

“IF WE CANNOT RECONCILE ALL OPINIONS, LET US ENDEAVOR TO UNITE ALL HEARTS.”

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LOCAL NEW HARMONY MAN CHARGED IN ALABAMA WITH SENDING SEXUALLY EXPLICIT PHOTOS TO 13 YEAR OLD GIRL!

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An investigation conducted by Tallapoosa County Sheriff's Department Investigative Unit and the Alabama Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) led to the arrest of Benjamin David Barnes, of Alexander City, Alabama in April 2020.

Police reports say Barnes sent sexually explicit photos to a 13 year old female.

As a result of the investigation, Barnes was arrested and charged with Electronic Solicitation of a Child and Transmission of Obscene Material to a child by computer. He was placed in the Tallapoosa County Jail with a \$40,000 bond.

Barnes is now out on bail and is reported to be living in the town of New Harmony, Indiana.

The investigation in Alabama is ongoing. After speaking with District Attorney's office in Alabama on April 19th, the Gazette was informed that Barnes' case is still pending and that it was a Grand Jury that indicted him on the Transmission of Obscene Material

charges.

The D.A.s office described for me the preferred phallic photo Barnes allegedly sent to the young girl, but since this news periodical is sent to a mixed audience, you can use your own imagination to fill in the blank.

All persons arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE CRAIG GOEDDE RESPONDS TO GAZETTE QUERY!

*By: Dan Barton
 May 2022*

As a routine, I sometimes follow up on serious cases involving Criminal issues heard by the Circuit Court in Posey County. One such case was that of Delbert McKinney, a twice admitted Child Molester living in New Harmony and recently sentenced to prison for his second crime against a child.

McKinney served one year in jail for his first arrest; of his five year sentence for the second child molestation, he will serve a total of about three and two third years, at most. Out by the end of March 2024, at the latest.

My question was about why Judge Goedde was replaced at the last minute to announce the sentencing of Delbert McKinney by an unelected Senior Indiana Judge.

I wrote to him the following:

To: Posey County Circuit Judge Craig Goedde

Good day Judge Goedde. I am Dan Barton and I publish a monthly periodical called the New Harmony Gazette, here in Posey County. For

many months I have been following and writing about the Delbert McKinney Child Molestation case. A case that was recently concluded.

As part of my research I had sent Prosecutor Thomas Clowers an email with four questions related to the case. He partially answered all four questions but referred me back to you on question number three. My question to him, and now to you was..."Why was Judge Goedde removed from the sentencing (of Delbert McKinney) and replaced by an unelected Evansville (Senior) Judge (Tornatta) who has no connection to Posey County?"

Prosecutor Clowers responded: "Judge Goedde was not removed from the McKinney case. On the date of sentencing, Senior Judge Tornatta was handling the Court's Criminal Docket that day. It is common around the state for Senior Judges to cover for sitting judges when needed. I am unable to answer why he was covering that particular day. You would need to address those questions to the Posey County Circuit Court."

So, in that regard, Judge Goedde, I pass the question to you: Why were you not available to sentence Delbert McKinney in this most important of cases to New Harmony and Posey County, on that particular day?

The next day Judge Goedde returned his reply to The New Harmony Gazette, as follows:

Dear Mr. Barton:

Thank you for your interest in the Posey County Circuit Court. As you know, every case that comes before the Court is important. Moreover, each case must be handled with fairness and impartiality.

Occasionally a judge is unavailable

to be on the bench on any given day for a variety of reasons - ranging from personal reasons to medical appointments/procedures to required judicial meetings. To ensure cases move forward, our Supreme Court has authorized judges across the state to use Senior Judges to handle cases as needed. I refer you to an Office of Judicial Administration website for more information on the valuable use of Senior Judges at courts.in.gov/admin/senior-judges/. I will confirm with you that I utilized a Senior Judge to the case you reference, as well as many other cases that day, to ensure judicial economy.

Regarding any other comment concerning the case you reference, please know that the Code of Judicial Conduct prevents judicial officers from commenting on specific cases. You can find the Code at courts.in.gov/rules/jud_conduct/index.html.

Thank you again for your interest in our Court.

