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When	The Who, What, Where, and How
 July 6, 1946	George W. Bush was born. George is the husband of Laura Welch and the father of Barbara Pierce Bush and Jenna Welch Bush.
 November 4, 1946	Laura Welch was born. Laura is the wife of George W. Bush and the mother of Barbara Pierce Bush and Jenna Welch Bush.
 December 20, 1949	Pauline Robinson Bush was born.
 February 11, 1953	John Ellis "Jeb" Bush was born. Jeb is the husband of Columba Garnica and the father of George Prescott Bush, Noelle Bush, and John Ellis Bush Jr.
 October 11, 1953	Pauline Robinson Bush died of leukemia at just three years old.
 January 22, 1955	Neil Mallon Bush was born.
 October 22, 1956	Marvin Pierce Bush was born.
November 6, 1963	Laura Welch was in a car accident. When Laura was 17, she went through a stop sign and struck another vehicle. The driver of that other car, a 17-year-old named Michael Douglas, was killed.
May 1968	George W. Bush graduated from Yale University. He received a bachelor's degree in history from Yale University, his father's and grandfather's alma mater, in 1968. Bush was president of his fraternity and, like his father, a member of Yale's secretive Skull and Bones society; unlike his father, he was only an average student and did not excel in athletics.
May 27, 1968	George W. Bush joined the 147th Fighter-Interceptor Group of the Texas Air National Guard during the Vietnam War. Texas Air National Guard members were less likely than regular soldiers to fight in the Vietnam War. Controversy over George W. Bush's military service in the Air National Guard was an issue that first gained widespread public attention during the 2004 presidential campaign. The controversy centered on Texas Air National Guard, why he lost his flight status, and whether he fulfilled the requirements of his military service contract.
 1976	George W. Bush started his first oil company, Arbusto Energy, Inc. President Bush and the bin Laden family have been connected through dubious business deals since 1977, when Salem, the head of the bin Laden family business, one of the biggest construction companies in the world, invested in Bush's start-up oil company, Arbusto Energy, Inc.

		<p>James R. Bath, a friend, and neighbor was used to funnel money from Osama bin Laden's brother, Salem bin Laden, to set up George W. Bush in the oil business, according to The Wall Street Journal and other reputable sources.</p> <p>Through a tangled web of Saudi multi-millionaires, Texas oilmen, and the infamous Bank of Credit and Commerce International, Bush was financially linked with the bin Laden family until Salem met an untimely end in a freak flying accident near San Antonio in 1988.</p> <p>In the late 70's Bush established an array of oil exploration companies. Arbusto 76, Arbusto 77 , Arbusto 78 , Arbusto 79 , and Arbusto 80. One company every year since 1976 respectively representing the "Bush" companies. Arbusto in Spanish means BUSH.</p>
	April 18, 1991	<p>Neil Bush Savings and Loan Scandal Neil stole millions from Silverado Savings and Loan</p>
	January 17, 1995 – December 21, 2000	<p>George W. Bush Became The 46th Governor of Texas George W. Bush served as the 46th governor of Texas from 1995 until 2000, when he resigned as governor amid his transition into the U.S. presidency after having been elected president in the 2000 United States presidential election. As governor, Bush successfully sponsored legislation for tort reform, increased education funding, set higher standards for schools, and reformed the criminal justice system. Bush also pioneered faith-based welfare programs and helped make Texas the leading producer of wind powered electricity in the US.</p>
	January 5, 1999	<p>John Ellis "Jeb" Bush Is Elected 43rd Governor of Florida Florida governors have more control over how state pensions are managed and how that money is invested than their counterparts in most states. Jeb made use of this influence by using the fund as a political piggy bank and investing the money in financial companies whose CEOs supported his brother's presidential candidacy.</p> <p>Of the total, 250 million dollars went to the Carlyle Group, a private equity firm that Poppy works for. Records show that Lehman Brothers was given control of \$250 million in pension funds for Florida police, teachers, and firefighters in 2005 and 2006. George H. Walker IV, Bush's cousin, managed the alternative investments branch of Goldman Sachs, which received \$150 million. Lehman made nearly \$5 million in fees on Bush's deals alone, making him very profitable for the company. Lehman also secured new contracts to look after an extra \$1.2 billion of Florida's funds.</p> <p>When Bush left office in 2007, Lehman quickly hired him at a rate of \$1.3 million a year. Florida continued to send money to Lehman who used it to buy up increasingly risky products. This included hundreds of millions of dollars of toxic, mortgage-backed securities. The securities defaulted within months, eventually costing the state of Florida more than \$1 billion.</p> <p>Jeb denied having played a role in Lehman's toxic securities.</p>
	November 1999	<p>The 1933 Bankruptcy Is Paid Off and All Assets Are to Be Returned to These United States. Supposedly Russell J. Gould discovered a glitch in paperwork back before 1999. It was a postal contract made before 1776 with the British government that would've allowed a quiet takeover of America by the British when the postal contract ran out of time. It all ties into a grammatical syntax that basically negates EVERY contract ever through improper verbiage.</p> <p>Now supposedly he tried to alert people to the contract expiration, but nobody listened. So, when the contract's time was up, he went to a tiny post office in Washington DC, and captured the flag in the name of America. He then brought the flag to the UN and claimed America and basically became the Commander in Chief at that point.</p> <p>https://gvinstitute.org/introducing-russell-jay-gould/</p>
	November 2000	<p>Jeb Bush's Son, John Ellis Jr. (16) Busted by Police for Having Had Sex with A Bare-To-The-Waist 17-Year-Old Girl in A Jeep Cherokee Parked At A Tallahassee Shopping Mall.</p>
	November 7, 2000	<p>2000 Election-Networks begin the projection that Gore wins Florida, the state reverts to too close to call.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next day, Bush takes a decisive lead causing Gore to call Bush and concede. An hour later he calls back and retracts his concession. • Gore's team requests a hand recount of presidential ballots in four counties under Florida Election Code 102.166

