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2006 POLITICAL PROGNOSIS: THOSE POLITICAL SEMANTICS

Few people, with proper mental faculties, would voluntarily vote for a Democrat, but this coming election season will be far more than just the usual nose-holder as we cast our votes. By November 2006, voters will not be compelled to vote for Democrats because they came up with some type of vision, but the voters will be more inclined to vote against Republicans for their failure to produce.

Americans know that Democrats are an archaic political group that have fewer insights than their communist counterparts. However, Americans have high expectations regarding Republicans. The thoughts of lower taxes, a responsible and responsive government that is no larger than absolutely necessary, protection of our fundamental constitutional rights while balancing our innate need for national security concerns and a strong economy are but a few of the expectations we have for Republicans.

Aside from the legitimate use by President George W. Bush of the National Security Administration (NSA) to monitor international exchanges of information among identified anti-Americans, the American public has less than a respectful admiration for the monitoring of the evolutionary challenges by the GOP. In the *Kelo vs. New Haven* case where five justices of the United States Supreme Court (USSC) rewrote the very words of the Constitution, the citizens are not only outraged, they need to be on alert.

There were no ramifications for such actions by the court, although the GOP has the legitimate authority to review the case and call for an impeachment proceeding regarding the blatant miscarriage of justice. The California based Federal 4th District Court of Appeals had gone unchecked for years and now the highest judiciary in the land has taken liberties, liberties that literally takes away our liberties.

The legislative bodies are empowered to oversee the judiciary and executive branches, just as the judiciary is responsible for overseeing the legislative and executive branches. The failure to conform to the checks and balances required by the Constitution will be the downfall of many Republican legislators, even at the state level.

Unfortunately, Republicans cannot always choose who runs for office. The GOP can have as many liberals and moderates as the Democrats. They are as big an albatross for the Republicans as a conservative is for the Democrats. President George W. Bush made a mistake by making a public announcement that he had earned some political capital and he will use it during his last four years. The Democrats were not receptive to the idea that a Republican president would have any abilities to lead the nation forward. On top of that the Republicans have not yet realized they're in control.

Despite inheriting the worst economy since the Great Depression, the temporary setback by the unprovoked attacks of September 11, 2001 and both the partisan anti-American Democrats and the anemic, "Who won?" Republicans, President George W. Bush had helped reinvigorate the economy.

President Bush also kept the morale high among our service men and women while those in DC and back home spit on their uniform through the media. In less than three years, our men and women made it possible for Iraq to have previously unheard of elections in the Middle East. Most people with a military background cringed when Kerry said he had a plan and the Democrats said they wanted an exit strategy and the president had to change his Iraq War strategy.

Most Americans are far from being a conglomeration of idiots. They will hold accountable all those who failed the President and especially the citizens. ~J. Powers

FIIMAAN ILLAAH, MA' ASSLAMA, GOODBYE—IRAN

No matter what they say, Iran as they know it will cease to exist within the next few months. It will be a huge cataclysmic event in world history, but a necessary modification to ensure an iota of world tranquility.

While President Bush is hanging a left, Israel will be hanging a hard right. Syria will be our next step in the war on terror unless they start surrendering all the weapons imported from Iraq and fire Syrian President Bashar al-Asad.

Previously, a not-to-bright Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad proclaimed that Israel must be destroyed. While the Iranian President may act tough by slamming his fist into his other hand, his speech and actions are very much like bringing only one set of brass knuckles to a gun fight.

Israel is not about to be blindsided by any Arabic crusaders again, not at this point in their history. Regaining control of their small portion of land and

their right to worship freely has become paramount. Although it is good to keep God in the midst of a nation, the godless people who assume the roles over the God-fearing help facilitate a level of confused loyalties; do the peaceful Muslim give loyalty to their God or surrender it to their godless government leaders?

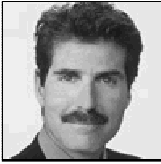
Nations have risen and fallen on the heels of the arrogant elitists throughout history. The elitists want control and have failed to learn to share in grade school.

What will be very interesting to observe over the next year is how the dynamics of the Middle East will change. Iraq may very well understand the values and benefits associated with respecting others' beliefs.

The Battle of Armageddon is in the offing, but in the Biblical sense, it will be a cleansing and stabilizing event that will make the return of God to Earth a welcomed segment of history. Muslims who profess to kill on behalf of God will be damned.

