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# NEY POSED IN PHOTO WITH TRIBE HE DIDN'T REMEMBER

It seems that Rep. Bob Ney (R-OH) took in too much fresh air during a golf outing to Scotland (August 2002), resulting in a fog of forgetfulness when he was questioned during an investigation of lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

Ney reportedly told Senate investigators that he had no memory of meeting with tribal members on August 14, 2002, yet the pictures he posed for with Tigua Tribe Lt. Governor Carlos Hisa and Raul Gutierrez, former member of the Tigua governing council, might jog his memory.



On August 14, 2002, Rep. Bob Ney (R-OH) posed for a picture with Tigua Tribe Lt. Governor Carlos Hisa and Raul Gutierrez, former member of the Tigua governing council.

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Rep. Bob Ney (R-OH)

A roulette wheel and the number twenty-six might have been a better choice for the Tigua Tribe to place their \$32,000 dollars on. Recently released e-mails by the Senate committee state that, "Abramoff and Ney knew in July 2002 that the Tigua's provision was dead in the Senate, but didn't tell the Tigua until that October," reports *The Plain Dealer*.

The tribe was dealt another bad hand when they were asked to pay \$50,000 to fund Abramoff, Ralph Reed (former Christian Coalition leader), two Abramoff lobbyists, David Safavian (former White House official), and Bob Ney's golf expedition. When Tigua protested to this outlandish demand, two other Abramoff tribal clients picked up the \$100,000 tab.

Ney's spokesman Brian Walsh said that Ney's memory slip of the August 14, 2002 meeting was due to the name reference of the tribal group. Walsh said that the tribe referred to themselves as "Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo" when they donated \$32,000, but when investigators questioned Ney they asked about his deals with the "Tigua."

*Note: Congressman Ney recently announced he would not run for Congress again.*

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## JUDGE FAVORS SEX OFFENDERS



U.S. District Judge Clarence Cooper

The same Clinton-appointed federal judge, who ruled that "theory of evolution" stickers on high school biology textbooks are an unconstitutional endorsement of religion, is blocking a Georgia law that bars sex offenders from living near school bus stops.

U.S. District Judge Clarence Cooper apparently thinks that a new state law is too hard on sex offenders and has sided with eight criminal individuals who want to violate it. Created after a pair of sex offenders who had killed two girls in neighboring Florida were arrested in Georgia, the law prohibits such criminals from living, working or loitering within 1,000 feet of anywhere children gather. That includes schools, churches, parks, gyms, swimming pools or bus stops.

In his ruling, Judge Cooper said that Georgia's strict sex offender law violates the Constitution. The eight offenders in this case were represented by the Southern Center for Human Rights, an organization that provides legal representation to convicted felons in the south.

Just last year, the same judge issued a controversial ruling against a suburban Atlanta school system when he ordered the removal of stickers on high school biology textbooks because they called evolution a theory, not a fact. In that ruling, Cooper said that, "By denigrating evolution, the school board appears to be endorsing the well-known prevailing alternative theory, creationism or variations thereof, even though the sticker does not specifically reference any alternative theories."

The stickers had been added in the public school district after thousands of parents complained that the textbooks presented evolution as fact, without mentioning other ideas about the beginnings of life.

Six parents and a few so-called civil rights organizations sued, contending the disclaimers violated the separation of church and state and unfairly singled out evolution from thousands of other scientific theories as suspect.



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A Nebraska judge who serves on a state commission for the protection of children refused to send a convicted child molester to jail because she feared the molester would not fare well in prison due to his diminutive size.

Convicted of two felony counts of child molestation, 50-year-old Richard Thompson got away with probation because Judge Kristine Cecava worried about his safety in prison. The judge said that she didn't think the child molester would "do well" in prison because he is only 5-feet-1-inch tall, so she set him free despite his conviction for molesting a young girl.

Here is a snippet of the judge addressing the child molester from the sentencing hearing transcript: "So I'm sitting here thinking this guy has earned his way to prison but then I look at you and I look at your physical size. I look at your basic ability to cope with people and, quite frankly, I shake to think what might happen to you in prison because I don't think you'll do well in prison."



Convicted sex offender Richard Thompson.

Angered residents of Cheyenne County have launched a petition drive for the judge's resignation and both the county attorney and Nebraska attorney general have appealed the outrageously lenient sentence.

In a national poll conducted by Zogby International, 92% of those surveyed blasted the Nebraska judge for letting a pedophile get away. The majority of respondents had no concern for the safety of a convict in prison, especially when they are sex offenders like Thompson.

One worldwide grassroots web site is urging Nebraska's governor to get involved in an effort to seek justice for the victim and protect countless children that will be in contact with the "monster" during his probation.

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## SAUDIS TO GET U.S. AVIATION SCHOLARSHIPS



The September 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.

1,442 were granted visas to study in the U.S. in 2004. The idea, apparently, is to improve relations between the two nations.

But how can Americans help but question the Saudi ministry of education's recent announcement that it is offering scholarships to Saudi men and women to study civil aviation in the United States? The scholarships are available in majors such as communications, electrical and computer engineering, computer science, systems analysis, air traffic control, flight safety, and other majors related to the airline transport industry.

It doesn't help that Saudi's ministry of education requires, as part of children's official curriculum, hateful anti-American textbooks that say Jews and Christians are the enemy and that God will grant victory to Muslims. Sample chapters of these appalling books were obtained from a public broadcast station.

Hopefully the United States Department of State, which issues visas to foreign students, will closely monitor the new class of Saudi aviation graduates. Conservative radio talk show host Debbie Schlusel has a better idea, though. She says it's about time that we restrict aviation training in the U.S. to nationals of non-terrorist-linked nations. She adds that the Saudis should be ashamed of their U.S.-aviation-educated countrymen who murdered nearly 3,000 Americans.

The United States and Saudi Arabia reached an agreement last year that will allow thousands of Saudi students to enroll in American universities and, now, the Islamic country is promoting scholarships to study civil aviation in America.

