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YWCA Annual Giving Campaign

The YWCA has begun their 2011 Annual Giving Campaign. This year's campaign theme is "For every woman and child who needs us, we need you". The campaign also reminds donors that while many of the YWCA's funding sources are decreasing due to the economy, domestic violence and the number of victims increase under those same economic conditions. In fact, the YWCA served a record-setting 680 women and children who were victims of domestic violence and/or homelessness in 2010.

The YWCA takes the unique approach of only sending out one simple fundraising letter each year, and not enclosing gifts such as personalized address labels. According to Melissa Ferguson, YWCA Public Relations Manager, "We want to use donations to help even more women and children rather than spend it on more mailings and labels. The feedback from our donors has been very positive - they want their donations to go directly to helping victims. However, it does increase our need to communicate to donors that they need to contribute now because we won't be sending them another request."

Donating to YWCA Victim Services also benefits donors through a 50% Missouri Tax Credit for domestic violence shelters.

The YWCA also encourages donors to witness first-hand the difference their donations make. The YWCA offers tours by appointment and welcomes volunteers in several of their programs. This time of year, volunteers are always needed to help sort and wrap presents for the women and children who will spend the holidays at the YWCA Shelter. Those interested in volunteering can contact Dawn Berryman, Victim Services Volunteer Coordinator, at 816.232.4481.

In 2010, the YWCA served a record-setting 680 women and children. This included 302 abused women, 254 abused children, 76 homeless women, and 49 homeless children. In addition the YWCA provided 1,046 hours of therapy to 209 victims of domestic violence or rape. Also provided were 15,843 nights of shelter, 47,529 meals, and 3,336 hours of case management to help victims get back on their feet.

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Seven Inducted Into Sports Hall of Fame

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Seven individuals were inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame during its 2011 Inaugural Regional Enshrinement Ceremonies on Wednesday, Nov. 30.

They were Richard Flanagan, administrator of Northwest Missouri State University at Maryville; Vic Eaton, former punter for the Pittsburgh Steelers; and Nan Carter, pioneering girls softball coach. Each was limited to three to four minutes in their remarks that evening.

Flanagan is a former Savannah High School football coach, while Eaton was born in Savannah and Carter lives near Fillmore.

Hillyard, Inc., of St. Joseph was the presenting sponsor of the ceremonies held at the Holiday Inn Riverfront in St. Joseph. Missouri Western State

University was one of several sponsors for the event.

A group of about 400 people attended the induction ceremonies, which marked the first time that an induction ceremony was held outside of Springfield.

By holding the enshrinement in St. Joseph, the Hall of Fame is able to induct deserving individuals and sports programs from the Northwest Missouri area, bring awareness of the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame to the people of Missouri, and raise much-needed funds for the Hall of Fame.

Holding regional enshrinements across Missouri each year allows more individuals and sports programs to be recognized by the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame. The Missouri Sports Hall of Fame is a not-for-profit organization, which relies only on private donations and funds raised from events, like the enshrinement, to

keep the museum operating. The Hall of Fame is the home of a 32,000 square foot museum, located in Springfield, which honors Missouri's sports heritage.

Flanagan is a life-long resident of Northwest Missouri. He attended Northwest Missouri State and lettered three years in football. His coaching career began at King City High School in 1958, where he coached football and track. One of his students was Roger Wehrli. After seven years, he became the head football coach and head track coach at Savannah High School, where he led them to two Midland Empire Conference championships in football. Flanagan arrived back at Northwest Missouri State in 1971, as assistant football coach and assistant track coach. In 1978, he became athletic director. Under his direction, Northwest won the Mid-America



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Businesses' Grand Opening

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Frank Crail, founder of Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory and Philip S. Nitse, Dean, Steven L. Craig School of Business at Missouri Western State University, stand with the Griffon mascot and cheerleader Emma Lund are pictured at a grand opening Saturday, Dec. 3. Aspen Leaf Yogurt opened also.

Spirituality In Saint Joseph

Part 9

Calvary Chapel

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Calvary Chapel in Saint Joseph is one of hundreds such churches throughout the United States. The home page of their national website defines them as "a non-denominational church movement focused on the inerrancy of the Bible and the expository teaching from Genesis to Revelation." They do not believe they are the One True Church, but Calvary Chapel folks are disciples of Jesus Christ. They believe in intelligent worship, which honors God and the use of all gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to scriptural directives. Calvary defines itself as somewhere "between fundamen-



talist and pentecostal" in its tenets.

Their umbrella web address is www.calvarychapel.com, which will give the reader a wealth of information about this group of churches, which has continue to grow swiftly since its inception in Costa Mesa, California, about 40 years ago. Calvary Bible College, staffed by the church, has its campus in Murietta, California.

Our Saint Joseph Calvary Chapel is located at 1212 Faraon Street, with a Christian contemporary radio station (KSRD-FM) located nearby at 1215 Jules Street. Find the radio signal at 91.9 on your dial. Senior Pastor for the congregation is Pat Wood, with Chuck Rhein serving as the Associate Pastor. Tony McDowell directs the local branch of Calvary Bible College; McDowell can be reached at (816) 248-2658, for enrollment

and curriculum questions. Additionally, both Wood and Rhein keep blogs, which may be identified at the local website listed below.

Sunday worship services locally begin at 10 a.m., with several mid-week activities also scheduled for Wednesday. Calvary's mid-week enlightenments include a prayer meeting at 5:30 p.m. and a worship service at 7:00 p.m. There is an in-depth Bible-based study program for children, which instructs young people verse by verse with the Holy Scriptures. Keep in mind that all church programs and activities are subject to change and rescheduling, so it is probably advisable to call the church office at (816) 279-8877.

Local Calvary members also maintain a prayer chain as well as special

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Indefinite Detention Provisions Are Wrong

The Obama administration has already claimed that the president has the authority to kill Americans overseas, if he believes they are terrorists.

Now our rights are under attack again.

Under Sections 1031 and 1032 of the National Defense Authorization Act for the Fiscal Year 2012, the United States Congress has proposed to **give the Department of Defense the explicit power to take civilians into military custody, detain them indefinitely with no charges or trial.**

Well hidden in the 682-page long National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), the Bill under the title 'Detainee Matters' has received almost no coverage in the national news media. The people don't know this is happening.

CNN and FOX News have done little but talk about the presidential candidates, celebrities and their personal lives for weeks. It's been like *National Enquirer* on television.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) describes this bill as draconian.

The ACLU in a letter to the US Senate Judiciary Committee

Chairman Patrick Leahy and Ranking Member Charles Grassley opposing the provisions of the bill said it "affects civilians who are otherwise outside of military control, including civilians within the United States itself."

Congress' intention is to continue the anti-terrorism battle to safeguard the nation from terrorist attacks within and outside.

SB 1867 would give the federal government the power to imprison civilians, including American citizens, indefinitely with

no charges or trial.

This includes civilians arrested within the United States who would otherwise be outside of military control while also transferring all responsibilities to the Department of Defense.

Instead of the Department of Justice's Criminal Division, National Security Division, or the United States Attorneys, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Prisons, the Marshals Service and/or the state attorneys general handling the prosecutorial, investigative, law enforcement, penal and custodial authority, the Department of Defense would handle it all, according to the

ACLU memorandum to the Congress.

The ACLU points out that while Subsection 1031(c) of the US-Senate proposed Bill claims that it does not apply to lawful residents of the United States or citizens "on the basis of conduct taking place within the United States except to the extent permitted by the Constitution," glaring loopholes remain.

If the government's track record is any indicator, we can expect these loopholes to be exploited at every possible opportunity.

Just as the federal government has used the PATRIOT Act's so-called "Sneak-and-Peek," or delayed notice, warrants for over 1,600 drug cases and only 15 cases of terrorism in 2006-2009, we can expect the government to use the bill - S. 1867 - for detaining people for completely illegitimate reasons, argues the rights organization.

These loopholes allow suspects to be imprisoned without charge or trial, especially citizens or lawful residents who are suspected of some sort of wrongdoing outside of the United States.

The bill enjoys bipartisan Democratic and Republican support.

This contempt for our rights is outrageous. Any member of Congress

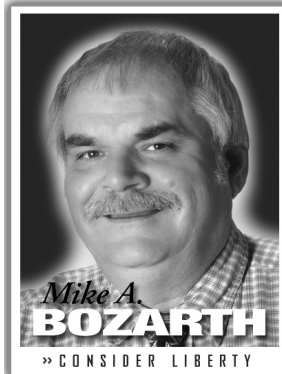
who supports that provision is violating their oath to uphold the Constitution.

The Constitution is supposed to be more than a campaign prop for those elected to represent us. This bill will let us know who has read and understood what the Constitution and Bill of Rights mean.

If the government thinks we are a terrorist, they should present charges and evidence to a judge. The government has no authority to lock us up without any judicial review just because the president and Congress believe the president should have unlimited power.

"That is the kind of power held by tyrants in totalitarian regimes," said Mark Hinkle, chair of the Libertarian Party. "It has no place in the United States." "The Libertarian Party opposes terrorism. We also believe our government should stop taking actions that provoke terrorism. We want to end military involvement in Iraq, Afghanistan, and many other countries, and we want to repeal the Patriot Act."

I'm tired of giving up freedom for security. Like one of the questions the 1998 movie "Enemy of State" asks: who is going to monitor the monitors?



It's "Hot," But Think Before Buying!

So, what's "hot" for Christmas this year? Christmas is cold, but everybody wants something "hot" to put under the tree; the latest "this" and most updated "that." I suppose that's America – the land of "What's hot?" (Or if not, how do you explain our vast advertising business? The millions we spend on knick-knacks and gewgaws?)

Want to see what I'm talking about? Amble through any local "Antique Mall," and it will come home to you in a rush and in a way that's never likely to grow dim or doubtful. If you're at all normal, about the third aisle in, you'll be wondering to yourself (if not aloud), "Where DID all this junk come from?"

Let me immediately make this disclaimer, however... before half-dozen mall owners come at me with used (I mean, antique) whiffle-ball bats: I like antique malls, frequent them frequently, and find treasures there. Yes.

