median income for at least one family size has declined in 39 states, making it tougher--or even impossible--for some people in those states to qualify for Chapter 7 bankruptcy. While some of these declines have been small, others are dramatic and will have widespread impact. For instance, two-person households filing for Chapter 7 bankruptcy protection in Washington, D.C. will be screened using a number that is more than \$10,000 lower than the

one currently being applied. A list of affected states and family size categories is available at www.TotalBankruptcy.com.

The overall median income in the United States has increased slightly, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, but that's likely small comfort to the individuals and families impacted by the declines in 39 states. Families already suffering from declining income in many areas may now face another financial obstacle: greater hurdles to filing for Chapter 7 bankruptcy protection.

Eligibility for Chapter 7 bankruptcy depends on a two-part "means test". The means test is intended to screen out people who have sufficient income to pay their creditors, and the first step in the test is to compare the debtor's

income to the median income for his state and family size.

In some areas, where the median income has declined very slightly, a small number of potential Chapter 7 filers will be impacted. But many Washington, D.C. bankruptcy petitioners can expect greater obstacles to filing under Chapter 7, and many may be disqualified outright. That's because the median income in Washington, D.C. declined by more than \$4,000 for a single wage earner, and more than \$10,000 for a family of two.

Although the District of Columbia was the most dramatically impacted, several states posted decreases of thousands of dollars in one or more categories.

As of October 1:

--Connecticut bankruptcy petitioners with one and three person households will be subjected to means testing using median incomes about \$2,500 lower

than those currently in use.

--Idaho bankruptcy petitioners in four person households will face calculations based on a median income more than \$5,000 lower than the present figure.

--New Hampshire bankruptcy trustees will apply median income figures that have declined by as much as \$6,512, depending upon family size.

Overall, more than 90 state/family size categories have seen a decline in median income. The impact of those changes will vary dependent on a number of factors, but one thing is certain: many Chapter 7 bankruptcy petitioners in the affected states will face greater obstacles to filing Chapter 7 bankruptcy. For some, it may only mean going on to the next phase of the means test and demonstrating a lack of disposable income, but for others it will mean that bankruptcy is not an option so long as these new numbers are in effect. ■■

COMMENTARY Your Right to Speak Out

Will We Survive World War III?

By Greg Evensen
NewsWithViews.com

Dump the UN, Fight Islam, and Win WWII

It seems to me that you cannot be responsive to pain stimulus, taking nourishment, breathing on your own, and not understand that the UN really must go ... somewhere ... anywhere - but here. Send Hugo Chavez and the New York City Harlem Baptist Church that presented him as a hero with them. The enthusiastic applause at the UN for thugs, war criminals, thieves, and dictators shows you clearly how bad that place is. This is the eventual seat of your world government. If that was not enough, we are LOSING against the growing wave of an Islamic victory over western civilization.

Millions of people worldwide are converting each year and accepting the "privilege" of serving a concocted deity with an incredibly evil doctrine. This Allah or "God of War" demands adherence to a brutal Islamic gang of armed cut-throats and is designed to terrorize people into submission, Muslims are consolidating power in Europe, Asia, and the African nations. Their goal is world domination through a cruel religious dictatorship. The fanatics and absolute madmen like the rulers of Iran and Syria understand clearly what is at stake. Their weapons will be sheer numbers and the nuclear bomb. They will not hesitate to use it nor will they care what the unthinkable effects will be. Killing fellow Muslims doesn't matter as long as their ultimate goal of a subjugated world under the knives of atrocious and merciless Islamic clerical rulers is achieved.

There will be no second chances, no "let's just all get along" type of accommodation with Islam. Children will go to war camps called Madrassahs and women will shuffle along the street behind their men like little black tents with legs. Nations will stop all that they are doing five times a day as hundreds of millions drop to their knees, face Mecca, and pray to this exceptionally "loving god" Allah. The vicious Islam we know all too well can neither be respected nor accepted—ever as a religion of war and brutality.

Islam has been waging war against the Christian and Jewish world for 1400 years! They have never stopped and will not until totally defeated by superior forces. What saved us as a nation in WWII, and can again, was a unified, clear-headed citizenry that understood the nature of those evil regimes. We fought for our survival and did not quit until the job was done.

We have become accustomed to

feminized negotiations where feelings matter more than substance. Uncompromising and really harsh positions are required here, and the only approach that has any possibility of success. "The Art of War" makes it clear that you negotiate from strength, not weakness. You never let the voices of irrationality, defeat, cowardice or submission ever enters the discussion. This was true when I was a State Trooper involved in hostage standoffs, and it certainly applies in all international negotiations with unspeakably evil terrorists who believe that beheadings are how you open discussion about the ultimate fate of mankind.

The time for talk is over for politically correct and incompetent US State Department "geo-teams." They have capitulated to the UN's anti-US world government elite and should be fired in disgrace and replaced with patriots of the first order. It is time to send them and a treasonous David Rockefeller, Kofi Annan, the Trilateralists, the Council on Foreign Relations subversive shadow government members, the Federal Reserve Governors and most of Congress straight to Antarctica for a prolonged "trade junket" or some other worthless endeavor they can't possibly screw-up or sell-out.

It has been said repeatedly from military and political sources that we are in the initial stages of WWII. Did you believe it had to be immediately nuclear? Well, think again. It may go that way, but for now, the Islamic fascists are gaining ground and numerical strength to the point that most of Europe would capitulate virtually overnight to any internal uprising. Their appeasement at any cost leaders would run screaming down the street looking for comfort at the nearest heroin den or homosexual bar that wasn't already burned to the ground by Allah-Akbar brigades. They will stand up to Islamic fascism just about like they stood up to Nazi intimidation. The holocaust brought on by the "peaceful and respectable religion of Islam" will make Hitler's attempts to wipe out Jews and Christians pale in comparison. There is no doubt about the accuracy of my prediction here. Only "detached from reality" Americans would want to believe that this could never happen. We certainly don't want to deter any of our neighbors from important weekly football games and tailgating parties with a heads-up effort aimed at their cultural and national survival.

The United States has had so many foreign insurgents, illegals, North Koreans, Iranians, Syrians, Al Qaeda

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Something has changed and it's not the guns

By Steve Eggleston

I went to school in a different time, the late 1950's and 1960's. It was a semi-rural area, and most people in the area had guns.

I was also a nerd before there was such a thing as a nerd. If I were in school today, I would have been labeled ADD and drugged into complacency. As it was, I was bored to tears because school was not a challenge. I was a target for every bully in the school from grades 1-12, including the teachers. One classmate expected me to show up every morning and accept my beating. I did it.

I looked at every school-day morning as a death-row prisoner must look at their last day on Earth, except I knew I'd have to repeat it tomorrow. Like many other kids in my school, I had easy access to guns.

If any kid ever had motive, means and opportunity to blow away their teachers and classmates, I did.

The LAST THING I would have dreamed of, however, would have been to shoot someone. I watched Elmer Fudd point a shotgun, point-blank at Bugs Bunny and pull the trigger. All that happened to Bugs was a soot-covered face. Somehow, however, I knew you didn't point a shotgun at a person.

I knew you didn't kill.

Killing a human being just wasn't a concept in my mind, or in the minds of my fellow students. A respect for life was something we knew instinctively in our souls.

Most of the boys in my neighborhood had guns. Surplus 7.62mm Mausers were sold at the local department store for \$12.00. Ammo was available at Robby's surplus store. You needed no I.D., permit or anything but two bucks to buy 150 rounds of surplus NATO ammunition. We spent Saturdays at the local trash dump shooting at rats and pretend Nazis. Other days we played war games, had BB battles, played cowboys and Indians and Cops and Robbers. For these, of course, we'd leave the 'Real' guns at home. We somehow knew they weren't toys.

We built pipe bombs filled with our own home made black powder. We made bazookas that would shoot a dirt clod a quarter of a mile and generated hydrogen in pop bottles full of

aluminum foil and lye so we could float surplus weather balloons (ordered from the back of the Sgt. York comics) high in the sky and shoot them with flare guns just to watch them burn.

We knew that White Phosphorus (Willie Pete) could burn a hole in an engine block because we did it. We made rockets from steel broom handles and used them to launch our homemade fireworks.

Our toys had sharp edges, things that would burn you, shock you, crush your fingers and get lodged in your throat. We had knives, hatchets, axes and other potentially harmful tools.

We lived next to forests with snakes, rivers with undertow and all manner of other deadly things. We had fishhooks, spears, crossbows (mostly home made) poisons and other potentially fatal objects all around us.

Based on the above, our 35th class reunion should have been attended by grieving parents and widows. SURPRISE, we're alive and well.

The difference between then and now....?

Adults, however misguided they may appear in hindsight, who cared -- really cared.

My father took me hunting when I was 8 years old, but only after I demonstrated that I knew how to handle a gun and was a good shot. When I held my first kill, a little bunny rabbit, my life changed. That lovable furry little critter that I would have loved to pet and cuddle was cold, bloody and dead.

Nothing teaches a child more respect for life than holding death in his hands. From that day forward I had a deeper respect not only for life, but for what a person with a gun could do to that life in an instant. I was upset for weeks, and that respect for life is with me today. (BTW, we still ate the rabbit)

We don't teach children fear of water, we teach them to swim. Are parents doing their children any favors by saying things like, "I never want my child to ever even see a real gun." We all know the lure the forbidden presents to children. Do we really want to foster this curiosity, or should we teach our children a healthy respect for the things that can hurt them, or others. Are we doing them a favor by completely insulating them from anything that

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Gold Hill - Strange ...**

ally Christine Alford against the Gold Hill Police and Chief Dean Muchow have resulted in the city's insurance risk management company, City County Insurance Services (CCIS), raising Gold Hill's deductible from \$1,000 per year to \$10,000 per incident. If Wolf and Sylva remain at the helm a Gold Hill Bankruptcy in the not too distant future is certainly a possibility.

Gus Wolf and Donna Silva have a long history of making false and libelous statements to the press about the police and Chief Muchow. In April of 2006, Wolf, Silva, councilor Jan Fish, along with co-conspirator and recalled city councilor Christine Alford made up and handed out flyers all over Gold Hill. The flyers were to help their effort in the then pending recall election of Wolf, Silva, and Fish. The flyers accused Chief Muchow of illegal acts and incompetence, all of which have been proven untrue.

This got the attention of the insurance company. The local insurance agent, Lisa Jacobson, resigned as Gold Hill's risk management representative. CCIS saw how the actions of Wolf and Silva were setting the city up for a huge law suit; one CCIS knew they could not win. They told Mayor Sherry Young that the council (mainly Wolf and Silva) were just "out of control."

When Wolf was unsuccessful in getting rid of the police department, he and Christine Alford filed complaints against Chief Muchow to the Police

Academy, the D.A.'s office, the Attorney General's Office, and Government Standards.

Gus Wolf's actions were only supported by Donna Silva on the city council. Wolf was quoted in the Medford Mail Tribune (July) that he needed to file these complaints against Chief Muchow as "the council was not handling it well." He said he was complaining as a "private citizen and a city councilor."

Chief Muchow soundly defeated all those false accusations as well. Now the city's insurance carrier was in a stark panic.

CCIS said they were going to review Gold Hill each 90 days to decide if they're going to continue coverage. They could drop the city at any time. They said the main reason for this was the fact the council has rogue elements which acted without the consent of the whole body of the council. This was from little things like Gus Wolf posting "for rent" signs on the old fire station without council consent to acting on the council's behalf without their knowledge. Wolf even tried negotiating with the Sheriff's Office to take over policing Gold Hill, without council consent. Wolf and Donna Silva tried to oust councilor Tom Daily when he would not go along with them in eliminating the police department. This act of subversion failed just like all the rest.

The huge and dramatic increase in insurance rates caused a lot of talk at city council.

To quote Royal Gasso, Gold Hill's director of public works, "It's like not having any insurance at all." Mr. Gasso stated he was going to entertain seeking insurance for public works separately from the city. This is how Wolf and Silva are doing their part to wreck the city of Gold Hill, all for their own petty little egos.

Matters got so contentious at one city council meeting that Mayor Sherry Young resigned and moved to Josephine County. This left Donna Silva on her own power trip as she replaced Young as mayor.

Wolf is often seen visiting Christine Alford. It is also well known much of the information Silva obtains at city hall goes directly to Christine Alford. That's natural; they're both very good friends and have raised children who have been drug abusers and criminals. They appear to share a deep hatred for the law, authority, and decent people in Gold Hill.

Soon after Donna Silva became "acting mayor" she tried to get Chief Muchow to falsify his time sheets, even directing Mary Goddard (Gold Hill's City Recorder) to not accept Chief Muchow's time sheet unless he left out an accurate account of the hours he worked. Chief Dean Muchow has steadfastly refused to take part in this act of dishonesty. All of this transpired without the approval of the city council. She failed but what will the city's insurance company think of this? Silva then tried to micro-manage the police department's work schedule, again

without council approval or knowledge. She failed again, but the big question is, what will the city's insurance agents do now, given this new information?

Wolf and Silva have secretly perfected a new tactic. They "employ" Christine Alford to do most of their dirty work. When Ms. Alford requested 283 pages of public records documents she got a bill for almost \$80.00. Gus Wolf swooped in and obtained the documents for Ms. Alford free of charge. Gus Wolf would not do this for any other citizen of Gold Hill, nor has he, but he sure does it for his close friend Christine Alford.

Christine Alford is still making public records requests for items she will not pay for. Kathleen Price (Gold Hill councilor) stated at the last council meeting that Christine Alford should not get any more documents until she's paid her bill. Gus Wolf tried to object, stating it's public record and they cannot deny her access to it. He looked very worried when the council decided in favor of actually charging Alford for the work she puts the city through, much to the apparent upset of Wolf and Silva.

As a side note, Christine Alford's son was reportedly recently bragging to citizens at the Post Office that his mother was the "unofficial mayor" now and "she's on the phone every day with Silva, Wolf, Sanne Specht (a reporter for the MMT) and Steve Rich (Gold Hill's City Attorney).

