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## Rove Spotted In Chattanooga With Brochure For Gwb43.com Nameserver Host. Can We Subpoena The Records Now?

Submitted by [lambert](#) on Fri, 2007-03-30 21:46.

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[NOTE: I should be deferring to [Tom](#) or [Xan](#) on this one, since they've been pushing the story forward, but then this needs to be posted right away, and I've got some drinking to do.]

I guess Karl likes the *personal* touch when he's putting White House email out of subpoena range. And this photo is the first hard evidence we have of his *personal* involvement.

First, the ocular proof:

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Notice the brochure under Rove's arm: That's a **Coptix** logo:



**COPTIX**

Now, who—you may ask—is Coptix? Let's review:

Coptix administers `gwb43.com`'s nameservers. (Rove **privatized his email at `gwb43.com`**, in violation of the Presidential Records Act).

What is a nameserver? Well, there are two ways to get to a site on the Internet. One is to type in the "IP address"—a string of numbers that computers understand. (For example, our IP address is `69.16.233.15`, and if you type that into your browser's address field, you'll end up on our front page.) The second way is to type in the "domain name"—a string that humans can read. (For example, our domain name is

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www.correntewire.com, and, as we've seen, Gaulieter Rove's is gwb43.com.)

But how does a computer understand a domain name? The answer is that a (domain) "name server" takes the human-readable domain name (www.correntewire.com) and translates it to a machine-readable IP address (69.16.233.15), just like a telephone book maps personal names to phone numbers. A nameserver has the additional advantage that the names can remain stable even if the numbers change; just like your name remains the same in the phonebook even if you change your number.

Now, the Intertubes are, still, very open, and controlled, still, by technical wizards who believe in open, transparent information systems. (This is, no doubt, another reason for Our Betters to trash network neutrality and put the Internet under corporate control.) So, given a domain name we can, via the whois server, find out which nameservers administer that domain. Here's the information for gwb43.com:

```
Domain Name:  GWB43.COM
Administrative Contact, Technical Contact:
Republican National Committee  dns@RNCHQ.ORG
310 First Street SE
Washington, DC 20003
US
999 999 9999 fax: 999 999 9999
Record expires on 16-Jan-2008.
Record created on 16-Jan-2004.
Database last updated on 21-Mar-2007 17:45:46 EDT.
Domain servers in listed order:
NS1.CHA.SMARTECHCORP.NET
A.NS.TRESPASSERS-W.NET
```

Now, as [Xan showed](#), the nameserver ("NS" for nameserver) A.NS.TRESPASSERS-W.NET is administered by Coptix—the Chattanooga hosting service whose brochure Rove was carrying under under his fat arm in the photograph above.

So: Karl went out and hired his own, bespoke, [politically wired](#) nameserver company. Of course, Karl would never give business to any company that hadn't [sworn fealty to the authoritarian agenda](#), but I imagine Karl is also getting a level of, erm, personal service that he wouldn't get from a fiddy-dollar administrator like GoDaddy or Yahoo or whatever. And it would be irresponsible not to speculate what those services were:

1. Trivially, namespace administration is one of those niggling, paperwork-type tasks that everyone puts off, but forget to renew your domain name, and your carefully

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crafted online identity gets hijacked by some DFH  [parodist](#) or a cybersquatter who sells it to an [Australian porn farm](#). (Not that there's anything wrong with that.) When that kind of awkwardness happens, [Shooter's not pleased](#). So it's nice to have an administrator that watches that kind of stuff for you.

2. As we saw above, the phone number for [gwb43.com](#), the domain that Coptix administers for (presumably) Karl, is listed this way:

999 999 9999 fax: 999 999 9999

So, either Karl gave Coptix a false phone number ([which is illegal](#), since it would only help terrorists), or Coptix is concealing the number for them. (I wonder how [ICANN](#) would feel about that?).


3. Nameserver administrators also provide [email forwarding](#), which is the equivalent of call-forwarding on the Intertubes. So, if Karl wanted to store all his email safely offshore in, oh, American Samoa or Guam, then Coptix would be the company to do that for him.

4. If a new nameserver needs to be swapped in, it's easy and quick to do with a single phone call.

5. All the administrative details—contact information, payment details, change privileges—can be placed in the hands of ~~people Karl owns~~ trusted individuals.

