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STATE OF THE ART?

By: Chuck Christman

The sex offender treatment design team have modified and added specialty groups, and other mandated programs, to the original program over the eight years I have been treatment. In the "Treatment Contracts" signed by patients to be accepted into the Phase II treatment through Phase IV it mentions that all information collected will be used for research statistical purpose. This confidentially is watered down by introducing requirements for polygraph tests, PPG test, and then this information is made available for State Evaluators to use in re-commitment reports given to the Court and District Attorney. Group rules of confidentially are agreed upon by patient participants which are limited to not disclosing information about participants outside the groups. The Phase treatment groups are 1 1/2 hours per week. Previous mandatory programs required more time and additional work assignments. If the interdisciplinary team recommends substance abuse classes, patients are sent to AA or NA meetings which are monitored by staff.

There is a problem advancing through the Phases in a timely manner. Treatment team clinicians have the prerogative to hold back patients on numerous reason. Many times certain required groups are delayed, or not offered in certain quarters, and this extends the time the patient is held back from completing a Phase.

In my opinion, there are several improvements which could be -

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A NEW CONSTITUTION? AMERICA AT ITS BEST!

By R. Lefort

Most of us are aware of our seemingly out-of-control judicial system, in which judges are ruling more on their opinion instead of properly interpreting the Constitution. But, why is that? The philosophy of Relativism is the core cause.

Relativism is a dangerous way of thinking that now greatly underlies and influences our law, government, education system, psychopolitics, and our way of life in America. Relativism is defined as "a view that ethical truths depend on the individuals and the groups holding them." The encyclopedia Britannica describes Relativism as: "What is right or wrong and good or bad is not absolute but variable and relative, depending on the person, circumstances, or social situation..." (Ethical-Relativism, www.britannica.com). In other words, Relativism says "there are no absolute standards." (Original intent, by David Barton; Wallbuilder press, 2000, Aledo, TX; The courts, Constitution, and Religion, at p 227)

This humanistic mind-set makes man the measure of all things and each man his own measure. Relativism claims that behaviors, are just alternate kinds of behavior (i.e. paraphilias, incest, etc.). Behaviors which are to be appreciated as acceptable in some cultures and not others. Relativism urges suspension of judgement about right or wrong, as the times change.

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REDEFINING LIFE'S EVERY PROBLEM AS A MENTAL DISORDER

From the Citizens Commission on Human Rights International Mental "Disease" By Design Jan Eastages, President, CCOHRI

Have you ever heard of the following mental disorders? Reading Disorder, Disruptive Behavior Disorder, Disorder of Written Expression, Mathematics Disorder, Caffeine Intoxication., Nicotine Withdrawal Disorder, Noncompliance with Treatment Disorder, or Partner Relation problem?

These are a few of the 374 mental disorders that psychiatrists list in their Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders-IV-TR. Today, the DSM and the World Health Organization's similar International Classification of disease (ICD) are used not only for individual treatment, but also child custody cases, discrimination cases based on psychiatric disability, education or other court testimony, and more. In fact, wherever a psychiatric opinion is sought or offered, the DMS and ICD are presented and, increasingly accepted, as the final word on sanity, insanity, and so-called mental illness.

So, lets get a little inventive. What about "Angry because he couldn't get his way "disorder" or " Sulking because she was told-off disorder"?

The point here is that with a little imagination, a person could continue to invent and name new diagnosis simply by observing the behavior of people at work, school, or the mall. This involves about the same degree of scientific rigor and skill as psychiatry uses in coming up with

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A NEW CONSTITUTION

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"Americans are most likely to base truth on [their] feelings." (The Barna Update, Feb. 12, 2002, www.barna.org)

When Relativism is applied to the area of law, it is called **Legal Positivism**. John Eidsmoe, constitutional scholar and professor, sums up the five major beliefs: 1) There are no objective, God-given standards of law, or if there are, they are irrelevant to the modern legal system. 2) Since God is not the author of law, the author of law must be man; in other words, the law is law simply because the highest human authority, the state, has said it is law and is able to back it up. 3) Since man and society evolve, therefore law must evolve as well. 4) Judges, through their decisions, guide the evolution of law. 5) To study law, get at the original sources of law - the decisions of judges. Id. p. 227.