This is of tremendous concern since 15 of the 19 September 11 hijackers were Saudi nationals who studied aviation in the U.S. Perhaps when President George W. Bush and King Abdullah agreed to the deal in 2005, the king failed to mention that aviation scholarships would eventually be offered as part of the deal.

The leaders agreed that the new, large-scale academic program would admit 6,000 Saudis to American universities this year after just

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# TERRORIST PROFESSOR TO BE DEPORTED

Hiding behind the First Amendment and claiming to be a victim of U.S. government persecution, a college professor who for years denied being a terrorist, will be deported for finally admitting he is a high-ranking member of a militant Middle Eastern group.

As alleged by the U.S. government, University of South Florida computer engineering professor Sami al-Arian is in fact the U.S. leader of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, a violent group that carries out suicide bombings and has murdered many Israelis and Americans.

Contradicting the loyal support of academics and journalists worldwide who claimed that his civil rights were trampled in a vicious government witch hunt, the terror-conspiring professor has actually signed a court document admitting he raises money and strongly supports the Palestinian Islamic Jihad. Furthermore, al-Arian has confessed that he has lied about his ties to the group since allegations first emerged in 1995. His plea agreement with the U.S. government reads, in part: "Defendant is pleading guilty because defendant is in fact guilty."



Sami al-Arian

A sentencing judge in Florida called al-Arian a master manipulator and ordered him deported—to a yet to be determined country—after he finishes serving his four year, nine month sentence for terrorism conspiracy.

One national group that battles Palestinian propaganda in the country's college campuses suggests al-Arian be deported to Israel where Islamic Jihad has killed many innocent people. If he goes to a country that sponsors terrorism, such as Syria, he will continue his terrorist campaign safely.

Not surprisingly, those who have long advocated the release of al-Arian have been silent about his admission of wrongdoing.

Among the terrorist professor's supporters is a group that calls him an innocent political prisoner. For instance, The Washington Report on Middle East Affairs, a non-profit that claims to provide Americans with balanced and accurate information concerning U.S. relations with the Middle East, believes freeing al-Arian will help the U.S. Seems to us that terrorists belong in jail.

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– Excerpt from Sami al-Arian's plea agreement.

## CONGRESSMAN STEERS MILLIONS TO FRIENDS



West Virginia Congressman Allan Mollohan

Veteran West Virginia Congressman Allan Mollohan is being investigated by federal authorities for his suspicious personal finances—he got very wealthy in only four years—and steering nearly \$200 million in public funds to nonprofit groups run by his buddies.

Mollohan's financial disclosures report in 2000 listed his assets between \$179,000 and \$562,000 and by 2004 they were listed between \$6 million and \$24 million with a lavish, oceanfront home in Bald Head Island, North Carolina and various other valuable properties.

Additionally, the 12-term Democrat invested more than \$2 million in real estate with a former staffer who ran a nonprofit, the Vandalia Heritage Foundation, that later received more than \$28 million in appropriations earmarks with Mollohan's help.

An investigation by The National Legal and Policy Center (NLPC) led to the federal case. After examining thousands of pages of real estate, financial and legal documents, the NLPC filed a 500-page complaint with the office of the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia detailing hundreds of ethics law violations.

Not surprisingly, Mollohan denies any wrongdoing. But as the National Legal and Policy Center points out, whatever the case may be with his personal finances, the amount of money being appropriated, apparently through earmarks from federal taxpayers to these non-profits over a short period of time is truly astounding.

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# ALIEN CRIMINALS REMAIN IN U.S.

Homeland Security officials can't stop patting themselves on the back for a sting that rounded up a couple thousand illegal immigrants with violent criminal histories. The fact remains, however, that more than half a million fugitive aliens ordered by U.S. judges to leave the United States remain in the country.

Homeland Security's two-week "Operation Return to Sender" busted approximately 2,100 fugitive criminals who had served time for sexual assault, drug trafficking, robbery and abduction. Not surprisingly, border states topped the arrest list, including California with 722 and Texas with 424, followed by Massachusetts with 157 and Louisiana with 78. San Diego alone had 402 arrests, all of them Mexican or Guatemalan nationals with very violent records that included sex crimes against children.

The capture and subsequent deportation of these hardcore criminals is great news, especially when you read more detailed information on their lengthy rap sheets. These are violent people—convicted in the U.S. judicial system—who should have been deported upon completing jail time.



Various forms of illegal identification.

Federal officials would rather not focus on that, as was evident in Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff's comments regarding the "successful" operation. He said it is another example of a new and tough interior enforcement strategy that seeks to catch and deport criminal aliens, increase worksite enforcement and crack down hard on the criminal infrastructure that perpetuates illegal immigration. He added that his department will use every authority to rid communities of this criminality.

Chertoff's words bring a few points to mind. First, why has it taken so long for the feds to finally deport these vicious criminals? Secondly, if there are more than 500,000 fugitive aliens in the country who have already been "deported" but have disregarded American law by staying, a mere 2,100 captured in this operation is nothing.

A big part of the problem is the lack of communication between local and federal authorities. Case in point: illegal immigrants are supposed to be deported once they complete their jail time; however, many remain in the country upon release because jailers don't process them through the federal deportation system.

Officials with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement have apparently caught on to this and are entering agreements with local agencies to train jail officials to identify illegal immigrants in the system. In Los Angeles County, for instance, the training has proven effective. A pilot program launched this year has already identified nearly 2,000 prisoners for possible deportation. That way the Department of Homeland Security doesn't have to waste resources on dangerous late-night sweeps like "Operation Return to Sender."

## GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION IS WIDESPREAD



In just two years, more than 1,000 public employees were convicted on corruption-related charges. The figure, provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), includes: 177 federal officials, 158 state officials, 360 local officials and 365 local law enforcement officers.

Additionally, the FBI currently has more than 2,000 investigations under way that are related to corrupt public officials or government employees. Fraud is so widespread in the public sector that the bureau has shifted agents from other criminal programs, such as those that focus on localized drug rings and nonviolent bank robberies, to handle the large caseload.