What will Gold Hill decide for its future in November of 2006? Will they endorse renegades like Gus Wolf and

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AUSA Thomas Moore Coerces Innocent Man

U.S. Attorney Kevin Ryan Allows AUSA to Play God

By Edward Snook
Investigative Reporter

San Jose, CA – On September 18, 2006, a hearing was held in federal court in San Jose, CA to determine if Federal Judge James Ware would release Sam Fung's attorneys after Fung had fired his attorney Terrance McCauley of Estacada, Oregon. An October 18, 2006, trial was scheduled when Fung suddenly fired his attorney on August 30, 2006, due to conflicts of interest, the attorney's failure to prepare for his defense and for the attorney's unauthorized deal-making with Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Thomas Moore.

A Brief NTS History

Sam Fung, a successful commercial realtor from Medford, Oregon had invested in a program called National Trust Services (NTS) after attending public seminars just like hundreds of other business people from around the country, many possessing advanced educational diplomas. People were



Leroy Fritz

taught the seemingly legal and above-board practices of operating blind trusts (complex trusts) by Leroy Fritts, Rick Prescott and others. All involved with NTS went through thorough training regarding running the trusts, including visual instructions on filling out IRS tax forms. Fung ultimately purchased soft



Rick Prescott pictured center

ware that processed information into a tax form. When members found out Fung had the soft ware they paid him to enter the figures they provided and produce a tax return. Some NTS members even borrowed the software from Fung to do it themselves. Obviously all involved with NTS totally believed in the program just as Fung did and all listened to the same instructions and teachings.

This fact meant nothing to IRS agent Dennis Brown who started "blindly" investigating NTS for criminal violations in 1991. Brown seized NTS

computers and materials twice during his 15 year investigation, returning them both times, thereby bolstering the apparently legal status of NTS with its members. After 15 years of allowing a program that he considered illegal to continue Brown and his cohorts in the justice department started their big round-up. Regarding Fung's case, Brown and other IRS employees ended up scaring NTS members with criminal prosecution if they refused to go along with IRS deceptions and point a finger at Sam Fung. About a dozen gladly pointed their finger and Fung was indicted for "assisting in the filing of false tax returns" on August 3, 2005. What was simply a civil matter due to the absolute fact that Fung had no intent whatsoever to violate any law now has turned into a criminal matter by government agents who love to play "God." Exposing this fact is all too simple; if Fung believed the same instructions as those he assisted and was charged for assisting in filing fraudulent returns, why shouldn't those on the other side of assisted be charged as well? Fung could possibly be charged with assisting in the filing of returns without a license, however he was taught, as were others that he was an agent trustee for those he assisted and that his actions were legal. Fung even went to the extent of signing a contract with those he assisted clearly stating this fact, but amazingly when Fung's attorney received discovery from prosecutor Thomas Moore the contracts were conveniently missing. Moore has to possess the contracts but he certainly wouldn't want to provide Fung with anything that could help prove he was simply filing false charges against an innocent man.

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Moore, a weasel-like attorney sat at the prosecutors table in federal court smirking, whispering with other AUSAs' and basically acting like a spoiled little child as he awaited his turn to practice his trickery on the court regarding Sam Fung.

Moore stated to Judge James Ware that Fung had a practice of filing papers with the court without his attorney's knowledge, attempting to make Fung look bad to Judge Ware. Moore stated this because Fung had served the court, Moore and his own attorney paperwork prior to the hearing that contained a letter from Fung to Judge Ware, a letter from third parties clearly showing his attorney's conflict of interest and a letter written by this reporter to Judge Ware. Moore then told Ware of tape recordings he had directed taken of Fung where Fung was having a discussion with Irvin Gootnick a San Francisco Psychiatrist and alleged tax evader. Moore then claimed that he was going to be filing a superseding indictment against Fung for witness tampering etc. This is the same threat Moore made to Fung via his incompetent attorney Terrance McCauley as he and McCauley were attempting to scare Fung into a felony plea bargain (read our first two articles on Fung at www.usobserver.com), using "many years in prison" as their leverage. As for witness tampering, nothing could be further from the truth. This



An innocent Sam Fung

investigative reporter has listened carefully to the recording and there is not "tampering whatsoever. This threat by Moore is simply coercion and it demonstrates this out of control prosecutor's addiction to his "God Syndrome."

Moore did his best but the Honorable Judge James Ware wasn't buying it. At this juncture Fung's CA attorney asked the court to strike the letters as they apparently breached the attorney/client privilege and he stated they could incriminate Fung. The truth is that the letters only incriminated those attempting to steal Fung's freedom as well as his finances; however Judge Ware, in an act of caution ordered the letters returned to Fung. Ware stated, "give these back to Mr. Fung, I haven't looked at them yet." He then instructed the other parties to return their letters. In an act resembling an endangered species called Justice Judge Ware, without hesitation, vacated the October trial date and set up a hearing to determine if Fung could receive a federal public defender. Fung was placed into the position of needing a public defender due to the fact that his attorney McCauley had tactfully squeezed a \$60,000.00 retainer from him; money that Fung had to borrow. McCauley did little for his windfall (read "Are You A Victim Of False Prosecution at www.usobserver.com to find out exactly what McCauley did to Sam Fung); emphasizing the Observer's position that much of the retainer is now considered stolen money.

On September 21, 2006, Fung once again appeared in federal court in San Jose where federal public defender Cynthia Lie was appointed to represent him. This reporter witnessed Attorney Lie at the September 18, 2006, hearing and she appeared to be "all business," much unlike Fung's previous attorney who was only attempting to appear to represent Fung in an effort to relive him

of his money, an attempt by the way that was highly successful. We are convinced that Cynthia Lie will investigate the entire case and come to the conclusion that Mr. Fung has been the scapegoat for those he helped and the target of vindictive government agents, wielding their un-controlled power.

Federal Judge James Ware is highly commended for both his concern over and protection of Sam Fung's constitutional rights and Assistant United States Attorney Thomas Moore should be placed in a jail cell for the underhanded and evil carnage he has leveled at Fung and others.

The US-Observer will continue coverage on the Sam Fung false prosecution and we would ask any individual who has information about AUSA Thomas Moore, his boss U.S. Attorney Kevin Ryan, or IRS agent Dennis Brown to contact Edward Snook at 541-474-7885. Be apprised, this isn't the first time that Thomas Moore has attempted a false prosecution on a decent, law abiding American citizen. U.S. Attorney Kevin Ryan has been fully informed about Moore's conduct and has apparently chosen to turn his head the other way; therefore we intend to hold U.S. Attorney Kevin Ryan accountable for this abuse...

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Gold Hill - Strange ...

Donna Silva who conduct "back room politics" and carry out their own agenda while running Gold Hill out of its insurance coverage? We hope not. There are some very good and honest candidates for city council this year, in spite of the discontent Wolf and Silva have brought to city hall.

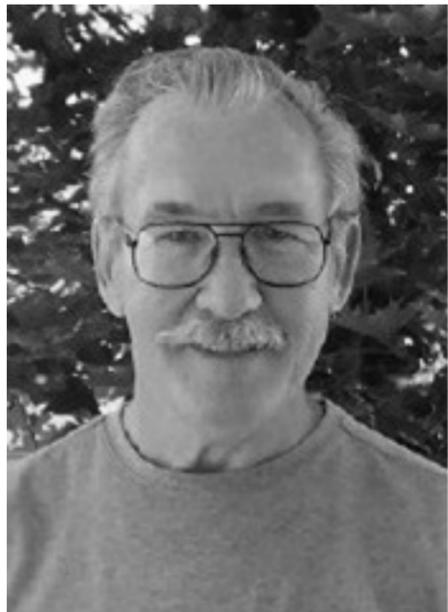
The US-Observer has researched all new candidates for Gold Hill City Council and Mayor positions. All seem to have good credentials, however when voters place their vote this election season it's not so much who to vote for as who NOT to vote for.

Voters who give their vote to either Gus Wolf or Donna Silva are simply voting for more turmoil, higher insurance rates, less police protection and more dishonesty from the Gold Hill City Council.

New Faces Will Take Gold Hill New Places!

*Please write us in on
your November ballot.*

Robert A. Ashton, Allan Scott Baker, and Judith L. Holdeman are running for Gold Hill City Council seats as write-in candidates because no one else stepped up to the plate to ensure that all council seats would be filled in the coming election.



Robert A. Ashton

Robert "Bob" A. Ashton, age 65, was raised in Medford and graduated from Medford Senior High School. He served in the U.S. Army from 1959 to 1962 and retired after 34 years as a heavy truck and diesel mechanic/supervisor. Bob moved to Gold Hill in 2000. He was approached to serve as a write-in candidate by people who want to improve the image of the Gold Hill community and thinks he can make a difference by supporting the police department's efforts in making the City of Gold Hill a safer and friendlier place for all who live and visit. He believes that the city council members should be open to all suggestions regarding the economic growth of Gold Hill and would like to be written in for the 2-year term for councilmember on the ballot.



Allan Scott Baker

Allen Scott Baker, known around Gold Hill as Scott Baker, grew up in the Rogue Valley and moved to Gold Hill six years ago for the pleasure of living in the small-town atmosphere provided by this city. He has been attending city council meetings for the past two years and served on the 2007 Gold Hill Budget Committee. He supports the Gold Hill Police Department and wants Gold Hill to have a better reputation, be a safe community in which to live and have a balanced budget. Mr. Baker would like to be written in on the upcoming election ballot under one of the 4-year term slots.



Judith L. Holdeman

Judith "Judi" L. Holdeman is 67 years old, a graduate of Humboldt State University (1989) with a major in Speech Communication and a resident of Gold Hill since 2001. She has been attending city council meetings since her retirement in 2004, spearheaded the chair drive for new chairs for City Hall, served on the 2007 Budget Committee, worked on the "brick" committee responsible for the etched bricks in the new Gold Hill Library patio and participated in the production of the 4th, 5th and 6th Annual Can-DO Fests and the 2nd Annual Gold Hill Music & Arts Festival. Judi will know that, if you write her in on the upcoming election ballot under Councilmember 4-Year Term, you would like to have a police department, you care about Gold Hill having a good reputation in Jackson County and that you want open communication with the media and outside agencies. It is her intention to promote harmony within the council and prosperity within the city.

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Rico Suit Looms Deer Creek Ranch Scandal

By US-Observer Staff

Selma, Oregon - The time for the many co-conspirators to answer for their crimes regarding the Deer Creek Ranch and Fountainhead Global Trust (FGT) scandal is about to arrive (read the history of this criminal conspiracy at www.usobserver.com). Within the next two weeks a civil "Rico" action along with other actions will be filed against them in the Josephine County Courts. This action may eventually find itself in the federal courts and if the U.S. Attorney's office does their job for a change, then a criminal Rico action should follow. It should be noted that the Justice Department has had more than enough solid evidence to indict the main players of this scam but have failed to act on the major culprits as we go to press. We could attribute this in part to their chasing of "wild geese" and their attempts to turn victims into criminals. We have been informed that certain Eugene and Portland area attorneys and the law firms they represent will be named as defendants in the up-coming civil Rico lawsuit.

Originally the main conspirators were Roy Fritts, Rick Prescott, Karla Prescott, William Joe Little Jr. and Mike and Linda Gause. William Joe Little Jr. and Mike Gause have served prison time for their actions. Rick Prescott and Roy Fritts have been indicted by a federal grand jury and that trial is set for December 5, 2006, in federal court located in Medford, Oregon. So far Karla Prescott, one of the major recipients of hundreds of thousands of dollars swindled from investors and Linda Gause, wife of Mike Gause of Cash For Title (C4T) and an alleged recipient of major dollars have not been indicted. Along the way a few of the original victims of this multi million dollar investment scam have joined the conspiracy, the most notable of which is Glenn Kierstead of Vacaville, California.

Victimization On-going

Some individuals continue to be victimized. These would include Ron Gibson and Peter B. Thompson both of Selma, Oregon. Gibson originally purchased two properties adjoining the main Deer Creek Ranch from Fiduciary Educational Society (FES) which was the legal owner of the ranch at the time of the purchase. Kierstead subsequently foreclosed on a Trust Deed given to him by FES. The amount of the debt secured by the Trust Deed was allegedly \$533,000.00 when in fact Kierstead loaned only about \$234,000.00. At the foreclosure sale the main Deer Creek Ranch was sold for over two million dollars. We should note that the sales price was pre-determined prior to the staged auction on the steps of the Josephine County Courthouse. After the bogus bid and subsequent "selling" of the ranch, Kierstead's Trustee William W. Bromley, along with his Attorney Judson M. Carusone, both from Eugene, Oregon sold the two properties belonging to Ron Gibson! Kierstead himself "bought" these two properties for \$300,000.00 by claiming (even after the sale of the main ranch, thereby settling any and all claims) that a

\$265,000.00 lien remained on Gibson's properties. Several Attorneys have advised the Observer and Gibson that the sale of Gibson's properties was illegal because Kierstead's lien had been more than satisfied by the sale of the main ranch and that the sale was illegal on its face. This issue is also about to be litigated in the up-coming Rico suit.

Kierstead has made several attempts to evict Gibson and Thompson from one of the two properties and although the Josephine County Circuit Court, Judge Rebecca Orf presiding, allowed that eviction in April, 2006, Gibson and Thompson have managed to stave it off so far due to an appeal and the posting of a cash bond.

On August 30, 2006, Pro Tem Judge Victory Walker presided over a hearing wherein Kierstead's attorney Judson Carusone attempted to raise the amount of Gibson's supercilious bond from \$3,000.00 to \$30,000.00. Gibson moved to recuse Walker but this arrogant "wannabe judge" refused to recuse herself despite the fact the statutes require her to do so upon defendant Gibson's motion. Walker then ruled against the law and rubberstamped Carusone's ludicrous motion. Gibson complained to the Judicial Fitness and Disability Commission and Thompson complained to presiding local Judge Lyndi Baker. For the moment these actions appear to have stopped Kierstead but not before Walker attempted to raise the amount of the Appellate Court bond to \$11,400.00, along with telling Kierstead's attorney that she would order the eviction of the defendants with only a 30 minute prior notice, something Thompson is already suing the Josephine County Sheriff's Department for in the amount of \$106,000.00 regarding a 30 minute eviction from the ranch on May 21, 2004. During the hearing Walker blatantly violated numerous provisions of the "Oregon Code Of Judicial Conduct." The Observer placed a call to Judge Lyndi Baker with no response. Hopefully Judge Baker didn't receive our message because the last thing we need in our community are public servants who refuse questions from the press.

