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— Captain May



# One-Third Believe 9/11 Was 'Inside Job': Poll

CRAWFORD — A recent poll found that over a third of the American population thinks agents of the U.S. government in some way aided the attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C. on Sept. 11, 2001, in order to prompt “the United States to go to war in the Middle East.”

The Scripps Howard/Ohio University poll also found that a record 54 percent of 1,010 adults surveyed are “more angry” at the federal government than previously. Seventy percent of 9/11 conspiracy theorists say they are more enraged with the federal government than before now.

“A lot of people I’ve encoun-

## Economic Factors Create American Jobs: Study

WASHINGTON — The Pew Hispanic Center released a report last week showing that economic growth plays a more powerful role in determining the American job market than the increases in immigration that have occurred since 1990.

This study failed to answer anti-illegal immigration advocates claims that businesses that employ immigrant workers cause wages to decrease for American workers, especially those with less education.

Though it did find “no apparent relationship between the growth of foreign workers with less education and the employment outcome of native workers with the same low level of education.”

The Center, a nonpartisan research organization, said that it is not an advocate for policy positions. However, immigration policy reform is such a hot topic in Congress that it is seen as an issue in midterm congressional elections this fall.

tered believe the U.S. government was involved (in 9/11),” said Lee Hamilton, the former vice chairman of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States. “Many say the government planned the

whole thing. Of course, we don’t think the evidence leads that way at all.”

Hamilton and his congressional appointed investigation (dubbed “the Sept. 11 commission”) squared blame on the attacks on federal of-

ficials who ignored the warning signs.

Still, 16 percent of the adults surveyed believe the World Trade Center towers fell due to planted explosives. Twelve percent, though, think that a military cruise mission hit the

Pentagon in 2001.

During the time after the federal building in Oklahoma City was bombed in 1995, the Center found that 47 percent of Americans felt “more angry at the federal government” than previously.

## Hawaii, Military Simulate Nuclear Explosion

HONOLULU — The state of Hawaii held a nuclear device simulation at Honolulu Harbor early this week, Aug. 14-16. This fake blast called “Exercise ‘A Kele’” involved hundreds of state and military planners in testing an evacuation plan after a possible explosion that kills 10,000 people.

This test, first of 15 planned scenarios by the Department of Homeland Security, happened over a month after North Korea reportedly tested

its long-range Taepodong-2 missile. Hawaii was the missile’s target, though it detonated 42 seconds after launch. State officials said that its test had been planned over a year ago.

The Honolulu test simulated a half-kiloton explosion. The bomb that fell on Hiroshima in 1945 was only 15-kilotons — Nagasaki’s bomb was 22-kilotons.

As a part of the test, emergency responders trained to work around the electromag-

netic pulse that accompanies nuclear blasts. The pulse in this mid-August scenario could down 30 percent of the communications in governmental buildings in the state Capitol and City Hall. Shutting down local businesses was not planned.

A plan dealing with evacuations related to radiological fallout in Hawaii had been created during the Cold War. However, enemies, threats, and tactics change over time such that an improvised nuclear device could

be carried secretly inside a 400-foot cargo container, as John Pike, director of military think tank GlobalSecurity.org told the Honolulu Advertiser last month.

“You can put those cargo containers on tramp steamers that you can buy on websites for \$1 million apiece, and there are 100,000 ships like that,” Pike told the Advertiser. “The United States does not have positive identification of all those ships.”

## U.N. Body Approves Resolution Over Israel/Lebanon Conflict

UNITED NATIONS — The United Nations Security Council unanimously passed a resolution over the four-week conflict between Lebanon and Israel. The resolution fails to order the return of Israeli soldiers whose kidnaping sparked Israeli’s argument for fighting, nor does it call for release of Hezbollah prisoners in Israel.

The resolution, however, increases the U.N. peacekeeping force to 15,000 troops to aid the Lebanese force of 15,000 planned to patrol along south Lebanon. The U.N. force will more than likely be made up of French, Australian, Italian, and Turkish participants. The United States said it would only assist with logistics.

The demilitarized zone where the new force will be located

extends 15 miles north of the Israeli/Lebanese border to the Litani River. The measure calls for Hezbollah to immediately stop “all attacks” while Israel halts “all offensive military operations” with the assumption that if attacked Israel will respond in a defensive fashion. No large-scale operations are expected to take place after the plan takes effect, though Israel continued its attacks inside Lebanon last weekend.

An unnamed senior White House official told the New York Times that once the Bush administration knew that Israel could not defeat Hezbollah militarily, the Americans made moves to back a ceasefire.

Secretary General Kofi Annan said Friday that he would help the Lebanese and

Israeli governments pick a date in which their fighting would completely stop. He also expressed his disappointment that the Council had taken so long to

step in. “I am convinced that my disappointment and sense of frustration are shared by hundreds of millions of people around the world,” he said.

## 110,000 Signatures Filed For Marijuana Ballot Bid: Colorado

DENVER — More than 110,000 signatures were turned in to the Colorado secretary of state’s office last week for a ballot initiative that would decriminalize the possession of up to an ounce of marijuana there. About 68,000 valid signatures are required to make the November ballot.

Colorado might join Nevada as the only state in which voters could remove criminal penalties on adults for holding personal amounts of marijuana. Only

Alaska has made such changes to its laws — allowing up to one ounce of marijuana to be possessed by adults legally in their homes.

This effort in Colorado is organized by SAFER Colorado, who is attempting to recreate its success last year in Denver, where a city ordinance was passed decriminalizing possession of up to an ounce of marijuana. Despite that vote, police and prosecutors continue to arrest residents under state law.



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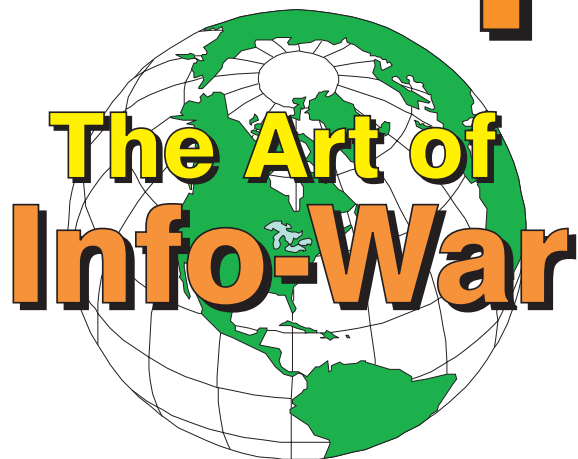
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# Ghost Troop



## An Interview With **Captain Eric H. May,** **Founder of Ghost Troop** **and Kay Lucas,** **Crawford Peace House**

**By W. LEON SMITH**  
 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

**CRAWFORD** — What began as a unique way to acknowledge and honor the fallen soldiers in the Battle of Baghdad has evolved into an independent military movement aimed at fighting governmental propaganda — a/k/a info-war. Commanded by Captain Eric H. May, Ghost Troop consists of current and past high-level military professionals who claim expertise at reading governmental strategies and predicting what will happen next.

Cracking embedded codes plays a significant role, says Captain May, as does utilizing a highly sophisticated network of intelligence operatives and analyzing events that perhaps have a hidden agenda.

Last week, politics were heavy in Crawford — President Bush was at his Prairie Chapel ranch concerned with what many have suggested are the first phases of World War III — perhaps even the Apocalypse — with battles raging between Lebanon and Israel, while, nearer to Crawford, new

McLennan County property owner Cindy Sheehan was, with the construction of Camp Casey III, beginning a sequel to last August's 26-day vigil that ended with an unsuccessful quest to talk with Bush and learn firsthand "what noble cause" her son, Casey, died for in Iraq in 2004.

During a blistering 104-degree afternoon, The Crawford Peace House was like Grand Central Station, with peace proponents coming and going, planning events for the week, and working out the details, as loads of coal made their way down the nearby railroad tracks.

ICONOCLAST publisher W. Leon Smith spent about two hours on the lawn of The Peace House, learning about Ghost Troop's uncanny success in its predictions, the history of the troop, and how it operates. He interviewed Captain May and Kay Lucas, who is in charge of the day-to-day operations of The Peace House.

Lucas, a charter member of The Peace House, pointed out, prior to the interview session, that she was speaking as an in-



Captain Eric May and Kay Lucas chat during an interview with *The Iconoclast*.

— Iconoclast Photo By W. Leon Smith

dividual and not necessarily on behalf of The Peace House. She said, "I'm 63, I'm a grandmother. The reason I got involved in this is because I'm concerned about my granddaughters. I live near Moody, out in the country. I've lived here 5½ years. I moved here from Nevada in 2000. My husband wanted to come back to Texas."

She says she is originally from the Texas Gulf Coast, having grown up "down there in the petro-chemical swamp."

She has a varied background, from horticulture to journalism to graphic design.

"I've been a mule tender and all kinds of things," she added.

Captain May is a military man from top to bottom, and a most irregular addition to the Peace House, although his Crawford credentials go back to 2003, when he and Kay Lucas met.

A martial artist as well as an intellectual, Captain May whiles away spare moments in the shade of a garden by effortlessly spinning a fighting staff like an airplane propeller. He is a former Texas state champion with the weapon. His hands are calloused from knuckle push-ups and brick-breaking exercises.

Born in Houston, he was a high-school leader at Smiley High School before he began his Army service under President Carter. All-American with attitude, he served as school president, editor of the school paper, and chairman of the Honors Society.

"The Army was my Harvard and my Yale," he says, "and there's little I've done since my first enlistment that hasn't come from what I learned there."

The interview:

ICONOCLAST: How was Ghost Troop organized and what is your background relating to the info-war theater of battle?

CAPT. MAY: April 4th, 2003, Friday night. I'd just finished teaching a Tai-Kwon-Do class. I'm a black belt. I teach.

When I came back, it was early Saturday morning, April 5th in Baghdad, and I was watching the CNN war. We had just surrounded Baghdad.

The Battle of Baghdad started that night when the 3/7 Cavalry was engaged by Iraqi forces at the Baghdad airport. I immediately knew they had covered up. There are 20 different indicators I put on the introduction of my website of why I knew it was being covered up, all of which I picked up as you would in your own area expertise if you knew something was being covered up. The biggest clue was Jessica Lynch. The media covered up the biggest U.S. battle in decades by contriving a human interest story. The Jessica Lynch story lasted until the Army had taken Baghdad and they were ready to pull down the statue of Saddam. It was a total propaganda job.

For the next two weeks I started taking up collections for these boys who had died taking

Baghdad for Bush. Everybody acknowledged that we had taken Baghdad. Everybody knew that Baghdad had fallen. So I went out to the students at the University of Houston Honors College, where I had gone to college, and took up a collection for those taking Baghdad.