Harvard Law School Dean, Christopher Columbus Langdell, applied Darwin's premise of evolution to our system of law in the 1870s. He reasoned that since man evolved, man's law must also evolve, and judges should be giving force for the evolution of both law and the constitution. Id. at p. 228: Original Intent.

Abraham Lincoln stated that the philosophy of the schoolroom in one generation will be the philosophy of the government in the next. This is so true of our legal colleges as well. It is interesting to note the rise of Legal Positivism and the similarity to the address by Beria, (The Russian Textbook on Psychopolitics) to the American students at the Lenin University, who said: "You must labor until we have dominion over the minds and bodies of every important person in your nation." And, "You must dominate the hospital and universities." You must "use the courts, use the judges, use the Constitution of the country ...

and its laws to further our ends. And when you have succeeded you will discover that you can not effect your own Legislation at will ..." And, "leave a nation leaderless." (Beria, Brainwashing, pp. 3-4, Russian Textbook of Psychopolitics)

Man, himself, is already a political organism. Like the "individual man" the state is a collection of aggregates. The constitution of man as an individual body, or the constitution of a state or a portion of the State as a political organism are analogous. Id, (Psycho/politics, Emissary Pub., PMB 1776, 9205 SE Clackamas, Or. 97017 (503) 824-2050.

A number of men ingrained with the mind-set of legal positivism in colleges, brought their way of thinking into congress and the courtrooms of America - even as far as the Supreme Court. "Charles Evans Hughes held the philosophy of Relativism, and he became the Supreme Court's Chief Justice in 1930, serving until 1941. Absurdly, he declared: 'We are under a constitution, but the Constitution is what [we] the judges say it is.'" (see, Original Intent, at p. 230)

The greatest visible change in direction on the Supreme Court, however, came under the watch of Chief Justice Earl Warren, who presided from 1953 to 1969. He proudly admitted that "the court struck down numerous long-standing historical practices" with out precedent. In essence, the Court was declaring that it had finally arrived at its full evolutionary state, and it was no longer bound by history [the constitution] or precedent. Id. Original Intent, at p. 230)

The real danger of Relativism, or

Legal Positivism, is that societal changes are being made by unelected judges, whose personal values not only often do not reflect the values of "we the people," but by judges who are virtually unaccountable to the public. When these interpreted "changes" are made by state judges, the Federal Courts must then give greater deference to a state's own interpretation, under the AEDPA of 1996, thanks to William Jefferson Clinton. Thomas Jefferson stated: "The great object of my fear is the federal judiciary. That body, like gravity, ever active with noiseless foot and un-alarming advance, gaining ground step by step and holding what gains, is engulfing insidiously the (state) government into the jaws of that which feeds them." Writings of Thomas Jefferson, v. 10:189; The Rape of Justice, Eustice Mullins, at 188.

Article V, of the Constitution places the power of "change" in the hands of "we the people" -- not the court. Samuel Adams, Signer of the Declaration of Independence, and father of the American Revolution, stated. "The people alone have an incontestable, unalienable, and indefeasible right to institute government and to reform, alter, or [to] totally change the same when their protection, safety, prosperity, and happiness require it ..." (Original Intent, at pp. 230-231)

Pray that God will honor his word and restore our Nation's judges to be the God fearing, God honoring judges and continue to voice your heart to your state senator and Congressional representatives, on the issue of judge confirmation. "GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES AND THIS COURT" is how each session is begun. So, lets continue to pray or at least do your part to voice you concerns, for the Accountability of Judges.

We can make a difference, if we act the time is now.

DEFINING LIFE's

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the DSM and ICD lists.