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bush can seeks a federal injunction to stop hand recounts of ballots in several Florida counties because of alleged equal protection and other constitutional violations. • U.S. District Judge Donald Middlebrooks rejects Bush's plea for an order barring hand recounts of ballots in several Florida counties. • Officials in Palm Beach County vote 2-1 to delay their manual recounts until they are able to clarify whether they have the legal authority to proceed, and Broward County decides against full manual recounts. They eventually decide to recount the ballots. • Circuit Judge Terry Lewis upholds the 5 p.m. Tuesday deadline for Florida vote certification. • In a petition to the Florida Supreme Court, Secretary of State Harris asks the justices to order-Miami Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties to end the manual recounts. • Al Gore suggests a hand recount in all of Florida's 67 counties if they won't accept recount in selected counties. Gore says that if the Republicans accept the selected county recount, he will forgo a further legal challenge. Bush rejects. • Gore files an emergency motion in Leon County state court challenging the certification results. • Florida Supreme Court rules that Palm Beach County can resume with a manual recount. • The U.S. District Court of Appeals for the Florida Circuit denies Bush team request to stop recounts on constitutional grounds. • The Florida Supreme Court hears arguments before Harris certifies. The Court in a unanimous decision ruled that manual recounts may continue and that the totals must be included in the results. • Bush files petition for certiorari in United States Supreme Court asking for a review of Florida Courts decision. • U.S. Supreme Court issues a stay in Gore v. Bush to stop the manual recounts and then later renders a complex decision to overturn the Florida Supreme Court ruling that called for manual recounts. • Gore gives a speech accepting Bush as the 43rd president.
	January 20, 2001	George W. Bush became the 43rd President of the United States.
	September 10, 2001	Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense declared war on Pentagon bureaucracy. "According to some estimates, we cannot track \$2.3 trillion in transactions."
	September 11, 2001	George H. Bush Meeting with Shafiq bin Laden On 11 September, while Al-Qaeda's planes slammed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the Carlyle Group hosted a conference at a Washington hotel. Among the guests of honor was a valued investor: Shafiq bin Laden, brother to Osama.
	September 11, 2001	Terrorist attack on the World Trade Center- The official story is Islamic terrorists hijack four commercial airplanes and crash them into the World Trade Center, The Pentagon, and Pennsylvania countryside. Not including the hijackers, the attacks killed 2,977 people, injured thousands more and gave rise to substantial long-term health consequences while also causing at least \$10 billion in infrastructure and property damage. It has been described by many as the deadliest terrorist act in human history and remains the deadliest incident for both firefighters and law enforcement personnel in the history of the United States, killing 340 and 72 people respectively.
	September 11, 2001	Stratesec Security was responsible for the security of Dulles Airport, United Airlines, and the World Trade Center. Marvin Bush served on Stratesec's board of directors for seven years until 2000. However, the chairman of the board was Wirt D. Walker, a cousin of Marvin. The company was backed by a Saudi investment firm, the Kuwait-American Corp. (KuwAm) which maintained offices within the Watergate complex along with Riggs Bank on whose board Marvin's uncle, Jonathan Bush sat. A Riggs Account was used to funnel money to two Saudi Students who were associates of two of the 9/11 hijackers. Until 2002, Marvin served on the board of HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc., a re-insurer for the World Trade Center. Wirt Walker serves as chief executive officer of Aviation General, an aircraft company backed by KuwAm. KuwAm brokered the sale of airplanes to (NCATO) the National Civil Aviation Training Organization which had a training agreement with Embry-Riddle University in Daytona Beach, Fl. That is the flight school that trained at least one of the 9/11 hijackers.