I discovered in 40 hours of taking up collections that they had given me \$20 — these were those pampered kids in Houston. And to them, there was no Battle of Baghdad at all — since it wasn't reported — let alone a tragedy of the 3/7 Cavalry. The media washed any thought of an Iraqi attack at the Baghdad airport away by saying that it was all a pack of lies told by "Baghdad Bob," then shifted us to Jessica Lynch. No U.S. deaths were acknowledged, and I realize that that had been the propaganda objective. We weren't functioning like a republic any more.

So I took a thousand mile bike ride to Ft. Stewart to confirm the battle. When I got there, after three weeks of riding, Ft. Stewart officials told me that there was a cover up, and then I knew that the Constitution was in the tank. This was a big war; they explained to me. They were going to control what we see, feel, and do, in that order, and if anybody got out of line they'd get whacked. That's what they told me very early on. So I came home to think it over. When July of 2003 came around, national leaders looked like they were starting to get tired

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of this war. Bush had us in another Vietnam. Everybody who was informed could see that by the summer of 2003. That's when they started getting desperate, doing the heavy-handed tactics in Iraq, because they were losing control.

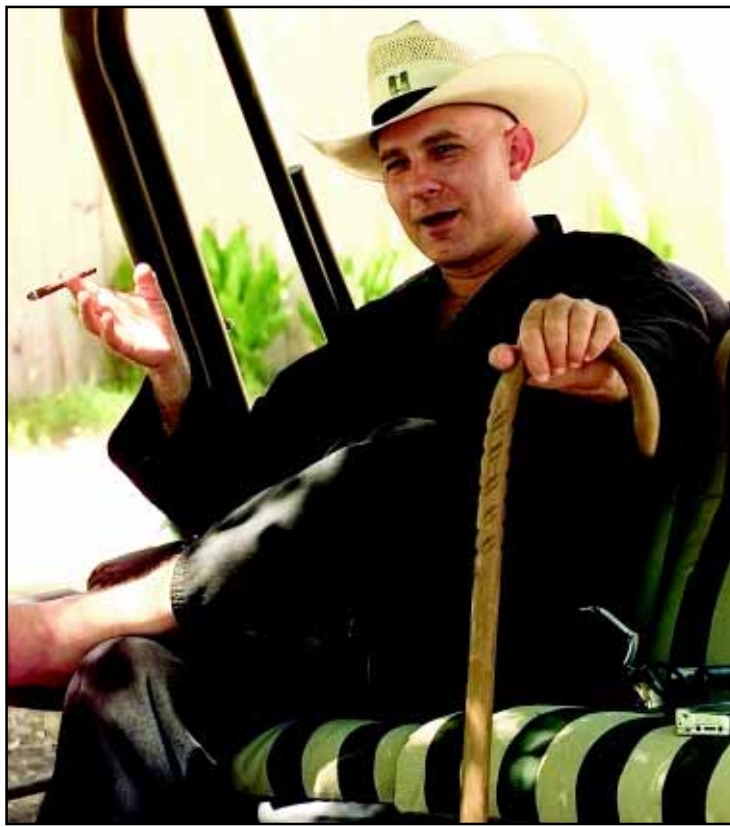
I didn't have a clue about 911 then, just that propaganda was reigning and vital information affecting the conduct of the war was not reaching the public, and that is illegal according to what I had been taught as a public affairs officer. I decided I had to act, and had to have some way of explaining that I was doing this out of a military sense of duty.

I figured that since my background was as a captain, I'd be a unit commander and would take up the 3/7 Cavalry since they had been wiped out and covered up. There were six troops — military units — in the 3/7 Cavalry: Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, Echo, and Foxtrot. I decided to form a seventh troop, made up of all the ghosts who died in the 3/7th Cavalry at Baghdad Airport, who weren't receiving Christian honor or recognition who died doing their duty for their country.

So that became Ghost Troop, 3/7 Cavalry. After a while it became apparent that we would operate via the Internet to wage informational warfare for our country, so we later became Ghost Troop 3/7 Cyber-Cavalry.

ICONOCLAST: What about the "info" part of that? Do you have experience in the military?

CAPT. MAY: I went into the military in 1977 as a boy soldier, and became a boy scholar by learning a lot about politics and history in the Army. This was right down the road from Crawford at Ft. Hood, where I was with the 1st Cavalry Division for three years — which is where I got this 1st Cavalry belt buckle that I've worn since forming Ghost Troop to honor the covered up dead of the 3/7 Cavalry. I was chemical corps in that first of my military tours, so I have nuclear-bio chemical warfare expertise. I entered the University of Houston in 1980, where I received a first-rate classics education studying Latin and Greek classics. I was commissioned in 1983 and after graduation in 1985, I began a career in military intelligence, with a special background in Russian. After that, I worked five years with opposing forces scenarios doing high level war-



Captain Eric May

games, exercises like you're hearing about all over the country nowadays.

After my active duty military intelligence years, I started programs in Latin, Russian and Greek at a Houston Catholic school, Mount Carmel High, and received some public recognition. I was teacher of the year in 1991. Editors began to ask for and publish my education essays. This opened new doors for me, and I started publishing regular op-eds for the HOUSTON POST and HOUSTON CHRONICLE. My reserve unit sent me to public affairs school, and I became the division's public affairs officer. After my Army and teaching days ended in the 1990s, I became an NBC editorial writer for a couple of years for Houston's KPRC, as well as a ghost writer for some of the top political and industry leaders. I did a bit of writing for Ken Lay, and then there's George W. Bush, since I interviewed with Karen Hughes, his media director, to become his speech writer back in 1996, when he was governor of Texas.

So info-war for me was simply a matter of understanding that all the powers of information and propaganda that I learned in years of information and intelligence specialties had been pulled into one coherent

force for evil, to deceive the American people. The dark side had taken over.

Whereas I was a WMD expert, I discovered that WMD was a contrivance to justify war.

Whereas I was an intelligence expert, I discovered that bad intelligence had been adopted as if it were good intelligence just because it was a good mask for a bad war plan.

And whereas I was a public affairs expert, I discovered that public affairs had become psychological operations, not seeking to inform but to mislead the public.

So we weren't involved in the doctrinal purpose of public affairs, which is giving correct information to the sovereign American people. We were involved in psychological operations intended to distort reality to break the will of an enemy population — which just happened to be the American people! So every level of my background allowed me to see just how deeply engaged that the Bush Administration had become in distorting the war and manipulating the people.

ICONOCLAST: What do you see as the importance of Ghost Troop?

CAPT. MAY: At our core, we have stood for the dignity of dead men's souls, and main-

tained the honor of a dishonored Army. We stood for the honor of our nation when the nation was shitting on its own graves by denying its war dead. That's really where it starts. Kay (Lucas) remembers seeing me here, at the Peace House, for the first time. I came to Crawford when Bush was in town back in August of 2003, and sat there at the burger joint with a protest sign about Baghdad, one man in my dress blues. I just wanted to see if they would kill me for trying to blow the whistle on the Battle of Baghdad cover up, because I was so mad at them. I figured it was dangerous, since Bush was in Crawford for his summer break then, as he is now, and the Bush administration has a reputation for being Mafioso. But I was so angry that I didn't care. I didn't get bushwhacked — all I got was a criminal trespass citation and a threat of jail. Kay and some of the other Peace House folks were afraid that my luck might not hold, so she made me leave town after a couple of days.

The only thing that kept me going, for the whole first year of the info-war, was outrage — outrage at what they had done to cover up the people who died at Baghdad and then to shut up their families, their widows and orphans back in the United States.

So the first mission of Ghost Troop was simply to defend the honor of the military and the honor of the country which had betrayed its pact of honor to the military.

The second mission is even bigger: exposing the 911 cabal, which a lot of people do as well as we do, probably better than we do. There's an energized 911 Truth community that is getting the word out that we were set up by a treasonous war plan that culminated in the attacks of five years ago.

Our third mission is our most important — and is our specialty — 911-2B. Simply put, 911-2B is our mission code for predicting where the next 911 is going "to be" (therefore, 911-2B). After all, the corporate media tells us constantly that another 911 is going "to be," it's not a matter of *if* it's going "to be," but *when* it's going "to be!"

If you want to know where Ghost Troop has become important, it's because Ghost Troop learned how to fight info-war with BOBCUP — the Battle of Baghdad Cover-up — and all our experience paid off with 911-2B. My claim is simple, and Kay can tell you if it's true or not. Sir, if Ghost Troop had not been working Mission 911-2B, World War III would have started by now.

LUCAS: I think you are probably right, although I think World War III has started or they

are trying to start it. When he first came here, I could see that he was totally outraged, brimming over with anger and rage. I was just in awe of his intelligence and like I told him then, we are a mission of peace and it's totally opposite of anything military. Military minds, to me, have been programmed to kill. That's their sole purpose, to kill. And so that is not what we're about. But I could see the potential that he was so outraged at his government that there was a possibility, at some point, that, hopefully, that peace was the only security. You cannot stop violence with violence, it just does not work. We've had too many wiser men and teachers, women too, than me to tell about it, and it's just obvious to me.

CAPT. MAY: That's a perennial debate in Ghost Troop.

LUCAS: And that's been our perennial debate.

CAPT. MAY: I'm info-war and she is peace. But she is a Ghost Troop sergeant, and has been since I brought Ghost Troop to Crawford three years ago.

LUCAS: I understand about information, and I understand about manipulating and controlling it.

CAPT. MAY: You know this, if we hadn't run the Ghost Troop mission, they would have popped 911-2B for sure.

LUCAS: But the thing is, is that what you are doing is saving lives, not taking lives, but using the tactics of the military, especially the information part of the military. To me it's a wonderful use of taking that program and using it in a peaceful way.

CAPT. MAY: So 911-2B is undoubtedly our most important mission. Ghost Troop is the only coherent force in America directly putting itself between the Bush league and the 911-2B event. We're defending the public just as surely as — do you remember Leonidas and the Spartans at the pass of Thermopylae? Do you know what Ghost Troop's job is? To be the Spartans. There are 300 Ghost Troops just like there were 300 Spartans, and our job is simply to plug up that place, Thermopylae — that place that is so narrow that they have to get through there. 911-2B is our modern-day Thermopylae. They have to come through us to get America. It's that simple. They have to come through us. We work to prevent them, and God knows, with the number of people who are connected to Ghost Troop or are trying to get into Ghost Troop, we must be onto something.

ICONOCLAST: How do the activities and itineraries of Ghost Troop differ from those of other groups, such as Cindy

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Sheehan's and those of the Crawford Peace House? Are yours and theirs simply different pieces of a larger puzzle or are they part of the same pieces?

