



Terry Nichols is led to a second trial in Oklahoma City for involvement in the Murrah Building bombing.



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## State Brings Case Against Convicted OKC Accomplice

## Second Nichols Trial Begins Amidst Judge's Admonitions to Prosecution for Incompetence

By Pat Shannan

**P**rosecutors fumbled badly at the outset of the Terry Nichols state trial for the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, prompting an irate judge to threaten to throw the case out.

Judge Steven Taylor said it is "inexcusable" that prosecutors allowed two cousins of a state's attorney to sit on the jury when the trial began March 22 in McAlester, Okla. Taylor threw out two jurors and an alternate—all cousins of a state's attorney—before allowing the trial to proceed.

Taylor said he would dismiss the case if he runs out of alternates before deliberations begin, Taylor said.

Taylor warned state prosecutors he would also throw the case out if he believes prosecutors are withholding

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# Media Coverage of Iraq War Called 'Shameful' by Peers

## U.S. Military 'Happy' With Its Control Over Iraq War Information

By Christopher Bollyn

**I**n the ongoing Iraq conflict, there is a growing realization among mainstream newsmen that they have failed the American public, but the U.S. military is happy with the way it controlled information through its program of embedding journalists with soldiers.

Those are just some of the outspoken assertions from a three-day *Media at War* conference at the University of California (Berkeley) School of Journalism. In attendance were Hans Blix, the former chief U.N. weapons inspector, Joseph Wilson, former U.S. ambassador to Iraq and a host of senior journalists and editors from the U.S. and abroad.

Serious criticism of the role of the U.S. media came from two leading journalists—Robert Scheer of *The Los Angeles Times*, who is a visiting professor at the journalism school, and John Burns, *The New York Times* bureau chief in Baghdad.

Scheer pulled no punches in making the following condemnation of his own profession: "This has been the most shameful era of American media. The media has been sucker-punched completely by this administration."

In making his contribution to the conference by phone from Baghdad, John Burns was equally forthright about where the blame should lie:

"We failed the American public by being insufficiently critical about elements of the administration's plan to go to war."

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**Photo above right: Author Robert Scheer poses during a book and film party for *The Five Biggest Lies Bush Told Us About Iraq*. Scheer blasted his colleagues recently for their irresponsible reporting on the Iraq conflict.**

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## AFP Reporter Jailed, Then Released, by U.S. Military Police

## U.S. MPs Detain Christopher Bollyn While Researching Story in Germany

By Christopher Bollyn

**G**ARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, Germany. While researching a story for a series on foreign military bases for *American Free Press*, I was detained and held by U.S. military police without explanation. My detention by American soldiers in Germany highlights the difference between the controlled press and *American Free Press*.

In this idyllic Bavarian Alpine town the U.S. Army has a large base for its 6th Area Support Team (AST), which supports the Pentagon's 10-year-old Marshall Center and its College of International and Security Studies.

Created by former Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney in November 1992 as "an element of the U.S. European Command," the Marshall Center's mission is to "provide defense education" to defense officials, policy makers, diplomats, journalists and academics from across

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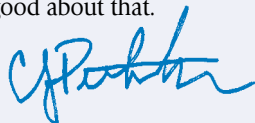
**PERSONAL**

**From the Editor**

THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA HAS "FAILED the American public." This damning assessment was not related by media critics, professional cynics or even us. It was articulated by seasoned newsmen who are all part of the Establishment—reporters and editors from *The Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times* and others at a recent journalism conference.

But let's make one thing clear: It wasn't the entire U.S. media that let down Americans. It was only the top dollar Establishment news media that provided the fertile ground for the Bush administration's exaggerations and prevarications. *American Free Press* was one of the few news sources in the media that did get it right and repeatedly reported the fact that there was no justification to wage war against Iraq. In fact, AFP editorialized as early as Oct. 28, 2002, that if the White House did take this country to war it would be in violation of the Constitution and international law. And AFP went beyond even that, questioning administration claims about WMDs and revealing that top military officials disagreed with the politicians' crusade.

So the fact is, it was the multi-billion-dollar elite media with all of its highly paid editors, reporters, correspondents and administrative staffers that failed the U.S. public, not this little, struggling newspaper. We feel pretty good about that.



Christopher Petherick  
Managing Editor



**Grim Milestone:  
600 American  
Soldiers Dead**

**"END TO HOSTILITIES"?**

At least 600 U.S. troops have died since the United States attacked Iraq on March 20, 2003, with the vast majority—454—occurring after Bush declared an end to the war on May 1.

**CASUALTIES**

In the first year in Iraq, the U.S. military is reporting that it made 18,004 medical evacuations during the war, reports UPI. This is significantly higher than the 11,200 that Pentagon officials reported to Congress last month. Pentagon officials told UPI that the 18,004 evacuations were for a total of 11,700 wounded soldiers who may have been moved on multiple occasions.

**INTELLECTUALS KILLED**

More than 1,000 Iraqi professionals and scholars have been assassinated since the U.S.-led war began



last March in Iraq, writes Juan Cole, a professor of history at the University of Michigan, on his popular Internet "blog."

**BEST & BRIGHTEST.**

A new study in Britain by the military there reveals that half of all new infantry recruits have only the reading and writing skills of 11-year-olds, reports London's *The Telegraph*. The confidential report, commissioned by the Ministry of Defense, states that one-fifth of new soldiers have the literacy rates of seven-year-olds while one percent read and write at a four-year-old level. "These are the type of people the government is training to kill," said one knowledgeable observer. "We're trusting these people with deadly military equipment like bombs and high-powered rifles—these are obviously not the best and the brightest" Britain has to offer.

**FIGHTING IRAQ FOR ISRAEL**

Philip Zelikow, executive director of the panel investigating the 9-11 attacks, says the United States invaded Iraq to protect Israel, Inter Press Service reports. Zelikow made the statements while a member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, which reports directly to Bush. "Why would Iraq attack America or use nuclear weapons against us? I'll tell you what I think the real threat [is] and actually has been since 1990—it's the threat against Israel," Zelikow said on Sept. 10, 2002, as a panelist assessing 9-11 at the University of Virginia. "And this is the threat that dare not speak its name."



**BUCKING THE FEDS**

In an effort to encourage the federal government to reverse its policy of prohibiting American consumers from importing cheap pharmaceuticals from Canada, New Hampshire Gov. Craig Benson (R) announced that he ordered medicine from a Canadian pharmacy—for about half the cost of buying the same drugs in the United States. The purchase of drugs from Canada is illegal, however more and more state officials are bucking the federal govern-

ment and ordering drugs from abroad to save money for themselves and residents.

**UN NIXES BENEFITS**

Brazil, in the face of strong opposition from Catholics, Protestants and the Islamic world, withdrew its effort to get the United Nations to pay "spousal benefits" to employees in same-sex "marriages." American taxpayers would have paid one-quarter of its costs because the United States pays that portion of all UN operating costs.

**GUN LAWS**

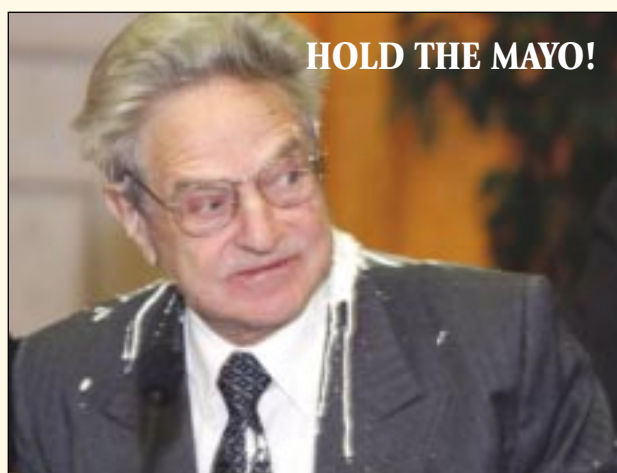
Appealing to both hunters and gun-control advocates, Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich will sign a bill allowing 18-year-olds to obtain a state firearms ID without parental consent, *The Chicago Tribune* reports. But Blagojevich said he plans on vetoing bills expanding gun rights for retired law enforcement officers and people who use guns in self defense. The self defense bill would allow courts to override enforcement of municipal handgun bans in cases where weapons were used to defend someone's life or property. The legislation was inspired by the case of Wilmette resident Hale DeMar, who is charged with illegally owning two handguns after he shot an intruder inside his home. Wilmette laws do not allow handgun ownership.

**GOOD GUN CONTROL**

Judy Abram and her sisters were playing dominoes when a man attempted to break through the living room window, *The San Antonio Express-News* reports. She aimed a pistol at the intruder saying, "Can't you see I have a gun? Get out of here." The intruder continued to advance, and she shot and killed him.

**GOOD TAX NEWS**

There is good news for taxpayers. The IRS oversight board, which includes the IRS commissioner and Treasury secretary, say President Bush's \$10.7 billion budget request is too little. They tearfully present good news: 46,000 audits will not be conducted.



Billionaire international speculator George Soros had mayonnaise thrown on him by two protesters from the Bratstvo (Brotherhood) party as he was entering a human rights forum in Kiev, Ukraine, reports Reuters. The party accused Soros of trying to incite a Ukrainian revolution similar to that which toppled Georgia's former president Eduard Shevardnadze last year.

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# IMF Admits Guilt

## Issues 'Mea Culpa' for Argentina's Economic Collapse

By Gonzalo Baeza

**A**n International Monetary Fund report on Argentina's financial collapse in 2001 has come two years later than promised and carries an IMF admission that it played a guilty role.

In effect, the international agency has confessed that it yielded to "external political and market" pressures when the country, unable to repay a \$90 billion debt, slid into bankruptcy, sending shock waves through other South American nations.

The report, issued in late March 2003, entitled "Lessons from the Crisis in Argentina," describes how the IMF in 2001 continued to provide Argentina with financial support to the tune of \$18 billion despite serious concerns over fiscal and external sustainability.

The money was mostly wasted in keeping afloat the IMF-instigated currency system which, for most of the 1990s, had the peso rated on a one-to-one basis against the U.S. dollar. Many analysts considered that a disguised form of dollarization. It sent the price of Argentine exports soaring, making its economy unable to compete with trade partners such as Brazil.

The result was that thousands of Argentines stormed the government palace as President Fernando de la Rúa fled in a helicopter.

Another aspect of the crisis was that private lenders had poured billions into Argentina's depleted coffers by means of usurious loans. It was a calculated risk but proved enormously profitable because investors knew that from the mid-

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1970s onwards, no matter the state of the economy, the country had ceaselessly paid millions in interest to institutions such as Citibank and Chase Manhattan Bank.

Wall Street and other creditors have always been able to rely on multilateral agencies such as the IMF to bail them out and do the dirty work for them, playing the "tough cop" in negotiations to force collapsed nations such as Argentina to cough up the money they owe, plus interest. In order to rebuild what it essentially helped to destroy, last September, the IMF granted Argentina a \$12.5 billion loan for the next three years. What makes this never-ending story even more mind-boggling is the fact that much of the IMF's bad loans are financed by means of an annual \$37 billion credit line generously provided by the U.S. government or, to put it bluntly, American taxpayers.

The fund appears to be using the same rationale it invokes in its report to justify its irresponsible credit policy of "restoring market confidence." That can be interpreted as a phony façade of economic stability. It is geared to the



The IMF admitted what most Argentines already knew: Their country is in a shambles because the IMF put Wall street creditors before Argentina's economic stability.

demands of foreign investors' and the constant support of speculative capital markets rooted in a regular fix of false expectations upon which they base their operations.

### THE SONG REMAINS THE SAME

More than two years after Argentina's default, the country still has to negotiate with bondholders to restructure debt payments. In the meantime, the IMF is pressing the country to increase its primary fiscal surplus beyond the 3 percent target already agreed between both parties for 2004 and 2005. IMF Deputy Managing Director Anne Krueger has already hinted that the higher surplus target can be redirected to private bondholders.

The fund is apparently unable to see its own duplicity in acknowledging part of its responsibility in Argentina's crisis while asking the country to privilege its creditors over its national economic needs.

Critics cynically note that the IMF believes that a reckoning of its policy mistakes in Argentina will somehow help hide the fact that half the country is now living under the poverty line.