As a momentary aside, Thompson had also been in court as an observer on August 24, 2006, and witnessed Judge Pat Wolke hear three of his own brother's, Dan Wolke's, criminal cases. Thompson then complained to the Judicial Commission on Fitness and Disability and Judge Baker. The Observer is confident that Judge Baker will handle this situation but if not then the Observer itself will be compelled to concentrate on the correcting of the Josephine County Courts through public pressure, given how out of control Judges Walker and Wolke are.

Back to Conspiracies

Now, more about the relationship between Karla Prescott, Glenn Kierstead and the purchaser of the ranch at the foreclosure sale, Western Rivers Conservancy. It was originally Rick Prescott and Gary Brummett (Karla Prescott's father) that negotiated the loan with Kierstead. On the same day

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could cut, bruise crush or burn?

My parents had their problems, and they both passed while I was in my early teens. We were not wealthy, and my father was working most of the time. When he was there, however, he left no doubt in my mind that he cared.

Could this kind of environment possibly have something to do with the fact that none of my classmates turned into serial killers. It couldn't have been the guns, because we all had them. On the first day of deer season it wasn't unusual to see a rifle or shotgun in somebody's locker when they came in at 2:00, just in time for the last class.

One kid built a beautiful crossbow in metal shop using a leaf spring from a car. The thing would shoot a hardened steel rod through cinder block at 25 yards. He got an "A."

Of course times were different then. WWII vets and those on active duty in Korea saw atrocities and had traumatic experiences. They went away as young men and returned as trained killers. These were our parents.

We watched war movies, read really gross and violent comics (Sgt. York

would be deemed too violent today.) As teens we grew up with the horror of the Viet Nam war on television, and for many of us, in reality. We were forced to kill, and many of us, to die.

We lived with the threat of the bomb and practiced regular 'duck and cover' drills as if that school desktop would save us should the Russians attack. We lived with the fear of incineration and never had to have 'grief counselors' or drugs.

What we have to ask ourselves is not why times were different then, but how.

Guns haven't changed. Guns are pretty much the same as they were at the beginning of the century. They were easier to get then, but the mechanics have pretty much remained the same.

Children haven't changed. They are still born without avarice, hatred, intolerance and bigotry.

Could it be the parents who have changed?

Is this the same set of draft-dodging "generation ME" parents who also settle traffic and workplace disagreements with rage and violence?

No wonder the kids are screwed up!

But that's another rant!

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If you liked the above commentary you can find more articles written by Steve Eggleston on his web site:
www.the-eggman.com/writings/guns_viol_1.html

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the Trust Deed was executed by FES, June 17, 2002, Thompson was appointed as a Trustee of FES.

When Trustees Peter Thompson and Ivan Cermak fired Kierstead's friend and Trustee and career criminal Rick Prescott on August 3, 2002, Kierstead responded by filing his foreclosure suit 12 days later even though FES was not in default on the contract. It was actually Kierstead who had not preformed on his contract obligations, thereby forcing FES to file for bankruptcy protection. From that point forward the Prescotts and Kierstead closed ranks to defeat FES. One important aspect that always needs to be kept in mind is that most of the players that were mentioned at the beginning of this article except Thompson, Gibson, Cermak and Western Rivers (possibly) all have something in common; they are all members of the same alleged "religious" cult and they have cunningly worked together to accomplish their crimes. It is more than apparent that certain judges and lawyers have aided and assisted these despicable criminals reach their intended goal (read more about these "legal" enablers in our next edition).

From August 15, 2002, forward these folks worked, conspired and lied to get the ranch from FES and add it to the assets of FGT. In a subsequent hearing an incompetent Josephine County Circuit Court Judge Michael Newman ignored concrete legal rules and awarded the ranch to FGT/Karla Prescott based on a forged and utterly deceptive "copy" of a Promissory Note dated June 25, 1998. Credible testimony was given during this hearing regarding the forgery as well as other facts regarding Prescott's fraud; however Judge Newman conveniently ignored this testimony, thereby facilitating fraud upon his own court. Since when is a "copy" of a Promissory Note admissible into court Judge Newman?

When Karla Prescott obtained a \$200,000.00 earnest money deposit from Western Rivers Conservancy on April 1, 2005 and gave them a recorded Trust Deed, she not only blatantly violated a Bankruptcy Court stay but she obtained the loan by allegedly having "special relations" with one of the principals of Western Rivers. And let's not forget that Prescott was represented by "legal council" at the time of this corruptionist transaction. Karla Prescott, much like her "husband" Rick Prescott has become polished over the years at the practice of chicanery, meaning that she has learned to steal, cheat and lie on a professional basis from individuals without any concern over being held accountable by either the justice system or the courts. One must wonder how much of the \$200,000.00 mentioned above went to Eugene and Portland area attorneys...

Western Rivers, or at the very least its Director had to suspect they were getting into a crooked deal. Either Kierstead and/or Western Rivers decided to deed Karla Prescott 160 acres of ranch land along with a triple wide mobile home. Furthermore, Western Rivers leased Karla Prescott almost 300 additional acres of land for \$1.00 per year which she has in turn leased to Anderson Dairy of Coquille, Oregon for at least \$1,200.00 per month. Keep in mind that all money, land, assets, or other valuables controlled by Karla Prescott, including the Deer Creek Ranch were derived from the stolen assets of those who invested their hard earned dollars with National Trust Services (NTS) and Fountainhead Global Trust. In other words, everything that is occurring with the ranch, etc., is simply the product of a well conducted racketeering scheme and the justice department has all the proof of this fact.

Once again the Observer requests that anyone having personal knowledge of this scam or any portion thereof, please contact the Observer at 541-474-7885 and relate to us your experiences. ■■■

Election Day begins, goes all month long

By Nancy Benac
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - Never mind the first Tuesday in November. Every day from now to Nov. 7 is Election Day somewhere in America. People in Nebraska and Arizona, with some of the fastest starting gates, began early voting on the midterm elections this week. Absentee ballots have been cast in states including Iowa and Montana since last month. And around the country, polling places in different states will gradually be opening for business over the next month.

With more and more states allowing some form of early voting, it's a phenomenon that neither party can afford to ignore and that has transformed the traditional push to the polls from a 24-hour sprint into a month-plus marathon — sort of the political equivalent of the movie "Groundhog Day."

The stakes are huge: In all, 35 states comprising more than half the nation's voting-age population allow either unrestricted early voting or absentee balloting, according to HelpingAmericansVote.org, a nonpartisan commercial service that tries to encourage voting.

With a particularly emotional and polarizing election in the offing, early voting could help to boost turnout this year, although longer-term early voting trends have not found evidence of increased participation, said Curtis Gans, director of American University's Center for the Study of the American Electorate.

This year, just as in 2004, Gans predicted, "people will want to get their vote counted and not be subject to getting to the polls or to some of the problems at the polls that we saw in 2004 and 2000."

While Republicans traditionally have had the edge among early voters, Gans said, "in this election all bets are off as to who will show up in the early voting booths."

Both parties are working overtime to lock down early votes. Republicans are paying particular attention to early voters in states with hot races including Florida, Georgia, New Mexico and Arizona.

"It's an area where we are able to take advantage of our detail-oriented management style and highly effective get-out-the-vote operation," said Republican National Committee spokesman Danny Diaz. "It's an area where we expect to continue to achieve results and make gains on the opposition."

Democrats are in hot pursuit, actively financing early-voting programs in a number of states. In Iowa, for example, of the 92,000 absentee ballots that had been requested as of Wednesday, nearly 60,000 had been requested by Democrats, 19,000 by Republicans and the rest by people listing no party affiliation, according to the Secretary of State's office.

"If some of your targeted voters have already voted, then you can move on" to other potential supporters, said Stacie Paxton, a Democratic Party spokeswoman.

Early voting rules vary widely state to state. Oregon, for example, has conducted all its elections entirely by mail since 2000. This year, ballots will

be distributed Oct. 20 and voters can mail them in, or drop them off at collection sites.

In Nebraska, where early voting started Monday, people can walk into local election offices to cast early ballots. In Douglas County, the state's largest, 144 people voted in person on Monday and Tuesday, higher than expected, according to County Election Commissioner Dave Phipps.

In Arizona, where early voting started Thursday, "it's no longer a one-day election, it's a 30-day election," said Mario E. Diaz, a political consultant who ran campaigns for Democratic Gov. Janet Napolitano in 1998 and 2002. Napolitano won by slim margins in both races, and Diaz credits early voting with making the difference.

In Iowa, where the process is known as no-excuse absentee balloting, people have been able to request ballots since Sept. 28. They can turn them in by mail or fill them out at county auditor's offices. In 2002, the last off-year election, a quarter of the state's ballots cast came in early, either by mail or in person.

Some of the leading states for early voting in 2004 were: Washington, where 69 percent of ballots were cast before Election Day; Nevada, 53 percent; New Mexico and Texas, 51 percent; Colorado, 48 percent; Tennessee, 47 percent; and Arizona, 41 percent, according to an AP compilation.

Elections officials say the early-voting trend is growing because of the convenience it offers to voters.

"People have busy schedules in this modern time, and the more dates that they have opportunities to vote, the better," said Meredith Imwalle, a spokeswoman for the National Association of Secretaries of State. "But it doesn't work for some states. Some states just sort of have a different election culture and it doesn't fit with their practices."

Paul DeGregorio, chairman of the federal Election Assistance Commission, says the jury is still out on whether early voting is a positive trend overall.

For one thing, "sometimes there is late information that comes out and then voters who have already voted may not have the opportunity to change their ballots," said DeGregorio. Furthermore, he said, there are added cost and security concerns when elections are stretched out over days or weeks.

On a more esoteric level, the "idea of people coming together in their communities to participate in democracy," complete with bake sales, American flags and chitchat at the polling place, can be lost when voters stick their ballots in the mail or drop them off early at a shopping mall, DeGregorio said.

Associated Press Writers Kevin O'Hanlon in Lincoln, Neb., and Chris Kahn in Phoenix contributed to this report.

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Make a difference!
Get out and vote!
(To do otherwise is a waste of your freedoms.)

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cells, and leftist (communist) subversives cross our borders, that no one--first and foremost our federal government--has any idea as to the strength and numbers of these "enemies in our midst." Thank God for the Minutemen. Thank God for county Sheriff's posses. Thank God for a core of patriots that are sounding the alarm and refusing to be quieted by targeted US surveillance and on-line visits by the Justice department. All of this in an effort to intimidate the real civilian heroes in this epic struggle who are trying daily in so many ways to tell it like it really is. In spite of concerted efforts to harass and discredit these patriots by the very government that is supposed to protect, support, and work to defend our national sovereignty, these warriors are sounding a continuous alarm and volunteering to truly defend this nation where their own government has so miserably failed.

The "little guys" get it. The solid citizens who are disenchanted with both major political parties are learning more about alternative parties where they can invest their precious vote trying to change the god-awful mess in Washington. What is wrong with the "big guys?" They are supposed to have all the national intelligence, power, and common sense to support a "defend America and her people at ALL costs" agenda. The "big guys" are too busy allowing a Mexican invasion while telling us this is necessary because Americans won't do the work. Just pay

the illegal's medical and welfare bills states, and shut up. Don't you just love the smell of manure?

Confusion reigns and commonsense is ridiculed. We see a slimy underbelly of cultural turncoats, operating church "safe houses" for illegal aliens. The quicker America defends itself against Islam, the UN and Mexico, the sooner this Islamic blood-thirst for world conquest with United Nations "turn a blind eye" assistance will end.

The Pope did have it right in his speech. Why apologize and for what? There is not a single word of criticism allowed when it comes to the immoral actions of Muslims. They kill, maim, threaten and plan for the genocide of ANY culture not approved or influenced by Islam. They do so with seeming impunity possessing a satanic mindset that still promotes horrible beheadings and other unspeakable crimes against humanity. Bash and trivialize Christians, threaten all Jews, but criticize Muslims—never.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ah-the-mental-job (a former American embassy hostage taker in 1980) spoke at the almighty UN. No doubt he believed he was on another mission for the 12th incarnation of an imaginary glowing Mullah he met in an opium dream. That so many worldwide, could possibly believe in this lunatic's idea of virtuous living, tells you in very plain terms how dangerous and insane things really are in our world.

Let me run it by you one more time. Islam gets it. But Washington's agenda remains a slow integration into the

global government and a North American merger allowing open borders to millions of potential enemy combatants. Their goal is a US southwest Mexican state. Washington tells us one thing day after day while doing the opposite. Internationalists in both major parties plan to continue this march toward sovereign oblivion regardless of who is in power or who sits in the White House. The scheme to open our borders is so vast, the conspiracy so great, that the Agenda 21 internationalist/bankers and corporate/government elites have begun to operate in the open as they are now doing with this so-called Pan-American Union. The arrogance of power and the corrupted mentality of those in state capitols, Washington and the banking/corporate complex is so pervasive that you will be crushed by the local, state and federal law enforcement juggernaut should you even begin to actively resist their force of power.

That is in every sense, the absolute definition of tyranny. Real freedom has become an archaic term for a state of living no longer possible in the United States of America. To think otherwise, is to confirm all the lies the government has been telling us for the past 100 years, bit by bit, piece by piece, and citizen by citizen. Our negligence has caused us to lose the battle and maybe the war. We can no longer just rock boats, we must SINK FLEETS! Otherwise, we have lost our last chance. Go home, get used to it.

When the hangover fog lifts and you see the mental, emotional, and tax-

crushing prison you have gained through entitlements--granted by your masters and that have served to thoroughly silence dissent--maybe then you will realize how this has nearly sealed our pitiful fate.