CAPT. MAY: I would say that they are a larger category, more acceptable to the public.

The largest circle, of the concentric puzzle, is going to be the peace movement, like Cindy Sheehan who travels around and enhances the broad popular sentiment that has already developed against the war. A smaller circle is the anti-war movement, which becomes a more focused attack on the war. I think Cindy is still part of that. I think the Crawford Peace House is really peace/anti-war. Ever since I came to Camp Casey back when Cindy Sheehan left it for a while back in August, 2005, I've had a secret guilt about the place. Casey Sheehan was killed on April 4, 2004, a year after I picked up the Battle of Baghdad cover up. I imagine he and his comrades didn't have a clue that the Iraqi Resistance might be more intense on the anniversary of that battle, because the Army was covering up reality even from the field commanders. If his commanders had been told that there was an anniversary date coming up, they would have been looking out better, and Casey might still be alive. Had Ghost Troop been able to do its mission of exposing that cover up better, he might have lived. It's the kind of thinking that troubles anyone who has made decisions that affect lives, me included.

Within the peace circle and the antiwar circle there's a smaller circle still, and that's those who are waging info-war. Bush administration supporters call us a fifth column, although they prefer to avoid talking about us altogether. Infowarriors are rare, but you'll find a few of us out here, in places like Crawford and Camp Casey. We're people who are absolutely hip to 911 and we start with that. We are aware that there's a war to get the truth out, and that the job of the Bush media is to suppress that truth, not help it along. Ghost Troop is the spearhead unit of the infowar, just like the 3/7 Cavalry was the spearhead unit for the attack on Iraq. Ours is a professionals' war, an information aficionado's war. We work with each other through the Internet. We're like long-range

reconnaissance patrols, each of us with a computer instead of a radio.

You know, when I named Ghost Troop "cyber-cavalry" that designation shaped our infowar tactics in the same way that the designation of "air cavalry" shaped the way that cavalry fought in Vietnam. Any cavalry unit's job is two things: scouting and raids. Ghost Troop is constantly scouting by staying connected to this network of listening outposts called computers, manned by our people or our info-war allies, providing us with key information. They serve the same purpose in this pending world war that ham radio operators served in the last world war, or that telegraph operators served in the world war before that. When we're in our scouting mode, we stay in touch with each other, exchange intelligence and analyze phenomena. Once we've detected something dangerous to the American people, we go into our raiding mode – which in our case means we initiate a public relations blitz with e-mails, articles and interviews to alert the American people to dangers.

In our scouting capacity, we're a military intelligence unit; in our raiding capacity, we're a public affairs unit. Those are my two Army officer specialties, and I've made them our two unit specialties – another case of falling back on my military training. We very much use military concepts. Ghost Troop is an organized info-war force. It's a citizens' militia comprised of dedicated activists, and led by professional leaders. We've got officers all the way across Ghost Troop, an Air Force captain from the Korean conflict, a Marine Corps captain who was a 911 witness, a sergeant major who flew air cavalry missions in Vietnam, to name just a few. We have many members who took an oath to defend America against domestic enemies who are living up to their oath by serving with us, including active duty military and police. We even have religious ministers. We're an unusual anti-war group!

LUCAS: The Crawford Peace House is mainly about learning how to discover that peace is possible, since we've all been programmed to believe that war is inevitable, and that it's always been and always will be. We don't really believe that. I don't personally believe that myself. I believe that once mankind's consciousness opens up enough



Kay Lucas

to believe that peace is possible, that people will want it so badly that nothing will stop it. And there will come a time when enough people who want that, that it will just happen. It can't be stopped. It's an energy thing. When it gets out there enough that enough people believe that this is possible and they want it so badly, then it will happen. Our leaders will not be able to have war unless they want to have their own wars between the leaders. If they want to fight, let them fight with each other.

ICONOCLAST: With Ghost Troop informants throughout the world, how is information distilled as credible?

CAPT. MAY: We have three years of experience that has been proved correct, so our work pretty much stands for itself nowadays. We have a reputation in our community for integrity. We're never working an angle; we're never pushing an agenda. We're after the truth, pure and simple. It's our job to give timely intelligence to our commanders – the American people. Everybody working in the current information system to deceive the American people hates us – and there is no greater mark of integrity than to be detested by them. There's no one who works with us, there's no one who likes us. Well, almost no one. For the most part we have no official government or media connections, and that gives us balance and integrity. We can occasionally be wrong, but we can never be crooked. If something is wrong, it doesn't stay wrong for long. We constantly refine and perfect our process. We've been doing info-war a long time. Essentially, I started my info-war the day the troops got to Baghdad. But at this point, like every soldier in every war in his-

tory, I've gotten better and better with every day of operations, and so has Ghost Troop.

Ghost Troop couldn't have done what it does now, at first. But now, we've gotten to the point that we are sure of our intelligence product because of our collection of top experts in Ghost Troop. It comes down to the integrity of the individuals who make up the inner cell of Ghost Troop, and there are others who are willing to jump into the front line if need be. We have several Ghost Troop members who are experts in their fields. Right now there are 200 people in the actual operational unit and about 150 in our various inquests.

Ghost Troop is really an analytic group. As a trained intelligence officer I serve as the chief analyst. As a trained public affairs officer I serve as the unit spokesman. What I put out is the distilled intelligence product of many Ghost Troops. They send me the reports and sometimes I do a little back-and-forth with them. They keep me informed, and I polish my ideas and Ghost Troop analysis with top experts in the field, sometimes across many countries and several continents.

Ghost Troop takes no money. I make no money, and, basically have lost all I had fighting the info-war. With something like Ghost Troop, once you start taking money, you no longer have intellectual integrity.

ICONOCLAST: Your published reports have indicated that behind-the-scenes strategies by various agencies of governments often utilize a code, such as with dates, that is based on numerics and that Ghost Troop has been able to dissect and identify many of these codes, which provides an ability to predict possibilities and probabilities of future problems based to a degree on information that some members of the mainstream media are putting out, either in written or broadcast format. Do you feel that there is a marriage of these elements?

CAPT. MAY: I am a conspiracy theorist, period, since my theory is that there has been a conspiracy to lead us to what I call a quicksand war in the Middle East. Virtually anything I read from anywhere nowadays says that there has been a conspiracy to lead us to, and keep us in, a disastrous war. To say that there has not been a conspiracy is to be a Bush apologist and nothing more. Clearly, there has been a conspiracy.

What we analyze is the "embedded code." That's our word for it, and its use is one of the key features of the war conspiracy that did 911 and put us in the quicksand of Iraq. The

Bush administration is made up secret society members – Illuminati, mostly – who use a secret code such as those used by all secret societies. Sometimes its mere verbal trickery. For instance, the pending world war that they cleverly said was a "global war" is a perfect example of a subtle code. When they said "global war" they meant "world war," and they all knew to decode the obscure phrase in their minds – but the American people didn't. Had they told us that their global war was a code-name for a world war, we would have immediately impeached them! In reality, this is a millennial war by secret societies. They do use a code and it does tie their conspiracy together. They signal by the public means, which is called media. But media is really, in the Ghost Troop model, merely a part of the propaganda apparatus. When it named itself "embedded" before the Iraq war, it was really sending a coded acknowledgement that it would be embedded with code. The phrase "embedded media" simply means "coded media" to insiders. It's the same in the pending world war as it was in the last world war, with broadcast and print carrying hidden messages and the public not knowing it.

ICONOCLAST: Is there more than one type of code?

CAPT. MAY: Yeah. The one we like to follow is numeric, but there is certainly an idiographic, or ideas code. Incidentally, this area in the military intelligence code is called cryptanalysis, from the words *crypto* in Greek, meaning secret, and *analysis*, meaning examination. The key thing for us is that we very seldom start with a code when we are predicting future events. We usually start with geopolitics and current events. The code is a thing that, if it falls into place, greatly enhances the scenario. There are often numeric confirmations of our predictions, and that strengthens them.

ICONOCLAST: Are these secret groups sitting there saying, "Okay, we have to match this event to a code to be able to go through with it?"

CAPT. MAY: There are natural cycles with the code. For instance, the Illuminati are freaks for master numbers, 11, 22, and 33. There's a cycle that leads up to certain pivotal dates, like the most recent for us was 8-8, which was a really 8-8-8 since the year numbers of 2006 add up to a hidden 8. People say "it couldn't be true," but they're not remembering that coding has already been proven true. Last year it was the 7-7 London bombings, which were really 7-

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7-7, since the year numbers add up to 7. It's obvious that someone — whether you think it's the government as we do or al Qaeda as the government wants you to — is using number/date codes. The coded event that opened my eyes was the Madrid bombing of 3/11/2004. Lots of military intelligence folks picked up on the "coincidences" of Madrid. The first was that 9/11 and 3/11 are "harmonics" of the same numbers, with the 11's matching and the 9 and 3 being the square and square root of each other. The second was that there were exactly 911 days between the two events! The odds against that kind of "coincidence" are astronomical, and most of the other "terror" events carry the same coding. In addition to the 9/11 and 3/11 attacks, we had a 7/7 London attack in 2005 and a 7/11 Mumbai attack a year later. The two events could be numerically represented as "77" and  $7 \times 11$  (which equals 77). We've even had a 9/11 backwards with the 11/9 bombing of Amman, Jordan in 2005. The embedded code runs through all these events, and the media occasionally mentions that there seems to be some kind of "al Qaeda code," although they never investigate that code, as it would lead back to the Bush administration.

Their use of these codes allows them to time what they are going to do, and coordinate the people who are going to do it. They are not random codes. There are only so many permutations that are going to carry the kind of numeric signal they want. And to them, I very much think they consider those sacred days, holy days, good luck days, whatever kind of day.

LUCAS: Power days.

CAPT. MAY: Yes. Power days. It means that everybody who's in on it, from the accountant at the bank, to the cop on the beat, all the way to the people calling the shots out at the Pentagon in D.C., all of them share in common that they are days of importance for great projects that are central to the New World Order. And then they use psychological manipulation to make it happen.

LUCAS: There was a famous philosopher who said that this is the very first thing that would start happening, and that people's minds would be manipulated and we would not even know it, not even be aware of it. That's what Madison Av-



A martial arts expert, Captain May illustrates some moves with his fighting staff.

— Iconoclast Photo By W. Leon Smith

enue is about. To sell products, it's to manipulate the mind. It stands to reason, so why in the world wouldn't someone use it? It's the corporate structure.