The administration of President Kirchner has nonetheless pledged to reach an agreement with bondholders by June. Although Kirchner has announced that he will not pay more than 25 percent of the debt's face value, it is highly unlikely that his government will still be maintaining its rebellious stance by then. That same month, the IMF is scheduled to review a new installment of the standby credit it granted Argentina in September.

According to James Petras, a professor of sociology at Binghamton University and longtime analyst of Latin American affairs, it is likely that Kirchner will "take a turn toward the multinationals" and "the creditors" of Argentina. Petras pointed out in a recent interview to an Argentine radio broadcaster how a leading indicator for this is Kirchner's choice of banks to represent the country in incoming renegotiating talks: Merrill Lynch and Barclays Capital. Not only do both institutions own part of Argentina's foreign debt but they were also badly hit by the country's default.

"How does the government choose the advisors to negotiate the foreign debt? They are the worst enemies: Merrill Lynch and Barclays. Open supporters of the creditors. This is not an ingenuous error or miscalculation," Petras said, adding that Kirchner's choice of representatives is a ploy to eventually feign an acknowledgment to the tune of "even our advisors say that we have to increase our [debt] payments." ★

## Trilaterals See Progress Toward World Government

By James P. Tucker Jr.

**B**y 2010, the "Asia-Pacific Region" will be largely in place and by 2020 "the commitment should be fully met," experts told a private meeting of the internationalist group, the Trilateral Commission (TC).

This optimism is contained in the TC's latest report on a meeting in Seoul, South Korea. It is aptly titled *Global Governance*.

Creating an "Asia-Pacific Union" is the third leg in a plan to divide the world into three great regions for administrative convenience when the United Nations emerges as a world government.

This is the mutual goal of the TC and its senior brother group, Bilderberg. They have an interlocking leadership and common agenda. Kenneth Clarke, a Bilderberg luminary, member of the British Parliament and former chancellor of the exchequer, admitted this in a personal discussion with *American Free Press*.

Their mutual plan has long been in place. As NAFTA expands into the "Free Trade Area of the Americas" the 90-man commission now administering the trade deal with Mexico and Canada will expand accordingly. It will evolve into "parliament" of the "American Union," similar to the European Union.

The "American Union" will have a "president" and judicial system. As in Europe, the union's judiciary will be empowered to negate U.S. laws. Legislation by the "parliament" will be superior to U.S. laws. It was after Britain joined the European Union that citizens learned, to their outrage, that the European court had negated laws passed by the British Parliament, and laws of the union superceded national laws.

"The Asia-Pacific Region today along with Europe and North America make up the three major economic spheres," said Roh Moo-Hyun, president of the Republic of South Korea.

"We in the Asia-Pacific Region have taken closer economic integration . . . as a strategic imperative," said Jesus P. Estanislao, president of the Institute for Solidarity in Asia, who served in the cabinet of Philippine President Carazon Aquino as secretary of finance and secretary of economic planning.

"The common concern to significantly improve and possibly modernize corporate governance practices has great potential to bind the economies in the region more tightly together and to integrate them even more closely," he said. He repeatedly said the TC should work to "integrate the Asia-Pacific economies more closely," calling integration "imperative." ★

# Honest Reporting Might Have Made Some Difference



On March 31, Angry Iraqis had stopped a truck carrying four American civilian contractors from Blackwater Security Consulting of Moyock, N.C., and at least six others in the town of Fallujah, killing them and mutilating their bodies. While several bodies were kicked and mangled, two of the eight were hung from a bridge over the Euphrates River. A crowd of Iraqis of all ages gathered to celebrate the horrific scene. AFP is publishing these ghastly photos over concerns that they will be censored by the U.S. press. These photographs have been seen throughout the Middle East on television news stations. There were AP and Reuters television crews present during the killings. Images such as these can go a long way in influencing public opinion—perhaps explaining why these may not be aired in the United States.

## Closure of Paper Deepens Iraq Media Crisis

*The following is an excerpt from a press release issued by the International Federation of Journalists warning of the deepening media crisis in Iraq.*

**M**ore deaths—seven more killings of journalists that bring the toll since the war began a year ago to approximately 40—and death threats to reporters working for international media have sparked new calls for international solidarity with journalists in Iraq.

The International Federation of Journalists today said journalists' safety was an "urgent priority" and warned occupation authorities against actions that "smack of censorship" and further weaken the Iraqi media community.

Yesterday, Nabil al-Jurani, a freelance photographer working for Associated Press, was shot and injured by British forces during clashes with Iraqis in Basra. On March 26, Burhan Mohamed Mazhour, a freelance cameraman for the U.S.-based television station ABC, was killed in a firefight involving U.S. forces in Falluja and on the same day Omar Kamal, an Iraqi translator working for the newsweekly *Time*, died from injuries sustained two days earlier.

"Journalism in Iraq is struggling to survive in an atmosphere of violence and intimidation," said Aidan White, IFJ General Secretary. "Coalition efforts to reform the media landscape will fail unless something is done to provide greater security to people who work in all media."

IFJ warns that arbitrary actions by the authorities to stifle opposition media will only make matters worse. On Sunday, coalition authorities shut down the weekly newspaper, *Al Hawza*, claiming several articles "were designed to incite violence against coalition forces and incite instability" in Iraq, but the IFJ said that such actions could be counter-productive. "Closures like this smack of censorship and will do nothing to build confidence in a culture of openness," said White.

Hours after the closure, more than 1,000 supporters of cleric Muqtada al-Sadr demonstrated peacefully in front of the newspaper's offices.

Further concerns were raised by the IFJ after the killing two weeks ago of Ali Abdel Aziz, an Iraqi cameraman for *Al Arabiya* and correspondent Ali al-Khatib by U.S. fire in Baghdad. The IFJ says the failure to properly explain these killings and the death of seven other journalists at the hands of coalition troops since the war began have caused anger among journalists worldwide. ★

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Maher Abdallah Ahmad of the Arab network, *Al Jazeera*, based in Qatar, said he felt that Americans still did not know what was happening in Iraq.

"Does anyone here know how many Iraqis were killed in the war? You make all these efforts to establish a democracy, and you don't give a damn how many people were killed?" he added.

The U.S. correspondent for Italy's *La Repubblica* newspaper Federico Rampini, told the conference he was amazed that American journalists have not investigated more deeply Vice President Dick Cheney's role in the Halliburton scandal. According to Rampini, such a story would have made the front pages for months in his native Italy.

"Frankly our job is to win the war. Part of that is information warfare. So we are going to attempt to dominate the information environment. Overall we were very happy with the outcome," Lt. Co. Richard Long told the conference. He was the former Marine Corps's public information director. In that role, he was responsible for the media "boot camp" at Quantico, Va. where 700 journalists were coached for the embedded process.

Responding to those comments, Todd Gitlin, professor of sociology and journalism at Columbia University, pointed out that "embeddedness" has a tendency toward propaganda because a reporter is effectively part of the military team. The reporter's life therefore depends on the soldiers with whom he is embedded, and his desire to write negative stories is "quite diminished."

The debate about the U.S. media's failure to confront the Bush administration's case for going to war and the inadequacy of the overall coverage of the conflict have also found their way into ongoing exchanges in some parts of the media, including *American Free Press*.

In an article entitled "Now They Tell Us" in *The New York Review of Books*, Michael Massing vented his frustration in the following comments:

"Where were you all before the war? Why didn't we learn more about these deceptions and concealments in the months when the administration was pressing its case for regime change; when, in short, it might have made a difference?"

Massing particularly focused on the New York Times writer, Judith Miller, who wrote several front-page articles before the war about Iraq's alleged weapons of mass destruction (WMD), based on faulty information provided by Iraqi defectors of dubious credibility.

Massing pointed out that in an e-mail to John Burns, the Times bureau chief, Miller wrote that Ahmed Chalabi, the indicted bank embezzler and head of the exile Iraqi National Congress, "has provided most of the front page exclusives on WMD to our paper."

According to Massing, it was not until Sept. 29, 2003 that *The New York Times* got around to informing readers about the controversy over Chalabi and the defectors associated with him.

"More than 6 months into the war and with no evidence of the alleged Iraqi WMD anywhere to be found, Douglas Jehl reported that most of the information provided by Chalabi and his defectors had been judged by the Defense Intelligence Agency as being 'of little or no value. The performance of the *Times* was especially deficient. Compared to other major papers, the *Times* placed more credence in defectors, expressed less confidence in inspectors, and paid less attention to dissenters," complained Massing

When he personally asked Miller why she had not

included more comments in her stories from experts who contested the assertions made by Iraqi defectors and the White House, she offered the following explanation:

"My job isn't to assess the government's information and be an independent intelligence analyst myself. My job is to tell readers of *The New York Times* what the government thought about Iraq's arsenal."

Miller's journalistic defense did not satisfy Rich Mercier of the *Free Lance Star* of Fredericksburg, VA. On March 28, he wrote the following:

"But even a cub reporter should know that if the government tells her the sky is blue, it's her job to check whether it might not be red or gray or black. And skepticism must be exercised most strongly when the matter at hand is whether the nation will go to war. By neglecting to fully employ their critical-thinking faculties, Miller and many of her colleagues in the elite print media not only failed their readers

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during the countdown to the Iraq invasion, they failed our democracy. And there's no excusing that failure."

In Massing's view, the *Times* set a pro-war tone on Iraq that many other papers followed. For him, that was the "pack mentality—one of the most entrenched and disturbing features of American journalism."

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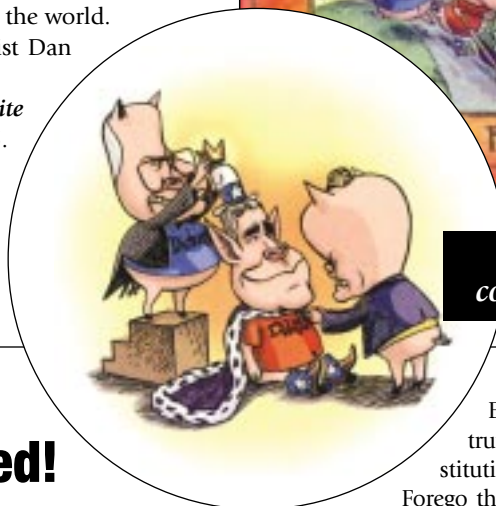
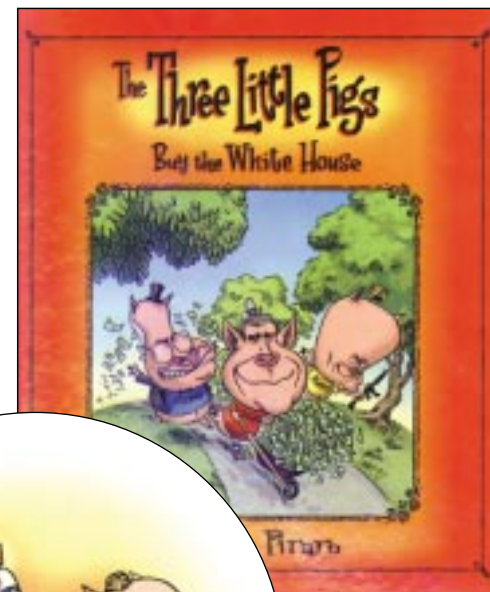
### The Three Little Pigs Buy the White House

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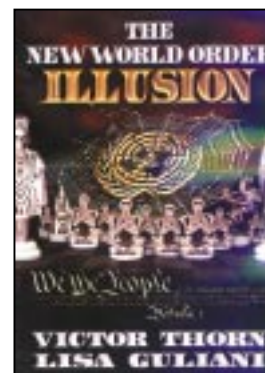
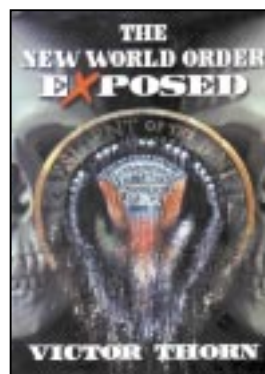
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# Colorful French Barrister to Defend Saddam

## 'Mother of All Lawyers' to Represent 'Mother of All Dictators'

By the Staff at American Free Press

**J**acques Verges, the 79-year-old cigar-chomping French lawyer hired to defend Saddam Hussein, is no stranger to high profile cases. He thrives under the international spotlight, having previously represented the Nazi, Klaus Barbie. Ilya Ramirez Sanchez, also known as "Carlos the Jackal," was another of his clients.

