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## EDITORIAL

### A POLICE STATE... TO KEEP "US" SAFE "PEACEFUL POWER" POLITICS

By: T. Iannalfo

According to the "Mothers Against Predators," (GoodKnight.org), alleged sexual predators are considered "Domestic Terrorists." In response, the government of several states have confined hundreds of citizens, as "Enemy Combatants" (a vaguely defined category that functions to remove almost all of the conventional protections of the criminal law). The stated purpose is not to punish for a crime, but to prevent future harm and to gather intelligence.

Massive and intrusive surveillance schemes have proposed that citizens are to watch each other. Remember the "Neighborhood Watch" movement? Psycho-politics in the making! Or to quote the president himself, we need to destroy the threat to our nation "before it fully materializes."

Today, Homeland Security is grooming law enforcement agencies across the nation to keep a suspicious eye on everyone, including "anyone who shows arrogance or expresses

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### The AG, Governor, and Prosecutors DEBATE Jessica's Law's Reach

By: DON THOMPSON,

Associated Press Writer  
Tuesday, February 6, 2007

SACRAMENTO Attorneys for the governor, attorney general and local prosecutors said Monday that they cannot agree how to enforce tough new residency restrictions on sex offenders that were approved last year by California voters.

The attorney general's office says the law should apply retroactively to those previously released from prison. The governor and local prosecutors say it should only apply to those released after Proposition 83 was approved in November.

The disagreement arose from a lawsuit filed by attorneys representing sex offenders. Under the initiative commonly known as Jessica's Law, offenders are prohibited from living within 2,000 feet of a school or park.

U.S. District Judge Lawrence Karlton of Sacramento delayed a

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## ACCOUNTABILITY

By: R. LeFort

Maybe some of you saw the article in the L.A. Times some time ago. If not, it quoted staff members from DMH and asked "Sacramento" to "**Please come to your senses and remedy this situation.**" (Tim Foster, RN) I have written to the governors' office and asked the same thing. Someone needs to allow us the purported legislative intent designed into the SVP Act. Under W&IC §6605(a) & (f), "In the event that the state DMH has reason to believe that a [committed] person...is no longer a SVP, it [DMH] shall seek judicial review of the person's commitment..."

The continual failures, or refusals to grant a "current examination" and a "confidential case discussion" have prevented DMH from reviewing an erroneous "diagnosis" and an illegal commitment.

It makes no sense to predict that an individual will reoffend "before the day he dies" then place him in a volatile

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## The Governments Debate of Jessica's Law

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ruling after Mondays hearing because of the disagreement between Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Attorney General Jerry Brown and local prosecutors.

Attorneys representing those offices said they interpret the residency restriction differently for the roughly 90,000 sex offenders who are registered with the state.

County district attorneys and probation departments said the residency restriction should apply only to crimes committed after the measure passed.

Schwarzenegger and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, which oversees parolees, said it applies to anyone released from prison or jail after Nov. 8, no matter when the crime occurred. State lawmakers who wrote the initiative also back that interpretation.

The attorney general's office offered yet a third interpretation. Deputy Attorney General Geoffrey Graybill told Karlton the ban should apply if sex offenders now on parole try to move to a new home within the restricted zone.

Karlton disagreed with the attorney general's interpretation. But the judge said he may not have jurisdiction and could send the case to a state judge to sort out the dispute between state officials. He said he would research the matter before issuing a ruling.

"The problem is the attorney general is the only party who takes the position that the statute has some retroactive effect," Karlton said.

Brown argued in court papers filed last month that voters clearly wanted to prohibit sex offenders from living near schools or parks, even if the law can't be applied to offenders who

currently live within the restricted zone.

Letting offenders move freely within that 2,000 foot zone "would permit tens of thousands of convicted sex offenders to avoid (proposition 83's) residency restriction altogether," the attorney general's office argued.

The Sacramento case is one of two lawsuits asking federal judges to interpret Proposition 83.

