

INSIDE STORIES



**Bush Orders
Domestic
Secret Police**
Page 2

**42% Favor
Impeachment
Of Pres. Bush**
Page 2



**O'Connor
Steps Down
As Justice**
Page 2

**Senate
Approves
CAFTA**
Page 2

**— Editorial —
Portrait Of A
Weak President**
Page 9



By
Lloyd
Garver

**Sex, Drugs,
and Congress**
Page 10



© 2005, THE LONE STAR ICONOCLAST

The Lone Star ICONOCLAST

\$1.50 Per Copy www.iconoclast-texas.com • CRAWFORD, TEXAS • Vol. 6, No. 27 — Wednesday, July 6, 2005

ENERGY BILL: THE DARK SIDE OF POLLUTION

**Security Of
Citizens At Risk,**
Says Co-Director Of
Sustainable Economics Program

Iconoclast's Nathan Diebenow
Interviews
Dr. James Barrett
Page 3

“Our energy policy should be based on things that we know are clean, economical, reliable, and efficient, and nuclear power is a poster child of things that don't meet any of those goals.”

— Dr. James Barrett,
Redefining Progress
<www.rprogress.org>



President Bush Orders Domestic Secret Police

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Bush has ordered his U.S. Director of National Intelligence, John Negroponte, last week to oversee changes necessary to create a do-

mestic intelligence service inside the FBI, even though a number of prosecutors and FBI agents opposed.

This agency shake-up will help fight international terrorist groups and

hinder the sale of weapons of mass destruction, according to the White House.

Meanwhile, civil liberties advocates are worried that the changes at the FBI are a move toward the formation of a secret police force in the United States.

"Spies and cops play different roles and operate under different rules for a reason," said Timothy Edgar, national security counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union. "The FBI is effectively being taken over by a spymaster who

reports directly to the White House... It's alarming that the same person who oversees foreign spying will now oversee domestic spying, too."

Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales and FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III brushed off criticism.

"They're not going to be directing law enforcement," Gonzales said at a news conference. "Every law enforcement official within the FBI is going to remain under the supervision and authority of the FBI director and, ultimately, the attorney general."

Supreme Court Justice O'Connor To Step Down

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, 75, last Friday announced her retirement after 24 years on the U.S. Supreme Court, setting the battleground for President Bush's first shot at appointing a justice.

O'Connor, the first woman appointed to the Supreme Court, plans to leave prior to the court's next term in October or when the Senate confirms her successor, she said.

The White House has given no hints as to possible nominees. The last opening on the court occurred 11 years ago, making it one of the longest uninterrupted stretches in history.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is now the only woman among the current justices.

Senate Approves CAFTA By 10 Votes

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Senate late Thursday night approved legislation for the Dominican Republic - United States Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA). The measure passed with the least number of votes for a trade bill in recent history by a 54-45 vote.

The prospect of the bill getting approved by the House will be harder whereas over 166 representatives had publicly opposed CAFTA, while 65 have approved, even a year after CAFTA was signed on May 28, 2004.

President Bush, by allowing the Senate to take a first crack at voting on it, attempted to artificially inflate support for the CAFTA bill. A final vote is expected to come this July, leaving Bush little time to shore up momentum.

In an unusual move of note, Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) voted against CAFTA, a surprise because her husband, former President Bill Clinton rallied 11 years ago for a similar trade agreement, the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), on which CAFTA is based.

"NAFTA has a failed record that includes the loss of a million American jobs and over 38,000 American family farms, while in Mexico over 1.5 million farmers have been pushed off their land and manufacturing wages have plummeted," said Deborah James, the Global Economy Director of Global Exchange.

INFO

www.globalexchange.org

Indian Tribe Sues For Ohio Land

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Eastern Shawnee tribe of Oklahoma is suing to regain land in Ohio, it says, with the intention to negotiate a deal to open a casino.

The tribe, seeking the land title and repayment of taxes collected since taking it over in 1831, says that the 150 square miles of property was illegally taken in 19th century treaties.

The Ohio attorney general, who intends to fight the lawsuit, said that even if the Eastern Shawnee wins, the state constitution outlaws for-profit gambling.

However, interest in casino gambling has been shown by leaders of nearby towns.

Oklahoma is the current home to about 670 Eastern Shawnee and a small casino they operate.

42 Percent Favor Bush Impeachment Over Iraq War: Zogby Poll

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Days after President Bush's televised address to the soothe the nation's anxiety over Iraq, the latest Zogby International released a poll finding that 42 percent say they favor impeachment proceedings if the president is found to have misled the nation about his reasons for going to war with Iraq.

The poll also noted that there was no noticeable bounce in the president's approval numbers as his job approval rating slipped a point from a week ago, to 43 percent.

A 52 percent majority among those living in the Western states favors Congress using the impeachment mechanism, while 41 percent are opposed; in Eastern states, 49 percent are in favor and 45 percent opposed.

In the South, meanwhile, impeach-

ment is opposed by 60 percent and supported by just 34 percent; in the Central/Great Lakes region, 52 percent are opposed and 38 percent in favor.

In the Red States, 36 percent say Congress should use it if the president is found to have lied on Iraq, while 55 percent reject this view; in the Blue States, 48 percent favors such proceedings while 45 percent oppose them.

President Bush's job rating remains in the South at 51 percent favorable; in all other regions, those disapproving his performance are in the majority.

Made both before and after the President's address, the Zogby America survey of 905 likely voters, conducted from June 27 through 29, has a margin of error of +/-3.3 percentage points.

Context Determines Religious Displays On Government Land: Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Dissatisfying and confusing both religious and secular activists, the U.S. Supreme Court issued split rulings last Monday on two different displays of the 10 Commandments on the grounds of courthouses.

The Court said context determines keeping a 44-year-old monument on the Texas Capitol grounds, while striking down exhibits in two Kentucky courthouses. The displays in Kentucky endorsed a religious message, said the majority opinion. Both decisions passed with 5-4 votes.

Although the Court allows such displays on government property, the 10 Commandments and other religious literature must portray neutrally in order to honor the legal history of the United States.

"The touchstone for our analysis is the

principle that the First Amendment mandates government neutrality between religion and religion, and between religion and nonreligion," Justice David H. Souter wrote for the majority, adding, "When the government acts with the ostensible and predominant purpose of advancing religion, it violates the central Establishment clause value of official religious neutrality."

Justices John Paul Stevens, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer, as well as Reagan appointee Sandra Day O'Connor joined the majority opinion in the Kentucky ruling, whereas Justice Antonin Scalia issued the dissent, joined by Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Justices Thomas and Anthony Kennedy.

Stevens, O'Connor, Souter, and Ginsburg dissented in the Texas case.



The Lone Star Iconoclast is published weekly, on Wednesdays, by Smith Media, Inc., P.O. Box 420, Crawford, TX 76638 and 310 W. 5th St., P.O. Box 353, Clifton, TX 76634

Periodicals Postage is Paid at Clifton, TX 76634.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE: McLennan & Bosque Counties, one year: \$40; Elsewhere, one year: \$45. Give old address when requesting change of address.

POSTMASTER: Please send address change to: The Lone Star Iconoclast, P.O. Box 353, Clifton, TX 76634.

DEADLINES: 5 p.m. Fridays.

Telephone (All Departments) — (254) 675-3336 • Toll-Free 1-800-241-5504

Fax No. — (254) 675-4090 • Email: office@iconoclast-texas.com

Web Newspaper: iconoclast-texas.com

EDITORIAL
Associate Editors:
Don M. Fisher
Nathan Diebenow

ADVERTISING
Melanie Harvey,
Marketing Director
Carolyn Black,
Advertising Manager
Linda Robinson,
Advertising Consultant

PUBLISHER & EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
W. Leon Smith

BUSINESS
Kay Ortiz, Front Office Manager
Allison Smith, Bookkeeping,
Internet Manager
Michael Harvey, Collections/Scheduling

**ICONOCLAST: An exposé of icons.
Icon-buster.
Fighter for Truth, Justice, and the American Way.**

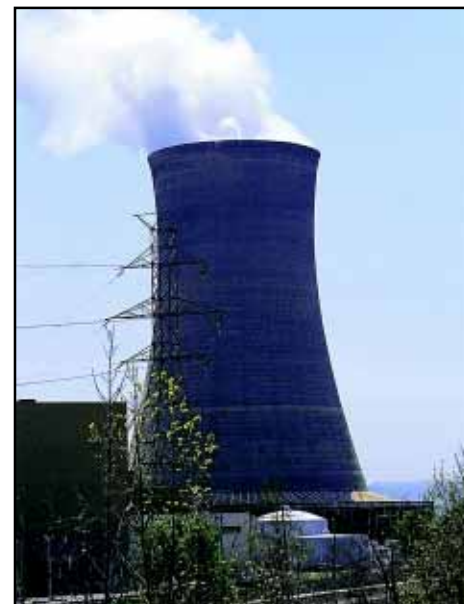
CIRCULATION
Charlie Gandy
Pernie Stanford
Wayne Thompson
Bud Shaffer
Bobby Williams
Evelyn Suesz
Robert Koenig
Wanda Raines

THE LONE STAR ICONOCLAST welcomes letters of up to 150 words on any public issue. Any letter that exceeds the word limit may not be considered for publication. We publish only original letters addressed to The Iconoclast. An address and daytime phone number must be included so the author's identity can be verified. No letters will be published until authorship is confirmed. Those who write letters are asked to limit their entries to one per month. All letters are subject to editing. The Iconoclast reserves the right to decline publication of any submission. Letters must be signed. Letters written in the promotion of political candidates or issues to be decided by an election will not be considered for publication unless they are scheduled for publication three weeks or more prior to the election. Individuals may purchase advertising space during the period prior to the election in support of candidates or issues to be voted upon. Letters written as cards of thanks may be charged classified ad rate and be placed in classified section of newspaper, at editors' option.

THE ENTIRE CONTENTS of each issue of The Lone Star Iconoclast are protected under the Federal Copyright Act. Reproduction of any portion of any issue will not be permitted without the express permission of Smith Media, Inc.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: Any error or erroneous reflection upon the character, standing, or reputation of any person, firm, or corporation which may appear in this newspaper will be gladly corrected upon being brought to the attention of the management.

ENERGY BILL: THE DARK SIDE OF POLLUTION



Security Of Citizens At Risk, Says Co-Director Of Sustainable Economics Program

By NATHAN DIEBENOW
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

CRAWFORD — Dr. James Barrett can't quite bring himself to call the two energy bills to be negotiated in Congress this month "antipollution."

The economist said that both versions, which President Bush sent to him before August, does more harm than good to the U.S. economy and the environment.

While the Senate version passed last week gives substantially more government subsidies to the steady-growing renewable energy industry, it still risks the security of citizens with potential green lights to build more nuclear power plants. The same dynamic holds true with the House version which hands funds to a fossil fuel industry already rolling in dough as the price of oil continues to rise to over \$60 a barrel.

However, the measure faces defeat if a compromise is not achieved on sev-

eral key issues, the most glaring of which centers on lifting liability waivers for oil companies to produce methyl tertiary-butyl ether (MTBE), a gasoline additive that is known to pollute groundwater.

Having seen energy bills come and go, Dr. Barrett for the past year has been co-director of the Sustainable Economics Program at Redefining Progress, a 10-year-old economics policy think tank based with offices in Oakland, Calif. and Washington, D.C. <www.rprogress.org>.

"Redefining Progress is a wieldy label, but we label ourselves as a sustainability policy think tank. We're not an advocacy organization. We don't have membership. Most of what we do is research, although we do a little bit of organizing through educational tools, and some of our work trains people in low income, minority communities to discuss environmental issues," said Dr.

Barrett.

"Our main goal is working on the nexus on policy that is sustainable from an environmental standpoint, from an economic standpoint, and from social justice standpoint," he added.

Prior to joining Redefining Progress, Dr. Barrett was an economist at the Economic Policy Institute, senior economist on the Democratic staff of the Joint Economic Committee of the U.S. Congress, and staff economist at the Center for the Advancement of Genomics and the Institute for Biological Energy Alternatives.

Dr. Barrett earned his B.A. in economics from Bucknell University and his M.A. and Ph.D. in economics from the University of Connecticut.

During an interview with THE LONE STAR ICONOCLAST'S Nathan Diebenow, Dr. Barrett talked about the pros and mostly cons of the two proposed energy bills, his own version of an energy bill envisioned through a sustainable energy policy, the dirty secret of the nuclear energy industry, and what everyday consumers can do to save money and the environment.

.....
ICONOCLAST: Based on your knowledge of sustainability economics policy, is it safe to call these two energy bills "pollution bills?"

BARRETT: (laughs) Well, I would love to be able to call them antipollution bills, but I can't call them that. Whether they are pro-pollution bills, that would require me to look into the hearts of some of these people who vote for them and know what their motives are. I can't quite do that.

I should say at the outset that the Senate version of this bill is much better than the House version of the bill in many respects, although that's a fairly low bar. I don't want to call it a mess because I don't think that we're in a catastrophe yet, but our energy system at the moment could be qualified as a mess by some.

Both of these bills, rather than looking for new solutions, their prescription for getting out of this mess is the same stuff that put us into the mess in the first place.

From that standpoint, the President is very clear that the House version of the energy bill is based on Dick Cheney's recommendation and won't do anything to solve the energy problems in the short run. Frankly, they won't do anything to address any of the problems in the long run, either.

That's the real shame of these bills. There's not a whole lot we can do about the price of gasoline today from a government standpoint, the little policy that you can enact that would make people less sensitive to gasoline prices tomorrow.