While many U.S. media outlets, including *The New York Post*, have described him as a "filthy Frenchman" and a friend of terrorists, he is regarded as a brilliant lawyer and one of the most gifted figures in the French legal community. Outwardly, he is flamboyant, seeks the limelight and is generally regarded as eccentric. In his huge office in an unfashionable area of Paris, he sits behind a large desk, cigar always in hand, with a tapestry on the wall behind him and African figurines scattered liberally around the room. To add to the effect, there are dozens of chessboards.

A long time communist critic of France's colonial past, Verges rose to prominence in the 1950s by representing Front de Liberation Nationale fighters in the French-Algerian war.

One of the fighters, who became a *cause celebre* for Arabs and the French Left, was an attractive 21-year-old girl, Djamilia Bouhired. On Sept. 30, 1956, during what became known as the Battle of Algiers, she and five other females were arrested and hideously tortured by French intelligence. She was accused of planting bombs in crowded restaurants and was sentenced to death. Verges represented her and later orchestrated a campaign to have her freed. She became an Arab heroine when she was featured in Pontecorvo's famous and graphic movie, *The Battle of Algiers*.

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In 1962, her sentence was commuted and, on her immediate release from a prison in Rheims, France, she married Verges.

He left her and their children in 1970 and vanished for nine years, later boasting that no one has ever been able to determine where he was in those years.

His courtroom style is one of grandstanding. During the Barbie trial, he "assaulted" the court with myriad witnesses and bizarre performances. He also held daily press conferences. On one occasion, he told journalists that, when he visited Barbie in his cell, they often sang a song to remind them of the World War II era. The song, loosely translated, was called "Talk to me about love."

To Israelis, he is an anti-Semite. That is partly due to his consistent condemnation of what he has termed "Israel's neo-imperialism." He was also condemned by Jewish groups for representing members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Barbie.

Verges claims that he prefers to represent the wolf rather than the dog, especially when the wolf is bleeding. His entry into the upcoming Saddam Hussein trial began after he received a call for help from Saddam's brother, Ali Barzan al-Tikriti.

Already, Verges has declared that Iraq without elections, a constitution and a judicial system is not entitled to try the Iraqi dictator and that the video of him after his capture was dehumanizing. The doctor seen examining Saddam's head and teeth in the video resembled a veterinarian, says



Verges, who wants the trial moved to the international court in The Hague, a prospect not favored by the United States. President George Bush prefers a trial and conviction in Iraq in order to show how the Iraqi legal system has been reformed with American help. A trial at The Hague could take years and could end like other high-profile cases such as the Milosevic trial, whereas the United States expects Iraqis to reach a judgment quickly and deliver a swift sentence of execution.

So far, Verges has not been able to talk to his client, who is being held in secrecy and constantly interrogated. That, in Verges' view, breaches international law.

With Verges center stage in a forthcoming trial, there are sure to be fireworks. He intends to subpoena Bush, Donald Rumsfeld and other prominent international figures. His aim will be to prove that the West, especially the United States and Britain, which supported Saddam in the Iran-Iraq war, supplied him with his weapons of mass destruction. ★

**Left, veteran French lawyer Jacques Verges smokes a cigar in Amman, Jordan. Verges, who has defended clients including Klaus Barbie, confirmed that he was willing to act for the captured Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein when he comes to trial. The controversial lawyer said he has already been asked to act for Iraq's former vice premier, Tariq Aziz.**

### 9-11 Update

## Public Outrage Forces Rice Testimony

By Julia Foster

**U**nder increasing pressure from Republicans and the U.S. public in opinion polls, George Bush consented to National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice giving evidence under oath to the 9-11 commission in a televised hearing.

For weeks, while Rice appeared on numerous television talk shows, the Bush White House argued that it would create a separation of powers conflict for her to give evidence in public under oath.

Bush cited an executive privilege defense that began to appear hollow when Rice displayed no qualms about sounding off on 9-11 issues on television and condemning the evidence given under oath by former counterterrorism czar Richard Clarke.

The clamor for her to testify in public before the commission mounted after opinion polls showed that a majority of people thought she and Bush had something to hide. To add to the growing pressure on Bush, members of the Republican Party commented that it was a "dumb move" for Bush and Dick Cheney to rely on the arcane principle of executive privilege, something not enshrined in the Constitution.

Bush's reluctance to allow Rice to be publicly questioned under oath about such a vital issue as 9-11 con-

trasted sharply with the fact that Rumsfeld, Powell, George Tenet and former members of the Clinton administration provided televised testimony.

Seeing that his opponents in the Democratic Party were taking advantage of Rice's use of executive privilege, Bush capitulated, and his lawyers struck a deal with lawyers for the commission.

The deal was that in return for Rice facing public questioning, the president and vice president would not have to give testimony under oath. The exact terms of the deal were that when Bush secretly testifies, Cheney will accompany him. On the face of it, that suggests he is uncomfortable with the prospect of being questioned alone. Another aspect of the deal is that their testimony will not be recorded and only a commission staffer will be permitted to be present to take notes.

The risk of perjury will be absent when Bush and Cheney give their evidence in private because they have struck a deal that it will not be given under oath.

Families of the 9-11 victims have expressed cautious optimism that the decision to allow Rice to testify may add a greater transparency to the commission's investigation. However, the Bush-appointed chairman and deputy chairman of the commission praised the president's about-face on the issue. ★

Manuscript Of Ancient Chinese Healing Techniques Reveals...

# How To Breathe Disease Out of Your Body

Secret Methods Date Back Over Four Thousand Years—Harness The Most Fundamental Life Force Known To Eastern Disciplines

Dear Friend,

We recently discovered a rare, paper-bound manuscript that turned out to be the only known record of a secret system of Chinese healing. It's a system of breathing techniques combined with simple body postures, handed down for centuries by traditional Chinese doctors. These powerful techniques use the principle of chi, considered by Eastern disciplines to be the energy source that carries life through your body.

- Imagine curing cancer, colds, viruses, ulcers, heart disease, arthritis, impotence, and discomforts from menopause—simply by breathing...
- Imagine banishing headaches, fatigue, nervousness, stiffness and pain, simply by breathing...
- And imagine harnessing the most powerful force in your body, channeling it, and using it to heal yourself...
- Imagine all this, and you will understand how important a discovery we've made. Please let me explain...

## This Recently Discovered Manuscript Reveals Ancient Chinese Secrets

First of all, let me introduce myself. I'm Alice Jacob, publisher of Agora Health Books. For ten years, Agora has been researching and publishing health secrets and natural cures and remedies from around the world—treatments, cures and techniques often overlooked or suppressed by the mainstream medical establishment. But I've never seen a system of healing quite like this.

In fact, this is probably the first time Westerners have ever seen these techniques. It's a secret system of Chinese breathing exercises called ki-kou, a system that's been used by Chinese doctors for thousands of years, to heal everything from colds to cancer.

The techniques are based on a force called chi. (Also known as "ki," or "qi" by Eastern philosophies.) It's the same force the ancient Vedics of India called "prana," and was identified as "pneuma" by the classical Greeks.

Chi is the vital, essential force behind all life. One ancient saying states that "Chi is the mother of blood." Acupuncture, traditional Chinese medicine, shiatsu and reiki are all based on the principles of chi, and work on the paths through the body that this energy flows through.

In fact, anyone familiar with Eastern forms of exercise and meditation has probably heard of chi. Tai chi, yoga, qi gong, karate, and Zen meditation all teach correct breathing as the basic necessity for practice. That's because correct breathing focuses the power of chi, and radiates it through the body.

I'll tell you more about how these techniques work in just a minute, but first, let me tell you why we so desperately need these secret techniques...

## Your Breathing Is Probably All Wrong

In the Western world, we've learned extremely poor breathing habits. We've been taught from an early age to hold in our stomach and stick out our chest. Men are supposed to stand like soldiers, and women like beauty queens.

The result is that we learn to breathe by puffing out our chest. This causes very shallow breathing. We're only using the upper portion of the lungs, and neglecting the lower lungs entirely.

This poor breathing has even led to a condition known as "hyperventilation syndrome," a little-recognized but common disorder that can cause everything from tiredness and chest pains to sexual problems. People take rapid, small, upper-body breaths, and are not getting enough oxygen.

## Doctors Recognize The Importance Of Proper Breathing

Now, any doctor can tell you that exhaling carbon dioxide too quickly will disturb the balance of acidity and alkalinity — known as your pH — in your blood. When the acid level drops, a complicated reaction occurs that actually keeps the blood cells from delivering oxygen to muscles and organs, including the brain. The end result: hyperventilation.

According to leading doctors, what happens is that the upper chest — specifically the muscles at your neck and upper back — take over the job of breathing. This can lead to high blood pressure, racing heart rate, and shallow breathing that can lie at the root of many of our ills, including heart disease.

Doctors have begun to realize the importance of proper breathing. Breathing techniques are now used by Western doctors for a variety of treatments, for everything from sports performance to reducing high blood pressure, and from headaches to emphysema.

This is a good beginning, and a step in the right direction. But the breathing techniques Western doctors are using are still simply based on getting more oxygen into the lower lungs.

## Unfortunately, Western Medicine Completely Misses The Most Powerful Secret Of Healing

You see, Western medicine refuses to recognize the existence of energy fields. If Western scientists can't measure something, quantify it, and put it under a microscope, to them it doesn't exist.

In the Eastern healing systems, they're not bound by these quantitative limitations. These secrets have been used for thousands of years, and thousands of years of success is proof enough for them.

These healers understand the most powerful force in living beings: The power of chi.

By practicing ki-kou, the ancient Chinese breathing techniques, you do much more than simply get more oxygen into the lower lobes of your lungs. You actually radiate vital life energy through your body.

The ancient Chinese believed that when chi is stalled in your body, you get

sick. When you practice ki-kou, your energy is able to travel through your body freely, healing and preventing disease.

That's why chi is the basis of so many Eastern healing arts. They believe that healing and wellness stem from the care and management of this central life force, the energy system that is within every living creature. The belief is that when chi flows freely and smoothly, the body's organs and systems are in a state of harmony. When chi becomes blocked, imbalance and illness can occur.

Probably the most well-known system based on chi is acupuncture. Acupuncture charts show 12 major meridians in the body, (paths that chi flows through), as well as minor meridians and other points across the body. The acupuncturist uses hair-thin needles placed in designated spots along these meridians to stimulate the body's energy. Shiatsu, acupressure and reiki all work on these meridians and energy fields.

Ki-kou simply uses body postures, simple movements, and precise breathing patterns to change the flow of this healing energy inside and outside of the body. What's great about ki-kou is that you don't need to go to an acupuncturist, a shiatsu practitioner, an acupressurist, or any therapist at all. You can practice ki-kou easily, right at home, any time of day that's convenient for you.

## All In All, Ki-Kou Is The Simplest, Easiest Form Of Healing Ever Seen...

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- No acupuncture needles, pressure, or painful body manipulations to endure...
- No spas or baths to go to, no therapists to see...
- No exercises...
- And no diets...

## Simple Techniques Balance Your Mind And Body, Freeing Healing Energy

The first techniques in this manuscript show you how to prepare for ki-kou by relaxing your body. You will be shown the exact posture you need to assume for each exercise. These are very relaxed and comfortable positions. When you're in the proper position, it's called "chou-shinn," which means "conditioning your body."

Next, you're taught to relax your body and mind completely. You reach a completely peaceful state of mind.

This is called "balancing mind."

Finally, you're shown how to balance your breathing into a calm, deep, slow rhythm. This is the most natural and comfortable way to breathe, and it's called "chou-soku," or "balanced breathing."

Now you are completely relaxed. You will feel calmness and peace within yourself. You feel emotions such as nervousness and anxiety slipping away. Your chi can flow smoothly through your body, and you are ready for specific ki-kou techniques.

