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"From Deep Inside the Washington Beltway"



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Appearing as one of the three expert questioners at July 22, 2005 "911 Report" one-year anniversary hearings, U.S. House of Representatives.

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THE NEWS

January 14, 2006 -- Serious questions remain concerning Col. Westhusing's "suicide" in Iraq. Army's chief ethics expert was murdered, according to Carlyle Group insider.

According an informed source within The Carlyle Group business consortium, Col. Ted Westhusing, the Army's top military ethicist and professor at West Point, did not commit suicide in a Baghdad trailer in June 2005 as was widely reported in the mainstream media five months later. At

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--Wayne Madsen, Editor

May 27, 2005



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the time of his death, Westhusing was investigating contract violations and human rights abuses by US Investigations Services (USIS), formerly a federal agency, the Office of Federal Investigations (OFI), which operated under the Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

In 1996, OFI, which conducted background investigations for civil service personnel, was privatized. The 700 government employees of OFI became employee-owners as part of USIS. In January 2003, the New York investment firm Welsh, Carson, Anderson, and Stowe, described by a Carlyle insider as a virtual shadow operation for The Carlyle Group, bought USIS for \$545 million. With 5000 current and former employees of USIS sharing \$500 million, the deal made them wealthy with the stroke of a pen. However, upper management within USIS became much wealthier than the rank-and-file. Insiders report that the twelve top managers at USIS became multimillionaires as a result of their cashing in of their Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs). Many of these instant millionaires already had a close relationship with The Carlyle Group.

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Carlyle had been a shareholder in USIS since 1999 and with the buy-out deal via the Welsh, Carson, Anderson, and Stowe deal, Carlyle became the major shareholder.

USIS continues to have a virtual exclusivity deal to perform background security investigations for OPM. The company bills itself as "one of the largest Intelligence and Security Services companies in North America."

With the Iraq invasion, USIS obtained lucrative Pentagon private security contracts in Iraq. At a 2004 job fair in Falls Church, Virginia, USIS was advertising for "interrogators" and "protection specialists" for "overseas assignments." While he was in Iraq training Iraqi police and overseeing the USIS contract to train police as part of the Pentagon's Civilian Police Assistance Training Team, Westhusing received an anonymous letter that reported USIS's Private Services Division (PSD) was engaged in fraudulent activities in Iraq, including over-billing the government. In addition, the letter reported that USIS security personnel had murdered innocent Iraqis. After demanding answers from USIS, Westhusing reported the problems up the chain of command.

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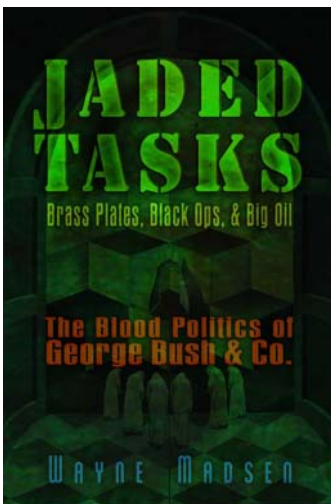
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After an "investigation," the Army found no evidence of wrongdoing by USIS.

That decision signed Col. Westhusing's death sentence. USIS and Carlyle have powerful allies in the administration, including Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, the Princeton roommate of Carlyle Chairman Emeritus and former Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci. Former President George H. W. Bush, former Secretary of State James Baker, and former British Prime Minister John Major are Carlyle international advisers. George W. Bush was formerly employed by a Carlyle subsidiary and the Bin Laden business cartel was a one-time investor in the firm.

Westhusing, who, according to friends and colleagues, showed no signs of depression, left a suicide note the Army concluded was in his handwriting. However, Westhusing's family and friends have thrown cold water on the Army's investigation.

posters, T-shirts, etc. Please take a look at their [site](#).

Contrary to what President Bush says about the economy . . . it is disastrous. With so many people struggling with sky-rocketing costs-of-living and less discretionary spending funds, I wish to especially thank all of you across America and around the world who have been so generous with your donations. Recent calls from the main stream media prove that you're helping to make an impact. Thanks again!



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Col. Ted Westhusing: Chalk up another victim of the Bush crime family

WMR can report that based on information obtained from Carlyle insiders, Col. Westhusing's death was not caused by suicide. The fact that Westhusing was investigating one of the most politically and financially powerful firms in the world resulted in higher-ups wanting him out of the way. According to the *Los Angeles Times*, all of the witnesses who claimed Westhusing shot himself were USIS employees. In addition, a USIS manager interfered with the crime scene, including handling Westhusing's service revolver. The USIS manager was not tested for gunpowder residue on his hands.

Westhusing's investigation threatened to unearth a network of fraudsters looting the US Treasury that included the Bush family and some of their

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closest financial partners. After Westhusing's murder, USIS management sent a vaguely-worded memo to employees about how to respond to derogatory information in the media or rumors about USIS. Management's attention, described as "psychotic" in nature, was on USIS's upcoming IPO (initial public offering), according to a well-placed source.