However, as horrible as this incremental takeover of the American nation from within has been, and as revolting to free thinking and industrious Americans this situation has become, it is absolutely nothing compared to the horrors that will be commonplace here and around the world by any Islamic victory over America, Europe or Western civilization. Put this one in the history books folks, an Islamic culture war is coming to where you live, if it is not massively engaged somewhere else. The Islamic vision of WWII is much clearer and objective than ours. They believe it has begun. They are waging war continuously, and they are preparing and believing in an ultimate, convincing victory for Allah. Americans on the other hand are stoned. This nation must drop to its knees and pray to a real and loving Jehovah God that He will turn our hearts toward Him and He in turn will save us from our sin and from our foolish national self-destruction.

Unless we begin locally to believe in an ultimate and eternal God-inspired American victory, fought with courage and determination, you can prepare for the campfire stories you will share with your starving, freezing children, while you are on the run for your lives from Islamic death squads somewhere north of the used to be our national border. ■

Colo. Attack Proves Fallacy of 'Gun Free School Zone' Laws

BELLEVUE, WA – Wednesday's horrible incident at Colorado's Platte Canyon High School once again underscores the fallacy and false sense of security that are at the core of so-called "gun free school zone" laws, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms (CCRKBA) said today.

"The time is overdue for a reassessment of such laws," said CCRKBA Chairman Alan M. Gottlieb. "All they have done is create target-rich, no-risk environments for monsters who have no fear of encountering an armed teacher or administrator, or a legally-armed private citizen who might happen to be in the building.

"This sort of thing didn't happen before the advent of gun-free school zone laws," Gottlieb observed. "You never saw such an outrage in the days when high schools typically had rifle teams, and – particularly in the West – where it was common in the fall to find both teachers and students with hunting rifles or shotguns locked in their cars.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to the family of Emily Keyes," Gottlieb said.

Miss Keyes, 16, was fatally wounded by the gunman, identified as 53-year-old Dwayne Morrison, who subsequently took his own life as lawmen moved in to rescue the hostages and take Morrison down.

"Gun control extremists," Gottlieb predicted, "will use this incident to claim that we have not done enough to protect our children. What more could



be asked of the courageous deputies who charged into the school? What more could be asked of the staff at Platte Canyon High, who got nearly everyone out safely?

"The truth is," he said, "anti-gunners have done enough already, by pushing through restrictive gun laws, like the gun free school zones statutes, that have

disarmed the wrong people and left our schools, and the children inside, vulnerable to this kind of atrocity.

"No gun law ever prevented a crime," Gottlieb concluded, "and the notion of a gun-free zone is a myth. More restrictions on law-abiding citizens will never stop people like Morrison, who proved yet again that feel-good laws have defrauded American citizens, and especially our children, of genuine safety."

With more than 650,000 members and supporters nationwide, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms is one of the nation's premier gun rights organizations. As a non-profit organization, the Citizens Committee is dedicated to preserving firearms freedoms through active lobbying of elected officials and facilitating grassroots organization of gun rights activists in local communities throughout the United States.

The Citizens Committee can be reached by phone at (425) 454-4911, on the internet at ccrkba.org or by email at InformationRequest@ccrkba.org.

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US Eavesdropping 'Can Continue'

Washington can continue wiretapping without warrants until its appeal against a ban on the practice is heard, a US federal appeals court has ruled.

Under the scheme, approved by President Bush after the 11 September attacks in 2001, the monitoring of phone calls and e-mails to and from the US is allowed.

In August, a federal judge ruled it was unconstitutional and must be halted.

The case was brought by civil liberties campaigners, but the government appealed against the ruling.

"Pleased" The 6th US Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Wednesday suspended Judge Anna Diggs Taylor's order that the program be stopped.

In a three-paragraph ruling, the court said Judge Taylor's order would be stayed based on factors including the chances of the government winning on appeal and the public interest.

The Bush administration welcomed the ruling.

"We are pleased to see that it will be allowed to continue while the Court of Appeals examines the trial court's decision, with which we strongly disagree," deputy White House press secretary Dana Perino said in a statement.



Mr Bush authorised the Terrorist Surveillance Program, as the secret interception scheme is known, after the 11 September terror attacks in 2001.

The White House has said the scheme is legal and is needed in what Mr Bush describes as the war on terror.

It allows the monitoring of international phone calls and other electronic communications to or from the US involving people the government suspects have terrorist links.

But after the program was uncovered by the media a year ago, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) filed a lawsuit arguing that the scheme was unconstitutional.

In her ruling on 17 August, Judge Taylor said the surveillance program violated protections on free speech and privacy.

The US government appealed against the ban. A ruling is not likely to be delivered before the end of the year. ■■

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Russia, China oppose N. Korea sanctions

Both want to wait for the results of more diplomacy



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month's council president. "We have made very substantial progress," U.S. Ambassador John Bolton told reporters. "I don't want to say we've reached agreement yet, but many, many of the significant differences have been closed, very much to our satisfaction," he said.



N. Korea leader Kim Jong Il

Bolton said a revised text would be sent to capitals Thursday night so ministers can examine the changes before a full Security Council meeting on Friday. The changes were not immediately disclosed. Bolton said the U.S. wants a vote on Friday but Japan's U.N. ambassador, Kenzo Oshima, said it would "most likely" take place Saturday.

China opposes any mention of the U.N. Charter's Chapter 7, which authorizes punishments including economic sanctions, naval blockades and military actions. China and Russia want to see sanctions focus primarily on reining in North Korea's nuclear and

weapons programs.

Beijing and Moscow also object to the wide scope of financial sanctions and a provision authorizing the inspection of cargo going in and out of North Korea, council diplomats said, speaking on condition of anonymity because talks are private. There is concern among some diplomats that boarding North Korean ships could lead to a military response from the North.

The measures to which Russia and China object were in an earlier revised U.S. draft resolution. The U.S. circulated the draft late Wednesday, formally introduced it in the Security Council on Thursday. Britain, France, Japan and Slovakia signed on as co-sponsors to the revised draft, a softer version of the original American proposal circulated Monday.

"We're certainly in favor of keeping all the diplomatic channels open, but we also want swift action, and we shouldn't allow meetings, and more meetings ... to

be an excuse for inaction," Bolton said earlier Thursday.

But Russia's U.N. Ambassador Vitaly Churkin said the U.S. should wait for the results of more diplomacy. China's U.N. Ambassador Wang Guangya agreed, saying Beijing would welcome more talks so the Security Council can send a united and forceful message to Pyongyang condemning its claimed nuclear test.

Churkin said "the international community will easily understand if on the matter of this gravity and importance, the Security Council will take a few more days to have a reasoned and united response to the challenge we face from this explosion in North Korea."

"We think that there should be a strong reaction, but it has to be a cool-headed reaction," he said.

Without naming the United States, Churkin appeared to take aim at the tough U.S. policy toward Pyongyang and President Bush's inclusion of North Korea in the so-called "axis of evil."

"This resolution would be a very

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By Edith M. Lederer
Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS - Russia and China on Thursday opposed tough sanctions the U.S. wants to impose against North Korea this week for its claimed nuclear test, saying they want time to work out a more moderate response to Pyongyang's nuclear brinkmanship.

The U.S. envoy was even more upbeat after the meeting of the five permanent council ambassadors — the U.S., China, Russia, Britain and France — and the Japanese ambassador, who is this

Continued from page 1 Showdown in the OK ...

defense attorneys all who leave no choice for the defendant except to take the plea, or face the judge's full wrath as guilt has already been assumed of the defendant by the bench. Gone is the constitutional protection of being considered innocent before being proven guilty by a jury of your peers, especially for the many who have faced this sort of "justice" in Oklahoma.

Many who have contacted the US-Observer cite issues within the current District Attorney's office, headed by Wes Lane, and they say that if there were a DA whose ethics protected the rights of the innocent it would go a long way to cleaning up the process, which currently seems to be more focused on putting people away regardless of their innocence just for the sake of attaining higher prosecution rates which generally equates into more tax dollars. For a great commentary on Wes Lane which outlines the softening of his wife's two felony drug conviction sentences log-on to the world-wide-web and go to: bubbaworld.com/lane.html. There is also a video taken by Fox 25 where Lane is caught on tape telling the Fraternal Order of the Police, "What kind of crack would I have to be smoking to file a case on an Oklahoma City police officer during a period of time where I'm hoping to achieve the endorsement of the F.O.P.?" YouTube

Lane. In other words, log on to youtube.com and search videos for Wes Lane. The clip is titled "DALane Caught on Tape at FOP Meeting."

Due to the overwhelming volume of concerned Oklahomans who have contacted the US-Observer in regards to their broken justice system the US-Observer will be hosting a meeting to initiate an Oklahoma action group to tackle the problems at hand. It's time to take back the Oklahoma courts and DA's office and kick them into a higher moral standard and ethical practice. It's time for a showdown to protect all innocent people, even those who can't fathom that innocent people can wind-up in jail. The meeting will be held in Oklahoma City on October 24, 2006 - for further details please call 541-474-7885.

While there is excitement brewing for the US-Observer's arrival there is another glimmer of hope for OKC. The possibility that Wes Lane will be voted out of office this November.

David Prater who is running against Lane is favored by those who have written in, and the US-Observer has been told that Prater has won over many people by his genuine nature and no nonsense approach that if you are innocent, then you are innocent, but if you are guilty, he'll get you. Prater also won the majority vote for endorsement by the F.O.P.

Perhaps if Prater wins justice will once again be vigilant in OKC. ■■

DA Lane Addresses Okla. FOP and Loses Their Endorsement

Oklahoma City, OK - The Oklahoma County Fraternal Order of Police will not be endorsing either candidate in the November general election for Oklahoma County district attorney after a vote in David Prater's favor fails to achieve a super majority.

Last Thursday, the Oklahoma County FOP invited current DA Wes Lane and DA hopeful David Prater to a question and answer opportunity before voting on who to endorse.

Historically, the Oklahoma County FOP always endorses the incumbent. However, when the votes were tallied

David Prater had received more than 50%. FOP bylaws however require a 2/3rds majority to win an endorsement; as a result, neither candidate will be officially endorsed.

Observers at the public meeting called it a "bloodbath" with both candidates taking critical questions and criticism.

Observers tell VoteOutWesLane.com

that even though DA Lane showed up with a large entourage of staffers, he too often either refused or was unable to answer questions on specific cases.

Lane Declares Video Vigilante a "Snitch"

Just two minutes into DA Lane's speech he proclaimed that he did good by the Oklahoma City police by not filing charges against two officers in the nationally televised Donald Pete arrest. An arrest that was videotaped by Brian Bates, aka the Video Vigilante.

Editorial Note: In reality, DA Lane sat mute for many months after the taped arrest waiting to see what the OSBI

would rule. DA Lane only decided not to charge the officers involved in the arrest by following the OSBI's lead. Later Bates was able to prove that DA Lane had actually changed the audio and video evidence in the case when he removed an unprovoked threat against Pete's life.

Five and a half minutes into DA Lane's speech he began a rant about the media and proclaimed Brian Bates (aka the Video Vigilante and founder of VoteOutWesLane.com and JohnTV.com) to be the "snitch" to KFOR News Channel 4.

Soon thereafter came the questions from the FOP members.

1. DA Lane was asked about naming specific officers to the media as "leaks" in the police department without proof.

2. Question regarding Ki Mitchell Harrington who was originally charged with 13 felony counts of raping two young children. DA Lane gave him a plea deal an no jail time.

3. Question regarding many charges that were dropped against defendants in the case that resulted in the death of an Oklahoma City police officer. The day after this officer asked this question and was critical of DA Lane he was officially banned from DA Wes Lane's office. Yet another example of how DA Lane enforces his will over enforcing the law and uses his office as a bully pulpit.

Question and answer periods of both candidates were limited to 30-minutes. Word has it that when time ran out there was still a long line of officers waiting to question DA Lane on his very questionable record in office. ■■



OKC DA Wes Lane

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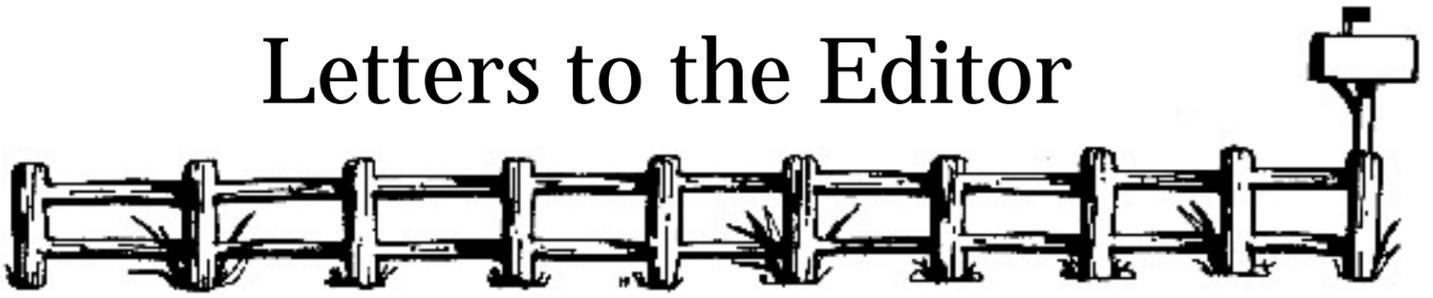
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Letters to the Editor



Bad Oklahoma Judge Gray

Dear US~Observer,

In 2001, I sat on a jury in Judge Gray's courtroom. The case was a civil one against a nursing home in a wrongful death suit. After the jury was picked, Judge Gray was giving us our instructions. In doing so she informed us that it was very rare for a jury in her courtroom to find a defendant not guilty and she assumed we would do the same. The jury found the nursing home not at fault. At the conclusion of the trial, she expressed her disappointment in our decision and told us that she thought we were better than that. She expressed sentiment for the defendant, and the expense the family had spent. The evidence was conclusive. The defendant was NOT guilty.

Tony Douglas
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Editor's Note: Judge Twyla Gray has conducted numerous unjust trials. The US~Observer fully intends on making her name a household name across this country and not a good one. America's major problem is not terrorism from the Middle East, it is terrorism from certain members of our very own legal system like Judge Gray. Gray and others of her ilk must be removed from the bench and our legislators drastically need to enact legislation to protect the average citizen from the current, highly predatory legal system.