There's a lot we can do. There's a lot we could have been doing over the past 20 years to make the economy and our households less sensitive to gasoline and energy prices. We haven't done that, and in 20 years we'll look back at this bill and we'll be saying the same thing.

ICONOCLAST: Behind the dollars and cents, what exactly is going on with Congress giving funds to oil, gas, and coal industries?

BARRETT: Well, beyond the dollars and cents, I don't know what there is beyond the dollars and cents. From a very simplistic standpoint, you can say that "Well, oil prices are high; therefore, we need more supply of it and so we're going to give subsidies to one of the most profitable industries on the planet to produce more oil."

The fact of the matter is, unfortunately, that while the U.S. consumes about 25 percent of the world's oil in any given year, we only have somewhere between two and four percent of the world's proven oil resources. So there's not a whole lot we can do as a country on the supply side of the equation to increase supply enough to bring prices down.

There are a lot of other reasons you would not want to increase supply.

Once we acknowledge that increasing domestic oil supply will do nothing for oil prices, for our energy security, for our physical security, reducing our dependence on foreign oil, then there is no good reason to hand lots of money to oil producers to make it cheaper for them to drill and sell oil at prices, by the way, that we have no influence over.

When OPEC leaves prices up over \$60 a barrel, that's the best thing that has ever happened to American oil producers. Inflation was probably higher back in the 70s, but we're getting very close to that point.

ICONOCLAST: So the renewable energy groups are just going to get a check, too, huh?

BARRETT: Well, you know, it's hard to say. If you took at either of these bills at their face value, and look at all the programs that they authorize, the cost of these bills would be in the hundreds of billions of dollars. They write these

Continued On Next Page

• ENERGY BILL — THE DARK SIDE OF POLLUTION ... Continued From Page 3

little clauses into the bill to give X number of dollars to industries, or tax breaks, especially, and they know very well that when the budget negotiations come down, that money will not actually be allocated. It puts an upper limit on how much these industries will get, but the real nitty gritty will come down during these budget negotiations.

The Congressional Budget Office is scoring the Senate bill, at last count, by about \$16 billion, which is a 10th of the money they allocated in the bill itself. When the rubber actually meets the road, we're not exactly sure where things are going to go, but I have a pretty good sense that there will be, like in the past, a lot of the tax breaks and regulatory breaks for the fossil fuel producers.

ICONOCLAST: Well, if you wrote the bill, what would it have in it?

BARRETT: I would start with the approach "First, do no harm." Unfortunately, this bill does an awful lot of harm. I think most people are aware that the last time they tried to pass an energy bill, the negotiations failed because the House insisted on exempting MTBE producers from liability from groundwater contamination. The House bill again has that exemption, and the Senate version doesn't. Who knows what's going to happen when it gets to that.

They both have some crazy stuff in there.

One of the dirty secrets of our energy system is that we've never yet and we probably never will build an economically profitable nuclear reactor for electricity generation. The electricity industry is essentially exempt from all liability from nuclear accidents, so they don't have to carry insurance. The reason for this is that the potential damages are hundreds of billions of dollars. There's no insurance company in the world that would insure them, so the federal government passed a law in 1952, I think, essentially exempting the nuclear industry from any liability from nuclear accidents. Without that exemption, the nuclear industry as it is now simply wouldn't exist. They couldn't afford the insurance. They'd be charging a dollar a kilowatt hour for electricity which no one is going to pay.

The House bill extends that exemption. The exemption has to be renewed every five years under the current law. It was meant to help the nuclear industry in its infancy. Of course, it's no longer in its infancy. The bill sunsets every five years, so they have to renew it every five years. The House version of the bill extends this exemption for 20 years, and the Senate version will extend it indefinitely.

I think this is a common and legitimate use of government power which is to help industries in their infancies get over some of the technical and marketing problems. But these things tend to live on and on forever. The nuclear industry doesn't hide this fact. They say quite boldly that without this exemption — the Price/Anderson Act — without this Price/Anderson exemption, it would cease to exist.

This is problem now because the nuclear industry provides 20 percent of our electricity nationwide, but the government has made a decision that if there's an accident, the taxpayers will flip the bill for it no matter who is at fault. These are the kinds of things that



Oil — an example of "old" energy

should have never been in the bill in the first place and I would love to take out if I was in charge of things. (laughs)

They also have massive guarantees for new construction — it's bad enough in the nuclear case to exempt current nuclear plants' liability, but we're also providing massive loan guarantees to the nuclear industry for new construction. We haven't built a new nuclear power plant in the last 20-25 years because even with the liability, they are just not economically viable. So to make them more viable, we're providing loan guarantees. It seems silly to me in a post-9/11 world to be increasing our use of nuclear energy.

Maybe I'm missing something here, but it just doesn't make sense to me that in today's world, one of our primary concerns is our physical safety and we're extending the life of these aging nuclear plants, which is in the bill, and giving loan guarantees for new plants which are in the bill. Our energy policy should be based on things that we know are clean, economical, reliable, and efficient, and nuclear power is a poster child of things that don't meet any of



Harnessing the wind?

those goals, quite frankly.

It's not only nuclear power plants. We also have massive loan guarantees for electricity generators to build more



Solar panels are useful in locations where government embraces the technology.

coal-fuel power plants, as well. Coal-fired power is getting increasingly and increasingly clean, but they are starting at such a low threshold that the most efficient and cleanest coal-fire power plants today are still quite a bit dirtier than you're very basic natural gas plants.

Fortunately, in the Senate bill, I think, about 40 percent of the dollars allocated go toward renewable energy and investment in the wave of the future. The House bill, I think, is just the opposite. I think close to 80 percent is going to traditional fossil fuels industries. I'd love to turn both of those ratios on their heads because the three main suppliers of our electricity at the moment — coal, gas, and nuclear power — are not in infancy anymore. Their technologies are not accelerating rapidly.

You can always get marginal improvements on your efficiency, but I don't think you're going to see large leaps in improvements from an economical or environmental standpoint. On the renewable side, wind power and solar power, these things make great advances every year. It seems like every year we find new ways to make these

things more and more economical, so while the return on these technologies would be quite huge, the amount of money we're putting into those is really small in relation to the well-established energy industries.

ICONOCLAST: So the government should invest in the renewable energy industries because they are still in their infancy.

BARRETT: A lot of them absolutely are in their infancy. The cost of producing electricity from renewable sources is falling rapidly every year, so small or modest investment in technology and research and development, even one-tenth of the scale we've given to nuclear and fossil fuels industries, would make a huge increase over what we've done in the past. It would provide an enormous return. The same is true for the often ignored part of this, for energy efficient technology.

The number one source of progress we can make in our energy system is increasing our energy efficiency. It's just figuring out how to do the same things we're doing everyday but using less energy at the same time because energy tends to be relatively inexpensive — but not today with oil prices the way they are. Traditionally, energy has been relatively inexpensive in the U.S. so we pay little attention to getting the most for our money.

For example, coal-burning power on average for every one unit of electricity you get out of it, at least two is lost in heat that's just lost to produce electricity. If we could find ways to make things more efficient or shift to more efficient technology, we could retain our standard of living and our economic growth but at a vastly lower environmental and vastly lower economic cost.

ICONOCLAST: For the American consumer, these energy bills aren't looking good, but what can the everyday consumer do realistically to cut their energy costs while retaining their standard of living and conserve the environment?

BARRETT: There are a couple of things we can do. It comes from that old adage that all politics is local. I would strongly urge people to think in very local way. For example, I live here in Virginia and I happen to live on an East/West running street. I get pretty good solar coverage on my house. I could, in theory, put solar panels on my roof. It would be a very expensive one time payment, but it would provide the vast majority of my electricity, certainly during the daylight hours.

The problem, the reason why I can't do this, is that during the day when no one is at my house, they produce more electricity than I need until when I go back on the electricity grid. In Virginia, the law is such that the utility companies can take that electricity that I'm producing and sell it to someone else and not pay me for it. But now at night when my solar panels are not working, I have to buy electricity from them. This is called net metering — they don't allow my electricity meter to run backwards so that I get credit for electricity I don't need.

Without net metering, solar panels
Continued On Next Page

• ENERGY BILL — THE DARK SIDE OF POLLUTION ... Continued From Page 4



Government continues to fund the nuclear option, instead of looking at safer alternatives

power for residential applications will never be economical within reasonable bounds. It would be a relatively simple change to the law to allow net metering, and I would strongly urge, especially down in Texas where you have lots and lots of sunlight, a simple change in the regulatory law would make solar powered electricity an economic need for millions of households across the South. It would put a lot less stress on our transmission wires and our electricity grid and help us avoid spectacular failures like the one we had a couple of years ago from Ohio to New York.

Simple small things are the way to go since it appears there is little progress in the right direction at the federal level. I would urge people to focus on the local level on things like this.

ICONOCLAST: I think that there is a net metering law here in Texas. I've got a friend who just recently installed a solar power energy system for his house, and he gets credit for the power he doesn't use from the sun.

BARRETT: We don't have that option in Virginia. That drives me crazy, but we have one very large, very powerful utility. There are other options. In many places, you can buy electricity off the grid from renewable energy. Unfortu-

nately, these tend to be a little more expensive than traditional energy sources. We produce very little of our electricity from oil, somewhere around five percent. While we see oil prices going up, that has relatively little impact

‘When the crisis hits, we'll know it. So it makes a lot sense for us to start working today when we still have some time and slack in the system to invest in the system of technology that is efficient. It's not only good for the environment but it's also great for our economy.'

— Dr. James Barrett

on electricity prices, but if this continues, you might expect to see electricity prices from fossil fuel industries to start increasing. Given that the hundreds of millions of dollars that have been invested in traditional and somewhat outdated electricity-generating technology, the amount of progress that we could make with even a little of that money for renewable energy could have a huge impact.

Of course, I suggest people sit down and think about what's the next car they'd want to buy. I know these hybrids are not for everyone. They're a little on the small side, but I hear that Toyota is putting out a hybrid-version of their Camry which is a pretty decent sized family car. When the oil prices are above \$60 and some people are saying it'll be up to \$70 next year, you might want to

start thinking seriously on hybrid cars. I know you guys have a long way to drive in Texas.

ICONOCLAST: (laughs) Yeah, I know.

BARRETT: The average household could potentially, if these cars are suitable for what they need, save a lot of money by purchasing these fuel-efficient cars.

ICONOCLAST: Is there another way other than dollars and cents to change the direction of the energy industry? Do you think it's easier to encourage Congressmen to allocate funds for the renewable energy industry or force the traditional energy industry to change its behaviors?

BARRETT: That's a difficult question. I don't think the owners of big energy companies are necessarily evil people. I don't think that owning an energy company makes you a bad person.

From a legal standpoint, these publicly held companies that trade on the stock market are required by law to do whatever they can to maximize return for their shareholders. So whether or not it's a personal value for them, they have very fine line they have to walk to maximize the return on the money the people have invested. In many cases they might like to do the right thing but they are constrained by this fiduciary environment.

Now within that requirement, there are some things they can do. We've seen recently that the CEO of Duke Energy has come out and said that he believes we need to put a tax — I can't believe he used the word tax in public — on the emission of carbon dioxide on coal, oil, and natural gas. This plays at the heart of your question. Is it dollars and cents? If you were to calculate, add up all the costs of our energy consumption of the workers, of the energy to drill or dig, to transport it, to burn it, to put it on the electricity grid, we pay for that now. But we also have to pay for the damages of pollution causes to the environment. The full cost, the true cost, would be much much higher than it is now. Until everybody recognizes that our energy system doesn't value public health, we will always abuse that system.

We should be clear. It's not that we would want to punish polluters or punish energy companies for what they do, but we should recognize that what America is best at is innovating and cre-



Power: the imagination exceeds the current menu.

ating technology. We've always been a leader in the world of new technology and the new economy. What we don't need to do is retrench ourselves in outdated technologies. This is not going to fuel the economic growth of the future.

We should be investing in the new stuff because eventually, Republican and Democratic governors will recognize that climate change is a real issue and that they're going to have to do something about it. The only way that we know of to make energy companies consider the environmental costs of what they are doing is to actually put a monetary cost, to hit them in the pocket book. When that day comes, they're not going to be terribly happy about it.

It makes a lot of sense now before a real crisis. People don't like the price of gasoline now. This is far from a crisis. When the crisis hits, we'll know it. So it makes a lot sense for us to start working today when we still have some time and slack in the system to invest in the system of technology that is efficient. It's not only good for the environment but it's also great for our economy. It'll be great sources of jobs and economic growth.

We just released a study that showed if we increased our CAFE standards, that's corporate average fuel economy for the environment that Congress placed on car companies, we'd save millions of jobs in the auto sector. Auto makers always say, "Well, if you make us raise our fuel economy standards, we'll go out of business." Well, the fact of the matter is that if oil prices stays above \$40, and they're at \$60 now, if they stay up there much higher, they will go out of business anyway because they won't be able to compete with the Japanese. It's back to more efficient cars.

There are smart ways and dumb ways to do everything. In Redefining Progress, we spend all of our time looking for smart ways to drive the economy forward to produce the energy we need and save the environment.

ICONOCLAST: Good sales pitch.

BARRETT: It's not often you get an economist excited about things.

ICONOCLAST: (laughs)

INFO

www.rprogress.org



Fossil fuels remain atop Congress' favorites.