Human life vs. the Earth

By John Stossel Dec 14, 2005



They've been at it again. In Montreal, a bunch of politicians and activists just finished another round of negotiations among themselves about just

how much of our freedom to take away in pursuit of a greener planet. That's "green," as in "envious" -- of the people who were able to invent, build industries and develop economies in generations past, before the environmentalists convinced world "leaders" that products that improve human life, and the factories that make those products, must be limited in the name of the Earth.

Meanwhile, in Ntinda, Uganda, that country's vice president was calling on world leaders to help save human lives -- by supporting Uganda's use of a chemical the fear of which galvanized the environmental movement decades ago.

On the surface, these are two different environmental stories: one about chemicals that supposedly might raise temperatures, and one about a chemical that can damage eggshells. But the underlying issue is the same: Should the law promote human life, or should it sacrifice human beings and their quality of life on the altar

of Gaia?

Two to three million people die of malaria every year, Uganda's health minister has said, because the U.S. government is afraid of a chemical called DDT. The United States does spend your tax dollars trying to fight malaria in Africa, but it won't fund DDT. The money goes for things like mosquito netting over beds (even though not everyone in Africa even has a bed). The office that dispenses those funds, the Agency for International Development, acknowledges DDT is safe, but it will not spend a penny on it.

Why? Fifty years ago, Americans sprayed tons of DDT everywhere. Farmers used it to repel bugs, and health officials to fight mosquitoes that carry malaria. Nobody worried much about chemicals then. People really did just sit there and eat in clouds of DDT. When the trucks came to spray, people often acted as if the ice cream truck had come. They were so happy to have mosquitoes repelled. Huge amounts of DDT were sprayed on food and people, who just breathed it in.

Did they all get cancer and die?

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Nope.

Amazingly, there's no evidence that all this spraying hurt people. It killed mosquitoes. (DDT also kills bedbugs, which are now making a comeback.) It did cause some harm, however. It threatened bird populations by thinning eggshells. In 1962, the book "Silent Spring" by Rachel Carson made the damage famous and helped create our fear of chemicals. The book raised some serious questions about the use of DDT, but the legitimate nature of those questions was lost in the media feeding frenzy that followed. DDT was a "Killer Chemical," and the press was off on another fear campaign. DDT was banned.

But fear campaigns kill people, too. DDT is a great pesticide. The amount was the reason for the DDT problems. We sprayed far more than is needed to prevent the spread of malaria. It's sprayed on walls, and one spraying will keep mosquitoes at bay for half a year. It's a very efficient malaria fighter. But today, DDT is rarely used. America's demonization of it caused others to shun it. And while the U.S. government spends tax money fighting malaria in Africa, it refuses to put that money into DDT. It might save lives, but it might

offend environmentalist zealots and create political fallout.

DDT was banned in America after we started celebrating Earth Day. Environmentalists made a lot of claims then -- I have an amusing clip of an environmentalist exclaiming, "You are breathing probably the last of the oxygen!" Soon after that the environmentalists mounted their campaign against DDT. The result? A huge resurgence of malaria, more than 50 million dead, mostly children.

"If it's a chemical, it must be bad," said scientist Amir Attaran. "If it's DDT, it must be awful. And that's fine if you're a rich, white environmentalist. It's not so fine if you're a poor black kid who is about to lose his life from malaria."

Attaran is leading a campaign of hundreds of scientists urging the use of DDT to combat malaria. It's needed especially in Africa, he says, because malaria kills thousands there every day. "If I were to characterize what USAID does on malaria," he said, "I'd call it medical malpractice, I would call it murderous."

Publish the Barrett report now

By Tony Snow Dec 9, 2005

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- "No wonder they call us the Stupid Party," said a disgusted Republican operative in Washington. "You've got to wonder what these guys were thinking."

At issue was the publication of a report by David Barrett, an independent counsel who has spent the better part of a decade looking into some of the most hair-raising allegations of presidential malfeasance in American history.

Like most independent counsels, Barrett didn't set out on such a mission. He was assigned the duty of looking into whether former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry Cisneros committed tax fraud in trying to cover up payments to a former mistress.

Yet, as published reports have indicated, he soon discovered that he was onto something much bigger. He found unsettling evidence that Justice Department officials were actively interfering with the probe and even conducting surveillance of Barrett and his office. Worse, there were indications that Team Clinton was using key players at the IRS and Justice to harass, frighten and threaten people who somehow got in the former president's way.