USIS also owns Total Information Services of Tulsa, Oklahoma, a commercial personal data mining operation.

Coming Up: How Carlyle began on the net operating loss (NOL) financial backs of Native Alaskan tribes.

January 13, 2006 -- What does Samuel Alito's "Unitary Executive," with presidential signing statements, look like?



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Democrats running for Congress must be forced to sign an election manifesto pledging to impeach Alito from the Supreme Court for lying to Congress under oath, a crime. They must also pledge to impeach Bush, Cheney, and other cabinet officers who have committed crimes. If people like Hillary Clinton, Dianne Feinstein, and Joe Lieberman refuse to sign, they should be challenged in their primaries and dumped from the November slate.

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January 13, 2006 -- The name has been changed to protect the guilty. The National Security Agency's (NSA) illegal database code-named Firstfruits, which contains transcripts of the communications of and articles written by U.S. journalists about NSA has undergone a name change. Inside sources report that because of the "compromise" of the system, the name of the database has been changed from Firstfruits. However, the database continues to be maintained under a new cover term.



January 12, 2006 -- The GOP's "Crying Game." Something that has been lost in the GOP's media circus over Judge Samuel Alito's wife, Martha-Ann, having her pre-meditated weeping "breakdown" during Sen. Lindsey Graham's pre-planned line of questioning. The families of gangsters and thugs often cry when their loved ones are outed as the despicable scoundrels they truly are.



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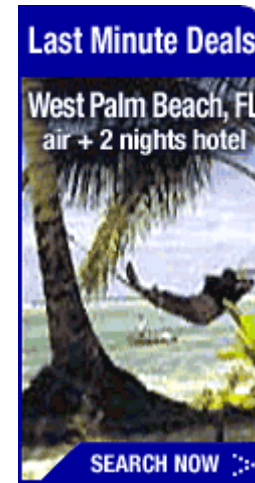


To Tell The Truth: Would the real Tiny Tears please stand up?

MSNBC, Sept. 19, 2005. Ex-Tyco executives get up to 25 years in prison.

"Family members wept in the gallery as the sentences were imposed. Kozlowski was led out of the front of the courtroom in handcuffs as his wife quietly sobbed from a bench three rows back."

The Republic, Springfield, MA, Mar. 1, 2005 -- "Former Police Commission Chairman Gerald A. Phillips could face more than a year in prison after being convicted yesterday with three co-defendants in a no-show jobs scheme at a taxpayer-financed job training agency . . . Also convicted yesterday were Giuseppe Polimeni, 53, of Springfield, on 11 fraud and obstruction charges . . . Polimeni, whose face sagged as the guilty verdicts were read, remained dry-eyed while his



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wife wept in the gallery, and later, while waiting for the elevator."

Orlando Sentinel, Nov. 5, 1998.

McCorkle Found Guilty, Collapses, Convicted On 151 Charges. "Deliberating just nine hours, a federal court jury Nov. 4 convicted William J. McCorkle of fraud and money-laundering. When the jury announced its verdict, his wife wept uncontrollably . . ."

San Diego Union-Tribune, July 19, 2005, Councilmen Guilty. "San Diego Councilmen Michael Zucchet and Ralph Inzunza were convicted of conspiracy, extortion and fraud yesterday in a surprisingly swift verdict by a federal jury that dealt another body blow to a City Hall already staggering from a pension fund scandal, a vacancy in the mayor's office and eroding public confidence . . . Zucchet declined to comment after the verdict. He appeared wan and shaken in the minutes after the court session ended, hugging friends, family and supporters inside and outside Miller's courtroom. Several wept."



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January 12, 2006 -- Abramoff scandal could end Netanyahu's and Cheney's plans for Likud takeover in Israel. Informed sources in Washington report that Vice President Dick Cheney and his advisers David Addington and John Hannah are working behind the scenes to ensure that former Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu succeeds acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert. With elections scheduled for March 28, Cheney and his neo-con cabal are hoping that Olmert's Kadima Party -- formed by Ariel Sharon and his more moderate ex-Likud allies -- is defeated in the elections.

According to law enforcement sources, investigators are looking at Abramoff's possible connections to the defunct Oasis Casino in Jericho in the West Bank. The casino, which began operations in 1998, was partly-owned by CAP, a company registered in Liechtenstein in which the Palestinian Authority under Yasir Arafat was a 23 percent shareholder. Another owner was a Vienna, Austria-based casino company, Casinos Austria International, in which Martin Schlaff, a close friend of Sharon, was a major investor. Schlaff's brother, James, is also under investigation. Last week, Israeli police seized computers, cell phones,



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documents, and a PDA from the home of Schlaff's parents in Israel while he was visiting from Austria. Police also investigated money transfers to Gilad Sharon, Ariel Sharon's son, from South African businessman Cyril Kern and other transfers via BAWAG Bank in Austria. Sharon's other son, Omri, was also financially involved in the Oasis casino.