Something Is Fishy

Mr. Snook:

I have a few questions about the Deer Creek Ranch. I understand that Western Rivers Conservancy recently purchased the ranch, and that SFI and SOU will apparently be procuring the ranch from Western Rivers Conservancy.

The last information I have is that the Deer Creek Ranch issue is still in litigation (a trial date coming up in December of 2006). If this is true, how was the ranch given clear title so that Western Rivers Conservancy could purchase it???

And, further, how is it that SFI and SOU can be making plans (and are already in operation) to offer seminars, etc. at the ranch site???

And, should Dave Toler's involvement in the ranch be any cause for concern in the upcoming election for Position 1 of the Josephine County Board of

Commissioners race??

Something looks fishy to me - Does it to you??

Cheryl

Editors Note: Western Rivers did recently and Siskiyou Field Institute (SFI) and Southern Oregon University (SOU) might be procuring the ranch and they might not. I don't know if we can consider that the ranch has clear title given the fact that there has been numerous corrupted court rulings regarding the ranch and a whole bunch of racketeering that preceded this whole mess and which is on-going. If SFI and SOU are still proceeding to offer seminars, etc. at the ranch site they must not be reading the US~Observer. This fraud and racketeering scheme is far from over. I met with Dave Toler over his and SFI's involvement and he answered all my questions honestly. Toler had little to nothing to do with the actual purchase. The Director of SFI made the deal with the Director of Western Rivers Conservancy and she mistakenly trusted in the Western Rivers Director without seeking legal council early on in their deal making. It all likelihood SFI, Western Rivers and SOU will be added to the victim's list. I don't expect this issue to harm Toler's race for Position 1 of the Josephine County Commissioners race and something is extremely fishy Cheryl. Read our articles on the Deer Creek Ranch at www.usobserver.com and on the front page of this edition. Best Regards...

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Oklahoma Courts Unjust

To the editor;

Hello, my name is Juanella Clark and I live in Blanchard, Oklahoma just outside of Oklahoma City. I too have seen first handed what the Oklahoma County DAs office, the lawyers and the judges do to innocent people. If you think Ryan Wonderly's case is the only one like it, I am sorry to say that you are wrong. We also have received a similar out come on our case. I would like to give you a few of the facts in hopes that you will look into our case. My future husband Kenneth Woods DOC # 488413 was sentenced on Feb 4, 2004 to a 17 year sentence for 2 counts of rape and 2 counts of sodomy. Our lawyer, the famous Irven Box (i.e.: O.J. Simpson trial and the Oklahoma City Bombing) told us a very similar story as Ryan's lawyers did. Plead or get 2 life sentences. Judge Jerry D Bass also said in our review that he gave a young man 360 years the day before so we should be

happy he was only giving us 17. He also said that he should give more because he had known someone for 52 years that had been abused and has never fully recovered from the abuse.

There are many problems in our case; 1st- the Mid West City police department never questioned anyone else in this case. There was another man living in the house at the same time. 2nd- the child has changed her story several times as well as the mother. We have interviews with the victims own family that says she has been sexually abused before Kenneth came to know her mother. She has also accused 2 other people of the same thing word for word. We have a babysitter that told investigators about how this child acted before Kenneth was in the picture. She was taken out of 2 daycares because she was doing sexual acts to other children before Kenneth knew her. There is no evidence that any abuse happened at the hands of Kenneth. Kenneth is innocent of these charges and I would like the opportunity to send you the information that I have about this case.

Kenneth has 2 young sons that need him home. Up until all of this happened he was employed by Wal-Mart & Buy For Less Grocers as a manager. Please help us bring an innocent man home. No one should have to go through what we have had to. Something has to be done about the DA, the lawyers and the judges that are running this kangaroo court system. Melody Wonderly has spoken to me about someone from your office coming to Oklahoma City. I am contacting others that I know that have been through the same thing so that you may see how out of control it is. I am not saying that everyone is innocent but the innocent are not being heard just sentenced. Thank you for your time and I hope to hear from you soon.

May God continue to bless you and your work.

Juanella Clark
Blanchard, OK

Editor's Note: Hang in there Ms. Clark. We know how bad the legal system is in and around Oklahoma City and we will be arriving shortly.

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I am a senior citizen

To the editor;

During the Clinton Administration I had a very good job that paid a great salary. I took numerous vacations and had several vacation homes.

Since President Bush took office, I have watched my entire life change for

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the worse. I lost my job. I lost my two sons in that terrible Iraqi War. I lost my homes. I lost my health insurance. As a matter of fact I lost virtually everything and became homeless. Adding insult to injury, when the authorities found me living like an animal, instead of helping me, they arrested me. I will do anything to see that Senator Kerry and Senator Kennedy get their way and a Democrat is back in the White House in 2008. Bush has to go.

Sincerely,



Saddam Hussein

Editor's Note: While Saddam Hussein probably did not send this to us, we found it worthy to be included as a bit of comic relief in our "Letters to the Editor."

False Rape Charge

Dear US Observer;

Thanks for your solving our severe problem over our son Bill. We knew he was innocent but just could not get the needed evidence. To be charged with such an embarrassing crime was almost more than we could take. Our faith in God got us through the past 2 years and now that the false rape charges have been dropped, thanks to Edward Snook, we can go on with our lives. We will never forget you and neither will Bill or his two wonderful daughters. Bill is planning on moving in the near future and he will be starting his life over in a location where his reputation isn't

tarnished. Thanks again!!!
Sincerely,

**Paul and Emily Rouch
Topeka, Kansas**

Jury Nullification

To the Editor;

About fifteen years ago I was jury member. It was over a matter that should not have come to court and so the district attorney went for resisting arrest because there was no reason for the arrest. The judge advised us the jury that we were to make a ruling on whether or not the man had resisted arrest. He was asleep in his bed in his room and the police came in without justifiable cause and arrested him and he did resist a little. Then he went with them without further resistance, no one was injured and he admitted to this in his written statement. At the time of the trial the man resided in another state and there was a public defender representing him at the trial. This event had happened more than a year before. Following the judges directions we found the man guilty after about fifteen minutes of studying the facts. We all agreed that the police really had no reason to be in the mans room and we also agreed that someone coming into a persons room and waking them and arresting them is very likely to cause at least some resistance. I have felt sad and guilty for participating in this farce ever since it occurred. Immediately after this happened I discovered Jury Nullification and thought that it could have caused the charges to be thrown out.

WHAT I WANT TO KNOW. I have jury duty coming up in about two months. If I am chosen for a trial and find myself in similar position and am serving is it permissible to ask for a explanation of the jury nullification law during deliberation? Is it acceptable to have laws brought to the attention of jury members by a fellow member? For instance at the request of a juror or at the request of the jury does the court have to provide copies of the written laws for the jury to review? Can the jury request the aid of legal interpretation of the laws? Are there books I might read to learn

more about this and of case law pertaining to this?

**David Cordon
Sutherlin, Oregon**

Editor's Note: The best source on jury nullification can be found on the web. Just do a search on the subject and you will find an abundance of information. As for bringing the subject up in court, I wouldn't advise doing so as no judge in the State of Oregon or anywhere else as far as I know is going to allow such a thing. You should be able to bring it up and you should be able to hear all evidence in any case, but if that were allowed our corrupt justice system would lose the stranglehold it has over all people. Everyone should use jury nullification and simply keep it to themselves, especially in the State of Oklahoma!

Open Letter To Hardy Myers

Hardy,

I am attaching a copy of the letter I sent you on July 23, 2005, detailing the unprecedented criminal abuse I have been subjected to, up to the date of that letter, for exposing the open judicial corruption involved in the attempted theft of property in Deschutes County, Oregon belonging to Patricia Wishon her son Jason Wheeler and I. I am also enclosing, for your review and immediate attention and action, the three letters I have sent to Deschutes County Sheriff Les Stiles in the past two years seeking his assistance in stopping the corruption. Also enclosed is the reply letter sent to one of your Assistant Attorney Generals Michael Bell from Patricia Wishon detailing the outrageous treatment she has suffered at the hands of corrupt attorneys and judges in Deschutes County, Oregon. Also enclosed is the Federal Civil Rights and Racketeering complaint Patricia Wishon her son Jason Wheeler and I have filed naming those attorneys, judges and other public officials engaged in the unbelievable criminal judicial abuse Wishon, Wheeler and I

have endured for standing up and speaking out about our victimization.

On August 3, 2006 I returned the telephone call of your Assistant Attorney Generals Thomas Castle. His call had been in compliance with the Oregon Rules of Civil Procedure requiring the parties to confer. I told him I was most anxious to confer and asked to meet with him at his earliest opportunity. He cut short my attempt to arrange a meeting. I attempted to remind him that he was a sworn Assistant Attorney General who had taken an oath to uphold the constitution and the rights of we citizens of Oregon to "equal protection" and "due process" of law. He refused to talk to me and hung up the phone before I finished speaking. I was surprised by the abrupt and rather rude behavior of Mr. Castle given your recorded message when I called your office. In your recorded message you identify yourself and then instruct the caller to notify your office if they have knowledge of corruption in the community. Accordingly I am following your instructions and reporting again to you the very serious and dangerous level of corruption in Deschutes County involving both the Sheriff's office and the court system.

Hardy we have known each other over 30 years. I not only sent you the July 23, 2005 letter but personally confronted you after a Senate hearing a few years ago and handed you documents detailing the unprecedented criminal abuse I had suffered at the hands of the Oregon judicial system, up to that time, for exposing the corruption in the Oregon court system. I am enclosing for your review a copy of the picture of me handing you that information. I am once again asking for a meeting with you, or one of your senior deputies, to discuss what steps can be immediately taken to terminate the intolerable corruption that now exists in the Oregon judicial system.

Sincerely,

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Quietly, Quietly Building The North American Union

By Steven Yates
NewsWithViews.com

Just when you thought it might be safe to go on to topics other than regional integration and trade practices driven by the love of money and the lust for power, you get blindsided again.

While ordinary Americans were reflecting on the fifth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, globalists of Canada, the U.S. and Mexico were making their way quietly, quietly, to Banff, Alberta for the North American Forum held at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel Sept. 12-14. The meeting was closed-doors. According to some reports buses with attendees were arriving at night. There was no print media coverage in the U.S. and very little in Canada; I was able to download an article from the Toronto-based Star. Those who do not get their news from the Internet remain in the dark about one of the biggest unfolding events of the present decade: the globalist social engineering of a North American Union.

WorldNetDaily was able to obtain materials marked Internal Document, Not For Public Release. The whistleblower, Mel Hurtig, noted Canadian author, publisher, and leader of the National Party of Canada, told WorldNetDaily that the "secret meeting was designed to undermine the democratic process.... It was clear that the intention was to keep this important meeting about integrating the three countries out of the public eye."

Representing the U.S. in Banff was Former U.S. Secretary of State George Schulz. Representing Mexico was Former Mexican Finance Minister Pedro Aspe. Representing Canada was Former Premier of Alberta, Peter Lougheed. The first session featured opening comments by each. The sessions that followed had names like, "A Vision for North America: Issues and Options," "Toward a North American Energy Strategy," "Demographic and Social Dimensions of North American Integration," and "Border Infrastructure and Continental Prosperity."

The event was co-hosted by the Canadian Council of Chief Executives, the business wing of Canada's superelite, and the Canada West Foundation, a "think tank" that has been promoting regional integration.

Prominent on the panel of the "Vision for North America" session was none other than Robert Pastor, who might go down in history as the Father of the North American Union. Pastor is the author of *Toward A North American Community* (2001) published by the globalist Institute for International Economics. He chairs the Council on Foreign Relations' Task Force on North America and served as lead author of the CFR's *Building a North American Community* (May 2005). Among other

things, this document proposes a North American "security perimeter" around all three nations by 2010. It was this that inspired CNN commentator Lou Dobbs to wonder, last summer, if our elites "had gone mad."

Providing the keynote address at the Banff confab was our very own Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense, U.S. Department of Defense. Rummy's speech was entitled, "Opportunities for Security Cooperation in North America: Military-to-Military Cooperation."

When the powerful begin reading papers on "cooperation" between the military hierarchies of three nations, are there really grounds for doubt that we are looking at compromises of U.S. sovereignty and possibly security on an unprecedented scale? Currently there is a North American Cooperative Security Act, sponsored also in 2005 and languishing in committee, but doubtless far from dead. The plan here is to integrate Mexican and Canadian security forces into the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The terms security and prosperity were bandied about freely. This, of course, ties the North American Forum - actually the second (the first, at Sonoma, Calif. in October 2005 was also held in maximum secrecy) - to the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America (SPP), now housed in the NAFTA office of the U.S. Department of Commerce where it has received the full backing of our Secretary of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez.

The watchword, however, was deep integration, which Pastor, the CFR, and outfits like the Canada West Foundation have been promoting. The many working groups created under the SPP umbrella are currently "harmonizing" regulations by all three governments on food, drugs, the environment, electronic commerce, rules of origin, textiles and apparel labeling, movements of capital and labor, and foreign policy. The various working groups have signed "memoranda of understanding" or "frameworks of common principles" - or are working on such - in all these areas.

If there's anything you can take to the bank, this "harmonizing" process is not about, e.g., increasing food and drug safety for the people; it is about making life easier (and profits fatter) for the superelite CEOs in leviathan-sized food and pharmaceutical corporations—wired to leviathan-sized governments through public-private partnerships. What is likely is that food safety will go down, and consumers' choices of, say, dietary supplements over expensive, poorly tested and therefore possibly hazardous pharmaceuticals will begin to be restricted. Major globalists, we ought to note, are well connected to the multibillion dollar pharmaceutical

industry. Rummy owns over \$5 million in stock in Gilead Sciences, the company that developed Tamiflu® and sold it to Roche, the pharmaceuticals giant. George Schulz owns more than \$7 million in Gilead Sciences stock and unlike Rummy, actually sits on the company's board. At one time, the concept conflict of interest would have applied. Today, those in the transnational globalist class do as they please, unencumbered by considerations of ethics, law, or Constitution.