BUT: I also find junk... and junkie... and more junk, and I have to wonder (don't you?) what in the world did the wealthiest, largest industrial society in the history of the world have in mind manufacturing all this... "stuff?"

It's a marvel. Nothing new, though. Somewhere around the turn of the last century, Thorstein Veblen noticed the American penchant for uninhibited spending (he called it "conspicuous consumption") and a clear concomitant of this manic bit of irrationality is the need to have something conspicuous to consume. (Anything will do; pink flamingoes for the yard; oil paintings of Elvis on

purple velvet; a clock in the shape of a whisky bottle; you pick.)

The point is, we fall for it. We just MUST have "the new BIG thing." (Cabbage Patch dolls? Avon bottles? Beany Babies?) And "the new big thing" isn't always cheap. Sometimes, in fact, it's quite expensive, and more and more frequently these days, a hybrid of the American penchant for conspicuous consumption plus our irrational national hankering after "the new MAGIC thing."

Now, what's "the new MAGIC thing?" Well, like "the new BIG thing," it's "big," but it has implications beyond the whisky-bottle clock or the yard sculpture made from an old Model-T fender lovingly hammered into the shape of a duck and given the finest

faux bronze epoxy resin finish by Old World craftsmen.

The "new MAGIC thing" cures what ails you; allows you to lose weight without doing any exercise or cutting down on your food intake; grows hair; drives mice and termites away with super-sonic emissions; or in the case of "the" really "hot" new big-new-magic thing, heats your house comfortably for just pennies a day! AND it even features old world craftsmanship! What could be better!

(What could be better is if it actually worked the way it's supposed to work, or if the advertisers indicated just how much of your house it would heat for just how many pennies a day, or if we had a much better educational system in simple science and logic. But it doesn't, and we don't, and no, I'm not going to name any names. I am, however, going to work up a few facts; not that facts help a lot these days, either. Still, here goes.

First, everybody probably knows what I'm talking about: the heater that comes in a handcrafted cabinet (made by old fashioned New World craftsmen), costing upwards of \$300 to \$400. According to the ads, this heater will save a lot of money by allowing the homeowner to keep the house at fifty-nine degrees while raising the temperature in any magic-heater target room to a comfortable seventy for the unspecified number of "pennies per day." No doubt it will. But here are some things to consider before buying.

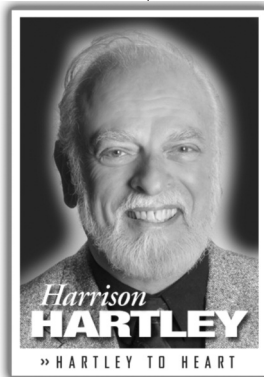
First, the U.S. electrical code permits a maximum wattage on household circuits, which is why the maximum wattage on any of these heaters is 1500. That means that ANY appliance that converts electricity into radiant energy (any heater or, for that matter, any light bulb) at the same energy input (1500 watts) will pro-

duce the same amount of heat at the other end. It's simple physics: you can't get more out of a thing than the thing has in it; 1500 watts of electricity in, 1500 watts of energy out. There's no magic about it.

Second, an electric heater rated at 1500 watts costing \$20 puts out EXACTLY the same amount of heat as a 1500 watt heater costing \$400. It won't be as pretty, but it will heat just as well. (In fact, fifteen 100-watt light bulbs will also put out the same amount of heat – 1500 watts worth – and you can read by them!)

Third, electric heat almost always costs significantly more than natural gas. The only time the two come close to being even is if there's a special deal with the electric company involving a totally electric home and heat pumps and such. Electricity is 100% efficient; all that goes in as energy comes out as energy, but it still costs more.

So the upshot is: it may be "hot," but before you reach for your wallet, give careful consideration to the laws of physics, and just for grins, see if you can find one of those old "milk-house" heaters at the local antique mall. If it works, it will save you several hundred dollars... and buying it will make the mall owner so happy!



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"First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world."

— ROMANS 1: 8

Texas Straight Talk

Euro Crisis Destablizing The Dollar

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U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (R-TEXAS)

In response to pressure from Wall Street, the White House and central banks in Europe, the Federal Reserve last week drastically cut interest rates for currency swaps to benefit troubled European banks. This will flood world markets with more dollars and will soon mean rising prices for every American at the grocery store. This extra liquidity will temporarily ease the cash crunch for irresponsible bankers, but in the long run it will make the situation much worse for consumers all over the world. Equities markets registered big gains at the news, but only for a day. Make no mistake - this is not capitalism, and this is not how a free market operates. In a free market, bankruptcies happen, even to large banks. We must remember, free markets are the true and best regulators of financial mismanagement.

By contrast, under our current form of special interest corporatism certain businesses are granted too-big-to-fail status and are never allowed to go bankrupt. They keep profits generated during the good times generated by the Fed's monetary inflation, yet their losses are socialized through inflationary bailouts. This means you and your family eventually pay for the Fed's decisions because every dollar you earn is worth less. Few people make the connection that they have enriched bankers in Europe through doubling and tripling prices on milk, eggs, gasoline, and clothing, but that is exactly what is happening. The increased pace and size of these types of desperate financial maneuvers means price inflation will hit sooner and far too fast for wages to keep up. This is how the middle class gets wiped out, as has happened so many times in the past when fiat money fails.

The Fed's latest actions in cooperating with foreign central banks to undertake liquidity swaps of dollars for foreign currencies is just one more reason why Congress needs enhanced power to oversee and audit the Fed. Under current law Congress cannot examine these types of



arrangements. Those who would argue that auditing the Fed or these agreements with central banks harms the Fed's independence should reevaluate the Fed's supposed independence when the Fed bails out Europe so soon after President Obama promised US assistance in resolving the Euro crisis.

Rather than calming markets, these arrangements should indicate just how frightened governments around the world are about the European financial crisis. Central banks are grasping at straws, hoping that flooding the world with money created out of thin air will somehow resolve a crisis caused by uncontrolled government spending and irresponsible debt issuance. But those governments and central banks never grasp that it is their own monetary policies that allowed European banks to become so wantonly overleveraged in the first place. If those banks need liquidity, they should generate it the old fashioned way: by attracting depositors. If they cannot do so, they should be allowed to fail. Congress should not permit this type of open-ended commitment on the part of the Fed, a commitment which could easily cost American taxpayers trillions of dollars. These dollar swaps are purely inflationary and will harm Americans as much as any form of quantitative easing.

Americans deserve sound money that cannot be manipulated and created out of thin air by central planners who deceitfully promise prosperity. Fiat money caused this European cri-



sis and the financial crisis before it. More fiat money is not the cure. The global fiat currency system has proven itself a failure. We need real monetary reform. We need sound

"Cut To the Chase" People Must Come First

Dan Cassidy | Guest Writer
MISSOURI FARM BUREAU

Much of the water has receded, but the Flood of 2011 won't be forgotten anytime soon. Residents of northwest Missouri will deal with the aftermath for years to come as homes, roads and levees are rebuilt.

Farmers will do what they can to return damaged land to production as quickly as possible, and local governments will work to restore their economies. Time will tell if the federal government lends a hand or stands in the way.

The U.S. Army Corps (Corps) of Engineers recently completed a series of public meetings to discuss plans for managing the Missouri River. Calls for greater flood protection followed Corps officials from stop to stop.

There were gut-wrenching stories of lives affected by the magnitude and duration of this year's flooding. With the exception of Montana, all of the states in the Missouri River Basin shared a common message-flood control must play a greater role in the management of the Missouri River.

The message was loud and clear, but it remains to be seen if anything will change. On a positive note, following the public meetings, the Corps announced it will be more flexible with releases in preparing for the spring of 2012 and will analyze the impacts of

increased flood storage in upper basin reservoirs.

Many important issues remain. Time is of the essence, and the Corps has indicated they will need additional funds to repair the levee system. Several members of the Missouri Congressional delegation are working to address the funding issue. U.S. Senators Blunt and McCaskill have offered amendments to 2012 spending bills that would focus additional resources on flood protection and infrastructure.

In the interim, there continues to be calls for the Corps to reallocate funds from the Missouri River Recovery Program (MRRP). The MRRP is designed to comply with requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to improve conditions for threatened and endangered species such as the pallid sturgeon, least tern and piping plover. Over time, the program has morphed into a bureaucratic stimulus act as MRRP now focuses on "ecosystem restoration" at an estimated cost of \$3 billion over 40 years.

Believe it or not, a total of \$616 million has been spent on MRRP since 1992. Of this amount, more than \$139 million has been spent on land acquisition, \$212 million on mitigation and shallow water habitat and \$39 million on something called "program integration."

"We continue to call for improvements in the bank stabilization program and can only shake our heads in disbelief that annual spending on habitat recovery programs is more than ten times that spent on operation and maintenance of the Missouri River itself," said Missouri Farm Bureau President Blake Hurst at the Corps' recent public hearings.



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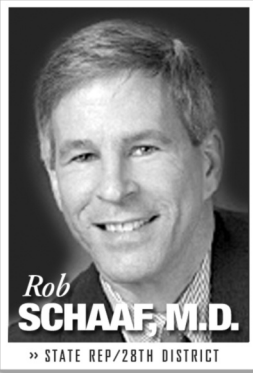
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Schaaf Bill On State Health Insurance

I prefiled SB 464, which would prohibit the establishment, creation, or operation of a state-based health insurance exchange, unless the Legislature or an act of the people, such as an initiative petition or referendum, created it. The act, which will be considered during the upcoming 2012 legislative session, specifically prohibits the governor from establishing an exchange by executive order.



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Health insurance exchanges are required under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The law permits each state to create its own health insurance exchange, or join an exchange with neighboring states; however, states that choose not to create their own must participate in one created by the federal Department of Health and Human Services.

The federal health care law is intrusive to our state sovereignty, requiring Missourians to purchase products they do not necessarily want, potentially costing families an enormous amount of money, and enforcing many other unconstitutional mandates upon our state, with countless more to come. The people of Missouri, by a vote of 71 percent on Proposition C, made their opposition to federal health care loud and clear, and I will do my part to defend Missourians' voices and keep 'big government' out of our state.

