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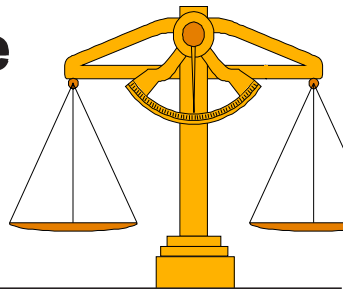
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Rain water rocks!

Why is it that after a half inch of rain, lawns fill in and get vibrant green and lush but after irrigating with a few thousand gallons of City water, that doesn't happen?

It's as though municipalities are in partnership with Scott's or Ortho to require even more chemicals be placed on grass that thrives unfertilized on uncontaminated rain water.

If the water on lawns is such that grass

has a hard time surviving, thriving or growing, what does the same chemical-filled water do to humans?

What does the grass look like in parks and on golf courses after being subjected to recycled waste water?

Water isn't water, it seems. Clean, untreated rainwater is one thing - water treated with chemicals is another. Is there a way to make it rain three days a week?

Was a recent story about a terrorist's plan to destroy a Wyoming natural gas refinery true or just a plant to create concern?

The Casper Star-Tribune's headline on July 11, 2007 was:

“Detailed plan targeted Wyo refinery,” with a subhead of:

”Testimony: Suspect picked Opal facility to blow up for lack of security.”

Most people who read the story reacted the same way. “Where the hell is Opal?”

It is mainstream media's objective to inject its community or state into every story - whether if should or not.

So, what is the story about this “terrorist” and Opal, Wyoming?

The dope's name is Michael C. Reynolds and he is from Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania. Wilkes-Barre is most famous for being heavily damaged by Tropical Storm Agnes in 1972 and the Ismail brothers (Raghib and Qadry) of the NFL.

This “terrorist,” who was \$5,000.00 behind in child support payments, was going to target the Transcontinental Pipeline, a natural gas pipeline that runs from the Gulf Coast to New York and New Jersey; and a Standard Oil refinery in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. A little hitch in his plans -- that refinery no longer exists.

This clown claims he was actually acting “undercover” to ferret out al-Qaida sympathizers or operatives. His misfortune was to establish communications with a person just like him - a Montana judge who was not, as the CS-T wrote, “working for the FBI.” Once she (the former Conrad, Montana judge) ensnared the Pa. dodo with a long criminal record, she went to the FBI to have them complete the sting in Pocatello, Idaho. It seems she was doing what he claimed to be doing but she was better at it.

The AP story printed in the CS-T on July 11 said: “A man charged with trying to help al-Qaida blow up U.S. energy facilities described in chilling detail a plan to target a natural gas refinery in Wyoming ...” Say what?

In chilling detail? The dope didn't know one of his targets did not exist. He also described the Opal, Wyoming natural gas refinery as “the largest refinery in the west.” That seems a little hard to imagine when an internet search yields little detail about this refinery. Not that it isn't big but the only result of a search yielded

the information that Enterprise Products Partners L.P., a public corporation whose IPO was in July of 1998, “completed the acquisition of the Pioneer silica gel natural gas processing plant located near Opal, Wyoming, for \$38 million,” in April, 2006.

Not that \$38 million is chump change but it doesn't sound like the “largest refinery in the west.”

Reynolds' plan was to strike the Opal facility on December 24, 2005 because “there would be less security.” He must have thought Christmas eve would make the place vulnerable. But, if he didn't have the \$5,000.00 to catch up on his child support arrearage, how could he scrounge up money to blow up a refinery?

That's where the undercover judge came in. Pretending to be a sympathizer, she was to provide \$40,000.00 for his efforts.

Most of the evidence against him came from his own computer. If every yahoo who wrote exaggerated or false information on his computer were a terrorist, we have some here in Cheyenne the FBI might want to investigate.

Like Charles Manson's “Helter Skelter,” this guy from the country's most mispronounced city expected that his destruction of the Opal refinery would lead to “instant rebellion.” Evidently, he thought that the public's displeasure with the president over Katrina and the Iraq War would provide him cover for his dastardly deeds.

As only a sociopath would, he testified in his own defense. And in a transcript of his words on the computer, he wrote that “3 men would merely walk as they wished there and leave undetected ...” His schedule wasn't going to work too well, though. By his target date of December 24, he was in jail already for almost three weeks.

Had he been successful himself in entangling al-Qaida sympathizers unlike himself, he was planning to turn over the information to “a paramilitary organization.”

Oh, yeah, vigilante justice. What could be better -- more poetic?

A jury took 90 minutes to convict him.

But not for his Opal, Wyoming plan. He was never charged with that specifically.

Reynolds was convicted on two counts of providing material support to terrorists; soliciting a crime of violence; unlawful distribution of explosives; and unlawful possession of a hand grenade. The hand grenade had nothing to do with his terrorist plans. And the terrorist he was in “supporting” is a former judge now in the Montana AG's office.

PUBLICATION DATE TO CHANGE!!

Beginning with the first September issue of the Cheyenne Herald, Thursday will become our “on street” day. The papers will be available in the morning on Thursday, as opposed to Monday afternoon or Tuesday, as has been the case since the Herald was started. A schedule for the balance of 2007 is on page 11.

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