CAPT. MAY: We call it breaking the embedded code. The Madrid bombings, when it turned out there are 911 days between 9/11 and 3/11. That's when we started to break the code. That's when we did the first Texas City mission, with the premise that the administration would turn to the Houston Metro area, which they control

utterly, for the 911-2B attack. Kay, you remember when we broke the code, and we said there would be a Houston petrochemical attack on 3/31/2004. It turned out to be Texas City, 3/30/2004, and British Petroleum exploded, driving gasoline prices to the highest levels in history. At that point we didn't know we had broken an elaborate code. We figured we had just run a single mission where the numbers added up. We didn't realize there was an ongoing code. At this point 2½

years further along the road? Shucks, I don't even have to prove there's a code anymore, do I — 7/11, 3/11, 9/11, 7/7. The code is an unmistakable feature.

Every facet of mind control that can be exerted through the mass media is exerted by the mass media. The code is what simply came to me first, since I had Latin, and Greek, Russian, Spanish, a bit of Korean, and grew up talking Ebonics in a black high school — I have a real high language IQ — in fact, I used to have the highest language IQ in the Army, or did when I took the IQ test, scoring 156 out of 160, the equivalent of a 1560 SAT test. To me, the code is just language. I taught four or five different grammars, I know four or five different vocabularies, I know idioms — code is a number language.

ICONOCLAST: By exposing elements such as possible terror dates and pointing out activities in the works based on your own Intel, do you think shining a light helps to scramble or delay some of the plans?

CAPT. MAY: (to Kay Lucas) How many times do you think we have prevented the 911-2B attack?

LUCAS: I think it's been done, I surely do. Some might call me crazy, some of the people around here that don't subscribe to any of this, and that's their choice, but as far as I'm concerned, I do believe that. The more light you shine on something, the less darkness there will be.

CAPT. MAY: You see, Kay's been in on every interdiction we've done, and we count eight of them at present — and hope to expose what's happening so we won't have to interdict any more.

ICONOCLAST: How would you define a false flag?

CAPT. MAY: "False flag" goes right along with "going live" as two key terms for our work. All the terror being done to further the war is being done under cover of military exercises. That goes back to the 9/11 event, which has been the most documented. The first term to make clear is what it means when an exercise "goes live." An exercise goes live when the scenario that it is rehearsing suddenly occurs and the people involved in the exercise react to it by doing what they were training to do in the exercise. A "false flag" is simply when you carry out an attack and blame it on somebody else to lead your country to war against them.

LUCAS: Which has been done numerous times by various countries.

ICONOCLAST: You have said that you already have informants imbedded in various governmental and corporate entities. Are you seeking to expand upon these?

CAPT. MAY: At all times. Ghost Troop is a patriotic group and it's the duty of everybody who can help to meet up with us. We receive, we don't recruit. Our work is our recruiting poster, and motivated people are constantly seeking out and joining us. Some of the most prominent people in the 911 Truth Movement, for example, are Ghost Troops. We had a U.S. ambassador in the unit as chaplain for the first three years.

ICONOCLAST: What advice would you give to the general public when they are watching details of the latest terror threat on TV or when they read about it in newspapers? Should they accept what is being said, or should they look upon it with cynicism?

CAPT. MAY: The latter. Cynicism at all times. In times when we are dealing with a dictatorship set up by a 9/11 false flag attack, healthy skepticism has failed. You need cynicism. To show you how cynical I mean, when we who are informed have talk about al Qaeda, ever since the first year, we say Al-CIA-Duh. Anyone who doesn't understand that much is still playing in the minor leagues and doesn't understand info-war.

LUCAS: The CIA created Osama bin Laden. Our government has been implicated in so many of those operations using foreign or other branches of the government in other places in the world to instigate operations that can be used to justify wars or attacks. I would say to anybody, any authority figure that's using fear to control or manipulate you. Anytime that fear is used, start questioning it. When someone is trying to scare me, it's like saying the boogey man is going to get you if you go out in your yard when you are a little kid, it's a way to manipulate. Healthy respect of snakes, for instance — it's healthy to respect them for what they are and who they are and what they can do. But when you fear something, you lose all of your facilities of reason, because fear just blanks out the mind to common sense.

CAPT. MAY: Anytime there's a terror report or terror incident now, I automatically suppose it's the government trying to manipulate us into hating Muslims. How many times has it happened that the Bush people get put up against the wall by their mistakes and abuses, then some kind of al Qaeda boogeyman pops up out of the box? When people say, "That's kind of cynical." I can only tell you that if we had had that kind of cynicism years ago, our nation would be far better off today. Times may finally be changing, though, since apparently, co-chairmen of the 9/11 Commission, Richard

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and Kean, have had a bit of cynicism affecting them. They've just published a book saying that 911 happened since we were too closely linked to Israel, and that military officers who reported the Pennsylvania Flight 93 details to them were covering up and lying in unison. Their cynicism would be labeled "conspiracy theory" if they weren't the very men leading the 911 Commission. Given the current manipulated media, cynicism is simply objectivity, and conspiracy theory is just open-mindedness.

**LUCAS:** When the government lies to you one time after another after another, it becomes crucial that cynicism get mixed in with looking at what's happening in the news.

**CAPT. MAY:** It's our national character. The thing that's amazing to Ghost Troop is that we sometimes are accused of being traitors or disloyal, when we are all risking our lives by being loyal to the fundamental principles of America. There's nothing we are really saying that would have seemed radical to Thomas Paine. The idea that government could seek to carry out crimes against its own citizens to achieve self-motivated results is an old one. America started with the belief that the government was dangerous for just that reason. The thing that people who committed treason against us by doing 911 have forgotten – and I think to their own peril – is that the foundational document of America is not a malleable Constitution at all. The foundational document of America is a Declaration.

**LUCAS:** The Declaration of Independence.

**CAPT. MAY:** If they want to knock down the walls of the Constitution, they do so at their own peril, sir, because the Declaration is the bedrock of America. Trying to have tyranny over the American citizens is like herding cats, not herding cattle. It's going to backfire. It has to backfire. I'm quoting a radical, Thomas Jefferson, to support that idea. It is inevitable. This is a grand cycle that has come about. It's come to the point now that it's going to engage the grand sentiments of American democracy. Right now, through the 911 treason, American democracy is at war with the American oligarchy. In fact, given that you have a guy named George who inherited the job from his father, you might say



Captain May

American democracy is at war with American monarchy.

**LUCAS:** They are related.

**CAPT. MAY:** We have a dual monarchy. They're trying to set up a dynastic rule. What are they trying to do? Uh, Bush-Clinton-Bush-Clinton? I mean, (laughs) it goes right up there with John Kerry and George Bush being Skull and Bones cult brothers when they went into the 2004 elections, and Daddy Bush being a Skull and Bones cult brother before that. Their secret connections are becoming

apparent, even though the media is purposely downplaying or omitting them.

**ICONOCLAST:** How would you sum up your involvement in Ghost Troop.

**CAPT. MAY:** Ghost Troop members look at it this way. It's a mission of conscience. You do it because you have to do it, not because you want to do it. I've tried to get out of the mission, but couldn't. My wife and I have both been death-threatened, repeatedly, because of the mission. After Bush was returned to power in the 2004 elections, I went to a Jesuit priest, with whom I counseled for months, trying to find a reason to escape the mission. I found to my surprise, though, that he believed I should stay with it, no matter what it cost me. Still, I dropped out of the info-war for six months, then only returned after the London 7/7 bombings made it obvious to me that there would soon be another attack against the U.S., and I had to dedicate myself and my unit, Ghost Troop, to stopping it. The Jesuits baptized me after I made that decision, figuring that I might not come out of the mission alive. Like anyone who has ever taken a mission, though, I've learned not to think about it too much. Still, I keep the emergency baptismal certificate framed as a sign of where things have gone with our country. It's a sad time when telling the truth is risking your life.

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## 'American Pride' To Host 'Support Our Troops' Rally

**CRAWFORD** — The public is invited to participate in a nine-day "Support Our Troops" rally presented by "American Pride" Aug. 14-22 in Crawford next to the Yellow Rose.

According to Leonard Wahl, the father of a fallen hero, the event is designed to "show support for our troops serving in harm's way."

"More than ever, our soldiers need our support," he explained, adding that the rally is not about politics, but about honoring our troops.

Wahl said that during there will be soldiers from Ft. Hood, Tin Soldiers from Keller, and NTTS at Ft. Hood present some of the time, as will the parents of soldiers who have given their lives for their country.

The event begins at 8 a.m. on Monday.

"The weather will be extremely hot Aug. 14-22," he said. "We do not expect anyone to spend the entire week or an entire day. However, we hope you will come out for part of any day during this time."

## Tonkawa Traditions To Be Held Oct. 7

**CRAWFORD** — The Tonkawa Traditions committee is getting an early start on this year's Crawford Tonkawa Traditions Festival & Cook-Off by encouraging individuals to return their vendor applications as early as possible.

The event is slated for Saturday, Oct. 7.

Contact person is Dianne Stimson, Crawford Chamber of Commerce, 330 S. Ave. B, Crawford, 76638, phone (254) 486-9206.

## Perry Suspends Trucking Restrictions For Emergency Delivery Of Hay In State

### Action Should Help Ranchers With Drought-Stricken Herds

**AUSTIN** — Gov. Rick Perry has directed the Texas Department of Transportation to temporarily waive certain trucking restrictions to allow the emergency delivery of hay to Texas farmers and ranchers harmed by on-going drought conditions.

In a letter to Ric Williamson, chairman of the Texas Transportation Commission, Perry said the U.S. Department of Agriculture has estimated a 77 percent loss in hay production in Texas, and Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs and the Texas Farm Bureau have asked for help in expediting delivery of hay to Texas.

Perry's letter directs TxDOT to suspend the permitting require-

ments and legal height restriction for round hay bales, and associated permit fees, for carriers transporting round bales of hay. The suspension of those requirements will expire Oct. 31.

To ensure the safety of the traveling public, Perry said TxDOT must require loads exceeding 14 feet in height to contact TxDOT's Motor Carrier Division to receive expedited routing. All other legal requirements, including licensing, registration, insurance, and safety, remain in place.

Perry earlier this year issued a similar directive for emergency hay deliveries, but that expired on April 30.

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# Crawford To Become A Mecca For Peace — Sheehan



**HAVING TO REMAIN** seated because of health problems, Cindy Sheehan was on hand for the welcome home and interfaith service held Sunday morning at Camp Casey III in Crawford.

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**By DEBORAH MATHEWS**  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

**CRAWFORD** — Following a hospital stay in Waco that involved a transfusion of four units of blood, Cindy Sheehan is back in Crawford at Camp Casey III to, in her words, have a presence here while George Bush is in town.

Sheehan first started having health problems in Seattle when she announced plans to open her land in Crawford to any and all war resisters. She spent six hours in a Seattle emergency room, but following her release, eagerly returned to Crawford.