The pattern was set early on, when the White House sicced the FBI on Billy Dale, who had served as the director of the White House

Travel Office since the days of John F. Kennedy. They mounted a baseless probe of Dale's finances, while chasing after his daughter, his sister and others. Dale was guilty of holding a job coveted by presidential pal Harry Thomasson. But rather than simply firing Dale, the Clinton White House chose to destroy him.

By all accounts, the 400-page Barrett report is a bombshell, capable possibly of wiping out Hillary Rodham Clinton's presidential prospects. At the very least, it would bring to public attention a scandal that would make the Valerie Plame affair vanish into comical insignificance.

Democrats know this. Using provisions in the independent-counsel statute that permit people named in a report to review the allegations against them and file rebuttals, attorneys close to the Clintons have spent the better part of five years reviewing every jot and tittle of the charges arrayed against their clients and friends.

This careful and continuous monitoring of the report explains why Sens. Byron Dorgan, Dick Durbin and John Kerry took the highly unusual step earlier this

year of trying to slip into an Iraq-war spending bill an amendment to suppress every word of the Barrett report. (Every other independent counsel finding has been printed in its entirety, with the exception of small sections containing classified material.)

Alert Republicans, pushed by talk-radio listeners and bloggers, managed to short-circuit that effort, but Democrats patiently pursued their goal. They got what they wanted recently, when the House and Senate met to iron out differences in yet another appropriations bill. Democrats inserted language that would prevent public release of the 120 pages of the report listing the Clinton transgressions. They offered what may have looked like a good deal. They promised not to object to letting Barrett continue with any prosecutions already underway.

Republicans negotiators, led by Sen. Kit Bond, R-Mo., and Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-Mich, took the bait. They agreed to keep the public in the dark about the important stuff in exchange for a big, fat nothing. Unbeknownst to Bond and Knollenberg, Barrett shut down his grand juries three years ago.

The move represents more than just boneheaded politics. It's grossly irresponsible. If the report contains the kind of bombshells that have been hinted at in reports published by The Wall Street Journal and National Review, among others, the public not only has a right to know, Congress has a duty to investigate.

If Barrett has found evidence that officials at Justice and the IRS served as a praetorian guard, that means some bureaucrats felt it appropriate or beneficial to ignore their duty to the public and instead to perform dirty work for the people who oversee their budgets.

Another big "if": If such behavior were covered up, the malefactors would conclude that they may do the same thing again for other presidents.

Something stinks, and the only way to get at the truth is to release the full report. Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, who fought a lonely battle to ensure the document's publication, is furious. So is House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wisc. The question is whether Republican leaders Bill Frist and Denny Hastert will step in and ensure the report's publication, or whether they'll just sigh and look the other way.

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CLINTON IN A BUBBLE BY ROGER ARONOFF | JANUARY 3, 2006



While Time and Newsweek examine the supposed phenomenon of an isolated President Bush in a bubble, another Clinton scandal is waiting in the wings to be discovered by the media. This one could sink Hillary's presidential prospects.

We have long maintained that former President Bill Clinton should have withdrawn from the public scene after he left office, having been impeached for lying and scandalizing the oval office. But he continues to trot around the country and the globe, as if he is someone to be listened to or even adored. Clinton is the one in the bubble, which protects him from any hard questions from the media about his outrageous claims and conduct.

Shielded by an adoring media that he can always depend on, Clinton is raking in cash faster than he can count it, taking in nearly \$10 million in 2003, giving speeches for up to \$400,000 a piece. Most recently, he told the U.N.'s climate conference in Montreal, Canada that President Bush is "flat wrong" to reject the Kyoto treaty, which calls on the U.S. to reduce its emissions of greenhouse gasses to seven percent below 1990 levels. That would be approximately a 30 percent decrease below anticipated emissions by 2012.

In 1997, Clinton and vice president Al Gore, a believer in the earth spirit, were deeply involved in promoting the Kyoto treaty. Unlike the Internet, it appears that Gore actually can claim some credit for taking "the initiative in creating" the Kyoto treaty. But the Senate wouldn't even consider ratifying it. They voted 95-0 against its provisions, saying the treaty would "result in serious harm to the economy of the United States."