## Here are just a few of the techniques you can use to heal and prevent disease:

- Cure cancer with "ton-ren-mai-zan." (In this technique, you'll also learn to use two secret pressure points, known as dan-chu and hya-kkai, along with the breathing. These are critical areas where chi can be stalled in the body, causing illness and disease.)
- Relieve angina with "fei-je-jan-yo" — simple movements that Western doctors may not discover for another hundred years...
- End fatigue with "pei-ta-chuen-shen." (This technique uses a secret system of tapping and patting the body — more concentrated than massage, but more gentle than acupressure — to free energy throughout the body. It's fast, it's easy, and the results are amazing.)
- Banish arthritis pain with "woo-rong-tan-jao." Forget drugs! They simply mask pain and suppress inflammation. Healing techniques such as woo-rong-tan-jao combine gentle movements, breathing, and the body's own energy to relieve and heal afflicted areas.
- Cure asthma with "chu-chi-jun-pi." This technique will remind you of the most classic yoga postures. Simple and easy — but combined with a certain stretch and proper breathing, the lower lungs are expanded and used. At the same time, healing energy is freed throughout your chest, lungs, and entire body.
- Boost your sex drive with "jo-tie-nho-hao." Western medicine keeps look-

ing for a magic pill to boost your sex drive and cure impotence. Unfortunately, it's usually just another drug — with side effects and long-term damage that's only discovered way down the line. But this technique uses a simple principle and gentle internal movements to stimulate your body's natural functions. It's absolutely the simplest and safest way in the world to rejuvenate yourself.

- Cure gout with "chin-ron-bai-jao." (Secret rocking motion relieves pain and frees healing energy.)
- End menstrual cramps and excessive bleeding with "to-tien-an-dean." (Special exercises massage internal organs...)
- Find deep, restful sleep with "an-chi-wan-jo" (once again, using secret pressure points can produce miraculous results in the body...)
- Control appetite and achieve effortless weight loss with "rein-fowa-guon." This technique combines gentle massaging of pressure points around the face with secret movements that stimulate the digestive system—from the mouth to the stomach—to eliminate food cravings instantly.

Each one of these techniques is beautifully diagrammed and carefully explained. They're easy to follow, and easy to do. No confusion, no misunderstanding. The author has brought these ancient secrets alive, and delivered them right into your hands. And, in *Healing with Ki-Kou: The Secrets of Ancient Chinese Breathing Techniques*, you'll find over 125 pages of these ancient secrets, covering almost every imaginable pain and illness.

As you perform these techniques, you can actually feel the powerful force of chi. You feel it begin in your brain, run down your spinal cord and lower back, and then diffuse through your body. And you achieve this by simply sitting or standing in the correct posture, performing some simple movements, and breathing correctly.

## The English Translation Of Ki-Kou Is Now Available

As I said earlier, we just completed the English translation of Dr. Li's manuscript. This is the first time that we know of that the ancient system of ki-kou has been recorded and made available to Westerners. And we'd like to offer you a special opportunity to try it yourself.

Right now, we have a special promotional offer in effect. Ordinarily, a translation such as this sells for \$60 to \$75. But we're offering *Healing with Ki-Kou: The Secrets of Ancient Chinese Breathing Techniques* for the discounted price of just \$29.95 — over half off the usual price.

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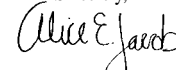
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# Senate Approves Fetal Homicide Bill

*Abortion activists decry decision; fear loss of 'women's rights'*

The Senate approved on March 25 a bill that would recognize two victims when a pregnant woman and her unborn child are injured or killed as a result of a federal crime. It was a vote of 61-38 on a measure already passed by the House. President Bush signed it into law.

"This is a monumental day," said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-Tenn.). "When a criminal attacks a pregnant woman and her unborn child and kills them, he has claimed not one, but two precious lives."

Two Democratic amendments were narrowly defeated. Thirteen Democrats crossed party lines to vote for the bill while two Republicans joined Democrats in opposition. Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry (D-Mass.) opposed the bill.

"It's really a bill about simple justice," said Sen. Mike DeWine (R-Ohio), its main sponsor.

The Bush administration "strongly supports protection of unborn children and therefore strongly supports prompt enactment of [the bill]," the White House said in a statement.

Abortion advocates and lawmakers said the bill is a blatant attempt to chip away at abortion rights by recognizing, for the first time, an embryo or fetus as a person with separate legal rights in the eyes of federal law.

"It will be the first step in removing a woman's right to choose [abortion]," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.). She offered an alternative to the bill, which would have allowed prosecutors to file an additional charge against a criminal who attacks a pregnant woman but would not have recognized the fetus as a separate victim. It was defeated by one vote.

Her proposal would accomplish the same goals as DeWine's bill "without injecting the debate over a woman's right to choose," she argued. DeWine countered that her bill was "fatally flawed" because it failed to recognize two victims. DeWine said his legislation would have no impact on abortion rights because "states have bills like this, and they have not interrupted people's [abortion] rights."

Kerry voted for the one-victim approach and stirred emotional reaction.

"I'm appalled that Sen. Kerry voted the wrong way," Carol Lyons of Kentucky, whose pregnant daughter Ashley

and unborn grandson Landon were murdered in January, told *The Washington Times*. "He's running for president of the United States, and he doesn't believe there are two victims. . . . I know my grandbaby was real. . . . I have two victims."

The legislation enjoys popular support and is backed by families of pregnant victims, including the California family of Laci Peterson and her unborn son, Conner, who were both killed. Her husband is on trial, charged with murder.

More than half the states have fetal-homicide laws, but there is no equivalent in federal homicide law.

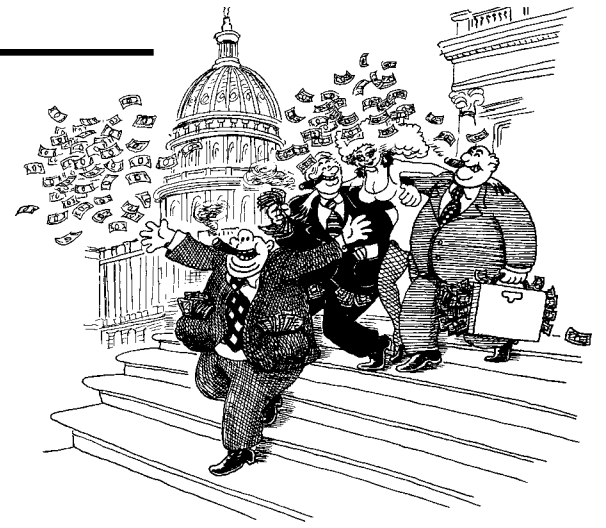


## SILLINESS CELEBRATED

Hundreds of immigrants and activists stormed the small yard of President Bush's chief political strategist, Karl Rove, early Sunday morning on March 28 demanding support for the "DREAM" Act pending in the Senate.

The DREAM Act would encourage states to allow illegal immigrants to enter college at low-cost, in-state tuition rates. Most states refuse to allow undocumented students lower rates allowed legal residents on grounds they should be deported, not educated at taxpayers' expense.

They pounded on Rove's windows, tracking him window-to-window as he moved about his home. "If you want our vote, give us our dream," protesters' signs read. This is not as irrational as it sounds: more than 1 million illegal aliens cast ballots in 2000, according to a college professor



who built a "scale model" as an exercise for his students.

Under the federal "motor voter" law, non-citizens are registered to vote when they apply for drivers' licenses or welfare benefits. Some are surprised to learn they are registered voters.

At one point, Rove reportedly stuck his head out of his front door and shouted: "Get off my property."

Police and the Secret Service dispersed the mob, and Rove agreed to meet with two activists. He opened his garage door to Emira Palacios and Inez Killingsworth. The "meeting" lasted two minutes and consisted of Rove "yelling in our faces" before closing the garage door, said Palacios.

The "Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act" (S. 1545) or DREAM, has been cleared by the Senate Judiciary Committee but not been brought before the full Senate for a vote. No companion bill is pending in the House. Although Bush has called for a new amnesty for illegal aliens, he has remained silent on this issue.

## GLUTTONS GUTTED

Before the age of euphemisms, they were called gluttons. Now they are "food addicts"—an apparent disease. They are not "fat" but "horizontally enhanced." Old people are "senior citizens." Unwed mothers are "single moms," which leads to a case of necessary silliness in Congress: it must protect restaurants from lawsuits by fat gluttons.

The House recently passed by a 276 to 139 vote the "Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act" (H.R. 3339). It would "bar overweight Americans from blaming the food industry for their obesity," in the words of the sponsor, Rep. Ric Keller (R-Fla.), who is himself a bit pudgy.

Obviously, Americans are not kidnapped and force-fed cheeseburgers—it's their choice. The 65 percent of Americans who are now proclaimed fat, uh, obese, by government health statistics choose to pig out in front of the idiot box instead of eating wisely and moderately and stirring themselves about.

The necessity of such silly legislation is a reflection on modern, non-reading Americans who shun personal responsibility and blame society for all their aches and sniffles. It is comparable to another piece of silly but necessary legislation to protect gun manufacturers from lawsuits when criminals use their lawful products to commit crimes. That is as logical as suing a knife manufacturer when someone uses its knife to stab someone else.

## CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT—OR OVERLOOK?

A few items bureaucrats purchased with taxpayer-funded credit cards, unearthed by Washington Waste Watchers: A billiard table, \$2,295; an aquarium, \$2,929; satellite and cable TV packages including pornographic movie hookups, \$4,843 and a hand-stitched tent for \$16,250. Congress allegedly oversees government spending. ★

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# March Means Money (Budget) Madness

**D**espite all the rhetoric flying around Washington in late March during the annual budget debate\*, one fact about the new budget was clear: it makes government bigger.

Like many of my Republican colleagues who curiously voted for the enormous budget resolution, I campaign on a simple promise that I will work to make government smaller. This means I cannot vote for any budget that increases spending over previous years. In fact, I would have a hard time voting for any budget that did not slash federal spending by at least 25 percent, especially when we remember that the federal budget in 1990 was less than half what it is today. Did anyone really think the federal government was uncomfortably small just 14 years ago? Hardly.

It once took more than 100 years for the federal budget to double. Now it takes less than a decade. We need to end the phony talk about "priorities" and recognize federal spending as the runaway freight train it is. A government that spends \$2.4 trillion in one year and consumes roughly one-third of the nation's GDP is far too large.

Neither political party wants to address the fundamental yet unspoken issue lurking beneath any budget debate: What is the proper role for government in our society? Are these ever-growing social services and military expenditures really proper in a free country?

We need to understand that the more government spends, the more freedom is lost. Instead of simply debating spending levels, we ought to be debating whether the departments, agencies and programs funded by the budget should exist at all. My Republican colleagues especially ought to know this. Unfortunately, however, the GOP has decided to abandon principle and pander to the entitlements crowd.

But this approach will backfire, because Democrats always offer to spend even more than Republicans. When congressional Republicans offer to spend \$500 billion on Medicare, Democrats will offer \$600 billion, and why not? It's all funny money anyway, and it helps them get reelected.

The term "baseline budget" is used every year in Washington. It means the previous year's spending levels represent only a baseline starting point. Both parties accept that each new budget will spend more than the last, the only issue being how much more. If Republicans offer a budget that increases federal spending by 3 percent, while Democrats propose 6 percent growth, Republicans trumpet that they are the party of smaller government. But expanding the government slower than some would like is not the same as reducing it.

American people effectively have no say either.

Why in the world should the American people be forced to spend \$1.5 trillion funding programs that cannot even be reviewed at budget time? The very concept of non-discretionary spending is a bureaucrat's dream, because it assumes we as a society simply have accepted that most federal programs must be funded as a matter of course. No program or agency should be considered sacred, and no funding should be considered inevitable.

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Furthermore, the budget passed in late March further entrenches another phony Washington concept. An increasing percentage of the budget is categorized as "non-discretionary" entitlement spending, meaning Congress ostensibly has no choice whether to fund certain programs. In fact, roughly two-thirds of the fiscal year 2005 budget is consumed by non-discretionary spending. When Congress has no say over how two-thirds of the federal budget is spent, the

\*See ad on page 15 for more on the bogus budget.

Ron Paul, a medical doctor, is a Republican member of the U.S. Congress who represents the 14th District of Texas. He is now in his eighth term. Often called "Dr. No" because he often bucks his party establishment, refusing to support policies contrary to traditional Constitutional principles, Paul was the Libertarian Party presidential candidate in 1984.