	October 9 2001	<p>Anthrax Attacks on Congress and The Media. On October 9, 2001, letters containing anthrax were sent to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy and Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle. Both senators had been attempting to slow the passage of the USA PATRIOT Act. Just seven days before the incident, Leahy accused the Bush administration of reneging on an agreement on the bill. Also targeted by the anthrax mailings were recipients of an earlier batch of anthrax letters postmarked September 18: ABC News, CBS News, NBC News, the New York Post, and American Media Inc. (AMI), publisher of the National Enquirer. Although some of the letters were addressed to prominent news anchors, the victims of the attack were confined to AMI workers, postal workers, and capital building workers, and a hospital worker. A total of five people were killed by becoming infected with anthrax, and seventeen were sickened. The anthrax used in the attack was weaponized -- milled finely so that it can remain airborne and be inhaled. Weaponization of anthrax is a difficult technical feat that only the US and Russian militaries have achieved. Investigators believe that the anthrax used in the attack most likely came from the US military laboratory at Fort Detrick.</p>
	Oct. 26, 2001	<p>Passage of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA Patriot Act) Act of 2001</p>
	12/02/2001	<p>Enron Corporation Declares Bankruptcy The largest to file for bankruptcy in American history, Enron filed for bankruptcy. Bush administration officials have ties to Enron executives.</p>
	January 2002	<p>Noelle Bush, Jeb's Daughter, Was Arrested And Accused Of Trying To Pass A Fraudulent Prescription At A Pharmacy To Obtain The Anti-Anxiety Drug Xanax. She completed a drug rehabilitation program in August 2003 and a judge dismissed the drug charges against her.</p>
	October 29, 2002	<p>Passage of the Help America Vote Act Of 2002 (HAVA ACT) To establish a program to provide funds to States to replace punch card voting systems, to establish the Election Assistance Commission to assist in the administration of Federal elections and to otherwise provide assistance with the administration of certain Federal election laws and programs, to establish minimum election administration standards for States and units of local government with responsibility for the administration of Federal elections, and for other purposes.</p>
	November 25, 2002	<p>Creation of the Department of Homeland Security after the passage of the Homeland Security Act of 2002. The new department was given responsibility not just for counterterrorism but for a broader set of related homeland security missions, including border security, transportation security, disaster response, and critical infrastructure protection.</p>
	2003	<p>To guarantee victory in the next elections in Venezuela, George Bush ordered the development of election software in 2003. It was sold to Venezuela with the promise that Chavez would be "re-elected" as long as we (the United States) could change, improve, and adjust the specifics.</p>
	October 10, 2003	<p>62-year-old long-time babysitter for Marvin Bush's children was found crushed to death by her own vehicle in front of the Bush family home. A 62-year-old Alexandria area woman died after being pinned between a rolling car and a building. The crash happened on Monday, around 9 pm, near the intersection of Fort Hunt Road and Edgehill Drive. Bertha Champagne had gone outside to get something from a car in a driveway. The car, which was left in gear, began to roll forward. Champagne was pinned between the car and a small building next to the driveway. The car continued to roll down the driveway, crossed Fort Hunt Road, and came to rest in a wooded area. Champagne was taken to Inova Mount Vernon Hospital where she was pronounced dead.</p>
	2004	<p>George W. Bush Re-elected President of the United States.</p> <p>John Kerry won the election in 2004, but his witness passed away in an aircraft accident before he could give a testimony. This malware was used to rig and steal the Ohio 2004 elections, making it the first time in American history that a sizable amount of cyberwarfare was used in our political process.</p> <p>When a computer malfunction by private vendor Diebold election system incorrectly disenfranchised 10,000 voters, Ohio's Secretary of State, John Kenneth Blackwell, acted illegally and as a representative of George W. Bush. He halted Ohio's long-standing practice of counting presidential votes if they were cast in the correct county and ruled that no votes would be tallied unless they were cast in the proper precinct. John Kenneth Blackwell co-chaired the Bush Cheney</p>

		<p>reelection campaign to make sure that urban African-American districts would receive a disproportionate number of provisional and uncounted votes in Ohio's 2004 presidential election.</p> <p>The Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment, as well as other voting rights statutes in the United States of America, are enforced by the Department of Justice. The activities carried out by the department on behalf of George W. Bush and co., such as Franklin and Knox by people like John Tanner and others, were meant to confuse and whitewash legitimate legal criminal investigations into the suppression of voting in the state of Ohio. Under the direction of George W. Bush, there were numerous reported cases of electoral fraud and suppression in the state.</p>
	September 16, 2005	The youngest son of Jeb Bush, John Ellis Bush Jr., was arrested early Friday and charged with public intoxication and resisting arrest
	September 25, 2009	<p>A confidential letter was given to Mr. Ernest Bey to deliver to President Obama</p> <p>Request for assistance in helping recover assets of FIVE STATE TRUST and its beneficiaries that are being held in major banks in and outside the United States in US Dollar account no. 4051100-92, ref.118-65.</p>
	November 30, 2018	George H. Bush Funeral

The Savings And Loan Scandal -- Neil Bush Stands In Shattered Ruins Of Denver Thrift

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DENVER - Neil Bush hardly knew Michael Wise, the engaging head of fast-growing Silverado Banking, Savings and Loan Association, when the two men sat down for breakfast at a Denver restaurant in 1985. They had only chatted once at a dinner party, so Bush was a little surprised when Wise invited him to join Silverado's board of directors.

Bush, then 30, did not know a thing about the thrift industry, and did not pretend to. His only banking experience was a summer job filling out forms in the trust office of a Dallas bank. He had trouble understanding a thrift's financial statement. His own oil business was in the red: In two years of drilling, he had hit mostly dry holes.