When confronted, shills for the power elite (including on the SPP website, which for the past several weeks has sported a disinformational "Myths and Facts" section) insist that its goals are benign. They just want to increase the prosperity of the three nations so as to better compete with the booming economies of China and India, as well as the European Union, while also ensuring the safety of our peoples in an age of terrorism. The sovereignty and independence of Canada, Mexico and the U.S., they insist, will be respected.

But if the superelites of the three nations have the populations' best interests in mind, then why the secrecy? Why have the agendas (and memberships) of the various working groups of the SPP been kept out of sight, not even available on the SPP website? Why does the latter's "Myths and Facts" describe the SPP as only a "dialogue" between the leadership of the three nations when it is clearly much more than that? Why has it been necessary to invoke the Freedom of Information Act to penetrate the wall of secrecy?

Geri Wood, SPP Secretary, told Jerome R. Corsi that the working groups did not want to be "distracted by answering calls from the public."

What incredible arrogance!

There is now a North American Competitiveness Council whose advisory board involves representatives from corporations including Wal-Mart, Chevron, General Motors, Lockheed Martin, and others. The NACC met in Washington in mid-August, but we have almost no information because again what was said was kept out of public view and this time we have (so far) no whistleblowers.

There is also a North American Energy Security Initiative, a North American Steel Trade Committee, an Automotive Partnership Council of North America, and a North American Aviation Trilateral, among other transnational bureaucracies formed under the SPP umbrella. Work is underway towards North American Emergency Management and towards Smart, Secure Borders (now there's a phrase apt to make Orwell spin in his grave!).

There is also the Trans-Texas Corridor (TTC), or NAFTA Superhighway, construction on which is scheduled to begin in 2007 by public-private partnerships (a foreign corporation, Spain's Cintra, has already signed a contract). This system, which will parallel I-35 running north from Mexico all the way to Canada, with a branch extending I-69 also going to Canada through Port Huron, Mich. TTC-35 will consist of six lanes for passenger cars, four for trucks, a rails system, lines for telecommunications, oil and natural gas pipelines, etc. Its size across has been estimated at four football fields; construction will result in the taking of over 500,000 acres of land from farmers and ranchers in Texas alone through eminent domain. This puts last year's roundly (and rightly) condemned

Supreme Court decision in *Kelo v. New London, Conn.* in a new light!

There are, finally, the expected incursions into education which have been going on roughly during what we may come to call the SPP era. Students everywhere, at all levels from elementary school to colleges and universities, are being encouraged to think globally—to think of themselves as "world citizens," which means supporting regionalism and downplaying loyalty to their own nations. Last year a group of students from ten universities spread across the U.S., Canada and Mexico met for a simulated "model Parliament," the organizers declaring: "A North American Parliament is born." The universities included Harvard and Robert Pastor's home base American University, as well as Simon Fraser University and Universite de Montreal representing Canada and Monterrey University and Ecole nationale d'administration publique representing Mexico. The event, sponsored by the Canada-based North American Forum on Integration (NAFI), yet another think tank promoting deep integration, was held in the Mexican Senate last May. Pastor is on the NAFI board of directors.

The superelite has indeed been busy of late! Also meeting in September, this time in Miami (Sept. 15) was the Miami Herald Americas Conference. Attendees of this confab included more business and governmental elites from Latin and South America. They focused on "free trade agreements, open democracies and security." One attendee in particular is worth noting: Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, our El Presidente's brother, who gave the keynote address. Gov. Bush hailed our El Presidente as the "chief Latin Americanist" in Washington. He further let the cat out of the bag by urging Congress to pass "fast track" trade promotion legislation this fall that would authorize President Bush to reopen negotiations on the stalled Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA), the superelite's long-term goal for the Western hemisphere.

The superelite had originally hoped to implement their FTAA by 2005, but didn't count on the level of grass roots opposition either here or by influential South American leaders such as Venezuela's Hugo Chavez. Chavez's economics are wrong and I don't think he correctly identifies his enemy—it isn't President Bush personally or even "American hegemony," but rather the emerging New International Economic Order which is transnational and globalist. As a populist, however, his instincts are sound. He understands that an FTAA would benefit the superelite - many of them based in America - at the expense of his people. To elites like Florida's Gov. Bush, this is just capitalism: "I believe in entrepreneurial capitalism from the top of my head to the tip of my toes." When superelite domination of national economies is equated with free market "capitalism" and no one with visibility questions it, should we wonder when the Hugo Chavezes of the world move "leftward"?

It may be useful to examine a brilliant article by Christopher S. Bentley's entitled "Immigration & Integration," from the July 24 issue of *The New American*. Bentley outlined in very clear fashion how "free trade" rhetoric is taking us into regional government and will proceed from there to world government. "Free trade" is a core tool

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of the emerging New World Order, currently building transnational corporatist "capitalism" that (given the collectivist ethos being ruthlessly promoted in schools at all levels) they expect will evolve naturally and easily into global socialism with the superelite wielding absolute power.

Bentley outlines the process occurs in five steps, or phases.

First, the superelite creates a free trade area. This lowers barriers to the trade of goods and services among member nations, while quietly instituting a raft of political and bureaucratic controls. This was done in Europe in the late 1940s. In North America, think NAFTA/CAFTA.

Second, it creates a customs union, which adds a common external trade policy and expands the bureaucracy to implement it. Think of that common "security perimeter" planned for North America.

Third, it creates a common market, which ends restrictions on migration and allows labor and capital to move freely across increasingly meaningless national borders of member states. "This," Bentley wrote, "is exactly what is behind the Bush Administration's fanatical zeal to implement its guest worker / amnesty program." Indeed, the Bush regime's immigration policy—or lack of—makes perfect sense if we simply accede that Bush is committed

philosophically to a borderless, globalized world.

Fourth, it develops the foregoing into an economic union—which requires a fully harmonized regulatory structure, a common currency, a common tax policy and a common fiscal policy. Robert Pastor and others have advocated replacing the dollar and the peso with a common North American currency that would be called the amero.

The fifth and final phase, political union, follows almost naturally, given that since Keynes the idea of an economy—national or global—not regulated to the teeth by bureaucrats hasn't been on anyone's radar. Political union develops out of the system of public-private partnerships, yielding a symbiosis between international bankers, other corporations, and the governmental-bureaucratic establishment.

The EU is practically to this point, its Parliament able to implement significant elements of the EU Constitution despite member nations like France and the Netherlands getting cold feet last year.

These phases are, in the last analysis, not separable but part of a single guided process. The SPP working groups and attendees of meetings like this North American Forum are taking us in the same direction as Europe at breakneck speed. NAFTA's Chapter 11 tribunals actually begin laying in place the final phase of the process by reviewing U.S.

court decisions. If you have an internationalized legal process, then as enforcement mechanisms fall into place you are on your way to political union under a regional, hegemonic authority.

Thus what has taken the superelite took over 50 years to accomplish in Europe could be done in North America in about half the time. Not helping matters is the American sheeple's indifference to what doesn't affect them directly and immediately. We will still have a geographical entity known as the U.S. Much of our political infrastructure will doubtless remain essentially intact. The sheeple will doubtless continue to have their sports contests every Saturday and the latest Survivor on prime time. The globalists, after all, want the masses to stay entertained, and they probably don't care how the sheeple entertain themselves so long as the economy keeps humming. But they will have complete control over everything of real importance, being able to overrule whatever court decisions or Congressional legislation they decide contravenes official globalist policy. Our Constitution will be history. To be sure, we barely have a Constitution now. But at least our national elites must pay lip service to Constitutional government.

When transnational committees of unelected bureaucrats begin overruling our laws and precedents—or if elected officials bow to globalism on their own

(as Calif. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has done with NAFTA regulations on occasion)—we will know that Constitutional government is dead in America. The superelite will then be free to do as they please, which will probably be to begin integrating North America and Europe into a larger union. Other groups around the world are working towards integrating other regions including the Middle East, Southeast Asia, Africa, and elsewhere.

The nation-state, under attack from many libertarians as well as globalists, will be extinct in another decade or so if all this comes to pass. Many libertarians, unfortunately, are hostile to the idea of a world based on any principles other than economic abstractions. While defending the rights of short-term thinking consumers to buy cheap Chinese crud in Wal-Mart or the supposed rights of employers to hire illegal aliens to give Americans cheap lettuce, they are playing into the hands of individual liberty's enemies—who, one can be sure, are employing long-term thinking. Bubbles of frenetic free market activity are being allowed, e.g., corporations to pursue cheap labor, consumers to buy cheap goods, as a means to the desired end: a globalized, integrated, centralized world.

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Immigration Last-minute bill changes funding for border fence



By Spencer S. Hsu
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - No sooner did Congress authorize construction of a 700-mile fence on the U.S.-Mexico border last week than lawmakers rushed to approve separate legislation that ensures it will never be built, at least not as advertised, according to Republican lawmakers and immigration experts.

GOP leaders have singled out the fence as one of the primary accomplishments of the recently completed session. Many lawmakers plan to highlight their \$1.2 billion down payment on its construction as they campaign in the weeks before the midterm elections.

But shortly before recessing late Friday, the House and Senate gave the Bush administration leeway to distribute the money to a combination of projects -- not just the physical barrier along the southern border. The funds may also be spent on roads, technology

and "tactical infrastructure" to support the Homeland Security Department's preferred option of a "virtual fence."

What's more, in a late-night concession to win over wavering Republicans, GOP congressional leaders pledged in writing that American Indian tribes, members of Congress, governors and local leaders would get a say in "the exact placement" of any structure, and that Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff would have the flexibility to use alternatives "when fencing is ineffective or impractical."

The loopholes leave the Bush administration with authority to decide where, when and how long a fence will be built, except for small stretches east of San Diego and in western Arizona. Homeland Security officials have proposed a fence half as long, lawmakers said.

"It's one thing to authorize. It's another thing to actually appropriate the money and do it," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas.

This case reflects political calculations by GOP strategists that voters do not mind the details, and that key players -- including the administration, local leaders and the Mexican government -- oppose a fence-only approach, analysts said.

President Bush signed the \$34.8 billion homeland security budget bill Wednesday in Scottsdale, Ariz., without referring to the 700-mile barrier. Instead, he highlighted the \$1.2 billion that Congress provided for an unspecified blend of fencing, vehicle barriers, lighting and technology such as ground-based radar, cameras and sensors. "That's what the people of this country want," the president said. "They want to know that we're modernizing the

border so we can better secure the border."

Bush and Chertoff have said repeatedly that enforcement alone will not work and that they want some money spent elsewhere, such as on a temporary-worker program to ease pressure on the border. At an estimated \$3 million to \$10 million per mile, the double-layered barrier would cost considerably more than \$1.2 billion.

Asked whether Homeland Security would build 700 miles of fence, department spokesman Russ Knocke would not say. Instead, he noted that department leaders announced last month that they will spend \$67 million to test a remote-sensing "virtual fence" concept on a 28-mile, high-traffic stretch of border south of Tucson over eight months, and then adjust their plans.

"We plan to build a little and test a little. ... Stay tuned," Knocke said.

The split between GOP leaders hungry for a sound-bite-friendly

accomplishment targeting immigration and others who support a more comprehensive approach also means that the fence bill will be watered down when lawmakers return for a lame-duck session in November, according to congressional aides and lobbyists.

The office of Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, released a letter Thursday from House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., promising to ensure that Chertoff has discretion over whether to build a fence or choose other options. The letter was inserted in the Congressional Record on Friday night because Congress ran out of time to reach a final deal, aides said.

"State and local officials in California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas should not be excluded from decisions about how to best protect our borders with their varying topography, population and geography," Hutchison said in a statement added to the record.

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What do you think we should do about immigration? Send your comments to: editor@usobserver.com

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Commissioner Dwight Ellis. Ellis has proven numerous times that he is no friend of homeowners and renters. When Walker introduced the new proposed library taxing district (which is a hungry wolf dressed in a sheep's skin) before the county commissioners, Ellis in an emotional outburst bleated, "God Speed," during a recent weekly public commissioners' meeting. This is typical of the so-called liberal elite in Josephine County.

Daily Courier Peddles Biased Articles to Community

Let's take a look at what's been happening at the Josephine County Library which the Grants Pass Daily Courier is keeping out of print. The Courier has published many articles that promote the library taxing district on family homes with pro library articles. Several have been published along with the editor's personal endorsement of the library taxing district. The Courier writers present only one side of the library issue and avoid any negative views in these articles. Thus the public only gets one viewpoint in the Courier's front page stories and its section on community news. This tends to create a bias and ill-informed voter. Newspapers are infamous for doing this type of reporting. In fairness, the Courier is usually lenient with letters to the editor, printing diverse points of view and does print some guest opinion on the editorial page that opposes its agenda. But these articles don't have the readership that a front page story has.

Scandal at the Library?

Here is what Courier writer Patti Richter won't tell you in her articles. The county library has been weeding books from the shelves to make room for

new books they have no money to buy. There are reportedly numerous empty bookshelves in the library; presently this includes the children's library where the shelves were heavily hit by the book grabbers. Some of the books were given to the Friends of the Library and others went to the shredder. Why would personnel be directed to empty the bookshelves at this time of cuts in the library funding and a reduction in the hours the public is served? The county commissioners were informed of this action and told those in charge to cease purging the bookshelves. This request was ignored, and the shelves continued to be purged until a commissioner personally intervened and stopped the book removal. Remember, you never read this in the Daily Courier. In a conference, two of the commissioners voted to do nothing about the desecration of the children's library and adult section of the library. Since the commissioners cut the library from the public coffers, limited library hours were imposed and have created long lines of users waiting to check out books while some library personnel were busy raiding the bookshelves for the shredder. You didn't read about that in the Courier either. Then there is the case of the General Services Director for the county, Mark Sorenson, who was appointed to take the place of the library director when she abruptly left after an alleged disagreement with county commissioners. Interestingly, Sorenson abruptly left county employment during the great book purge of the Josephine County Library. And now for the kicker, no one bothered to make a record of the books purged, and no one knows the titles of the public books removed or how many were hauled away. Is this incompetence? Apparently not in Josephine County, as the previously mentioned two county commissioners (Ellis and Riddle) decided to do nothing about this. Did you read this in the Daily

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Immigration

Green Card Lottery Registration has Started



Editor's Note: The following is a perfect example of how broken America's government has become. When immigrants become more important to the elected than the average American citizen we are all in deep trouble.