In September, my colleagues and I on the Senate Interim Committee on Health Insurance Exchanges learned that the governor's administration is continuing efforts to secure federal grant funding to implement a health care exchange — without the approval of the Legislature. We convinced the quasi-governmental board, chosen by the governor to receive the funds, to postpone the vote on whether or not to accept the more than \$21 million in federal grant funds targeted to establish a health insurance exchange.

I was extremely disappointed to hear that the Legislature was left in the dark regarding the vote, especially given the fact that our committee has a responsibility to seek public input regarding a health insurance exchange and federal mandates.

Senate Bill 464, if approved by the General Assembly, would be submitted to the voters for approval in November 2012.

My bill respects the will of the people as they voted on Prop C. If my colleagues approve the language, then this important decision will not be made by the governor, or by some agency he controls, such as the Missouri Health Insurance Pool, which tried to implement the exchange in September. It will be made by the people. My measure will ensure Missourians that their legisla-

tors are listening and care about their health care concerns and well-being.

The Second Regular Session of the 96th General Assembly will commence at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012. To follow the progress of my sponsored legislation, please visit www.senate.mo.gov/schaaf.

Conway's Column

Rep. Pat Conway | Columnist
MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (D)

Thanksgiving is over, Christmas is near and the full Legislative session begins again in 30 days. We have met with our Legislative partners, (City of St. Joseph, Buchanan County, MWSU, the St. Joseph School District, Convention & Visitors Bureau and Heartland Health.) This meeting was an attempt to get on the same page and see what legislation is beneficial to the Greater Saint Joseph area.

I remember when I was a child living over on 16th and Edmond, where we lived my whole young life and anticipating Christmas. Dad worked at the brewery and Mom worked at Einbender's and although we were never hungry we always knew that there were severe limitations on what to ask for at Christmas time. It was usually a game or a ball glove but even as a young child you could always sense when times were not so good. Mom worked on commission and Dad sometimes suffered from slow work seasons. So there were times when we knew better to not "ask Santa" for a lot of gifts.

I think the partnership is reminiscent of early Christmas'. We all know that money in the State budget is severely limited and even though we know there are things we would "like" to have, the revenues are not there. We know that we have to maintain the basic services our citizens need and deserve and that the extras are not in the foreseeable future. We will still celebrate Christmas, like we did in the lean years, we just have to focus on all of the things we have and be thankful for the blessings of past years.

APPELLATE JUDGES COMPLETE STATEHOUSE REDISTRICTING

A panel of state appellate judges finalized new state legislative districts on Nov. 30, producing House districts that group 40 percent of eligible returning incumbent state representatives with fellow incumbents and creating a Senate plan that repeatedly violates the Missouri Constitution's prohibition against splitting counties among Senate districts. The new legislative districts will be used for the next 10 years starting with the 2012 elections and ending with the 2020 elections.

In drawing the 163 new House districts, the Appellate Apportionment Commission, which consists of six members of the Missouri Court of Appeals selected by the state Supreme Court, didn't take into account the addresses of the 138 incumbents who under term limits are eligible to run again in 2012. As a result, 55 incumbents — 32 Republicans and 23 Democrats -- are grouped with at least



one other incumbent in a total of 26 districts. The plan also yielded 55 open seats in which no eligible returning incumbents reside.

In creating the 34 new Senate districts, the commission apparently ignored a state constitutional provision that generally prohibits Senate districts from being split among counties. The lone exception to the county-splitting rule, which doesn't apply to House redistricting, is when a county has sufficient population to entitle it to multiple Senate districts. In those cases, as many complete Senate districts as possible are supposed to be drawn wholly within that county, with any excess population split off into one — and only one — district with neighboring counties.

In Jackson County, however, districts cross county lines four times, three more times than constitutionally allowed. In Greene County, one district is wholly located therein, but the rest of the county is split between two neighboring districts. Johnson County, which isn't a multi-district county and under the constitution shouldn't be divided under any circumstances, is instead split between two districts.

The appellate commission took over the redistricting process in September after a pair of partisan commissions, one each for the Senate and House of Representatives, evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans failed to reach agreements. After holding a single public hearing to gather testimony, the appellate commission conducted all of its deliberations in secret.

HOUSE PANEL HOLDS TWO DAYS OF HEARINGS ON MAMTEK

The House Government Accountability Committee held two days of hearings on Nov. 29 and Nov. 30 as part of its investigation into a failed economic development deal that left the mid-Missouri city of Moberly on the hook for a \$39 million bond issue to build an artificial sweetener factory. Officials with the city and the Missouri Department of Economic Development, which helped broker the deal, each sought to deflect blame over who was responsible for vetting the company involved and acting on signs that it might not be able to deliver.

Mamtek U.S. Inc. had promised to create more than 600 jobs in Moberly in exchange for a city financing to build its factory and the pledge of state tax subsidies. Mamtek, however, missed its first bond payment this summer, putting the responsibility for the debt on the city. Moberly officials instead are defaulting on the bonds, a move that has wrecked the city's credit rating. Because the plant wasn't completed and didn't create the promised jobs, Mamtek never received the state tax subsidies.

The collapse of the Mamtek deal has raised new questions among state policy makers about the wisdom of providing companies with taxpayer subsidies in exchange for the promise of new jobs. The heightened level of scrutiny being given to the state's economic development practices contributed to the failure of a recent special legislative session that was called for the primary purpose of creating

new tax incentive programs for businesses.

If you have any concerns with state government please contact me toll-free at 866-596-1651 or you can email me at pat.conway@house.mo.gov.

McCaskill Wants Accountability

U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill (D-MO) Tuesday chaired a Senate hearing aimed at strengthening accountability in government by bolstering protections for contractor whistleblowers who raise the alarm on waste, fraud, and abuse of taxpayer dollars.

Hundreds of thousands of non-federal employees—such as contractors, grantees, or state and local employees—work side-by-side with federal employees, and frequently are the first to know when federal dollars are being wasted or mismanaged. Since current law does not provide the same protections from reprisal to contractor whistleblowers as it offers to federal employees, contractor whistleblowers are less likely to lodge complaints when they witness waste or mismanagement.



McCaskill—who has introduced legislation to bolster the rights of contractor whistleblowers—heard from federal Inspectors General and whistleblowers on the state of current law and the necessity to pass new legislation that would enhance existing protections.

"If the whistleblowers who work for contractors don't have the same protections as federal employees, then we are saying to contractors: 'We don't think wrongdoing by you is that important,'" said McCaskill, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight. "So I think it's really important that we expand protections for whistleblowers to people who work for contractors."

McCaskill questioned Peggy Gustafson, the Small Business Administration Inspector General, and Marguerite Garrison, the Deputy Inspector General for Administrative Investigations for the Defense Department Inspector General, regarding what shortfalls they have witnessed with the current law. The hearing's second panel featured an expert on the subject from the Project on Government Oversight and an actual contractor whistleblower who has suffered reprisal due to his raising safety concerns at a DOE nuclear site.

Dr. Walter Tamosaitis' experience illustrates the importance of strengthening contractor whistleblower protections. As the Research and Technology Manager for the Waste Treatment Project at the Hanford Nuclear Site in Washington state, Dr. Tamosaitis raised serious safety concerns about project testing. Dr. Tamosaitis, an employee of a subcontractor to the Bechtel Corp., also questioned whether Bechtel was cutting corners on safety in order to meet deadlines. In response to his disclosures, Dr. Tamosaitis was promptly removed from his position and relegated to a basement office.

McCaskill's Non-Federal Whistleblower Protections Act is cosponsored by Sen. Jim Webb (D-VA.) and is modeled after previous legislation, passed by McCaskill, that provided enhanced whistleblower protections.

\$485,000 Grant For Sewer Improvements

The Environmental Protection Agency has awarded \$485,000 to the City of St. Joseph for improvements to its combined sewer system. The sewer improvement project is expected to be completed by the summer of 2014.

EPA Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks said, "The project will reduce pollution discharges to waters of Missouri and clean the water that sustains the future of St. Joseph. These water infrastructure funds will partially fund a construction project which is estimated to cost \$16.2 million."

The purpose of the project is to construct the Whitehead Creek Stormwater Separation Project, which will remove stormwater runoff from the existing sewer system. The project will include 5,300 feet of pipe, 11 junction boxes and seven manholes. This will reduce combined sewer overflows and pollution discharges to the Missouri River.

EPA oversees the protection of water quality and public health. The Agency is working with community leaders and the public to meet the growing needs and demands of limited water resources. EPA remains committed to developing innovative and sustainable solutions for managing and financing infrastructure with public and private partners.

Graves Votes to Rein In Regulations

U.S. Congressman Sam Graves (R-MO) Wednesday voted for the Regulations from the Executive In Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act, which would require Congress to affirmatively approve every new major regulation proposed by the executive branch before it can be enforced.

In addition, the Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2011, which passed the House with bipartisan support, would force federal agencies to fully examine the impact of their proposed regulations on small businesses and consider less burdensome alternatives if those impacts are significant.

"Job creators are being buried under new and confusing regulations from the bureaucracy," said Graves. "Part of any solution to get our economy going should include steps to free up our small businesses by peeling back unnecessarily burdensome regulations, ending the continual threats of tax hikes, and addressing the cloud of federal debt that hangs over our economy."

According to an October Gallup

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times for men and for women to convene. Their local web information states that the last Monday of each month, women participate in crafting together, with a fellowship women's group set for the third Thursday of the month. Adult males

poll, small business owners cite compliance with government regulations as the most important problem facing them today - more than consumer confidence in the economy or the lack of consumer demand. Small businesses are the engine of job creation, responsible for creating more than half of the nonfarm private gross domestic product, but most small firms are simply being crushed by the onslaught of federal regulations.

According to a 2010 Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy study, small firms bear a regulatory cost that is 36 percent higher than the cost of regulatory compliance for large businesses, because they don't have the resources to deal with federal regulations.

