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**NOT ANOTHER DAY
NOT ANOTHER DOLLAR
NOT ANOTHER LIFE**



Marines and Navy Corpsmen shield two U.S. Marine casualties from medevac copter dust wash, in Marjah, Helmand province, southern Afghanistan, Feb. 15, 2010. (AP Photo/Brennan Linsley)

Resistance To Keeping Troops In Afghanistan Causes “Collapse” Of Dutch Government

[Thanks to June V & Mark Shapiro, Military Resistance, who sent this in.]

20 February 2010 BBC

The Dutch government has collapsed over disagreements within the governing coalition on extending troop deployments in Afghanistan.

After marathon talks, Christian Democratic Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende announced that the Labour Party was quitting the government.

He offered his government's resignation to Queen Beatrix in a telephone call.

The premier had been considering a NATO request for Dutch forces to stay in Afghanistan beyond August 2010.

But Labour, the second-largest coalition party, has opposed the move.

Asadullah Hamdam, the governor of the Afghan province of Uruzgan, where the Dutch mission is based, told the BBC that peace and reconstruction efforts would suffer a setback if the Dutch troops left.

"They help our security forces a great deal in security matters here," said Mr Hamdam told the BBC.

Just under 2,000 Dutch service personnel have been serving in the southern Afghan province of Uruzgan since 2006, with 21 killed.

Their deployment has already been extended once.

The troops should have returned home in 2008, but they stayed on because no other NATO nation offered replacements.

The commitment is now due to end in August 2010.

The Dutch parliament voted in October 2009 that it must definitely stop by then, although the government has yet to endorse that vote.

Mr Balkenende's centre-right Christian Democrats wanted to agree to Nato's request to extend the Dutch presence in Afghanistan.

But this was bitterly opposed by the Dutch Labour Party.

The finance minister and leader of the Labour Party, Wouter Bos, demanded an immediate ruling from Mr Balkenende.

When they failed to reach a compromise, Labour said it was pulling out of the coalition.

Mr Balkenende said he would offer the cabinet's resignation to the Dutch Queen Beatrix later on Saturday following the collapse of the government.

It was announced after a 16-hour cabinet meeting which ran into the early hours of Saturday morning.

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

Iraq War To Be Rebranded 'Operation New Dawn' [Wow, A New Name. Change We Can Believe In]

[Thanks to Phil G, who sent this in with the headline.]

February 20 AFP

President Barack Obama's administration plans to rebrand its military operation in Iraq "Operation New Dawn," beginning September 1, a Pentagon memorandum shows.

The memo, signed by US Defense Secretary Robert Gates, shows the Pentagon approving a request to switch the name of the US military effort in Iraq from its current designation -- "Operation Iraqi Freedom."

"The request... is approved to take effect 1 September 2010, coinciding with the change of mission for US forces in Iraq.

"Aligning the name change with the change of mission sends a strong signal that Operation Iraqi Freedom has ended and our forces are operating under a new mission," Gates wrote in the memo, first reported by ABC News.

The document, which is addressed to General David Petraeus, the head of US Central Command, adds the rebranding "presents opportunities to synchronize strategic communication initiatives... and recognize our evolving relationship with the government of Iraq."

The move quickly drew criticism from Military Families United, a national security pressure group.

"You cannot end a war simply by changing its name," Brian Wise, the group's executive director, said in a statement.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

3 More Carson Soldiers Killed In Afghanistan

Feb 19, 2010 The Associated Press

FORT CARSON, Colo. — Three Fort Carson soldiers serving in Afghanistan died in an IED attack on their unit.

The Pentagon announced Thursday that the soldiers killed were with the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division. They died last Saturday in Zhari province.

Those killed were Staff Sgt. John A. Reiners, 24, of Lakeland, Fla.; Sgt. Jeremiah T. Wittman, 26, of Darby, Mont.; and Spc. Bobby J. Pagan, 23, of Austin, Texas.

Since March 2003, 43 Carson soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan and 255 Carson soldiers have died in Iraq.

Frederick Graduate Killed In Action



Sgt. David Smith: Courtesy Photo

January 27, 2010 By Megan Eckstein, News-Post Staff

Sgt. David Smith, a 2002 graduate of Frederick High School and a Marine in the local reserve unit, died Tuesday of injuries suffered in an attack on Saturday in Afghanistan.

A bomb killed three and injured several others during a patrol in Helmand province, which borders Pakistan and is one of the most volatile regions in Afghanistan.

In the attack around 11 a.m. Afghanistan time, Smith was hit by shrapnel in the head, said Smith's cousin, Ann Rudd. His family was notified about nine hours later, at 11:30

a.m. Eastern Standard Time. By Saturday evening Eastern time, Smith was at a trauma center in Kandahar. He was later sent to an air base in Bagram and then on to Germany by Monday morning.