Supporters applauded Sheehan as she arrived on site Sunday, screaming “We love you, Cindy.” Slowly escorted into the large tent at the camp, Sheehan was presented a 28-star American flag. Tom Preston of Austin sent the flag, explaining that he could not be present due to disabilities.

Read aloud from his letter were the words, “Welcome to Texas and thank you for being

the conscience of our country. My heart aches for the abuse toward you.”

Speaking briefly about her tour in the Middle East, Sheehan explained that what she described as a level of loathing for Americans and George Bush around the world was extraordinary. “People hate us,” she said. “I just didn’t know how much so until I was there.”

She continued by saying that her Crawford property, Camp Casey III, will be open as a mecca for peace in the country. She invited those present to offer any suggestions for what that would involve and encouraged all to help create the mecca.

Due to her still fragile health, Sheehan said that she would be at the camp for only an hour or two each day.

Supporters then lined up for their turn to take the stage to perform a wide variety of songs, poetry, and speeches dedicated to Sheehan and her cause.



**FIELD OF CROSSES** — Ever growing, the field of crosses at Camp Casey III in Crawford is the first thing anyone visiting the site will see. The memorial is a reminder of all those lost in the struggle in Iraq.

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**CONTINUOUS WORK** is evident at Camp Casey III just outside Crawford. Volunteers are readily available to assist Cindy Sheehan in creating what she hopes to become a “mecca for peace for our country.”

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WITH A WARM THANK YOU, Cindy Sheehan thanks volunteers for work done at Camp Casey III constructing crosses. New markers are piled and ready to be added to the growing field of crosses at the entrance of the camp.

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## President Bush Seeks To Protect Interrogators From War Crimes

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration, through amendments to the War Crimes Act, is seeking protection for policymakers from possible criminal charges for okaying torture and abuse to those detained in the so-called “war on terror.”

The bill will in effect grant immunity to any U.S. personnel for crimes committed before or after the law is passed. The Washington Post reported on the amendments Wednesday.

Specifically, lawyers who have read the draft proposal say the bill is to protect not only CIA of-

officials who authorized tactics not allowed under the Geneva Conventions for interrogations on detainees abroad but also those who carried out the interrogations.

One such tactic agents employed was “waterboarding,” an interrogation practice in which prisoners are nearly drowned in water.

The draft proposal, in fact, has no prohibitions from Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions against “outrages upon personal dignity, in particular humiliating and degrading treatment.” The administration has said that the

Article is too vague to be interpreted one way.

Larry Cox, Amnesty International USA’s executive director, said that since the Supreme Court recently extended Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions to outlaw military tribunals for Guantanamo Bay detainees, “President Bush is looking to limit the War Crimes Act through legislation.”

“The administration should stop seeking escape valves for those who have committed crimes and instead use its energy to hold perpetrators accountable,” Cox said.

## New ‘Centrist Party’ Designed For Voters, Politicians In The Center

BIG BEAR LAKE, Calif. — A new political party has been formed to bring balance to the field of American politics by giving voters and politicians in the center a strong foundation to express their views, say its organizers. The party was established to give the American political landscape a chance to break the stalemate between the left and right. Without a strong foundation in the center, any attempt at maturing the political environment would likely fall short, said its founder, John P. Reisman.

Reisman says the party’s motto is “Common Sense For America,” which should appeal to the masses since America, he says, is already largely centrist and the idea just needs a home.

According to Reisman, politicians in the pash have claimed to be centrist and after they are elected, meander back to their special interest base, and the far left or right, where their funding comes from. “Creating a centrist foundation significantly strengthens the integrity and ability of politicians to campaign on, and maintain a centrist political view.”

“The nature of our two party system has brought America to a political impasse,” explained Reisman. “While many Americans lean toward centrist views, there is no ‘party’ to represent these views. The Centrist Party provides a concrete foundation that allows people to develop a

viable alternative to left/right politics.”

Said Reisman, “While we are getting started, the party will provide ideological support for centrist positions and candidates. As the party strengthens and we attain position on the state ballots, we can look at nominating candidates.

“We do not intend to nominate a candidate prior to viability. Support for the Centrist Party, viability, and nominations will occur when the time is right in order to strengthen the political process and avoid weakening it. In the mean time we will work towards increasing understanding, and support Centrist candidates and ideals the country can benefit from.

“The striking difference for a Centrist candidate, is that one can stand for separate issues that originate from either side of the aisle.

”In order for the political landscape in America to move forward and make a real difference, solutions must reach across the boundaries of partisan politics,” he said. “We need answers that make sense for the nation. Our immediate goal is to provide support for centrist candidates and the ideology. Second is to work towards putting the Centrist Party on the ballot as soon as feasible.”

The Centrist Party can be contacted at Box 130689, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315. Its website is <[www.uscentrist.org](http://www.uscentrist.org)>.



SERVING AS A GRIZZLY REMINDER, outside the tent at Camp Casey III is a child-sized coffin covered with names and photographs of dead and mangled Iraqi children.

— Staff Photo By Deborah Mathews

# Dancing with Big Brother — Ever-Expanding List of Crimes Plagues Texas

BY MARC LEVIN  
SPECIAL TO THE ICONOCLAST

If you go dancing at a local bar, you may cause the manager to commit a criminal offense. That's right. The manager on duty at Rack Daddy's pool hall in south Dallas was issued a criminal citation earlier this year when officers from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and Dallas Police Department observed dancing. It seems the bar did not have a dance hall permit from the City of Dallas. A trial is set for November.



Mark Levin

This is just one example of the trend toward overcriminalization, in which criminal law is increasingly extended well beyond the realm of murderers, rapists and thieves to ensnare ordinary businesses and individuals. The problem on the federal level is well documented, as there are over 4,000 criminal laws. Most recently, the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act passed earlier this year made "annoying" someone on the Internet a federal crime punishable by up to two years in prison.

However, overcriminalization is also a state problem. In addition to customers' dancing, there are many examples of ordinary business activities criminalized in Texas law. No longer can any Texan simply look at the Penal Code to determine what is a criminal offense; hundreds of other criminal offenses are littered throughout complicated codes on topics such as agriculture, finance, and natural resources.

Consider that Section 14.072 of the Agriculture Code makes it a separate felony offense for each day a person transacts in the public grain warehouse business without a current state license. Whether or not grain warehouses need to be regulated, it hardly seems necessary to make an infraction of the licensing scheme a third degree felony, which is punishable by up to ten years in prison.

There's also something fishy about Section 436.011 of the Health and Safety Code, which makes it a criminal offense for selling shellfish and crabmeat that came from a "closed area," does not place every word on the label exactly as required by the state, or was not processed or packaged precisely according to the state's Byzantine regulations. Again, whether or not the case for government

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control of this industry holds any water, it can surely be accomplished without putting seafood sellers and processors in prison.

The Texas Free Enterprise and Antitrust Act of 1983 is also pernicious both because of its overly broad language and the criminal penalties for running afoul of its almost limitless sweep. The Act provides in part, "Every contract,

combination, or conspiracy in restraint of trade or commerce is unlawful." That would presumably include an artist selling her paintings exclusively through one art gallery, a common monopolistic practice that is arguably beneficial to the artist, the gallery, and the public, because otherwise there might be no place where the artist's work can be viewed. The Act makes any such restraint on trade a felony punishable by up to three years in prison.

Many criminal laws are simply unnecessary, because they involve conduct for which there is an appropriate civil remedy. For example, committing libel against an individual or business has been a tort for centuries. However, the Texas Legislature in 1997 made it a state jail felony for someone to circulate an untrue statement against a bank. This provision was deposited into Section 59.002 of the Finance Code.

Ultimately, all state laws must be reviewed to determine where we have gone too far in using the blunt instrument of criminal law. Criminal penalties should be reserved for circumstances when we really want to be punitive, especially since upon conviction of anything more than a Class C misdemeanor, a person is disqualified from obtaining numerous occupational licenses and permits.

However, the danger is not just that ordinary individuals and businesses will be unfairly caught in the dragnet of the burgeoning body of criminal law, but that the traditional and legitimate use of criminal law will be trivialized.

The moral import of being labeled a criminal, and particularly a felon, is diluted by the inappropriate use of criminal law.

Creating more crimes may be appealing for legislators looking to take credit for passing another law, but the law of unin-

tended consequences cannot be repealed by even the most powerful politician.

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## An Inconvenient Administration

The Bush Administration and its foreign policies are putting American citizens in mortal danger.

Last week, 21 individuals were arrested for planning to systematically blow up 10 British jetliners bound for the United States.

It has been reported that authorities had sat on this information for months.

The question is why the delay in alerting the public?

It wasn't until arrests had been made that airports were thrown into panic and that terror codes were shifted to orange and red.

Wouldn't it have been more prudent for caution to have been exercised immediately upon learning of this possible terrorist threat instead of waiting? Deja vu 9/11?

No, the timetable for action became one of political expedience.

It is clear that the terms of this so-called "war on terror" continue to be written by those who put ordinary people in harm's way.

It's a fact that Downing Street told the White House about the London plot the weekend before the raid last Thursday morning. It's also a fact that Vice President Dick Cheney had this information and still attacked his pro-peace critics the day before the arrests made international headlines.

Still, why would both Bush and Blair governments allow passengers to possibly carry liquid explosive mixtures in *mouthwash bottles* and *cosmetic applicators* onto airplanes for the last five years, especially when one man has already been caught with a *shoe bomb*?

Answer: both administrations are playing cat-and-mouse games, using American and British civilians as bait to capture and/or kill would-be terrorists. Such a dynamic purposely endangers the lives of ordinary citizens in order for their heads of state to retain control of the federal government by giving themselves opportunities to criticize their political rivals for being "soft on terrorism."

Since the first day of the U.S.-led occupation of Iraq, Americans have been painted into an incredibly tight corner.

The Bush administration's support of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon has only exacerbated the situation.

Veteran foreign policy experts now fear that the line has blurred between average U.S. citizens and their government so much that violence against Americans will eventually eclipse

the horrors of Sept. 11, 2001.

In fact, President Bush's flippant language, yet again, seems to goad otherwise peaceful followers of the Islamic faith into greater anger. Remember his "crusade" remarks?

At one time, Donald Rumsfeld's resignation as U.S. Secretary of Defense over the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal might have saved thousands of American and Iraqi lives and billions of taxpayer dollars. But it didn't happen.

Now, a complete change to U.S. government is seen as the only way to secure the nation's nuclear and chemical plants, sea ports, cargo ships, borders, and, most importantly, the future of its children.