But in Montreal, Clinton made the dubious claim that "we could meet and surpass the Kyoto targets in a way that would strengthen and not weaken our economies." Besides being bad form to criticize a sitting president while in a foreign country, he seems not to have noticed that Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair recognizes that Kyoto is dead, that no country is going to cut its growth, and that the answer to reducing so-called greenhouse gases, if that is the course that is scientifically justified, lies in technological breakthroughs that won't damage our economy.

Clinton's pro-Kyoto comments weren't as bad as Clinton going to Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates, and telling a group of students that the war in Iraq was "a big mistake." That was a major gaffe, ignored by the media, because the Clinton administration had indicted Osama bin Laden in 1998 because, among other things, "Al Qaida reached

an understanding with the government of Iraq that al Qaida would not work against that government and that on particular projects, specifically including weapons development, al Qaida would work cooperatively with the government of Iraq." As he ordered the bombing of Iraq in December of 1998, Clinton insisted that "Their mission is to attack Iraq's nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programs and its military capacity to threaten its neighbors." Just a couple months before he had signed the Iraq Liberation Act, calling for regime change—he is on shaky ground in condemning this war as a "big mistake."

Members of the Clinton Administration want us to forget those facts. When former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright went on Meet the Press on December 11, she told Tim Russert that "...as the intelligence has shown, there has been no connection between al-Qaeda and Saddam Hussein, until recently when, as a result of even what Porter Goss is saying, there are more terrorists in Iraq than there were before." Russert wasn't prepared to ask her about her administration's indictment of bin Laden.

And while the media rarely point any of this out, they are largely ignoring another huge embarrassment to the Clintons, the Barrett Report. It is a 400-page report by independent counsel

David Barrett, who started out in 1995 looking into whether or not former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry Cisneros committed tax fraud when trying to cover up payments to his mistress. The investigation evolved into something quite extraordinary. And it has been virtually ignored by the mainstream media, leaving the reporting mainly to conservatives Byron York of National Review and columnist Tony Snow.

It has turned into potentially a huge scandal. In a recent [column](#) by Tony Snow, he writes that the 400-page report "is a bombshell, capable possibly of wiping out Hillary Rodham Clinton's presidential prospects." He says Barrett "found unsettling evidence that Justice Department officials were actively interfering with the probe and even conducting surveillance of Barrett and his office."

Now, through delays and congressional maneuvering detailed in Snow's column, the report, which under law is supposed to be made public, might not be revealed. We have not found a single story on this in the mainstream media, once again demonstrating the lack of interest in stories that expose Clinton hypocrisy or corruption.

Whatever happened to the public's right to know?

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Harry Reid Caught in Abramoff Plea Deal? Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006 11:50 a.m. EST

Reprint from Newsmax.com: This morning's announcement that Washington super-lobbyist Jack Abramoff has reached a plea bargain deal with the Justice Department has reporters salivating over what they hint is going to be a Republican mega-scandal.

But it turns out that the most prominent player in Abramoff's web of influence was reportedly none other than the Senate's top Democrat, Harry Reid.

In a little-noticed story in November, The Associated Press revealed that Reid had accepted tens of thousands of dollars from an Abramoff client, the Coshatta Indian tribe, after interceding with Secretary of the Interior Gail Norton over a casino dispute with a rival tribe.

Reid "sent a letter to Norton on March 5, 2002," reported the AP. "The next

day, the Coshattas issued a \$5,000 check to Reid's tax-exempt political group, the Searchlight Leadership Fund. A second tribe represented by Abramoff sent an additional \$5,000 to Reid's group. Reid ultimately received more than \$66,000 in Abramoff-related donations between 2001 and 2004."

Questioned about the donations last month by "Fox News Sunday's" Chris Wallace, Reid immediately turned testy.

"Don't try to say I received money from Abramoff. I've never met the man, don't know anything," he insisted.

When Wallace protested: "But you've received money from [one of his Indian tribe clients]," the top Democrat shot back: "Make sure that all your viewers

understand - not a penny from Abramoff. I've been on the Indian Affairs Committee my whole time in the Senate."

When the Fox host pressed again on the Abramoff-linked donations, a flustered-sounding Reid continued to stonewall, saying: "I'll repeat, Abramoff gave me no money. His firm gave me no money. He may have worked [at] a firm where people have given me money. But I have - I feel totally at ease that I haven't done anything that is even close to being wrong."