Rudd said Smith, 25, died Tuesday afternoon. He donated his organs, a final selfless act that Rudd said he always proudly said he would do.

“Frederick ‘s lost a very good human being, it’s just so hard to see,” Rudd said. “He was the best of us.”

Rudd recalled how fun it was to watch Smith at his sister Kristen Forse’s wedding last summer. Smith, Forse, and their brother Daniel took over the dance floor and had everyone laughing, she said.

“I just keep thinking of all his dance moves and how funny he was and how close those three siblings were,” Rudd said.

Smith wrestled and played lacrosse and soccer at Frederick High, his friends said. He joined the Marine Corps in December 2003 and served a tour of duty in Iraq in 2006, Forse said. Smith was attending East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C.

“No one could ever find a bad word to say about him,” Caitlin Barton, who grew up with Smith and attended church and school with him, wrote in a Facebook message on Monday. “He is an amazing person with such a spirit about him that you can’t help but love David. He loves what he does, he loves being a Marine, but he also loves being a son, a brother, a uncle, and a friend to many.”

“He was a great guy -- the sort of guy who would give all he had to whatever he was doing or whatever person he was spending time with,” wrote Evan Hays, a 2002 Frederick High graduate and old friend of Smith’s, in an e-mail. “I remember him for his strength, his fun-loving attitude, his intelligence, and his welcoming attitude.”

Several people mentioned the death of Smith’s stepfather as a key point in his life. Smith was in high school at the time, and his family had a hard time dealing with the loss.

“David was extremely strong and probably began to drive his determination to be the person he was today,” Megan Majoros Franklin, a friend, wrote in an e-mail about the death of Smith’s stepfather.

Franklin said she and Smith attended St. Joseph’s-on-Carrollton Manor Catholic Church in Buckeystown, where they went to dances and class together. She described Smith as an unselfish man and a proud Marine, which was obvious when she ran into him once at Frederick Community College.

“He was dressed in his uniform and I almost did not recognize him. He never looked so proud and happy,” Franklin said. “I believe he would say that he was proud to die for his country and in being a part of something that he loved and respected so much.”

His friends from East Carolina University saw the same things in him.

“David Smith was a strong, compassionate and courageous man,” said Allison Rayle. “Dave loved to cook and found a passion for country music and cowboy hats. Dave always had a smile on his face and always knew how to cheer you up.”

Many of his friends said Smith had a real love for life and will be greatly missed by all those whose hearts he touched. Two other service members died Saturday in the attack. Lance Cpl. Jeremy Kane, a Marine in the 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion Company B, was a 22-year-old student at Rutgers University’s Camden campus and a native of Cherry Hill, N.J. Kane joined the Marines in May 2007 and was serving in his first deployment to Afghanistan.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Xin Qi, 25, was a Navy hospital corpsman from Cordova, Tenn., who was attached to Company B after they deployed in November. Qi joined the Navy in June 2006 and was also serving in his first deployment to Afghanistan.

Fayetteville U.S. Marine Remembered By Friends And Online Tributes After IED Death In Afghanistan

February 03, 2010 By ROSCOE BARNES III and KEITH PARADISE Staff writers, Publicopiniononline.com

Lance Cpl. Michael L. Freeman, Fayetteville, who died Monday from injuries suffered in an IED (improvised explosive device) explosion, will be remembered as a “wonderful” person, a relative said Wednesday.

Toni Short of Chambersburg, a sister of Freeman’s wife, Stephanie, said she had known the Marine since the sixth-grade.

“He was a wonderful person,” she said. “He was really caring and funny. He knew how to make people laugh. He was outgoing, and would give you the shirt off his back.”

Short said that her family last spoke with Freeman on Sunday: “He called my sister. He said he had disabled an IED on Saturday.”

Freeman “sounded real good,” Short said. “He informed us that his day to come home had been moved up to April.”

Freeman, 21, is the son of Michael Sr. and Chris Freeman of Fayetteville. He was a 2008 graduate of Chambersburg Area Senior High School.

Freeman’s father and sister, Dawn Freeman, said Tuesday they did not want to comment on the Marine, and that the family wanted time to grieve in private.

According to military officials, he died as a result of “hostile incident” as he was conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

The young Marine was a machine gunner assigned to 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade. He joined the Marine Corps in August 2008, and was promoted to the rank of lance corporal on Oct. 1, 2009, according to military officials.

He deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in October 2009. His awards include the Purple Heart Medal, Combat Action Ribbon and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

People who knew Freeman remember him as a good person who had a great sense of humor.

CASHS teacher Kristen Mowery taught Freeman in her American history class during his junior year and remembers him being a good person who was always looking on the bright side of things. Although he wasn't a very talkative student, she remembers him having a great sense of humor.