6. As a consequence, it's much easier for Karl to [instantly have records destroyed](#) with a phone call to a minion; Godaddy and the rest just aren't set up to do that.

There are probably other reasons, but those are the ones that occur to me. Readers?

Now, in a unique twist, we actually had somebody claiming to be from Coptix comment on the blog. (I'm glad the word Fuck  doesn't put everybody off.) “[Jeff](#)” [Jeff?!?!] said:

Hey folks, Jeffrey here at Coptix. I appreciate the fun of a good Internet egg hunt / goose chase, but I'm glad to give you some hints if you need them. You found our info address, so I'm kind of wondering why you're not just writing asking what we know? So... maybe I shouldn't spoil the fun up front by telling you that there's **no significant GWB43 connection on our side** - I'll wait until you write and ask... Peace out! jeffrey at coptix dot com if you want to email me directly.

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Well, “Jeff,” the photos show differently. Want to contact us, and explain what the weasel words “no significant connection” really mean?

NOTE 1 Monster hat tip to [alert reader J](#), who spotted the photos at [The Gidcumbs \(Matthew 23:25, guys\)](#).

NOTE 2 “Jeff”: Obviously, it’s a complete waste of time asking any Republican what they “know” because they lie all the time ([Psalms 31:18](#)). Simple as that.

NOTE 3 Leahy should send a letter to Coptix toot sweet to make sure they don’t destroy any records. Of course, “Jeff,” a comment from you saying that of course you’ll preserve all records would be most welcome.

NOTE 4 So, if [Democratic Underground’s](#) servers can be seized by the Feds, can’t Coptix’s?

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### ***Jeff!***

Submitted by [scarshapedstar](#) on Fri, 2007-03-30 22:33.

hahaha, the legendary hacker xXx\*=-.8\_Inches\_Cut.-=\*xXx has made an appearance!  
It’s like the worst William Gibson novel evar.

*But I still believe*

*And I will rise up with fists!!*

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### ***This Is A SETI Project Indeed***

Submitted by [xan](#) on Fri, 2007-03-30 22:59.

SETI (Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence) was one of the first setups to take a mass of data normally requiring a teraflop computer to analyze, breaking it into little packages, and letting anybody sign up to use spare computing cycles (when the machine is on but not in use) to analyze that little bit for anything resembling—in SETI’s case—a radio signal displaying regularity that might indicate alien contact.

Point being, there’s more than enough crap in this pile to keep many, many people’s pitchforks busy digging for quite some time to come. Lambert, great catch and thanks to you for promoting it and J for sending it in. I’ll try some Chattanooga people I know

over at Casa l'Orange, and see if we can ID this diner. Only place i ever ate there was some fern bar downtown by the aquarium, and this is sure not that.

Jeff's communique tried to imply that Coptix was strictly a backup for SmartTech's data. I fear he rather overdid the 'nothing to see here, these are not the 'droids you're looking for' tone in his note, so I am dubious. Sorry but when your company's name comes up on the WhoIs report, You Is Who Is.

However it may be that this is yet another dodge; SmartTech is evidently a spinoff or some sort of sister company of something called GovTech. Based in Ohio, oddly enough. I've been off running down what may be a totally dead end lead on some Abramoff stuff and haven't dug into this hard yet. Anybody wants to take a crack at it, feel free to post results here. We need to keep this stuff together so remember to put a "gbw43.com" tag on it.

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### ***The Name Of The Diner: Porkers***

Submitted by [lambert](#) on Fri, 2007-03-30 23:07.

Some things are [too good to be true](#).

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### ***Feb. 22 2007. Joint Called "Porkers BBQ"***

Submitted by [xan](#) on Fri, 2007-03-30 23:19.

[Fun Day for a 28 Percenter](#).

excuse me, I must go be ill.

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### ***That's What I Get***

Submitted by [xan](#) on Fri, 2007-03-30 23:21.

for taking a few minute off to watch the start of the only version of "House" I get to see any more, the USA station reruns. Local FOX (TV, not news) station is totally unviewable from my location 40 miles away, but they won't give me a waiver to get the national one.

Assholes. All I want is this one show anyway.

grumble.

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### ***Rove Made A Hell Of A Hike***

Submitted by xan on Fri, 2007-03-30 23:44.

Location of [Coptix](#) (Google map).

Location of [Porkers BBQ](#). Over the river and through the woods, and down the side of a mountain in this case as well.