A once in a lifetime opportunity to live work and study in the USA with the Green Card Lottery - apply today.

(PRWEB) - USAGC (usagc.com) is helping applicants stand a better chance of seeing their number drawn in this year's Green Card Lottery.

The USA is once again opening its doors to the Citizens of the World, with over 50,000 places on offer in the annual Green Card Lottery, which begins today.

The USA Green Card lottery established in 1996 under the immigration act (www.usagc.com) gives families and individuals from all over the world including the Third world and developing countries a once in a

lifetime opportunity to live, work, or study in the USA as a permanent resident. Green Card holders also receive health, education, retirement, taxation, social security and other benefits.

The journey begins with three quick registration questions which will confirm eligibility, this takes about 10 minutes, and you must also be a native of a country that appears on the list of qualifying countries and must meet the minimum requirements concerning education or employment status. Then if the answer is yes you simply put your name down electronically and wait for the computer to draw your name.

Some 30% of application forms never make it into the draw. Why? Because their application form wasn't completed correctly or they missed out vital information or they gave out wrong information. For example:

What happens if I live in a different country than the one I was born in?

No problem. The automatic application process will ascertain that, in such cases your application will be submitted correctly and you will not be disqualified. Had this information not been filled in correctly the application would have been disqualified.

This is where services such as USAGC (www.usagc.com), experts in Green Card registration, perform such an important role in bringing people together. It is USAGC's responsibility to ensure that the application form submitted is 100% correct to avoid any possibilities of rejection.

Individuals complete one application form electronically, however with a husband and wife they can complete an extra one under the spouse's name

doubling their chances and including any children under 21 on the application.

Even people who live already in the USA can apply for this lottery providing they fulfill the criteria required and that includes those citizens who have already applied for a visa, they too can apply for the Green Card lottery.

USAGC charges a fee for the application, (see website for charges www.usagc.com) but applicants are not

allowed to pay extra to increase their chances in the lottery, everyone has a fair chance and no additional lottery payments are allowed.

Those lucky enough to be chosen will also receive FREE airline tickets to the USA, but if your name wasn't drawn this time you can apply again through USAGC with double or multiple entries up to ten years. By introducing a friend or friends to USAGC you also receive an extra year's free application. ■■

Components of the Unauthorized Immigrant Population: January 2005 (in thousands)

1) Foreign-born population	
a. Foreign-born population, entered 1980-2004	24,890
b. Adjustment for shift in reference date from July 1, 2004 to January, 2005	550
c. Adjustment for exclusion of group quarters in ACS	310
d. Undercount of nonimmigrants in ACS	140
e. Undercount of other legally resident immigrants (LPRs, recent refugee/asylee arrivals) in ACS	390
f. Undercount of unauthorized immigrant population in ACS	1,050
g. Estimated foreign-born population, January 1, 2005 (a.+b.+c.+d.+e.+f.)	27,320
2) Legally resident population	
h. LPR, refugee, and asylee flow, entered 1980-2004	19,170
i. Mortality 1980-2004	1,010
j. Emigration 1980-2004	2,690
k. LPR, refugee, and asylee resident population, January 1, 2005 (h.-i.-j.)	15,470
l. Nonimmigrant population on January 1, 2005	1,350
m. Estimated legally resident population, January 1, 2005 (h.+l.)	16,820
3) Unauthorized immigrant population	
n. Estimated resident unauthorized immigrant population, January 1, 2005 (g.-m.)	10,500

Note: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding. Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

That's 10.5 MILLION

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Courier? Of course not. Now is this an efficiently run organization? Do the voters want these people running a library that promotes a lifetime tax on family homes in Josephine County at 55 cents a thousand of assessed value? If this taxing district passes, it will never go away and will bring in twice the cash the library has received in the past. All consumer prices are leaping up, wages are static, and the liberals want to increase our existing property taxes. As the old saying goes, if these are your friends, you don't need any enemies.

Others Also Want to Tax Your Home

Rogue Community College is asking for a tax lien on your home to fund the college. The City of Grants Pass is asking for another tax lien on city residents' homes. The government claims inflation is at single digits. Most folks know that to be false. Ten percent may be closer to the truth. Check the increase in prices at your local grocery store. Tomatoes are around \$2.00 a pound, apples are \$1.50 and more, 10 pounds of potatoes are up 20% or more from last year. Food is necessary, but taxes on homes are an abomination.

Liberals Regard Your Home as Their Piggy Bank

They all have the thief's syndrome of wanting your money to pay for their social programs. These folks are all very liberal with other people's money. In

their arrogance they never ask you if it would be convenient for you if they placed a compulsory tax on your home. It's as though the state legislature or congress passed a law saying that every adult is required to have a mandatory savings account of at least \$1,000. Now, anytime your fellow citizens decided there was a public need they could put the issue to a vote. What could be fairer than the citizens deciding on public policy? Isn't this democracy at it finest? If the pro vote received over 50% of the count, then they could deduct from your savings account the cost of their particular social program. It no doubt would be called, "The debit savings account for social progress." That is exactly how the liberal social tax and spenders think regarding your home; it's their piggy bank and they are always trying to get their grasping hands into it. No one has an ethical or moral right to tax your home for anyone's social program. Every home dweller should fly the flag in his heart that has an image of a buzzing rattlesnake entitled, "Don't tread on me."

Your Home is Your Castle

Those who can't pay for their social programs have found the family home poorly defended and easier prey than robbing banks. This hasn't always been so. The old saying that a man's home is his castle has its roots in early English history. In the year 1532 King Henry the VIII put forth the idea that a man is allowed to defend his castle using any means at his disposal.

Four hundred years ago William Blackstone, a noted English scholar,

said, "The law of England has so particular and tender a regard to the immunity of a man's house that it [it's considered] his castle and will never [be] violated." This became a part of the English common law. No man has a moral right to put your home at risk of being taken from you by the tax collector. Those who wish to do so are not your friends but seekers of personal gratification at the home owner's expense. Your home is indeed your castle and must be defended from the enemy invaders. In this case a no vote will suffice.

Community Liberals are a Danger to Family Homes

When you cast your vote in favor of any property tax that uses a man's home

to pay for someone's social program, this is akin to a tyrannical act. The reason is you are placing your neighbor's home at risk of foreclosure and seizure with the complicity of the state if he doesn't pay the tax bill sent to him. No one is so wise that he knows who can and can't afford an additional drain on limited family resources. Anyone who promotes a tax and especially a taxing district, which is forever, on another's home, displays sheer arrogance and contempt for the homeowner. If you remember when you vote that it is unethical for any person to promote a tax on another man's home to pay for his social program, you will do the right thing and oppose those who are willing to put your home at risk. The tax and spend crowd really don't care about you. ■■

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The next 100 million and the face of America

By Brad Knickerbocker
Staff writer of The CS Monitor

The one sure thing about US population as it moves past 300 million - expected to happen in the next few days - is that there will be more Americans. A lot more.

Everything else is informed speculation. Still, much will turn on how big the United States becomes and how fast it grows - from its use of natural resources to its settlement patterns to shifts in political clout.

There will be 400 million Americans in 2043, climbing to 420 million by midcentury, the US Census Bureau estimates. The added numbers will change the nature of the populace, reflecting trends already begun.

Between the last official census in 2000 and the one of 2050, non-Hispanic whites will have dwindled from 69 percent to a bare majority of 50.1 percent. The share who are Hispanic will have doubled to 24 percent. Asians also will have doubled to 8 percent of the population. African-Americans will have edged up to 14 percent. In other words, the US will be on the verge of becoming a "majority of minorities."

Wars, natural disasters, shifts in the economy, unforeseen social and political developments - any or all of these could affect the numbers, perhaps dramatically. For one thing, America could, as many voters and their elected officials now demand, clamp down on immigration. The country's unusually high teen pregnancy rate could drop. Scientific advances could extend longevity.

In any case, Americans are expected to continue to gravitate west and south. Today, the Top 10 fastest growing states, cities, and metropolitan areas are all in those regions, mostly in the West. In general, the West and South have been growing two to three times as fast as the Northeast and Midwest.

The great American midsection, meanwhile, will continue to empty out.

When historian Frederick Jackson Turner declared the American frontier "closed" in 1893, he was using the Census Bureau definition of "frontier" as areas having no more than six people per square mile. By that same density definition, the number of such counties actually has been increasing: from 388 in 1980 to 397 in 1990 to 402 in 2000. Kansas has more "frontier" land now than it did in 1890.

If these regional shifts continue as expected, the political impact will be felt. For one thing, membership in the US House of Representatives, fixed at 435 seats, would change, producing winners and losers just as it has with recent censuses. It may shift the current

alignment of "red" states and "blue" states - but other factors besides population growth in the South and West may influence that political balance.

For example, wealthy, relatively liberal Californians and others with money to spend have been buying up ranch land in politically conservative Rocky Mountain states such as Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming. Many of them are more inclined to want to protect the environment from energy exploration and other development.

An increasing Hispanic population - which could see 188 percent growth between 2000 and 2050, according to the Census Bureau - could affect the political balance as well.

At the same time, the population will become relatively older. A person born in 1967, when the population turned 200 million, could be expected to live 70.5 years. Life expectancy for those born today is 77.8 years.

The impact of the aging baby-boom generation, whose oldest members turn 60 this year, will be felt on Social Security and Medicare. "We really are doing very well in terms of extending life, and that is going to increase the rate of population growth," says Samuel Preston, a University of Pennsylvania demographer. It could also have political impact.

As the US moves toward 400 million people, Americans can be expected to marry later in life, and more of them will live alone. Between 1970 and 2005, the median age of first marriage moved from 23 to 27 for men and from 21 to 26 for women. Over the same period, the percentage of single-person households grew from 17 percent to 26 percent. Those trends are likely to continue.

Experts generally believe that expansion to meet the housing and other community needs of a growing population is likely to remain concentrated in suburbs and exurbs.

"Most projections show that the continued increase in the US population and the projected 50 percent increase in space devoted to the built environment by 2030 will largely take place in the sprawling cities of the South and West, areas dominated by low-density, automobile-dependent development of residential, commercial, and industrial space," writes demographic trend-watcher Joel Kotkin in a recent issue of the magazine *The Next American City*.

Concerns about use of resources

This kind of continuing development tied to US population growth worries many environmentalists, as well as

those concerned about the loss of farmland.

Annual US population growth of nearly 3 million contributes to the water shortages that are a serious concern in the West and many areas in the East, says Lester Brown, president of the Earth Policy Institute. Water tables are now falling throughout most of the Great Plains and in the Southwest, he warns. Some lakes are disappearing and rivers are running dry.

"As water supplies tighten, the competition between farmers and cities intensifies," says Mr. Brown. "Scarcely a day goes by in the western United States without another farmer or an entire irrigation district selling their water rights to cities like Denver, Las Vegas, Phoenix, Los Angeles, or San Diego."

Concern about a growing populace and decreasing resources is likely to push governments toward conservation and more sustainable development, experts say.

This may be especially true of energy. Nineteen states and the District of Columbia now have renewable portfolio standards that require electric utilities to use more wind, solar, biomass, geothermal, and other renewable sources.

"The global context will really drive what happens in the United States," says futurist Hazel Henderson.

Last month, for example, the Chinese government released its first "green" gross domestic product (GDP) report. It measures economic growth while also factoring in the environmental consequences of that growth. Other governments and financial intuitions now are being pushed in the same direction. US portfolio managers in charge of \$30 trillion in assets now demand carbon disclosures of all the companies in their portfolios, says Ms. Henderson.

"The tipping point has been reached there," says Henderson. "I feel very hopeful that the evolution to the solar age could happen much quicker than we might have expected because it's being driven by so many stress points, from global warming to water shortages to desertification."

By mid-century, she predicts: "Cars will be getting 100 m.p.g. if they're still using gasoline instead of fuel cells. That's definitely a no-brainer. Cities and towns will get more and more compact as these sprawling suburbs end up being too costly and inefficient."

That vision for the future contrasts sharply with Mr. Kotkin's. But given current political, economic, environmental, and social trends - especially the unknowns about world energy supplies - it is likely to be just as

valid.

Meanwhile, the US population clock keeps ticking: Every 13 seconds somebody dies. Every 31 seconds there's another immigrant - legal or illegal. It adds up to a net gain of one person every 11 seconds, or about 8,000 every day. It took 39 years to add the most recent 100 million; the next 100 million will take a couple of years less than that.

The US population growth rate is expected to decline a bit by mid-century. Still, by then the numbers will have increased to some 420 million, according to official calculations. Critics of US immigration policy say the number could be significantly higher.

"If Congress should end up ducking the issue of immigration reform and maintaining the status quo of mass legal and illegal immigration, our population is projected to still continue its rapid growth," warns the Federation for American Immigration Reform in a recent report. "Our projection is for a population of between 445 and 462 million residents depending on the assumptions used."

Diversity is changing attitudes

But societal changes tied to population are more than numbers.

As the racial and ethnic mix among Americans shifts in the decades ahead, public attitudes are likely to change as well. In some ways, they already are.

For example, between 1986 and 2003, the share of adults who approved of interracial marriage rose from 70 percent to 83 percent, according to a Roper Reports study. This trend is especially true among young Americans. A 2002 Gallup survey showed that just 30 percent of adults 65 and older approved of marriage between blacks and whites. But among people between 18 and 29, 86 percent said they had no problem with interracial marriage.

"The fact that today we see young people intermarrying more, interracial dating much more common - all of that I think portends that we're going to become much more ecumenical in the way we look at things than we were in the past," says William Frey, a demographer at the University of Michigan and the Brookings Institution. "I think we'll have much more tolerance for people of other backgrounds, cultures and languages, points of view, and religious and belief systems."

What's certain is that there will be a lot more Americans.