Regulations already cost the American economy \$1.75 trillion annually, not to mention the 200 new Obama administration regulations that are expected to cost over \$100 million each. Seven of those new regulations will cost the economy more than \$1 billion each.

"Small businesses create 7 out of every 10 jobs," said Graves. "It is Washington's responsibility to remove these barriers and make sure the government carefully considers regulatory consequences on our most robust job creators before finalizing them."

The REINS Act is H.R. 10 and it now goes to the Senate where its prospects are uncertain.

Eagle Days At Squaw Creek

Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge, Mound City, completed its 33rd Annual Eagle Days Celebration held on the weekend of December 3rd and 4th. Eagle Days is a cooperative festival or venture with the Missouri Department of Conservation. Sponsoring event partners included, Friends of Squaw Creek, Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, Midland Empire Audubon Society, Burroughs Audubon Society, Missouri Western State University Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society, Missouri Master Naturalist, Missouri Department of Transportation, and multiple volunteers.

Refuge Manager Ron Bell and refuge staff members thanked everyone for their support in helping to conduct this event.

The Friday Eagle Day for school students was hosted by the refuge and was held on December 2nd. Missouri Department of Conservation coordinated the event for area schools totaling approximately 877 students plus additional teachers and parents. Schools participated in the event traveling from the immediate area and surrounding Northwest Missouri School Districts. The

have a breakfast each second Saturday morning at the Chapel building. Many other opportunities for members to serve the Saint Joseph are listed at www.calvarystjoe.com.

Dickerson Park Zoo bird handlers gave programs showcasing captive eagles to school students attending the field trip. Students were given bus tours stopping along the auto tour route to visit outdoor classroom stations staffed by conservation officials.

Saturday's inclement wet weather with temperatures above freezing made for a muddy day. Sunshine was not necessary on the Saturday schedule for refuge visitors to view bald eagles and thousands of snow geese. Saturday's public visitation results were higher than Sunday's although sunshine returned on Sunday. Visitor attendance for both days in the office this year was 2,149 down from last year's 2,437, eagle shows 1,249 last year was 1,850, auto tour 4,656 last year was 5,774, and bus tour 445 visitors compared to 643 last year.

The Dickerson Park Zoo's education staff from Springfield, MO provided live eagle programs that highlighted the two day event. The 25 foot inflatable eagle was present again towering the crowds visiting the event thanks to Mound City Kiwanis, Northwest Cellular, and the Mound City Development Corp.

Wildlife viewing opportunities decreased this year in comparison to other Eagle Days in the past. Bald eagles numbered less than 100 birds and more than 200,000 geese were using the wetlands. Duck numbers were also below 100,000 birds during the two day event. Squaw Creek Refuge staff members conducted bus tours on the auto tour route for 445 visitors. Volunteers staffed interpretive stops along the tour route assisting travelers in viewing bald eagles and waterfowl including Trumpeter Swans using spotting scopes. Auto traffic visitors enjoyed wildlife observations of eagles from the comfort of their vehicle or from interpretive viewing pull-offs along the 10-mile auto tour route.

Visitors stopped in the visitor contact station for a variety of reasons including purchasing gift shop items, viewing exhibits, receiving eagle posters, and gathering Eagle Day information. In addition representatives, from the group Women in the Outdoors, staffed a booth.

Trails West! Artwork Competition

Grab your water colors, charcoal, and other design tools-Trails West!® 2012 needs your help! The Allied Arts Council is now accepting entries for the 2012 Trails West!® artwork competition through February 3, 2012.

The winning artist receives a \$500 cash award. The winning artwork should embody the spirit of Trails West!® 2012 theme: "Celebrating 20 Years of Arts and Entertainment." It will become the visual identification, or "logo," for Trails West!® 2012 and the property of the Allied Arts Council of St. Joseph Missouri, Inc.

The winning artwork will be featured on the festival button, merchandise, and promotional materials including posters, brochures, and billboards.

Entries must be received in the Allied Arts office by 5:00 p.m. February 3, 2012. Judging of entries will take place in February. Entrants will be notified when judging is completed. Winning artwork and artist will be announced to the media at a later date.

The complete rules and application form are available at the Allied Arts Council, 816-233-0231

Western Art Sale Dec. 8-9

The department of art at Missouri Western State University will hold its Fall Art Sale Thursday and Friday, Dec. 8 and 9 in the Potter Hall Fine Arts Gallery. The hours each day are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Pottery, painting, graphics, print-making, drawing and sculpture by Western art students and others will be sold. The fanciful ceramic creations of guest artist Byron Williamson will be featured.

A portion of the sale's proceeds will benefit the Amy Singleton Memorial Art Scholarship Fund. For more information, contact the art department at 816-271-4282.



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"Lights and Tights" At Missouri Western

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"Lights and Tights" was at Missouri Western State University December 1st. Jim & Susan Carolus are pictured above with Jerry Pickman (center). Jim and Susan were the "Royal Hosts" of the gala. The theme was England in the time of Shakespeare. The Bard's Players are pictured at left.



Advent Program At Christ Episcopal Church

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An Advent pot luck dinner was held in conjunction with a program to view and discuss a DVD on the creation of the King James Bible Wednesday at Christ Episcopal Church.

Fr. Caskey (below) discusses the feature article in latest issue of National Geographic. The article is on the King James Bible.

On the last two Wednesdays in Advent, "A Thrill of Hope: The Christmas Story in Word and Art" will be shown. Each passage of Scripture from Luke and Matthew is illustrated and interpreted by the beautiful artwork of John August Swanson and commentary from members of the faculty of Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.



Calendar of Events

- > **Thursday, December 8**
City Talk
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Holt's Hall, 302 Illinois
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: JRP Senior Center
Details: \$5 at door
- > **December 15-16**
High School City Basketball League
Location: Civic Arena
- > **Friday, December 9**
MWSU Presents "A Christmas Carol"
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Potter Hall Theater
Details: Tickets \$12 adults; \$6 students
- > **Saturday, December 10**
Second Saturday Kids Quest
Time: 1 p.m.
Location: Remington Nature Center
Details: Animal Winter Survival, Part 2: Hibernation
- > **Saturday/Sunday, December 10 & 11**
MWSU Presents "A Christmas Carol"
Time: 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Location: Potter Hall Theater
Details: Tickets \$12 adults; \$6 students
- > **Saturday, December 10**
Dancing Clark's Mega Tunes
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: JRP Senior Center
Details: \$5 at door
- > **Tuesday, December 13**
Down Home Country
- > **Saturday, December 17**
Breakfast With Santa
Time: 9 to 10:30 a.m.
Location: Wesley United Methodist Church, Ajax and Pear
Details: 279-7808
- > **Saturday, December 17**
Mayor's Christmas Party
Time: 10 a.m. to Noon
Location: Bode Ice Arena
- > **Saturday, December 17**
RRT Presents "Sanders Family Christmas"
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Missouri Theater
- > **Sunday, December 18**
RRT Presents "Sanders Family Christmas"
Time: 2 p.m.
Location: Missouri Theater

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Circuit Court News

(Note: Court costs are not included in fines)

DIVISION 3

Judge Patrick K. Robb

Sentenced to Prison

Leonard T. Barr, 20, 1505 Olive St., for three years after probation revoked on a felony charge of 2nd degree burglary.

Keenan M. Blanton, 22, 514 E. Kansas, for three years after pleading guilty to a felony charge of 2nd degree domestic assault.

Jeffery L. Grippando, 29, 4495 SW Nelson Rd., for two years after pleading guilty to a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Austin C. Harmon, 19, 809 N. 23rd St., for three years after pleading guilty to a felony charge of unlawful use of a weapon.

Daniel M. Hayes, 40, 6206 S. 24th St., for three years after pleading guilty to a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Kyle S. Hughes, 22, 6418 Brown, for two years after pleading guilty to a felony charge of delivery or possession of alcohol or spirituous or malt liquor at a county/private jail or correctional facility.

Rocky L. Jackson, 25, St. Joseph, for two years after pleading guilty to a felony charge of delivery or possession of alcohol or spirituous or malt liquor at a county/private jail or correctional facility.

Darrell A. Kellogg, 29, 4601 Cheyenne, for six years after pleading guilty to a felony charge of DWI-alcohol-aggravated offender.

Bryan C. Laborde, 32, 303 Hammond, for two years after pleading guilty to a felony charge of 2nd degree domestic assault-persistent domestic violence offender.

Christy M. Nichols, 35, 601 E. Lake Blvd., for 5 years after pleading guilty to a felony charge of theft/stealing.

Archie F. Tracy, 57, 205 Walnut, for 7 years after pleading guilty to a felony charge of possession of controlled substance.

Probation Granted

David E. Dille, 23, 5111 Arcadia, for three years after pleading guilty to a felony charge of 2nd degree burglary. Must serve 10 weekends shock detention in Buchanan County Jail.

Amanda L. Scates, 31, 902 W. Cliff, for three years after pleading guilty to a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance. Must serve 30 days shock detention.

DIVISION 4

Judge Daniel F. Kellogg

Sentenced to Prison

Aaron M. DeSpain, 20, for 10 years after pleading guilty to a felony charge of forcible rape-sexual intercourse by forcible compulsion. Also sentenced to two years after pleading guilty to a second felony count of attempted sexual assault. Also sentenced to two years after pleading guilty to a third felony count of attempted deviate sexual assault. Also sentenced to two years after pleading guilty to a fourth felony count of deviate sexual assault. Also sentenced to two years after pleading guilty to a 5th felony count of deviate sexual assault. Also sentenced to two years each of three other counts of deviate sexual assault to run concur-

rent.

David M. Mitchell, 32, 3307 Sacramento, for four years after pleading guilty to a felony charge of attempted theft/stealing.

Michael R. Neugebauer, 38, 1613 N. 36th, for four years after probation revoked on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Matthew J. Thomas, 19, 2636 State St. for six years after pleading guilty to a felony charge of 2nd degree burglary.