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# Terry Nichols Trial Marked by Federal Bungling

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evidence. He expressed anger about earlier incidents of the FBI hiding evidence favorable to defendants in the federal trial of Tim McVeigh and Nichols.

In opening remarks, prosecutor Lou Keel claimed Nichols worked with Tim McVeigh to "build a huge bomb." Defense attorney Brian Hermanson countered that his client had been "set up" by McVeigh so others who were involved could escape.

McVeigh was executed in 2001, after both he and Nichols were convicted in separate federal trials. Nichols is serving a life sentence for conspiracy to murder eight

federal agents who died in the collapse of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building but faces the death penalty in the state trial for the murder of 161 others.

In the federal trial of Nichols, the prosecution claimed that he had committed an armed robbery near Hot Springs, Ark., which netted the team enough funds to carry forth the bombing. But Nichols's defense attorney at the time, Michael Tigar of Houston, deftly trapped a prosecution witness in a lie that mooted the charge. However, the government has maintained the same charge in its current accusations in the state's pre-trial motions.

New revelations only days before the trial began

threatened to torpedo this charge once more.

Convicted bank robber Peter Kevin Langan, Jr. made a phone call from federal prison on March 19 to *The McCurtain Daily Gazette* claiming that his former associate Richard Lee Guthrie Jr. robbed the Arkansas gun dealer in November 1994. Langan said Nichols knew nothing about it at the time.

Langan, Guthrie, Michael Brescia and several others have been remotely tied to the bombing for many years, but investigators say that they have been unable to establish enough evidence to indict.

Guthrie had been the only one to agree to testify for

# High Court Wants Lid Kept on Vince Foster Cover-Up

By Fred Lingel

The Supreme Court has ruled that a California lawyer cannot have access to death-scene photographs of former deputy White House counsel Vincent Foster Jr., effectively stopping all attempts to solve the mysteries surrounding what was ruled a "suicide" in 1993.

The court ruled that allowing Allan Favish to view the photos would be an unconstitutional invasion of the Foster family's privacy. Favish, based on oddities known at the time, was trying to determine if Foster was murdered. The public will probably never know.

Foster's body was found at a park in the Washington suburb of Fairfax County, Va. When the county's rescue squad arrived, members were quoted in newspapers the following day saying they had never seen a "suicide" victim like Foster—who was lying neatly on the ground, not sprawled. The following day, there were no more such comments because, newspapers said, the rescue team was no longer allowed to talk to the press.

Since the small park was part of the National Park Service, the U.S. Park Police took over the investigation. No bullet was found—and the FBI almost always finds the bullet at the scene of a violent crime or suicide by gun.



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Investigators ignored piles of evidence.



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There was very little blood—inconsistent with a suicide case where the victim shoots himself in the mouth, the rescue team said before being gagged.

Foster's body somehow got from his car to where it was found without leaving tracks or "coherent soil" on his shoes. Investigators had two men walk the same path in similar shoes. In both cases, their shoes picked up dirt from the trail.

In denying access to the photos, the Supreme Court

noted that there had been five investigations—the FBI, a Senate committee, a House committee and two independent counsels, Robert Fiske and Kenneth Starr. All accepted the Park Police conclusion of "suicide."

But the pile of evidence that it was homicide was simply unaddressed by these "investigations." Investigators did not explain how a man who had shot himself in the head lies neatly on the ground instead of sprawling. Or how he has little blood spilled when normally it's a gory mess. Or how he got from his car to where his body was found without walking. Or why the bullet's trajectory showed that the gun was held in a position that was unnatural, if not impossible.

There is a laundry list of other oddities. The White House refused a routine Park Police request that Foster's office be immediately sealed off after his death. Police waited outside while staffers moved freely in and out.

Foster's administrative assistant, Deborah Gorham, testified that Foster's file index, which listed everything contained in his files, was missing. Several other documents and letters, which she had known to be in his office, also disappeared.

Because of the Supreme Court's ruling, the world will probably never have the answers to these perplexing questions. ★

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the government in the federal bombing trials of McVeigh and Nichols. Guthrie died only a week after being incarcerated in an Oklahoma prison for a series of bank robberies in the Midwest. It was officially declared a suicide.

Bob Papovich of Michigan, a neighbor and close friend of James and Terry Nichols, believes that Taylor's threat to dismiss the case may be more tied to these potential witnesses than to the prosecution's bungling.

"Some of these guys may know more than the government wants to hear," Papovich told AFP. "For instance, Langan is also saying that three of these bank robbery suspect guys, who the FBI claims were in Ohio at the time of the bombing, were actually in Oklahoma at that time. Now the FBI has had to come forth with information that it was sitting on that proves they knew all along that these guys were in Oklahoma on April 19, 1995."

**DISTORTIONS**

In the early hours after explosions rocked the Murrah building, local television reports initially mentioned that four bombs had been found. Even the governor was excited with the find and said, "because of the signatures such bombs carry, we will soon be able to learn exactly what group was behind this atrocity."

But Gov. Frank Keating, himself a former FBI agent and high-ranking official in the BATF office in Washington before returning home to run for governor in 1994, never broached the subject again. Ironically, Keating is now co-chairman of the federal panel investigating the 9-11 terrorist attacks.

By early afternoon, however, the official story came out that this devastation was wreaked by a fertilizer bomb in a rental truck outside on the street. News reporters from major TV networks in Atlanta, Washington and New York showed up, descended on Oklahoma City and reported the official version of the story.

Americans were told that there were not four bombs. There were no bombs. There was just one mixed-up kid with a truck, some fertilizer and racing fuel and an unhealthy hatred for the government.

To believe the government's story, jury members also will have to ignore or not be allowed to know about:

- Witnesses who saw a Ryder truck, a white four-door sedan, a brown pickup, several men wearing camouflage, and the men in suits at Geary Lake from April 10 to 12 where prosecutors say Nichols and McVeigh built the bomb;
- Survivors who felt a rumble and had time to hide under their desks before the primary charges exploded;
- No evidence of ammonium nitrate fuel oil at the scene;
- The building's still intact support columns closer to the truck than the ones that fell in the left/center of the building;
- Gen. Ben Partin and others experts who say air blast pressure could not possibly have sheared those columns;
- Witnesses who saw persons with flashlights going floor to floor inside the Murrah Building in the early morning hours before the bombing, with BATF and bomb squad personnel standing guard outside;
- FBI whistle-blowers who have stated in court, under oath, that the FBI has falsified and tainted evidence in this case;
- The hundreds of witnesses who reported hearing multiple explosions in downtown Oklahoma City that fateful morning; and
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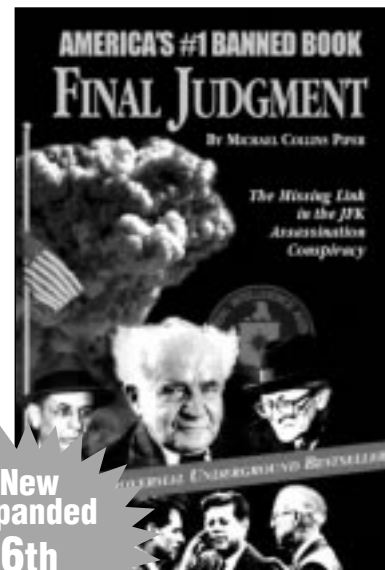
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# European Correspondent Arrested Without Explanation

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Eurasia and bring them in line with U.S. policy. The center maintains a "virtual college" and information network for the 3,100 alumni of the Pentagon's defense college in Europe.

An undisclosed number of journalists have attended the various seminars and conferences hosted by the U.S. military at the Marshall Center. Literature from the center says "journalists and academics" are among the participants in its two-week long Senior Executive Seminars. Asked how many journalists have studied at the center, which is administrated by the secretary of the Army, a spokesman refused to answer.

The 6th AST is based on the former German Krafft von Dellmensingen Kaserne, located directly behind the center. Jennifer Sanders at the AST's Stuttgart headquarters called the base "an American village in Germany." The AST is the "landlord" for the Marshall Center, she said.

The resident students of the Marshall Center eat on the AST base and pass through its front gate. Although the Marshall Center claims to be "open and transparent," when *American Free Press* visited the "American village" it found a heavy air of secrecy.

On Friday, March 26, after calling Helen Nas-Althofer, the 6th AST base secretary, for information and a tour, I paid a visit to find out more about what the U.S. military does in the former German artillery base built by Gustav Reutter in 1935.

Nas-Althofer said she was the only one who could handle my request and that Friday was her last day before going on leave.

From the bus stop at the corner of the base, I walked to the main entrance and introduced myself to the guards from Pond Security Service. Pond is a private company, headed by the Korean-born Daniel M. Pond, which provides security for U.S. military bases in Germany as part

of a \$100 million annual contract.

The Pond guards called the military police and soon a Sgt. Lawrence from the U.S. Army was examining my German press pass and driver's license. Having said I was a journalist seeking information about what the 6th AST does, Lawrence asked me to follow him onto the base.

Lawrence took me to the military police station on the base and told me to take a seat in a corridor in front of a thick glass window with a military policeman behind it.

Within a few minutes, Sgt. Greg Heckel appeared and said that I had illegally sought access to the base, and that he had called the German police who would "escort" me off the base.

I said Lawrence had told me to come onto the base and asked if I had committed an offense.

"No," he said, but the German police would deal with me.

Minutes became hours and there was no sign of the German police. I asked the military police behind the glass if I could use the washroom. "No," I was told, "the police will be here soon."

After an hour or so, I asked if I could call the commanding officer. The MP behind the glass gave me a number, which didn't work, but in my pocket I found my notes that contained the phone numbers for the Stuttgart headquarters for the 6th Area Support Group and its legal center.

I then called the commanding officer in Stuttgart. Joe Moscone, chief-of-staff, answered the phone. I explained that I was a journalist who was being detained and denied use of the washroom for no apparent reason. Moscone asked to speak with Heckel, who took the phone in a back office.

I then called the Stuttgart legal center and explained my predicament. While I waited "on hold," two German police officers arrived and Heckel took them into a back

office for discussion. When Heckel and the two officers returned, I was still waiting on the phone. I explained to Heckel that I was on the phone with Stuttgart legal center.

"No you aren't," Heckel said, "we disconnected you in the back. You can hang up now."

A dark-haired German-speaking woman beside Heckel asked me if I could speak German with the police. I said yes and explained my situation to the officers. When I said I had recently filed a story from Landstuhl about the U.S. military hospital there, the police turned to Heckel and asked if he had checked it out. "No," Heckel said.

"No, but we know this guy," Heckel told the police, "he was here when Rumsfeld was here."

I protested this fabrication saying this was my first visit to Garmisch and the base. Before leaving, I asked Heckel to say by what law I had been detained.

"That's for you to research," he said.

The German police took me directly home to my waiting family. After checking my passport, I was released.

Despite numerous calls to the 6th Area Support Group's legal center in Stuttgart, they were unable to explain why I had been detained. On Monday a lawyer from the legal center told me to contact Jennifer Sanders in the media affairs office.

Sanders asked for me to send my questions by e-mail, which I did. By Wednesday evening there was still no response.

Several days later, while walking in the Germany town of Partenkirchen, I came across the dark-haired German-speaking woman accompanied by an American man. I asked her if I was the only journalist who had ever come to the base asking questions and if that was why I had been detained.