A day after voters approved the measure, U.S. District Judge Susan Illston in San Francisco temporarily blocked the 2,000 foot residency requirement from applying to currently registered sex offenders who are not on parole or probation. The Sacramento case seeks to expand that ruling to offenders who currently are parolees or on probation.

Jessica's law also increases prison terms for sex offenders and requires lifetime satellite tracking for rapist, child molesters and other felony sex criminals after their release from prison. ■

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environment, until the day he dies, in the hopes that you can force him into a situation where "self defense" will become proof of his violence and then justify a return to the California Department of Corrections, in an attempt to prove your predictions. We must mandate that our stated rights be given to us.

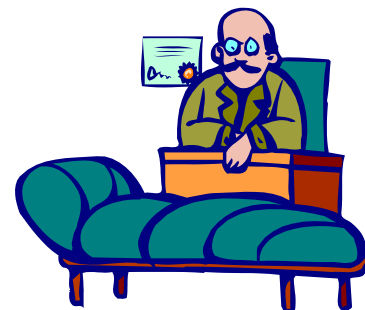
As stated in the L.A. Times article, employees "noted that the hospital has been forced to accept particularly aggressive criminals" which we have to live with and be around. Staff gets to go home. We are here doing life sentences.

Staff complain about having "migraines." What about those of us who die here from lack of professional care? Or living in such a highly stressful environment?

At a meeting, in January 2006, staff carried signs that said: "Exhausted & overworked-if I wanted to be incarcerated, I would have committed a crime."

What about those of us who must spend the rest of our lives behind "the walls" when our only crime was an alleged "technical [non-sexual] parole violation" that brought us back into CDC custody, for processing under the SVPA. I ask you, "Does that deserve a life sentence, mandating behavioral modification for a sex crime? Especially when most of us took a Nolo (West) plea agreement, which is not to be used as an admission of guilt in any subsequent action."

Remember to use your right to contact your representatives with your concerns. ■



## Mental Disorders of SVPs; Structured Diagnostic Interviews

By: Lance Purcell

There are ways to detect psychopathy in mentally disordered persons, which do not depend solely on historical information. Structured diagnostic interviews are screening instruments accepted by the American Psychological Association and are performed by formally trained and qualified clinicians. They do not include a conscious search for sexual psychopathic construct in



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sexual offenders. In the absence of such tools, attempts to replace structured diagnostic interviews with "protocols" such as the SVP Evaluator's Handbook, fail to meet the threshold in determining mental disorder since those protocols do not detect current psychopathy in the putative SVP, relying as they do, almost entirely on historical signs, while ignoring the lack of current symptoms. Hypothetical diagnoses must not be based on behavior alone because such a diagnosis could never achieve remission.

## SADS

The Schedule for Affective Disorders and Schizophrenia, was developed in conjunction with RDC, Research Diagnostic Criteria. RDC was published before DSM-III, and much of the criteria found in DSM-III and later derived versions. SADS requires administration by trained clinicians. Its focus is mostly on affective disorders, but it also covers anxiety, alcohol and drugs. The full SADS has two parts: after an "overview" (interview portion setting the stage and direction of investigation) "...Part I provides for a thoroughly detailed evaluation of current psychiatric problems and concomitant functional impairment. Psychosocial functioning during the week preceding the interview is also assessed. A unique feature of SADS is that for the current episode symptoms are rated when they were at their worst levels to increase diagnostic sensitivity and validity. In contrast, Part II evaluates past episodes of psychopathology and treatment." There are two dimensions that lie, perhaps, undetected in the foregoing: first, notice the expected brevity of mental disorders; and secondly, notice their presumed testability. Psychopathy can be quantified, and there exist diagnostic screening instruments that enable the clinician to detect and measure those quantities. Within the context of SVP commitments, this is the task of the forensic evaluator.