Mowery added that she can't remember seeing him without his green baseball cap, carrying it around with him when he wasn't allowed to wear it in school.

"He was very well liked by his classmates and his teachers, too," Mowery said.

Daniel Rife of Chambersburg was a friend of Freeman. He said he had known him for a couple of years.

"He was always into things," he said. "He was rambunctious, and a funny guy."

Patricia Jacobs, principal at J. Frank Faust Junior High School, was a principal at CASHS when Freeman graduated from the school in 2008. She got to know Freeman during his junior year of high school and remembers him being a good student that was well-liked by his teachers and classmates alike. She said she was proud when she heard that he decided to enlist in the military, but was concerned about his well-being with him going off to war.

"It just hits you so hard because they're so young. I just feel so bad for the family," she said.

Freeman is the second military service member from Franklin County to die from injuries related to the war on terror. In December 2006, Sgt. Edward W. Shaffer, Mont Alto, died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio six weeks after he had been severely burned in an explosion in Iraq.

Two other soldiers who died from injuries sustained during the war had relatives who live in or near Franklin County, according to Franklin County Veterans Affairs Director Bob Harris, Franklin.

Harris said Wednesday that his office still had not been notified of Freeman's death. The Associated Press released a photograph Tuesday of Freeman's remains being carried from an aircraft at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

The Web site for icasualties.org reports a total of 36 deaths this year of U.S. service members in Afghanistan. A total of 317 were reported in 2009.

At the War on Terror News site, a poster by the name of Deanna wrote: "Mike was my best friend's brother, and she was really close to him. Keep the Freemans in your prayers! They're great people!"

Another poster named Aby wrote: "Our prayers are with the Freeman family.

Dawn we love you, and we are here if you need us."

At the site called, Marine Parents, poster Marinewife-0801 wrote: "It is with great sadness that I see of the passing of LCpl Michael Freeman, Jr. He is truly an American hero. To the family of LCpl Freeman, Jr., please accept our most sincere condolences. Your Marine's sacrifice will never be forgotten. You are in our thoughts and prayers."

"My thoughts and prayers go with the loved ones of LCpl Michael L. Freeman Jr. during this very difficult time," wrote another poster by the name of Donna. "Please know that I will forever hold him close to my heart as a true American hero -- always remembered for his honor, courage and commitment to family, his country and his fellow Marines."

Poster Sandyr wrote: "I am so sorry for your loss. I know that LCpl. Michael L. Freeman Jr. will remain in your hearts forever, and in ours, as a true Hero. With heavy heart, I send my deepest sympathies and my prayers for the family and friends of Michael."

A poster who goes by the name Grampa wrote that his grandson is in Freeman's outfit and is a brother Marine: "They will always be part of the Marine family. As I have learned by watching my grandson grow up to become a Marine, very proud. SEMPER FI says it best. God be with you."

Soldier Killed In Afghanistan Remembered

February 4, 2010 KOAT

Action 7 News is learning more about a local soldier who died while fighting in Afghanistan.

Pfc. Zachary G. Lovejoy of Albuquerque, N.M., and Capt. Daniel Whitten of Grimes, Iowa, died of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked their vehicle with an improvised explosive device Feb. 2 in Zabul province.

Lovejoy was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Lovejoy graduated from La Cueva High School. His friends say he never met a stranger and tell us he was living his dream when he laid his life down for his country.

"He died doing something he wanted to do. He wanted to be a soldier and he wanted to be in the Army. He joined us his junior year in the program with the ultimate goal of joining the military," First Sgt. Alberto Griego said.

Lovejoy participated in Junior ROTC in high school where he made quite an impression on Griego, his instructor. He joined the military straight out of high school after playing football, wrestling and running track.

"Great individual, he'd give you the shirt off his back if he could. He'd help any student out regardless if you were in the ROTC program or not," Griego said.

Lovejoy, who was engaged, died Tuesday in Afghanistan. He's the first ROTC Cadet that Griego has taught who died in combat.

"But this one really hits home because this is one of mine, one of my kids. But it reminds me that I still have about another 30 or 40 cadets, former students that are in the military right now that are in harms way in Iraq and Afghanistan that this could happen to them as well," Griego said. That's why Griego said he will continue to pray for the men and women serving this country, while he mourns the loss of a student, friend, and hero. "There's no greater individual than that person that's willing to sacrifice their life for our nation. Zach is just a great individual and we're truly going to miss him," Griego said.

Lovejoy's family is currently at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware waiting for his body to return stateside, but his sister e-mailed Action 7 News a picture and a statement. Her statement is listed below:

I'm sending you mine and my parents favorite picture of him. He took it on his cellphone of himself right after his first jump during airborne school in January 2009 at Fort Benning, GA.