Coptix is not even technically IN Chattanooga but a little burg called Lookout Mountain. They're even in competition to do the town's new [website](#) (scroll down to bottom of news story)

Point being, Rove was not just wandering blithely along with Dear Leader and in a moment of boredom wandered into some random software shop to pick up some reading material because it was next door to Porkers. He either met somebody from the firm or made a special separate trip up the mountain—although I rather suspect the former as the latter would have required a separate motorcade and SS efforts and generally been conspicuous, which I doubt was desired.

But this was barely a month ago. Nobody but ePluribusMedia was on this story then, but still a goddam sloppy job to get caught on camera toting around promotional material from one's private super-secret data and email dump site.

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### ***Cool Find***

Submitted by intranets on Sat, 2007-03-31 09:40.

Tell Jeffrey T. Cross, that anyone who is such a mega fan of Ann Coulter can't be all that bad... [http://www.chattanooga.com/articles/article\\_65133.asp](http://www.chattanooga.com/articles/article_65133.asp)

I'm guessing Rove was down there with some great Corker plan. That's where I'd start googling. All roads lead back to Rove and ST3 and NMC.

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### ***Intranets, That's A Little Cryptic***

Submitted by lambert on Sat, 2007-03-31 09:50.

ST3 googles to [SmartTech](#).

NMC? The [Northern Marianas College](#) offers Internet hosting?

I do note that Corker has had problems of his own [with "losing" email](#).

And thanks for the "light-hearted" Ann Coulter link — you had me going there, for a minute...

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### ***Jeez, That Is A Great Find!! I Missed The Source Somewhere***

Submitted by luaptifer (click to add to your moonbat list) (not verified) on Sat, 2007-03-31 10:38.

in your post, where'd it come from?

You all do great stuff here at correntewire. I really need to dig more deeply cause I've been here previously but not frequently enough to catch your virtual trips to Chattanooga.


Very cool!

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### ***Coptix***

Submitted by intranets on Sat, 2007-03-31 11:00.

Well, Coptix has been around 8 yrs, and Chattanooga ain't that big. So NextLEC, ST3, etc. has to tie in. I'm not sure if the new Coptix is a young, hip, anti-Smartech, or if it is all an act. (Jeffrey might tell us??)

Anyways the short story is somehow fiber ended up in Chattanooga and people were trying to find \*something\* to put on all the phat bandwidth. So eventually the GOP comes along wanting to stream the RNC, and the rest is VRWC -history. Like cockroaches of corruption they never left. (Sent that Cinn. VC guy down to takeover ST3 and take care of Bush's interests)

So, the question is what part did Coptix play? Clearly they are still in bed with Rovellian folks.. (I wonder if NMC pissed off Rove and he was courting new web designer...)

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### ***NMC = Our Shorthand For New Media Communications***

Submitted by [luaptifer](#) ([click to add to your moonbat list](#)) (not verified) on Sat, 2007-03-31 11:01.

on the private side of ePluribus, we tend to abbreviate quite alot.

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### ***The Source Is In The Post, Luaptifer***

Submitted by [lambert](#) on Sat, 2007-03-31 11:02.

In a NOTE, right next to the Bible verses.

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### ***FWIW, There's A Cheney Connection To Chattanooga***

Submitted by [xan](#) on Sat, 2007-03-31 11:06.

Or more technically to Chickamauga. This goes back some years but at least a couple of times he's come to the park "just as a humble tourist to see where his grandfather fought", which of course the way that park is laid out (major local highway, Lafayette Rd., runs smack through the middle of it) they had to shoo all the real tourists out and close the whole thing for the Royal Visitation.

I can go back and dig out dates if anybody's interested, but thought I'd mention it.

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### ***Dear Me***

Submitted by [lambert](#) on Sat, 2007-03-31 11:18.

Well, I'm sure [this](#) is all completely open and above board:

The State of Ohio's real-time, streaming election results are first diverted through Chattanooga, TN, to a GOP-only web firm [SmartTech] and the servers currently hosting georgewbush.com, as well as other key Republican web sites.

I seem to recall wearing the foil about real time results delivered via the web in Mexico's recent Federal election, too....

Eesh. This is all reminding me of a long ago Homicide show, where Andre Braugher and his partner are driving down the street, typical row houses in Baltimore, and Andre asks the other guy (white, wet behind the ears) “What do you see?” And his partner says something like “Houses, mailboxes...” And Andre explains that a criminal sees mailboxes *that he can open to steal Social Security checks* and so on. A landscape of opportunity for crime. And that’s how the Republicans see everything, and the Internet in particular.