Professors herb Kutchins and Stuart A. Kirk, authors of making us Crazy, warn: "The public at large may gain false comfort from a diagnostic psychiatric manual that encourages belief in the illusion that harshness, brutality, and pain in their lives and their communities can be explained by a psychiatric label and eradicated by a pill. Certainly, there are plenty of problems that we all have and a myriad of peculiar ways that we struggle to cope with them. But could life be any different? Far too often, the psychiatric bible has been making us crazy, wherein we are just human."

As Dr. Loren Mosher, a psychiatrist and former United States National Institute of Mental Health researcher, stated, "The issue is what do the categories tell us? Do they, in fact, accurately represent the person with the problem? They don't and can't." He added, "If you tell a lie long enough, it becomes the truth."

Often tagged "junk science" according to an international poll of mental health care experts conducted in England in 2001, the DSM was voted of one the the ten worst psychiatric papers of the millennium.

Most psychiatric diagnosis have been voted into existence by nothing more than a show of - hands of American Psychiatric Association (APA)-committee-members. Additionally most psychiatric diagnosis generally are devoted to diagnosis by a categorization of symptoms only, not by the observation of actual physical disease.

Kutchins and Kirk found "ample reason to conclude that the latest versions of the DSM as a clinical tool are unreliable and therefore a questionable validity as a classification system."

Allen J. Frances, Professor of Psychiatry at Duke University

medical Center and chair of the DSM-IV Task Force, stated: "There could arguably not be a worse term than mental disorder to describe the conditions classified in DSM-IV."

Psychiatric diagnosis are politics, not medicine. In 1973, APA committee members voted 5,584 to 3,810 to cease calling homosexuality a mental disorder after gay activists picketed the APA conferences.

Attorney Lawrence Steven's comments: "If mental illness were really an illness in the same sense that physical illnesses are illnesses, the idea of deleting homosexuality or anything else from the categories of illnesses by having a vote would be as absurd as a group of physicians voting to delete cancer or measles from the concept of disease."

(Lawrence Steven's, J.D.
"Does mental illness exist?")

IS THE HYDRICK CLASS ACTION SUIT HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

By William King

As we all know the Deputy Attorney General defending the hospital and D.M.H. against the Hydrick lawsuit, challenging the conditions of confinement at ASH, have managed to stall all trial court proceedings by dragging out the appeals process in the Ninth Circuit.

The Court has set April 5, 2005, as the date to consider the state's appeal on the merits. A ruling should be rendered within 90 days. 30 days after that the case will be activated before Judge Hatter and a trial date set, assuming that all discovery matters have been resolved, and preliminary injunctions are not necessary to prevent us from suffering further irreparable harm.

I believe that Latham and Watkins are intentionally incompetent in two very important areas. 1) Addressing the many varied individual hardships suffered by many of the persons in this class. And 2) Earnestly seeking

to obtain monetary damages for the Class as a whole. These incidents have been duly reported to Latham and Watkins. No investigation of them has occurred. The excuse is that the stay put on by the Court proceedings has also thwarted all attempts to pursue further discovery simply does not wash when looked at realistically.

The issue before the Ninth Circuit is whether Judge Hatter abused his discretion by denying the defendant's motion for summary judgment based on the doctrine of Qualified Immunity. This doctrine means that a public official is immune from having to pay damages to someone claiming to have been injured as a direct result of some act, or failure to act, on the part of that public official while they are acting under the authority of their public office. The doctrine of qualified immunity is intended to protect officials from frivolous lawsuits that would make it difficult to perform their duties.

On the other hand, public officials are not immune from monetary liability for acts they, themselves perpetrate with callous disregard for the civil rights of people affected by their official acts. Nor can public officials react with deliberate indifference to the injury to a plaintiff that a reasonable person should foresee as the likely result of their actions. In order to defeat a defendant's claim to qualified immunity a plaintiff has to allege that the injury suffered not only was caused by the defendant but that the defendant knew he was causing that injury to the plaintiff and did so despite that knowledge.