All we can say is that we are very proud of him. He lived out his dream of being an infantry soldier...that's what he always wanted to do with his life. Our prayers and thanks go out to all other service men and women who continue to serve our country.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Mike, Terry, and Ashley Lovejoy.

Not Quite Yet....

Feb 19, 2010 By Jim Michaels - USA Today [Excerpt]

MARJAH, Afghanistan — Afghan Lt. Col. Ghullam Dastagir was hunched over a map, going over his battalion's operations with Marine Brig. Gen. Larry Nicholson.

"We took over this area," Dastagir said Thursday, sweeping his hand over a section of the laminated map.

"They are on the run."

A Taliban rocket whistled past.

Someone yelled, "Incoming!" It exploded harmlessly in a large puff of smoke in a nearby field. The men looked up briefly and turned back to the map.

Automatic weapons fire and the blasts of rocket-propelled grenades echoed from the center of the city, where Taliban militants were trying to hang on to their territory.

**IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE RESISTANCE
END THE OCCUPATIONS**

**POLITICIANS CAN'T BE COUNTED ON TO HALT
THE BLOODSHED**

**THE TROOPS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THE
WARS**

**REALLY BAD PLACE TO BE:
ALL HOME NOW**



U.S. Marines from the 2nd MEB, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines stop for the night to make camp outside of Marjah in Afghanistan's Helmand province February 9, 2010. (AP Photo/David Guttenfelder)



U.S. soldiers of the 23th Infantry Regiment, 5th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, work on a Stryker armored vehicle after it ditched on a narrow road west of Lashkar Gah, Helmand province, Afghanistan, Feb. 11, 2010. (AP Photo/Pier Paolo Cito)



U.S. soldier 2nd Infantry Division west of Lashkar Gah in Helmand province, southern Afghanistan, Feb. 12, 2010. (AP Photo/Pier Paolo Cito)



U.S. Marines from 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment as Taliban snipers fire on their position in Marjah in Afghanistan's Helmand province Feb. 14, 2010. (AP Photo/David Guttenfelder)



A U.S. Marine 1st Battalion, 6th Marines Marjah February 14, 2010. Their company position came under intense fire. REUTERS/Goran Tomasevic



U.S. Marines from 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment take cover in an open poppy field as Taliban fighters fire on them in the town of Marjah in Afghanistan's Helmand province on Feb. 15, 2010. (AP Photo/David Guttenfelder)



U.S. Marines from 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment move in formation as they try to link up with fellow Marine company members in Marjah in Afghanistan's Helmand province on Feb. 16, 2010. (AP Photo/David Guttenfelder)

TROOP NEWS

HOW MANY MORE FOR OBAMA'S WARS?



Airborne in a Black Hawk medevac helicopter, U.S. Army flight medic Staff Sgt. Robert B. Cowdrey, of La Junta, Colo., talks with a Marine wounded in a rocket-propelled grenade attack, over Marjah, Helmand province, southern Afghanistan, Feb. 13, 2010. (AP Photo/Brennan Linsley)

Investigation Targets Faulty Camp Lejeune PTSD Care: Doctor Fired And Fitness Reported Forged To Discredit Him After He Complained Of Failures: “It Was Ordered That Manion’s Positive Review Be Destroyed”

February 4, 2010 By KEVIN MAURER, The Associated Press [Excerpts]

WILMINGTON, N.C. -- The Defense Department will investigate complaints of substandard mental health care for Marines at Camp Lejeune, according to a North

Carolina congressman Thursday who had asked for the probe amid reports of retaliation against a whistleblower.

Public questions about the quality of mental health care provided by a private contractor at the base were raised last year by the September firing of Dr. Kernan Manion, a brain trauma specialist who had complained to commanders about poor facilities, inadequate care programs and weak security.

Rep. Walter Jones, a Republican whose district includes Camp Lejeune, asked Defense Secretary Robert Gates for a probe of the mental health care issue after Salon.com, which first reported Manion's firing, last week reported on documents it obtained that showed officials had changed Manion's job performance evaluations from good to bad after his complaints.

Jones said his office has received numerous complaints from Marines and their families about mental health care at Camp Lejeune.

"There are very serious questions about how the system is working and how that system is supposed to be helping the Marines and their families," Jones told the AP.

Manion, 59, has 25 years of experience as a psychiatrist with a specialty in traumatic brain injury, or TBI.

Manion last year said he was fired for writing memos to his military superiors complaining of shoddy care for Marines returning from Iraq and Afghanistan with post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD.

In e-mails shown to The Associated Press, Manion complained, among other things, that the military was not dealing with PTSD properly and that the hospital lacked security procedures in the event of a Fort Hood-like shooting.