The FBI's aggressive campaign against public corruption apparently is responsible for several high-profile cases such as convicted lobbyist Jack Abramoff, the racketeering and fraud conviction of former Illinois Governor George Ryan and California Congressman Randy Cunningham, who is in jail for taking \$2.4 million in bribes from military contractors.

Anyone with tips about corruption at any level of government can report them on the FBI's new web site at [www.fbi.gov/hq/cid/pubcorrupt/pubcorrupt.htm](http://www.fbi.gov/hq/cid/pubcorrupt/pubcorrupt.htm).



Top: California Congressman Randy Cunningham,. Bottom, left to right: Lobbyist Jack Abramoff and former Illinois Governor George Ryan.

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# ANOTHER CALIFORNIA CONGRESSMAN IN HOT WATER

New and incriminating stories are surfacing daily in the federal investigation of one of the most powerful members of the United States House of Representatives, California Republican Jerry Lewis, who is the chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

The committee oversees about \$900 billion in federal funding, which means that well-connected lobbyists put a lot of time and effort into getting a piece of that pie for their clients.

It's no wonder that the Department of Justice investigation is centered on Lewis's relationship with a powerful Washington lobbyist who used to be a congressman himself and happens to be a longtime friend of the popular Redlands congressman.

The twisted tale involves the men's families, hefty campaign contributions from companies that have received hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funding and contracts, and a fellow California congressman (Randy Cunningham) in jail for accepting millions of dollars in bribes in exchange for federal contracts.

It may sound like a soap opera, but it is in fact the life of Jerry Lewis, a former San Bernardino school board member who has dedicated four decades to public service. The new allegation involved Lewis's stepdaughter, who allegedly received more than \$40,000 from a defense contractor that secured government deals worth millions of dollars from the congressman's committee.

Later, one of Lewis's top aides received nearly \$2 million for the sale of a lobbying company being investigated by the FBI for its ties to Lewis. It turns out that the aide, Jeff Shockey, was a top Lewis staffer-turned-lobbyist who, once again, went back to work for his old Congressman boss. Confusing? Consider it an example of a revolving door culture in which Washington insiders ping pong between the public and private sectors.



Congressman Jerry Lewis (R-CA)

## "UNCONSTITUTIONAL" CROSS TO BE REMOVED

A 52-year-old cross, dedicated as a war memorial, must be immediately removed from San Diego's Mount Soledad because a federal judge ruled that it is unconstitutional.

The 43-foot cross has for years been at the center of an ugly legal battle pitting city officials and residents who want the cross against an ACLU-represented atheist who has battled to remove it.

U.S. District Judge Gordon Thompson handed them a victory, ruling that the cross—located adjacent to an American flag—violates California's constitution because it sits on city property. If not removed immediately, the city will be fined \$5,000 per day.

Known as the Soledad War Memorial, the cross is located around the center of the nearly 200-acre Mount Soledad Natural Park. Before it was put there in 1954, a redwood cross stood at the site from 1913 to 1924. In 1934 it was replaced by a wood and stucco cross that was destroyed by a storm around 1952. On April 18, 1954, the current cross was dedicated to World War I, World War II and Korean War veterans during an Easter ceremony.

The Thomas More Law Center, a nonprofit that defends the religious freedoms of Christians, is working to get President George W. Bush to make Mount Soledad a national historic landmark in order to preserve the cross. The center is asking supporters to sign a petition because our nation's veterans, and all Americans who take pride in honoring them, need your help.



The Soledad War Memorial, Mount Soledad Natural Park, San Diego, CA.

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# MISSOURI ATTORNEY GENERAL ON THE TAKE?

Missouri's attorney general has accepted thousands of dollars for his gubernatorial campaign from a utility company he is supposedly investigating over a disastrous reservoir collapse. In fact, utility company Ameren Corp. cut its first check to the attorney general, Missouri Democrat Jay Nixon, shortly after he launched the investigation into the company.

If contributing \$20,000 to the campaign of an official who is investigating your company for criminal conduct doesn't seem suspicious enough, there are two other facts that make the deal reek of conflict of interest, not to mention ethics violations. First is that Ameren previously supported Nixon's expected rival in the 2008 gubernatorial race, incumbent Republican Matt Blunt.

Then we have Nixon's sudden change of heart after receiving the money. Earlier this year, he announced that he was on the verge of suing Ameren for the reservoir collapse at a hydroelectric plant that caused more than one billion gallons of water to sweep away a park and critically injure three children. Last week, he said he pulled back from filing the lawsuit and was in "complicated discussions" with Ameren.

Not surprisingly, Nixon maintains that money has nothing to do with any of his decisions because they are all based on what's best for the people of Missouri.



Jay Nixon (D-MO) speaking to an audience.

## CORRUPT DEMOCRAT MAYOR INDICTED



San Jose Mayor Ron Gonzales

A popular Northern California mayor who raised thousands of dollars for John Kerry's 2004 presidential campaign and was named a rising star by the influential Democratic Leadership Council has been indicted on fraud, bribery and conspiracy charges.

San Jose Mayor Ron Gonzales secretly negotiated a garbage contract that cost taxpayers \$11 million and allegedly filled his pockets with bribes. An 18-page indictment tells how the mayor and his top aide worked out a lucrative contract with the company (Norcal) that hauls the city's trash in exchange for big bucks.

Gonzales isn't your typical big-city mayor. He was considered a rising star in the Democratic Party and in 1988 made headlines for becoming San Jose's first Latino mayor. He was tight with former California Governor Gray Davis, raised \$50,000 for Kerry, and regularly appears on magazine lists as one of the nation's most influential Hispanics.

Although this is the first time Gonzales has been indicted and arrested, it isn't his first involvement with scandal. A few years ago he got busted for having a romantic affair with a subordinate half his age, even though he was married for 22 years, and later the city technology guru quit when an investigation found that a company with a close relationship to Gonzales got a lucrative deal to install an \$8 million phone system in City Hall.

Sounds like perhaps the mayor had this indictment coming. Now his fellow council members are calling for his resignation. Gonzales refuses to quit and maintains his innocence, saying, "[E]very administration and every mayor has certain crises."