I’m a little concerned that we’re all getting enmeshed in the detail and losing the big picture, which is why I ended up writing the detail headline that I did.

Maybe the **the bottom line** can be put this way:

The administration wanted to put all White House electronic communication beyond the rule of law. So Rove privatized it, using the business contacts and technical infrastructure from his campaign Rolodex. End of story. And if we can get our hands on it, the whole secret history of the administration will be ours.

(Why didn’t Nixon destroy the tapes?)

I’m guessing that Rove must have been the goto guy in the White House for networking, because he used that technology in his campaigns. Cheney’s lawyers are tasked with destroying the constitution, Rove is charged with the technical infrastructure for doing it, Condi’s just a front person, and the DOD and the intelligence communities are essentially unsupervised, except when Rove wants something from them.

Basically, it’s like what happens when the mob takes over a legitimate business.

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### ***Fix The Tag***

Submitted by [intranets](#) on Sat, 2007-03-31 12:07.

You might want to fix typo, the tags are harder to use that way (gbw43.com).

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On the NM/OH election results, I think you might want to check Florida SOS webpage in Netcraft, may have also followed the same fate.

Chew on this (from Campaign Advantage):

As Campaign 2000 drew to a dramatic close in December 2000, the new influence of the Internet in politics was evident in subtle but significant ways. For example, Al Gore would have conceded the presidential race in the wee hours of November 8th if an aide had not been tracking the election returns on the Florida Secretary of State's website.

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ergo, the only reason it went to Supreme Court was SOS website. Rove wouldn't make same mistake in 2004.

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### ***It's About The Fiber***

Submitted by [intranets](#) on Sat, 2007-03-31 12:14.

Some local Chattanooga entrepreneur got the smart idea to buy up a ton of fiber rights, or dark fiber or something. Anyways, at some point (contracts? maybe related to I75 corridor project) there was a mini-boom in Chattanooga tech companies, and they had to put something on all that bandwidth. First got on the map with Woodstock, then RNC streaming. Then full Bush-buddy takeover after bankruptcy.

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### ***House Oversight / Henry Waxman***

Submitted by [joejoejoe](#) (not verified) on Sat, 2007-03-31 13:22.

You should share this information directly with the Rep. Henry Waxman of the House Oversight committee. Waxman subpoenaed former Rove assistant Susan Ralston to discuss "...why White House officials used Republican National Committee and other non-governmental e-mail accounts to communicate with Mr. Abramoff and his associates about official government business."

<http://oversight.house.gov/story.asp?ID=1235>

Rep. Waxman - In Washington, D.C.  
2204 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
(202) 225-3976 (phone)

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## ***Realtime And Networking The RNC***

Submitted by luaptifer (click to add to your moonbat list) (not verified) on Sat, 2007-03-31 13:46.

Re:

I seem to recall wearing the foil about real time results delivered via the web in Mexico's recent Federal election, too....

We didn't have much chance to chase it too far but as it was hitting the fan there, a couple folks at epluribus looked into how much of the US conjob was involved in the Mexican story. I seem to remember that we or others (maybe at DU) saw links to one or more of the 'political consultants' in the 'Rupt Wing.

I'm guessing that Rove must have been the goto guy in the White House for networking, because he used that technology in his campaigns.

We're rolling out more of our research in coming days and weeks that supports the story we presented in [\[UPDATE\] The GOP, GeorgeWBush.com and the line that jumped the Congressional Firewall](#). Todd Johnston is breaking out our timeline of the principal, Connell, to show that his place in the Bush machine goes back to the late 80s.

We can't say Connell has lots to do inside the White House (NMC aka GovTechSolutions did Results.gov for Bush which now maps to whitehouse.gov/results/ I think) but Rove's reach in the other direction across the firewall and into coptix space is into terrain where Connell farmed his own domains before moving to Smartech proper.

If you've not seen the first installment of the timeline, Part I - [Who is Michael L. Connell? Part I: The Atwater School of Politics](#), while Part II is expected...well yesterday but we're trying to nail a couple of items into it.

Btw, thanks for pointing me to your obvious link of the Rove-pic source! Only two cups of coffee preceded my first read and 50% of my caffeine RDA is clearly insufficient!

