

William Ayers, domestic terrorist

Let's, for a moment, accept Barack Obama's assertion that he barely knows Bill Ayers and that during the time they spent on the same education board in Chicago, they barely spoke to each other.

More importantly, just who is, or was, Bill Ayers?

Like so many radicals of the era, Ayers was born into wealth. His father was CEO of Commonwealth Edison, the Chicago public utilities company. Bill was first a member of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) but left that moderate group to form Weather Underground, which morphed into the Weathermen.

Ayers participated in the planning and implementation of bombings of public buildings. He denies he and the others were terrorists because "we did not commit random acts of terror against people." But, according to an FBI mole who infiltrated the group and testified against it under oath, the Weathermen were terrorists: "The only time that I was ever instructed or we were ever instructed to place a bomb in a building at a time when there would be people in it was during the planning of the bombing at the Detroit Police Officers' Association building and the 13th precinct in Detroit, Mich., at which time Bill said that we should plan our bombing to coincide with the time when there would be the most people in

those buildings." During the time Ayers operated in concert with his wife, fellow domestic terrorist Bernadine Dohrn, there was many acts of "civil disobedience." Burning draft cards, sit-ins in university presidents' offices, etc. Nonviolent acts. The Weathermen went far beyond. They placed bombs in places people could, and did, get killed. Other members did go to prison. Ayers and Dohrn have raised the child of one of those terrorist couples.

The Detroit bomb was discovered before it was to explode - and it would not have detonated anyway because the idiots used an ineffective igniter.

Ayers' defenders will say that he was not convicted of those crimes. He wasn't. Because the government dropped the charges rather than reveal their investigative methods and sources - in addition to conducting illegal wiretaps, etc. Ayers regrets not having placed more bombs, he has said.

Ayers is now a college professor. Ward Churchill was a college professor. Bernadine Dohrn teaches law at Northwestern but is not a member of the bar in any state. Her job was secured for her by Bill Ayers father, long on the board at Northwestern. The couple favors communism to capitalism but have benefited from the fruits of capitalism.



A local voter perusing the WT-E endorsements

Albin teacher wins major award

Rumor has it State Superintendent Jim McBride didn't know where Albin was!

In spite of Wyoming's public education bureaucracy working against the educational efforts of Laramie County's best school in Albin, teacher Tracy Petsch, a Title I teacher and instructional facilitator at Albin Elementary School, recently received the 2008 Milken National Educator Award for Wyoming.



In addition to the recognition as one of the nation's best teachers, Mrs. Petsch will receive a \$25,000 unrestricted cash award.

She is also invited to attend the 2009 Milken Family Foundation National Education Conference, which includes a "spectacular gala celebration" honoring the new Milken Educators and presentation of their \$25,000 checks.

While several Cheyenne teachers have received the Milken Educator Award in year's past, Tracy is the first teacher of LCSD2 to be honored. She is the 42nd recipient in Wyoming and \$1,050,000 in cash awards have been gone to Wyoming teachers.

It is no surprise to the Cheyenne Herald that Albin continues to provide excellence in education. In spite of having their junior high school and senior high school ripped from their community a few years ago, this community will continue to excel. Congratulations to Tracy Petsch for continuing the proud tradition of excellence in Albin.

City council president jinx

Readers are probably familiar with the Sports Illustrated cover jinx. Most are familiar with the curses of the Bermuda Triangle and the Hope Diamond.

Some in Cheyenne know that the worst position to hold during an election year in which you do or would seek re-election, is president of the city council.

We have our own Jinx. Our own Curse.

This cycle, Don Pierson is in the catbird's seat. After year's of non-participation in leadership on the council (Don refused to be president or a committee chairman for about the first 14 years he served), Don has now finally deigned to be the council's president. Noble, but late.

He is seeking his twenty-seventh term on the Cheyenne city council and has the unenviable title as council president.

Since 1996, when recycled city councilman Mark Rinne decided that discretion was the better part of valor by not seeking re-election, several of those serving as council president when seeking another term have been rejected. Mark prefers to think of his departure as voluntary and, while he didn't run in that election and lose, he had been point man for the infamous Capital Facilities sixth penny sales tax special election earlier in 1996 and had been soundly rejected in that

quest - the spokesman who couldn't sell the tax. Whether Mark could have won re-election again will never be known.

In 1998, Jim Lynch was president of the city council and was defeated by Jimmy Valdez in a lopsided rejection of Lynch's performance on the city council.

In 2000, the up-til-then silent Scott Roybal determined that nonparticipation in city council business qualified him for a seat at the mayor's desk. In spite of being endorsed by the daily newspaper, Scott did not survive the primary election.

In 2002, Joe Bonds survived the jinx.

In 2004, Floyd Lopez tried to use his "peer's respect" for him - as evidenced by them electing him council president (no one generally wants the job and that contributes to the weakest members often being president) - but the voters didn't bite. Floyd finished fourth of four candidates, well behind the pack of three (Laybourn, Valdez and Lynch) ahead of him. Lopez was endorsed by the daily newspaper. That might be the curse.

In 2006, the council president was in the middle of his term, not up for re-election.

Will Don Pierson lose his seat because of the jinx/curse or because he has just been there too long? Or will he survive?

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