Matthew J. Thomas, 19, 2636 State St., for four years after pleading guilty to a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Probation Granted

Teri E. Amos, 39, 1509 S. 24th St., for five years after pleading guilty to a felony charge of theft/stealing. Must serve 60 days shock detention in county jail; pay restitution in the amount of \$33,893 at the rate of \$600 per month.

Michael A. Ball, 20, 709 N. 10th, for three years after pleading guilty to a felony charge of possession of controlled substance.

Travis E. Bellomy, 17, 502 E. Colorado, for four years after pleading guilty to a felony charge of 2nd degree burglary. Not to consume alcohol; be evaluated for substance abuse; attend Offenders Offering Alternatives; submit to and reimburse the cost of drug and alcohol testing; have no contact with victim or John Daniels; not to be on the premises of any casinos, gambling facilities or pool halls; obtain a GED or high school diploma; abide by a curfew of 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.; perform community service.

Zachary D. Bernard, 19, 725 S. 17th St., for four years after pleading guilty to a felony charge of 2nd degree burglary. Must serve 90 days shock detention in county jail; must make restitution in the amount of \$2276 at the rate of \$100 per month.

Robert S. Briggs, 51, 3317 Sacramento, for four years after pleading guilty to a felony charge of DWI-alcohol-persistent offender.

Christopher L. Embrey, 32, Union Star, MO., for three years after pleading guilty to a felony charge of theft/stealing.

James L. Merrell, 19, 520 E. Colorado Ave., for three years after probation revoked on a felony charge of 1st degree tampering with motor vehicle.

Lee M. Pinion, 40, 516 Blake, for 5 years after pleading guilty to a felony charge of theft/stealing. Must pay restitution in the amount of \$3,737 at the rate of \$100 per month.

Blaine Young, 21, 2611 Union, for four years after pleading guilty to a felony charge of possession of controlled substance.

DIVISION 5

Judge Keith Marquart

Sentenced to Prison

Keenan M. Blanton, 22, 514 E. Kansas, for three years after probation revoked on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance. Also sentenced to 65 days in Buchanan County Jail after probation revoked on a misdemeanor charge of 3rd degree domestic assault.

Sentenced to Jail

Russell S. Newcomer, 36, Savannah, MO., for 10 days after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of DWI-alcohol-prior offender.

Michael A. Newman, 20, 3029 Lafayette, for five days after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of DWI-alcohol-prior offender.

Fined

Jason E. Cone, 33, 2721 N. 4th St., \$76.50, after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of operating motor vehicle on highway while driver license revoked.

Probation Granted

Eldon H. Armstrong, 33, 707 S. 15th, for one year after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of non-support.

Jeffery Cary, 47, 2901 Frederick Ave., for one year after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of operating a vehicle on highway without a valid license.

Tyler R. Dickens, 21, Helena, MO., for one year after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of 2nd degree property damage.

Scott R. McCush, 31, 221 Isabelle, for one year after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of operating vehicle on highway without valid license. Also sentenced to one year after pleading guilty to a second misdemeanor count of unlawful use of drug paraphernalia. Also fine \$10 after pleading guilty to

an infraction failure to wear seat belt.

Ashley M. Muscavage, 20, Kansas City, MO., for one year after probation revoked on a misdemeanor charge of 2nd degree property damage.

Nathaniel J. Wolfe, 22, 2300 Cougar, for one year after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of unlawful use of drug paraphernalia.

DIVISION 6

Judge Ronald E. Taylor

Sentenced to Jail

Donnie E. Coil, 57, 1405 N. 36th, for 120 days after probation revoked on a misdemeanor charge of theft/stealing.

Lila L. Miller, 57, 304 N. 8th St., for 60 days after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of theft/stealing.

Gary L. Mills, 45, Kansas City, MO., for 7 days after probation revoked on a misdemeanor charge of non-support.

Zane E. Smith, 18, 2709 Olive, for six months after probation revoked on a misdemeanor charge of 2nd degree property damage.

Cara J. Williams, 31, 2902 South 18th, for 10 days after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of operating motor vehicle on highway while drivers license revoked. Also fined \$10 after pleading guilty to an infraction of failure to secure child less than 8 years old in child restraint or booster seat.

Fined

Brian C. Bickerstaff, 36, Savannah, MO., \$250, after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of possession of up to 35 grams of marijuana.

Dacoda A. Roark, 17, 19798 Hwy. 59, \$200, after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of unlawful use of drug paraphernalia.

Robert W. Walker, 23, 2806 Sacramento, \$100, after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of possession of up to 35 grams of marijuana.

Probation Granted

Adam K. Carter, 32, 3200 Gene Field, for one year after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of 3rd degree assault.

Anthony Czebely, 32, 116 Country-side Lane, for six months after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of operating a vehicle on a highway without a valid license.

Amy M. Davidson, 30, 2514 Glenn, for one year after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of non-support.

Stanley E. Pinkney, 25, 1300 S. 13th, for two years after being tried by the court and found guilty on a misdemeanor charge of 3rd degree assault.

Joshua L. Gay, 23, 3006 N. 10th St., for two years after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of non-support.

Jeffrey J. Morgan, 41, 717 Harmon, for three years after pleading guilty to a felony charge of non-support.

Ashley M. Muscavage, 20, Kansas City, MO., for two years after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of 3rd degree assault.

Bradley W. Perry, 28, 2319 Charles, for two years after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of non-support.

Tucker T. Todd, 34, Mound City, MO., for two years after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of 3rd degree sexual misconduct.

Kiel G. Wilfong, 29, 5907 King Hill Ave., for 2 years after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of 2nd degree endangering the welfare of a child.

Brian M. Wilson, 25, Wathena, KS., for two years after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of non-support.

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HELEN V. ANDRES

1915 - 2011 | Age 96

Helen V. (Rogers) Andres, 96, St. Joseph, passed away Sunday, November 27, 2011, at her home.

Helen was born on August 24, 1915, in Kansas City, MO, to Edward C. and Georgia Mae (Young) Rogers. She attended St. Patrick Grade School and Convent of the Sacred Heart in St. Joseph. She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, where she served as a Communion Minister and past-president of St. Ann's Altar Society. She was the last original founding member of Cootie Club, which was founded in 1935. Helen had been employed at JC Penney and Herman Drug Store as a sales clerk.

Helen married Robert W. "Shorty" Andres. He passed away on May 21, 1976. She was also preceded in death by her parents; son, Edward C. Andres; son-in-law, Angelo Scalisi and grandson, Michael Gilley.

Survivors include two sons, Roger (Nellie) Andres and Robert (Lola) Andres, St. Joseph; three daughters, Helen Jo (Fred) Gilley, St. Joseph, Sheila Scalisi, Ballwin, MO and Carol (Donald) Johnson, St. Joseph; 12 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

Celebration of Life and Rebirth Saturday Dec. 3 at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Fr. Tony Taschetta, Fr. Norbert Schappler and Fr. Jorge Ramirez, con-celebrants. Care provided by Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel. Interment Mt. Olivet Cemetery, St. Joseph. The family suggests memorial contributions to St. Patrick Catholic Church. Pallbearers were: Tim Hoffman, Dean Hamm, Jeff Umphress, Dan Flugard, Everett Rittmann, Larry Stewart, Bill Minton and John Minton.

DORIS JEAN BIRT

1921 - 2011 | Age 90

Doris Jean Birt, age 90, Clarksdale, MO., was born October 10, 1921 to Harold and Lena (Noble) Kinder in Fairfax, MO and passed away November 28, 2011 in St. Joseph.

Doris Jean was a RN and married Quentin Birt while in nursing school and kept it a secret because it was against school policy. She was a private duty nurse and worked at the State Hospital for 34 years.

Doris Jean was a member of Clarksdale United Methodist Church, Merry Matrons Card Club, Sunlight Chapter 247 Order of Eastern Star, and Psi Phi

Sorority of Clarksdale. She and Quentin held an annual New Year's Eve Celebration and their door was open to everyone in Clarksdale. Doris loved to hunt, fish, play bingo, and go on the annual trip to Bennett Springs.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Quentin; and one sister Nadine Birt.

Survivors include three great nieces and nephews, Marc (Susan) McClure, Monument, CO, Keith (Jacqueline) McClure, Clarksdale, and Michael (Debbie) McClure, St. Joseph; and many lifelong friends and neighbors.

Graveside services Saturday, December 3, 2011 at Clarksdale Cemetery. Care provided by Bram-Turner Funeral Home, Stewartsville. www.bram-turnerfuneralhome.com

REV. STEVEN BUNDY

1960 - 2011 | Age 51

Rev. Steven K. Bundy, 51, St. Joseph, died Friday, November 25, 2011 at Olathe Medical Center.

He was born September 12, 1960 in St. Joseph to Donald and Genevieve (Tillman) Bundy, Sr. in St. Joseph.

Steven won the 1972 Little League World Series in the Bronco League and was the Batting Champion of the Series. While at Lafayette High School, Steven was a member of the 1975 second place State basketball team and in 1976 the State Champion Basketball team. He graduated from Missouri Western State University. He worked as a car salesman and became an ordained minister on December 4, 2005, which allowed him to touch many lives in a positive way.

He was preceded in death by his father; brother Ed Bundy; and his grandparents, Fred and Helen Bundy and Robert and Elizabeth Tillman.

Survivors: his wife, Sandra Ellsworth, Olathe, KS; his mother, Genevieve Bundy; brother, Donald Bundy, Jr. (Linda), St. Joseph; sister Barbara Hughes (Mertland), St. Joseph; brother Gary Bundy (Celestine), Sacramento, CA; sister, Elizabeth Bundy, St. Joseph; and brother, Bill Bundy, St. Joseph; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Services: Wednesday, Nov. 30 at Holsey Chapel, I.C.M. Interment Ashland Cemetery. Care provided by Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory.

JACK S. CORKEN

1926 - 2011 | Age 85

Jack S. Corken, 85, St. Joseph, died Monday, November 28, 2011 at a local healthcare facility.

He was born May 4, 1926 in Burlington Junction, MO. to Hubert and Orpha (Farris) Corken. He married Margaret Curry February 6, 1954.