Pedophiles Getting On School Campuses

FORT WORTH — Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD has recently purchased a system to help track, screen, and monitor visitors to seven of their 14 school campuses. It's called V-soft (Vistor, Student or Faculty Tracking), by Houston based Raptor Technologies, Inc.

The software was designed to screen and track visitors to school campuses by scanning a state issued ID. A convenient visitor's badge with the name, date, time picture, and destination of the visitor is printed for use while the visitor is on the campus.

Each visitor is instantly screened against 42 states' sex offender databases. If a match is found, an alert appears with the offender's picture for verification. Upon verification, an alert can be sent to designated administrators and/or law enforcement personnel via e-mail or instant message to a cell phone to let them know a sex offender has been logged at the campus. The software can also screen for individuals with restraining orders, custody issues and more.

"Pedophiles and other Registered Sex Offenders are getting on school campuses—and now we have proof," says Allan Measom, President and CEO of Raptor Technologies, Inc. "Currently our software is in use in more than 800 schools in Texas, Florida, Maryland, Illinois, and Arizona. We have had our Texas installations the longest, so we re-

cently decided to pull some statistics on those schools," said Mr. Measom.

"What we found absolutely stunned us.

"Seventy-three percent of all of the Registered Sex Offenders logged at our Texas school installations had previous convictions of sexual crimes against children—with the victim's average age being 11. The most disturbing part of this is that most of these RSO's are parents or guardians with children at that school. And even worse than that, many of them visit the school on a regular basis."

Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD is the first district in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area to implement the V-soft system in multiple schools. The district purchased the seven systems at the end of the school year, with plans to cover the remainder of their schools at a later date. At the beginning of the new year, parents and visitors to these seven campuses will see signs asking them to present a state issued ID when they check in at the front office.

In today's climate of heightened concern for children's safety, administrators and parents alike are looking for a way to help keep their children safe. Because of this, Raptor Technologies' client base is rapidly expanding nationally, said Measom, who may be contacted toll-free at 1-877-7-RAPTOR, <www.raptorware.com> for more information.

Thirst To Be Shown At Alamo Drafthouse Thursday, July 28

AUSTIN — Alamo Drafthouse Cinema will be showing *Thirst* during Third Coast Activist Film Night on Thursday, July 28, at 7 p.m.

The film asks the question "Is water part of a shared 'commons,' a human right for all people? Or is it a commodity to be bought, sold, and traded in a global marketplace?"

Thirst tells the stories of communities in Bolivia, India, and the United States that are asking these fundamental questions, as water becomes the most valuable global resource of the 21st Century.

In many ways, the Bolivian city of Cochabamba, India's Rajasthan state, and Stockton, California, occupy very different rungs of the global economic ladder. But in one respect at least, these communities are strikingly similar. They each found themselves threatened with losing public control of their water resources to multinational corporations. And they each fought long odds in resisting the juggernaut of globalization, which is driving the worldwide privatization of public resources, utilities, and services.

"*Thirst*" dramatically reveals this growing storm through charismatic characters, tense confrontations, and cinema verite footage. "A remarkable film," said Maude Barlow, co-author of *Blue Gold: The Fight to Stop the Corporate Theft of the World's Water*.

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema is located at 4th Street and Colorado in Austin. Tickets (\$6.50 general, \$5 student/senior) are available at the event or online.

INFO

www.originalalamo.com/downtown/frames.asp

A.N.S.W.E.R. Coalition Plans For Huge Demonstration Sept. 24

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The A.N.S.W.E.R. Coalition, which has organized the largest antiwar demonstrations in Washington, D.C. in the last four years, announced last week that they expect more than 100,000 people to surround the White House on Saturday, Sept. 24, in protest of the Iraq war.

"This will be the largest antiwar dem-

onstration since the reelection, or selection, of George W. Bush in November 2004," stated Brian Becker, National Coordinator of the A.N.S.W.E.R. Coalition.

The response to the call for the Sept. 24 Mass March in Washington, D.C. has been tremendous. Over 4,500 organizations and individuals have endorsed the Sept. 24 event.

Services

For advertising information, call
(254) 675-3336

Beverly Worley, M.A., LPC, LMFT

Individual, Child & Family Counseling

Licensed Professional Counselor
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

505 W. 5th St., Suite 280
Clifton, TX 76634

Call for Appointment
(254) 675-6756
(817) 996-8890



MARK KETTLER BUILDER

Mobile (254) 709-7362
Fax (254) 836-4620

H.O.T.B.A.

Red Roof Storage

RV & Boat Storage

Speegleville area
10 x 20 Storage
15 x 40 RV

(254) 848-7867

MARY KAY®



BARBARA JENKINS
Independent Beauty Consultant

359 Barnett Bend
Valley Mills
932-5256 • 934-2450

Call for all your beauty needs!

Wrecker Service 24 Hr. Full Service Glass Work Service by Lynx Foreign & Domestic

Bill's Body Shop

REPAIR FACILITY ALWAYS OWNER'S CHOICE
Brewco Frame Machine & Measuring System

Highway 6 in
Valley Mills, TX

phone: (254) 932-6536
fax: (254) 932-6588
cell: (254) 709-2235



Leon's FLOOR COVERING


Carpet & Vinyl
Formica Cabinet Tops
Wallpaper
Eureka Vacuum Cleaners
and Service

QUALITY MATERIAL SOLD AND INSTALLED WITH PRIDE
302 West 5th Clifton, Texas FREE ESTIMATES Mike & Kim Prescher Phone 675-8686 Home 675-8291




THE CHISHOLM TRAIL

COWBOY CORNER



By Billy Cate



& Jack Carlton

Come along, boys, and listen to my tale,
I'll tell you all my troubles on the ol' Chisholm Trail.
Come a-ti yi yippee yippee yea yippee yea
Come a-ti yi yippee yippee yea

A majority of trail drivers driving the Texas longhorn cattle to market during the era of the Chisholm Trail were former Confederate soldiers seeking a new start following the War Between The States.

In south Texas where the Longhorns were most prevalent, especially on the one-million acre ranch of Shanghai Pierce, many of his hands were working through a Prison Labor Program that he designed. Pierce convinced prison authorities that persons serving light sentences in prison could better serve society learning a trade, thus contributing back to society. He set the established number of drovers on cattle drives at 13 young men that he called

his "boys."
In the east, William Penn established the practice of providing only three items in a jail cell: a bunk, a stool and a Bible, believing this would return the individual back to Christianity. These jails became known as Penitentiaries.
Pierce explained that Penn's idea may work in the East, but in Texas men believed that a good horse and gun ruled. The youth of the west who loved the outdoors, while confined and isolated from a trade, would return nothing to society and even represent escape.
Many of Shanghai Pierce's employees would later become great statesmen and ranchers, leaving our cowboy legacy today.

Blair Brushes Off Another Question About Downing Street Memo

LONDON - British Prime Minister Tony Blair on Wednesday told the House of Commons he was "glad that we took the action we did" in response to another question about the so-called Downing Street memo. The once-secret government

memo suggested the Bush administration was intent on justifying the invasion of Iraq months prior.

"Bush wanted to remove Saddam, through military action, justified by the conjunction of terrorism and WMD," read the memo. "But the intelligence and facts were being fixed around the policy."

British lawmaker Adam Price asked Blair: "Is it safe to assume that Sir Richard's statement ... that the intelligence and facts were being fixed around the policy was an accurate assessment of the intentions and actions of the Bush administration?"

Blair noted that the memo's content were considered by a independent inquiry into Briton's case for war in Iraq.

The Downing Street memo was published in the SUNDAY TIMES OF LONDON on May 1, days prior to an election that returned Blair to power.

CLARIFICATIONS, CORRECTIONS

Codex Clarifications

CRAWFORD — In the June 29, 2005, print edition of THE LONE STAR ICONOCLAST, several misstatements were made in the introduction to the story, "U.N. Food Policy Dumbs Down World Health Standards, Says U.S. Physician."

To clarify, the Codex Alimentarius Commission is a joint project of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). The specific Codex policy mentioned in the story effects natural foods and nutrient standards of members of the United Nations who participate in the World Trade Organization. Products with fortified nutrients like Wheaties are not necessarily effected by these trade regulations.

Also, Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX) filed legislation to withdraw the United States from the United Nations. The impact of such legislation would also be the same as stopping the U.S. from harmonizing with the Codex Alimentarius standards.

This was verified on Wednesday, June 29. The ICONOCLAST apologizes for any confusion or harm from these misstatements.

Error In Troop Withdrawal Story

CRAWFORD — In the June 22, 2005, edition of THE LONE STAR ICONOCLAST, an error was published in the story "Freedom Fries' Republican Leads Call For Troop Withdrawal Timetable From Iraq."

It has been brought to the newspaper's attention that the Marine Corps base at Camp Lejeune is the home base for the II Marine Expeditionary Force, 2d Marine Division, 2d Force Service Support Group and other combat units and support commands, not a "new recruit" base. On the east coast, Marine Corps' basic training is held at Parris Island, S.C.

The correction was verified on Friday, July 1.





Lightning Strikes!
when you advertise in



THE ICONOCLAST
IS A NATIONAL
INDEPENDENT
Newspaper
Geared At Marketing Your Products
COAST TO COAST!

CALL 254-675-3336

The Ten Politically Unrecognized Commandments

As Uncle Hugh used to say, "Of course I got scruples. I mighta been a preacher, hadn'a been for this troublesome streak of decency."

It is time for another Protestant Reformation.

Only this time, let's not chicken out on the peasant rebellion.

Five centuries without a church burning is too long.

The pope is a pedophile-loving ex-Nazi, the former Protestants have been usurped by television executives and Sanhedron politicians, and the Supreme Court has declared its stance on government-controlled religion firmly on the side of ambivalence.

It is time to take our Gods back.

Yeah, plural.

Since most Americans seem to have forgotten what the PR was all about, if they ever knew (It wasn't a question on the state standardized tests.) let's revisit the Priesthood of the Laity.

Simply put, your religion is between you and God.

Not the church and certainly not the government.

God speaks to you in His own way.

If you think you need a Baylor doctorate or a court order to hear him, you're not listening.

But then I don't have a corner on religion.

Just my own little intersection.

If you don't even believe there's a curb, that's what America is all about.

We're supposed to hang people who try to make us believe in anything.

We used to call that treason.

Don't mind me.

I just miss the Thirty Years War.

Frankly, churches are about the most destructive forces in our communities.

If there has been strife and conflict in your community recently, could it be that there was a church and a preacher involved?

Try to forgive them.

Dry counties kill more Texans every year than cancer.

Certainly more people die driving back from "wet" counties than we have abortions.

Three-quarters of a century later, a bunch of guys who only want to work two hours a week to earn their \$50 haircuts and \$500 suits still haven't figured out that prohibition doesn't work.

And if we are a Christian nation, how come we've gotta depend on the government to take care of the old, poor, and sick? Why does Social Security, Medicaid and welfare have to do unto the least of these, My brethren?

If Jerry Falwell used a gun instead of a collection plate, he'd share a cell with BTK.

What set me off?

Our gutless Supremes:

The Ten Commandments is a religious document, except when it isn't.

A decision like that hasn't been rendered since Plessy v. Ferguson!

Let's do something the Big Nine hadn't the intestinal fortitude to do.

Let's examine the Ten Commandments and see just what they mean, and whether they really have anything to do with the rule of law in the United States of America.

There are about a hundred versions of the TC, and at least a million inter-

Call To Mind

By Don M. Fisher



pretations of them. Let's go with the King James, the translation most familiar to most people who are familiar with them, since if you ask the average person on the street to name the Top 10, you won't get enough correct answers to put in your eye.

I. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Interesting, since the first amendment to another familiar document reads:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

But let's not go into that, since the Supreme Court ruled that an admonition to believe in a god doesn't establish a religion or abridge free speech.

What about if you don't have any other gods, but you just call the right god something else. Like Allah, or Wakan-tonka, or maybe-e-e-e . . . JESUS.

Yeah, when the commandments were written, Jesus wasn't around, not that anybody on this earth had heard of, anyway.

So if you call on Jesus, are you violating the first commandment?

That's the beauty of religion, and what the Protestant Reformation was all about.

It's whatever you and God think it is.

The U.S. Constitution just leaves God out altogether.

II. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.

Like, say, a chunk of granite on the capitol grounds?

III. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain.

Damn, these commandments are tough to keep.

Pretty vain, hunh?

Who could damn something besides God?

Hell, I did it again!

Or maybe that means you shouldn't use the name of God to force your personal political agenda on somebody else.

IV. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Would that be Saturday or Sunday?

Or Wednesday night?

Okay, let's just pick a day and close WalMart.

V. Honor thy father and thy mother.

So much for privatizing Social Security.

VI. Thou shalt not kill.

Pretty unequivocal, hunh?

We could go further and talk about turning the other cheek, giving thy cloak also, war, the death penalty, or self-defense.

No? I didn't think so.

VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Now, would that be the preacher, or the church secretary? Oh yeah, father, does that include little boys?

Guess we're gonna need to build a few more prisons, hunh?

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

Does that include imminent domain?

Iraqi oil? The U.S.-Mexican War? Credit card interest rates? Cheap immigrant labor? Off-shore tax dodges?