It is noteworthy that the Israeli Justice Ministry has postponed any indictments until after the March 28 elections. The neo-con media is ignoring Netanyahu's own role as Israel's Finance Minister during the casino scandals, choosing to repaint the radical right-winger as championing "clean government."

As with Indian casinos on reservations drawing huge numbers of gamblers from states where casinos are illegal, the Oasis casino was seen as attracting large numbers of Israelis since casinos are also illegal in Israel.

Although Netanyahu criticized the Oasis casino as providing funding for Palestinian terrorists, investigators are looking at Netanyahu's involvement in helping to steer \$140,000 in tribal casino money away from Abramoff's Capitol Athletic Foundation (CAF)



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charity in Washington, DC to right-wing West Bank settlers in Beitar Illit on the West Bank so they could buy "security equipment" and sniper lessons. Records indicate a flow of money from CAF to Kollel Ohel Tiferet, a virtually unknown group in Israel. Netanyahu, as Finance Minister in Sharon's former Likud government, would have been aware of money transfers from Abramoff to various Israeli interests, including the settlers and casino interests.



The Ties that Bind: Laundering Casino Cash for Neo-Con politicians

What investigators are quickly discovering is a global Abramoff network involving Russian-Israeli criminal syndicates that were involved in laundering money through Sun Cruz

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casino boats in Florida, casinos on Indian tribal lands in the United States, West Bank of Palestine, the Greek isle of Patroclos (which involved Israeli land developer David Appel and Gilad Sharon), a Sun Cruz casino ship in Saipan, an Internet gambling and lottery venture in Guam, and casinos in the Philippines, Sharm el Sheikh in the Sinai, pachinko slot machines and casinos in Japan, the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Canada, Virgin Islands, South Africa, and Abramoff's hometown of Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The pattern that is emerging is that Abramoff and his criminal associates not only used various casinos around the world to enrich themselves but also used them to launder money into right-wing/neo-con political campaign coffers in the United States, Israel, and other countries. Prominent recipients included Tom DeLay's Political Action Committees and Netanyahu's allies in the settler's movement.

Former Cheney security aide, Leandro Aragoncillo, an ex-Marine who was arrested while working for the FBI in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, is tied to Michael Ray Aquino and former Philippine President Joseph Estrada. Aquino and Estrada, who were working

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with Aragoncillo in transmitting classified documents on Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo from Cheney's office to Estrada in order to help in his bid to oust Macapagal-Arroyo from office, are also linked to Abramoff. A return of Estrada to power in Manila would have not only benefit Abramoff's casino deals in the Philippines but would have returned to country to the pro-U.S. camp in Iraq and other military initiatives.

Having failed to unseat Macapagal-Arroyo in the Philippines with the assistance of Abramoff's confederates, Cheney's shadow foreign policy is now directed at assuring a Netanyahu win in Israel.

January 12, 2006 -- Informed intelligence sources have informed this editor that he has, since October 2005, been under an active federal criminal investigation as part of the Bush administration's probe of leaks about illegal NSA surveillance of U.S. citizens.

To reiterate what I've stated before: I refuse to cede my First Amendment rights and will not cooperate with ANY grand jury asking questions about



sources and I will refuse to turn over notebooks or other materials to any investigators, warrant or not. I'm willing to become a political prisoner rather than succumb to the fascist thugs in the Bush administration. WMR is working on a number of investigations involving The Carlyle Group, the Fellowship Foundation, and illegal surveillance. We will continue to publish until the Bush administration makes their move to shut us down. Again, your support has helped us to gain enough of a media presence to make the Bush administration nervous.

January 11, 2006 -- In a speech yesterday to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Washington, President Bush decried as "irresponsible the partisan critics who claim that we acted in Iraq because of oil or because of Israel or because we misled the American people." Mr. Bush, this web site has written and offered proof that all three influences resulted in your decision to invade and occupy Iraq, i.e., oil, Israeli expansionists, and the neo-con disinformation and forgery machine. Mr. Bush, your authority to determine what news and commentary is responsible and what isn't concerning Iraq or any

other subject is null and void in this small corner of cyberspace.



Bush in unfamiliar territory: Among "veterans of foreign wars." But Bush will, for the first time, go to Vietnam later this year in order to trade away the jobs of more U.S. foreign war vets to low-wage employers in Vietnam.

January 11, 2006 -- WMR has been asked by readers for further details on the tragic beating death on the evening of January 6 of recently-retired *New York Times* Washington editor David Rosenbaum. At this time, there are no further details other than what have been reported in the major media.

While this editor did not know Rosenbaum, others who did have told me he was a sharp investigator and an extremely nice person. Heartfelt

A vertical banner for "EOTickets.com". The text "EOTickets.com" is written vertically in a stylized, orange, pixelated font. To the right of the text is a black vertical bar containing several categories of tickets: "NFL", "NBA", "Concert Tickets", "Broadway Tickets", "Vegas Tickets", and "NHL". Below these categories is the text "and much more...". At the bottom of the banner is a white circular button with the word "go" in black.

sympathies go out to his family during this terrible time. Rosenbaum extensively covered the Watergate and Iran-contra scandals.