In the Hydrick case, the plaintiff's proved to the court's satisfaction that the public officials claiming qualified immunity were not entitled to it for the reasons stated above. Those defendants are liable for monetary damages if a jury finds for the plaintiff at trial. - Continued on page 4

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This issue of monetary damages gives rise to one of the most disturbing problems with the stated goals Latham and Watkins say they are not reaching for. They appear not to want to pursue monetary damages for the Class, as a whole, or for individual members of the Class who warrant such individual consideration.

This very delicate subject was discussed between myself and Joel Krischer, who is the lead attorney of the team of lawyers Latham and Watkins has assigned to represent the Class. I managed to reach Mr. Krischer by phone. His reason for not seeking monetary damages I found to be both alarming and quite suspicious. He claims that because we are suing individuals in their individual capacities we cannot collect any award from people who are not rich enough to pay it. Nor, would the state be liable for paying damages for employees sued in their individual capacities.

Government Code §825, mandates that the State of California fully indemnify any public employee, and hence, must pay in full any and all monetary awards assessed against a state employee who is sued for acts committed while performing the duties of his or her official office. Collecting an award against a state employee is the easiest kind of award to collect, bar none.

Concerning Latham & Watkins complete inactivity since the filing of the appeal in the Ninth Circuit, it is totally unwarranted. This is a weakness in the representation by Latham & Watkins.

The only controversy at issue in a claim to qualified immunity is whether the defendant is liable for monetary damages. The issue of the propriety of injunctive relief is not an issue of the doctrine of qualified immunity. The stay on the trial

proceedings is due only to the court's need to know whether the plaintiff's can legally ask for monetary damages for the jury. That need of the court does not touch on the issue of injunctive relief.

These legal realities make me wonder why Latham & Watkins refuses to move the court for preliminary injunctions to enjoin ASH officials from instituting new rules and regulations that clearly violate the civil rights of the Hydrick Class. Judge Hatter should be amenable to considering motions for preliminary injunction that seek only to stop ASH officials from implementing the kind of utterly punitive rules that have implemented A ruling on the propriety of such injunctive relief would not impact the Ninth Circuit's ultimate ruling on the issue of qualified immunity.

There is still the issue of why Latham & Watkins does not investigate the abuse of many class members who are in dire need of life-saving medical care and who are dying because they do not get it. I'm sure that Judge Hatter would see the utter necessity of ruling on such motions for preliminary injunctions immediately. I am equally sure that Judge Hatter would rule in our favor.

It is because of these glaring and potentially deadly short comings in Latham & Watkins representation of the class that I feel we still need to be represented by someone who truly wants to champion all the interests of the class, including monetary damages, and not just the minimal interests to which Latham & Watkins appear to stubbornly restrict our cause.

Mr. Krischer's apprehension is quite misplaced as to the concern that SVP's will make very self-defeating witnesses, because of their past sex crimes. In federal jurisdiction, a witness, especially the defendant or plaintiff, cannot be impeached with a felony conviction if that conviction

occurred more than ten (10) years prior to the beginning of the trial of a civil case. Even if the conviction occurred less than ten years ago, the witness still could not be impeached with it unless it establishes moral turpitude. This would require lying or deception by the crime's perpetrator. Almost none of the 6600 civil class could be impeached with crimes that predicated their involuntary confinement under the SVP Act.

It will be interesting to see how our representation uses the recent ruling in Jones v. Blanas, 393 F. 3d 918, 933 (9th Cir 2004). Although this case involves conditions of confinement, for pretrial detainee, in a Jail, the language of the court applies equally to the situation of ASH.

Since it does not appear likely that an attorney other than Latham & Watkins team will be representing us, I can only hope that this discussion and other pleas for better representation from Latham & Watkins will not fall deaf ears, and that they will change and pursue this case more diligently by, first, investigating the many instances of abuse we have suffered. This is especially needed where denial of life-saving medical care is involved.