Last week, Democrats in Connecticut took steps to remove Bush-loyalist Sen. Joe Lieberman from power by choosing pro-peace candidate Ned Lamont for the U.S. Senate race this fall. A majority of voters in the primary correctly saw Lieberman as sharing Bush's values which serve to weaken the nation's infrastructure, demoralize the military, and harm Iraqis and Americans.

The fury of Americans everywhere has increased in response to the administration's "mishandling" of the U.S.-military occupation of Iraq, which has created absurd inconveniences not only at U.S. airports but also in the price of energy.

As a result, pro-Iraq war politicians of both major parties scared of their own political futures are distancing themselves from the Bush administration.

Doing so means more than they might think because when President Bush recently tried to divert Homeland Security money away from developing explosives detection tools for use at home in the middle of a "war," you've got to wonder, who's side is he on anyway?

See, the Bush Administration is not even playing by its own rules, for those rules are absurd.

Are we going to hunt down everybody that buys a case of cell phones, milkshakes, or hot apple pies?

Americans need to protect themselves in a better way.

Honor the Constitution.  
Keep civil liberties intact.  
Think.  
Regain control.  
Vote for truth.

— Written By Nathan Diebenow

# America's One-Story-A-Day News Channels

## (Dumbing Down For The West Wing Staff)

*Dateline: Normal, Aug. 10, 2006*  
Gloriosky! Hip hip hooray!  
Cheerio!

Hostilities must have ceased in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as between Israel and Hezbollah!

The only thing we have to fear right now is fear itself.

Or, more accurately, the fear of fear.

Not to mention somewhere between 21 and 50 possible al Qaeda members involved in a plot to board various airliners at London's Heathrow Airport bound for the U.S.A., then blow them up at some point hither with a mixture of liquids carried on by separate individuals.

Wowzer! Even the blokes at Albert R. Broccoli's Eon Productions – the good folks who bring us James Bond/Agent 007 at the cinema – didn't see this one coming. And for the past 42 years they've entranced audiences worldwide with a remarkable track record of intricate plot devices plus nefarious terrorist methodologies.

Always avenged, if not previously foiled, the intrepid modern-day equivalent of a Knight of the Round Table, Commander Bond of the Royal Navy never failed to save the World.

A tad of Bond movie trivia, if you will: Fans of the 007 films have a mixture of Italian and healthy diet to thank for them. Upstart producer Albert R. Broccoli, during a brief encounter with the head of United Artists, convinced him to back a film version of Ian Fleming's novel "Dr. No" for the whopping sum of \$1 million. After 20 years performing a variety of jobs in the movie business, "Cubby" was now on his way.

Teamed up with Harry Salzman, the first choice for their newly formed EON Productions was "Thunderball." (EON was an acronym for "Everything Or Nothing.") Considering the limited budget, it was probably better all around that their first choice wasn't available. The pair went on to produce a total of nine Bond films through "The Man with the Golden Gun" in 1974.

You may think you recognize Broccoli's name, and you'd be correct. The first generation Italian-American hailed from a family of horticulturalists who crossed cauliflower with rabe, thus developing the vegetable that carries their name. Despite the lucrative nature of family veggie ownership, "Cubby" left the farm for Hollywood.

And the rest is motion picture and cultural history.

But, I digress...

This entire day, there has been nary a word nor a picture of anything on any newscast I've caught other than the failed plot to blow up commercial airliners between London and destinations in the United States.

Therefore, it must be safe to assume that all's quiet on the Middle Eastern fronts. But I was fooled by CNN, et al, in the past few weeks with shell-to-shell coverage of the new Israel-Hezbollah war, and the tossing aside of the old wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For what reason would American news services choose to continue to cover hostile environments where Americans are fighting and dying in unpopular, losing causes, anyway?

Also, who gives a damn if those selfish Jews and terror-loving Muslims blow each other to smithereens?

There's nothing like a foiled terrorist plot combined with airliners to get the old adrenaline pumping!

So, first let me send out a big sigh of thankful relief to Britain's MI5. Jolly good show, people! Where would the United Kingdom be without you?

Our FBI likes to crow about how vastly superior an operation it is to any investigative organization in the World, but frankly the political antics and micromanagement of far too many layers of toadies only creates an agency fraught with ineffectiveness.

The Brits, on the other hand, are smoother and more accurate when it comes to nabbing the evildoers. Granted, their home turf covers a considerably smaller mass of land than our Nation, and the population is only about 20% of the U.S. However, the differences aren't in the sizes.

The law enforcement agencies of the British government are just awfully damned good at their jobs. They go about their business with an innate aplomb. These are not people who go blasting into buildings like Sherman through Atlanta. They know how to be patient, sly and stealth.

These folks can make arrests of 21 terrorists or wannabes without firing a shot.

Not only that, but apparently the MI5 types play nice with Scotland Yard and the local con-



### Out Of The Blue

By Jerry Tenuto

stabulary.

So, with the success of the British lawkeepers and investigators – who knew about this plot for months and calmly kept tabs on these schlemiels – what does the U.S. Government do?

Well, instead of praising our friends across the pond the first thing Homeland Insecurity Chief Screwup Michael Chertoff did was to try to lay claim to squelching this massive effort at murdering innocent Westerners.

And a shot at those 72 virgins.

Do you think any of these suicide murderers have ever taken a mathematics class? It's a cinch none of them have the foggiest concept of census polling and population grids or actuarial charts.

The statistical impossibility is there simply cannot be 72 women per each young man who "martyrs" himself. Even among Muslims, it's highly unlikely of those 72 all would be of the virginal variety. Really, the fanatical families that buy into this insanity only murder those daughters and sisters who are passionate with someone they love outside of happily wedded bliss to a complete stranger – the obligatory arranged marriage for property and money, like chattel.

This is how I figure the true lowdown: Every murderous suicide "martyr" doesn't rate 72 virgins. He gets a lottery number for a chance at the only 72 virgins Allah has hanging around.

Now, have you ever asked yourself why these 72 individuals are virgins?

Not only that, but I've never heard anyone specifically say that those 72 virgins were actually of the female gender.

The master plan is some time around the end of eternity, say the 12th of Never, after the true believers of Islam have eradicated all infidels from the face of the Earth, a grand drawing will be held. The "martyr" with the lucky lottery number will then get himself 72 virgins – if he still desires them.

Considering that all the infidels have been slaughtered.

Bottom line on the promise of 72 virgins for slaughtering innocents: No religion would ever issue a pass through the Pearlies for committing murder, neither will there be any blissful reward.

Back to Chertoff and his attempt to usurp the spotlight away from the real brains behind today's operation:

Well, even before the British authorities had pointed a finger at any organization, good ol' Mikey was laying blame right on the welcome mat at the al Qaeda cave ingress.

Of course, the U.S. felt the need to expediently export "far superior" air marshals and FBI agents to assist those pitifully inept MI5 and Scotland Yard chaps and women. Like, what would the Limeys ever do without good, old Yankee know-how and muscle?

And, in a true case of closing the barn door after the cow gets out, the terror alert on our side of the Atlantic instantly shot up to RED!

Omygoodness (if I may borrow a phrase from Grandpappy Rumsfeld), we're all gonna die!

At least, that's what I was under the impression "condition red" signified.

Now, at present I would hardly consider this plot, nipped in the bud in England, as a "red" situation.

Even at its worst the condition might rate an "orange," perhaps.

Then again, the real danger comes into play when that nincompoop Chertoff sticks his nose into British security operations.

As for terrorism on American shores, one cell is quickly drying up and being put out of commission. Due to his own greed, hubris and smug self-righteousness, "Smiler" Tom DeLay has not only shot himself in the foot but it appears as though he's cost the Republican Party the Congressional seat in Sugar Land, Texas.

"The Hammer" thought he was going to be slick and run in the primary against somebody who might have a chance in November to help his party. By his own words, however, Tommy Boy felt he had an entitlement to that House seat, as if it was his own personal property.

DeLay must have figured that by moving to Virginia he could escape the wrath of the good people he hornswoggled in Sugar Land, and the laws he broke in the State of Texas... all the while spewing epithets about how Jesus Christ is on his side.

Justice Antonin Scalia of the Supremes put the kibosh on DeLay's hope of hand-picking his own successor by upholding the Texas laws which state that the winner of the primary has to be the person on the ballot, and by registering to vote in Virginia ol' Tommy Boy negated his eligibility to be a candidate.

It'll be downhill from on out

here for "Smiler" DeLay. He might want to consider a hunting trip with Dark Lord the Dick Cheney, or making an appointment with Kenneth Lay's heart specialist.

Tommy could write Duke Cunningham a letter and see if he's got enough space for a new roommate with his own personal altar, a very large Bible, and a ridiculously oversized ego.

Thank you, Tom DeLay, for being so full of yourself and overtly dishonest.

There is hope for real, true Patriots and public servants who are in races to do something positive for their neighbors, constituents and America – not to greedily line their pockets with ill-gotten lucre.

We may also hold out hope for true news without corporate bias. Deep cable news is making its way into our homes.

Maverick billionaire Mark Cuban, owner of the Dallas Mavericks of the NBA, owns HDNet, and he is positioning it to be a voice with no apologies or allegiances to anyone. Cuban has already set up shop in 65 cities, with HD cameras in place, ready to go.

On the deep cable bandwagon are veteran newsmen Ted Koppel and Dan Rather. Koppel has been working with Discovery Channel only the past month or so, but he loves it. He finds the freedom and lack of forced agenda refreshing, plus people around the World – most notably in the Mid East – respect Discovery.

Rather is chompin' at the bit to get down to business in the next level of television.

I, for one, can't wait for a return to honesty and integrity in television news. There's just not enough Lou Dobbs to go around.

Yes, I do know people have been fighting and dying – some euphemistically and innocently as "collateral damage" – throughout the Mid East. And we have, for the largest part, King George XLIII and Dark Lord the Dick to blame for moving the World ever closer to Armageddon.

Lest we forget...

Shalom, everybody – everywhere.

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# Somewhere In Atlanta Is A Landscaper Without Gas

After years of creating ad campaigns for high-profile companies like Coca-Cola, a good friend of mine in Atlanta has decided to do what many successful advertising people do when they reach that point in their careers where they can simply LOOK at a new product and, without any hesitation whatsoever, begin to vomit:

And that, of course, is to go into the lawn care business.

Like some of history's most successful entrepreneurs, Fred spent time studying his new market, its trends and the competition before assembling a detailed business plan, which he described as follows: "I bought a lawnmower."

On the surface, this may not sound like much of a business plan. But as Fred pointed out, what sets him apart from other lawn care enterprises around Atlanta — aside from his limited grasp of Spanish — is the TYPE of mower and



**Life Is A Funny Place**

By Ned Hickson

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equipment he's using. While other lawn care enterprises utilize gas-powered equipment and emit enough exhaust smoke to divert air traffic as far west as Alabama, "I use manual-reel mowers, electric gear and hand tools in order to reduce emissions and promote more responsible, planet-friendly yardwork," Fred explained.