## DIS

Diagnostic Interview Schedule, 1981, was conceived for the purpose of large-scale epidemiological investigations of mental illness in the general adult population, so non-clinicians can administer it. As a result, the accuracy of the instrument is not the best, and does not figure in this article.

## SCID

The Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-IV, 1995, is a flexible, interviewer-administered diagnostic interview designed for use by trained administrators to diagnose most adult Axis I DSM-IV mental disorders. SCID uses a semi-structured interview, and has been revised from its original version (1983) twice, in 1988, and again in 1995. With each revision, the SCID has been broadened to encompass Axis I disorders that were not evaluated in the original instrument and reworked to enhance ease of use. It also has a complimentary version designed to evaluate for Axis II disorders, and has been published in a computerized version as well. Two versions for SCID exist for the Axis I disorders; patient and nonpatient. The SCID-P (patient version) is used for psychiatric inpatients and outpatients. There are 43 subsections in 7 major categories, mood, psychotic, psychoactive substance use, anxiety, somatoform, eating, and adjustment disorders. They are evaluated for two time periods: "current (meets criteria for past month) and lifetime (ever met criteria). The SCID begins with an overview portion, during which the development and history of the present psychological disturbance are elicited, and tentative diagnostic hypotheses are generated." Each symptom criterion is rated 1, 2, 3, ?. It takes roughly sixty to ninety minutes to perform the interview. It is fairly accurate (Kappas of above .60 for most major disorders).

SADS and SCID are two serious structured interview instruments. They both have the same components: present impairment and past impairment. There are twenty RDC diagnoses investigated

in systematic and comprehensive fashion, which provide for diagnosis of both current and lifetime RDC psychiatric disorders. They include schizophrenia (with six subtypes), schizoaffective disorder, manic disorder, hypomanic disorder, major depressive disorder (with eleven subtypes), minor depressive disorder, panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, phobic disorder, alcoholism, and anti-social personality disorder.

Missing are the non-idiosyncratic ways of detecting mental constructs that underlie paraphilic behavior and which, supposedly, differentiate persons disordered from the criminal. In their place are the actuarials; RRASOR, MnSORT, STATIC 99. No need of a clinician, an accountant would suffice. These are about history, and not subject to change regardless of treatment modalities or the age of the actor. The SVP dimensions presented for remission are dangerousness and mental construct: that specific dangerousness being based upon this specific mental construct. Those whose dangerous mental furniture has since been rearranged, traded in, or simply worn out now have a decreased dangerousness. Nonetheless, it is first necessary to detect the furniture derangement.

Where are the sexual disorders in all of this? It would appear that this is a category of paraphilia that has no psychopathy (at least as described by the literature or can be uncovered by a legitimate methodology). None of the structured tests would detect a sexual psychopathy. Perhaps it is an immeasurable quantity one that cannot be described or detected. Such things do exist; however, they should not be invoked as proof of it. This is a tautology, a typically circular path of reasoning. Sexual psychopathy laws have been around since the 30s, and there was certainly reason enough to formulate, if it could be done, a test for sexual psychopathy's existence. Where is it?

The occurrence of a harmful (or

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## Mental Disorders

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deviant) act does not itself constitute a mental disorder.”,

The mental abnormality should be the primary focus. It must not be idiosyncratic, and it must meet the threshold of definition, otherwise it is simply a description of the behavior. Does something in the definition differentiate the sexual predator from any other person guilty of a certain crime? All behavior, normal and abnormal alike, is the product of congenital or acquired conditions affecting emotional or volitional predispositions. If anyone commits a certain type or number of crime (e.g., P.C. 261 or 288a) and is thereby defined as mentally disordered, that definition fails to distinguish the mad from the bad and does no causal or conceptual work. What's more, can the legislature really define mental disorder? In that case, thousands could be cured of their mental disorders by caprice of the legislature. The difficulty of detecting discrete sex-offender pathology suggests that there is no such thing, or that it is so rare such individuals are lost in the smog of political expediency.