There are some uncomfortable aspects to this case. One is why it took 22 minutes for an ambulance to reach the crime scene in a quiet and crime-free part of northwest Washington. Emergency services gave their response a "Bravo" rating, meaning they considered Rosenbaum's injuries to be less than "Charlie" or "Delta," serious and life-threatening, respectively.

While this case on the surface, may, in fact, have been a case of a brutal robbery resulting in a fatality, it is worth mentioning that DC has, since 2000, been plagued with strange deaths of people involved in intelligence matters such as John Millis (suicide), John Kokal (suicide), Dr. Gus Weiss (suicide), as well as the very strange death of Marvin Bush's employee Bertha Champagne (freak accident). According to State Department and NSA sources respectively, there were no public reports on the suicide last year of a woman named Maureen who worked for the department's important Near East/Asia Press and Public Diplomacy



branch and at least one suicide at NSA that prompted then-Director Michael Hayden to send a letter to all NSA employees regarding at least one suicide within the "NSA family."

This is the report the editor wrote in June 2002 regarding Millis:

House Intelligence Committee Chief Staffer Found Dead

By Wayne Madsen

June 12, 2000 -- On the evening of June 4, 2000, John Millis, the Staff Director for the House of Representatives Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, was found dead in a Fairfax, Virginia motel room from what police termed an apparent suicide. The owners and staff of the motel where Millis's body was discovered are under orders from the Fairfax City police not to discuss the matter with the media. Congressional colleagues of Millis claim the 47-year-old husband and father exhibited no signs of depression.

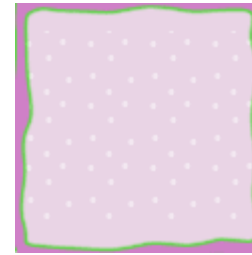
As far as any financial difficulties may be



concerned, congressional records show that Millis's annual salary was \$132,100, an income considered well above average for the Washington, DC area. In addition, there are unconfirmed reports from people close to the intelligence community that Millis had multiple gunshot wounds to the back of his head.

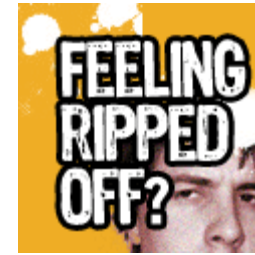
Before assuming his duties as the chief aide to Intelligence Committee Chairman Porter Goss in 1997, Millis spent a number of years in the CIA. He also served as the Executive Staff Assistant to the Director of the NSA and the CIA's chief liaison officer to the signals intelligence agency. While with the CIA, Millis served as a case officer in Pakistan where he was involved in support activities for the Afghan mujaheddin. Before becoming Goss's chief assistant, Millis served as staff director of the House International Relations Committee's Select Subcommittee on the U.S. Role in Iranian Arms Transfers to Croatia and Bosnia. That panel discovered the Clinton administration approved of Iranian arms shipments to Bosnian Muslims at a time when the United States branded Iran as a terrorist state.

Millis was a vocal critic of former CIA director John Deutch. In a February 15,



2000 speech before a Smithsonian Institution gathering, Millis described Deutch as the worst director the CIA ever had. He also claimed Deutch did “major damage” to the CIA’s Operations Directorate.

As a former employee of two major intelligence agencies and the chief staff member of the House Intelligence Committee, Millis would have undergone rigorous high-level security clearance vetting procedures that would have identified any personal life style problems.

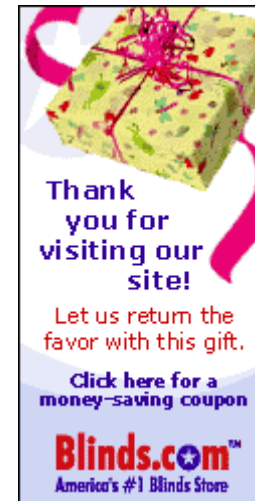


And this report in Dec. 20, 2003:

ALLEGED SUICIDES OF TWO INTELLIGENCE EXPERTS IN DC: MORE THAN COINCIDENCE SAYS FORMER CIA OFFICIAL

By Wayne Madsen

Dec. 20, 2003 -- A former top official of the CIA, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the recent alleged suicide deaths of two high-ranking U.S. intelligence officials, both of whom died in the same manner – falls from Washington, DC buildings – appear to be “more than coincidental.”



On November 7, State Department Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR) Iraqi analyst John J. Kokal, 58, was found dead outside the State Department building. Washington police reported the case a suicide resulting from Kokal's jumping from the roof of the headquarters building. Although the State Department reported that Kokal was not an analyst at INR, State Department insiders report that Kokal not only was a top Iraqi analyst but that he briefed Secretary of State Colin Powell on a regular basis. The Washington Post treated the story as a normal police incident.