Editor's Note: Whenever money provides influence in government, the citizens will suffer. Wealthy people who owe back taxes to the IRS may have the amount reduced and a period to pay the taxes, without fines

and additional costs. The poor citizen on the other hand may lose their property and end up being assessed more fines than they can afford. The same applies to the wealthy man in a court of law; while their fines are equivalent to the fines imposed on a person who makes minimum wage, the penalties have no sting to those who have, but break the backs of those who have-not.

While the Democrats scoff at Exxon-Mobile making an estimated \$9.9 billion, the Dems had no inclination to suspend the federal and state gas taxes to help those least able to afford the stock-holders' greed. But what is most sad is that a citizen that earns \$100K in 2005 will probably pay more in income taxes than Exxon-Mobile. Although we have no ideology that provides for government hand-outs to the capable, evidently we believe more in the fair treatment of the working man than the Democrats do.

None of the Above! By C. J. Williams

Last year, a man named Bob in Wisconsin sent me the simulated Wildlands Project Map for Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, our “Distinct Population” grouping for the eco-insanity going on around us, and during the holidays I sent him a thank you letter.

He replied: “Just a brief note to let you know that I go to the Super One on Monday just to get the “Superior Voice” for your very informative articles of ‘un-sanitized’ truth. I send them to Maryland and Florida. I’m told they circulate in Virginia and eventually end up back in Lower Michigan.

Nothing is more serious than what this cabal of criminals is doing to the world. We need more momentum and it starts with efforts like yours that let people know the con job that is being played out on them.

Regrettably, I came to three conclusions long ago: Over 50% of people are greedy, gutless and lazy; over 80% will do anything for a check; and over 98% are practicing Communists.

I fear it will take a lot of pain to change what tend to be human inclinations. I hope it won’t be too late.” ~ Bob

Is it already too late? No, not as long as the American Flag flies over our country and not as long as there is Freedom of Speech and a guarantee that all of our constitutional rights will be protected. Not as long as there are Free Men who can see the folly of the rabid and destructive environmentalism that denies us our right to the quality of life we want, and not that which is being crammed down our throats by the Communists taking over our government and all its many bureaucratic agencies.

For years, these people have been laying the groundwork of Agenda 21, the UN’s grand scheme to shut down our capitalistic, industrialized nation. It was gradual and we didn’t realize what was happening. Now, through their need to become more “transparent”, we’re catching on to their satanic deviousness. And I say satanic, because what they’ve planned

for us could only have originated in the bowels of Hell.

I’ve come to a few conclusions, too, and none of them good. One that really troubles me is that we are most often being presented with two evils and then being asked to choose one of them. Like fools, we choose what we believe is the lesser of the evils instead of taking a stand and saying, “None of the above”.

We have two major political parties, the Republicans and the Democrats, and both are rife with corruption and an almost total disregard for scruples. As a reader of one of my articles, [American Sheeple and the Consensual Conspiracy Syndrome](#) posted at News with Views on Dec. 26th, so succinctly put it, “They (democrats and republicans) both share the same goal and the only valid fight that can be said to exist is who will sit in the seat of power: The Fabian Socialist/Keynesian Economists or the Marxists, Leninist/Stalinist crowd.”

Which is the lesser of these two evils and why aren’t we voting for none of the above?

Like the rabid eco-tweets dictating land use, the vast majority of our elected officials in both parties and at all levels are green, too. They’re green with greed for power and the money it can bring. Little by little, their house of cards is tumbling down around their goose-stepping boots, but in the meanwhile they continue to kick us with those boots and pretend they’re doing so to enhance our quality of life.

Is your quality of life enhanced with cloned greenways and river walks in metro-America or spindly trees planted in front of restored and quaint little eco-shops in the cities selected to be developed for sustainability? Is it enhanced with bike trails and fountains where homos can hang out in a social equity soup pot with little boys and girls? Is it enhanced when you can’t go into the woods or access the rivers and lakes with your grown-up toys? Will your quality of life be enhanced when they take away your guns or when you no longer

have a use for your fishing pole, archery equipment, or 330 conibears?

During the past year, I purposely stayed away from specific topics because I haven’t quite connected all the dots. However, I don’t like what I’m learning about the Human Genome Project, post-normal research, weather manipulation, genetic engineering of our food supply, control of our fresh water supply, digitized learning via the internet, “cutting-edge” innovative medical research, the total destruction of the family unit through our educational system, communitarian living in the new order’s restricted human use zones, and a huge host of other troublesome things.