Manion welcomed Jones' call for a probe and said he hoped any investigation would "eliminate the climate of secrecy and reprisal and do much to improve the delivery of mental health care services at Camp Lejeune."

According to Salon.com, Manion's performance review was finished after he was fired, giving him a rating of "satisfactory" in every category.

But the review was pulled back by the head of mental health at the hospital and changed.

His ratings for judgment, ethical conduct and ability to work with peers were changed to "unsatisfactory" and it was ordered that Manion's positive review be destroyed.

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FORWARD OBSERVATIONS



“At a time like this, scorching irony, not convincing argument, is needed. Oh had I the ability, and could reach the nation’s ear, I would, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke.

“For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder.

“We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake.”

Frederick Douglass, 1852

**“Hope for change doesn’t cut it when you’re still losing buddies.”
-- J.D. Englehart, Iraq Veterans Against The War**

**I say that when troops cannot be counted on to follow orders because they see the futility and immorality of them THAT is the real key to ending a war.
-- Al Jaccoma, Veterans For Peace**

**“What country can preserve its liberties if its rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms.”
Thomas Jefferson to William Stephens Smith, 1787.**

U.S. Foreign Policy— Round After Round, Country After Country



Photograph taken by Mike Hastie 1970, near An Khe, Vietnam.

From: Mike Hastie
To: Military Resistance
Sent: February 01, 2010
Subject: U.S. Foreign Policy-- Round After Round, Country After Country

U.S. Foreign Policy-- Round After Round, Country After Country

Since the end of World War II,
the United States has bombed
28 countries.
God Bless America.

Mike Hastie
U.S. Army Medic
Vietnam 1970-71
February 1, 2010

Photo and caption from the I-R-A-Q (I Remember Another Quagmire) portfolio of Mike Hastie, US Army Medic, Vietnam 1970-71. (For more of his outstanding work, contact at: hastiemike@earthlink.net) T)

One day while I was in a bunker in Vietnam, a sniper round went over my head. The person who fired that weapon was not a terrorist, a rebel, an extremist, or a so-called insurgent. The Vietnamese individual who tried to kill me was a citizen of Vietnam, who did not want me in his country. This truth escapes millions.

Mike Hastie
U.S. Army Medic
Vietnam 1970-71
December 13, 2004

“The U.S. Clearly Has Reached The Point Of Imperial Overreach”

“Military Spending And Debt-Servicing Are Cannibalizing The U.S. Economy, The Real Basis Of Its World Power”

February 08, 2010 By Eric Margolis, Toronto Sun [Excerpt]

U.S. President Barack Obama calls the \$3.8-trillion US budget he just sent to Congress a major step in restoring America's economic health.

In fact, it's another potent fix given to a sick patient deeply addicted to the dangerous drug - debt.

More empires have fallen because of reckless finances than invasion. The latest example was the Soviet Union, which spent itself into ruin by buying tanks.

The U.S. clearly has reached the point of imperial overreach. Military spending and debt-servicing are cannibalizing the U.S. economy, the real basis of its world power.

Besides the late U.S.S.R., the U.S. also increasingly resembles the dying British Empire in 1945, crushed by immense debts incurred to wage the Second World War, unable to continue financing or defending the imperium, yet still imbued with imperial pretensions.

**NEED SOME TRUTH?
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Telling the truth - about the occupations or the criminals running the government in Washington - is the first reason for Traveling Soldier. But we want to do more

than tell the truth; we want to report on the resistance to Imperial wars inside the armed forces.

Our goal is for Traveling Soldier to become the thread that ties working-class people inside the armed services together. We want this newsletter to be a weapon to help you organize resistance within the armed forces.

If you like what you've read, we hope that you'll join with us in building a network of active duty organizers. <http://www.traveling-soldier.org/> And join with Iraq Veterans Against the War to end the occupations and bring all troops home now! (www.ivaw.org/)

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



[Thanks to SSG N (ret'd) who sent this in.]

Another Constitutional Right Flies Out The Door:

“The Words We Hear In So Many Movies And Television Shows When Someone Is Arrested, ‘Read Him His

Miranda Rights,' No Longer Have Meaning”

“If You Don't Say The Right Words During Police Interrogations, Your Rights To Remain Silent And To A Lawyer Don't Kick In”

February 2, 2010

From: Marti Hiken

Subject: Beware: Miranda Rights Restricted --Another Constitutional Right flies out the Door

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The words we hear in so many movies and television shows when someone is arrested, “Read him his Miranda rights,” no longer have meaning.

These rights are dead because the courts have “interpreted” them out of existence.

Throughout our country, if you don't say the right words during police interrogations, your rights to remain silent and to a lawyer don't kick in.