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# A BLOW TO GOVERNMENT WHISTLEBLOWERS

A Supreme Court ruling will make it harder for government whistleblowers to take legal action when they are retaliated against for going public with allegations of government misconduct.

The court was split 5-4 in *Garcetti v. Ceballos*, a case in which a Los Angeles prosecutor got demoted for urging his supervisors to drop a criminal case after he provided evidence of wrongdoing by the arresting officer who, among other things, lied on a search warrant affidavit.

The prosecutor, Richard Ceballos, sued the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office when he was demoted and denied a promotion in retaliation, but a trial court judge dismissed the suit and the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the decision.

The Supreme Court heard oral arguments late last year and ruled on the May 30, 2006 issue whether government employees have free-speech rights that protect them while they carry out their duties. The answer is no, with Justice Anthony Kennedy writing for the court's majority saying that the First Amendment does not protect "every statement a public employee makes in the course of doing his or her job."

Dissenting judges said that the ruling could silence prospective whistleblowers that have evidence of government misconduct. Justice John Paul Stevens wrote: "Public employees are still citizens while they are in office. The notion that there is a categorical difference between speaking as a citizen and speaking in the course of one's employment is quite wrong."

Judicial Watch has represented several whistleblowers—including an FBI agent and an immigration officer—who have been retaliated against for denouncing government wrongdoing. We will continue to do so in an effort to expose and eliminate government corruption.



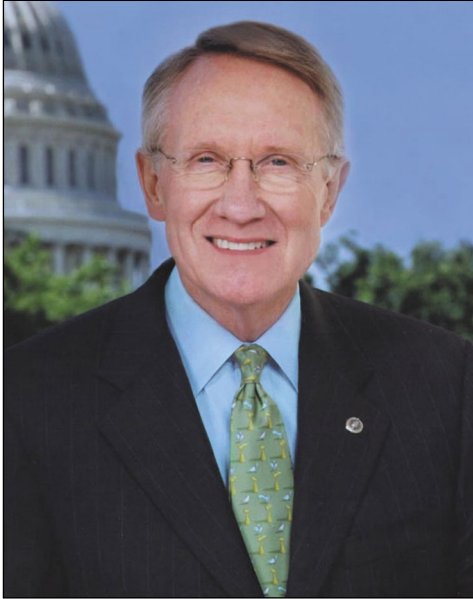
**"An important lesson to be learned from the *Garcetti v. Ceballos* case is that government whistleblowers need to be aware of their rights before engaging in whistleblowing activity."**

— Paul Orphanedes, JW's Director of Litigation



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Senator Harry Reid (D-NV)

Senator Harry Reid (D-NV) has had a blast lately criticizing Republican ethics, but it turns out that the Senate minority leader has also been busy violating the rules. Reid quietly accepted very expensive ringside boxing tickets from the Nevada Athletic Commission while the state agency was trying to influence him on the topic of federal regulation of the sport.

The good senator accepted the tickets to three professional boxing matches between 2003 and 2005 as he pressed legislation to increase federal oversight of boxing, including the creation of a government commission. The Nevada senator said that by attending the boxing matches he was simply trying to learn how his legislation might affect an important home state industry. In other words, he was just doing his job.

Actually, Senate ethics rules generally allow lawmakers to accept gifts from federal, state or local governments, but specifically warn against them when they might be connected to efforts to influence official actions. The tickets were worth thousands of dollars and were clearly intended to influence the senator, even though he claims it simply facilitated his job.

Reid also has a few other skeletons in his closet related to the Jack Abramoff scandal. In 2003 Reid had separate meetings in his Senate offices with two tribal clients of the disgraced lobbyist, and the senator wrote at least four favorable letters to Abramoff's tribal clients after collecting donations from them. Unlike many other lawmakers who returned tainted Abramoff money, Reid has kept it all.

Yet, despite all of his own questionable ethics, Reid has received the most media attention for his ongoing criticism of Republican ethics. Talk about the pot calling the kettle black!

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# MUSLIM PRAYER IN U.S. PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The same federal court that said reciting the *Pledge of Allegiance* in public schools is an unconstitutional endorsement of religion because it includes God, has ruled that it's okay for those same students to praise Allah in Muslim prayers.

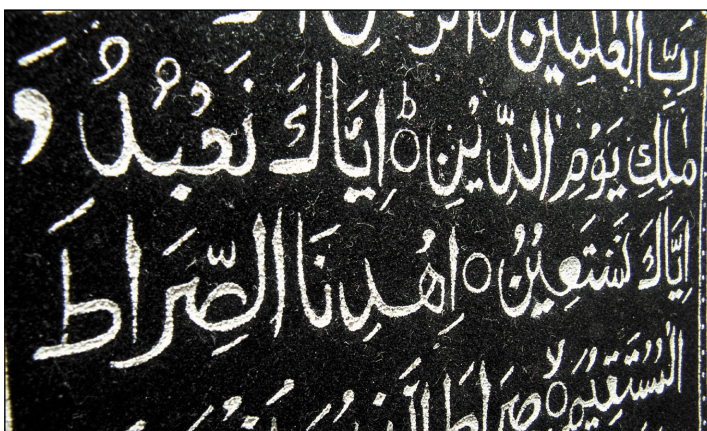
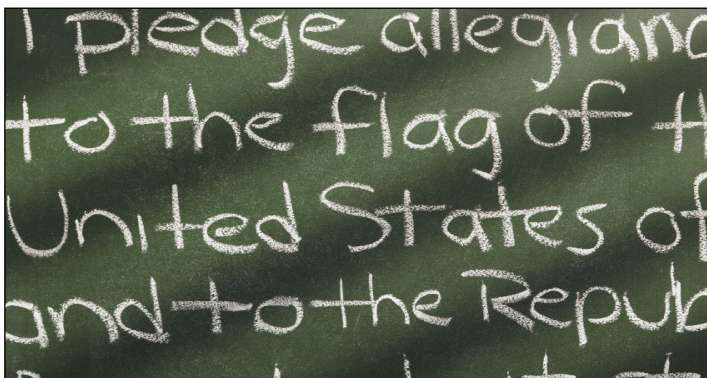
Outrageous as it may seem, on November 17, 2005, the ultra-liberal 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling that allows California public schools to teach pro-Islamic lessons that include reciting Muslim prayers aloud, praising Allah, professing as true that the Holy Quran is God's word and taking an Arabic name for a full two weeks.