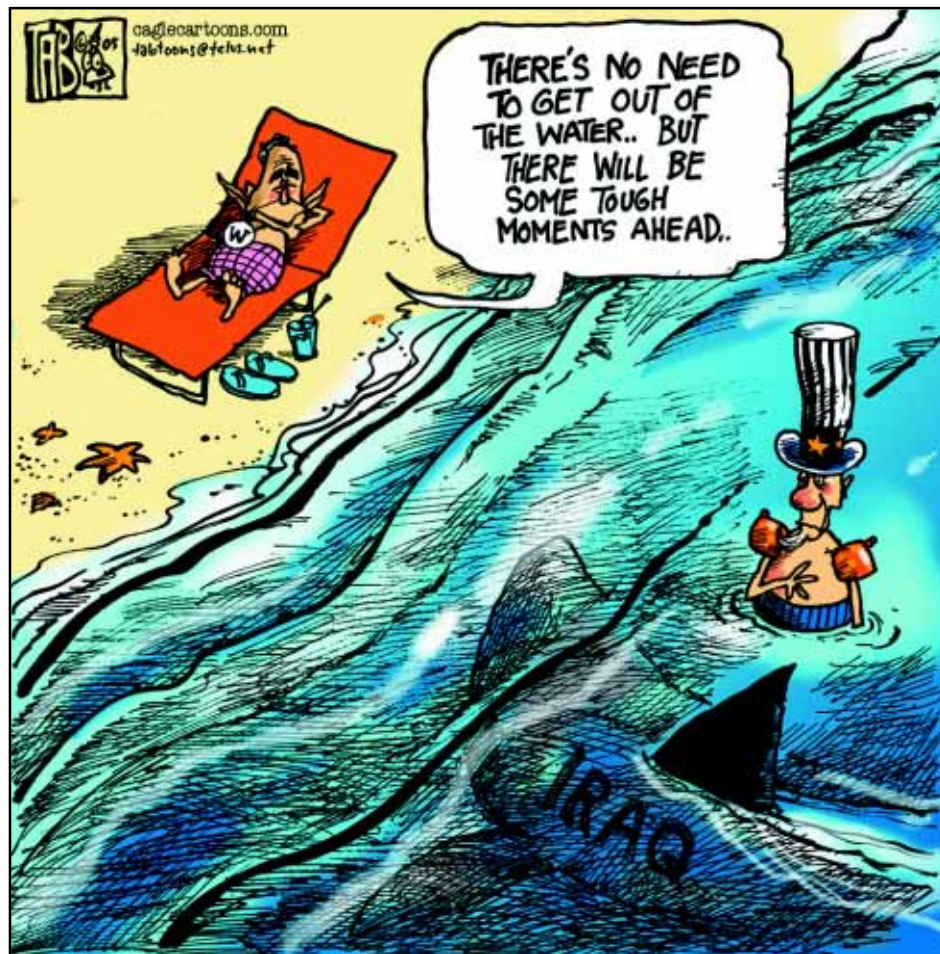
IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Including political campaigns?

X. Thou shalt not covet any thing that is thy neighbor's.

So much for capitalism.

I suppose none of this makes too much difference, since the country seems to be going to hell one way or another.



Former FBI Whistle-Blower To Run For Congress

WASHINGTON — Coleen Rowley, named one of TIME magazine's Persons of the Year for 2002 for writing a memo critical of the FBI's intelligence failures, has announced her run for Congress last week as a Democrat in Minnesota's 2nd Con-

gressional District.

Rowley, 50, hopes to knock off GOP Rep. John Kline, who won by 16 percentage points last year in his conservative district.

Rowley retired last year from the FBI.

LEAKY POND??

SODIUM BENTONITE is a swelling clay.

★ 100% NATURAL ★ NON-TOXIC

★ A PROVEN SEALANT FOR PONDS, DAIRY LAGOONS, LANDFILLS & TOXIC WASTE LAGOONS

TEXAS SODIUM BENTONITE POND SEALANT

IS AVAILABLE IN YOUR AREA

FOR PRICING AND INFORMATION

ON THIS PRODUCT CONTACT:

GEORGE BURTON

at 325-885-2339 or FAX 325-885-2138

He will be happy to help with any pond problems you may have.

CHECK OUT OUR WEB PAGE AT: www.texasodiumbentonite.com

(1-800-433-5495)

Bosque Supply (Clifton, Texas) has Texas Sodium Bentonite Products for sale in 50 lb. bags by the Bag, Ton, or Pallet.

Editorial OP/ED

Opinion - Columns - Letters

— Editorial —

Portrait Of A Weak President

President Bush last Tuesday again showed his weakness as the commander-in-chief of the United States by lying about his administration's reasoning behind the War in Iraq. For at least five times before the nation and 750 soldiers at Fort Bragg, he also irresponsibly connected the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks to Saddam Husein's regime in Iraq.

President Bush said, *"My greatest responsibility as President is to protect the American people, and that is your calling as well. I thank you for your service, your courage, and your sacrifice."*

Mr. President, if the Iraqi War really was a war, why don't you ask us as a nation to sacrifice like FDR during World War II? You failed us once by not responding to a memo warning about Osama Bin Ladin's plans to attack the U.S., and now you are failing us again by not answering questions about the so-called Downing Street memo. Come clean about your administration's agenda.

"Their aim is to remake the Middle East in their own grim image of tyranny and oppression by toppling governments, driving us out of the region, and by exporting terror."

And it's okay for your administration, Mr. President, to knowingly lie about a nation not at war that posed no threat to the United States in order to forcibly hand over its most valuable natural resource — oil — to multinational corporations by killing tens of thousands of people, and then under the rhetoric of freedom and liberty, your administration, like a self-appointed Messiah, goes into a country and hand picks a system of government foreign to its people?

By the way, all your talk about bringing democracy to the people of Iraq means next to nothing when companies like Diebolt refuse to release the software codes for its voting machines, so we might know for sure who the real winner of the 2004 presidential election is. In the meantime, can it!

"We are removing a source of violence and instability and laying the foundation of peace for our children and our grandchildren."

Mr. President, your actions in Iraq have done just the opposite for the future of the United States. The coalition forces have yet to seal Iraq's borders, causing more criminals to harm not only our armed forces but also the Iraqi people.

"The work in Iraq is difficult and it is dangerous. Like most Americans, I see the images of violence and bloodshed. Every picture is horrifying and the suffering is real."

No shit, Sherlock! Your administration has stirred the bee hive and now you're mad that you've been stung. It's a self-fulfilling prophecy, Mr. President.

"Hear the words of Osama Bin Laden..."

How very interesting that you bring up Bin Laden when for the last four years you have failed to capture him after saying that he was important to capture! Another sign you are weak and your leadership is for not, Mr. President.

"For the sake of our nation's security, this will not happen on my watch."

Oh, just for kicks, Mr. President, let's list other areas where you have failed on your watch: increased government spending while cutting taxes, threatened to kill Social Security as we know it, destroyed the bankruptcy courts, expanded the trade deficit, failed to correct job loss, ... and the jury is still out on whether you orchestrated those shark attacks in Florida. We've got our eyes on you!

"A little over a year ago, I spoke to the nation and described our coalition's goals in Iraq."

The Iraqis would have had a better infrastructure had the U.S.-led coalition forces not bombed everything to hell. By the way, was torturing Iraqis at Abu Ghab prison and Muslims at Gitmo Bay on your agenda? Oh, well, either way, that really helped your credibility, didn't it, Mr. President?

"In the past year, we have made significant progress: One year ago today, we restored sovereignty to the Iraqi people."

Mr. President, what good is sovereignty when you're living in poverty, your brothers and fathers get dragged from homes in the night and jailed with no reason, and roughly 100,000 of your countrymen will never taste that freedom however fake it really is?

"I recognize that Americans want our troops to come home as quickly as possible. So do I."

But are you going to sign legislation to fund veteran's hospitals here when the rest of our troops return? When are you going to allow the U.S. media to view the caskets of our fallen soldiers? When are you going to attend one military funeral? When are you going to fess up to the horrors of the depleted uranium our soldiers use every day in combat?

"We will stay in Iraq as long as we are needed and not a day longer... And sending more Americans would suggest that we intend to stay forever; when we are in fact working for the day when Iraq can defend itself and we can leave."

By not leveling with the American people on your mistakes and outlining plans to withdraw our troops from Iraq, Mr. President, you have traded your people's confidence for mistrust.

"We pray for the families."

Not only that, Mr. President, we should also pray we are still on God's side.

— By Nathan Diebenow

Subscribe Today



A NATIONAL

INDEPENDENT

Newspaper

PRINT EDITION or INTERNET EDITION

It's Easy, Just Call
(254) 675-3336

or log on to:

www.iconoclast-texas.com

We Accept:

VISA — MC — AmEx — Discover

We also accept
PayPal

Your Support Is Appreciated.



A married couple is keeping secrets from each other and after 5 or 6 years of marriage they are taking each other for granted. When they learn the other is an assassin for rival competing agencies, the fireworks really start to go off.

Rated: PG-13
Runtime: 2 hours

Thurs. July 7 7 p.m.	Friday July 8 7 p.m.	Sat. July 9 7 p.m.	Sun. July 10 7 p.m.
--	--	--	---



306 W. 5th St.
Clifton, Texas

ALL Tickets: \$4.00 Per Person
(254) 675-1229

Rove Comes Out

Part One: The Conservative Party of New York State

So, Herr Karl Rove, Surrogate Leader of the Free World, finally crawled out of his hole for a few hours the evening of June 22, 2005. Sort of.

He surfaced just long enough to speechify at the 43rd Anniversary Dinner of the Conservative Party of New York State. The occasion was the bestowment upon Der Karl of its highest honor, the Charles Edison Memorial Award. Previous recipients have included Jack Kemp, Zell Miller, and, of course, Ronald Wilson Reagan (CPNYer's apparently prefer to use all three names in full when referring to their Presidential deity).

I just happen to have in my possession a copy of Herr Rove's sermon from that gala event. Before we discuss it, however, let me clue you in on the CPNY and Charles Edison:

Mr. Edison and others who deemed the Republican Party in New York to be too "liberal" for their liking formed the Party in 1962. Ties included *National Review* editor William F. Buckley, whom they ran for NYC mayor in 1965, and his brother, James. In 1970 James was elected to the U.S. Senate as a CPNY candidate.

Considered a minor political group, the CPNY functions only within New York, being essentially concerned with that state's politicians and issues. In general it will back whichever GOP candidates are running, except those who do not pass the CPNY's test of Conservative extremism. One glaring example is non-support of Rudy Giuliani in any of his three bids for NYC mayor, because of his concept of unity among citizens of the Big Apple.

Basically, the CPNY is a grassroots activist Party of Exclusion. While exploring the website, and reading the newsletter, I found but one solitary picture with any organization members. Most of the photos were of public figures that they wanted to show off, such as Zell Miller, Gov. George Pataki and Herr Rove. CPNY's website boasts of having a membership of 170,000, but considering the population of New York, that's maybe 1% at best.

The impression their information gave me was that this is a bunch of white-tie, white-folk, elitist malcontents.

One thing that the CPNYer's are definitely against is taxes. Not necessarily Federal taxes, but state and local taxes. Sure, none of us like paying taxes, but this bunch is ludicrous. Their newsletter gripes against paying more state and city taxes for NYC schools. Are they serious? Perhaps the membership all live upstate, or send their offspring to private schools? Or maybe they're too old to still have kids in school?

There's a petition on the website that anyone can download. One may take this petition around and get signatures from who knows where, then send it in. Is this a signature to end starvation or war? Is its purpose to help homeless or those without medical insurance? Hell, no. This petition, addressed to Gov. Pataki, is a Tax Revolt! It is a desperate plea to eliminate the state sales tax on all clothing and footwear priced under \$110 sold in New York. Don't ask me how they arrived at that as the magic figure.



Out Of The Blue

By
**Jerry
Tenuto**

I'm no economist, but at a time when virtually every state is extremely cash-strapped to make its infrastructure function, eliminating a viable source of tens of millions of dollars ain't what I might call a real good idea. How selfish, these Conservatives – All for me, and all for Me.

There is a CPNY List of Priorities, adopted in 2003, that may be downloaded, most of which are typically Conservative self-serving: The first eight items listed are tax cuts, tax caps, or tax eliminations; they are against same sex marriage and the inclusion of "transgender" identification under Human Rights Laws, obviously they're property owners, as one priority seeks an end to NYC's "rent control" policies.

Two or three items on the CPNY Priorities List make sense for people across all walks of life, such as equality in drug sentencing laws. However, these drown under the sheer weight of pomposity and self-interest of the other demands.

They would not like to see the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (PBS and NPR) overrun by the likes of Herr Rove's hand-picked Ministry of Right-wing Disinformation. No, not at all. The preference of the CPNY is that PBS go away altogether, citing that there are enough voices with CNN, FoxNews, MSNBC, CNBC, and all the other (corporately-owned and controlled) television choices.

The assertion is also made that NPR is no longer necessary. The logic behind this is that all the hundreds and hundreds of hardcore Conservative radio stations on the right are now balanced out by Liberal Air America being carried in a handful of markets, plus a modicum of yuppies and single Gen-Xers have access to satellite radio. Huh?

These arguments are not only patently absurd, but also ignore those who cannot afford cable or satellite technology, whom CPB was intended to service. The website makes it quite obvious CPNYer's disregard such people as beneath anything with which they should concern themselves.

Among other unpleasantries found within the CPNY website is "Hillary Watch." This is a subsection wherein can be found the most vile, odious, specious comments about the junior Senator from New York. These fables need not be factual, as substantiation seems to not be a prerequisite; the submissions need only appear to be real. What I read were character assassination tales that had virtually nothing to do with Mrs. Clinton's politics.