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## ***Be Careful. That Photo***

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified) on Sat, 2007-03-31 14:28.

Be careful. That photo could be photoshopped to throw you off on a wild trail. Remember Dan Rather.

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### ***Care Is Always Indicated***

Submitted by [lambert](#) on Sat, 2007-03-31 14:45.

I agree, the photo does come from a Christianist [site](#), so caution is indicated; this could be disinformation.

However, if disinformation *were* to be involved, it seems unlikely to me that Rove would be in the picture.

1. Suppose that Rove isn't responsible for the email scandal, but somebody else is. Would Rove really sacrifice himself? I don't think do. (Remember that in the Rather case, Rove worked through a "cut out.")

2. Suppose that the "Coptix" folder is there to throw us off the trail — that another vendor is involved, and Coptix is a front, or a false trail. In that case, why put Rove in the picture? Why not have the folder lying loose on a table? (At the site, there's a pile of books that would have been perfect for this.)

So, while we must never underestimate how devious the enemies of the Constitution can be, or their obfuscatory abilities, in this case I haven't been able to construct a scenario.

Can you think of a similar case in the past, where Rove was personally involved, instead of being behind the scenes?

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### ***Legitimacy Of Photo***

Submitted by [Thad Beier \(not verified\)](#) on Sat, 2007-03-31 15:22.

I'm just a visual effects guy, not a photo-interpreter, but the photo looks legit to me, at least as far as the having the folder under his arm goes. All the shadows and edges look very consistent with the rest of the image. The JPEG artifacts around the COPTIX logo seem well-aligned with the artifacts in the rest of the image.

Of course, a professional could fake it if they thought it worthwhile to do so.

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### ***Drag 'em Up To The Hill!***

Submitted by Ralph.E (not verified) on Sat, 2007-03-31 15:43.

Leahy needs to subpoena the Coptix & Smartech server records and execs asap. Looks like Coptix is [partnered up](#) with The Times Free Press who's publisher and Executive Editor is former Reagan White House Communications Director [Tom Griscom](#).

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### ***Corroboration***

Submitted by kelley b on Sat, 2007-03-31 16:03.

There *are* some very clear face pics in that photo.

While they're all likely card-carrying Rethuglicans, I wonder if anyone could be convinced by the likes of Mr. Waxman to testify exactly what Mr. Rove was doing?

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[Above us, only sky](#)

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### ***Gwb43.com Flying Dark?***

Submitted by melior (not verified) on Sat, 2007-03-31 16:13.

Domain name GWB43.COM no longer resolves where I am located, however a tracert of RNCHQ.ORG does indeed route to a smarttechcorp.net server.

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### ***Maybe You Got Gamed***

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified) on Sat, 2007-03-31 16:53.

Maybe it was just done to see if you'd bite.

Maybe there was no political intent at all.

Maybe it was simply an early April Fool's joke by bored techies seeking a credulous audience.

And maybe the Ann Coulter in that photo is not the hater you love to hate.

Maybe that was about a candidate for Mayor.

Maybe all the map reading might as well have been tea-leaf reading, for all the sense it

makes on the ground in Chattanooga.

You could look it up.

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### ***“Point Being, There’s***

Submitted by riiiiiiightie (not verified) on Sat, 2007-03-31 17:01.

“Point being, there’s more than enough crap in this pile to keep many, many people’s pitchforks busy digging for quite some time to come.”

Yep. The ultimate diversion, if you ask me.

Can’t believe anyone would get sucked in. This is so over-the-top it has to be a plant.

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### ***Waterboard The Little Faggot***

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified) on Sat, 2007-03-31 17:17.

Waterboard the little faggot until he tells us that Cheney was Ops Mgr on 911.

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### ***The Connections Continue***

Submitted by ralphe on Sat, 2007-03-31 17:24.

Found this over on [CoolAqua](#), but it looks like some Coptix exec is [affirming the connection](#), and he [calls himself](#) “hawkish” and a Bush supporter.

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### ***Copies Of Dirty Emails***

Submitted by R. Manhammer (click to add to your moonbat list) (not verified) on Sat, 2007-03-31 17:32.

I’m wondering if we can’t recover the dirty emails in question by examining the backup files for the intervening email servers. GWB43 can destroy all the files they want, but unless the technology has changed substantially in the last ten years, email gets backed up on all the servers it crosses.