The case (*Eklund v. Byron Union School District, District Court Number 02-03004, Appellate Number 04-15032*) began when a group of parents sued against pro-Islamic lessons in California's public school curriculum. They argued that the government was promoting Islam, but a Sacramento federal judge, appointed by Bill Clinton, ruled against them saying the state was merely teaching kids about another culture.

The case went to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, which let the ruling stand. (The plaintiffs, thankfully, are filing a *writ of certiorari* petition seeking consideration of the issue by the U.S. Supreme Court.) A few years ago when the same appellate court ruled that reciting the *Pledge of Allegiance* in public schools is an unconstitutional endorsement of religion, lawmakers on both sides of the aisle were outraged and blasted the ruling. The U.S. Senate even passed a resolution, 99-0, expressing support for the Pledge of Allegiance.

In the 9th Circuit decision, the court said: "The Pledge, as currently codified, is an impermissible government endorsement of religion because it sends a message to unbelievers 'that they are outsiders, not full members of the political community, and an accompanying message to adherents that they are insiders, favored members of the political community.'"

What about alienating those who don't endorse Allah?



Top: An excerpt of the United States "Pledge of Allegiance" written on a chalkboard.  
Bottom: An excerpt of the Koran written on a chalkboard.

## ANTI-AMERICAN, PRO-CHICANO PUBLIC SCHOOL



A public elementary school in Southern California is run by an America-bashing Chicano who claims the "white, American way will lead to destruction" and has a curriculum devised by a radical Mexican group that strives to return the American Southwest to Mexico.

Academia Semillas del Pueblo—was chartered by the Los Angeles Unified School District in 2001. In lieu of an American flag, the school flies a communist flag and teaches children the ancient Nahuatl language of the Aztecs. The

school is funded by American taxpayers and supported by extremist Mexican groups like the National Council of La Raza and MECHA, the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan.

The school's principal and founder, Marcos Aguilar, opposes racial integration and says Mexicans in the U.S. don't want to go to white schools or drink from white water fountains. He blasts the landmark school desegregation decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* and claims that both segregation and civil rights in the U.S. are all about white supremacy.

This is consistent with the preaching of MECHA. The militant group was founded at the University of California, Santa Barbara in 1969 with the goal of returning the American Southwest to Mexico because in Chicano folklore California, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico and parts of Colorado and Texas are in fact Aztlan.

Private schools may be allowed to teach such curriculums and refuse to wave American flags, but this is outrageous in an institution funded by U.S. taxpayer dollars.

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# CALIFORNIA TREASURER'S CLINTON CONNECTION

When California State Treasurer Phil Angelides officially announced his candidacy for governor, it became noteworthy to mention that he steered hundreds of millions of dollars in state public pension funds to a company that employs his good friend, Bill Clinton, as an investment advisor.

The former president makes millions advising the Los Angeles-based equity firm Yucaipa, which happens to be owned by a close friend of the Clintons, a scandal-ridden billionaire named Ronald Burkle. Over the years, Burkle has contributed millions of dollars to Clinton's campaigns and the Democratic Party and he paid a big chunk of the \$11 million in legal bills Clinton accrued during his presidential scandals. Additionally, Burkle is a huge benefactor of the Clinton Library in Little Rock.

Supposedly, Clinton helps find investment opportunities that help fulfill Yucaipa's mission of investing in poor areas. Thanks to Angelides, whose gubernatorial campaign features U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer and House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi as honorary co-chairs, Yucaipa has received \$400 million from the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) since Clinton became an adviser. Additionally, the California teacher pension system, also guided by Angelides, has invested \$61.9 million with Yucaipa but has yet to see the "stellar" return promised by the firm.



Former President Bill Clinton.

The CalPERS investments aren't doing much better. Documents show the Yucaipa funds were paid \$8.7 million in management fees in 2003 and two of the three Yucaipa funds have negative rates of return. California's public employees should ask whether their pension money is being invested with their long-term financial health in mind, or the short-term political health of Phil Angelides.

In the meantime, Angelides will continue to cut deals that fill his famous friends' pockets with public funds as he strives to take over the Golden State. Not surprisingly, Angelides and his family have contributed thousands of dollars to Hillary Clinton, several of the infamous Kennedy family members, as well as Boxer and Pelosi, the "honorable co-chairs" of his campaign.

## HOME LOANS FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS



As the country strives to curb illegal immigration, Illinois has launched a program that uses millions of dollars in public funds to provide low-interest home loans for illegal immigrants who have no credit history or documentation in the U.S.

Called Opportunity I-Loan, the American taxpayer funded program was the bright idea of Democrat Governor Rod Blagojevich who has set aside \$15 million to provide illegal immigrants in Illinois with the funds to purchase a home.

The money is distributed through the state's Housing Development Authority, which proudly boasts that Illinois is only the second state in the nation to provide affordable, 30-year fixed rate mortgage loans for individuals that live and work in the U.S. but have no credit history or social security number.

Incidentally, the loans are at a lower rate—about one point—than most Americans with impeccable credit can get through legitimate means. Surely, many American families would benefit from such loans, leading the Federation for American Immigration Reform to say that it is an outrage that Illinois is helping people who have no legal right to be in the state.

The Illinois Housing Development Authority's pro-illegal immigrant loan statement fails to mention, however, that the first state to offer such an outrageous program discontinued it amid fierce opposition and community outrage. Shortly after launching the Immigrant Lending Program, Wisconsin lawmakers discontinued it, but not before handing out 261 loans worth \$30 million.

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Las Vegas is known as "Sin City" for its wild nightlife, nonstop gambling establishments and strip clubs, but it turns out that its judicial system operates under similar impropriety, with judges who routinely rule in cases involving friends and business associates and in favor of lawyers who donate big bucks to their campaigns.