On November 25, former National Security Council official Dr. Gus W. Weiss, a known critic of the Bush administration's war in Iraq, was found dead outside a service entrance to Washington's Watergate East residential building where he lived. Police ruled that Weiss had committed suicide by jumping from the roof of the Watergate building. Weiss was a former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space policy under President Jimmy Carter and served on the Signals Intelligence Committee of President Carter's Intelligence Board. Weiss also served as an adviser to the CIA and as a member of the Defense Science Board. Weiss was awarded the



French Legion of Honor in 1975. In a manner reminiscent of The Washington Post's handling of the suspicious automobile crushing death of Marvin Bush's babysitter on September 29, the paper waited until December 7 to report Weiss's suspicious death. In the case of Marvin Bush's babysitter, Bertha Champagne, the Post did not report the incident until October 5.

The fact that both Kokal and Weiss were critics of the Bush administration's Iraq policy should have resulted in much more media attention unless there is a blackout` on coverage of these suspicious deaths. One seasoned Washington intelligence expert said the possibility of official or semi-official "death squads" carrying out assassinations of Bush administration critics cannot be ruled out. "Remember that the Watergate scandal began with the discovery of a single tape, and that brought down an entire administration," said the expert.

January 10, 2006 -- New Orleans: What the media is not reporting and what Congress and the Bush administration are ignoring. Yesterday, two New Orleans journalists, Jason Berry, who writes for *New Orleans* magazine, and

Lolis Eric Elie, columnist for the New Orleans *Times-Picayune*, spoke at the National Press Club in Washington about the real nature of the situation in New Orleans and surrounding parishes.

The picture they painted of the city is sobering. Only some 100,000 people, out of a total population of 467,000, have returned to New Orleans, just a month and a half before the famous Mardi Gras celebrations. However, the national media and their corporate friends in the urban development business, will paint New Orleans during the next Mardi Gras celebration on February 28 as a city coming back from disaster. Nothing could be further from the truth.

On November 24, 2005, WMR reported, "Florida mental health professionals report that hundreds of evacuees scattered along the Florida Panhandle are ticking time bombs due to the effects of post traumatic stress syndrome from both Hurricanes Katrina and Rita." In addition, WMR reported, "These people are from all walks of life, professionals like doctors and lawyers and those who were from the lower end of the economic scale," related one source close to the scene in Florida. He added, "what they have in common is that they've lost everything, including the

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The advertisement is a vertical banner for 'The United States Playing Card Company'. At the top, it features a stack of colorful playing cards and a blue circular logo with a white 'U' and 'S' and a red arrow pointing up. Below this, the company name is written in white on a dark blue background. The main body of the ad is white with various product images and text. It includes 'Poker Sets, including official World Poker Tour™ products' with images of WPT card sets, 'Collectible Cards' with a red heart icon, 'Bridge Sets' with a red diamond icon, and 'KEM Plastic Cards' with a black spade icon. At the bottom, there is a red banner with white text that says 'WEB SPECIALS! FREE Shipping Offer' and a yellow banner with black text that says 'SHOP NOW!'.

will to live." Mental health workers say that some of the evacuees are showing signs that may result in suicides and murder-suicides."

Without regular telephones and dealing with unresponsive insurance companies, New Orleanians and their neighbors in adjoining parishes are living in a "cell phone hell" and experiencing an insurance mudslide, according to Berry.

According to the two New Orleans journalists, post traumatic stress syndrome is taking its toll on people from all walks of life in the storm-ravaged area of the Gulf Coast. Filmmaker Stevenson Palfi, whose credits include, "Piano Players Rarely Play Together," committed suicide on Dec. 14, after having lost most of his property and possessions in Katrina.

Dr. James Kent Treadway, a well-known pediatrician in the Uptown district, also committed suicide in his damaged house on November 16. An increase in suicides is being reported from St. Tammany Parish and incidents of murder-suicides are also increasing among evacuees in Louisiana and Texas. In fact, today, psychoanalysis is one of the few booming businesses in



New Orleans.

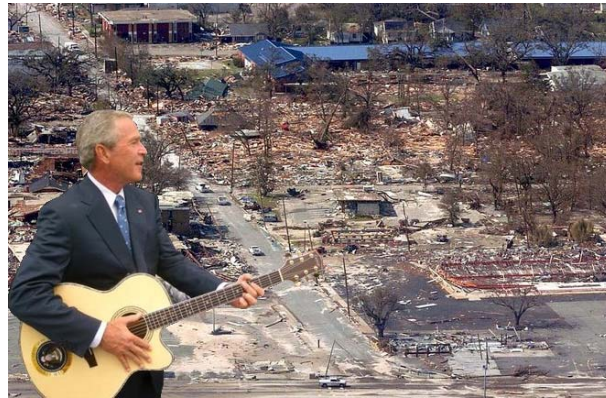
The final death count from Katrina may never be known. Many people were washed out to open waters. There is no one to claim the bodies of the elderly and indigent.

There is a profound sense of abandonment in New Orleans. FEMA has still not started moving transitional housing trailers into the city, preferring to leave residents scattered across the country in evacuation locations. Republican Mississippi received five times as much in Federal aid per household than Louisiana.