Would you believe me if I told you that there are ties between the infamous Swift Boat Veterans for (*What We Say Is But Really Isn't the*) Truth and CPNY? In the immortal words of PFC

Gomer Pyle, USMC, "Surprise! Surprise! Surprise!"

As for Mr. Charles Edison, try as I might research materials on him were scant. He was the son of Thomas Edison... yes, *that* Thomas Alva Edison. While running the Edison Record Company, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, hardly a Conservative, named him Secretary of the Navy. Edison ran for Governor of New Jersey in 1940, as a Democrat, against what he considered a corrupt political machine

and won, serving one term. According to CPNY press data, his big reform effort as NJ governor was to expose waste, excess, and corruption.

So, now the CPNY presents an award with his name on it to a guy who has used waste, excess, and corruption, and might we add deceit, for more than 30 years, getting rich and fat since usurping control of the College Republican movement.

Next Week: Karl Rove's Speech Autopsy

Sex, Drugs, and Congress

The House of Representatives recently voted to bar Medicaid and Medicare from paying for Viagra and similar medicines. Considering that often Congress itself is quite impotent, I was surprised that they didn't have more empathy for those who suffered from this problem. Their reasoning was that the American people should not pay for "lifestyle drugs." We pay for the lavish lifestyles of oil magnates and other super-rich people who get tax breaks. Isn't that more offensive to you than paying to help people who have a medical condition?

Considering everything else going on in the world, whether the government should or shouldn't pay for these drugs is not a top priority for me. On the other hand, the idea of federal programs paying for these prescriptions doesn't bother me, especially when I think about all the ridiculous things that we taxpayers pay for. Billions of dollars are spent on wasteful "pork" projects every year. Some examples over the recent past include authorizing \$102 million to study screw-worms and a mere \$50 million for an indoor rainforest in Iowa. NASCAR gets \$92 million in federal economic incentives, while poor Tiger Woods only gets \$100,000 in federal grant money for his foundation. In this context, paying for these drugs doesn't seem all that frivolous to me.

It didn't seem frivolous for Bob Dole to do his famous commercial a few years ago for Viagra. He was hailed as brave for going public with this problem. So, why is the issue now considered by many to be an outrageous subsidizing of people's "recreational" activities?

There are a couple of reasons. This administration has been consistently prudish. How silly does it seem now that the Chairman of the FCC got personally involved when Janet Jackson's breast was exposed for a microsecond on TV? Remember when former Attorney General Ashcroft insisted that a statue be draped to cover its breasts? So, it's not surprising that today's politicians would be offended by the idea of helping people have a sex life.

But I think a bigger reason is the image that these medicines have. When Hugh Hefner brags about his using Viagra, that doesn't make us want to pay for his dalliances at the Mansion. And we have been inundated by ads for these drugs. There are even billboards at baseball sta-



By
**Lloyd
Garver**

diums advertising them. It seems a little ironic that baseball claims to be so opposed to some performance enhancing drugs but not to others.

So, it's precisely because of the way the drug companies have chosen to market these drugs that seems to justify the position of those who don't want the government to pay for them. "E.D." is not presented as a serious medical problem by the media. We see couples shopping or in outdoor bathtubs, and sexy women breathlessly tell us how happy they are that their partners use the medicine. That famous "four-hour erection" line in the ads may be a legitimate health warning, but I'll bet it makes a lot of people look into getting the drug and asking their doctor, "If I take half a pill will it last only two hours?"

But why should those who suffer from this condition be penalized because the drug companies chose this marketing strategy? What if someone has "E.D." because of a war injury? What if it's the result of depression, or diabetes, or cancer? It doesn't sound like a frivolous "lifestyle" choice to me then.

So, it's a shame that Congress has been blinded by prudishness and peppy commercials. They can't see that sometimes this drug is not just something that people add to their love lives like a martini or their favorite CD. Twenty years from now when some of the Congressmen who voted for this ban start to use these products, it won't matter to them whether Medicare will pay. Unlike the general public, they'll have no problem coming up with the money. Like Bob Dole before them, all they'll have to do is a few commercials for these drugs.

Lloyd Garver has written for many television shows, ranging from "Sesame Street" to "Family Ties" to "Frasier" to "Home Improvement." He has also read many books, some of them in hardcover. He writes the "Modern Times" column for CBSnews.com's Opinion page and can be reached at lloydgarver@yahoo.com

Abolitionist Dreams Of Freed Slave Colony

As the sun slowly set in the piney woods on June 30, 1832, a mysterious man on an unusual mission crossed the Sabine River into the Mexican province of Texas.

In recent years, Benjamin Lundy had faced the fact that the printed word alone would never liberate the slaves. The Quaker editor realized that most white Americans, who in principle supported the cause of abolition, cringed at the thought of blacks, freed from southern bondage, living next door.

Lundy believed the only way to overcome the prejudice so prevalent in the North was to prove that former slaves could become productive and responsible members of society. To this end, he tried without success to create a community of freedmen in the Caribbean country of Haiti.

It was no coincidence that Texas was his second choice as the site for the social experiment. In the early 1820s, Lundy owned a harness shop in Herculaneum, Mo., at the same time a neighbor named Moses Austin was planning to populate Mexico's sparsely settled northern province. After the death of the elder Austin, he closely followed the progress of his son Stephen in making the family dream come true.

Lundy announced in October 1831 that Texas was the perfect place for his humanitarian venture, an ideal location which would "present an asylum for hundreds of thousands of our oppressed colored people." Although the Law of April 6, 1830, strictly prohibited further emigration from the United States, he was convinced the Mexican government, which had gone on record against slavery, would make an exception in this case.

Fearing a violent reaction from the native Southerners among the Anglo-American settlers, Lundy wear a clever disguise and invented a false identity for his first trip to Texas in the summer of 1832. Not long after reaching Nacogdoches, he met Juan Antonio Padilla, an influential resident who encouraged the stranger to waste no time in applying for a land grant.

Lundy quickly filed the necessary papers for a tract with enough space for 400 homesteads. Naively presuming approval was in the bag, he hurried back to Baltimore to find financial backing and black colonists.

After waiting ten months for a decision on his application, Lundy figured the long delay demanded his personal attention. At San Felipe de Austin, he encountered the hostility that had concerned him on his initial visit.

The outspoken advocate of emancipation more than likely hit a nerve with an offhand comment. Stephen F. Austin's growing flock included a vocal minority from the Deep South that did not take kindly to even the mildest criticism of their "peculiar institution." Before anyone lost his head and throttled the agitator, he wisely slipped out of town.

Running out of money, Lundy was stranded for more than two months in San Antonio before earning passage to Monclova, capital of the combined state governments of Texas and Coahuila. Gradually working his way up the bureaucratic ladder, he at last sat down with the governor in early November.

This Week In Texas History

By Bartee Haile



The official cut short the conference without giving the abolitionist any grounds for optimism. But three days later, the governor summoned him for another private talk and gave assurances that his land grant would be issued as soon as the national congress did away with the anti-American ban.

The Law of April 6, 1830, was indeed repealed three weeks later but would stay in effect for six more months. Bewildered by the twists and turns of the

foreign political system, the confused colonizer returned to the States to revive public interest in his project.

At home, however, Lundy learned that he had fallen out of favor with anti-slavery activists. Friends and associates, who formerly endorsed his idea of giving free blacks a fresh start in Texas, attacked the plan as a cop-out and told him to forget it.

But with his reputation on the line, Lundy ignored the sound advice and let his ego call the shots. The result was a third trip to Texas in August 1834.

So blinded by his desperate desire to keep his doomed scheme alive, Lundy was completely oblivious to the imminent revolt against Santa Anna. Caught completely off guard by the fast-rising tide of revolutionary events, he bitterly blamed the heroic freedom fighters for

his own failure.

Following the Battle of San Jacinto, Lundy launched a new career as a self-serving authority on the Lone Star Revolution. In a widely read pamphlet entitled "War in Texas," he claimed the independence insurrection was a cynical cover for a giant land grab by evil slaveholders.

Benjamin Lundy's unsubstantiated allegations gave the abolitionist lobby in congress the ammunition to shoot down statehood. Former president John Quincy Adams based his entire argument against annexation on the anti-Texas tirade of the incompetent emissario.

Bartee Haile welcomes your comments, questions and suggestions at haile@pdq.net or 1912 Meadow Creek Dr., Pearland, TX 77581.

Unfashionable

My darling daughter was whining the other day about how unfashionable I have become. Tsk, tsk. I just don't seem to care any longer what's stylish, hot or trendy. If it's jeans and boots, it suits me fine. Most of my work jeans have stains or holes, and aren't the "right" shape, leg width or have the proper waist or ankle style. Instead of caring whether or not the style is right, my concerns have more to do with whether or not the pockets will hold my pliers and tools. One year, the style was without pockets. Now what good is THAT?

Maybe the waists on my jeans are too high, or maybe the low-rise type was last year's news. It's getting hard for me to differentiate the subtle differences the fashion industry relies upon to sell slightly different jeans to the same people every year. If dark jeans are in style, mine are probably stone washed (or just old and bleached out from so many washings). If my favorite jeans (meaning those I happen to have on that I haven't completely worn out yet) are darker, the lighter ones are invariably in style.

This drives poor Becca crazy. . . She's an assistant buyer for Macy's, so it's literally her business to make sure folks are anxious to the next season's clothing and accessories — and to make us believe, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that we must have them. If we all stopped caring about such things, well, she'd be out of a job.

"Mom, you used to be so stylish," she lamented, and insisted I dash right out to buy a fashion magazine. That way, I'd at least know what was new. . .

It just drives this child nuts that I have been wearing the same two (perfectly good, classic) black suits for the last five years, whenever an occasion called for dressing up. . . in other words, for anything fancier than driving a tractor. And everyone knows that clean, starched jeans and shirt translate to "formal" in the country.

"Mom, black is so LAST SEASON!" You have to buy color! It's spring! And I suppose she is right. Although I felt safely classic in Dallas at that big "do" last month, the black suit was pretty warm in the lovely garden party setting. I was melting through the luncheon, while all those women in

Rustic Ramblings

By Gene Ellis



Gene Ellis, Ed.D. is a Bosque County resident who returned to the family farm after years of living in New Orleans, New York and Florida. She is an artist who holds a doctoral degree from New York University and is writing a book about the minor catastrophes of life.

pastels looked cool and fresh. Maybe my daughter is right.

I actually did go shopping last week (after studying the fashion magazines), just in case I need something presentable to wear off the ranch. —Something springy, cool and colorful. I hit the mall in Waco. Nothing there seemed to be exactly the height of fashion. New York, it ain't. Even Dallas, it ain't. —Not exactly up to the minute or cutting edge. The junior department did have some new things. And while my mind still thinks young and is up for most anything, my middle-aged body often says to the young mind, "What, are you KIDDING ME?"

So it turns out I will probably continue wearing those two black suits, at least until my daughter visits and guides my shopping. In the past, I was able to accomplish this task on my own with great confidence. But I seem to have lost my edge. I gladly abdicate the shopping throne. She has become much better at it than I ever was, is certainly faster and more discerning, and I am delighted and relieved to admit it.

And things were so pricey! I definitely need Becca to help me before I spend REAL money. The high dollar stuff is either too trendy or doesn't fit well. And I have finally realized that I am NOT going to iron anything. If linen is in, forget it. I will resist.

I did buy some accessories (at department store sales and discount designer places) to jazz things up a bit. I purchased a couple of lighter colored turtle-necks to wear under the ubiquitous (but classic) suits. I picked up three hot weather tops to wear with, you guessed it, my old jeans. These would NOT be my work jeans, but my casual jeans, those I wear off the ranch. —More precisely, they would be Becca's old jeans. You know things have come full circle in your life when, instead of your daughter wearing YOUR old clothes, it's the other way around. Her hand-me-downs, while un-

acceptable in the fashionable city, are still perfectly fine here in the country. (And if not, who cares?)

I just discovered that gold (the color, not the jewelry) WAS in, but it is already on its way out again (at least in the big cities). I completely missed this fast-breaking news. Now silver is in (for the third time in my life). I wish I had saved all that silver stuff the last time around. But things never come back exactly the same way. Fashion gurus plan these moves decades in advance, I'll bet, making sure that when a fad is repeated, there is usually something just different enough to make your older items look dated (with one exception. More about that later).

So you finally have to toss the things you saved the last time. You delegate valuable space in your closet or drawers for years and years to save those valuable fashion "investments," only to eventually admit that you have been "had" once again. You save this stuff because it cost you money and some of it may be connected with happy memories. (You looked so good in it at age 20. And you foolishly believe you will look as good at it 30 years later).

As soon as you finally do toss the stuff, (the gold or silver, the animal prints or wide belts, the Diane Keaton mannish vests or espadrilles or whatever), you KNOW the same exact item will come back into fashion again. This is the only time an item is repeated exactly, when you have just thrown it away. No consignment shop would have it. No thrift store wanted it. It was too out of style. So you put it on the trash. And suddenly, there it is, on New York runways, costing ten times what it did decades before. It never fails.

I was finally unable to resist the lure of the silver thing. I felt that, with the advantage of my daughter's greater knowledge, I might be in at the early top of this fashion pyramid scheme. I just HAD to purchase some new, inexpensive flip-flops and a straw bag with silver trim. (People in town look at me like I'm crazy. They shake their heads. They must not read fashion magazines, probably think I'm fashionably challenged and don't know that silver was OUT over fifteen years ago. No, no, it's in AGAIN! Perhaps they haven't heard the news yet).

I figure I will wear out these items this summer, hopefully before the fad is over. It's a race against time.