A three-part investigative series about the courts of "Sin City" shows how the 21 judges in the Las Vegas court system dispense a style of frontier justice, a fast and loose Wild West system that clearly violates ethical and legal boundaries. They hear civil and criminal cases and can be assigned anywhere in Nevada, yet are considered district judges because they work out of courthouses in the judicial districts where they are elected.



Las Vegas lights at night.

The judges openly accept money and lavish fundraising parties from lawyers with big cases before them and lawyers publicly admit that, in Las Vegas, giving money to a judge's campaign creates a hedge against bad things happening. Both parties call it "hometown justice" and one veteran Las Vegas attorney said financial contributions get you juice with a judge, adding that if you have juice, you get different treatment.

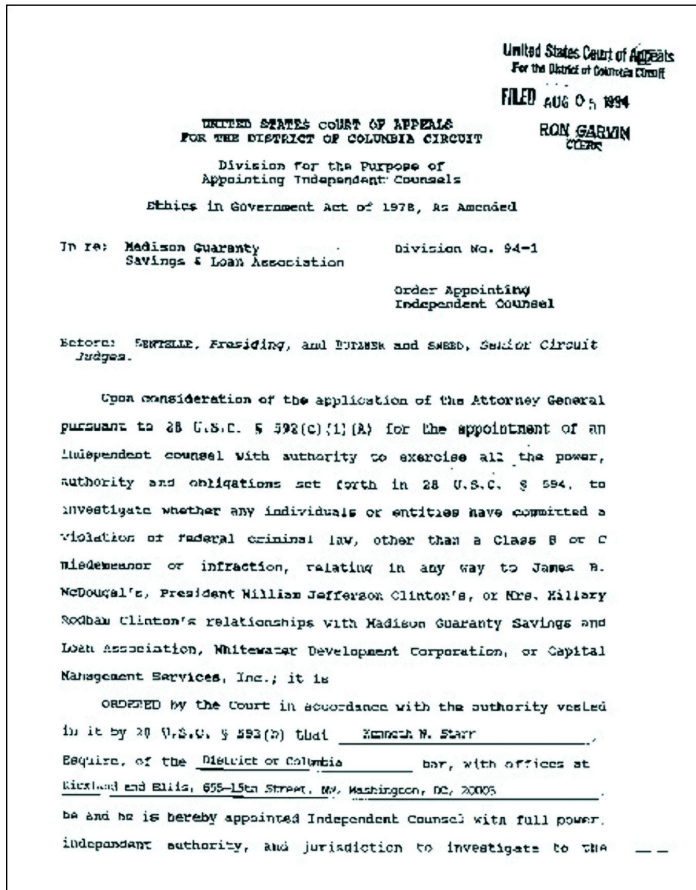
Those who don't dish out the dollars will be punished with unfavorable rulings. One California business owner who refused to contribute to the campaign of the Las Vegas judge presiding over a case involving his company, asked the judge to withdraw from the case. The judge refused, the case went to trial and the business owner was ordered by the judge to pay \$1.5 million in damages.

The investigative series also provides numerous anecdotes of judges who ran unopposed yet collected thousands of dollars and gifts such as televisions, fancy wine and theater tickets from attorneys with cases assigned to their courtroom. One judge gave \$10,000 of unspent campaign money to his girlfriend. Not surprisingly, Vegas judges claim that their decisions are based on the facts and the law and that they don't even know who contributes to their campaign.



A big part of the problem is that the Nevada Supreme Court allows such lawless behavior, because those justices also collect money from lawyers and casinos for their own campaigns. The state also does not require judges to reveal when their donors appear before them.

# SO LONG AND THANKS FOR ALL THE REPORTS



Left: Page from the Ken Starr Report. Top: Former President Bill Clinton. Bottom: Clinton administration Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros.

The office of the Independent Counsel has been shut down but its juicy and scathing reports from the Bill Clinton administration will always be around.

Prompted by the Watergate affair, the Independent Counsel was created by the 1978 Ethics in Government Act to function as a judicially appointed investigator. The idea was to avoid a conflict of interest if the executive branch investigated its own officials.

The office was quite busy when Bill Clinton lived on Pennsylvania Avenue. Without a doubt, the most famous Independent Counsel was Kenneth Starr, whose infamous Starr Report led to Clinton's impeachment by the House of Representatives.

Who can forget Independent Counsel David Barrett's decade-long investigation into Clinton's tax-evading Housing Secretary, Henry Cisneros? Cisneros eventually pleaded guilty to charges of lying to the FBI about payments to a mistress during questioning for his cabinet position and was indicted on 18 counts of conspiracy, giving false statements and obstruction of justice.

To view the Barrett report, visit <http://barrett.oic.gov>.