The two journalists reported that Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco and New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin muzzled themselves after at first criticizing Bush because the president threatened them with abandonment unless they stopped their criticism of the Federal response. They are apparently petrified of Bush after he threatened them with no assistance.

Berry pointed out that when Hurricane Betsy struck Louisiana in 1965, Democratic Senator Russell Long called President Lyndon Johnson and said, "My people are suffering." Johnson

quickly summoned Long to board Air Force One and they flew from Washington to New Orleans where Johnson personally met with the affected people, black and white, rich and poor. On the other hand, Bush's trip to New Orleans was a publicity stunt punctuated with photo ops with carefully screened evacuees.




**Bush to New Orleans: "Drop Dead!"
And they are.**

People in Louisiana who are trying to pay mortgages on destroyed property are going bankrupt and have little protection for the new bankruptcy law passed by the Congress and pushed by George W. Bush. FEMA assistance is handed out randomly, according to a FEMA official in New Orleans.

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talking about closing half its churches in New Orleans, including some historical churches like St. Augustine, home to the Tomb of the Unknown Slave and the second oldest African-American Catholic church in the United States.

The Army Corps of Engineers is still not doing anything on stopping the loss of the coastal littoral. Before Katrina, Louisiana lost some 40 miles of coastline over the last three decades. Congress has only appropriated \$200 million for a coastal restoration study when \$14 billion is required for coastal restoration and another \$25 billion is needed for Category 5 hurricane levee preparation.

In what may be a deal with the devil, Republican Rep. Richard Baker's Recovery Corporation Bill would buy out destroyed properties from their owners and resell them to exploitative developers. The situation on land re-development is all the more ominous considering that some 300,000 indebted residents are no longer in New Orleans. And in a sign of the times, Nagin and Blanco are not the most important people involved in New Orleans' future. That honorific goes to Joe Canizaro, the head of First Bank & Trust and New



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Orleans most important real estate developers. New Orleans is now suffering under the dictatorship of competing re-development committees.

Bush's rhetoric about the improving national economy rings hollow in New Orleans. New Orleans and the Gulf remain indelible and shameful stains on Bush's otherwise dismal record of leadership and compassion.

January 9, 2006 -- Senior Congressional sources report that convicted GOP lobbyist Jack Abramoff is working behind the scenes with his closest colleagues, American for Tax Reform chief Grover Norquist and White House Deputy Chief of Staff Karl Rove to spread false rumors about Democrats accepting campaign money from Jack Abramoff. In particular, Abramoff, Norquist, and Rove are attempting to ensnare North Dakota Democratic Senator Byron Dorgan in the GOP scandal by claiming he accepted money from Abramoff.

Informed sources report that Dorgan has been singled out by Abramoff, Norquist, and Rove because he is the ranking member on the Senate Indian



Affairs Committee who, along with Sen. John McCain, originally investigated Abramoff's dealings with Indian tribes and tribal casinos that ultimately led to the investigations and indictments of Abramoff and leading Bush administration officials and GOP power brokers.



Some guilty plea agreement! Abramoff continues to work behind the scenes with Karl Rove and Grover Norquist to unfairly implicate Democrats in his extortion and bribery schemes.

However, in Dorgan's home state of North Dakota, Native American concerns are paramount, considering the state's large Indian population. For that reason, Dorgan has long been supported by Native Americans who value his Senate seniority and support for their causes, which are often bottled up by the bureaucratic and unresponsive Interior Department and its Bureau of Indian Affairs. Dorgan, in fact, received contributions from Indian

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tribes who were also represented by Abramoff and his associates, however, Dorgan has long supported programs for Indian education, public health, as well as Federal tribal recognition and there was no quid pro quo as far as Abramoff's dealings were concerned.

But that fact has not stopped the disgraced Abramoff from continuing to work with Norquist and Rove to smear Dorgan and other Democratic senators, including Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada. In fact, Abramoff may be violating his plea agreement by continuing to work behind the scenes with GOP operatives like Norquist and Rove to distort the record on Abramoff's lobbying and illegal funding activities for Republican congressional office holders.

Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean has categorically denied that any Democrat ever accepted any money from Abramoff's coffers and that all of the lobbyist's financial largesse was bestowed on GOP politicians only.

January 9, 2006 -- Air Force Office of Special Investigations (OSI) and other



Nauseater of the Day:

The certifiable Virginia Beach village idiot, Pat Robertson, has struck again with his statement that Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon was smitten by God with a potentially fatal stroke because of his peace initiatives.

Air Force intelligence agents rifle through and tamper with files of retiring veteran Pentagon budget analyst and whistleblower.

Veteran Pentagon budget analyst Ernie Fitzgerald, who has battled every administration from Lyndon Johnson's to George W. Bush's for cost-overruns and other illegal and questionable spending and contracting practices, is set to retire next month.