— Guest Column —

Brand X, Grokster Cases To Impact Internet's Future

By BEN SCOTT
SPECIAL TO THE ICONOCLAST

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Supreme Court last week ruled on two critical cases, *NCTA v. Brand X* and *MGM v. Grokster*, both of which could have a profound impact on future of the Internet.

The Brand X decision will badly weaken the foundation of the Internet as an open marketplace for new ideas, competitive services, and the free flow of information. The Grokster case upholds the protection of technologies from secondary liability in copyright infringement, even as it rules against the peer-to-peer company.

In the 6-to-3 decision in the Brand X case, the Court ruled that the FCC's interpretation of the Communications Act was lawful, upholding the agency's long-contested decision to exempt cable modem service from the common carrier regulations that apply to its major competitor, the telephone companies.

The response of the telephone giants that control the DSL market will no doubt be to rush to the FCC and the Congress to demand their own exemption from open access regulations. If they are successful, the Brand X case will stand as the trigger that reversed a century of communications policy and undermined the bedrock principle of democratic media — nondiscriminatory access for all."

Every major technology in the history of this nation designed to facilitate the transport of goods, services and information has operated as a common carrier network. The railroads, the highway system, the telegraph, the telephone, and the Internet all have followed this principle. Now we are told that this tremendously successful system will be overturned because the FCC was within its rights in an arcane definitional ruling.

The FCC's decision was awash in lobbying dollars from the affected industries that had little media scrutiny at the time and absolutely zero public involvement. The FCC's distinction between "information service" and "telecommunications service" to describe precisely the same bit-streams of ones and zeros boggles the imagination.

Justice Scalia, who rarely collects accolades from the public interest community, got it right this time in his dissenting opinion. "After all is said and done," he wrote, "after all the regulatory cant has been translated, and the smoke of agency expertise blown away, it remains perfectly clear that someone who sells cable-modem service is 'offering' telecommunications."

The Brand X decision is not only absurd on its face, it is an insult to the American ideals of competitive markets, equal opportunity, and the free flow of information. This shortsighted decision to eliminate common carrier requirements on broadband networks essentially grants the incumbent cable giants

the prerogative to stifle all competitive access to their wires. If the telephone companies receive similar exemptions — as is expected — the cozy duopoly of cable and DSL that controls more than 95 percent of the broadband market will be entrenched for a generation. There will be no competitive broadband carriers. There will be no independent ISPs. The thriving new market for Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) may be badly destabilized. The owners of the wires will likely determine what content is and is not appropriate to travel over their networks.

Without guarantees of nondiscriminatory access, Internet services provided by anyone other than the incumbent wireline giants will be under threat. Not just the so-called last-mile connections into consumer households will be affected. The decision also impacts the "middle-mile" networks that connect our major cities. The booming market for wireless broadband depends upon these middle-mile pipes for backhaul connection to the wider Internet.

The hundreds of communities across the country that have built their own Community Internet services must also be interconnected. Common carriage rules guaranteed that competitive broadband providers serving rural areas and low-income urban neighborhoods would not become isolated islands. After Brand X, this guarantee will be replaced by the whims of the cable and telco cartels.

The response from the public and its representatives in Congress must be firm, swift and resolute. The open proceedings at the FCC dealing with nondiscrimination on wireline networks should become a focal point of attention for advocates of telecom policy in the public interest. Congress must seek to reverse the FCC's misguided judgment, reestablishing rules that protect open access to communications networks. Far from granting the phone companies the same exemptions, Congress should write an unambiguous statute guarding communications network from monopoly domination.

Finally, the hundreds of towns and cities across the country that have chosen to build their own Community Internet and municipal broadband projects should rise together in strong denunciation of the demise of common carriage. These new enterprises represent the true spirit of innovation, local ingenuity and competitive enterprise. These local networks offer the promise of bridging the digital divide and pursuing affordable broadband access for all Americans. We must not allow them to be held hostage by wireline monopolies emboldened to crush competition with disastrous public policy.

In the Grokster case, the monumental question of whether peer-to-peer network technologies

themselves, rather the ways they are used, could be deemed an illegal inducement to commit copyright violation was punted into the future. The Court issued a narrow ruling against Grokster on the grounds that the company blatantly advertised the opportunity to use a peer-to-peer technology to break the law and profited from that specific venture.

The law has always made a careful distinction between regulating technologies and regulating the users of those technologies. This is no time to turn our backs on history. The critical point in this case is the

Justices affirmation that technologies cannot be held liable for how consumers use them. Innovation must be permitted to thrive.

The lesson from both Brand X and Grokster is that Congress has an obligation to the people to protect the viability of an open Internet and to resist the temptations of the powerful to control how we access and use our common communications systems.

— Bill Scott is the director of the Washington office of Free Press, the national media reform network (www.freepress.org).

The Anti-Love Amendment

I've gotten a better understanding my values since I recently reorganized my stuff.

I've got four boxes full of CDs, so I must value music a lot.

Come to think of it, I just can't get enough of Tom Waits, Nick Cave, Steve Earle, Iggy Pop, The Monks, The Velvet Underground, and The Pixies.

But as of late, though, I've been listening to a number of female artists like Joan Jett, The Donnas, Le Tigre, The Yeah Yeah Yeahs, Peaches, Melissa Auf Der Maur, Neko Case, and Shelby Lynne.

I think my values have changed, too. Like, for instance, I don't know what to do with all my G.I. Joe men.

I believe diplomacy solves problems better than violence and war, but would selling my action figures make me a war profiteer? Should I give them away to some random children? Or should I use them as target practice?

I don't know.

My former babysitter Tiffany* is the one I credit for introducing me to G.I. Joes. (*Note: Her name is changed for her protection.)

As a Kindergartner, I gave no thought to girls playing with G.I. Joes. As a 26-year-old, I think girls like Tiffany are normal, even fellow Lutherans like her, given that dolls are dolls no matter if they carry a gun or a purse.

What still gets me is that Tiffany owned Scarlett, the redheaded crossbow-wielding token XX chromosomed Joe.

I could never find Scarlett at any toy store, which probably lies at the root of my fascination with women who are strong-willed, intelligent, outspoken, tough, and, of course, redheaded.

Tiffany could have been the poster child for the National Rifle Association (NRA) because she won awards for sharp shooting, but as a lesbian, the likelihood of her being welcomed with open arms into the Christian Right-controlled Republican Party is as easy as nailing a brick to the moon.

I miss Tiffany, although I wouldn't ask her to move to Texas anytime soon. If Lone Star State voters decide to approve the "anti-love amend-

The Rubber Cement Index

By Nathan Diebenow



ment" next election cycle, she'd have a harder time getting a marriage certificate with her partner.

That's exactly what this amendment is: anti-love.

Except those who value "institutions" over people, no one in their right mind would deny someone their human right to love another person — however weird the couple might be!

To say that marriages among heterosexual couples are perfect is a joke.

Nevermind Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston or Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley. Look at John Wayne and his three wives — or (how about this for laughs) Henry the 8th and the two of his six wives he had beheaded!

Sacred is as sacred does.

And the Christian Right is no stranger to playing accomplice to gutting America's other "sacred" institutions, like Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, the bankruptcy courts, the interstate highway system, the Internet, and children's health insurance programs.

Moreover, since the founding of this democratic republic, homosexuals have paid taxes to fund the very social investments that have made living here easier and better than elsewhere.

So how can we as Americans deny anyone access to these national treasures, or worse, our national ideals — "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness?"

Love is in the DNA of every American — every human being — and should be cherished, not forbidden.

Put another way, if God is love, and love is all you need, wouldn't a Constitutional amendment banning love go against God's best wishes?

I don't think so.

I know so.

Killer Asteroids Are Less Threatening When Painted Fuchsia

Scientists tell us it's only a matter of time before a giant asteroid threatens to crash into the Earth. This of course would lead to a cataclysmic event unleashing tidal waves, earthquakes, 6,000 years of winter, and, theoretically, mankind's final offering as an evolved species:

Survivor: Oh great — now what?

Scientists warn that the only way to avoid total extinction would be to somehow divert the offending asteroid into a different orbit, therefore altering its path into a collision course with something less vital, like, say... New Jersey.

Until recently, experts believed that the only way to accomplish this would be through the use of nuclear missiles. These missiles could be launched from space and lodged into the asteroid, where they would remain undetonated until reaching the precise location as- trophysicists determine would be far



By
**Ned
Hickson**
Siuslaw News

enough away to safely deflect the asteroid while, at the same time, still being close enough to scare the pants off of everyone on Earth.

However, a recent study suggests that there might be a more practical way of handling the situation by simply having someone go up and paint the asteroid white.

Wanted: Commercial painter. Must enjoy air travel. Experience with spray gun preferred but will consider brush and roller if time allows.

According to an article in Science magazine, changing the surface temperature of an asteroid can lead to a dramatic shift in orbit by creating an uneven release of heated gas known as the Yarkovsky Effect. This same phenomenon has been observed in my own home, where it is known as the franks and beans effect; and Yes, in both cases there was a notable shift in orbiting bodies.

If it comes down to it, there are essentially three ways of changing temperatures of an asteroid.

The first, as I mentioned, would be to actually paint a large section of the asteroid white.

Or maybe even a nice mauve or fuchsia. This would not only induce the Yarkovsky Effect (which only sounds like what happens after swallowing a tablespoon of ipecac), it could potentially save the entire planet. More importantly, it could also be the first step toward adding some much needed color to what many agree is a really drab solar system.

However, we need to remember that painting an asteroid isn't without its drawbacks.

For example: What if we get the thing painted, then decide we don't like the color? Unless we can talk someone into going back, we'll be stuck looking at a giant, orbiting eyesore.

Of course, this is assuming we can get paint to work in zero gravity in the first place. Even with gravity, it's hard enough not to lose half the paint down your arm while trying to paint the ceiling. Now try doing it while flying through the air at 800 mph and trying to keep your Dutch Boy from floating away in the shape of an orb. Even if we were able to develop a special paint with its own

super-gravitational pull strong enough to overcome the vacuum of space, who's going to LIFT it?

"As you can see from this live ABC remote, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Hulk Hogan have just put on their painters caps and are entering the space capsule..."

Our second option, according to Joseph Spitale of the UA Lunar and Planetary Laboratory, would be to "put a lot of dirt on the asteroid." Apparently, this would change the temperature and aerodynamics of the asteroid enough to potentially cause an orbital shift.

Probably.

Now, I'm no scientist, but wouldn't adding tons of dirt also make the asteroid BIGGER?

"The good news is that we successfully added an extra 60 tons of dirt to the

asteroid. The bad news is that we've doubled its size and, consequently, doomed all of mankind. Still, we'd like to thank our premier sponsor, Bill's Gravel and Dirt..."

This leaves us with our third and final option, which is to send a specially trained team of astronauts into space in order to intercept the asteroid and shift its orbit by heating it with a giant hair dryer.

Okay, that's just a subtle way of saying there is no third option.

Unless you include nuclear missiles.

Which is about the only way of guaranteeing that we can, once and for all, kiss our asteroids good bye.

(You can write to Ned Hickson at nhickson@oregonfast.net, or at the Siuslaw News at P.O. Box 10, Florence, Or. 97439)

CORYELL COUNTY COMMISSION CO.

Sale Every Saturday

Cattle 12:00 Noon
Jody & Robin Thomas
(254) 865-8219

Date: 6-25-05

No. 1 Steers
under 300 lb. 165-210
300-400 lb. 140-164
400-500 lb. 125-144 Steady
500-600 lb. 110-129
600-700 lb. 105-117
700-800 lb. 95-108

No. 1 Heifers
under 300 lb. 140-195
300-400 lb. 130-153 Steady
400-500 lb. 125-144
500-600 lb. 110-123
600-700 lbs. 102-114
700-800 lbs. 92-100

Slaughter Cows
High Yielding 55 to 63 Steady
Low Yielding 43 to 50
Fats 52 to 57
Thin & Shelly 40 to 46

Packer Bulls (1250-2075 lb.)
Yield Grade 1&2 65 to 79 Steady

Cow & Calf Pairs
Young Choice 1100 to 1375 Steady
Young Fair 1000 to 1100
Aged Pairs 700 to 850

Young Pregnancy Test Stocker
Replacement Cows Steady
600 to 1100

Number of Head....747

Gatesville
Jody Thomas (254) 865-8219
Sale (254) 865-9121
Mobile (254) 223-2958

Business Cards

Coast-to-Coast

To Learn
Adobe
Photoshop

Go to
abcphotoshop.com
And Learn

Photoshop Instructor
Photo Enhancement
& Restoration
Tutorial
Development



Bill Porter
bill@abcphotoshop.com
Web site at
abcphotoshop.com

PERSONAL INJURY & WRONGFUL DEATH



IN WACO: 254-772-7500
www.withvic.com
1-877-WITH-VIC
SERVING CENTRAL TEXAS
WITH OFFICES IN WACO,
TEMPLE AND AUSTIN

THE LAW OFFICES
Vic Fezell P.C.
TRIAL ATTORNEYS & COUNSELORS OF LAW

Principal office in Austin.
Meetings with attorneys by appointment only.
Not certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.



Old West Trade Days

"Downtown West, TX"

Arts, crafts, woodworking, antiques,
flea market & garage sale items.

Booth 10' x 12' \$25, two for \$45

July 9th & 10th

Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

For more info. 254-826-3188 M-F

Trade Days are the 2nd weekend of the month.