I’ve come to the conclusion that there really are those in our government who would look the other way and allow the World Trade Center to be ripped apart, killing thousands and tearing families to shreds, so that the “Fear Factor” could be enhanced enough to make us give up our freedoms on American soil. The Oklahoma bombing didn’t quite do the trick in implementing Homeland Security and Big Brother oppression, did it?

I’ve come to the conclusion that tax-paying Americans can’t take care of their own native sons and daughters and also cure the woes of oppressed poor folks in other countries run by dictatorial greed. For us to survive as a nation, we absolutely must get the United Nations out of America and us out from under the UN’s thumb, and all of the various programs the UN is promoting through Agenda 21. To allow that agenda and the sustainable development balderdash to continue is to sign the death warrant for the most powerful nation on Earth now abdicating to China.

I’ve come to the conclusion that our Department of Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, Federal Forest Service, and countless other agencies, which are supposed to be managing our nation’s resources are doing nothing more than paying lip service to the Nature

Conservancy’s Blueprint for land use dictates.

And, don’t for a minute think that their “conservation” Blueprints for the U. S. and Canada don’t coincide with the Wildlands Projects “initiatives”. If you do, you’re sadly mistaken. We don’t need Rebecca Humphries and we don’t need any one of our DNR wildlife biologists, but if the Nature Conservancy needs their services, then let TNC pay. Come to think of it, we don’t need the Natural Resource Commissioners or the Natural Resources Trust Fund eco-weenies, either.

It’s a scam, folks, and we’re being scammed right out of our forest and waterways to the tune of millions of our own dollars. Within a very short while, we will have been scammed into their commie eco-communities where we’ll all get along by learning to compromise. Those who can’t are going to America’s version of concentration camps for society’s misfits, several such camps already established in most states.

The Nature Conservancy and its countless tax-exempt land trust and conservation organization clones aren’t stakeholders...they’re vultures, slick green ones feeding off the greedy, power hungry goons we’ve elected to office. Come November election time, we absolutely must start getting our house in order and clean the scum out of the corners of the government we are meant to control.

If we don’t, we are enabling those who share the same sentiment as William Z. Foster, National Chairman of the Communist Party, USA, 1932, who said: “The establishment of an American Soviet government will involve the confiscation of large landed estates in town and country, and also, the whole body of forests, mineral deposits, lakes, rivers and so on.” It will never be too late to stop this, at least not without one hell of a fight! ~ CJ

Our National Forests - Why are there so many closed signs? By Dave Hurwitz

Our national forests may not be as wide open to snowmobile recreation as some of the extreme organizations tout they are on a daily basis. You may be surprised to find out how many acres are actually closed to snowmobiling; a sport which is one of the most environmentally friendly forms of mechanical recreation that exists in our national forests. After all, when the snow melts, so do the temporary tracks we leave behind in the snow.

Most of you are aware that approximately 106 million acres of current designated wilderness in the United States is already permanently off limits to snowmobile use and all other forms of motorized and mechanical recreation. Are you also aware of the many other designated areas in our national forests that are either already closed to snowmobiling, or could be closed to snowmobiling in the near future? There are Wilderness Study Areas (WSA), Recommended Wilderness Areas (RWA), Research Natural Areas (RNA), etc.

Let me try and clarify what some of these designations mean. Below is what the Forest Service recently explained regarding the difference between WSA's and RWA's:

"Any wilderness recommendation for forests west of the 100th meridian, resulting through the forest planning process, are referred to as "recommended wilderness" (for Congress); and any wilderness recommended for forests east of the 100th meridian, resulting through the forest planning process, are referred to as recommended areas for "wilderness study" (by Congress) - the difference is a result of the Eastern Wilderness Areas Act. The other wilderness study areas are those areas specifically designated by Congress. The agency is

directed in an act from Congress and signed by the President to study an area for wilderness potential, and make a recommendation to Congress. This direction is typically found in a wilderness bill, where a wilderness designation is being made - Congress decides it wants us to evaluate thoroughly some other lands that they believe may have wilderness potential. Recommended wilderness, on the other hand, are typically those areas that we have identified through the forest land and resource management planning process, in the official "Record of Decision," to recommend for wilderness consideration by Congress".