However, that impending event has spurred the Air Force to seal Fitzgerald's classified files and attempt to purge his unclassified files of embarrassing revelations about wasteful weapons systems ranging from the Boeing C-17 Air Force cargo plane to the Boeing air refueling tanker deal. The Air Force tanker deal resulted in principal deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition and management Darleen Druyun being convicted and jailed for nine months after pleading guilty to an illegal conflict of interest after she joined Boeing upon retirement from the Air Force. Druyun helped Boeing win the tanker contract while she was still an Air Force official. Druyun was considered the "Godmother of the C-17."

The kook Robertson said on his 700 Club TV soapbox that Sharon, who lies in a coma today, deserved what he got for "dividing Israel."

Robertson said of Sharon, "He was dividing God's land, and I would say, 'Woe unto any prime minister of Israel who takes a similar course'"

Although Sharon's past war crimes in Lebanon and Sinai are certainly not worthy of any adulation, his recent embracing of peace with the Palestinians and withdrawal from Gaza make Robertson's comments all the more revolting. Robertson has once again shown his

Fitzgerald's actual title is management systems deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller. In 1973, President Richard Nixon fired Fitzgerald for his revelations that Lockheed's C-5A cargo plane was a waste of money. Fitzgerald successfully sued to get his old job back along with a major financial settlement, part of which helped start the Fund for Constitutional Government, a fund that has financed many investigative journalists, including this editor. Most people primarily remember Fitzgerald for calling the Pentagon out for its ludicrous cost overruns, including \$500 toilet seats for Air Force cargo planes. Fitzgerald is the author of *The High Priests of Waste* and *The Pentagonists*. Revelations by Fitzgerald about Pentagon boondoggles helped prompt the late Senator William Proxmire (Dem-Wisconsin) to issue his annual "Golden Fleece" awards for government rip-offs of the American taxpayers.

There are a lot of defense contractors who would clearly like to see Fitzgerald's voluminous, revealing, and embarrassing records deep-sixed. During the week between Christmas and New Year's Day, a team of U.S. Air Force OSI and Air Force intelligence

apocalyptic cards -- he wants a final cataclysm in the Middle East which will bring about the "rapture" so that Robertson and his addle-brained followers can join Marshall Applewhite and his poisoned apple sauce ingesters on the tail of Comet Hale-Bopp.

During a rare window when the Middle East is ripe for peace with the departure of two old warhorses who despised each other -- Yasir Arafat and Ariel Sharon -- Robertson saw a quick opportunity to throw his evangelical gasoline on the Middle East tinderbox.

Robertson also had the gall to suggest that

officers, led by Col. Linda Smith, descended upon Fitzgerald's office to go through the decades worth of procurement and contract documents and files.



Bush administration rummaging through Pentagon whistleblower Ernie Fitzgerald's Pentagon procurement and fraud files prior to his retirement. The files may not see the light of day at the National Archives

Earlier, Senator Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) had been assured that the unclassified files would be made available to the general public at the National Archives facility in College Park, Maryland. However, it seems the Air Force may have other plans for the files, which include 8-9 banker's boxes on the C-17 and one box of documents on the dealings of Richard Carver, an Undersecretary of the Air Force under

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated for signing the Oslo Peace Accords. Rabin was killed by a Jewish zealot who, according to a former chief of Mossad with whom this editor spoke in 2002, saw his authority in killing Rabin coming from Robertson's ally, Binyamin Netanyahu, the leader of Likud, the party from which Sharon bolted to form the more moderate Kadima Party.

Robertson comments are no different than yelling "fire" in a crowded theater. That is a crime. Robertson's utterances about Sharon and assassinating Venezuela's President

Ronald Reagan and former GOP Mayor of Peoria with whom Fitzgerald tangled incessantly over issues of fraud, waste, and abuse. Other files deal with Lockheed-Martin's questionable C-130J transport plane. There is also a push in Congress to have funding restored for the C-17.



What does the Bush administration have planned for decades worth of files on Defense Department and contractor fraud, waste, and abuse?

Carver is now the board president for the secretive and cultish Fellowship Foundation, a consortium of rich Christian evangelicals headquartered in Arlington, Virginia that uses Jesus Christ as a tax dodging advertising logo and entree into the upper echelons of the U.S. and foreign governments for the purpose of lobbying for big business, particularly the defense industry.

Fitzgerald's decades worth of documents could prove embarrassing

Hugo Chavez are also crimes. Robertson should be arrested, wrapped in a straight jacket, and taken to the Guantanamo U.S. Constitution "phantom zone" so he can't have his Regent University-trained lawyers frivolously tossing the First Amendment around federal courtrooms.

But that is unlikely to happen. Robertson's fellow religious traveler, the Idiot-in-Chief, yesterday said, "I send my sympathy to Ariel Sharon." Its yet another clear indication that our nation is firmly in the hands of crazies and morons.

Robertson, the king of the huckster "Jesus

to a number of defense contractors, including Boeing and Lockheed Martin. Perhaps not coincidentally, the National Archives official put in charge of handling Fitzgerald's files was also on an Air Force procurement team that Fitzgerald earlier investigated for fraudulent and wasteful practices.