Or have I been sniffing the freshly mowed grass again?

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## ***That Would Be The "J" For "Jeff" Theory***

Submitted by [lambert](#) on Sat, 2007-03-31 18:04.

The problem is... The whois data as well.

And if it's a joke — Well, we'll just forward it on to Karl.

Great PR for Coptix, too, "Jeff"...

On the other hand, I was careful to leave a thank you comment on the website of the people who posted the photos, and that they haven't responded... Well, maybe the whole thing is a shell game. Who know? I guess we'll find out.

NOTE Um, I was aware that the Ann Coulter in the photo was not "the" Ann Coulter, as a reading of the thread would show.

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## ***Clearly Real***

Submitted by [intranets](#) on Sat, 2007-03-31 19:00.

Why is anyone talking about this being fake? The most scary comment is from the Coptix employee who noticed the Coptix folder in Feb '07. (Why wasn't the photo scrubbed back then? Rove won't be happy).

And I thought Slovakia was weird...

Posted by: [brynne](#) at February 23, 2007 08:44 AM

If these nutjobs can admit to that crypticly, then clearly they are connected to NMC folks and IRI / USAID crap they were involved with in int'l electioneering (before they got involved in Mexico)

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## ***The Fonts***

Submitted by [Webster Hubble Telescope \(click to add to your moonbat list\) \(not verified\)](#) on Sat, 2007-03-31 19:11.

But the fonts on the logo are not real so therefore it is a fake. You can tell by the kerning !!!

Call the Powerwhiners!

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### ***"Why Is Anyone Talking About This Being Fake?"***

Submitted by [kelley b](#) on Sat, 2007-03-31 20:21.

The same reason you will find commenters all over the progressive blogsite constantly saying, “Move along, these aren’t the ‘droids you’re looking for.”

Unfortunately for them, Alec Guinness was the only one who could play that Jedi mind trick, and since his death, he’s gotten stronger than the Rovian Rethuglicans could possibly imagine.

But give ‘em a break. They’re only trying to earn their pay.

[\*No Hell below us\*](#)

[\*Above us, only sky\*](#)

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### ***Yup, Kelley B. And The "nothing Here So Don't Bother Looking"***

Submitted by [xan](#) on Sat, 2007-03-31 21:20.

is a bit less than subtle, dontcha think?

Hell, I don’t care what they tell us. Doesn’t matter in the slightest. True, false, over under sideways down misleading? So what? It’s what they tell the guys with the subpoenas, and the real experts of the e-Jedi who know how to discover things off any storage medium from carved stone forward.

Or else they have to say “Gee, we accidentally dropped those into the crater last month when we were on a totally innocent family vacation at Mt. Etna!” and let’s see how well *that* goes over.

In fact they’re in infinitely more trouble if the records—which we know exist from any number of already-submitted pieces of evidence, from Abramoff’s investigation and trial to the ongoing USA hatchet job—really have been scrubbed out of existence. Because then the way the present laws are written wherein you pretty much have to prove your innocence if accused of some things, they have no proof to offer.

SOL is I believe the expression the young people use. Then their defense that “We’re just an innocent data storage company, honest!” falls rather splat on the sidewalk, and *they* take the fall for obstruction of justice, destruction of evidence, etc.

Rove, dropping them like the used wads of tissue they are, ceases to sweat and walks away free as usual, leaving the folks at the SmartTech and GovTech and Coptix level to try to pick up the wreckage of their lives, fortunes and reputations.

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### ***Optics Of Rove And Coptix***

Submitted by CV (not verified) on Sat, 2007-03-31 21:43.

Red Herring Alert!

Notice the smug little smile?

xan caught this in the second comment: “I fear he rather overdid the ‘nothing to see here, these are not the ‘droids you’re looking for’ tone in his note, so I am dubious.”

Then, from lambert’s comment: “The State of Ohio’s real-time, streaming election results are first diverted through Chattanooga, TN, to a GOP-only web firm [SmartTech] and the servers currently hosting georgewbush.com, as well as other key Republican web sites.”

MC Rove walks into an upscale lunch hole with a folder with letters an inch high saying where he’s been, little grin at some inner joke.

That report is his verification that everything scary is wiped from Coptix’s passthrough. What you seek will not be found in Greater Chattanooga. Rove to Guantanamo.