The most obvious reason for Wise's interest in him was inescapable, if distasteful to George and Barbara Bush's third son. "I would be naive to think that the Bush name didn't have something to do with it," Neil Bush said in a recent interview.

Wise was not the first Denver businessman to gravitate toward Bush. Two of the city's wealthiest developers had given him the money to start his drilling company at age 28. But, if ever there was a time to look a gift horse in the mouth, that morning was it.

Five years later, Bush stands amid the wreckage of reputations and fortunes from one of the 10 biggest thrift failures in the country, battling efforts to transform him into a symbol of the entire savings-and-loan scandal. He faces administrative charges that he violated banking regulations in the way he handled Silverado's transactions with his business partners. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC) yesterday said it will decide within the next two months whether to file suit against him and other directors to recover some of the estimated \$1 billion cost of liquidating Silverado.

Even if Bush wins his case with the regulators - as he insists he will - the consequences of his Silverado days are still steep: a political embarrassment for President Bush and the Republican Party, a cloud of uncertainty over whatever political future he himself might have had, a year of his life lost to the controversy.

That Neil Bush would venture into such a thicket so seemingly unprepared does not surprise some who know the Bush children well.

"Of the five, he is the most naive, the most genuine, a classic babe in the woods," a senior White House official said. "Watching politicians virtually all his life, you would think he would know about playing all the angles and watching for the pits. He just never has."

When Bush signed on in August 1985, Silverado was a troubled \$1.5 billion institution in a shaky industry. Major thrifts in at least six states had failed.

Reports by federal bank examiners, which Bush said he did not read, had documented the risky lending practices that powered Silverado's explosive growth. The thrift's dealings with Bush's business partners raised serious conflict-of-interest questions that Bush later told regulators "didn't enter my mind."

One of the ironies of his situation is that Neil Bush, now a standard topic at the president's news conferences, has made a point for years of not worrying his father with his business affairs.

In the shorthand of families, "Doro" - Dorothy - was the shy one, Marvin the courageous one, Jeb the serious one, George W. the feisty one and Neil the nice one, the good kid.

His siblings toasted "Mr. Perfect" at his wedding in 1980 to Sharon Smith, whom he met while knocking on doors in New Hampshire for his father's presidential campaign. After his father's election as vice president, the couple moved to Denver.

It was a perfect town for an optimist. The worldwide rise in oil prices set off a boom in exploration in the energy-rich Rocky Mountain states.

Bush spent three years learning the ropes at Amoco Production Co., then made his move, forming JNB Exploration Co. in 1983. By then, prosperity was fading fast. Still, "I thought we were going to clean up unbelievably," said partner Evans Nash.

One big reason Bush hoped for oil was his desire to move on to politics or public service. He had a vision that the Bush family would be to the Republicans what the Kennedys were to the Democrats.

Unlike the average 28-year-old oil man, when Neil Bush sought investors in his company, Denver's business leaders listened. His first taker was Bill L. Walters, a prominent Denver developer who had amassed a reported net worth of \$200 million before he was 40. In 1987, he told reporters he owned 24 million square feet of undeveloped land in the Denver area, the equivalent of the city's downtown area.

Walters seemed to be as solid as they come, the owner of a bank and chairman of the Denver Chamber of Commerce in 1987.

Walters agreed to give JNB \$150,000 in 1983 in return for a 6.25 interest in the firm.

Next came Kenneth M. Good.

Like Walters, Good was a self-made man who fashioned a fortune from Denver real-estate deals. But while Walters essentially was a private man, Good seemed to crave attention. He drove a Maserati, flew to Monte Carlo on a six-seat private jet and alternated silk suits with jogging outfits for business meetings.

When Bush approached him, Good had just weathered a spell of nasty publicity. A competitor alleged in a civil suit that Good had gained inside information through a romance with a Colorado state official. State legislators claimed he won special treatment by lavishly entertaining other state officials.

To JNB's partners, though, he was precisely the man they were looking for. "He went for high-risk ventures, which is probably why he was interested in my oil business," Bush said.

Good put up \$10,000 and obtained a line of credit from Walters' bank that eventually totaled \$1.7 million. In exchange, he took 25 percent of the partnership. He also lent Bush \$100,000 to invest for himself. When the investment did not pay off, Good forgave the loan.

Like Walters and Good, Wise was not bothered by Bush's lack of business triumphs when he sought him out for Silverado's board. "Neil Bush was on the board because of Mike Wise's ego, nothing else," one former Silverado executive has said. "He was the son of the vice president. It looked good."

Bush saw Wise's offer of an \$8,000-a-year board position as a chance to gain experience "establish friendships and business relationships." But Silverado's chief operating officer, Richard Vandapool, said Bush and other "outside directors" had no concept of the exposure they faced as board members.

"I don't think any of them understands the risks . . . the magnitude of the potential liability inherent in their rubber-stamping directorships," Vandapool wrote to Wise not long after Bush joined the board.