Jack served in the Army Air Corps during WWII. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, a Master Mason, 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, Moila Shrine, Royal Order of Jesters, Court No. 98 and the President of the Kiwanis Club. He graduated from the University of Colorado School of Pharmacy. He worked as a Pharmacist at Roger's Pharmacy in St. Joseph and owned fifteen drugstores throughout his lifetime.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, James Corken.

Survivors: his wife; children Amy (Stan) Welch, Overland Park, KS, Ann (Denis) Mackey, Rockville, MD, Andy Corken, Chicago, IL, Allison (Bill) Copeland, Columbia, MO, Angie (Tim) Giddens, Gladstone, MO; grandchild-

dren Nick (Katie) Welch, Kate Welch, Kyle Giddens, Andrew and Sydney Copeland; brothers Jerry Corken and Bill (Jean) Corken; nieces, nephews.

Services: Thursday, Dec. 1 at Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. Inurnment Memorial Park Cemetery. The Family suggests memorial gifts to the Shriner's Hospital, 701 N. Noyes Boulevard, St. Joseph, Missouri 64506.

KATHY CURRIE

1959 - 2011 | Age 52

Kathy Currie, 52, of Faucett, MO, passed away, Thursday, December 1, 2011 at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, MO.

Kathy was born on October 16, 1959 in Kansas City, MO to Marvin and Reta (Torneden) Miller.

Kathy worked as a U.S.D.A. Consumer Safety Inspector for 12 years and her duty station was Triumph Foods Inc. She received her Associates Degree in Fine Arts at San Juan College in Farmington, NM.

Kathy was the Vice President and St. Joseph representative of the American Federation of Government Employees and Elected officer of the Women's & Fair Practice Coordinator for the Midwest Counsel of Food Inspectors. She is preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her Husband Les Currie, of the home, and friends.

Memorial service Wednesday, Dec. 7 at Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel. Memorial contributions can be made to the St. Joseph Humane Society.

CAROLYN K. DUTY

1961 - 2011 | Age 50

Carolyn K. Duty, 50, St. Joseph, died Saturday, November 19, 2011 at her home.

She was born August 17, 1961 to Bill L. and Harriett K. (Peek) Brundige, Sr. She married James A. Duty and was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her mother; and a daughter, Amanda K. Duty.

Survivors: daughter, Sonya Grooms, St. Joseph; her father, Bill Brundige, Sr., St. Joseph; sister, Sherri Brundige, St. Joseph; brother, Billy Brundige, Cosby, MO; two grandchildren, Brayden Grooms and Kaylee Reynolds; nieces and nephews.

Services: Private services and interment. Services under the direction of Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory.

EARL L. EASTIN

1922 - 2011 | Age 89

Earl Lyndon Eastin 89, of St. Joseph, formerly of Kansas City, MO, passed away Tuesday, November 29, 2011 in a Saint Joseph health care center.

He was born May 30, 1922 in Kingston, MO, son of Etta and Henry Eastin. He proudly served in the United States Army and is a veteran of World War II serving in the United Kingdom in 1943, France 1944, Germany 1945 and Belgium 1945.

He worked at McCord Auto Parts Corporation retiring after 43 years as

the North American territory Salesman. He recently proudly converted to Catholicism.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 47 years, Opal (Rock) Eastin, a brother, Jack Eastin, and 2 sisters, Dora Hampton, and Nelle McCullough.

Survivors include; 3 sister in laws Rose F. Kieffer of St. Joseph, Katie Helsel of St. Joseph, Tillie Rock of Topeka, KS; nieces and nephews.

Funeral services Saturday, December 3, 2011 at Rupp Funeral Home, with Fr. Joseph Totton officiating, Interment Mount Olivet Cemetery. Memorials are requested to the American Heart Association or to the Hands of Hope Hospice. Online condolence and obituary at www.ruppfuneral.com.

WILMA M. EVANS

1915 - 2011 | Age 96

Wilma M. Evans, 96, St. Joseph, passed away Sunday, November 27, 2011, at Carriage Square Health Care Center.

Wilma was born on March 15, 1915, in Callaway, NE, to Curtis and Pearl (Filmer) Ogg. Wilma was a homemaker and a member of Patee Park Baptist Church.

Wilma was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Orval Ogg, infant brother, Melvin Ogg and sisters, Marjorie Schwang and Edna Ogg.

Wilma is survived by her husband, Howard Evans, of the Veterans Home in Cameron, MO; two sons, Ronald L. Evans, Kansas City, MO and Larry H. Evans, Dearborn, MO; two daughters, Kay (Stephen) Fisher, St. Joseph, and Linda (Terry) Searcy, Dearborn, MO; six grandchildren, Brad Fisher, Mark Fisher, Melanie Hollingsworth, Kim Kelley, Katie Searcy and Trevor Searcy; and one great-grandson, Noah Fisher.

Services Thursday, Dec. 1 at Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel. PASTOR Jeffery Cox officiating. Interment Mount Auburn Cemetery. The Family suggests memorials to Patee Park Baptist Church Food Pantry, or to Asera Care Hospice.

Pallbearers were Trevor Searcy, Brad Fisher, Mark Fisher, Justin Kelley, Walt Pohlman and Glenn Earl Filmer.

W.O. "BILL" JONES

1923 - 2011 | Age 88

W.O. "Bill" Jones, 88, St. Joseph, passed away Friday, November 18, 2011, surrounded by family at home.

Bill was born on September 15, 1923, in Arvonnia, KS, to William Oliver and Nellie Mae (Bourne) Jones.

Bill worked for the Santa Fe Railroad in Topeka, KS before he was drafted into the service in March of 1943. Bill served in the US Army during World War II in the 313th Infantry. He participated in the European Theatre, and was awarded a Purple Heart with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster.

After the war, he worked again for Santa Fe, and then moved to Kansas City, MO to attend plumbing school. After graduating, he moved to Saint Joseph and worked for various plumbing shops. Bill was owner-operator of Jones Plumbing Co. in St. Joseph for 25 years, retiring in 1976.

Bill was a member of Brookdale Presbyterian Church; American Legion Post #11; VFW Post#1668; Disabled American Veterans; and was a 32 degree Mason and member of Charity Lodge # 331 and Moila Shrine Temple.

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Bill loved to fish, garden, play cards, and play softball.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one infant granddaughter, Charissa Michelle Jones, and sister-in-law Marie Jones.

He married Betty Lea Jacob on July 25, 1942. They celebrated 69 years together. She survives of the home.

He will be missed by brother Wayne Oliver Jones, of Osage City, KS, and sister Anna Mae (Dick) Kuntz of Burlingame, KS; son, Owen (Pati) Jones, daughter, Francie (Joe) Archdekin, son, Rex (Cynthia) Jones, all of St. Joseph; and son Cecil (Melinda) Jones of Dallas, TX; grandchildren RaeAnn (Jamie) McDonald, Scott Jones, Tara (Scott) Sollars, Jason Jones, Jessica (Tyler) Hausman, Crystal Jones all of St. Joseph, Danielle Jones and Paige Jones of Dallas, TX; Cherie Jones and Rex Jones II of St. Joseph. Eleven great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews.

Services Monday at Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel. Rev. Paul Gaug and Mr. Don Weston, co-officiating. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Scott Sollars, Tyler Hausman, Jamie McDonald, Scott Jones, Lance Hodges and Jim Glover. Honorary Pallbearers were Jason Jones, Rex Jones II, Mason McDonald, Logan McDonald, Austin Sollars, Andrew Sollars, Layne Jones, Gavin Linder and Trey Hausman.

HELEN F. GIFFORD

1915 - 2011 | Age 96

Helen F. (Maple) Gifford, 96, of St. Joseph, passed away on Sunday, November 27, 2011 at a local health care center.

Helen was born on July 5, 1915 in Savannah, MO to Bert and Pearl Maple. She grew up in Oregon, MO and graduated from school there.

She married Gerald Gifford on July 15, 1935. They loved and lived together in St. Joseph for 58 years until his passing on February 8, 1993. She was also preceded by her parents, two daughters, Judith Kay Taylor and Marsha Gayle Beeler; one sister, Rhett Cooksey.

Survivors include, two sons, Robert L. Beeler, Kansas City, MO and Thomas L. Taylor and his wife Joan, St. Joseph; 4 grandchildren, Jeffery Beeler and James Burk, Todd Beeler and Penny, Stephen Beeler and Andrea, Melissa Schafer and Jason; 6 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services Wednesday, Nov. 30 at Memorial Park Cemetery. Care provided by Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to First Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph,

ROSEMARY GOJMERAC

1930 - 2011 | Age 81

Rosemary A Gojmerac 81, of Saint Joseph, passed away Monday, November 28, 2011.

She was born October 23, 1930 in St. Joseph, daughter of Helen and Peter Gojmerac. She was a member of St. James Catholic Church.

Rosemary was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Joe Gomeck, John Gojmerac, Matthew Gojmerac, Helen Gojmerac, sisters, Ann Gojmerac, Mildred Gojmerac.

Survivors include one nephew James Gomeck of Las Vegas, NV,

Graveside funeral services and interment Friday, December 2, 2011, at the Mount Olivet Cemetery, Online condolence and obituary at www.ruppfu-

neral.com.

HELEN E. NETHERTON

1900 - 2011 | Age 110

Helen Elsie Carter Netherton, age 110, Maysville, MO., was born on a farm near Jamesport, MO on December 19, 1900 and was welcomed into the family of William Marion Carter and Rebecca Ann Hook Carter.

She attended Jamesport High School and graduated in 1920 in a class of 20 students. After graduation, School teachers were needed so she took the State test. She passed and was a teacher at Whitt School south of Gallatin for one term.

Helen then married Frank McCray and to this union three children were born. William Stephen, Ruth Ann and Willa Jean McCray. Bill preceded her in death after spending 26 years in the Navy. Helen later married Virgil E. Netherton June 18, 1938. To this union a son was born, James Donald Netherton. Helen and Virgil celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary June 18, 1988. Virgil passed away on October 22, 1988.