Book/Bible Repair (Specializing in conservation restoration)
Custom-made books for all occasions.
We are "Bound to Please"

THE BOOK DOCTOR

320 W. 7th St., Dallas, TX 75208

(214) 946-1760

www.thebookdr.com



MAILBAG

ICONOCLAST

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I do not know were to begin, or when or where this will all end, but I need immediate intervention by the "People."

I am a Federal Officer and graduate of one of the five Federal Military Service Academies and been serving on "special duty" as an Officer in the U.S. Merchant Marine via congressional and presidential appointments.

Due to the strong push by the former and current Bush Administrations to "privatize" just about everything and blindly push for "globalization" against all its damages, even including privatization of our valid Federal and Military Services and due to my strong stance against much of the corruptions centered around this I have found myself "under the gun" so to speak.

As a valid Federal and Military Officer I have been taking on hostile "friendly fire" from the very institutions, both public and private, who are paid to provide for, provision and protect us as Federal Officers which is similar to what is going on in Iraq and other places with war-profiteering by Haliburton and Kellogg-Brown and Root and others.

The main reason for the all out assault upon me is in response to my own attempts to investigate, prove, report upon, and even correct within our courts the widespread and long-standing corruptions in the United States Merchant Marine that go to the heart of much of the War Profiteering and unlawful Privateering [Piracy] of the majority of our enormous public trusts that are going on right now and not just in the U.S. Merchant marine and maritime industry, but literally across the board in America.

Issues affecting hundreds of billions, if not trillions of dollars in theft from State and Federal Transportation Trusts and Defense funds and federal contracts that incorporate serious concerns over both civil defense and national security, and even include and have spread into our court systems, social security, medical insurance and so much more.

The retaliations against me include actions by such enormous institutions such as the "United States of America" itself in name and under full force and effect, but also from counter-prosecutions for my complaints by the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Transportation, U.S. Coast Guard, FBI, U.S. Attorney's Offices, numerous Shipping Companies, Federal Agencies and Departments, Insurance Companies, several State and Federal Officer's Labor Unions, corporate law firms, far too many attorneys, even so many Federal Justices in the Southern and Central Districts in California and even the Ninth Circuit as to truly be disturbing.

The numbers of Commissioned military and federal officers that have been involved and targeted upon one person is seemingly unbelievable, to be truly disturbing that such a large number of people could be so moved as to not only assist in covering up the thefts, but that so many people could be focused upon destroying and assaulting and injuring one person to such a degree to do so.

What is going on right now is much worse than any McCarthy-ism, and is clearly some medieval witch-hunt of sorts that is being driven from the top down.

What is being carried out upon my own person is nothing less than attempted

murder through gross and continued human rights violations and in an attempt to even, eventually after all is said and done, to seize upon my death benefits which has been going on with personnel from Viet Nam, and both wars in Iraq, the war in Afghanistan and is similar to the more recent issues raised regarding the Indian tribes and theft of their death benefits.

I have stepped into the mother of all corruptions that has its tentacles into so many facets of our lives that we are all feeling it, whether we realize its source or not and the same people who have been carrying it out in the U.S. Merchant Marine and maritime industry are now broadening their corruptions.

In response to my whistle blower letter to Congressman Duncan Hunter as Head of the Armed Services Committee, and Secretary of Transportation Norm Mineta, and U.S. Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Loy, I was pulled from civil court through an unlawful counter-complaint and prosecuted for all my underlying complaints under one of these programs of administrative renditions and military tribunals.

I have even been told several times that "a lot of people want you [me] dead," and other Federal Officers have gone as far as to tell me to put a gun to my head and blow myself away.

The Department of Homeland Security even put out a "Be On the Look Out" poster on me in further retaliation saying that I "may be dangerous" only in an attempt to cover-up their own efforts to try and push me into becoming suicidal or going postal, and only as the Department had been sequestered in a hotel room for 7-8 months as it prosecuted me aggressively for "being depressed," seized medical records, falsified medical records and so much more. Something that a lot of time and money has been spent upon, rather than in investigating, understanding and stopping the corruptions that include labor racketeering of federal positions and even judicial racketeering and more and the marriage between corporate and governmental parties in interest is truly unsettling.

I do not want to believe that our entire Government and Corporations have gone so far over the edge into absolute unfettered and blind greed and tyranny that is obviously pressing us all only toward a World War for profit, or that such a witch-hunt will be condoned by all the God-loving and patriotic Americans and citizens of our Country and other Countries, once they are so informed.

I really need some serious help and support right now and some kind of sign that there are many more people out there then this Administration may care to imagine that are not only enraged about what is going on in our country and around the world, but who will not allow what is being carried out upon myself and others to continue, or paid for on their behalf and in their name and are not afraid to step forward and do whatever is necessary to put a stop to it.

I have tried everything, and this has been going on literally for years, but I am up against some enormously powerful and influential institutions right now, and people in positions of power and trust within both private and public institutions, and the only thing that can save me is concerted efforts by Americans and peace-loving people of other coun-

tries.

Please visit <www.rbnlive.com> or <www.martiallaw911.com> to review a fraction of the information in what has gone on and please get the word out to as many people as you possibly can and ask for help so that I, and the knowledge that I possess as part of our public trust do not become just one more casualty of this war against the American people, and the people of the world.

What has been carried out upon myself is enough to hang a lot of people, and I use that term conservatively as what has been going on is no less than TREASON.

I know there must be someone, or a group of people, out there that has finally realized that what I have been up against and fighting for is a part of this cancer that is tied directly to those pushing for unlawful wars, corrupting the intent of eminent domain, stealing from all our enormous public and private trusts including pensions and more, and that unless the American people can get behind those whistle blowers out here, like myself and many others, those that have enormous institutional knowledge of just how deep the corruptions go, if not, then we are all doomed.

Please if you have any knowledge of a truly powerful and incorruptible individual or group who has the ability to stand up to such corruptions and can exonerate me from my position, please let me know. This is something that normally the FBI and Justice Department and others would be involved in putting a stop to, and yet they have already been involved, but only in continuing and covering up the corruptions and long-standing human rights violations of our own federal officers and citizens.

Any ideas would be greatly appreciated as all those involved have every intent of "shredding the evidence" which boils down to the continued efforts against and focused upon destroying me personally that continue to this day. Any real game plan, and not just "ideas" as I have tried everything, by you, or any of your readers would be greatly appreciated as I cannot continue with the task that has been set before me, without some real help and support and I do not want the information and knowledge to die with me, but how much can one person be expected to take without proper support from those that we have sworn an oath to defend, and are paid to protect?

Please, send in the marines.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Eric N. Shine

Editor's Note: The letter-writer asked that his phone number not be published but that the newspaper provide it to anyone wanting to inquire about helping him with the matters he has mentioned in his letter. The Iconoclast phone number is (254) 675-3336, or e-mail the Iconoclast at <office@iconoclast-texas.com> and we will forward the message to him.

To The Editor:

Can we get these additional commandments on the Capitol Grounds?

Dear President Bush,

Thank you for doing so much to educate people regarding God's law. I have learned a great deal from you and try to share that knowledge with as many people as I can. When someone tries to defend the homosexual lifestyle, for example, I simply remind them that Leviticus 18:22 clearly states it to be an abomination. End of debate.

I do need some advice from you, however, regarding some other elements of God's Laws and how to follow them:

1. Leviticus 25:44 states that I may possess slaves, both male and female, provided they are purchased from neighboring nations. A friend of mine claims that this applies to Mexi-

cans, but not to Canadians. Can you clarify? Why can't I own Canadians?

2. I would like to sell my daughter into slavery, as sanctioned in Exodus 21:7. In this day and age, what do you think would be a fair price for her?

3. I know that I am allowed no contact with a woman while she is in her period of menstrual uncleanness (Lev. 15:19-24). The problem is, how do I tell? I have tried asking, but most women take offense.

4. When I burn a bull on the altar as a sacrifice, I know it creates a pleasing odor for the Lord (Lev. 1:9). The problem is my neighbors. They claim the odor is not pleasing to them. Should I smite them?

5. I have a neighbor who insists on working on the Sabbath. Exodus 35:2 clearly states that he should be put to death. Am I morally obligated to kill him myself, or should I ask the police to do it?

6. A friend of mine feels that, even though eating shellfish is an abomination (Lev. 11:10), it is a lesser abomination than homosexuality. I don't agree. Can you settle this? Are there "degrees" of abomination?

7. Lev. 21:20 states that I may not approach the altar of God if I have a defect in my sight. I have to admit that I wear reading glasses. Does my vision have to be 20/20, or is there some wiggle-room here?

8. Most of my male friends get their hair trimmed, including the hair around their temples, even though this is expressly forbidden by Lev. 19:27. How should they die?

9. I know from Lev. 11:6-8 that touching the skin of a dead pig makes me unclean, but may I still play football if I wear gloves?

10. My uncle has a farm. He violates Lev. 19:19 by planting two different crops in the same field, as does his wife by wearing garments made of two different kinds of thread (cotton/polyester blend). He also tends to curse and blaspheme a lot. Is it really necessary that we go to all the trouble of getting the whole town together to stone them (Lev. 24:10-16)? Couldn't we just burn them to death at a private family affair, like we do with people who sleep with their in-laws (Lev.20:14)?

I know you have studied these things extensively and thus enjoy considerable expertise in such matters, so I am confident you can help. Thank you again for reminding us that God's word is eternal and unchanging.

Warren Greer

Dear Iconoclast:

My cousin who is retired from the Texas Employment Commission E-mails me articles from your paper as attachments, which I devour with great relish.

You folks, and especially Mr. Smith, are my odds on favorites for the greatest little newspaper in the REDDEST State in this Country. You have cajones beyond measure. And I thought I was a thorn in the side of the "Repugs" driving the bus in Washington City.

One day after the last General Election I dropped my local newspaper, the FORT WORTH STAR TELEGRAM, like a bad habit. Keep in mind my 40 years + continuous subscription.

Why?

Because after month and months of bashing this "Repug" Administration they did the unthinkable, they ENDORSED BUSH! It's a plain as the noses on the faces of the STAR-TELEGRAM ownership. Hedging their ADVERTISING BASE! Gutless, jelly fish. They need a transplant of BACK BONE from the ICONOCLAST. Apparently the ICONOCLAST is an oasis of blue surrounded by a sea of RED.

This qualifies you for at least 3 hip hip hoorahs and 10 Atta Boys.

Keep up the good work

Arthur Ogle

Continued On Next Page

MAILBAG

ICONOCLAST

LETTERS
TO THE
EDITOR

Continued From Previous Page

Dear Mr. Editor,

Here is our project from California. We've tried to get it printed over the years, but to no avail. Your paper is wonderful in its courage to speak the truth and I hope you decide to print it.

Very truly yours,
Edward Pitts, Los Angeles

The Article:

"A Common Ground For Healing"

For Susan, Justice, Jonathan and Grant

Jan. 17, 2002

For most human beings, "closure" is an all-important concept which is commonly discussed more now than ever before. And though it is difficult to be positive in our common pain, "it is time (as Will Rogers might have said) to commence to begin" a meaningful end to this incredible chapter in the American Saga.

"Closure" is a final destination devoutly to be wished for the entire country and the entire world. Our journey toward closure must have a first step in order for us to ever arrive there together.

Transcendent of differences, most of us believe that we need to somehow say goodbye to those who have left us. Most of us attend a ceremony that includes a grave-side service ending with a handful of soil tossed with thoughtful reflection into the grave.

All of us experience the grieving process in our own way and at our own rate of speed. The majority of us will benefit emotionally if we can feel that our personal grief is included as a substantive part of our nation's official business of healing. Healing which must include all the tragedies which have occurred since Sept. 11, 2001.

Our people require at least an opportunity to gather spiritually at the "grave-side" in reflection for those in Heaven, but also to display to all men and women everywhere our positive resolve for the future. With thoughts of love and unity rather than those of hatred and confusion, each of us might be permitted to tenderly toss our handful of earth and finally begin to accept that together we shall go on with hope.

IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED THAT:

Beginning with local communities as organized by each municipal government and continuing on at the direction of the Office of the Governor of each state, and ultimately culminating with executive oversight resting with the Mayor of New York City, one million tons of earth will be gathered locally in every community. Handful-by-handful...earth offered up by millions of Americans from every state in the Union, collected and combined, then transported to New York to mend the "wounded earth."

It is proposed that we use the hands of the nation to heal ourselves and put an end, with God's help, to this nightmare experience. If this is done . . .

In years to come and forever more, generation after generation will return to find that the earth has healed and that our nation remains cleansed with common tears from such horror. Perhaps they will find the presence of the "better Angels of our nature," to quote Mr. Lincoln, evidenced by peace instead of war, quiet instead of a deafening explosion, stability instead of collapse. And perhaps some of us may even return and remember that our own hands held for a moment the very soil that has filled the void.

Whether, as some people propose, this site will in future see even more lofty con-

struction - or, as others may wish, it is transformed into the "little sister" to Central Park, the space is sacred and must in some manner be treated as a consecrated place.

As we know, a million tons of earth were originally excavated for the World Trade Center and went to create "New Real Estate" on the Hudson. We now have the opportunity to be revolutionary with our approach to a healing exercise, which is vital to us all. We have the opportunity to create a "Uniquely New and Real Estate" which we as one people will declare as a legacy to the world as "A Common Ground for Healing."