Sincerely,
Craig Goedde, Judge
Posey Circuit Court

You might be saying to yourself, just as I did, after reading Judge Goedde's response, "Did Judge Goedde say anywhere in his response why he was not available on the day the sentence was passed on Delbert McKinney? He only said that he was authorized to take the time off by the State of Indiana Supreme Court and to ensure judicial economy." It's clear that we'll never actually know why Judge Goedde was not present on this final day of the McKinney case, only that as a civil servant representing the People of Indiana, he could, if he so desired, take the day off.

As far as his comment, "As you know, every case that comes before the Court is important. Moreover, each case must be handled with fairness and impartiality." There is no doubt as to a Judge's obligation to this code. But, my comment, "Why were you not available to sentence Delbert McKinney in this

most important of cases..." comes from my own "common-man" point of view. Though "fairness and impartiality" is always expected of a Judge, so is the consistency of the Judge's presence expected to demonstrate the gravity of such a major crime and its lawful consequences.

Child molestation, regardless of how Indiana's legislators and Courts view the crime, is considered by many citizens to be, by far, one of the most egregious crimes that can be committed against a young member of our community and should require a Judge's most earnest and constant attention, throughout.

I didn't see that in this case. So I felt that many of you may have felt the same way and that I had an obligation to ask the question, whether it was answered to my expectation or not, Judge Goedde's answer was necessary. For what it's worth!

In next month's New Harmony Gazette, I will take up the matter of my full letter to Posey County Prosecutor Thomas Clowers and his response to my query regarding the Delbert McKinney Child Molestation case.

APRIL 14TH, 2022 POSEY COUNTY DRUG BUST!

By: Dan Barton

On the morning of April 14, 2022, the Posey County Drug Task Force's "Operation Bryan" concluded with 14 drug offenders charged with committing drug dealing and other drug-related offenses in Posey County.

"Operation Bryan" was a 9-month undercover drug operation that began in August 2021, and was named in honor of Deputy Bryan Hicks, who is still recovering from injuries sustained in the line of duty last year. The Posey County Prosecutor's Office, Posey County Sheriff's Office, Mt. Vernon Police Department, as well as other agencies, executed multiple arrest warrants and search warrants in Posey County.

Charges were filed against the

following suspects:

Timmy HANSEN, 54 - Dealing Meth, Maintaining a Common Nuisance - Controlled Substances -

Beverly Jo HANSEN, 55 - Dealing Meth, Maintaining Common Nuisance - Controlled Substances -

Devon Ray CRAFT, 28 - Dealing Marijuana, Dealing Schedule I Controlled Sub., Maintaining a Common Nuisance - Controlled Substances -

Megan M. ELAM, 26 - Possession of Meth, Maintaining Common Nuisance - Controlled Substances, Poss. of Syringe, Poss. Marijuana, Poss. Paraphernalia -

Dawn Marie DAVIS, 53 - Dealing Meth, Maintaining Common Nuisance - Controlled Substance -

Daniel Lee MERCER, 51 - Possession Meth, Poss. Marijuana, Marijuana, Poss. Paraphernalia -

Valerie Dawn SHEPERD, 46 - Poss. Meth. Poss. Paraphernalia, Maintaining Common Nuisance - Controlled Substances -

Abbie D. ROWE, 23 - Visiting Common Nuisance - Controlled Substances -

Nicholas J. FORSEE, 30 - Visiting Common Nuisance - Controlled Substances -

Brandon Thomas SELLERS, 29 - Dealing Meth, Maintaining Common Nuisance - Controlled Substances - *Sellers escaped and is still at large.* -

Rex R. BAKER, 62 - Dealing Meth, Maintaining Common Nuisance - Controlled Substances -

Zachary Scott ALLISON, 24 - Dealing Marijuana, Visiting Common Nuisance - Controlled Substances -

James Morrison SEE, 29 - Dealing Meth -

Noah Ryan BROWN, 26 - Possession of syringe Previously charged in U.S. District Court - Southern District Indiana with Possession with Intent to Distribute Meth, Distribution of Meth, and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. Brown is currently in Federal custody.