Silverado was one of the fastest-growing thrifts in Colorado, leaving behind single-family home mortgages, once the heart of the thrift business, in favor of hotels, condos, office complexes, shopping centers and land. The thrift doubled and redoubled in size in the speculative frenzy spawned by the oil boom.

Federal regulators had expressed increasing anxiety about Silverado's high-risk loans. A month after Bush joined the board, they lowered Silverado's rating to 4, the second-lowest rating on a scale of 1 to 5. But they did not sound the alarm until 13 months later, when Silverado's growing loan losses and apparent attempts to hide them provoked a full-scale examination of its books.

"There certainly were problems when Neil Bush came," said David Paul, Colorado's commissioner of financial services. But until the 1986 inquiry, "they appeared to be correctable."

What the examiners found then was depressingly typical for sick thrifts: inflated appraisals, not enough cash down from borrowers, too much concentration in commercial real estate, too little capital. In particular, they criticized practices that served to camouflage Silverado's weak capital base, including buying soured real estate from developers in exchange for their purchase of Silverado stock.

Wise and Walters, in particular, appeared to be using such deals to keep each other afloat, the regulators found.

The regulators also took issue with decisions approved by the board's audit and compensation committees, on which Bush served. Silverado engaged in "opinion shopping" when it switched audit firms and awarded "excessive" bonuses that boosted Wise's salary to \$1.3 million in 1986, the regulators said.

At the request of the bank examiners, the U.S. attorney's office and the FBI in Denver began looking at Silverado's records.

Silverado was seized in December 1988 because of "massive amounts of poorly underwritten loans with excessive credit risk," according to an FDIC summary.

Federal officials from the Topeka, Kan., office recommended the institution be shut down in September that year, but their supervisors in Washington took no action for two weeks. The Treasury Department is now investigating whether the closure was purposefully put off until after November, when George Bush was elected president.

Silverado's failure, the biggest in Colorado history, sent a shock wave through Denver's already traumatized economy. Walters defaulted on about \$91 million in loans; Good defaulted on \$31 million in loans.

The Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) banned five Silverado executives from the industry, then, in February, filed three charges against Bush, who had resigned from the board in August. A hearing is scheduled for September on a proposed "cease and desist" order, one of its mildest sanctions.

Bush's misdeeds arose from the fact he "accepted a position for which he was unqualified or untrained," the OTS alleged in a highly critical brief filed in support of its charges.

The OTS charged that Bush should have abstained from voting on \$106 million in loans or purchases involving Walters while Walters was Bush's partner or creditor. Bush told regulators he voted because "I didn't stand to benefit from any of the transactions." Bush's attorney, James Nesland, argues that the law did not prohibit Bush from voting.

The OTS also said Bush should have told Silverado officials that Good had pledged to infuse \$3 million into JNB at a time when the developer persuaded Silverado to forgive \$8 million in loans on the grounds that he could not pay. Bush argues that he avoided any conflict of interest by not voting on the issue.

A third charge involves Bush's efforts in 1986 to obtain a \$900,000 line of credit for Good from Silverado.

Bush contends he complied with regulations because he disclosed the partnership with Good to Silverado officials, abstained when the board voted on the proposed line of credit, and never intended that the line of credit be drawn upon.

From the 20th-floor office of his new firm, Apex Energy Co., Bush brands the criticism as ``self-serving hype" by regulators ``trying to cover their posteriors."

It's a lonely stand. All the other key Silverado players have vanished. Wise, thrown out of the industry, works for a hotel magnate in Wichita, Kan. Good moved to New York, supposedly to consider the commodities business, after his Denver house was sold at public auction.

Walters lives in a \$1.9 million residence in California, one of three homes listed in his wife's name.

JNB is defunct. Silverado does not exist.

Only Neil Bush is left, telling reporters, ``First of all, I didn't know that much about financial institutions . . ."

Jeb Bush Landed \$1.3 Million 'Job' At Lehman For Funneling Pension Funds To the Bank

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At this point, it almost feels like kicking someone while he's down. ***Jeb Bush can't even stand up to Donald Trump, let alone his own growing series of scandals.***

In the latest revelation from David Sirota and team at [International Business Daily](#), we learn that:

For Florida taxpayers, the move by the administration of then-Gov. Jeb Bush to forge a relationship with Lehman Brothers would ultimately prove disastrous. Transactions in 2005 and 2006 put the Wall Street investment bank in charge of some \$250 million worth of pension funds for Florida cops, teachers and firefighters. Lehman would capture more than \$5 million in fees on these deals, while gaining additional contracts to manage another \$1.2 billion of Florida's money. Then, in the fall of 2008, Lehman collapsed into bankruptcy, leaving Florida facing up to \$1 billion in losses.

But for Jeb Bush personally, his enduring relationship with Lehman would prove lucrative. In 2007, just as he left office, Bush secured a job as a Lehman consultant for \$1.3 million a year, Bloomberg reported.

Next time, please just ride off into the sunset and paint landscapes with your brother.

Weeks after Bush took the Lehman job, the Florida State Board of Administration (SBA) — a three-member body that makes investment decisions about state pension funds and whose ranks had recently included one Jeb Bush — gave Lehman additional business: SBA purchased \$842 million worth of separate investments in Lehman's mortgage-backed securities. Over the course of one year from June 2007 to June 2008, the SBA would shift an additional \$420 million of pension money into the same fund in which the state had begun investing under Bush.