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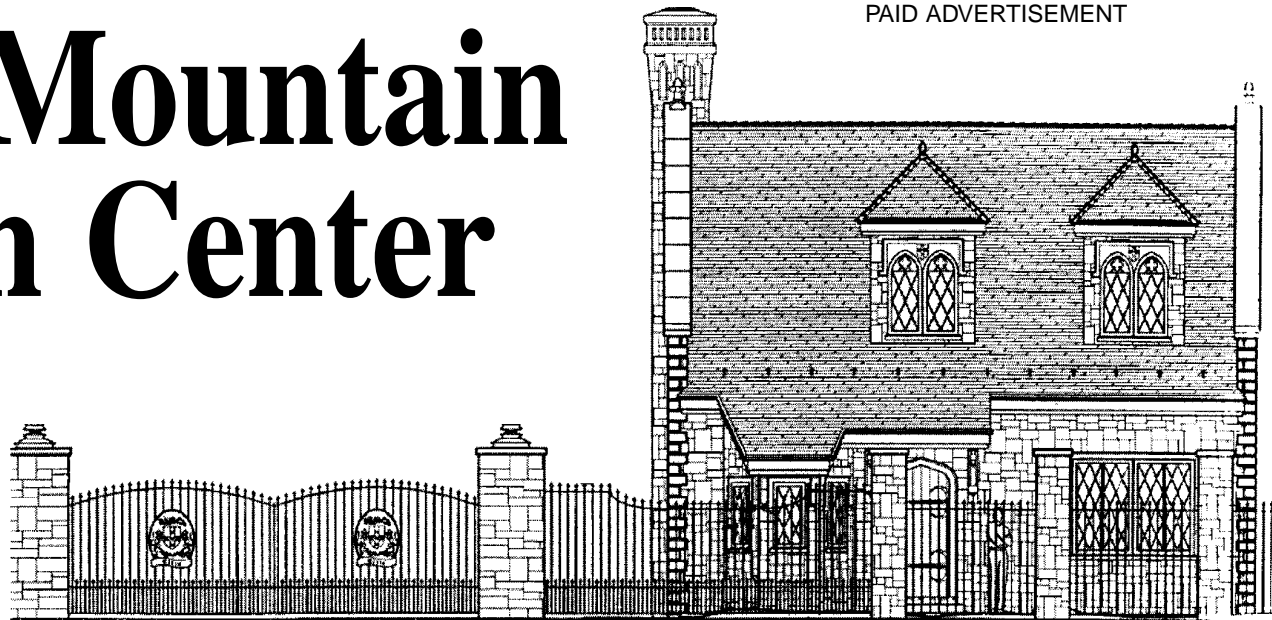
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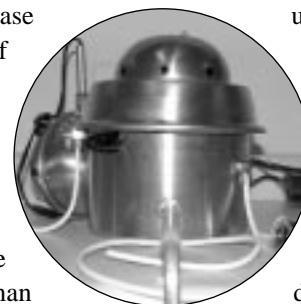
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COMMENTARY BY PAUL CRAIG ROBERTS

# Bush Owes Apology to Soldiers Wounded, Killed in Iraq Debacle

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Photos from left to right: Richard Clarke apologized to the families of the victims of 9-11 for what he called the government's "intelligence failures." Center: The capture of bin Laden is less important than the protection of America's best puppet ally, Pakistan's Pervez Musharraf. And right, aren't the families of those thousands of (probably closer to 10,000) innocent Iraqi civilians who were killed in the U.S. attacks on Iraq due an apology too?



**R**ichard Clarke scored well with the 9-11 families when he apologized for the government's intelligence failure. But why stop there? As this column is written, 600 U.S. servicemen and women have died in the invasion and occupation of Iraq. Their families are due an apology. Another 3,000 or so have been wounded, some permanently. These survivors and their families are also due an apology.

And what about the thousands of dead, maimed and orphaned Iraqis? Aren't they and their families owed an apology?

There are no excuses for the invasion of Iraq. Intelligence failures notwithstanding, we knew beforehand that Iraq had nothing to do with 9-11.

The salient fact that emerges from Clarke's book, *Against All Enemies*,\* is that the neo-conservatives who control the Bush administration wanted to invade Iraq. The terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon gave the neo-conservatives the opportunity they wanted. All they had to do was to spin the terrorism issue and point the finger at Saddam Hussein.

Prior to the U.S. invasion on March 19, 2003, Iraq was not a major problem for the United States. One year later, it is. The occupation strains our military and budget. The U.S. government seeks to install a puppet regime, but the

majority Shiites are having none of it. Will civil war and the breakup of the country come next?

A failure of U.S. domestic security has turned into a military and foreign affairs blunder. The recent nine-country poll conducted by the Pew Research Center indicates that the United States is isolated internationally, with large majorities in most countries believing that the U.S. government and the UK lied about the reasons for invading Iraq.

Stung by criticisms that the invasion of Iraq has undermined the war on terrorism, the Bush administration has pressured its Pakistani puppet to risk the stability of his own rule by sending his army into tribal areas in search of Osama bin Laden.

The Pew poll found that 65 percent of Pakistanis have a positive view of bin Laden, but only 7 percent have a positive view of President Bush. A symbolic capture of bin Laden that resulted in the overthrow of the U.S. puppet, Musharraf, would be a bad bargain.

The U.S. invasion of Iraq has made secular Middle Eastern governments less secure. Large majorities of Muslims are opposed to the U.S. invasion, opening a wider gulf between them and their governments, which have cooperated with the United States. Impotence breeds anger, and Muslims' feelings of impotence from being turned into *de facto* American puppets by their complicit governments could be explosive.

The invasion of Iraq is a far greater intelligence failure than 9-11. The mistake is too great to be acknowledged. Denial will rule while unintended consequences play out to America's disadvantage.

The question for the 9-11 commission is not whether the Clinton administration missed chances to assassinate bin Laden or whether the Bush administration's loose immigration controls and interagency communication failures ensured the terrorists' success. The only question is: why does the U.S. government persist with a foreign policy that breeds terrorism?

The challenge for the United States is to break free from the folly and arrogance that power begets. ★

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# Ivory Tower Intellectuals Don't Live in Real World

Watching Alan Greenspan testify before Congress recently provided me with an insight into both his problem and ours. The Federal Reserve chairman lives in an abstract world, and we live in a flesh-and-blood world.

Thus, like two travelers, one of whom speaks and understands only Chinese and the other only Swahili, there simply isn't a lot of communication and mutual understanding going on.

When Greenspan speaks of the "economy," which itself is an abstraction, he is talking about something constructed of statistics, concepts, definitions and computer modeling. That economy has no relationship whatsoever to an unemployed man in Arkansas, to a farmer facing the loss of his land in Nebraska, to a homeless person in Los Angeles or to an elderly person trying to survive in some Florida flea trap.

To Greenspan, if he is aware of it at all, such a world exists only in theory. He might have read about it. Perhaps he has seen a homeless person through the window of his limousine. If Greenspan's numbers tell him that productivity is up, that *per capita* income is up, then the economy must be improving.

Of course, in our flesh-and-blood world, an "increase in productivity" can be the result of your co-worker losing his job and you being told to do your work and his for the same pay. Or it might mean both of your jobs are eliminated and replaced with automation. *Per capita*



Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan makes a point during recent congressional testimony.

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income can go up when billionaires are created on Wall Street while millions of others suffer a loss of income.

When I talk about abstractions, I'm referring to words that don't directly refer to a specific object or condition. "Productivity" is a good example. It doesn't refer to any one person's productivity. It refers to a formula in which the number of widgets produced is divided by the number of labor units. More widgets and fewer labor units is the definition of higher productivity. In theory, it could lead to pay raises. In practice, it may not.

Far too much conversation goes on in Washington in the abstract, and that's something we should avoid. If we talk about the "economy," we are talking about a mental concept that by definition involves the sum total of all economic transactions at any given time. How useful is that? Not at all, really. If we talk, on the other hand, about, say, Steubenville, Ohio, we can go there and find out for certain what the situation is in that town.

If there are problems, they are problems involving specific people in specific places. We can do something about those. But you can't reform in theory or in the abstract.

It is easy for intellectuals to forget that they are living inside their heads instead of the real world and to believe that the concepts they have created in their own heads are an accurate description of reality. ★

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# U.S. Challenged on High Seas

**T**he Chinese navy is secretly building three large fleet aircraft carriers, with which they intend to project their naval power throughout the world and challenge U.S. supremacy on the high seas.

Known by the code name "Project 9935," the Chinese are building the carriers at covered docks in their massive shipyard facilities at the port of Shanghai.

This will come as a surprise to many China watchers because it was not believed the communist Chinese would build their own carriers but were planning to utilize carriers obtained from the Russians or perhaps have them constructed by foreign shipbuilders.

Sources told AFP the carriers are scheduled to be commissioned as early as 2008 and by 2010 at the latest.

According to Taiwanese intelligence reports, the carriers will have a displacement of at least 48,000 tons and a top speed of about 30 knots. They will not be nuclear powered and are each believed to be propelled by Russian TB12 steam turbines generating about 200,000 horsepower.

One intelligence source told AFP that it is possible that the Chinese will be utilizing facilities at the giant new port they have developed in Freeport in the Bahamas as a regular port of call for the new carriers, which will provide them a base close to the United States.

The ships could also dock at port facilities that Cosco, the Chinese shipping firm, developed in Long Beach, Calif.

Sources said construction of the carriers is being undertaken in covered areas at the Shanghai shipbuilding facilities to protect from surveillance by U.S. spy satellites. The construction is under heavy guard.

China has long been planning to develop a fleet of car-

riers, collecting technical data, designs and actual ships from other countries.

The Chinese obtained from Ukraine the ex-Soviet carrier *Varyag* [renamed *Chinluck*] a 67,500-ton super carrier with a speed of 32 knots, carrying 48 fixed-wing jet fighters and ground attack aircraft, and up to 18 helicopters.

They also purchased from Russia the smaller carrier *Minsk*, with South Korea serving as the go-between. The *Minsk* is a 40,500-ton vessel that carries 12 to 13 Yak-36 jet fighters and up to 21 helicopters.

Chinese naval architects have also obtained technical data from the old French carrier, the *Clemenceau*, a 32,780-ton vessel with speeds up to 32 knots and carrying 34 jet fighters and attack aircraft. They obtained from Australia the deactivated carrier, *Melbourne*, which they used for scrap metal after studying its design details.

The Chinese obtained details of the technology used to construct the Spanish aircraft carrier *Principe de Asturias*, which is a small 16,700-ton carrier capable of a speed of 26 knots and carries 12 Harrier jump jet vertical-takeoff aircraft.

AFP has learned that the Chinese have spent \$2 billion to purchase from the Russians their most modern fighter, the Su-30, which is capable of being flown from aircraft carriers.

They will use these aircraft as the primary fixed-wing planes on the new carriers.

There are reports that Chinese airmen are already studying and practicing carrier take-offs and landings.

The concept of a Chinese carrier fleet seems to be the brainchild of Capt. Cao Xuegui, captain of the destroyer *108*. As a graduate of Dalian Naval Vessel College and from the Captain Class of Guangzhou Naval Vessel



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**New reports indicate that the Chinese military is constructing a fleet of aircraft carriers in secret. Above, Chinese tourists walk the decks of a Chinese aircraft carrier in south China.**

College, he has written in Chinese naval journals that the necessity of building carriers lies in the fact that a mobile "battlefield on the sea" is needed in case of war in the south China Sea.

Another ranking promoter of China having a carrier fleet has written that "it is a top priority to build or import aircraft carriers, and this necessity is not man-made, but arises from the realistic situation of war."

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# Think: Your Vote Has Major Consequences

By James Edwards

Americans will witness another national political dog and pony show this year with the presidential election. Most constitutionalists won't be able to vote for either George Bush or John Kerry and it looks as though there will no alternative candidate who can generate the kind of excitement that Pat Buchanan and Ralph Nader initially did in 2000. We don't have a horse in this race.

Populists won't be able to elect a president who shares their concerns this fall, but we could very well decide which candidate isn't elected. Protest votes are powerful if enough folks act. With President Bush doing his best to shatter any belief that he was the "lesser of two evils," many people are left without a choice.

Protest votes can be cast by writing in the name of a patriot or by filling out the ballot on local and state candidates and leaving the presidential line blank. If enough people do this, whoever is elected president will know that he had no "coat-tails"—that he ran behind a congressman and perhaps the county sheriff. That's a message.

The preemptive invasion of Iraq should be a polarizing issue. This is one front where populists must hold the line. The conflict in the Middle East is a paramount issue of concern because there is no greater dilemma facing young Americans. If we are to endure another Bush administration he and the warhawks who comprise his cabinet have more in store than just Afghanistan and Iraq. Will the next stops be Iran and Syria? How can a military already stretched to the breaking point handle such additional burdens?

The specter of the draft lingers like a black cloud. Hundreds of thousands of

young men may be drafted against their will and sent to die in wars that are not in America's interest? Will they really be fighting to preserve peace in America and save the nation from those who, "hate freedom?" Or will their blood be spilled to defend the interests of Israel? This war and potential future wars would certainly not be the first time throngs of young Americans have been sent to their

graves for questionable reasons.