**DRUG BUST MT. VERNON OF
MAY 2021 - DISPOSITION OF
ARRESTEES A/O APRIL 2022**

By: Dan Barton

DEBOSE, Keith - 2 years Indiana Department Of Corrections (IDOC). Recovery While Incarcerated program(RWI) - PURPOSEFUL INCARCERATION -

RICHARDS, Miranda - 12 years Indiana Dept. Of Corrections -

DEBOSE, Roy - Sentenced to 180 Days Ind. Dept. Of Corrections -

BATES, Halley - 10 years IDOC - RWI program -

WRIGHT, Shane - 10 years IDOC - RWI program -

KUBERSKI, Julie - 2 years RWI program -

ROLLINS, Antjuan - STILL PENDING (A/O - APRIL 15, 2022) Status Conf. 6/29/22 -

SCHMIDT, Linda Michele - 2 years Probation -

FLEENOR, Cynthia - 4 years, 180 days - RWI program -

ADDISON, Zachary - MISSING FROM RECORDS -

ROBINSON, Brandon - STILL PENDING (JURY TRIAL SET FOR AUGUST 2022) -

BARNES, Wesley - 8 years IDOC -

FLEENOR, John (Johnathan) - 1 year probation on plea bargain -

BATES, Jeffrey - ESCAPED -

WHITFIELD, Timothy - STILL PENDING (A/O - APRIL 15, 2022) Status Conference 5/11/22 -

SEABECK, Stephanie - PENDING (JURY TRIAL SET FOR APRIL 22, 2022)

**OP-ED: A LETTER TO A WOKE
MEDICAL JOURNAL FROM A
DOCTOR -**

“WE’VE HAD ENOUGH!”

By: Richard Moss, M.D.

The Woke are a uniquely pestilential force in the nation and surely lacking in good taste, but one generally does

not expect them to appear in what is ostensibly an ENT (ear, nose and throat) publication. Alas, leftism is religion for the godless, and so the woke show up in the most bizarre settings, serving their fundamentalist creed like any believer.

I took note of some mischief in my corner of the universe and responded in writing.

To the Editor: “In multiple issues over the last couple years and particularly post-George Floyd, the editorial staff at ENT Today decided that an ENT publication should, along with providing ENT information, also promote and advocate for woke leftist ideology.

We are already bombarded by this every day and everywhere, in our schools, colleges, the media, Hollywood, professional sports, corporate America, Big Tech, Wall Street, the Democratic Party and, to a lesser extent, even the GOP. It only stands to reason that our cultural betters at ENT Today would feel compelled to educate us on wokeness as well.

I would ask the enlightened leftist wokesters at ENT Today if there is no bastion where we can be free of race-baiting politics, the demonization of America, and the destructive reduction of the nation from a land of free individuals possessed of God-given inalienable rights to a country of warring ‘identity groups’ or tribes based on race, sex, ethnicity and sexual orientation.

Is it possible for you to spare us the racial taunts, insults, diatribes and accusations? Must we be lectured on ‘systemic racism,’ ‘white privilege’ and ‘diversity, equity and inclusion’ in an ENT journal? Is there not enough of that already, across the fruited plain? Does the notion of a colorblind meritocracy not ring a bell somewhere in the misty caverns of your woke corpus callosums? Do the words of a famous black preacher who once dreamed of a nation where Americans will ‘not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character’ no longer measure up?

Why not stick to your mission of sharing ENT information, which heretofore you performed admirably,

and dispense with the cult Marxism?

You may enjoy virtue-signaling, but you do not help blacks and other minorities by continually picking at the scabs of our racial history. Slavery has been universal and present throughout our time. It exists today, including in Africa and elsewhere. This may surprise you, but it was not an invention of the United States. Only one nation fought a war to end it — this one.

Minorities do quite well in ‘racist’ America. Many risk life and limb to come to ‘racist’ America. To be able to live in America is a dream for ‘people of color’ around the world; to have that privilege is to have won life’s lottery. It is not America’s fault if there are not identical outcomes for all racial and other identity groups. That’s called life. Even within a given family — same genes, same upbringing — there are often gaping disparities, let alone in a nation of 350 million from every walk of life, culture and nation on earth.

Many blacks, Hispanics, gays, Muslims and so on are very successful, very wealthy and very influential in ‘racist’ America. Many minorities, including from Cambodia, Korea, Pakistan, Bolivia, Iran, Taiwan, India, the Philippines and many other countries, enjoy higher per capita income in ‘racist’ America than whites. We have had, in case you missed it, a black president and now a black vice president. How does that happen in a systemically racist country?