We have seen that there are formal instruments, which, if administered to an individual with a wrongly suspected mental disorder, will disprove the diagnosis. The hypothesis is falsifiable. The guy can get off the hook if he passes the SCID or SADS because either the psychopathy never existed or is in remission. But how can a person disprove the claim of a psychologist able to diagnose him as mentally disordered without his having to prove the presence of any measurable mental disorder? He can never get off the hook.

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## Mr. Dean's Corner

### Office of Administrative Law v. D.M.H

Somewhere I read or heard Hydrick v. Pete Wilson said that we were not to be treated in anyway less than a state prisoner. Now did that mean we were suppose to have more of, or less than a state prisoner? Title 15 said it, but someone else read it differently than it was written. It seems to me that if you are a state prisoner the law within the state prison is title 15. If you are in the California Youth Authority the law is still the Title 15 or a less harsh reading of Title 15. If you are in the Department of Mental Health the law is the A.D.(No that's not the rules for after death, but it might as well be). Now if you read everything that the state hospital wants you to then you'll find all kinds of things that decrease your rights. What they don't show you is the rules that are suppose to be administered according to the Office of Administrative Law. These state hospitals are the most crooked of the hospitals in the state. They give you the rules, as they want you to understand



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them. If ever you find yourself in possession of the complete A.D. and the Title 15, read them back to back and then ask yourself is this really the Title 15, of course it is, what else would it be? Do you have to ask that about the D.M.H. A.D?

Again, this is only my breath, think about it! ■



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By:  
**CounterPunch.com**  
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Progressives in America are rightly concerned about increasing signs of fascism in this country, such as a so-called war on terrorism that allows massive invasion of privacy and wholesale imprisonment without charge. They ought to be concerned about another sign of the demise of American justice and human decency; scapegoating. One sign of fascism has always been the creation of a scapegoat class whom people are taught to fear and hate. A class whom no-one would dare defend.

There is a class of people in America today, numbering two million or more, who have been utterly scapegoated, ostracized, demonized and shunned. There is no longer a defense for

these people. Almost no-one on the left or the right, civil libertarians or ordinary citizens, will defend their rights. They are fair game as targets of abuse and vandalism. About 600,000 of them have been rounded up and forced to register many soon to be monitored for life with electronic bracelets and global positioning devices.

Nearly 4000 have been locked up for life, not on criminal charges, but by civil commitment and those numbers are growing by the day.

Who are these scum? Arab terrorists? Muslim fanatics? NO-those evil doers appear almost benign when compared to this heinous mob. These are awful people in the world: SEX OFFENDERS! Jeb Bush recently alluded to all the sex offenders in Florida as child molesters, though fewer than 1/3 of those incarcerated in that state for "sex crimes" involved people under 18. Bush went on, " They are truly perverts and it's not curable. Instead of civil detention, we ought to make sure...these pedophiles...are locked up forever."

Of course among these sex offenders are indeed some criminals who have caused extreme harm: Violent rapists of adult women as well as children. A few of them have kidnapped, tortured or murdered their victims. Dr. Fred Berlin of Johns Hopkins University Sex Disorders Clinic in Baltimore estimates that such crimes account for less than 1/10th of 1% of all sex offenses in America.

The key ingredients of this scapegoating campaign are of course sex and "children." "Nowhere," wrote Linda Williams in Children and Sex (1993), "is sexuality more feared in America than in the lives of children." In some circles, the term pedophile is now used to put down any older person who has an affair or shows interest in younger persons 35-year-olds, for instance, who "prey on" 20-year olds. By the 2000's pedophile had

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become morphed with still the broader "sex offender," with even mainstream media free to refer to the feared and hated class as "pervs," and "perps" and "deviants."