To The Editor:

The value U.S. corporations place on their 'average' American worker is obvious in the pay scales we've recently seen coming out of their dark corporate closets. American CEOs average 411 times the income of the average American worker. For comparison, German CEOs average 15X the lowest-paid German worker's salary, Swedish corporations 13X and - at 24X their worker's salaries - British CEOs top the European scale. Frankly, I'm appalled. Wouldn't that be called greedy, exorbitant, and even obscene, especially considering the damage done to our economy by some of these same corporations: think HealthSouth, Enron, WorldCom and some of the other wonderful failures.

While we struggle to pay bills, keep food on the table and shelter over our heads, sometimes with two or more jobs, U.S. corporate moguls rake in more income in the very first day of each year than most of us earn that entire year! And what makes this income disparity feel even worse is that with an \$89,500 cap on Social Security taxable income, these CEOs max out after only a few hours or a few days work at most, and then pay not another dime into the safety net supposedly protecting all the rest of us.

Now that's shameful. If our government truly wants to make Social Security more solvent, it sure seems to me that they'd start by taxing at least some of the excessive compensation from these sky-high incomes. That'd be the fair thing to do; and after all, isn't American all about fairness?

And:

Back in the day, whenever there was danger, the chivalrous phrase was, "Women and children first!" The thought was that women and children are our most valuable, and vulnerable, members of society.

These days that phrase is still in use but to opposite purpose, it seems to me. Radical conservatives in Congress say, "Cut women and children first!" when it comes to Medicare funding. When they're slashing educational budgets, including pre-school and special needs, the axe is first taken to programs that primarily and predominantly affect women and children.

But the height of hypocrisy is in the administration of budgets and programs relating to family planning. Now, I cannot imagine any program having MORE to do with women and children than family planning. But the radical right, joined by conservative religious zealots, seems actually to take glee in eliminating millions of dollars (or entire budgets) from family planning programs and institutions. If they can't eliminate funding, they so re-

strict the agendas as to render non-functional these critical programs. And if they can't succeed at either of those approaches, for some surprising reason, then such burdens are imposed on women and children using these services that many just simply cannot continue to show up at their clinics and medical centers for reasonable and necessary medical care and advice.

It'll be interesting to see where the line is drawn for such modern day ideologues and zealots who seem so frightened of losing control of 'their woman' or 'their daughter' that they would rather see them perish - figuratively even if not literally - than to see them receive legitimate and honest family planning and birth control information.

Tim Slack, Newburgh, IN

To The Editor:

The Bush family has a history of wind-fall profits and of a close relationship with the bin Ladens of Saudi Arabia and they're sometimes connected.

Through the Carlyle Group, the international consulting firm and merchant bank in Washington, that owns over 160 companies worldwide, George Bush, Sr., working for the bin Laden family business, which was under investigation by the F.B.I. for involvement in 9/11, has added considerably to his considerable fortune. Shortly after George, Jr. became president, the F.B.I. was ordered to stop its probe of bin Laden relatives, 11 of whom, 3 days after 9/11, were hustled home to Saudi Arabia under F.B.I. supervision, on a special charter flight from Boston. The White House, prone to depicting the bin Ladens as above suspicion, downplayed the curious favor. Put succinctly, by Above the Law (Green Press, 2/02) ". . . what looked like the biggest failure of the intelligence community since Pearl Harbor. . . wasn't a failure, it was a directive."

The former president's foolish, immoral, or unethical business dealings may be "just business" to him, as phenomenally lucrative success in business can breed blind and insatiable greed for more of the same. He might be offended and indignant at any suggestion that he'd ever set a bad example for his son, the president, for whom tears of pride often accompany his "I'm so proud of George."

What must this loyal, sentimental father feel about his son's wanton undoing of his few notable achievements as president (as a strong coalition with our allies and the signing into law of an acid rain program as part of the Clean Air Act of 1990)?

George, Jr.'s promises to Americans at large, running the gamut of issues close to their hearts and affecting their safety, health and economic security, come to nothing, although those made to corporations, their moguls and others in the top tax brackets are dutifully kept, while continuously shrinking government by renegeing on established social programs. His "mandate" from the religious right to deliver legislation contrary to scientific progress may be inescapable.

The President's consistent benevolence toward corporate lobbying and frequent corruption, covering every major industry from A to Z, isn't surprising, in view of

his own dishonorable business background, largely protected to conceal, according to John Dean, Worse than Watergate, "either sleaze or stupidity, or both." What is known is that he profited hugely through insider knowledge from the sale of stock at Harken Energy, where he was on the board and from the building of a new stadium for the Texas Rangers, which he owned, at the expense of investors and the public, His and Vice President Cheney's stonewalling of troubling questions about 9/11 gives rise to the conspiracy theories that abound, yet they continue to keep us in limbo. Meantime, they use every catastrophe as an excuse to keep their agendas secret, to talk tough and further incite Osama bin Laden to add ever more recruits to his terrorist movement while eliminating our responsibilities abroad and practicing unilateralism. Currently, the betrayal of returning veterans, many in dire health and financial straits, is especially egregious.

When the Born Again Christian president must meet, not only his Maker, but the "towering dead" who preceded him in the White House—like Abe, who freed the slaves (although preserving the union was his first priority), who championed the "plain people" and the great governmental experiment, "of the people, by the people, and for the people"; like Teddy, who forced government to regulate industry; and Ike, who created ANWAR, as well as the patriarch, Senator Prescott Bush, whose prudence and moderation earned him lasting respect—will there be a bitter call to account or simply deep and wordless disillusion?

Elizabeth Gerteiny, Westport

To The Editor:

In President Bush's speech on Tuesday he had mentioned 9-11 five times in connection with Iraq. This is an outright lie! If he wants to claim that 9-11 was done by Iraq then we should reopen the 9-11 investigation. Pure and simple. An elementary look at the facts will show that Iraq had nothing to do with 9-11 nor was any Islamic element really involved. 9-11 was an inside job performed by elements close to the present administration. 9-11 was a Bush sponsored act of treason as well as this current Iraq debacle which has turned out to be based on nothing more than a pack of lies. 9-11 could of never of been done by anybody but domestic sources, period!

Ask one question and one question only in relation to 9-11, how could a Boeing 757 of caused the damage that was present at the Pentagon? The hole in the side of the building was only two and a half meters in diameter while the fuselage of a 757 is around nine and a half meters in diameter. It was a physical impossibility for the attacks to of been accomplished in the manner that we have been told by this administration and this proves criminal culpability! You can not argue with the laws of physics and this Administration, if asked under oath, could never give a satisfactory answer to the above question. Over seventeen-hundred of our children are dead as well as over one-hundred thousand Iraqi's and all this Administration can do at this point is to cover their lies with more lies. I implore you, our elected officials to please re-open the 9-11 investigation and proceed with impeachment hearings for the lies that were told to the American public in relation to Iraq. We as a country will not last if we continue on our present course.

Sincerely,

Joseph John Hrevnack

To The Editor:

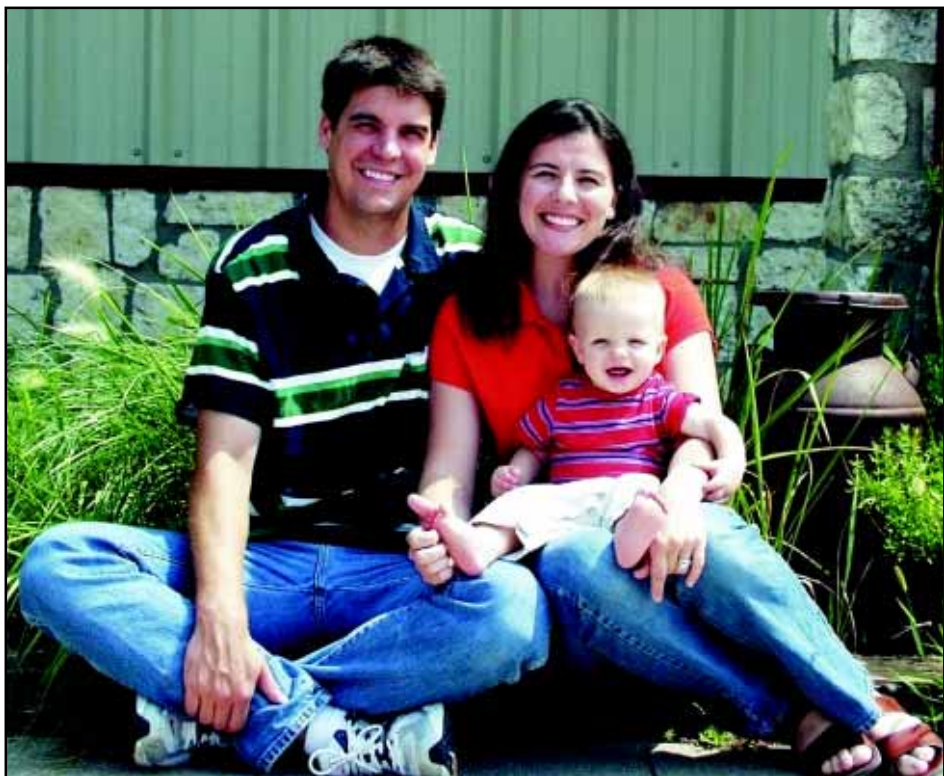
Apparently, whenever attacks increase and more people are killed, that is a signal to this administration that they are "winning." So when will Dick Cheney appear on Fox News to tell us all that the Afghan insurgency is in its "final throes"? Jeffrey Kyle Hensley, Plainfield, IL

CLASSIFIEDS Services

County Wide Plumbing

Residential & Commercial
New & Repair
Sewer Services • Water Heaters

(254) 675-2133 • (254) 386-6346
tx-m9601



THE FAMILY of Dr. Dod Moore, Becky, and Justin are welcomed to the Bosque Valley Family Dental Clinic, where he will begin work on July 5.

—Staff Photo By Deborah Mathews

Bosque Valley Family Dental Welcomes New Associate

BY DEBORAH MATHEWS
STAFF WRITER

VALLEY MILLS—Dr. Dod Moore will be joining the practice at Bosque Valley Family Dental Clinic in Valley Mills. A recent graduate of UT Dental Branch in Houston, Dr. Moore said, “Dr. Yarbro invited me to visit his office and we loved the office staff and local community.”

Moore was raised in Orange, Texas. Like his father, a dentist of 27 years, he chose dentistry and graduated from dental school in 2005. He was a Christian Dental Fellowship leader from 2002-2004. He was given the American College of Dentists Award for Ethics and Professionalism in 2005 and did extensive mission work both in Texas and Mexico.

Moore met Dr. Joe Yarbro, of Bosque Valley, three years ago on one such mission trip to Matamoros, Mexico. He was invited to visit Valley Mills and the office and was offered the position.

Moore, wife, Becky, and son, Justin, bought a home in China Spring and are residing there. Moore begins seeing patients on the 5th.

Dr. Yarbro said, “I was impressed

with him the first time I met him. He was leading a mission trip and I had a chance to see his skills and chairside manner and that impressed me even more. He is charming and a lot of fun. The kids will love him.”

C & C Collision Center, LLC



- Truck
 - Trailer
 - Auto
- Repair Specialists

“We Make Friends By Accident”

www.cccollision.com

- Free Estimates at your place or ours
- Pick-up & delivery (if needed)
- PPG certified paint specialists
- Fiberglass specialists
- Expert frame straightening
- Computerized Comp-Est and Mitchell Estimating Software
- Eagle Spray-on Bed Liners
- 30 day billing for Approved Fleet Accounts
- DOT inspections for commercial trucks and trailers
- State inspections for automobiles
- Lifetime warranty
- E-mail updates regarding your vehicle (pictures included)

254-848-7008

1-888-345-1178

5849 N. State Hwy 6
(Speegleville Area) Waco

Waco Store
Now Open

MUELLER, INC.

STEEL BUILDING SYSTEMS & COMPONENTS

Waco: 800-525-3814

Mark Noland (ext. 5426) - Roland Hicks (ext. 5427)
5591 N. Hwy. 6, Waco — 254-848-2560 • Fax: 254-848-9997

Temple: 800-525-3814 • Fax: 254-742-2947
I-35 N. between Exit #305 west side of I-35

www.muellerinc.com

Albrecht's Pharmacy, Inc.

506 West 5th, Clifton • (254) 675-8398

We honor all Medicare-approved prescription drug discount cards.
Come by the pharmacy for the enrollment forms. We will get you signed up today!

We also honor all Insurance Plans. Call us to see if we are a pharmacy provider for your plan. Some of the many plans we process are:

Scott & White Health Plan
Blue Cross-Blue Shield
Caremark
Advance/PCS
Wellpoint
TriCare
Express Scripts
First Care

Federal Employee
Teachers Retirement Plan
Merk-Medco
Aetna
Cigna
Anthem
PAID
Rx-West

Uni-Care
Texas Medicaid Plan
United Health Care
Champus-TriCare
etc.

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m.-3 p.m.



BLACK GOLD...TEXAS TEEEEEEEE-shirt

T-SHIRT \$19.95 ea.

100% cotton, short sleeve, white t-shirt
Adult sizes: S - M - L - XL - XXL - XXXL

+ shipping



Indicate # of each size T-Shirt Order Form

S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL ___ # shirts: _____
X \$19.95 _____

Name: _____ + s/h: _____
(see below)

Mailing Address: _____ = Total: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Cash / Check
Visa / MasterCard
American Express

Shipping & Handling: 1 shirt .. \$5.39
each additional shirt... \$2.50

SEND ORDERS TO:
THE LONE STAR ICONOCLAST
P.O. BOX 420
CRAWFORD, TX 76638