In short, during Bush's first year working for Lehman, his former colleagues in Tallahassee, the state capital, moved vast sums of Florida pension money into the doomed Wall Street investment bank, even as warnings about its financial troubles began to emerge.

"This is a breathtaking conflict of interest going on here," said Craig Holman, governmental ethics lobbyist with Public Citizen, a good-government group. "This cost Florida very dearly, and it enriched Jeb Bush."

Jeff Connaughton, author of the book "The Payoff: Why Wall Street Always Wins," said the transactions illustrate a larger culture that dominates the politics of finance.

Florida originally began investing money in Lehman in 2005, while Bush was the highest profile member of the SBA, which oversees the \$150 billion pension fund. The Bush-led SBA that year committed \$176 million to Lehman; in 2006, as Florida moved another \$87 million into the Lehman investment, the firm hired Jeb Bush's cousin, George Herbert Walker, to run the firm's investment management division.

The next year, Lehman offered the outgoing Florida governor the consulting job. Bush had worked briefly at a Texas-based bank after college, but he lacked significant Wall Street experience.

Fortunately for Jeb, being a crony doesn't take any real skill.

Most of the investment losses that hit Florida starting in July 2007 were tied to the Lehman mortgage-backed securities bought the year Bush began his employment at the firm.

Introducing Russell-Jay:Gould (Hail to the Chief?)

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As of today, few have heard of Russell Jay Gould – or, per his “parse grammar” syntax, Russell-Jay: Gould – but if his trajectory continues unfolding along the lines it has past twenty or so years, that will change.

At present, more and more around the world are realizing that nearly all governments on the planet have been formally organized and clandestinely managed, during the post-WWII era, as for-profit corporations. This growing awareness, currently centered in the US, has much to do with behind-the-scenes work in recent decades by Russell- Jay:Gould and Anna von Reitz.

In the case of the United States, the Euro Cabal-based subterfuge got underway, way back in the late 1700s, another major sleight of hand incident in the Civil War era and many more, since. This clandestine trans-Atlantic corruption – which the American Revolution was designed to part company with – has centered on the British crown, the Jesuits, and the Vatican and the Bank of England, subsequently infecting the Fed and BIS and, from there, nations around the world via their central banks.

In the case of America, a clandestine substitution of the original Constitution occurred in the late 1700s. Its proper, original title, was the “Constitution for the united States of America.” The new American government was forced to take out a loan to pay Revolutionary War debts. The loan was ostensibly with France, but actually with the Bank of England via the French Rothschilds. When the loan came due 20 years later, the US government couldn’t pay, forcing bankruptcy. At that point, unannounced to “We the People,” the original Constitution was swapped out with the subtly similar “Constitution of the United States of America.”

Clever, huh? And, that was just the beginning of the creeping parasitism that found a way to back slither across the Atlantic from the old continent to the would-be New Atlantis of Sir Francis Bacon’s dreams.

The next major milestone in this saga is that, during the Civil War, southern delegates vacated Congress, breaking the original union. The British crown, City of London and Vatican quietly moved in for another major round of fun and games. Between 1868 and 1871, their collaboration resulted in the clandestine formation of a new US “municipal government” – controlled by the Jesuits and Vatican, HQed in Washington DC – and a new British crown controlled “territorial government.”

Most Americans know that IRS payments never go toward anything that benefits any constructive cause, anywhere, including within the US. The proceeds all go toward continual fattening of the aforementioned Cabal

cliques and to foment wars and general mayhem. Interesting related note, "The IRS" is formally owned by the Vatican while the "Internal Revenue Service" is formally owned by the British crown. Fun, huh?

In early 2020, an extremely powerful multi-d international criminal cartel launched an unprecedented full-spectrum attack against the decent people of this world, in the form of their "COVID-19" campaign plus ground and space-based 5G rollouts. What's unfolded since represents, quite likely, the greatest existential threat to humanity and nature in our planetary history. Given that a scenario, all hands are needed on deck and all serious remedies should be reviewed.

Enter Russell- Jay:Gould, who claims to have invented and copyrighted the "Quantum Banking System" which the much-rumored "Quantum Financial System" is evidently based upon. Russell claims the US corporate government went through an unannounced final bankruptcy in 1999, thus dissolving everything connected to the federal government, including the office of the President, the Congress and Senate, the court system, the military, etc. He has provided documentation to support his claim that, at this point, he stepped in and was able to take legal control of a series of institutional dominoes resulting in him becoming the US Commander in Chief, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and much more.

Fact or fiction?

For those who've studied his claims in-depth, the answer appears to be...fact.

The implications of Russell's work is not exclusive to the US but have the potential to rewrite the international institutional landscape in beneficial ways...if honored by those parties with the muscle and wherewithal to do so, That centers especially on the US military, which certain helpful elements esp. within the USN and ONI – have responded to.

Here's Russell's Last Flag Standing video and, below it, transcript excerpts.