She was especially fond of her maternal grandparents, John and Caroline Hook. Her grandpa Hook served in Co.D. 16th Regiment of the Iowa Infantry in the Civil War.

Survivors include two children, Willa Jean Hughes, Albuquerque, NM, James Netherton(Mary), Blakely, GA; and daughter-in-law, Mrs. William Stephens McCray, Fredericksburg, VA; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and 19 great-great-grandchildren; and many friends.

Memorial services Wednesday, November 30, 2011 at First Baptist Church of Maysville under the direction of Bram-Turner Funeral Home, Maysville. Contributions: Living Hope Food Pantry. www.bram-turnerfuneral-home.com

GENE T. SEWELL

1932 - 2011 | Age 79

Gene Thomas Sewell, 79, St. Joseph, Missouri died Monday, November 28, 2011 at Heartland Regional Medical Center.

He was born February 29, 1932 in Reydon, OK to Everett and Minnie (Miller) Sewell.

Gene was a barber for over fifty years, having very loyal customers. He was a member of the Barber Union and the Foursquare Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Jack Sewell; sister, Lahoma Wheeler; grandson, Andrew.

Survivors: His son, Steven (Melissa) Sewell, St. Joseph; daughter, Debra Sewell, California; long-time friend and mother of his children, Ramona Hardy, California; grandchildren, Mike, Mark, Dan, Samantha, Jacob; good friend, JoAnn Parrott; several nieces and nephews.

Care provided by Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. The Family suggests memorial gifts to the Honor Flight of Kansas City, 8559 Line Creek Parkway, Kansas City, MO. 64154.

PAULINE SHADWELL

1936 - 2011 | Age 75

Pauline Shadwell, 75, St. Joseph, died Friday, November 25, 2011 at a local health care facility.

She was born August 14, 1936 in Effingham, IL. She married Alfred Morris Shadwell. He preceded her in death in 2001. She was a homemaker.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two grandchildren.

Survivors: daughter, Brenda K. Jones, Independence, MO; son, Donald L. Shadwell (Hazel), Claycomo, MO; son, Todd M. Shadwell, Washington; son, Ricky D. Shadwell, Independence, MO; daughter, Tanya R. Rush, St. Joseph; son, Terry W. Shadwell, St. Joseph; son, Timothy E. Shadwell, St. Joseph; 12 grandchildren; and multiple great-grandchildren.

Services: Saturday, Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. Interment Mount Moriah Terrace Park Cemetery, Kansas City, MO. The Family suggests memorial gifts to Alzheimer's Foundation.

MARJORIA A. STEIDEL

1925 - 2011 | Age 86

Marjoria Ann Steidel, 86, of St. Joseph, passed away Monday, December 5, 2011, surrounded by family at a local health care center.

Mrs. Steidel was born November 19, 1925 to Walter Jr. and Grace (Miller) Steidel in St. Joseph, where she resided her entire life. On Feb. 14, 1979, she married George Steidel.

She was baptized and former member of Woodson Chapel Christian Church and later joined King Hill Christian Church in 1979. Marjoria spent most of her working life at Bill Kenney Pharmacy, retiring after 40 years. She was a member and past president of South Side Business Women's club.

Preceding her in death are her parents and one brother, Walter Kenney III.

Surviving is her husband of 32 years, George Steidel; three step-daughters, Carolyn (Max) Stephens, of St. Joseph, Mary Lynn (Roy) Breit, of Savannah, MO, and Kathy (John) Cooper, of Rosendale, MO; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; nieces, nephews, cousins.

Services will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday at Clark-Sampson Funeral Home with interment following in Memorial Park Cemetery. Pastor Terry Carlson, officiating. In lieu of flowers, please direct memorials to Children's Mercy Hospital, Resource Development, 2401 Gillham Rd. Kansas City, MO 64108. Online obituary and condolences at www.clarksampson.com

HARRY A. WALLACE

1928 - 2011 | Age 83

Harry A. Wallace, 83, St. Joseph, died Friday, November 25, 2011.

He was born May 26, 1928 in St. Joseph to Harry Oscar and Helen Mary (Weiss) Wallace. He remained a life-long resident.

Harry was a resident engineer of the Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Wallace was a member of the Blue Lodge #269, 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of Moila Shrine. Harry was a private pilot and loved Rosecrans and the people who work there.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and Harry Walter "Speck" Wallace, his grandfather who helped raise him.

Survivors: his wife; daughter, Janice C. Miller, Independence, MO; son, Harry O. Wallace (Patty), Warsaw,

MO; son Douglas A. Wallace (Gail), Warsaw, MO; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Laura Rose Nunn (Pat) and Patricia M. Hart (Gene); nieces and nephews.

Services: Monday, Nov. 28 at Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. The Family suggests memorial gifts to Hands of Hope Hospice.

CARL A. WIGHTMAN

1940 - 2011 | Age 71

Carl Allen Wightman, age 71, Maysville, MO., was born February 26, 1940 at Plymouth, MO to Howard and Myra (Owings) Wightman and passed away December 3, 2011 at his home.

On June 26, 1965 he and Pearl Elizabeth Hyatt were united in marriage in Maysville, MO. To this union two children were born. Carl graduated from Jameson High School and enlisted in the United States Navy. He was a welder for four years and retired from Missouri Department of Transportation after 27 years of service.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Dale & Kenneth Wightman.

Survivors include his wife Betty of the home; two children, Carl Eugene (Tammy) Wightman and Carol Ann (Rusty) Stewart; five brothers and sisters, Carolyn & Don Phillips, Jasper, AR, Ray Patsy Wightman, St. Matthews, SC, Wanda & Darold Peterson, Richland, MO, Mary Ann & Bob Jones, Stewartville, and Gary Wightman, Maysville; seven grandchildren, Jake, Kristin, Garret, Ryan, Tonya, Daymon, and Dayna; two great-grandchildren, Addilyne Kay and Wyatt Frederick; nieces, nephews.

Funeral services Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at Bram-Turner Funeral Home, Maysville with burial in Hopewell Cemetery, Weatherby, MO. Contributions: Maysville United Methodist Church or Three Rivers Hospice. www.bram-turnerfuneralhome.com

CANDACE WOLFE

1942 - 2011 | Age 69

Candace "Candy" Wolfe, 69, Faucett, MO., passed away Sunday, November 27, 2011, at Heartland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

Candy was born on March 26, 1942, in St. Joseph, to Melvin and Lucille (Stanton) Poage. She was a graduate of Savannah High School. She married John E. Wolfe on November 24, 1960. They recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary. She was a member of Willowbrook Community Club and attended Faucett Baptist Church.

Candy was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Phyllis Willmore.

Survivors include her husband, John E. Wolfe of the home; sons, Shannon (Linda) Wolfe, St. Joseph, and Kevin (Shelly) Wolfe, Faucett, MO; daughter, Stacy (Robert) Dreier, Faucett; grandchildren, Brian, Misty, Jonna, Tyler, Trevor, Darrin (Bethany) and Emily; 7 great-grandchildren; sister, Willa Parsley, Cameron, MO nieces and nephews.

Services Wednesday, Nov. 30 at Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel. Rev. James E. Barnett officiating. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions to Willowbrook Community Center.

Pallbearers were Harold Wolfe, Bob Wolfe, Fred Wolfe, Darrin Dreier, Tyler Wolfe and Trevor Wolfe. Honorary Pallbearers were Sam Wolfe, Joy Grable and Harold Wolfe.

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The War On You

Kevin Carson | Guest Writer
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Shills for the War on Terror shills say al Qaeda is motivated by hatred for "our freedoms." The good folks in Congress, taking that message to heart, are acting to protect us by ensuring al Qaeda no longer has anything to complain about.

William Sumner argued the Spanish-American War, despite the military victory, was actually a "Conquest of the United States by Spain" because it marked America's adoption of the authoritarian character of a European empire.

By that standard, every time TSA moves closer to an internal passport system, every time Joe Biden's buddies at the RIAA and MPAA add another brick to the American version of the Great Firewall of China, every time the Drug War puts another shovel of dirt on the Fourth Amendment, we're one step closer to being conquered by al Qaeda.

Just look at the news: The US House Intelligence Committee just drafted a bill (bipartisan! With strong telecomm industry support!) exempting corporations from liability for sharing user data with the government. So next time your ISP or Google rolls over and opens your email to illegal inspection by Homeland Security, you can't sue them for breach of confidence.

The US Senate's "Defense" Reauthorization bill includes a provision requiring the President to indefinitely detain without trial suspected terrorists arrested on American soil. See, the Global War on Terror encompasses the entire planet -- including the "Homeland."

But don't worry -- it only applies to people suspected of terrorism, right? Congressional supporters of the Sedition and Espionage Acts during World War One promised those laws wouldn't apply to the expression of ordinary political opinion about the War. Tell that to Eugene Debs.

Take a look also at how the USA PATRIOT Act -- originally sold as a grant of extraordinary powers for fighting the extraordinary threat of terrorism -- has been put to use. It's a routine tool in the Drug War, with "Sneak and Peek" searches used roughly a hundred times as often for drug cases as for suspected terrorism cases.

Homeland Security has also played a major role in shutting down torrent sites suspected of violating "intellectual property" rights.

Government claims about the real motivation behind some "extraordinary" grant of power "for the duration" are as worthless as used toilet paper. The people running the government, pure and simple, are liars who'll say anything to get power, and then do

whatever they want with that power. Consider, also, recent legislation like the SOPA (House) and PIPA (Senate) bills, which would authorize the government to shut down websites on the mere allegation of a content "owner" that it was infringing "intellectual property" rights. That's right: A bare accusation by the MPAA or Microsoft that you're hosting their "property" will be enough to get you shut down, without warning or hearing. It's a violation of common law due process rights going back to the Magna Carta's "nullus liber homo" (no free man) phrase.

In the interest of efficiency, I suggest the government consolidate the Wars on Drugs, Terror, and Piracy into a single war: The War on You. That would make things a lot simpler -- and a lot more honest.