For Latham & Watkins to ignore these issues is to declare that they do not, really, want to remove us from harms way. I reiterate, I hope I am entirely wrong about suspicions about Mr. Krischer and his team. I also hope this discussion serves notice on them that we know what competent representation is and that we will accept nothing less with out a fight to obtain such representation from another source.

So, Mr. Krischer, we all anxiously await your first move upon the reactivation of the case before Judge Hatter. And, of course hope that you and your team will pursue this cause in ways more productive of actually stopping ASH from plowing ahead

importantly, we hope you will move to investigate the multitude of instances of abuse we have suffered in the two odd years since this case has been stayed pending appeal.

THE ALLEGED "WORST RIOT IN ATASCADERO'S HISTORY"

By Steve White

On August 3, 2004 at about the 8:30 p.m. smoke break, Mr. David Smith was in the Unit 32 courtyard. Something was said to a female staff trainee. The female staff felt threatened and stated something to Mr. Smith. He responded by saying, "it would take fifty (50) of you to take me down.

After the smoke break, the trainee went straight to the office and said she was afraid of Mr. Smith. When she did, D.P.S. was called in as back-up.

Other staff had talked to Mr. Smith in between because his PAS Level 3 was pulled for team review. Mack Lassarian came back from lunch and was informed as to what had happened and tried to speak to Mr. Smith, however at that time he wasn't a problem and was calm.

However the new Shift lead wanted to flex his muscles to try to show his new power and really made things a lot worse. After D.P.S. spoke to Mr. Smith he agreed to stay in his room the rest of the night. After about three minutes, he went to get drink a of water which is on the other side of the unit.

Mark Lassarian decided that since he came out of his room, for whatever reason, that Mr. Smith needed to be placed in live point restraints. Staff member Roger was waiting for him to come by and Mark was behind him. Staff Miller, pushed Smith into Mark and was crammed into the window of the unit office. It

was unwarranted, both by Unit Staff and D.P.S.. It should also be noted that the only reason that the patients on Unit 32 reacted the way they did was due to the way that Mr. Smith was being physically abused by staff and D.P.S. alike.

Several red lights were pulled and approximately 50 staff responded. Several women remained on the sidelines while some of the the women were involved in the situation. Nancy Brown, P.T. immediately ran to the office and stayed there until the incident was resolved.

After about 5 minutes, Fred Overson got up to go to his room. When he got to the double doors, Officer Scott Timko bent over and ran head first into Overson, which caused the patient to push into the day room 2 or 3 feet. When they came back toward the hallway, Officer Timko was under Overson's left arm. When Overson looked down, he saw it was a D.P.S Officer, he put his arms up, and Officer Timko hit Overson in the face with a closed fist. Then staff put Overson on the window in front of the Unit Office.

Staff only put Overson and Smith in cuffs, then staff took Overson to the seclusion room. After the incident was quelled, Nancy Brown came out of the office. Then when Mr. Smith was taken down, she bolted to the office again. However she reported that she observed Mr. White jumping on the back of Officer Timko and hit him in the face.

Brown gave this statement on August 4, 2004 and on August 11, 2004 she reported that Mr. White ran over to Officer Timko and delivered several uppercuts to his head and face. Further, in the Preliminary Hearing, she testified that she did not actually see Mr. white strike the officer.

Had Mr. White been convicted, he

testimony of a scared female staff member, who hid in the office during the entire incident.

Alex Alvarez, failed to do his job and investigate the incident before 4 people were arrested. Then the courts allowed him to be the investigator for the District Attorney which was a clear conflict of interest.

After all was said and done, Mr. Smith was sentenced to 6 years at 80%, Mr. Overson received 2 concurrent 25 to life sentences, and Mr. white and Mr. Vargas were acquitted of all charges.