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strong statement from the Security Council," Churkin said. "And we know that in this problem, in this part of the world, some strong statements made by others than the Security Council have hurt the entire thing — and have aggravated matters. So we do not want to repeat this on the level of the Security Council."

He said a high-level Chinese representative was en route to Moscow for talks on Friday and Saturday, and Russia's deputy foreign minister was in northeast Asia talking to the countries most affected by North Korea's announcement.

A special envoy of Chinese President

Hu Jintao met with Bush and top U.S. officials in Washington on Thursday, and South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun was due in Beijing on Friday for talks with China's top leaders, he said.

A U.S. draft circulated earlier Thursday would condemn the claimed nuclear test, demand that North Korea immediately return to six-party talks on its nuclear program without precondition, and impose sanctions for Pyongyang's "flagrant disregard" of the council's appeal. It adds new words demanding that North Korea "not conduct any further nuclear test or launch of a ballistic missile."

That draft remains under Chapter 7 of the U.N. Charter. Bush has said the United States has no intention of

attacking North Korea and Bolton stressed that any military action would require another resolution.

The draft would require all countries to prevent the sale or transfer of arms, luxury goods, and material and technology which could contribute to North Korea's nuclear, ballistic missile or other weapons of mass destruction-related programs.

The resolution would also impose a travel ban on people supporting North Korea's nuclear, ballistic missile and other weapons-related programs — a Japanese proposal.

The initial U.S. draft called on all states to undertake and facilitate inspection of cargo to and from North Korea to ensure compliance with

sanctions. The second draft would allow states to inspect cargo "as necessary" to ensure compliance and to prevent illegal trafficking.

In 2002, a ship carrying a dozen Scud-type missiles believed to originate in North Korea was intercepted in the Arabian Sea. U.S. officials said the missiles were at least initially headed for Yemen.

The latest U.S. proposal would still require countries to freeze all assets related to North Korea's weapons and missile programs, but a call to prevent "any abuses of the international financial system" that could contribute to the transfer or development of banned weapons was dropped.

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Health

“Diet” cocktails are more intoxicating

NEW YORK (Reuters Health) - Having your alcohol with a sugar-free artificially sweetened mixer may cut calories, but it will also make you drunker, a study suggests.

The problem, Australian researchers found, is that drinks made with “diet” mixers pass through the stomach more rapidly and, therefore, make blood alcohol levels spike particularly high.

Their findings, published in the September issue of the American Journal of Medicine and reported earlier this year at a medical conference, are based on an experiment with eight healthy young men.

The volunteers had their blood alcohol levels measured repeatedly in each of two conditions: once after having a vodka beverage made with a sugary mixer, and once after drinking the same amount of vodka with an artificially sweetened mixer.

The researchers also used ultrasound tests to measure each volunteer's rate of



stomach emptying after having the drink.

They found that with the diet mixer, the men's stomachs emptied about 15 minutes sooner than when they downed the regular mixer.

Blood alcohol levels peaked at around the same time -- 30 minutes after having

the drink -- regardless of which mixer was used. The difference, however, was that alcohol levels surged higher with the low-calorie mixer: to 0.05 percent, on average, versus 0.03 percent with the sugar-sweetened mixer.

In some jurisdictions, this would mean the difference between driving legally and driving drunk, according to the study authors, led by Dr. Christopher K. Rayner of Royal Adelaide Hospital.

The difference in peak blood alcohol levels was “striking,” the researchers write, and it shows that a drink's alcohol content isn't the only factor people should consider.

In general, women's blood alcohol levels soar higher than men's after drinking the same amount alcohol. And women may be particularly drawn to diet mixers in order to cut calories, the researchers note.

SOURCE: American Journal of Medicine, September 2006.

Marijuana may stave off Alzheimer's

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Good news for aging hippies: smoking pot may stave off Alzheimer's disease.



New research shows that the active ingredient in marijuana may prevent the progression of the disease by preserving levels of an important neurotransmitter that allows the brain to function.

Researchers at the Scripps Research Institute in California found that marijuana's active ingredient, delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, can prevent the neurotransmitter acetylcholine from breaking down more effectively than commercially marketed drugs.

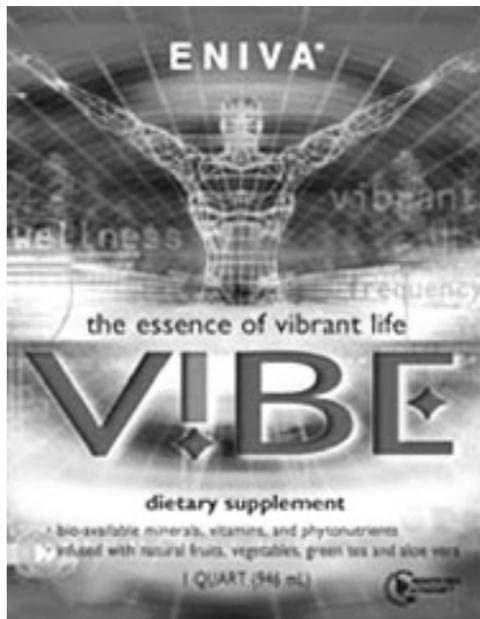
THC is also more effective at blocking clumps of protein that can inhibit memory and cognition in Alzheimer's patients, the researchers reported in the journal Molecular Pharmacology.

The researchers said their discovery could lead to more effective drug treatment for Alzheimer's, the leading cause of dementia among the elderly.

Those afflicted with Alzheimer's suffer from memory loss, impaired decision-making, and diminished language and movement skills. The ultimate cause of the disease is unknown, though it is believed to be hereditary.

Marijuana is used to relieve glaucoma and can help reduce side effects from cancer and AIDS treatment.

Possessing marijuana for recreational use is illegal in many parts of the world, including the United States, though some states allow possession for medical purposes.



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Bad Bust in Southern Oregon?

Grants Pass, OR – On September 26, 2006, at about 9:30 a.m. the Josephine County Interagency Narcotics Team served a search warrant on Discount Smokes and Beer in Grants Pass and the Elk City Market in Central Point. Detectives with JOINT claimed to local media that people using their Oregon Trail Card (Welfare) were purchasing methamphetamine (meth) at the Grants Pass location. The Grants Pass Dailey Courier front page article was titled, “Police say employee at GP store sold meth to Oregon Trail Card Users.” The Medford Mail Tribune top front page article was titled, “Cops: Store clerk rang up meth.” What sensation, what prosecution, what guilt!

Harvinder Singh (Harvey), owner of both locations was stunned by the search and subsequent arrest of his nephew and employee 22-year-old Gurtepal (Paul) Singh who recently came to the states from India. Harvey Singh told the US-Observer, “The police didn't find any drugs at our stores because we don't have any and we have never sold drugs.”

Paul Singh was charged with 7 counts: Identity Theft, Computer Crime, Unlawfully Using a Food Stamp Benefit or Food Commodity, Identity Theft, Computer Crime and Unlawfully Using a Food Stamp Benefit or Food Commodity. The alleged double charges are supposedly for two separate dates

the alleged crimes occurred but what about the drug charges that were front page news in both the Grants Pass Daily Courier and the Medford Mail Tribune??? No one has been charged with any drug crimes to date.

The US-Observer began its investigation of this case on September 29, 2006 and have found nothing even remotely connected to the selling of drugs from either store location to date. We are following numerous leads on police informants who we believe at this time were used to set up the Singhs'. We are confident at this point in our investigation that Paul Singh is innocent of any drug related activity and our investigation is on-going concerning the charges related to misusing Oregon Trail Cards.

Presumed innocent until proven guilty is a thing of the past and this case is the perfect example. Harvey Singh has had to shut down his Grants Pass store, his family has suffered irreparable damage due to the instant publicity produced by law enforcement in concert with local media and Mr. Singh is now forced to spend many hard earned dollars to protect his nephew, who needs an interpreter to correctly understand the English language. During a recent Josephine County Circuit Court hearing Judge Michael Newman informed Singh and a family friend who was



An empty Discount Smokes and Beer building

present to interpret that the court would provide Paul Singh with an interpreter when he appears for an October 27, 2006 for arraignment. What a fete! A young man from India who can't understand English is operating or helping to operate the sell of meth on Oregon Trail Cards. Preposterous at best.

In a recent “letter to the editor” published in the Medford Mail Tribune, Dan T. Brown of Medford states, “Store clerk rang up meth. Let me get this right.

An investigator shoots off at the mouth and you put it on the front page? (Above the fold?) When these accusations are disposed of will you put that on the front page? No one was arrested for drugs, so who are they talking about? Thanks Dan Brown. You have just shared the US-Observer's sentiments perfectly and accurately with the public and you can rest assured that neither local paper will print the truth about this situation on their front page when the drug accusation is disposed of...

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IN MEMORY OF CHARLIE

Charlie was a 49 pound sheep dog who belonged to Peter Thompson in Selma, Oregon. At one point Thompson operated a paralegal office in Grants Pass across from Wal Mart. One day Thompson discovered this hairless, starving dog in the vacant lot next to his office. Charlie was within 24 hours of death due to prolonged malnourishment. Although Thompson already had two black labs at the time he felt compelled to take Charlie in and began feeding him and treating him immediately. Upon seeing him some of Thompson's clients even began contributing food for Charlie. Upon further investigation Thompson, discovered that originally Charlie had belonged to and was mistreated by a local transient. Luckily for Charlie his owner had been jailed for an extended period of time. As the weeks and months passed Charlie, who was about six months old when

Thompson found him, began gaining weight and growing a beautiful albeit scruffy, long coat of hair. He also began making many new friends with both dogs and humans alike. He loved to go riding on the river in Thompson's drift boat but was otherwise fairly confined because he lived downtown. Then in September, 2001, Thompson and his dogs moved to the 1000 plus acre Deer Creek Ranch in Selma, Oregon. They could roam anywhere and swim in their choice of two creeks and two ponds. Charlie loved everyone and roamed anywhere including his favorite spots which included neighbor's houses, the veterinarian's office, the veterinarian's house, the Selma gas station and the Selma, Market. Everyone knew where to call when he visited in part because he wore a name tag with Thompson's phone number on it and in part because they all knew where he belonged anyway.



Beloved Selma dog, Charlie

Hence he gained the name of Selma's dog. In the beginning of 2006, those who own the Deer Creek Ranch, which you should be familiar with due to prior Observer articles, leased the pasture to the Anderson Dairy out of Coquille, Oregon. Their employee known at this time only as "Shayne" then, for no good reason except revenge against Thompson, reportedly shot and killed the beloved Charlie. Thompson only learned of this because Bill Powell at

animal control brought Charlie's collar to Thompson and told him what happened. Before Thompson could take any action against Shayne he was fired from the ranch for unrelated reasons.

Both the Observer and Thompson would like to locate Shayne. The Observer's phone number is 474-7885. Thompson's numbers are 597-4676 and 597-4366. Please contact either if you have any idea regarding the whereabouts of Shayne.

Black Widow Judith K. Johnson, Tucks Tail

On October 2, 2006, Jim Wiggins of Medford, Oregon was informed that his wife Judith K. Johnson also of Medford wanted to drop a pending annulment hearing scheduled for October 12, 2006. He was informed that she was willing to agree to a dissolution of marriage and that they could just go their separate ways.



Judith Johnson

Jim and Judith were married on April 10, 2002 and Mr. Wiggins had no idea he was entering the web of a truly deceptive and dangerous two legged black widow. According to witnesses, Judith had informed her daughter that she intended to meet as many men with money as possible, take advantage of them and then send them packing. From all appearances she wanted to send them packing with only the skin on their backs. Jim was Judith's third victim; her first two husbands both were ready to testify that she left them with little to no assets or belongings (read a history of this case titled: Beware the Black Widow in Jackson County at www.usobserver.com).

The key to cracking this case was locating Judith's first two husbands and more importantly her daughter Shonna. Shonna is a truck driver and spends most of her time in her 16 wheeler, driving around the country. With hard work and a stroke of luck

the US-Observer was able to locate Shonna due to the fact that she was having her truck repaired. She was served with a subpoena just three weeks prior to trial.

Judith was opposing the motion Jim's attorney had filed, seeking an annulment. She wanted half of his assets even though the

two had only been married 3 years. Most of the three years, the two spent separately. Jim Wiggins stated, "As soon as we were married she moved into the spare bedroom and started making constant financial demands of me."

Jim Wiggins' first reaction to Judith's offer was to reject it because he didn't want other men to suffer like he had. After thinking long and hard Wiggins decided to get his life back and "leave Judith's fate up to God." Even though Judith was able to bilk \$6,000.00 from Jim as spousal support while the divorce was pending and reportedly steal many of his personal belongings, Jim Wiggins has finally got his life back and we congratulate this fine gentleman for possessing the courage to get through this modern day tragedy. Our advice to Jim is to simply say "Good Riddance" and be very careful the next time you think about seeking a spouse.

The Lacey Update

Grants Pass, OR - Larry Lacey owner of Club 71, Josephine County's only strip club, and owner of the old Palace building on the corner of 5th and "G" streets downtown, is getting all of his building permits despite there still being a stop-work order issued by the city. Earlier Lacey successfully gained the right to reoccupy his building which had been under an order to vacate premises due to some structural work that needed to be inspected. Work that Lacey says he passed by the same engineer, Shane Earp, who the city used to sign-off on the possible instability of the building. Lacey maintains he approached and solidified a deal with Earp to provide structural engineering for his building and would frequent his office providing Earp with drawings and questions. Earp, however, tells a different story.

According to Earp, who called the US-Observer after reading the previous article on Lacey's building, he is concerned that there will be a perception that he had a contract to do the work for Lacey. Earp flatly denies there ever having been a contract and even went so far to say that he only rarely saw Lacey. Lacey says, however, that they had agreed on a figure for the work as Earp was going to be moving and needed his expenses paid.



Lacey's building

With some officials keeping pressure on Lacey and others willing to provide him with permits it's hard to tell what is really going on, but one thing is for sure Lacey is moving forward with his plans to occupy the building with a business. Having filed suit in federal court against several key city officials, he just might have smooth sailing. But then again, it was recently reported that his water was shut off.

Tune in next time ...