It is sometimes seen as unpatriotic to not support the wars of your country. But it can be the most patriotic action you can take. The decision to go to war is not ours and apparently no longer that of the Congress as it is defined in the Constitution. The call to war is now made by whomever sits in the Oval Office. ★

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## September 11 Cover-Up

*Independent Panel Assigns Plenty of Bipartisan Blame for 9-11*

By Walker Anderson

High-ranking intelligence officials from the administrations of George W. Bush and Bill Clinton faced probing questions about terrorism and the Sept. 11 attacks in two days of public hearings before the independent, bipartisan panel tasked with investigating the Sept. 11, 2001, tragedy.

On March 23 and March 24, these officials detailed efforts to target the elusive international Islamic terrorist group, al Qaeda, and its leader, Osama bin Laden.

The meetings held by the panel marked the eighth time the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States has met publicly.

"This is clearly one of the most important hearings the commission will hold," said Thomas H. Kean, the chairman of the commission and a former New Jersey governor.

The current and former secretaries of state, Colin Powell and Madeleine Albright, and the current and former secretaries of defense, Donald Rumsfeld and William Cohen, testified on the first day.

On March 24, CIA Director George Tenet, former National Security Advisor under Clinton Samuel Berger, former Counterterrorism Director Richard Clarke and Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage appeared before the panel.

During the hearings it was revealed that U.S. intelligence officials tried on at least three occasions to assassinate bin

Laden in 1998 and 1999.

However, during each of those incidents, the Clinton administration "called off" military actions when it was determined the intelligence was not good enough to ensure success, former Defense Secretary George Mitchell and CIA Director George Tenet testified.

In one reported incident which nearly resulted in disaster, a target believed to be bin Laden "turned out to be a sheik from [the United Arab Emirates], and another incident involved a plan to shoot down an aircraft that was believed to be carrying bin Laden, but the intelligence was uncertain," Mitchell said.

A second commission staff report said the Clinton administration relied on law enforcement and diplomacy to stop terrorism. Diplomatic efforts to work with the Saudi Arabian and Pakistani governments to pressure the ruling Taliban militia in Afghanistan to expel bin Laden were unsuccessful. "All these efforts failed," the report said.

A counterterrorism expert, Richard Clarke, who served under Clinton and Bush has just released a book (*Against All Enemies*) critical of the president began his testimony with an apology for both administrations.

Mr. Clarke said: "I believe the Bush administration in the first eight months considered terrorism an important issue, but not an urgent issue. [CIA director] George Tenet and I tried very hard to create a sense of urgency by seeing to it that intelligence reports on the al Qaeda threat were frequently given to the president and other high-level officials." ★



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Plutocrats and tyrants find it useful to lead the people to believe the masses are participating meaningfully in government.

In the Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia—and just about worldwide—you can find numerous countries that style themselves “democracies.” The Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Democratic People’s Republic of [North] Korea, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic (Laos) and the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe come to mind.

Often western democracies are called “capitalist” societies. The United States of America is cited as a capitalist democracy. Those who speak of the United States as such are quick to point out that it has a government in which “free enterprise” (supposedly) operates in the public interest.

Now let’s take a closer look at these concepts.

As defined by Willis Carto in *Populism vs. Plutocracy*, American-style “democracy” is actually a form of government that is controlled by the big media, grants from tax-free foundations, contributions and favorable press coverage for favored political candidates. Wide franchise to vote is given the people so that they think they are in control. In reality they are the ones controlled by the super rich. Our “democ-

racy” separates authority from responsibility. Those in authority, the super rich, have no responsibility. Those responsible, the politicians, have no authority except that which is lent them by their controllers.

Capitalism is a degenerate form of free enterprise. The means of production, money, banking and the political process are controlled by a small group of oligopolist/ monopolist plutocrats for their own personal gain. Being global, capitalism is hostile to nationalism. Constant expansion through war, imperialism or tax-financed pyramid building is required to feed the constantly growing interest burden. Inflation is inherent in the system.

Capitalism is incompatible with widespread competition in the economic, intellectual or political spheres. War is the key energizer of capitalist countries. As the revisionist historian Charles Austin Beard put it in a conversation with fellow revisionist historian Harry Elmer Barnes: The foreign policy of the United States is best described by the phrase “perpetual war for perpetual peace.” Think about it.

Today the U.S. government is the policeman of the world. Our military forces have a presence in over 100 countries. There is no certainty of when they will come home. In fact, the military is spread so thin that there is serious talk, interspersed with denials, about the return of the draft (abolished in 1973) to help with the plutocrats’ thirst for conquest and power that our government so shamelessly exhibits.

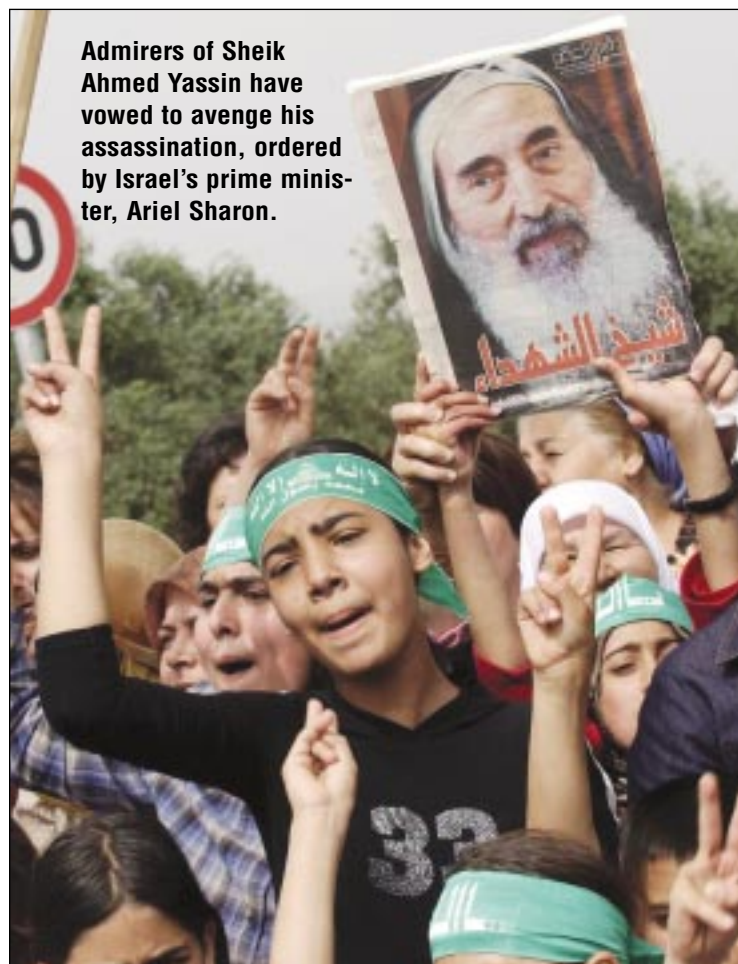
President Woodrow Wilson dragged the United States into war in 1917 ostensibly to help Britain “make the world safe for democracy.” FDR, in 1939, seeing that the Great Depression wasn’t fading rapidly enough, began to maneuver the United States toward war. A provoked Japan attacked Pearl Harbor; the British plutocrats got the help they needed to save their industry from German competition, and 300,000 American boys fought and died for the sake of “democracy.”

At least, this war (unlike all wars since then) was constitutional. FDR asked for a declaration of war, and Congress granted it. Above all, FDR needed an end to the Great Depression, and war was his vehicle.

Today, a bomb-ravaged Iraq is showcased as a budding democracy. However, after America’s forceful entry into that country to save it from the likes of Saddam Hussein and for Bechtel, Halliburton and other profiteers, there is still no peace. Civilians, military and the new police force are dying. Guerrilla warfare is very much the name of the game, despite assertions that peace and democracy are right on schedule.

Israel, a “democracy” with proportional representation in its Knesset, has to constantly make deals with the various political factions and parties. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is going up against bribery charges. Corruption is seemingly doing him in. But Israel has not lost sight of its Zionist expansionist dreams. And the recent Israeli rocket assassination of the Hamas spiritual advisor Ahmed Yassin has alarmed the Muslims to the extent that some of them now

Admirers of Sheik Ahmed Yassin have vowed to avenge his assassination, ordered by Israel’s prime minister, Ariel Sharon.



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vow to avenge his death.

According to columnist Georgie Anne Geyer, “[Sharon] is almost single-handedly remaking the Middle East into his version of a Greater Israel that will effectively be the regional “consul” of the United States.” The United States must extricate itself from this alliance or face a bleak future in that part of the world.

This year is an election year in “the world’s greatest democracy” and lone superpower. The leading candidates of the two “major” parties are President Bush and Sen. John Kerry. Both are Yale graduates and members of the super secret Skull and Bones Society. And both are firmly committed to an American “democracy.”

Of course the winner of the election will not be the one who garners the most popular votes but the one who wins a majority of the votes in the Electoral College or the Supreme Court. This is not democratic by any stretch of the imagination.

AFP readers are well aware that presidential elections always feature Tweedle-Dum and Tweedle-Dee as the “leading” candidates. As the campaign develops and the party conventions are held, this similarity will become more noticeable. Naturally, AFP and this column will have a lot more to say.

Please note: This year there will not be a joint AFP-Barnes *Review* conference. Instead there will be a Euro-American Unity and Leadership Conference in New Orleans, May 29-30, to “welcome home” David Duke. For more information see page 18. ★

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On this day in 1861, at Fort Sumter, S.C., Brig. Gen. P.G.T. Beauregard of the new Confederate Army attacked the federally held fort after U.S. Maj. Robert Anderson refused to surrender. After two days of bombardment, Anderson accepted Beauregard’s terms. This battle marked the beginning of the Civil War.



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On this day in 1892, Lockport, N.Y., was the first town to introduce a voting machine in its elections. The machine was lever operated, and each candidate had his own lever. The name of this voting machine was the “Myers Automatic Booth.” Lockport was also the town to build the first public high school in the United States, in 1848, at a cost to taxpayers of \$15,000. (Before that, if you wanted to go beyond elementary education, you had to go to a private school.)

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On this day in 1945 Franklin Delano Roosevelt died during his fourth term, becoming the seventh U.S. president to die while in office. He is the only president to serve more than two terms.



# Inventors Prove Gasoline Dependency Is Obsolete

By Christopher J. Petherick

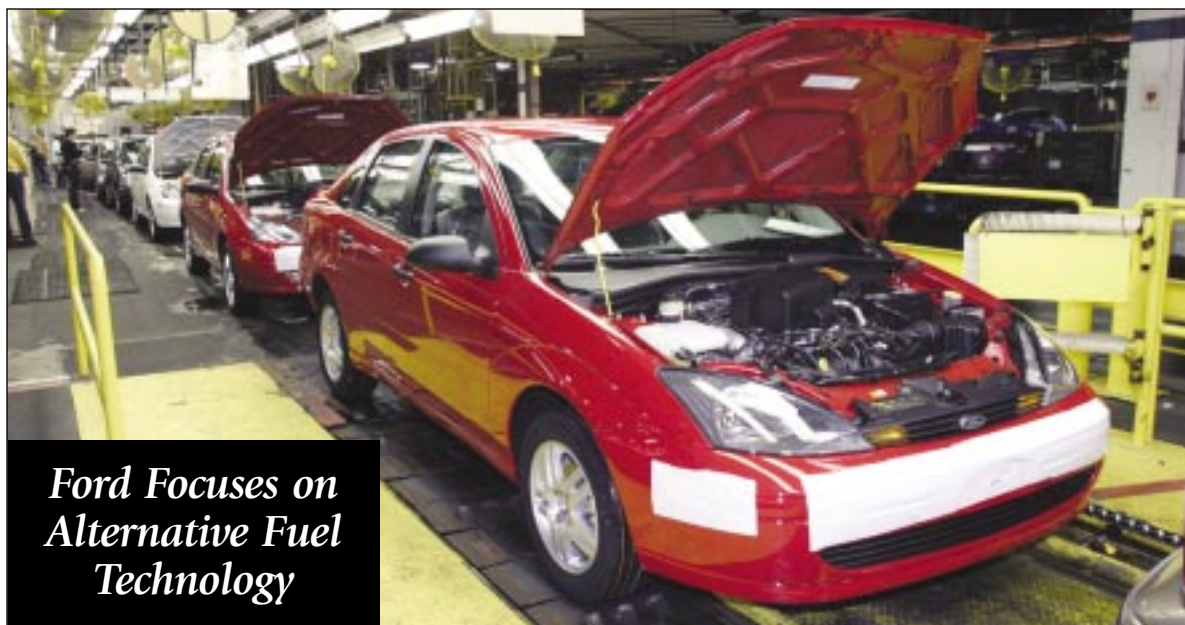
**G**etting U.S. consumers off of petroleum is a pressing issue today. Luckily, the troubles associated with using alternative fuels, such as ethanol (grain alcohol) and hydrogen, in conventional automobile engines may soon be behind us with the development of a new gadget that utilizes both to burn efficiently and cleanly.