Transcript excerpts

I went in an in-depth study on the banking the postal and the military and court mechanics and I applied them as I as I went into many courtroom battles for myself. Mechanics of why things work the way they work. The structures behind that and how to build them back together in a way through the grammar that gave a fairness to the planet as we were learning about the construct of contract. It came down to the foundation of the flag because the bearer and the owner of the flag also allows subcontractors or what they would call federal contractors to board that the terms of that flag but the flag of our country was wrapped up in a bankruptcy and the bankruptcy ended in 1999.

I got myself in position so when the bankruptcy ended I would be the man with the flag, standing. What this means is that those who choose to come in contract with the Title IV flag must come through the correct grammar of my construct that must have my thumb print and autograph on the contract to make it valid.

We sued the United States for the flag of the United States...now, we did that on the 25th of July, 1999. And, when we did that we challenged the United States Congress, Senate, legislature and Supreme Court to bring forth their correct parsei syntax grammar... and they couldn't do it they couldn't even produce an oath of office that was written in the correct grammar. And, on the 12th of August, 1999 the United Nations voted that both Russell and I were independent sovereign individuals with a flag...we had our own bank, we had our own Constitution, we had our own trust, we had treaties with other countries.

David and I rewrote that construct on August 12, 1999 at the United Nations but we had to wait till the United States came out of bankruptcy in 1999 to file it at the post office in Washington DC. However...I said, "David, are you going to use your body as the surety." He says, "No way. I'm afraid for what's going to happen to you. And, I looked at him and said, "Hey, David, there's two things I know nothing about. Fear and pain." And, he looked at me and said, "Good luck, Russell. He goes, I'm going to sit back and just be a witness." I said, "David, that's probably the safest place for you because I'm not quite sure what's going to happen to me."

So from that night on i held the secret that there was no presidency. There was no Constitution. That they did not have a flag. They did not have a military. They did not have a treasury. They did not have any ports. They did not have any department within their construct of government...because the founding fathers were no longer there to signed off. So, I did everything i could, from stopping the judicial system to stopping the world banking system to trying to stop wars conducting the military court martialing in Washington DC against those who had falsely put themselves into position as leaders.

if you want to check to see if we are in martial law just go to any local court or state uh governor's office and there's going to be a spire on top of the flag. The spire means they are at war with the

people, basically, and that all contract is suspended! So, if all contracts suspend, we're in martial law and that's what they're hiding from the people.

So, on December 12 2004 at the Pentagon, I came under contract as Commander-in-Chief conducting...the largest military court martialing in the history of planet Earth, taking down the World Court at the Hague as well as the world judicial systems, trying to stop these wars that were falsely being perpetrated upon the great citizens of this country as well as the citizens of Iraq, Afghanistan, Yemen and around the world. For, these were all done under false and misleading pretenses under under a fraudulent ruse. I conducted the world's largest court marshaling at the Washington obelisk in Washington DC every 45 days for four years, where I conducted numerous trials with 20 to 50 video cameras on me at all time with their microphones, with a Chinook and Apache helicopter sometimes above my head with their cameras out with their guns looking at me.

Since December 12, 2004, we have been with the martial law. During the times of martial law, there are no civil authorities, which means state police departments AND judicial systems are all closed. The guidelines for that are filed under the war powers claims at US SOCOM at McDill Air Force Base, which I filed in 2007. So, there there's a thousand pages there...for those who want to do the due diligence.

In 2003, I took my Quantum Banking System into the United Nations where I met with 82 ambassadors, sharing them the technologies... and how it correlates to the postal systems in their respective countries, also tying it into...flag etiquette. With every ambassador, I had a conversation on why they were flying a...flag with the ball on top outside their recruiting station and as you walk into their embassies they had spears on top of their flag standards, placing their country in a state of martial law, suspending the terms of contract for their countries. Their ambassadors would just smile and, they're like, "Well, we're at war with the people, but the people don't know that."

The scientific war that is going on with the nanobots and the 5G against the people...the people are not to be controlled by an artificial simulation...it's up to the people to create that sovereign

energy for themselves, not be controlled by a scientific wavelength to manipulate their minds. This is a military war against the people! A very silent war. This is not a civil war against the people. They have figured out a way to go to war without putting troops on the ground.

There are only a very few people that are trying to force their wicked agendas upon we the people. Very soon, we will publish a list of those people...to be rounded up and brought into my location of the now space so I can hold trial against them.

2000 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Events Timeline - Post-Election

November 7, 2000 - Election Day

- 7:50 pm The Associated Press declares Vice President Al Gore the victor in Florida, based on Voter News Service projections from exit polls. The major TV networks call Florida for Gore between 7:50 and 8:00pm.
- 9:30 pm Florida begins to look more uncertain as the vote totals accumulate more in favor of Texas Gov. George Bush. Bush, talking with reporters, says "The networks called this thing awfully early, but the people actually counting the votes are coming up with a different perspective. So we're pretty darn upbeat about things."
- 10 pm Networks begin retracting the projection that Gore wins Florida; the state reverts to too close to call.