All these different wars amount to a War on You, because they're aimed at preventing what the state and its corporate masters regard as the ultimate horror: A world where you're free to produce and trade peacefully with others, living off the full fruit of your own labor, without having to work twice as hard to feed a gaggle of bureaucrats, usurers, landlords, and other parasitic rentiers in addition to yourself.

The real function of the War on Drugs is to prop up black market drug prices so banks have cartel money to launder and the CIA -- the biggest drug cartel of all -- has a funding source for black ops when Congress balks at bankrolling a death squad somewhere. And it keeps local police forces rolling in civil forfeiture loot and military surplus weaponry to use against the local population.

The War on Piracy ensures you pay \$200 for software on a disk that took \$10 to print out and ship, \$100 for a prescription that cost \$5 to produce, and a price for consumer electronics that's nine-tenths embedded "intellectual property" rents rather than actual parts and labor.

The War on Terror ensures you can be kept under surveillance whenever you say, do or write anything, so the state and its corporate masters can be absolutely sure you're not conspiring to threaten the system of power that enables them to feed off you.

Despite what the state tells you, in all these wars, you're not the customer ... you're the enemy.

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Pay No Attention To The Inflation Behind The Curtain

Bill Wilson | Guest Writer
LIBERTY FEATURES

According to legend, in Czarist Russia, Grigory Potemkin constructed fake villages to make Catherine the Great believe that the countryside was tranquil and prosperous, when in fact it was chaotic and stricken with poverty.

Such it is with government economic statistics, as evidenced by the latest release of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) showing a 2.5 percent increase for the third quarter of 2011. "U.S. Economic Growth Accelerates," blared one media headline. "Economy expands 2.5 percent in the third quarter," heralded another.

But below the headlines, one finds the spin. The Bureau of Economic Analysis claimed the increase "primarily reflected positive contributions from personal consumption expenditures".

To be certain, consumption increased by \$127.4 billion out of the \$185 billion increase, a peak behind the numbers finds that only \$10.1 billion was for durable goods. \$28.9 billion was for non-durable goods: \$8.1 billion was increased gas and energy consumption, \$9.6 billion for food and beverages, and \$3.1 billion for clothing.

The lack of increased good purchases is also indicated by the \$24.3 billion shrinking trade deficit. While exports increased \$31.6 billion, imports only increased by \$7.3 billion. Slower imports indicates slowing consumer spending on actual goods, not accelerating.

Another portion of the increase was \$88.4 billion for services. But, again, the increases come in necessities: \$25.2 billion for housing and utilities, \$31.2 billion for health care, \$11.5 billion for food services and accommodations, and \$6.7 billion for financial services and insurance.

With existing home sales taking a plunge and prices flat to falling, the increase for "housing and utilities" can largely be attributed to the increased cost of utilities. The same can be said for the \$8.1 billion increase for gas and energy, and the overall \$21 billion increase for food and food services. In short, prices are

increasing. Other data bears this out. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is up 3.9 percent at an annualized rate overall for all items, including food by 4.7 percent and energy by 19.3 percent. If one takes out food and energy, the CPI is only growing annualized by 2 percent.

As for producer prices, those have been way up, too, growing at an annualized rate of 6.9 percent in September -- it was 7 percent and 6.5 percent in July and August, respectively. All of which accounts for the \$46.1 billion increase for equipment purchases.

Meanwhile, when government reports "core" inflation, they leave out food and energy price increases, and as a result, when it reports GDP it leaves those numbers in. This results in prices appearing to be relatively "stable" while the economy is "growing," when in fact, prices are fluctuating and growth is slowing.

That is the real story behind the numbers that will go underreported in the mainstream media. This is not growth accelerating at all. It's inflation.

America's equivalent of the Potemkin Village was L. Frank Baum's "Wizard of Oz" tale criticizing monetary policy, in which famously the "Wizard" urges Dorothy and her friends to pay no attention to the man behind the curtain.

True to form, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke is probably hoping nobody peaks behind the GDP press release curtain.

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Athletics Association Indoor Track Championship in 1982 and four MIAA championships in football, including the school's first-ever NCAA Playoff appearance in 1984. "I was born in Dothan, Missouri, which isn't there now," Flanagan said. "It was eight miles from Fairfax."

Eaton was born in Savannah and then moved to St. Joseph. Eaton spent his youth playing and excelling at sports. He attended Lafayette High School, where he was a four-year letterman in football. Eaton was the quarterback of the team and was selected to the All-City Team in 1949 and 1950. He was also a four-year letterman in basketball and was a key member of the track team. Upon graduating in 1951, Eaton signed to play football for the University of Missouri Tigers, where he played quarterback and was the punter. A three-year letterman, he led the Big Seven in passing in 1954 and was named the Outstanding Back in the Blue/Gray Game for the victorious North team. He was selected in the 11th round by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 1955 draft and was the team's punter.

"I beat Johnny Unitas as backup quarterback in 1955," Eaton said. "I'm honored to be in this group. I can see God's blessing in my life. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Fast Pitch National Softball Tournament was held for two years in St. Joseph, and that changed my life. Dean George was my coach at Lafayette, and that changed my life. I made many friends at Mizzou. God is in charge. "My wife is here," he continued. "She was diagnosed with cancer 17 years ago, and she survived."

Carter was born in 1928 and was raised near Fillmore, where her father managed the Honey Creek team. She went on to Northwest Missouri State and earned her degree in 1953. She joined the Trenton Public School sys-

tem in 1953, as a physical education instructor and then moved to the South Harrison School District in Bethany, teaching until her retirement in 1982. Having played softball during the 1940s and 1950s, Carter saw the need for a softball program for female athletes, and in 1961, she started a program based in Bethany known as the North Missouri C.T.s or Carter's Teams. They earned state championships seven times and finished second eight more times. Her C.T. Timers, composed of players 35 and older, won two national championships. She received the Sprint Spirit Award, presented by the Women's Intersport Network in 2007.

"It's been a great ride," Carter said. She said she is currently active in programs at North Central Missouri College at Trenton.

"When I was coaching, it was always a thrill to hear the National Anthem and know that another game was beginning," she said. "I don't know why anyone needs anything to get them high. I hope I have a lot of years left. I'm really sold on the college at Trenton.

"I've played a lot of softball in St. Joseph," Carter continued. "We played our way out to California and back one time. We even stopped at Las Vegas. What a country we live in!" Francis Turner was recognized by the emcee. Others honored included Harold "Doc" Childress of St. Joseph, who has been an optometrist 52 years. In 1992, he served as the Seniors' Team Captain on Team USA in sporting clays during the World Championships and earned the Seniors Bronze Medal at the World Championships, becoming the first American to medal in world competition. Childress was born in Piedmont, Mo. He was the first person inducted into the Sporting Clays Hall of Fame and was inducted into the Missouri Western State University Hall of Fame.

"Sporting clays is the largest partici-

Inductees Into Sports Hall of Fame

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Inductees into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame and members of the Hall of Fame staff were on hand on Wednesday, Nov. 30. They are: front row, Vic Eaton; Nan Carter; and James Leon Combs, chair of the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame Board of Trustees. Back row, Jerald L. Andrews, president and executive director of the Hall; Chris Sharp, a coach for the Mound City football team; Steve Hochman; Herb Webster; Doug Minnis; Harold "Doc" Childress; and Richard Flanagan.

pating sport in the world," Childress said. "It is the most difficult shooting sport in the world. There are 19 million target shooters in the country. My wife, Marg, is my hero."

Doug Minnis was the baseball coach at Missouri Western State University from 1969-99. He began his coaching career at Bishop Ward High School in 1956. He was the assistant athletic director, assistant football and basketball coach and head baseball coach. Minnis moved to Missouri Western in 1969 as the assistant football coach and head baseball coach. He started the baseball program and built it from the ground up. He served as the head coach for the baseball team for 30 years and has 683 wins. His teams earned six National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics District 16 championships, and his 1975 team has played in the NAIA World Series. "I have so many people to thank," Minnis said. "My life and times have been great. I enjoyed it all."

Herb Webster of Kearney has coached basketball to young people for the last 45 years. He was born on a farm near Galt, Missouri. He started at Tri-County High School where he coached boys and girls basketball and boys track. He then moved to Penney High School in Hamilton, where he started the girls' basketball team. During his five years, his team won district titles four times and included an undefeated state championship in 1977. He then moved to Kearney High School in 1979, where he remains as head girls' coach, earning 539 victories.

"I was the winningest girls basketball coach in the state," Webster said. "I thank my wife. It's been a tremendous ride. I grew up as a poor farm boy. My coach said I should go to college and become a basketball coach. My dad said I should get a job." Julius Hochman lived in St. Joseph until his death. In 1954, he founded the first Youth Baseball League in St. Joseph. Within a few years, his league covered the entire city. He led efforts to raise money to build fields and

equip teams. No player had to pay to play, and the players who needed equipment were taken care of, quietly. All children were treated equally, which was unusual for those times. More than 2,200 ball players would play baseball each summer in the Youth Baseball League. Hochman Park in Deer Park subdivision in St. Joseph is named for him. His son, Steve Hochman, spoke for him. "He was a volunteer," he said. "He could have made a career of sports. He was proud to be a volunteer. He asked others for time and money. Many people supported his efforts. His life was enriched by sports. He knew sports would make St. Joseph a better place. I wish we could go back to my dad's vision. It brought families and the community together, and it was a lot of fun."

The Mound City High School football program began its first season of eight-man football in 1987. It has created a powerhouse program. The first state title came in 1999, when Mound City defeated North Andrew. Mound City followed that in 2000, with a runner-up finish. Since then, the Panthers have gone on to win state titles in 2003, 2005, 2008, 2009 and 2010, becoming the first eight-man program to win three straight titles in Missouri. Mound City is known for having a tenacious, rugged defense with the best scoring defense in Missouri from 2003-10. There were 60 current and former players with the Mound City football program attending. Missouri is one of 20 states that have eight-man football. Mound City had the best scoring defense from 2003-10. Several current members of the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame attended. Frank O'Malley of St. Joseph was recognized as a major supporter of the Missouri Special Olympics, where 15,000 compete each year.

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