Dr. Paladino testified that all four defendants are competent to stand trial for a three strikes case. Mr. Overson hung himself on the stand. Further the D.A. had Mr. Overson showing extreme anger in less than two minutes. This was all done against his attorney's advice. It was overheard by three attorneys that the jury had doubt of his charges until he took the stand.

David Harris on Unit 32 gave D.P.S. a statement that Mr. White called him and said "Are you going to rat?, keep your mouth shut" and hung up. The investigator told Mr. Harris that he was lying and to tell the truth. Harris said to the investigators that his life wouldn't be worth shit if he did. Mr. Harris also stated that Mr. Vargas hit Officer Timko.

Its pretty bad when staff lie, but it's real sad when one of our own - a 6600 tries to hang us out to dry and have an investigator call him a liar at the same time. For all those who are interested, a copy of Mr. Harris's statement is available upon request from me, Mr. White Unit 24. Cases pending on Mr. White and Mr. Vargas for dismissal.

**ATTORNEY MELNIK ON A
ROLL - GETS JOHANNES
RELEASED** By: G. Johannes

Attorney Todd Melnik has obtained the release of another of his W&IC 66k00 clients, Gerald Johannes. This is the fourth such release Melnik has effected in the past 12 months. Earlier this year, after being re-evaluated by DMI psychologists, client Don Anderson went home, as did Art Laub last fall, also due to re-evaluations. Last spring, Melnik obtained the release of Jack Sporich after two hard fought trials that ended in hung juries. Before that, Melnik client Allen Bradley was granted his freedom after Dr. Paladino decided she'd rather not face Melnik in the courtroom and backed out of testifying at the last minute.

Like some of the others, the dismissal of the 6600 petition against Johannes resulted from re-evaluations. These re-evaluations didn't just "happen" however and Melnik's advocacy was instrumental in producing the result. Among his key moves was obtaining a favorable evaluation from Dr. Amy Phenix, who formerly headed the Sex Offender Commitment Program for DMH and who was retained by Melnik as a defense expert in Johannes' case. Melnik also flew to Boston, Ma, and interviewed one of Johannes' alleged "victims" who retracted the allegations made in the police reports which, according to the "victim's" statement made to Melnik ten years later, were obtained by the police through pressure tactics and intimidation.

Melnik has been nominated for several "Lawyer of the Year" awards, both for his advocacy of 6600 clients and for his now famous discovery of the "Dodger Stadium Alibi" in a criminal case last year.

Johannes, who was by all accounts "rebellious and oppositional" during his four-year stay at ASH, was

released from Los Angeles County Jail on March 1, 2005 and currently lives in Canada.

**GO FIND YOUR OWN STALL,
THIS ONES MINE**

Mr. Dean's corner

What makes people claim something that cannot ever be theirs?

Is it greed?

It really isn't anything way out, at least not to me. But to them it's nothing short of sin. Can these guys handle it beyond their want? a few can and will go there over entitlement! And as is the norm, I'm going to fall back on Mr. Webster's fine book.

Entitle: To give Designate, to furnish with proper grounds for seeking or claiming something, "this ticket" the bearer free admission.

entitlement: To as little as I can, "Entitlement is you and I". I was here first, and this is my stall, you people go mess up those other stalls and stay out of mine.

Believe it or not I heard that from somebody on Ward 31 the very day we moved down there from Ward 9.

You know how people like to claim things even though they know nobody's going to listen to anything as stupid as that!

Entity: Being, existence - independent - separate - or self contained - the existence of a thing as contrasted with its attributes - something that has separate and distinct existence and objective or conceptual reality

The one thing that makes us equal in every way are our "Entitlement - Issues".

Our commitment has an abundance of entitlement issues, say I'm wrong and you'll be in "Denial"!

This is only my breath, you need not inhale.

There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it ill behooves any of us, to find fault with the rest of us.