This leads to unfettered police power when any arrestee tries to protect herself in a powerless situation when confronted by the police.

And in a courtroom, all your statements are admissible against you.

This is about the only phrase left to ensure that you retain your rights: “I want to remain silent. I want a lawyer.”

Again, another way: “I don't want to speak to you anymore without my lawyer being present.”

It is important not to answer further questions after asserting these rights; instead, merely repeat the statement.

The reason for the Miranda warnings in the first place was that the torture and cruelty inflicted on prisoners in this country decades ago and especially in the South, brought a public outcry.

It resulted in the *Miranda v. Arizona*, (384 U.S. 436) decision in 1966.

In that decision, the Court attempted to strike the appropriate balance between law enforcement interests in obtaining a confession and a suspect's Fifth Amendment right not to incriminate himself. "... (T)he decision mandated that the suspect be informed prior to any custodial interrogation that he has the right to remain silent and the right to an attorney and that no interrogation can occur until the suspect waives these rights. Moreover, the suspect can assert these rights any point during the interrogation and, if he does, questioning must immediately cease." (Strauss, Marcy, *"The Sounds of Silence: Reconsidering the Invocation of the Right to Remain Silent Under Miranda,"* "William and Mary Bill of Rights Journal," March 2009. In her article Strauss lists the status of the courts' interpretations of Miranda warnings state-by-state.)

Custodial police interrogations can go on for hours on end and the Miranda Court "recognized that they were so inherently coercive as to create a presumption that a resulting confession was involuntary unless the suspect was explicitly told prior to questioning that he need not answer questions and that he had the right to consult with an attorney for advice." (Ainsworth, Janet, *"'You have the right to remain silent...'* but only if you ask for it just so: the role of linguistic ideology in American police interrogation law." *The International Journal of Speech, Language and the Law*, Vol. 15.1, 2008, p. 3)

The problem is that "ambiguous" statements aren't enough, and in actuality, everything you say will be interpreted by the courts to be ambiguous other than the sentences: "I want to remain silent. I want a lawyer." Invoking the Miranda rights means clear, unequivocal and unambiguous declarations in the interrogation room. Of course, in jail there is a power disadvantage in that the tempo, timing, and level of brutality are set by the police.

So, no hedged or indirect language invokes the rights.

- **No theoretical comments about the availability of counsel, such as**
"Could I get a lawyer?" or "May I call a lawyer?"
- **No language that softens the demand for a lawyer:**
"It seems like I need a lawyer."
- **No logistic questions:**
"Could you get me my wallet and bring my lawyer's business card to me?"
- **No imploring ambiguous language:**
"I don't want to talk about it." or "I won't talk anymore."
- **No being and remaining silent (you must be definite and utter words)**
- **No combining demands:**
"Screw you, talk to my lawyer." or "I don't feel like I can talk with you without any attorney sitting right here to give me some legal advice."

The situation becomes bleaker, however, in the case *Davis v. United States* (1994) U.S. 452:

- “Give me a lawyer” or “I want a lawyer” are not deemed by the police or courts as kicking in your constitutional rights. (Note that wanting and requesting a lawyer is not the same thing as your right to remain silent by taking the Fifth.)
- Refusing to sign a form indicating a waiver of your rights when coupled with incriminating statements to the police does not invoke your rights. (The incriminating statements obtained by the police are proof that your rights were waived.)

To state simply: Make an incriminating statement and your rights are waived.

Underlying all of this is that judges now have no compunction regarding the role of unlimited and brutal interrogation, torture, and intimidation by the police.

They also ignore the context that language plays when someone communicates in an abusive situation.

Finally, the social context of the arrestee and his intentions become blurred by language. Losing our Miranda rights is simply another step in the wrong direction.

Troops Invited:

Comments, arguments, articles, and letters from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Write to Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657 or send email to contact@militaryproject.org: Name, I.D., withheld unless you request publication. Same address to unsubscribe. Phone: 888.711.2550

America’s Rich Using Their Money To Buy State Court Judges: The Thieving Scum Get Millions Of \$ As “Campaign Contributions”

The race for a seat on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court last year was the most expensive judicial race in the country, with more than \$4.5 million spent by the Democrats and Republicans.

20 February 2010 by Bill Moyers and Michael Winship, Truthout Op-Ed [Excerpt]

Ninety-eight percent of all the lawsuits in this country take place in the state courts.

In 39 states, judges have to run for election - that's more than 80 percent of the state judges in America.

The Citizens United decision [allowing corporation to fund election campaigns] makes those judges who are elected even more susceptible to the corrupting influence of cash, for many of their decisions in civil cases directly affect corporate America, and a significant amount of the money judges raise for their campaigns comes from lobbyists and lawyers.