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### ***But Have You Ever Seen Rove Without A Smirk?***

Submitted by lambert on Sun, 2007-04-01 01:27.

Plus, do you really think they would let Rove walk into a diner without clearing it? The photos were taken by Chattanooga locals who don’t seem to have an axe to grind, and they’ve been out on the web since February...

Guess we’d really have to do more digging on the guys who posted the original photos; if this is disinformation, they’ll have left some sort of trail.

UPDATE Fortunately, yesterday, the day of this post, was March 31.

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### ***On Se Neen Vaarin***

Submitted by xan on Sun, 2007-04-01 01:37.

I refer all the wise, witty and ever so concerned trolls commenters who have taken time out of their busy, attorney-calling days to favor us with their deep, deep worry that we are wasting our time on this matter to [The Helsinki Complaints Choir](#). I think they mention us too, around about the 3.51 point in the tape. It's a tad metaphorical, mind you, but still apropos if you think about it.

:) Go jump in a fjord, Karl.

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### ***Trespassers-W?***

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified) on Sun, 2007-04-01 02:12.

“Domain servers in listed order:  
NS1.CHA.SMARTECHCORP.NET  
A.NS.TRESPASSERS-W.NET”

Am I the only one who noticed that “Trespassers-W” is also the phrase written on the sign outside Winnie the Pooh’s house?

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### ***On Se Neen Vaarin***

Submitted by CV (not verified) on Sun, 2007-04-01 02:30.

I wouldn't say this should be ignored, sounds like SmarTech ought to get some serious scrutiny, but this just seems like a little “FcukYou” from Karl. Just too blatant to be accidental, showing off a local business' name and all, makes me wonder what his motivation is.

Maybeing too cynical.

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### ***Demand FULL HEADERS On Those Gwb43.com Emails***

Submitted by b (not verified) on Sun, 2007-04-01 06:16.

We need to know the **full headers** of those emails.

People keep saying they were sent through GWB43.com ‘servers’ and ‘accounts’. But they may have been injected to the Coptix-run server via a White House mail gateway.

A gateway server is different from an email posting server.

Surely even if just a WH gateway is used, records are required to be kept.

This enlarges the scandal.

Why? Because sending government emails through non-government accounts is one crime. Installing a wiping machine to remove records of emails sent through the email gateway (recording only those that make it to the government posting server) would be another crime.

The Message-ID header should identify the gateway server, assuming no forgery has occurred. Which assumption may be false.

Whatever, spread the word: we want FULL HEADERS.

b

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### ***"no Significant Connection"***

Submitted by intranets on Sun, 2007-04-01 06:31.

Hey jeff at Coptix.. I was wondering about [this little easter egg](#).

I'd email you directly, but my RNC Blackberry is on the fritz.

I realize you'll probably claim to only being a nameless, faceless, associationless DNS service.. But, when you actually read some of your nome de plume's scratchings, it sounds like you might be up to a little campaignin'. (Or maybe it was the big Rove smirk that got me thinking that way)

Can you at least give me the inside scoop on corker and/or how you folks down there hit chatta-gold and came into the most powerful OC-3 lines in the free world?

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### ***No Subpoenas Will Be Issued***

Submitted by Paul T (not verified) on Sun, 2007-04-01 08:59.

Nobody will receive a subpoena. This will be another story that will fall down the Mainstream media's memory hole. After all, censorship is becoming America's favorite past-time. The US gov't (and their corporate friends), already detain protesters, ban books like "America Deceived" [America Deceived \(book\)](#) from Amazon and

Wikipedia, and fire 21-year tenured, BYU physics professor Steven Jones because he proved explosives, thermite in particular, took down the WTC buildings. The Rove e-mails will never see the light of day.

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### ***Jackpot!***

Submitted by [ralphe](#) on Sun, 2007-04-01 09:23.

Holy-shite. It looks like [Coptix](#) provides some kind of services to the chickenhawk rag [The Patriot Post](#) aka “The Conservative Journal of Record, or “Publius Press”, whatever that moniker means. Look at the domain registration info:

Technical Contact ID: GODA-17488922  
Technical Contact Name: Jeffrey Thomas  
Technical Contact Organization: Publius Press Inc  
Technical Contact Address1: P.O. Box 507  
Technical Contact City: Chattanooga  
Technical Contact State/Province: Tennessee  
Technical Contact Postal Code: 37402  
Technical Contact Country: United States  
Technical Contact Country Code: US  
Technical Contact Phone Number: +1.4238226850  
Technical Contact Email: domains@federalist.com  
Technical Application Purpose: P1  
Technical Nexus Category: C21  
Name Server: A.NS.COPTIX.COM  
Name Server: B.NS.COPTIX.COM

Is this Jeffrey Thomas the same Jeffrey that supposedly left a comment earlier?