Author - unknown

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Office of Civil Rights Evaluation
Complaints Referral
624 Ninth Street, NW,
Washington, DC. 204225

REPUBLIC v. DEMOCRACY

By: David Barton

America's principles of right and wrong were not based on the rapidly fluctuating feelings and emotions of the people but rather on what is identified as the "principles that do change." Benjamin Rush similarly observed:

"Where there is no law, there no liberty; and nothing deserves the name of law but that which is certain and universal in its operation upon all the members of the community."

In the American republic, the "principles which did not change" and which were "certain and universal in their operation upon all the members of the community" were the principles of biblical natural law. In fact, so firmly were these principles enshrined in the American Republic, that early law books taught that government was free to set its own policy only if God had not ruled in an area.

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For example, Blackstones commentaries explained:

"To instance in the case of murder: This is expressly forbidden by the divine...if any human law should allow or enjoin us to commit it we are bound to transgress that human law. But, with regard to matters that are...not commanded or forbidden by those superior laws such, as exporting of wool into foreign countries; here the...legislature has scope and oppor-tunity to interpose." The founders echoed that;

"All [laws], however, may be arranged in two different classes.

1) Divine. 2) human... but it should always be remembered that this law, natural or revealed, made for men or for nations, flows from the same divine source; it is the law of God...Human laws must rest its authority of that law which is divine."

James Wilson, Signer of the Constitution, U.S. Supreme Court Justice.

"[The] law...dictated by God himself is, of course superior in obligation to any other. It is binding over all the globe, in all countries and at all times. No human laws are of any validity if contrary to this."

Alexander Hamilton Signer of the Constitution.

"[The] law established by the creator... extends over the whole globe, is everywhere and at all times binding upon mankind..."

[This] is the law of God by which he makes his way known to man and is paramount to all human control."

RufusKing, Signer of the Constitution.

The founders understood that biblical values formed the basis of the republic and that the republic would be destroyed if the people's knowledge of those values ever be lost.

A republic is the highest form of government devised by man, but it also requires the greatest amount of human care and maintenance. If neglected, it can deteriorate into a variety of lesser forms, including a democracy (A system in which each person determines his own rules and standards); Oligarchy (A government run by a small council or a group of elite individuals); or dictatorship (A government run by a single individual). As John Adams explained:

"[D]emocracy will soon degenerate into an anarchy; such an anarchy that every man will do what is right in his own eyes and no man's life or property or reputation or liberty will be secure and everyone of these will soon mold itself into a system of subordination of all the moral virtues and intellectual abilities, all the powers of wealth, beauty, wit, and science, to capricious will and the execrable [abominable] cruelty of one or a very few."

THE BLIND LEADING THE BLIND

By: Kevin Campbell

"Though, as to our persecutors, we are sure that we have right on our side; and they are the wrongdoers, yet we are not relieved, we are not righted. We have not done justice to one another and therefore God suffers and we are far as ever from being restored to our right and recovering our lives again. Oppression is near us, and judgment is far from us. Our enemies are far from giving our case its due consideration, but still hurry us on with violence of their oppression and justice does not over take us, to rescue us out of their hands."

Neither God nor man appears for our succour we look for salvation, because God (we think) has promised it, and we have prayed for it with fasting; we look for it as brightness; but it is far off from us, as far off as ever and still we walk in darkness."

"We grope for the wall like the

blind; we see no way open for our relief, nor which way to expect it, or what to do in order to do it. If we shut our eyes against the light of divine truth, it is just with God the hide from our eyes the things that belong to our peace; and if we use not our eyes as we should, it is just with him to let us be as if we had no eyes."

Matthew Henry

SEEKING INFORMATION FROM 6600

By: Steve Force

I'm seeking information concerning "Minor child visitation" at Atascadero pursuant to Administrative Directive (AD) §713, Section VI, subsection D4.

What I'm interested in actually is any information from you gentlemen who have been either "denied visitation with your 'minor' family members", or been "approved visitation with your 'minor' family menders", when the child or children ARE NOT a victim or either domestic or sexual assault by you in particular.