In the words of Charles W. Hall, a spokesman for the nonpartisan, judicial watchdog group Justice at Stake, "Corporate bottom lines are not affected by whether a bank robber gets 10 or 20 years in prison.

The bottom lines are affected, however, by whether a large-scale lawsuit is upheld or overturned."

During the 1990's, candidates for high court judgeships in states around the country and the parties that supported them raised \$85 million for their campaigns.

Since the year 2000, the numbers have more than doubled to over \$200 million.

The nine justices currently serving on the Texas Supreme Court have raised nearly \$12 million in campaign contributions.

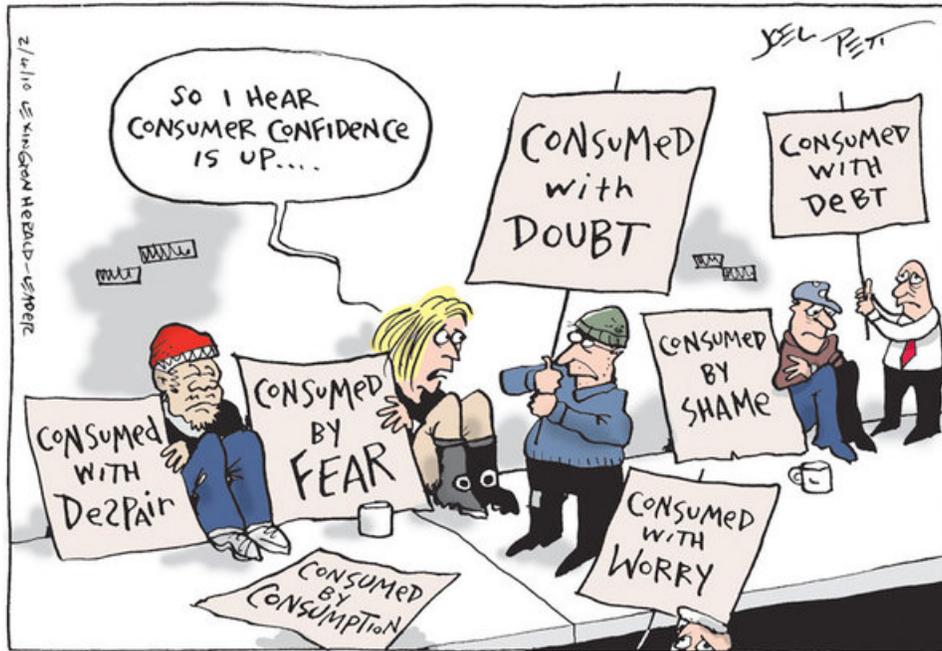
The race for a seat on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court last year was the most expensive judicial race in the country, with more than \$4.5 million spent by the Democrats and Republicans.

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CLASS WAR REPORTS



[Thanks to Phil G, who sent this in.]

27,000 Workers March In Belgium Against Layoffs: “People First, Not Profit” “It Is High Time Workers Say ‘We Do Not Wanted To Be Treated As Merchandise’”

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Jan 29 By Antonia van de Velde (Reuters)

BRUSSELS

Thousands of people marched in Brussels on Friday in protest against the job-cutting plans of companies such as General Motors' unit Opel and beermaker Anheuser-Busch InBev.

Belgian workers from Opel Antwerp, which is set to close in June, the world's largest brewer AB InBev, DHL and Volkswagen's Audi carried banners which read "People first, not profit" and "We should not pay for the crisis".

Police estimated the number of protesters at 27,000.

Unions expressed anger that hundreds of billions of euros were being spent worldwide to bail out banks, rather than saving jobs in industry.

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A delegation from Opel Antwerp led the march from the European Commission's headquarters to central Brussels, setting off pink smoke flares and shouting "We are Opel" and "We want work".

GM last week announced the planned closure of its Opel car assembly plant in Antwerp, northern Belgium, where 2,600 people work. Unions fear 5,000 jobs could be lost, including at suppliers. GM now plans to have the group's subcompact SUV produced not in Antwerp, as originally planned, but in South Korea by Daewoo.

Unions have argued that GM's decision was not driven by economic reasons but rather by the state aid which Germany offered the ailing company. Opel's four plants there will remain open, although jobs will be cut.

Belgium's central bank has forecast economic expansion this year of 1.0 percent, but has warned that this return to growth will not stem the rise of unemployment.

AB InBev has announced 299 job cuts among its 2,700 Belgian workforce, sparking a two-week blockade of its breweries.

"If you look at the lack of respect AB Inbev has for its workers, even though the company makes an annual profit of 3 billion euros a year, then it is high time workers say 'we do not want to be treated as merchandise'," Flemish Socialist politician Caroline Gennez told Reuters.