In short, the difference between WSA's and RWA's comes down to who is recommending it be considered for wilderness, Congress (WSA's) or the Forest Service (RWA's). The Forest Service manages nearly 34.9 million acres (32%) of the 106 million acres of designated wilderness (1). They also manage more than 4.2 million acres of RWA's (2), nearly 2.6 million acres of WSA's, and more than 400,000 acres of RNA's (3). Also don't forget about the millions of acres of so called Inventoried Roadless Areas (IRA) that President Clinton attempted to close to the majority of the public. Many western state Governors and the Forest Service are trying to close these very same areas. Several western state Governors have even petitioned the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to invoke Clinton's previous roadless rule. The Forest Service is also recommending many of these IRA's for RWA's during their forest plan revisions.

The Region 1 (encompassing Montana and northern Idaho) Forester, Abigail

Kimbell, has been promoting the closure of RWA's to motorized use throughout Montana, and now northern Idaho for no apparent reason. Recent conversations with the Forest Service in Region 6 (Washington and Oregon) lead me to believe that they are planning on closing all newly designated RWA's to motorized use too. This practice needs to stop immediately. The Forest Service is only required by law to "protect wilderness character" within RWA's. This does not mean that these areas should be closed to motorized use if the "wilderness character" can still be protected. No areas should be closed to snowmobiles and managed as wilderness unless Congress votes to do so. Snowmobiles do not impact "wilderness character" nor do they damage the resource. No scientific evidence exists proving otherwise.

The Snowmobile Alliance of Western States can live with the previous decisions in past decades by Congress who voted to designate wilderness areas through the Wilderness Act of 1964 (4) "as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain". We also advocate respecting all existing wilderness boundaries and not violating the rules by entering these existing wilderness areas by means of any mechanical form of transportation. What we do not support are new wilderness designations. Many of these new proposals contain land that does not even come close to qualifying as wilderness per the definition defined in the Wilderness Act. This act also states; "There shall be no temporary road, no use of motor vehicles, motorized equipment or motorboats, no landing of aircraft, no

other form of mechanical transport, and no structure or installation within any such area". Some of the recent wilderness proposals, such as the Wild Sky Wilderness in Washington State, contain areas that do not meet this requirement. SAWS also feels that sufficient areas have already been closed to multiple-use so we will not support further closures without valid scientific reasons.

The Multiple-Use Sustained-Yield Act of 1960 (5) declares, "That the purposes of the national forest include outdoor recreation, range, timber, watershed and fish and wildlife". If the Forest Service is no longer going to manage our national forests for these mandated purposes is there really a need for this agency to exist under the Department of Agriculture, or exist under any department at all for that matter?

The National Visitor Use Monitoring Program (NVUM) (6) documents that very few forest visitors actually visit existing wilderness areas, so why is the Forest Service bent on creating more wilderness areas? The NVUM web site documents that only 3.5% of current national forest visits nationwide are to existing wilderness areas. It certainly doesn't seem like there is a great need to create more de-facto wilderness through more RWA's or WSA's, for 3.5% of the national forest visitors who choose to visit current wilderness areas.

So when you get right down to it, how much of our national forest lands are really open and available for snowmobile use? Not nearly the amount some people would like the general public to believe.

http://www.snowmobile-alliance.org/uploads/SAWS_Editorial_-_Our_National_Forests_-_Why_are_there_so_many_closed_signs.htm

BO THOTT; PROPERTY RIGHTS ADVOCATE DIES

Defenders of property rights nationwide will be saddened to hear that our friend Bo Thott, of Cutler, Maine, died late last month at the age of 90. Like many immigrants who took the initiative to come to the United States, Bo was an ardent and uncompromising defender of the rights of the individual against abuse by government. In recent years Bo was very weak, but still enjoyed his salt water farm on the Maine coast, where he had successfully defended his own and others' property against the National Park Service and other viro land grabs targeting downeast Maine beginning in the mid 1980s.

Nearly twenty years later there is no Federal control or Greenlining on the downeast coast.

Bo was a founder and active leader in the Washington County Alliance, but is best known nationally for his own research on the "myth of the willing seller" in Federal land acquisitions. Following a 1992 Wilderness Society letter in the New York Times whitewashing Federal land acquisition as no "threat" to landowners, Bo used the Freedom of Information Act to obtain

names and addresses of property owners who had recently sold to the National Park Service and the US Fish and Wildlife

Service -- personally suing in court at his own expense to enforce the Freedom of Information Act against agency stonewalling.