I have filed 42 U.S.C. §1983 Civil Rights Lawsuit on the heels of Jerry Howard's §1983, in the Central District of California, complaining, that AD §713, VID4 violates "our" right to intimate family association and companionship via the First, Ninth, and Fourteenth Amendments, when the institution bans visitation of "minor children" (under age 18 years) based upon the child (or children) with whom you wish to visit being in a patients' so-called "victim profile".

"We", Jerry Howard and I, are interested in discovering whether there are any other individual's under the SVPA (or other patient's in the institution with child victims) who have been either "denied" or "approved" visitation via Form Ga 62 ("Minor Visitation Authorization") via their Treatment Team and AD §713, VID4.

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implemented by the design team. Clinicians are continuously introducing specialty groups as they believe the scientific community progresses in discovering future treatment modalities.

In fact, that has been the on-going shifting from one paradigm to another throughout the last 50 years. Atascadero State Hospital has been in the "Social Engineering" business

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The institution likewise has insisted that they ARE NOT obligated to file a "DENIAL OF PATIENTS' RIGHTS" pursuant to established protocol under California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 9, §884, and 885 for denial of visitation under CCR Tit.9, §884(b) (4), and "we" are interested in whether anyone has been given such "Denial of Patients' Rights" when they were denied "minor visitation" under AD §713.VI.D.

Please contact either myself (Steve Force, Unit #30) or Jerry Howard, Unit #21. Any valid input will be welcomed from you. Your name, and information will remain confidential if you choose to remain anonymous. Thank you gentleman, and please enjoy the freedom to associate with your family without state intrusion, until you too find that your being singled out for restriction and banning due to some heightened hyperbolic stigmatic infamy as the child victimizer...

COALINGULA

By: Lance Purcell

Lots of people are really looking forward to getting to the new prison out there in the asbestos dusted desert of Coalingula. Not too many staff, though. Especially salaried personnel like those Stepford doctors. They won't be all smiley faced toward Sacramento if they're drafted into this new war on terror. So maybe they won't be so Stepfudy then, we'll see.

Anyway, there's so much scuttlebutt flying around about what we will or won't have there I thought I'd give you the really real Truth about what conditions will be like there.

First off, you're going to have to wear your own clothes. I know it's a big headache washing every week, but they'll probably have to provide us with some of

those electrical washing machines with the math co-processor embedded in the motherboard. And speaking of motherboards, we'll all be provided with new computers, since they're all so scared of Latham & Watkins they want to appease us by improving conditions there. And we'll be able to buy real coffee. I mean, why the hell not. No MDOs or psych meds, right? And the canteen is going to start stocking a whole new line of health foods, only they'll be extremely cheap, but it won't matter because we will be so rich from working at out 8 - 5 jobs starting at minimum wage and going up to 10 bucks an hour.

There's going to be a mall there too, so get ready to do your patriotic duty to spend, spend, spend. Gotta pump that money back into the system and keep the GNP flailing along.

One of the things that are changing is the way diagnoses are performed. There will be a master list of psychologists qualified to perform them based solely on their credentials. They promise not to cherry-pick the ones who always agree with the D.A. All the names will go into a big hat and they'll just choose them blind. And the conclusions are all going to be based on dynamic factors, like how are you doing right now? They're all going to follow correct protocol - not DMH protocol, AMA protocol. And they are going to tell the truth. So are all the new staff there. And any time you have a problem, they're going to jump at the chance to solve it for you, after all, you're going to be there involuntarily, without the ability to solve many of your own problems, and they're going to figure it's only fair.

Finally, after they realize there are only fourteen men in the entire state of California who suffer from a genuine mental disorder that predisposes them to the commission of sexually violent, predatory acts, they are going to sell Atascadero to CDC (For housing and treating incarcerated MDO types) and transfer all the DMH patients to the new facility at Coalingula, whereupon all of the above rules changes will become moot. By the way, did you get the snide name I gave place? Coalingula? Like, double-speak?

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