I considered this for a moment — this idea of promoting more responsible, environmentally-conscious yardwork — before responding with, "Hahahahahahahahaha!"

"No, really," said Fred, who cited an EPA study that showed that a piece of gas-powered lawn gear actually creates more pollution than a car.

"Unless it's a Gremlin," he added.

When I considered that it usually takes a full hour for the lawnmower smoke to leave our yard (a process I sometimes hurry along with a leaf blower), I realized he could be right. On any given weekend there are at least a dozen people around our neighborhood mowing lawns, edging grass, using gas-powered weed eaters, burning yard debris and branches (and, occasionally, portions of their fences and/or shrubbery), then tidying up with leaf blowers the size of a Lear Jet engine. After which they take a moment to enjoy their handiwork by — what else? — smoking a cigarette.

Somehow, I have become desensitized to all of this, and the

fact that our Labrador has passed out three times in the last month while relieving himself in the front yard on Saturday afternoons, possibly for periods long enough to cause permanent brain damage.

Sadly, we'll never know how much damage because, as I mentioned, he's a Lab.

I told Fred he was on to something big and asked how the business was going. He admitted he had miscalculated and started too late in the season. As a result, "MowGreen" hasn't really taken off yet despite an aggressive ad campaign.

"Plus, I think most of the fliers we put around the neigh-

borhood ended up in a portable toilet at a construction site down the street," he said. "We used recycled paper, so at least we're still having an impact on the environment."

Fortunately, because of his years of experience in advertising, Fred saw the need to diversify his marketing campaign in order to keep it from...

Well, going down the toilet.

In addition to creating a website ([www.mowgreen.net](http://www.mowgreen.net)) and blog to explain his services and communicate with clients, he also came up with a high-profile promotional plan to spread his idea of "planet-friendlier" lawn care by offer-

ing a free mow to the first celebrity who asks.

"As long as it's within driving distance," said Fred. "If it's really far away, they'll have to split the gas with me. And possibly let me sleep over."

(Note: This offer excludes Michael Jackson.)

In the meantime, Atlantans, when you think of lawn care I hope you'll support the environment by thinking of Fred.

Unless, of course, you're in a portable toilet.

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# Is It Four Years Already?

For many of us, every four years, we go through an arduous selection process. We agonize over our choice, and after we've made it, we worry that we made the wrong one. I'm not talking about something as easy as voting for President. I'm talking about buying a new computer.

Computers seem to be considered obsolete in three to five years. I don't know of any other thing that we happily buy, knowing that we're not going to be happy with it in a few years. Okay, there's that purple shirt that is a little "out there," but I'm talking about major purchases. Even if we get a new car after a few years, how much faster is that new car than the old one? And can it carry 4 times as many people in it than the car you bought a few years ago?

So, we buy computers, and then buy them again. We've become so dependent on them, that we don't feel we have any choice. When my computer is "in the shop," I panic until it's back home. And there are other computers in our house. So I can still write my column and check my emails, but it's not the same as using my "baby." Yes, it's almost like a member of the family is being operated on — except I know this family member will be obsolete soon.

And one reason we panic when something's wrong with them or when it looks like we may need a new one is because so many of us have no idea how they work. So, we have to trust the expert — our Computer Guy. And when our Computer Guy says it's time to buy a new



**Modern Times**

By Lloyd Garver

computer, we do it.

Last week, my Computer Guy said it was time. After bringing it back to health following a nasty virus, he said it would still work for a while, but he could "hear it strain" as it booted up and performed other operations. It sounded the same to me as it did four years ago, but I trusted what he said. After all, he's the guy wearing the blue shirt with the company logo on it.

He recommended a computer with a 160-gigabyte hard drive, 1 gigabyte of RAM, and a speed of 2.13 gigahertz. This would make it much faster and it would have a much greater storage capacity than my old one — which was much faster and had a greater storage capacity than I ever needed. (I use it almost exclusively for word processing and email. I'm rarely called upon to figure out pi to a thousand decimal places while simultaneously creating a birthday card that sings and dances). My Computer Guy's answer was that I should get the computer with all of this technology that I don't really need because all of these improvements are so cheap.

It's true that as computers have gotten faster and better over the years, they've gotten less expensive. But they're still not as cheap as if you didn't have to buy a new one. They're not free.

So, I thought it was time for

me to actually find out what I was buying. I knew that gigahertz (GHz) was a measure of speed, but just how fast was it? My only frame of reference was miles per hour. Was this new computer faster than my car? So, I looked it up and learned that a gigahertz is a unit of alternating current or electromagnetic wave frequency equal to one billion hertz.

That definition wasn't particularly helpful, since I guess I'm one of the few people in the world who doesn't know how fast a "hertz" is. (I can tell how fast a Hertz rent-a-car is, but that comes with a speedometer).

So, I wasn't able to calculate how many miles per hour a megahertz is. But one billion of anything sounds like a lot. So, I assume a gigahertz is very fast. After all, it's got a one with nine zeroes after it (1,000,000,000 Hz). That's got to be speedy. And my new computer will be going at an amazing rate of not just 1, but 2.13 of those giga-puppies. My Computer Guy told me that's blazing fast! But, of course, in four years, he'll be telling me how slow it is.

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# First Black Officer Drummed Out Of Army

Lt. Henry Ossian Flipper, the first black graduate of West Point and the first black officer in the United States Army, was stripped of his commissary responsibilities at Fort Davis on Aug. 8, 1881.

Born into slavery four years before the Civil War, Flipper broke several historic color barriers. The first representative of his race to gain entrance to the U.S. Military Academy, he also was the first to graduate and to receive a commission as a second lieutenant.

Assigned to the 10th Cavalry at Fort Sill, Flipper found the enlisted personnel were all black while he was the only non-white officer. Although resigned to a hostile reception, he was pleasantly surprised by his treatment. "From the moment I reached Sill, I haven't experienced anything but happiness," he told a relative. "I am not isolated and am not ostracized by a single officer."

After almost two years in the Indian Territory, Lt. Flipper was transferred in late 1880 to Fort Davis on the West Texas frontier. In addition to his appointment as quartermaster, he ran the commissary on the short-handed post.

When Fort Davis became the headquarters of the 1st Infantry the following March, Col. William R. Shafter took charge. The portly new commander was described as "the most energetic fat man that I ever saw" by a junior officer with a talent for left-handed compliments.

Col. Shafter immediately replaced Flipper as quartermaster with a member of his own permanent staff but permitted him to remain responsible for the commissary. Analyzed years later as an antagonistic act, the change was, in fact, consistent with military custom.

Shafter finally got around that August to relieving Flipper of his commissary duties and sent his adjutant to collect the black lieutenant's records and funds. The subordinate discovered that Flipper was not only a sloppy bookkeeper but quite possibly a thief.

The commissary account initially came up \$900 short. However, when a large personal check written by Flipper turned out to be worthless, the total deficit nearly tripled to \$2,400.

The lieutenant was placed under arrest and incarcerated in the guardhouse. Two days later, he was released and confined to quarters on orders from the commanding general in San Antonio, who reminded Col. Shafter that the guardhouse was no place for an officer.

Washington also took a keen

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By Bartee Haile



interest in the case and warned Shafter against any actions that smacked of racial bias. "Both the Secretary of War and General of the Army require that this officer must have the same treatment as though he were white."

Civilian supporters of the popular prisoner made up the missing money through donations and loans. At this point, Flipper expected nothing worse than a mild reprimand, the standard penalty for officers caught with their hand in the cookie jar.

But Col. Shafter would not let the matter drop. He demanded a court-martial on charges of embezzlement and conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.

Flipper was acquitted on the first count and spared a long prison term. But the tribunal found him guilty of the second, a conviction that dictated dishonorable dismissal from the army.

It was common practice for court-martial members to recommend clemency, when an automatic punishment seemed too harsh. Yet no one asked for mercy for Flipper.

The young lieutenant stayed under house arrest as the case moved up the chain of command. The verdict and sentence were approved without comment by the general in charge of Texas, who passed the buck to the judge advocate general.

"It is clear that Lieut. Flipper did not intend to defraud the government out of any of its funds but that his conduct is attributable to carelessness and ignorance of correct business methods," observed the army's one-man appeals court. Nevertheless, he too signed off on the sentence.

Next in line was Robert Todd Lincoln, secretary of war and son of the slain president. Any compassion he felt for the former slave took a back seat to political necessity. His predecessor had been scandalously lenient with convicted officers, and Lincoln was not about to stick his neck out.

The same went for President Chester A. Arthur. His signature in June 1882 sealed Flipper's fate.

On nine separate occasions before his death in 1940, Henry Flipper petitioned congress for a review of his court-martial. Haunted by the disgrace, the successful mining engineer protested his innocence to the bitter end.

Dedicated descendants took up his cause determined to clear the name of their ancestor. Their dogged efforts were not in vain. In 1976 the U.S. Army

reversed the findings of the 1882 court-martial and granted Lt. Flipper an honorable discharge.

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comments, questions, and suggestions at [haile@pdq.net](mailto:haile@pdq.net) or P.O. Box 152, Friendswood, TX 77549. And don't forget to visit [www.twith.com](http://www.twith.com).

## If The Gas Well Comes In...

### Rustic Ramblings

By Dr. 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.

Things are pretty exciting around these parts lately what with all this gas exploration activity. Sometimes it feels like I'm the only one around who hasn't leased his or her land for hundreds of dollars per acre. This is pretty frustrating. I don't know what these companies are waiting for. Here I am, boys!

Sometimes this seems to be a situation (as often happens in life) in which the rich get richer. If a wealthy man (or a woman) owns a LOT of land and gets offered a gas lease, well, a rich man (or woman) suddenly gets a LOT richer. It's only human to think, "Well, they really didn't need it. Why not ME?" — Truth is I'm happy for anyone who gets a good deal. Especially with gas prices at the pump going so high, it's time for those big companies to start paying us for a change — instead of the other way around.

But this gas lease thing is apt to make a few bucks — not just for wealthy mega land owners — for other deserving folks too, and I for one sincerely hope this is the case, whether I get an offer or not. Actually, it's already happened. I know people who've paid off the note on their land, put money in the bank for the kids' college, and still have some left over. The smart ones aren't buying expensive trucks or going on pricey vacations. They're living their lives as usual, with just a little more of a cushion now and a sigh of relief. I hope every farming and ranching family in the area who's worked hard and long all their lives for very little profit will finally receive their big reward — just for sticking it out and holding on to their land (and their mineral rights) through the tough times.