Frustrated Owner Bulldozes Home Ahead Of Foreclosure: Man Says Actions Intended To Send Message To Banks:

“Make Banks Think Twice Before They Try To Take Someone’s Home”

[Thanks to Sandy Kelson, Military Resistance, who sent this in.]

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February 18, 2010 WLWT

MOSCOW, Ohio

Like many people, Terry Hoskins has had troubles with his bank. But his solution to foreclosure might be unique.

Hoskins said he's been in a struggle with RiverHills Bank over his Clermont County home for nearly a decade, a struggle that was coming to an end as the bank began foreclosure proceedings on his \$350,000 home.

“When I see I owe \$160,000 on a home valued at \$350,000, and someone decides they want to take it – no, I wasn't going to stand for that, so I took it down,” Hoskins said.

Hoskins said the Internal Revenue Service placed liens on his carpet store and commercial property on state Route 125 after his brother, a one-time business partner, sued him.

The bank claimed his home as collateral, Hoskins said, and went after both his residential and commercial properties.

“The average homeowner that can't afford an attorney or can fight as long as we have, they don't stand a chance,” he said.

Hoskins said he'd gotten a \$170,000 offer from someone to pay off the house, but the bank refused, saying they could get more from selling it in foreclosure.

Hoskins told News 5's Curtis Fuller that he issued the bank an ultimatum.

“I'll tear it down before I let you take it,” Hoskins told them.

And that's exactly what Hoskins did.

The Moscow man used a bulldozer two weeks ago to level the home he'd built, and the sprawling country home is now rubble, buried under a coating of snow.

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Hoskins' business in Amelia is scheduled to go up for auction on March 2, and he told Fuller he's considering leveling that building, too.

RiverHills Bank declined to comment on the situation, but Hoskins said his actions were intended to send a message.

"Well, to probably make banks think twice before they try to take someone's home, and if they are going to take it wrongly, the end result will be them tearing their house down like I did mine," Hoskins said.

Hoskins said he's heard from people all over the country since his story first aired Thursday, and he said most have been supportive.

He said he sought legal counsel before tearing down his home and understands the possible consequences, but he has never doubted his decision once he made it.

"When I knew I was going to lose it, I decided to take it down," Hoskins said.

WLWT Readers Poll: "Good For Him" Wins

What do you think about what Terry Hoskins did?

Choice	Votes	Percentage of 17757 Votes
Good for him	13990	79%
Not a good idea	1527	9%
He should be prosecuted	2240	13%

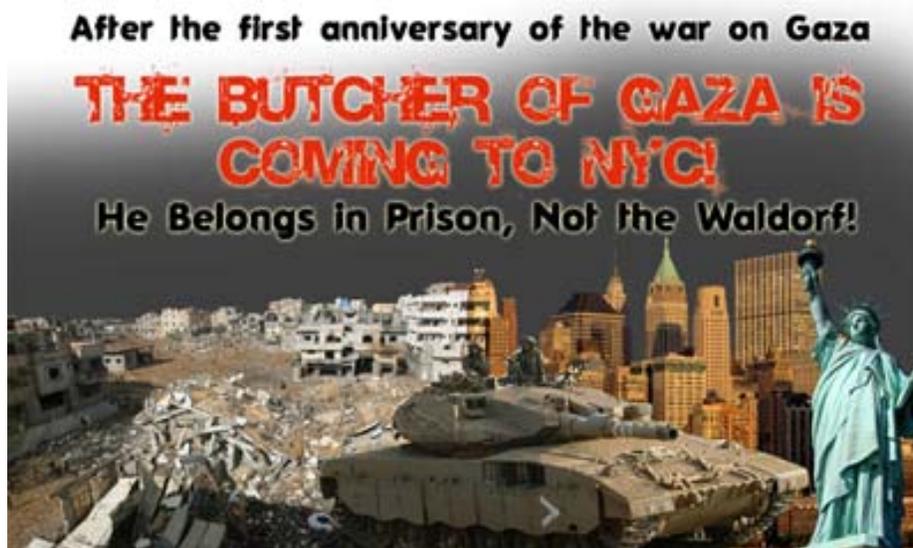
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After The First Anniversary Of The War On Gaza The Butcher Of Gaza Is Coming To NYC!

He Belongs In Prison, Not The Waldorf!



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From: Al-Awda New York: The Palestine Right to Return Coalition.

On March 9 there will be a \$1000-a-plate fundraising dinner for the Israeli Occupation Forces, which murdered 1,400 Palestinians, including more than 400 children, in Gaza last year.

The criminal Gabi Ashkenazi, Chief of IDF General Staff, will be there.

We will be there too!

Stand with the people of Gaza and all Palestine!

Demand the end of U.S. support to Israel!

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