# ACADEMIC FREEDOM ONLY FOR LIBERALS

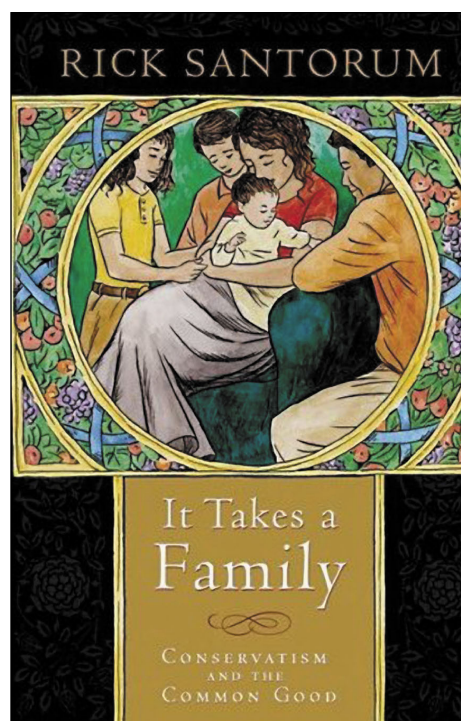
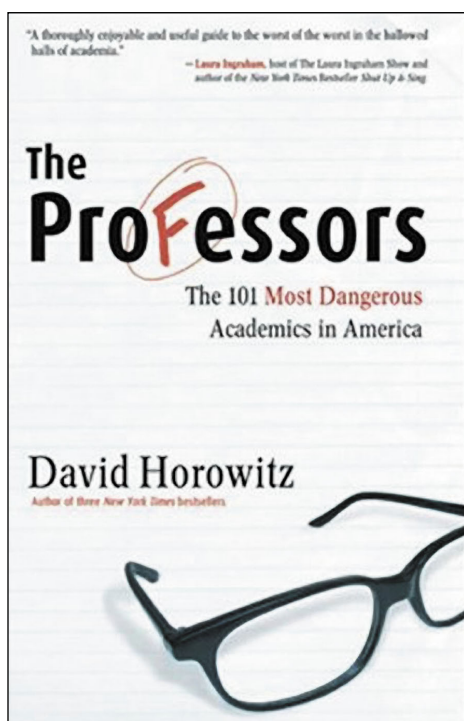
A librarian at a major public university was investigated for discrimination and sexual harassment simply for suggesting that students read a few conservative books. Scott Savage, head of reference and instructional services at Ohio State University's Mansfield campus recommended the books be added to a list that had been created for incoming students to read before classes started. Not surprisingly, the list featured only liberal titles.

The titles Savage recommended included David Horowitz's *The Professors*, a book about the 101 most dangerous academics in America like Ward Churchill, the Colorado professor who compared victims of September 11 to Nazis and said they deserved what they got. Savage also recommended Bernard Lewis' *Eurabia*, which says Europe will be Islamic by the end of the century and *It Takes a Family* by Republican Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum, who is pro-life and wrote the book in response to Hillary Clinton's *It Takes a Village*.

Apparently, Savage's recommendations were so offensive that several faculty members charged Savage – a Quaker who drives to his job in a horse and buggy and embraces non-violence and peace – with sexual harassment and discrimination and the university opened an investigation. The Alliance Defense Fund represented Savage, who was ultimately exonerated, but not before being slandered on campus and in the media.

School investigators may have found no wrongdoing, but the damage was done, not only to Savage's reputation but to conservatives in general. Savage said speech is chilled by investigations of people for complaints that never should have been filed.

This is a classic example of liberal professors and colleges that just can't stand it if an opposing view point is presented to students.



## CLINTON GAVE IRAN NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY



Former President Bill Clinton

It was hardly surprising to hear a former Justice Department official reveal that Bill Clinton personally approved an unusual scheme to transfer nuclear technology to Iran during his last year in office.

After all, Clinton gave lots of weapons technology to enemies of the United States during his presidency. It has been well documented that he sold missile technology to the Chinese and nuclear technology to the North Koreans that eventually enabled them to develop nuclear weapons.

The deal with Iran featured a Clinton-approved scheme, called "Operation Merlin" in which the CIA deliberately gave Iranian physicists blueprints for part of a nuclear bomb that helped Tehran advance its nuclear weapons development program. The plans were supposed to be deficient, but a helpful engineer found the "errors" and made the plans usable.

Ironically, 2008 presidential contender Hillary Clinton, who always stands by her husband, has been sharply critical of President George W. Bush's handling of the Iranian nuclear crisis and has said that a nuclear-armed Tehran would be a much more serious threat to the U.S. than Iraq. Of course, she has failed to mention that her own husband gave the Iranians much of the technology.

Jim Kouri of *MichNews* wrote about the latest Clinton fiasco and quotes a former intelligence officer saying: "Don't hold your breath waiting for the elite media to create a frenzy over this story. They will never hurt either Clinton with such a damning report."

Just because Clinton's mainstream media buddies refuse to acknowledge yet another of his outrageous moves, doesn't mean it didn't happen.

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# HILLARY'S COZY RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA

Hillary Clinton used her strong connections with the Communist Chinese to help a wealthy fiber optics company that has given her hefty campaign contributions in exchange for passing legislation that has benefited it financially.

Corning Inc., a Fortune 500 company that is staunchly Republican, has paid the New York senator to advocate on its behalf, both in the U.S. and in China. The company's contributions (totaling \$137,000) are the most from any single source and that doesn't include picking up the tab for much of Clinton's extravagant travel. A \$10,000 check inspired Clinton to help Corning in 2003 with legislation that would provide hundreds of millions in federal aid to reduce diesel pollution by using technology created by Corning. A year later, the senator called on her buddies in the Chinese government to relax tariffs on Corning products and she even invited the Chinese ambassador to her office while she lobbied President George W. Bush to help her with the deal. For her effort, Corning Chairman James Houghton held a fundraiser at his home that raised tens of thousands of dollars for Clinton's re-election campaign.



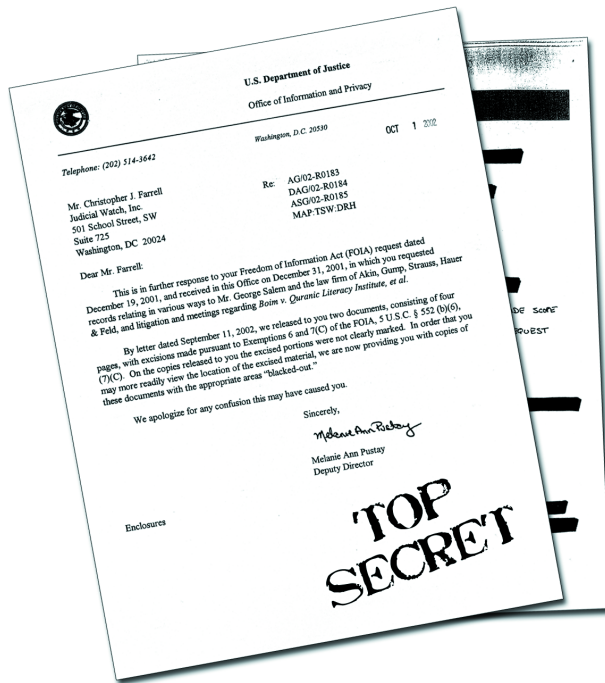
Senator Hillary Clinton

Clinton's cozy relationship with the Communist Chinese dates back to her days in the White House when her husband and his Democratic party accepted massive campaign contributions from the Chinese in exchange for highly secret missile technology. Between 1993 and 1996, the Clinton administration allowed numerous exports of ballistic-missile technology to the Chinese government despite China's refusal to allow inspections to assure that technology was only being used for civilian purposes. In 1996 Bill Clinton personally approved the launch of four communications satellites on Chinese rockets.