How many of you have played the "If the Gas Well Comes In" game? Zack and I play this regularly. It's very similar to the "If I Win the Lottery" game. Would our lives change markedly? Doubtful. Would we feel more at ease during a drought? Sure. Would we buy a new tractor? You betcha! (The one we have now is too small to pick up this year's hay bales, so we probably won't have much choice anyway. . . either a bigger tractor or that spiky thing for the back of the pick-up truck). Would we finally sell off the older cows and buy some that are younger? Yes, we would. We might even take

solutely. Words to live by, "Never touch capital."

But I'm not looking for that gas well to come in, because I don't have that kind of luck. I'd sure be happy with just the lease, though. (Not even holding my breath about that, but the part of me that plays the "If the Gas Well Comes In" game is cautiously optimistic). So all you gas production companies out there, please note: I can be reached in care of the newspaper. Take a number.

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# Hey! Remember When Gov. Perry Promised To Lower Our Health Care Costs?

## Well, What Happened???

FYI: In November of 2005 I sent the following letter to the governor:

Dear Gov. Perry and Texas Legislators:

I am writing to thank you so much for lobbying the proposition several years ago to eliminate frivolous medical malpractice insurance lawsuits and telling Texas families that this will lower their health care and medical costs. In the past all of you elected officials have promised us so many positive changes, e.g., that you would adequately finance public schools,

substantially decrease sky-high property taxes, and force the insurance industry to significantly lower the cost of home insurance after it doubled premium costs overnight several years ago.

Evidently, making promises is the easy part and keeping them is impossible?

FYI, I just received a billing statement from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas. The company is raising my 8-year old son's health care premium from \$170 to \$204 per month — a mere \$34 per month more.



### Texas Commentary

By Peter Stern

Consequently, as a loyal lifetime member of the Republican Party, a Disabled Vietnam Veteran, and a father of three I am sending you, Gov. Perry, the billing statement and expect you to make up the difference in the cost of my son's health care. After all, you were gung-ho in getting that proposition approved by assuring every

Texas family that it would lower health care premiums and medical costs.

Well, I don't know if other Texans remember your promise to us, but I am going to hold you accountable to that promise.

Consequently, I am enclosing a copy of last month's billing statement so you may confirm the increase in premium of the same health care plan.

Please mail me a refund check in the amount of \$398.00, which is the difference in the premium cost for the next one year of keeping my son covered under his current Blue Cross health care benefits.

Thank you in advance for the

check and for showing Texans that you REALLY are a man of your word! Texas voters will be sure to remember you and other legislators come next election day.

**Texans: Please know that the Office of the Governor NEVER responded to this letter.**

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To The Editor:

There has been lots of misleading news about what was going on at NORAD on 9/11. Did the Pentagon lie to the 9/11 Commission? Accusations are flying because NORAD's jets were everywhere on 9/11 except where they should have been - intercepting rogue hijacked aircraft. The Pentagon, in their defense, claims "there is no evidence that our senior Pentagon commanders intentionally provided false testimony to the Sept. 11 commission about the military's actions on the morning of the 2001 terrorist attacks." And, I believe that this is true.

NORAD did indeed carry out their orders on 9/11 with military precision. But on 9/11, NORAD was under the command and control of Vice President Dick Cheney - and he knew exactly what he was doing as he executed "stand down" orders to the Military. Cheney was in charge! Not the Pentagon!

In my opinion, the government is lying about 9/11. I believe it was an "inside job," and the 9/11 investigation should be reopened immediately.

*Harold S Kramer, Marblehead, MA*

Dear Madam / Sir:

Herewith I would like to make you aware of the silent genocide that is currently taking place in South Africa.

South Africa is currently the "Crime Capital" of the world. I would like to make your newspaper aware of the website "Crime Expo South Africa" <<http://www.crimexpouthafrica.org/>> where ordinary South Africans exposes the truth on crime in South Africa.

International tourists are

warned about crime in South Africa.

When ordinary South Africans ask the Government to do something on the crime, they are told that they should leave South Africa.

The questions ordinary South Africans ask is:

1. There is already genocide in South Africa. What does the International community do about it?

2. Does the international community support the violent crimes, murder, rape, theft, corruption, etc. committed in South Africa?

3. There are currently laws that promote discrimination against minority groups in South Africa. What right does the minority have in South Africa? What protect the minority against Genocide?

4. Does the South African public have the right to protect themselves if the Government fails to protect them?

The world must not say that it wasn't informed!

This e-mail forms part of the "campaign of International exposure" about the truth of the violent crimes & genocide in South Africa.

You may contact Mr. Neil Watson at Crime Expos SA at <[admin@crimexpouthafrica.co.za](mailto:admin@crimexpouthafrica.co.za)>.

To The Editor::

At the end of World War II, Eisenhower gave unqualified approval to such monstrous schemes as the notorious Operation Keelhaul, the "repatriation" of Russian, Ukrainian, and other peoples who had escaped Stalin's hell on earth behind the retreating German armies. Perhaps five million people were herded into

trucks and railway boxcars and shipped eastward to certain death or worse. Operation Keelhaul was FDR's and Eisenhower's magnificent gift to Stalin and to his grim, gulag empire; it was a culmination of friendship, fidelity, and accord; and it was a deed that for its sheer infamy is unmatched in the history of our nation and its armed forces.

The prime sources for this U.S.-led travesty are Julius Epstein's Operation Keelhaul, *The Story of Forced Repatriation* (Devin-Adair, 1973) and Robert Welch's "The Politician" (See <<http://aobs-store.com/store/page7-ss3.html#169>>). Epstein discovered evidence of this top secret program of forced repatriation, which is still classified to this day. Obviously the U.S. has some very dirty secrets they still want hidden.

Keelhaul verifies that our leaders have the capability of repatriating millions of anti-Communists when it suits them. In the case of millions of illegal invaders from the south, it suits them to avoid this capability in order to let them remain in our country.

What do these two capabilities have in common?

*Frank M. Pelteson, Las Vegas, NV*

Dear Editor,

I am writing because I am so angry at Cindy Sheehan and her entourage for using the plight of hurricane victims while all the while deceiving in order to obtain property in Crawford, Texas! I think that their actions are despicable and unacceptable.

My husband served in the Air Force for 20 years. We both are outraged with the people who think that they know what's going on. A soldier is someone who signs on knowing that they may have to go to war. They train for war every day. They draw a government pay check for that job and the possibility of going to war. They are on call 24/7 and are

often not thanked enough or compensated enough by our government but all the same they are proud of their mission to serve our country. Cindy Sheehan and her group just doesn't get it. They don't represent the military or the mission. They don't represent us that are spouses of those enlisted in the military. I know what it's like to serve beside my husband in support of the mission. Cindy Sheehan and her group doesn't have a clue.

Do they think that a person can sign up and get college paid for, collect a pay check and never do the job or mission that they have trained for?! One soldier has more backbone than Cindy Sheehan and her entire group!

Also Cindy and her group wearing pink for her cause offends me! Pink is to support cancer victims and its research! We lost my mother-in-law in 1997 to breast cancer and my mother in February 2006 to breast cancer.

Not everyone agrees with Cindy Sheehan! She and her entourage has lied and deceived for their own agenda. We're very sorry about her son's death but he chose to enlist. Cindy Sheehan does not represent the

spirit of a true soldier or the wives of soldiers!

We are in support of our President and of our soldiers! They are soldiers in and out of war!

*Nora Caswell, Hudson, WI (Texas born and raised)*

Letter to the Editor:

It must be a very slow news time in Crawford. After all, President Bush is spending much of his August attending to business around the country.

I can only imagine how disappointed Ms. Sheehan must be that the media doesn't seem to have much interest in her this year. And your newspaper as well. It is hard to figure out your total fascination with this pathetic woman.

If the events of the past few weeks, especially the foiled terrorist plot yesterday, do not wake up those deep in slumber in this country, I'm not sure anything will. The most frightening prospect that I can imagine would be to have the likes of Harry Reid, Teddy Kennedy, or Chuckie Shumer in positions of power in this country. Would surely delight our enemies, though.

*Sylvia Simpson, Trophy Club, Texas*

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# Camp Casey III Now A Refuge For War Resistance

SEATTLE, Wash. — Concerned that President Bush is not supporting, caring for, and being responsible to U.S. troops, internationally-known peace mom Cindy Sheehan announced Thursday that she is offering her land in Crawford as a refuge for U.S. soldiers and military families to get support and information about their rights to resist deployment to Iraq. She made the announcement from the Veterans for Peace Conference in Seattle.

"I was at the Veterans for Peace Conference one year ago, when I had the sudden inspiration to demand a meeting with

vacationing President Bush. I had one simple question: 'What is the noble cause that my son died for in Iraq?'

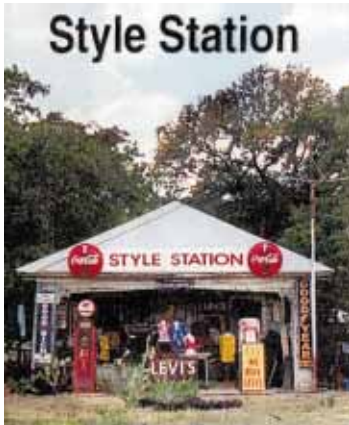
"After I bought land in Crawford with plans to focus on my mission of getting my question answered, here I am again and I just learned that we are deploying another 12,000 troops into this nightmare and it's breaking my heart. I am offering my land as a refuge for U.S. soldiers and military families to get information about their rights to resist fighting in Bush's illegal war," Sheehan said.

Sheehan is putting out a call to all military troops and their families to come to her land known as Camp Casey in Crawford.

"Our troops have the right to know that the majority of Americans support not sending them to Iraq and we want them here at home, not sacrificing their lives for a war based on lies," said Sheehan. "If I could have come with Casey, maybe he would still be alive."

Cindy Sheehan returned to Crawford again this year when the President started his vacation in her continued determination to get her question answered. She has registered to vote in Texas. Camp Casey is located at 7440 Lone Star Parkway.

For more information, go to Gold Star Families for Peace at [www.gsf.org](http://www.gsf.org).



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MUSICIANS LINED UP for the opportunity to perform for the welcome home event held for Cindy Sheehan's return to Camp Casey III in Crawford. The Peace Mom had been absent because of a recent hospital stay.

— Staff Photo By Deborah Mathews



NOT INTIMIDATED, Cindy Sheehan protests next to the Secret Service barricade blocking the entrance to President Bush's Crawford ranch.

—Photo Courtesy Of Camp Casey



CIRCLE OF PRAYER — Clasping hands with fellow protesters, activist Cindy Sheehan joined in the Circle of Prayer during interfaith services Sunday morning.

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