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### ***The Details***

Submitted by [Jalaluddin \(not verified\)](#) on Sun, 2007-04-01 10:01.

Lambert: The Devil is in the details.

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### ***See The Gwb43.com Tag For Other Research, Jeffrey***

Submitted by [lambert](#) on Sun, 2007-04-01 10:15.

In particular the comments [here](#). There are others besides Publius...

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### ***Ralphe: Jackpot? Why?***

Submitted by xan on Sun, 2007-04-01 10:29.

The guy hosts a publishing company. So what? I mean, it's nice to see he has *some* legitimate businesses to carry on with after his gravy train of RNC money dries up, which it will in any case now that it's been exposed.

Hell, for that matter, I have no objection whatever to the RNC having websites to promote their various campaigns and objectives, loathesome as I may consider their candidates and objectives to be. First Amendment, remember? Rah rah. Wave flag, etc.

We just object to the flagrant violation of the Hatch Act and numerous other statutes, not to mention every code of ethics from the Code of Hammurabi on down, represented by everything we're classifying under the head of "gwb43.com". Which is hosted/enabled by SmartTech/Coptix, which is why we're giving them a hard time.

That's all. :)

Unless you know of some seditious, treasonous, conspiratorial or otherwise criminal material being written in this "Publius" thing, I don't see its relevance. Sorry.

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### ***Maybe That Folder Is A Looking Glass***

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified) on Sun, 2007-04-01 12:15.

Maybe a story (or an image) can be partially true.

Maybe not everybody cares about politics.

Maybe most people see what they expect to see.

Maybe recognition of ambiguity, uncertainty, nuance, chance, humor, cultural differences and mixed motives are part of the toolkit for distinguishing conspiracies from conspiracist thinking.

Maybe there's a rabbit in that hole, but maybe there are also moles with other agendas digging side tunnels.

Maybe April 1 is a good time to ponder how to know what's true.

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### ***Thinking The Same Thing***

Submitted by doug r (not verified) on Sun, 2007-04-01 12:28.

No kidding. I was thinking the same thing about how many servers email runs through. Also, Blackberrys run through a Canadian server-pretty sure Canucks back up their shit.

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### ***Well, That Would Be Amusing, Wouldn't It?***

Submitted by lambert on Sun, 2007-04-01 13:29.

A disinformation campaign run by Coptix and a web site, apparently of ordinary Chattanoogaans, posting doctored photos. I guess it would have been the photos of cute babies that made me too trusting. Then again, generally when we get Christianist<sup>?</sup> operatives posting here, they try to convert us. That hasn't happened here, so possibly the site is not genuine, or doesn't look at their referrals. Then again, maybe the Bible verses I posted served as a prophylactic.

No, but seriously, if that's happening, that would be an even bigger story, would it not? The handwriting would be just like the Rather case, where when CW<sup>?</sup> agreed that *one* datapoint on Bush's military service was discredited, *all* where. Mission accomplished!

And it would have been a long-running operation too, since the Rove photo was originally put up back in February. If so, kudos to the party of Alice in Wonderland! They may not be able to run a government or win wars, but they can Ratfuck<sup>?</sup> with the best of them!

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### ***Maybe Falling In Love With Your Own Thesis Is Unhealthy***

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified) on Sun, 2007-04-01 14:32.

Maybe everything doesn't tie together neatly.

Maybe "gotcha" is an infectious disease that kills skepticism.

Maybe there are real, full-dimensional human beings, who actually own telephones and have credible histories, who could be consulted.

Maybe we need critical thinking classes in public schools.

Maybe an individual could independently administer a remedial course for adults.

Maybe this individual is in general agreement with you.

Maybe not.

Maybe that doesn't matter.

Maybe sometimes, all you get is the truth.

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### ***Maybe The Intertubes Are Full Of Concern Trolls***

Submitted by [lambert](#) on Sun, 2007-04-01 14:43.

I guess we'll find out!

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