The Red Chinese flag

# GOVERNMENT SECRECY IN YOUR STATE



Access to public records is diminishing nationwide because officials in many states refuse to comply with existing laws while legislators create new ones that will eliminate such access. This is especially true in Florida, nationally renowned for its Sunshine Law. In fact, the power granted to Florida taxpayers to monitor their government officials is written into the state constitution to assure citizens of their right to control their government and tax dollars.

But, as is the case in many states, the law is often violated by secretive government officials who seldom face consequences for refusing to comply. An audit of compliance with Florida's public records laws recently conducted by the First Amendment Foundation reveals a dismal result. Of the state's 67 counties, only 58% of the agencies complied with the law.

Additionally, Florida legislators have proposed a variety of laws to diminish further the public's access to state records. Examples include legislation to close access to identifying information contained in concealed-weapons permits, closing access to adverse-incident reports filed by a nursing home with the Agency for Health Care Administration and denying the right to inspect records held by a government economic development agency concerning its business operations in Florida.

Many other states are struggling with similar issues. Repeated violations in Tennessee inspired the attorney general to release an opinion saying courts can make government agencies that violate open-record laws pay for all legal costs. A recent editorial in *The Independent Weekly* blasted Louisiana's diminishing access to public records, saying that when it comes to sensitive documents in state government, some elected officials are still trying to keep citizens in the dark.

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### Investigation:

Open government is honest government. This is the principle that drives Judicial Watch's fight against government secrecy. Using open records laws, such as the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and state Sunshine Laws, Judicial Watch forces the release of government documents into the public domain.

### Litigation:

Litigation and the civil discovery process not only uncovers information for the education of the American people on anti-corruption issues, but they can also provide a basis for civil authorities to criminally prosecute corrupt officials. Judicial Watch has filed more than 150 lawsuits against corrupt public officials, achieving numerous victories on behalf of the American people. This is what separates Judicial Watch from other watchdog organizations. Judicial Watch takes action by using the court system to fulfill its public interest mission.

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**"I think it is fair to say that Judicial Watch has been singularly successful in bringing scandals to light, educating the public, and using the legitimate tools of the judicial system to obtain justice on behalf of the American people."**

— Former Congressman Bob Barr (R-GA)

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Photos on front cover, left to right, top to bottom: Clinton administration Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros, Rep. Bob Ney (R-OH), Senator Harry Reid (D-NV), U.S. District Judge Clarence Cooper, San Jose Mayor Ron Gonzales, Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY), former President Bill Clinton.

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# JW'S RECENT VICTORIES FOR JUSTICE

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- 1 HOLDING HILLARY CLINTON ACCOUNTABLE** The Federal Election Commission responded to a Judicial Watch complaint and fined Hillary Clinton's fundraising operation \$35,000 for failing to accurately report more than \$700,000 in campaign contributions to her Senate campaign.
- 2 FIGHTING THE POLITICAL ESTABLISHMENT TO GET TO THE TRUTH ABOUT AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS** Judicial Watch uncovered a previously undisclosed "Border Patrol Survey" that proved President Bush's "guest worker program" (amnesty for illegal aliens) lured greater numbers of illegal immigrants to cross the border, along with details of the government's desperate attempts to cover up the politically unfavorable findings.
- 3 FORCING JESSE JACKSON TO TESTIFY** Judicial Watch forced Jesse Jackson to testify in a court of law about his alleged role in a violent attack on conservative activist Rev. Jesse Lee Peterson at an event sponsored by Jackson's Rainbow-PUSH Coalition. Faced with the prospect of a retrial on one charge, Jackson (and his son) elected to settle the case.
- 4 EXPOSING BILL CLINTON'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE THREAT POSED TO AMERICA BY OSAMA BIN LADEN** Judicial Watch, through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), forced the release of government records which show conclusively that the U.S. Department of State warned President Bill Clinton of the severe terrorist threat posed by bin Laden in 1996.
- 5 PROVIDING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WITH NEVER-BEFORE-SEEN VIDEOS OF THE 9/11 TERRORIST ATTACK ON THE PENTAGON** Judicial Watch sued the Department of Defense on behalf of the people's "right to know" and obtained security videos of the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon. The videos were broadcast on every major news network in the United States, while more than 550 publications around the world reported the story. More than one million people viewed the videos on Judicial Watch's Internet site.
- 6 EXPOSING THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION'S CONTEMPT FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE** Judicial Watch uncovered documents from the Clinton Presidential Library proving conclusively that the Clinton administration rushed the abortion pill RU-486, which has killed at least six American women, through the FDA approval process in order to appease its funders and supporters in the abortion lobby.
- 7 FORCING THE WHITE HOUSE TO REVEAL ITS DEALINGS WITH CONVICTED FELON JACK ABRAMOFF** Judicial Watch filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Secret Service and forced the release of documents that show admitted felon and former casino lobbyist Jack Abramoff's contacts with the White House.
- 8 FIGHTING FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE'S "RIGHT TO KNOW"** Judicial Watch fought all the way to, and before, the U.S. Supreme Court to argue its case for open and transparent government in the matter of the secret records of the White House "Energy Task Force."
- 9 VINDICATED BY THE FEDERAL COURT** Federal Judge Royce Lamberth ordered the Commerce Department to pay Judicial Watch just under \$900,000 as partial compensation for attorney's fees and costs related to Judicial Watch's 10-year battle over the Clinton "Chinagate" scandal, because Judicial Watch had "substantially prevailed" in its case.

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