Most conventional automobiles cannot burn pure ethanol in standard combustion engines without making significant changes to the fuel intake system. Consequently, in many parts of the country, only a portion of ethanol is added to gasoline, and the mixture, which can be burned without changes, is sold at gas stations as "E10." There is also the convenience factor for more consumers. Due to the fact that ethanol burns hotter and faster than gasoline, cars paradoxically get significantly reduced miles to the gallon—an important issue for those who commute hundreds of miles to work every week.

## COSTLY TO PRODUCE

As for hydrogen, an extremely flammable gas, which is another alternative fuel being explored by automakers, unfortunately, there is no readily available source. Hydrogen is costly to produce. For example, the process of electrically extracting it from water (known as electrolysis) uses vast amounts of energy. The problem is, the electricity used to power the process often comes off the grid—from the power companies. For those who are concerned about nuclear energy and the depletion of petroleum reserves, this is a significant drawback to the use of hydrogen in cars. However, solar-generated electricity can also be used for the electrolysis.

According to a report in the February 13 issue of *Science* magazine, a new device, the brainchild of Xenophon Verykios of the University of Patras, Greece, along with Lanny Schmidt of the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, and colleagues, uses ethanol and water to generate heat and create hydrogen, bypassing the impediments to using just ethanol or hydrogen.



**Ford Focuses on Alternative Fuel Technology**

**Ford Motor Company is in the process of developing a new device that could revolutionize the automotive industry. Ford's new line of so-called flexible fuel vehicles allows consumers to use regular gasoline or another kind of alternative fuel such as ethanol or methanol. According to Ford, a sensor installed in the fuel line "automatically detects the percent of ethanol in the tank and adjusts the spark timing and fuel flow accordingly." As of 2004, Ford offers five vehicles from which consumers can choose, including luxury sedans and a pickup. Above, hybrid Ford Focuses roll off the assembly line at the Wayne Stamping and Assembly plant in Wayne, Mich.**

The process is simple, reports *Science*. Ethanol and water are shot through injectors—the standard fuel delivery system for modern combustion engines—into a heated chamber, where the blend vaporizes and mixes with air. The vapor then passes through a porous plug of aluminum oxide covered by rhodium and cerium oxide, where it is converted into hydrogen and carbon monoxide. The hydrogen can then be used in fuel cells.

The process occurs rapidly and efficiently. Researchers found they could convert upward of 95 percent of the hydrogen in the ethanol into hydrogen gas.

The two downsides of the process, however, are that it

produces large amounts of carbon monoxide, which is poisonous and can be problematic when used in the fuel cells manufactured for today's hydrogen-powered cars, and the rhodium is expensive.

The simple process could make it easier for American drivers who would simply pull up to a gas station that carries ethanol and water and fill up their tank.

The upshot is that the ethanol, which is distilled from corn grown in the United States, would go a long way in helping to support American farmers while providing the United States with the energy independence it so badly needs in this chaotic world. ★

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# Letters

## Doesn't Take an Economist To See 'Amnesty' Is Trouble

### MAIN STREET MEDIA

John Swinton, former executive of *The New York Times*, called by his peers, "The Dean of His Profession," was asked in 1953 to give a toast before the New York Press Club. He responded with the following statement:

"There is no such thing, at this date in the world's history, as an independent press. You know it, and I know it. There is not one of you who dares to write your honest opinion, and if you did, you know beforehand it would never appear in print. I am paid weekly for keeping my honest opinions out of the paper I am connected with.

Others of you are paid similar salaries for similar things, and any of you who would be so foolish as to write honest opinions would be out on the streets looking for another job. If I allowed my honest opinions to appear in one issue of my paper, before 24 hours, my occupation would be gone. The business of the journalist is to destroy the truth; to lie outright; to pervert; to vilify; to fawn at the feet of mammon, and to sell his country and his race for his daily bread. We are tools and vessels for rich men behind the scenes.

Our talents, our possibilities and our lives are all the property of other men and

politicians. We are intellectual prostitutes."

Today, some 40 years later, nothing has changed with the "mainstream" media. The plutocrats who control the press let us know only what they want us to know. They keep us in the dark and feed us garbage!

DR. RICHARD E. TEDLOCK  
Kokomo, Indiana

### LIKES WAL-MART

I trade at Wal-Mart because I can buy clothing, and many other things that I must have in order to survive, at much lower prices than at department and hardware stores. And guess what? Those goods sold at department stores and hardware are also made in China.

If Wal-Mart has done anything wrong about insurance—that is an entirely different subject. The hiring of aliens is another story. If the feds were doing their jobs, there would be no illegal aliens to hire, and our industry would not have been moved to China and other countries where slave laborers get a dollar a week.

Knock Wal-Mart all you want, but I will shop there and be thankful it is only six miles from home.

MASON ARMSTRONG  
Roseburg, Oregon

## Did They Really Say That?

It is "deeply offensive and contemptible" to hear "elites and intellectuals on the campaign trail" dismiss progress in Iraq, said former President George H.W. Bush, reportedly choking back tears in a speech he gave before the National Petrochemical and Refiners Association annual convention on March 30. "There is something ignorant in the way they dismiss the overthrow of a brutal dictator and the sowing of the seeds of basic human freedom in that troubled part of the world. Iraq is moving forward in hope and not sliding back into despair and terrorism."



GHW BUSH



CLARKE

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Pat Buchanan writes in his latest column on former counterterrorism official Richard Clarke: "On 9-11 itself, Clarke was stunned to hear Donald Rumsfeld call for bombing Iraq—not Afghanistan, where al Qaeda was—because there were better 'targets' in Iraq, though Baghdad had had nothing to do with the atrocities. . . ."

"On Sept. 12, Clarke was enraged as he watched Rumsfeld and Wolfowitz try to steer the president's wrath away from al Qaeda and Afghanistan, toward Iraq and Saddam. Clarke contends the eventual invasion of Iraq was a disaster for the war on terror."

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An excerpt from Richard Perle's Feb. 18 resignation letter from the Defense Policy Board: "We are now approaching a long presidential election campaign, in the course of which issues on which I have strong views will be widely discussed and debated. I would not wish those views to be attributed to you or the president at any time, and especially not during a presidential campaign. This is particularly true now since I have just published a book that calls for far-reaching reform of government departments responsible for combating terrorism. Many of the ideas in that book are controversial, and I wish to be free to argue them without those views or my arguments getting caught up in the campaign."



### ILL-EQUIPPED MILITARY

Charley Reese's column in the Feb. 9 issue about the deplorable condition of our military is nothing new. The Army has been that way for as long as I can remember.

I first did 33 months in the under age Army from the spring of 1943 to the fall of 1945 while my father was an army surgeon. Our family's military service goes all the way back to the Green Mountain Boys of cousin Ethan Allen, Seth Warner and James Warner including my uncles and their offspring. Military personnel went on the black market to obtain needed items.

I was in the Korean War—two winters and 14 months of daily being some sort of target—and we had shortages of footwear, stockings, underwear, trench coats and spare parts to repair communications equipment. Many of these items were detained on communist-controlled West Coast docks, while thousands of American troops suffered from severe frostbite. As a communications spe-

cialist, I had many demands of keeping obsolete equipment operating under the most severe and difficult conditions. Our military has always taken a back seat when it comes to being suitably equipped.

REV. WALT HENDRICKS  
Mingo, Indiana

### STOP FOREIGN MEDDLING

President George W. Bush is at it again. He has sent troops to Haiti. We have troops all over the world. Where is he going to get more troops? I suppose he will want to bring back the draft. If we vote for Bush we could be signing a death warrant for our sons and grandsons.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan says we need to cut back on the government's funding of Social Security and Medicare and make everyone wait until they are 70 years old to retire. A better way to save money would be for the president to stop meddling in the affairs of other coun-



Above, an image that is rarely seen: As Israeli police attempted to dismantle the illegal Jewish settlement at Kiriya Arba, an armed Israeli settler stood guard over a young Jewish boy who is hurling rocks at police and Palestinians. Dozens of other settlers threw stones at Palestinians and Israeli troops.



### No Warrant Necessary

On March 25, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals gave police in Louisiana, Texas and Mississippi the right to search homes and buildings for evidence without a search warrant. The court ruled police do not need an arrest or search warrant to conduct a swift search of a private property to ensure their own safety. Above, Shreveport Police Officer E.J. Swartout looks through the window of a suspect's house.

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tries. He bombs Iraq and then has to spend our money to repair the damage.

Wars cost lives and money. This country would be better if it withdrew our troops from foreign countries and used them protect our borders.

OSCAR E. PLUMMER  
Clinton, Illinois

#### MARTHA SCAPEGOAT?

Martha Stewart was a scapegoat for federal arrogance and a convenient opportunity to advance individual careers at the expense of a prominent person. The gray suits triumphed over a 60-year-old woman who was guilty of nothing more than what thousands of market wise "players" do every day.

Wall Street is driven, fueled, motivated and run principally by insider trading, innuendo, rumor, malice and greed. Anyone who thinks differently is simply ignorant of the reality.

Every day, billions are moved based on

insider trading. Could anyone be so simplistic to think that a major player would be stupid enough to move \$50 million into stocks or bonds without knowing in advance what the outcome would be?

CHARLES BROWN  
San Antonio, Texas

#### PHARMACEUTICAL DEALS

What is the matter with our senators and congressmen? They are talking about importing the very drugs that American manufacturers shipped to foreign countries at reduced cost.

This is ludicrous. The reason they talk about this crazy re-importation of American drugs is that foreign countries impose price restrictions upon the drugs sold in their countries. The drugs are cheaper than they are in the United States.

Drugs, which are the product of subsidized research, are sold in America at a price



that does not reflect the cost. As AFP pointed out in the March 29 issue these same companies get research subsidies from the U.S. government. The cost of subsidized research should be shared by all countries which permit distribution of these drugs in their countries.

But better yet: if other countries impose price restrictions upon American drugs sold in their countries, why can't we just impose price restrictions upon our drug manufacturers?

BOB WESTPHAL  
Stanwood, Washington

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## AFP's Letter of the Week

### SUGGESTED PEACE PLAN

On this one-year anniversary of the beginning of the Iraq war, President Bush is proclaiming it to be a big achievement by bringing peace to the Iraqi people and a victory in the ongoing war against terror.

Bush could bring about a victory in the war on terror without sacrificing more than 600 American lives and over \$1 trillion of U.S. taxpayer money.

All he needs to do is suspend all aid until Israel relinquishes its control of the occupied Palestinian territories, stops building and expanding illegal Jewish settlements, accedes to the Palestinians' right to self-determination and evacuates Jewish settlers now living in areas of the West Bank and Gaza.

With this recommendation, the president could go a long way to quiet guerrilla warfare in Iraq and anti-American protests throughout the world—and without firing a shot.

Further, he would be taking a major step toward restoring the United States to the position of respect and honor it once held.

President Bush has the power to end the reign of terror right now if he is willing to break clean from the stranglehold of the Zionist lobby. Politically, it is a hard choice, but ultimately a sensible and realistic one that would bring about true peace and justice in the Middle East.



GEORGE W. BUSH

BRIG. GEN. JAMES J. DAVID  
Marietta, Georgia

(General David is a retired brigadier general and a graduate of the U.S. Army's Command and General Staff College, and the National Security Course, National Defense University, Washington. He served as a company commander with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970 and also served nearly 3 years of Army active duty in and around the Middle East from 1967 to 1969.—Ed.)





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