Until the 1980's, the notion that any offender would be forced to register and be tracked and publicly shamed for life went against American notions of fairness and rehabilitation. Canada's Supreme Court denied police the right to make public the names of registered offenders, since this would thwart the goal of rehabilitation. In the United States, the very purpose of the sex offender registry is to make it available to the public. This puts an end to the idea of rehabilitation.

Adding insult to injury, "children," that is persons under 18, may also be labeled sex offenders and face the same monitoring and various forms of shunning and shame.

The worst deprivation of rights comes in the form of life-time civil commitment of sex offenders after incarceration. Seventeen states have some version of this measure and 21 more states are considering it. Fewer than 500 persons locked up under these laws have been released, as of 2004. As Mark McHarry wrote in his thorough summary in Z Magazine, November, 2001, civil commitment procedures deprive citizens of virtually all their Constitutional rights: the right to remain silent, to have a lawyer at interrogations, bail, provisions against double jeopardy and ex post facto laws and many more. The New York Bar Association, challenging Governor Pataki's administrative order in 2005 to move all sex offenders to locked mental facilities upon release, commented, "It cannot be overstated how readily sex civil commitment may be abused."

Former progressive alternative media have jumped on the bandwagon.

The free Times in Ohio, for instance, put a photo of an alleged "molester" of teenage boys on its January, 2006 cover, with a drawing of a bloody pen piercing his forehead and an equally bloody headline, calling him "Neighborhood Monster." Mainstream media like NBC and The New York Times now run series that would have been found a decade ago only in yellow journalism outlets like The National Inquirer.

The NBC "Predator" series likewise involves police sting activity, boasting that it has ensnared more than 50 men in cases where they will be charged with sex crimes involving no real victims. Using terms like "deviates" and "perverts" it is no wonder that the NBC site attracts thousands of blog comments that urge vigilante justice: "Put a bullet in perp head, says one. One can hope all this will rather quickly erode public confidence in the media as independent of law enforcement.

Liberal Democrats, socialists and green party candidates vie with Republicans to "save the innocent children" and "protect our children from monsters." There is clear evidence that these kinds of measures (registration, electronic monitoring and the like) are not effective. Castration, for instance, has been shown to be wholly incapable of affecting desire. Yet politicians of all stripes rush to put forward more and more draconian restrictions on the hated class of sex offenders.

One day perhaps fifty or a hundred years from now it will appear ludicrous that our society was so consumed with anger at this class of scapegoats that it obliterated its fine traditions of liberty and justice in favor of retribution and vengeance. It will seem incredible that the focus was on sexual deviance rather than on the astronomical murder rate and other violence.

Until such a day of greater sanity, this scapegoating and shunning of all sex offenders will inevitably lead to less freedom and more security for all who might engender the wrath of puritan preachers or stoke of greed of media outlets and pandering politicians. For

now, it seems unlikely that even those who traditionally guard our civil liberties or those who challenge state repression from the left, will dare speak out, lest they, too, be marginalized and shunned. ■

## CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT DECISION A STATE HIRED PSYCHIATRIST AND A PROSECUTOR REVEAL THEIR TRUE OPINIONS OF THEIR "EXPERT" TESTIFIERS

By: David Smith

In People v. Babbitt (1988) 45 Cal. 3d 660, we find some refreshing truth from the other side regarding their real opinion of the "Whores of the Court", psychiatrists and psychologists hired for their so-called "expert" opinions.

"Dr. Lee Coleman expounded at length on his view that psychiatrists and psychologists have no business in the courtroom. In Dr. Coleman's opinion, psychiatric diagnosis is very unreliable and what a psychiatrist or psychologists does is an art, not a science. According to Dr. Coleman, there is nothing in the normal training of psychologists or psychiatrists that would allow either to make the inferences they are asked to