Using the names he obtained, Bo conducted a comprehensive survey and confirmed with heart-wrenching documentation that the government had brutally forced the owners out, just as it had in its previous history. His report on the National Park Service is still maintained at: <http://willing seller.net> [By Julie Smitson, Property Rights Research <http://www.propertyrightsresearch.org/>]



Bo W. Thott

<http://www.bangornews.com/a/class/obituaries/obituary.cfm?id=54380>—http://www.bangornews.com/a/classifieds/images/459254i_1.jpg

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RECOMMENDED LINKS

***<http://www.psychsearch.net/advisors.html>

***<http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/index.shtml>

***<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdahome> (Search for: 2005 recalls)

<http://www.vote-smart.org/index.htm>

<http://www.firstgov.gov/>

<http://www.flaginc.org/>

<http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/findlegalhelp/home.cfm>

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/12/31/AR2005123100738.html?nav=rss_politics

<http://www.townhall.com/opinion/columns/JohnStossel/2005/12/14/178999.html>

<http://www.snowmobile-alliance.org/>

http://wildlife.state.co.us/hunt/Youth/Youth_htg_properties.asp

<http://wmet1160.com/artman/publish/index1.shtml> (On-line Radio access)

http://www.aim.org/static/20_0_7_0_C

<http://www.newswithviews.com/>

http://money.cnn.com/2006/01/03/technology/windows_virusthreat/index.htm?cnn=eyes

Gibson Research Corporation—<http://www.grc.com/default.htm>

http://nature.org/wherework/northamerica/greatlakes/files/conservation_blpnt_final.pdf

http://nhic.mnr.gov.on.ca/projects/conservation_blueprint/blueprint_main.cfm

<http://www.thelakesuperiorvoice.com/pages/ontarget.html>

<http://www.mucc.org/documents/PolicyReport8-19-05.doc>

Take the Poll: <http://coleman.senate.gov/> - Read the poll question carefully. Visit: http://coleman.senate.gov/index.cfm?FuseAction=Initiatives.Detail&Initiative_id=11

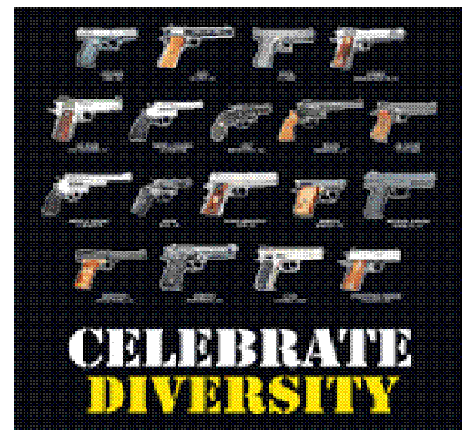
FOR OUR WARRIORS; MAY GOD BLESS

THE FINAL INSPECTION

The soldier stood and faced God,
Which must always come to pass.
He hoped his shoes were shining,
Just as brightly as his brass.
"Step forward now, you soldier,
How shall I deal with you?
Have you always turned the other
cheek?
To My Church have you been true?"
The soldier squared his shoulders and
said,
"No, Lord, I guess I ain't.
Because those of us who carry guns,
Can't always be a saint.

I've had to work most Sundays,
And at times my talk was tough.
And sometimes I've been violent,
Because the world is awfully rough.
But, I never took a penny,
That wasn't mine to keep...
Though I worked a lot of overtime,
When the bills got just too steep.
And I never passed a cry for help,
Though at times I shook with fear.
And sometimes, God, forgive me,
I've wept unmanly tears.
I know I don't deserve a place,
Among the people here.

They never wanted me
around,
Except to calm their fears.
If you've a place for me
here, Lord,
It needn't be so grand.
I never expected or had too
much,
But if you don't, I'll under-
stand.
There was a silence all around the
throne,
Where the saints had often trod.
As the soldier waited quietly,
For the judgment of his God.



"Step forward now, you soldier,
You've borne your burdens well.
Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets,
You've done your time in Hell."

It's the Soldier, not the reporter who
has given us the freedom of the press.
It's the Soldier, not the poet, who has
given us the freedom of speech. It's the
Soldier, not the politicians that ensures