January 8, 2006 -- Leaked Swiss intelligence report confirms presence of secret CIA prison facilities in locations reported by WMR on Nov. 11 and Nov. 28, 2005. [Click here](#) for full story at Intelligence Whispers.

January 7, 2006 -- **SPECIAL REPORT.** Add neo-confederates to the ranks of the right-wing neo-conservatives who have taken over the Federal government. The Neo-Confederacy's very own foreign policy apparatus revealed.

The history books teach us that the Confederacy lost the Civil War to the United States of America. That is so. But when one looks at the people who have secured prime positions within the Bush administration, head scratching

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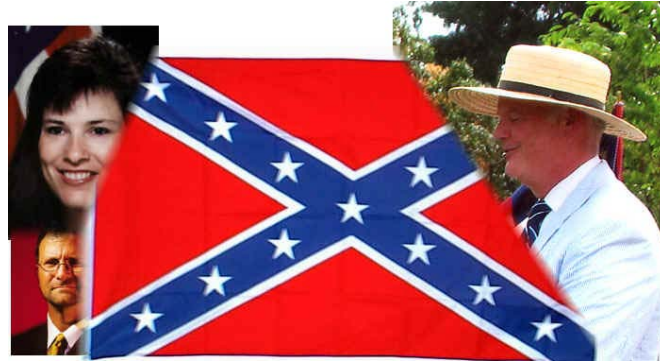
Where in the World is Osama Bin Laden?



Hey, Osama. Been to Mogadooshoo recently?



results about who actually surrendered to whom in 1865 at the Appomattox Court House in Virginia.



Clockwise from top left: Nancy Dorn, Richard Hines, Jack Abramoff.

Read the rest at [Political Chatter After Dark](#).

January 6, 2006 -- Bush summons officials of nine administrations for "re-education" session at the White House. The Gang of Four in the Bush administration -- George W. Bush, Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld, and Condoleezza Rice -- yesterday summoned Secretaries of State and Defense from the Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush I, Clinton, and Bush's first administration for a Roosevelt Room briefing on Iraq by Gen. George Casey, the commander

Bush said Barney was overruled for White House Press Secretary because Scott McClellan is a better lap dog.



Hey Dubya, get used to locked doors. Sort of what your post-presidency will be like.



of U.S. forces in Iraq, and U.S. proconsul in Baghdad, Zalmay Khalilzad. The forty- minute briefing was on how well things are going in Iraq. Their comments came on the same day 11 more U.S. troops were killed in Iraq by suicide bombers and road side explosive devices.

The 40-minute propaganda barrage was followed by a 5 to 10 minute interchange between the past cabinet officers and Bush and his troika of Cheney, Rumsfeld, and Rice. *The New York Times* is reporting today that former Clinton Secretary of State Madeleine Albright criticized Bush for allowing Iraq to distract from major problems with Iran, North Korea, Latin America, and China. Bush, who takes to criticism like a GOP congressman does to an ethics hearing, shot back that his administration "can do more than one thing at a time." (With Bush, that may not include walking and chewing gum).

The briefing was followed by an Oval Office photo op of the former secretaries with Bush and his three war hawk colleagues. Bush called the it a "family picture." It was as if Bush used a virtual time machine to entangle eight past administrations in his imperialist neo-con policy net. Bush, Cheney, Rice,



So that's where we've seen Ohio Congressperp Jean Schmidt before!

Blabber mouth Bill O'Reilly declares war on those who conduct a fantasy "war on Christmas." [Is this the kind of guy](#) you'd want playing Santa Claus?

Now on Sale in the the Bad Taste Department:

There's an ["anti-Zionist" web site](#) calling for the guillotining of WMR's editor (in addition to former UN weapons inspector Scott Ritter and others) for being a

and Rumsfeld quickly left the Oval Office for "other meetings." The stunned former secretaries were left to air their opinions to National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley, a member of Cheney's neo-con clique in the administration.

Albright and Laird have openly criticized Bush's Iraq war. Powell, who has criticized the war through surrogates, remained silent during the White House meeting.



Bush's "Family Picture" with Harold Brown, Lawrence Eagleburger, James Baker III, Colin Powell, James Schlesinger, Rumsfeld, Cheney, Bush, Rice, George Schultz, Melvin Laird, Robert McNamara, Madeleine Albright, Alexander Haig, Frank Carlucci (chairman emeritus of The Carlyle Group), William Perry, and William

suspicious possible agent of "Zionism." Considering the horrible beheading by Pakistani terrorists of *Wall Street Journal* reporter Daniel Pearl, this article is now marked down on the bargain table in "The Right Wing Store's" Bad Taste Department.

The musings of one the nation's greatest journalists ring true today:

"As democracy is perfected, the office of president represents, more and more closely, the inner soul of the people. On some great and glorious day the plain folks of the land will reach their heart's desire at last and the White House will be adorned by a

Cohen. Caspar Weinberger, Henry Kissinger, and Warren Christopher were unable to attend.

downright moron." --
H.L.Mencken

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