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make in legal proceedings concerning the mental state of defendants at the time of the charged offenses. Discussing what he perceived to be the deficiencies of clinical interview that forms the basis for an expert's opinion. Dr. Coleman Stated: "Well, the first weakness has to do with the fact that the expectation is there, that the doctor, as a result of this interview, will be able to form an opinion without the kind of guesswork and hunches that ordinary people would have to rely on. In other words, there's an expectation that the doctor is doing something special. The truth is that they are not doing anything special. They are basically reading information, listening to a person talk, decid[ing] what you're going to believe and what you're not going to believe. So there's often a misconception that something special has happened that [hasn't]." (at p. 698)

"I think doctors have trouble making that shift and acting as a fact finder. I think they may not be as good as ordinary people in that respect." A clinical interview, the doctor concluded,, is not a reliable and valid technique for coming to a legal conclusion in the forensic context, such as rendering an opinion as to whether or not a person could premeditate or deliberate at a particular point in the past.[¶] The use of a person's history, going back to childhood, is equally infirm, according to Dr. Coleman. "[A] psychiatrist or psychologist is not able to take that information and reach conclusions from it that an ordinary person couldn't do." (at p. 698)

Now for the opinion of the prosecutor: "[I]n a sense we have a social cancer in our community now, and it is this very process of allowing psychiatrists to come in and make their moral pronouncements disguised as a medical opinion in hopes of persuading jurors by saying a person's mental state can be definitively defined by them simply going through their clinical interviews and going through their tests and projecting it to a time in the past. That's a social cancer." (at p. 699)

"We are letting justice be decided on the basis of how well a psychiatrist can sell their bag of tricks." (at p. 697)

"Drawing by analogy on the story, 'The Emperor's New Clothes,' where the tailors through 'overwhelming flattery' succeeded in appealing to the Emperor's vanity, the prosecutor stated that 'we have an Emperor in the form of [these] psychologists and psychiatrists who, are vain enough to think that they have these capabilities.[¶] and so one day, the psychiatrist have been flattered to the point of thinking that they have something they don't come to court, they have a parade and display all these things that they claim they have, which they really don't have.'" (at p. 701)

"[T]he prosecutor argued that the psychiatric witnesses were 'using' the criminal justice system to advance their own business interests and that they therefore should not be trusted." (at p. 701)

"[P]sychiatrists have this self-anointed capacity to perceive things better than other people." (at pp. 697 & 702)

"[Describing psychiatrists]: 'Because they are so vain as to think they are capable of all these magical, mystical things that they say they are capable of.'" At p. 697)

The court opined: "It is within the bounds of proper argument to attack the credibility of expert witnesses and the weight to be given their testimony, based on the witnesses' compensation and fact of their employment. (See Evid. Code §§722, subd. (b), 780, subd. (f); **People v. Washington (1969) 71 Cal. 2d. 1061, 1086, Cal. Rptr. 567**, disapproved on other grounds in **People v. Green, supra, 27 Cal. 3d. at pp. 33-34, 164 Cal. Rptr. 1.**)" (at p. 702)

The California Supreme Court concluded: "Viewed in the context of Dr. Coleman's comments disparaging the expertise of the defense psychologist and psychiatrist to form an opinion about defendant's mental state were based on the evidence." (at p. 699) ■



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Up to date articles are needed for The Gulag News. If you have factual stories, legal case cites, or anything that pertains to this commitment, please submit them to Tony Iannalfo or Glen Green at Coalinga State Hospital. Anyone, this includes staff, free persons and so-called patients can send articles to us at Po. Box 5003, Coalinga, Ca. 93210-5003.

This newsletter is your voice, however, we do not need any sniveling and whining. Articles should be kept as concise as possible, because of the space restriction of the newsletter. I hope everyone will try to contribute. All articles are subject to editing, for language and grammar. Our voice needs to be heard and if we stay persistent we will be heard. Thanks to all. ■



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## EDITORIAL

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dislike of attitudes and decisions of the U.S. Government", implying that dissent is synonymous with terrorism.