The answer is that we are not systemically racist.

The existence of disparity between races does not mean systemic racism but points to other factors, such as culture, social dysfunction (high rates of out-of-wedlock childbirth, educational failure, criminality, incarceration, all particularly high among blacks), bad choices, self-selection and preference. We have equal opportunity and treatment before the law — not equal outcomes. Equal outcomes or ‘equity’ has a name. It’s called communism. North Korea may be the model you are

seeking.

No one questions, for example, why there are few Asians, Hispanics or even whites, relatively speaking, in the NBA. We recognize that the selection of players is meritocratic, as it should be. Blacks are better at basketball, by and large. It is not questioned.

Every disparity in outcome does not imply fault or indict society. There are many more female nurses and teachers than males, for example. Does that imply misandry? Absurd. There are many more men in our military than women. Does that imply misogyny? Ridiculous. Precise proportional representation in a nation this diverse is not possible nor desirable.

I would recommend that you save your lectures for left-wing friends and colleagues in your private time and relieve us of your predictable and monotonous sermons. And, by the way, spare us other leftist shibboleths as well, such as climate change. Puhlease...

Steer clear of it. We have had quite enough of it already. It is ubiquitous. It does not belong in an ENT newsletter. If you want to affect politics, write a column for the The New York Times or run for office.

I do not expect you to make pro-Trump, pro-MAGA pronouncements or call for secure borders or to abolish abortion. It is not your place to do so. Similarly, I do not expect you to push a divisive, anti - American, leftist agenda, offensive, I would imagine, to the majority of your readers.

You have unnecessarily politicized what was otherwise an excellent ENT

journal. A shame.

However self-righteous and virtuous you may feel in doing so, your polemics are distasteful to me and, I suspect, many others. Cut out the race, gender and diversity nonsense, and spare us the politics."

I sent this letter to the editor and staff at ENT Today along with some 40-odd members of the advisory board. Not surprisingly, I heard not a word. Humility and acknowledgement of wrongdoing are not traits of leftists, besotted as they are with their secular faith.

But at least they have heard. Better that than continue down their stuporous path, oblivious to how drunk they are in their misbegotten ideology.

The views expressed in this opinion article are those of the author and are not necessarily either shared or endorsed by The New Harmony Gazette.

MAY GAZETTE RECIPE

By: Denise Rapp

Rosemary Chicken

To me, nothing is better than tender chicken with fresh herbs from the garden. If you will sear up a chicken breast and top it with a rosemary compound butter you'll find this is a very satisfying combination. Serve it with some rice, to soak up all of the butter and some crusty bread....yum yum.

Ingredients:

Chicken breasts (4-6)
Olive oil for cooking 2tbs.

Marinade: (place all in a lg ziplock bag)

1/2 c. Olive oil
1 tsp salt
1/2 tsp pepper
1/2 tsp garlic powder
1/2 tsp onion powder
1/2 tsp dill
1/2 thyme
2 tsp chopped fresh rosemary

2 tsp parsley
Add trimmed chicken and massage it all together and let it sit overnight

Compound butter:

1 stick of salted butter - very soft
1/2 tsp garlic powder
2 tsp parsley
1 tsp fresh chopped rosemary
2 tsp olive oil
1 zested lemon (optional)
1 tbs Parmesan cheese
Mix and form into a log and refrigerate overnight, slice and top your chicken.

Sear chicken in hot skillet until brown on both sides
Add to a baking dish and bake 10 minutes for until your thermometer reaches 160 degrees
Top with compound butter
Cover with foil and let it sit for 10 minutes

Enjoy!

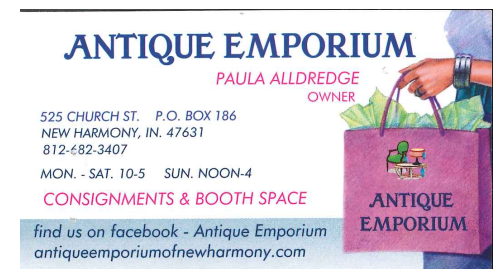
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