President Bush believes he has the power to waive 1878 Posse Comitatus Act, which prohibits federal military personnel from committing law enforcement within the U.S. Bush has reportedly signed Executive Orders giving himself sole authority to impose martial law and suspend Habeas Corpus with no checks and balances during a national emergency. When implemented, the declaration of martial law will completely trump the sovereign power of several states.

General Tom Franks assured us in 2003 that, after a major casualty-producing event anywhere in the Western World, the American people would "question our own constitution" and consent to militarization of the U.S. for security. The erection and maintenance of such prison camps, like the new MALL facility at Coalinga California, are expected to dot the land of the (former) free, if and when the real fascists launch such a military takeover.

Until then, they are getting the general public ready by eliciting their support in going after the alleged "sex offender" who did not have enough money to fund a defense against charges and took a plea bargain to "get it over with." Now, the government seeks to lock him up, after the prison time has expired, under a "Special Proceeding of a civil nature," and make it a "commitment for an indeterminate term... For... confinement in a secure facility designated by the Director of Mental Health.

The Coalinga facility was built to hold 1,500 people in its Mall design,

with more sensors and razor wire than any prison in the country. Does this sound like a hospital for mentally disordered persons to you?

No totalitarian structure would be complete without an oppressive identification system and it's becoming obvious that no one is intended to escape these dynamic plans. Eventually, under the skin I.D. implants will able the state/government to keep each of us under round the clock surveillance.

There are systems in place today to track children and even pets, but you can bet your paycheck it will not stop there. Before too long, it will be a required part of identification in this country.

National I.D. Cards are just the beginning. Hughes Aircraft Company readied syringe implantable I.D. transponders years ago, as illustrated by the prototype full developed in 1995

Microsoft is also deeply involved in I.D. technology involving implantation under the skin. It recently patented a way to use human skin as a power conduit for electronic devices. So far, these chips are passive, but the time is coming, where it will affect a body near you. Maybe even "you."

The Constitution of this country, that so many Americans have died protecting, is in great danger. The powers that be, the right wing conservatives, have and are paring down the rights Americans were guaranteed by the fathers of this country.

They have used smoke and mirrors and fear to lull the American public into believing this country needs more intrusive laws to protect itself. What has made this country the greatest in the world is slowly being eaten away. Freedom soon will have a totally different meaning. ■

## Absent Comrades In Memoriam

*ECHOES asks everyone, everywhere to pause for a brief moment each day and remember, with kindness, each of these, our 28 Absent Comrades.*

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Robert Cloverdance .....  | 1998     |
| Jim Davis .....           | 01/21/99 |
| Colman .....              | 2000     |
| Donald Hughes .....       | 11/07/00 |
| David Stansberry .....    | 05/10/00 |
| Donald Lockett .....      | 01/23/01 |
| Charles Rogers .....      | 05/29/00 |
| Edward Samrad .....       | 05/10/01 |
| Larry Goddard .....       | 06/02/01 |
| Dean Danforth .....       | 07/27/01 |
| Lloyd Johnson .....       | 2002     |
| Wayne Graybeal .....      | 2002     |
| Greg Bowen "Sluggo" ..... | 07/04/02 |
| Patrick Brehm .....       | 03/15/03 |
| Robert Alperin .....      | 03/15/03 |
| Tim McClanahan .....      | 03/15/03 |
| Wayne Porter .....        | 08/18/03 |
| Cash O' Dowd .....        | 12/11/03 |
| Elmer Bock .....          | 04/07/04 |
| David Gonick .....        | 08/23/04 |
| Joe Vlahofitis .....      | 12/04/04 |
| Crowin Weltey .....       | 12/13/04 |
| Ross Washington .....     | 01/30/05 |
| Richard Bishop .....      | 02/07/05 |
| Alton Robinson .....      | 08/19/05 |
| Robert Canfield .....     | 08/29/05 |
| Geraldo Sanchez .....     | 09/24/05 |
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*Released from this oppressive prison by the Compassionate Hand of God.*

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