November 8, 2000

- 2:15 am Bush appears to take a decisive lead in Florida. Some estimates have Bush leading Gore by 50,000 votes. Networks project Bush to be the winner of Florida and the Presidency between 2:16 and 2:20 am.
 - 2:30 am Gore calls Bush to concede the election.
 - 3:00 am Gore leaves the hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. His motorcade heads to the War Memorial Plaza, where he plans to address supporters.
 - 3:15 am Gore advisers call the vice president to tell him Bush's lead in Florida has diminished dramatically. He returns to his hotel without addressing his supporters. Reports show that less than 1,000 votes separates Bush and Gore in the state of Florida.
 - 3:30 am Gore calls Bush back to retract his concession. Networks retract the projection that Bush wins Florida between 3:57 and 4:15 am. The state reverts to too close to call. The Presidency is once again undecided.
 - Morning The final margin of the Florida vote is reported to be 1,784 votes; Bush leads Gore 2,909,135 (48.8%) to 2,907,351 (48.8%) with other candidates receiving 139,616 votes (2.4%).
- Some voting irregularities are alleged, especially in Palm Beach County where voters complain that their punch card ballots were configured in a manner that was confusing.

- A full machine recount of votes is ordered in Florida - this is due to Florida Election Code 102.141 that requires a recount of ballots if the margin of victory is 0.5% or less.
- Florida Governor Jeb Bush officially recuses himself from the process.

November 9, 2000

- The preliminary nationwide popular vote numbers are: Gore 48,976,148 votes and Bush 48,783,510 votes. Bush has won 29 states with 246 electoral votes. Gore has won 18 states plus the District of Columbia for a total of 260 electoral votes. Neither candidate has enough electoral votes to claim victory.
 - Pat Buchanan agrees with the Gore campaign that the Palm Beach County ballot was confusing and says he believes many of his votes there were meant for Gore.
 - Gore's team requests a hand count of presidential ballots in four Florida counties (allowed under Florida Election Code 102.166), Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade, and Volusia. These four counties are strong Democratic areas and had a total of about 1.8 million votes cast.
 - Vice President Al Gore returns to Washington, where he will spend most of the month.
 - Bush meets with advisers and potential members of a Bush administration. Aides say announcements of Cabinet appointments could be made within a week.
 - Sixty-four of Florida's 67 counties have recounted their votes, Bush leads Gore by 362 votes in an unofficial tally by the Associated Press.
- 5 p.m. Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris says official results from the recount may not be completed until the following Tuesday, November 14.

November 10, 2000

- New Mexico, with five electoral votes, is retracted from Gore; the state reverts to too close to call.
- Oregon is called for Gore.

November 11, 2000

- The Bush camp seeks a federal injunction to stop hand recounts of ballots in several Florida counties because of alleged equal protection and other constitutional violations.

- George W. Bush heads to his ranch in Crawford, Texas, where he will spend most of the month.

November 12, 2000

- Palm Beach County announces its manual recount will be extended to all ballots countywide. Initially, only ballots in certain precincts were slated to be counted by hand.
- Florida's Volusia County begins hand counting more than 184,000 ballots.

November 13, 2000

9 a.m. Florida's Secretary of State, Katherine Harris, announces she will not extend the 5 p.m. EST November 14 deadline (Florida Election Code 102.112) for certifying election results. The decision does not affect the counting of overseas absentee ballots, which has a November 17 deadline.

- Volusia County sues to complete manual recount notwithstanding the November 14 deadline for county Canvassing Boards to file election returns (one week after general election) set in Florida Election Code 102.112.
- U.S. District Judge Donald Middlebrooks rejects Bush's plea for an order barring hand recounts of ballots in several Florida counties.

Evening Broward County decides against proceeding with a full manual recount.

November 14, 2000

8:20 a.m. Officials in Palm Beach County vote 2-1 to delay their manual recounts until they are able to clarify whether they have the legal authority to proceed.

- The canvassing board in Miami-Dade County unanimously votes to start an immediate hand recount of ballots in three precincts as requested by Gore's lawyers.
- Circuit court judge in Palm Beach to hear legal challenge that claims poor ballot design led Gore supporters to vote for Pat Buchanan. Five judges had previously recused themselves from the case.

Afternoon Circuit Judge Terry Lewis upholds 5 p.m. Tuesday deadline for Florida vote certification. The judge says supplemental returns can be filed after the deadline, but can be ignored

after circumstances are considered. An appeal by the Gore campaign to the Florida Supreme Court is expected.

- 4:30 p.m. Palm Beach County canvassing board votes to resume the recount on Wednesday, November 15.
- Evening Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris announces that Bush leads Gore by 300 votes based on returns submitted by all 67 counties.

November 15, 2000

- Broward County canvassing board reverses an earlier decision and decides to conduct a full manual recount.
 - State judge rules that the Palm Beach County board can set rules on which ballots are valid.
- 9 a.m. In a petition to the Florida Supreme Court, Secretary of State Harris asks the justices to order Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties to end the manual recounts. Elections officials in Palm Beach County ask the state's highest court to decide if they can recount ballots by hand.
- Noon The Bush camp will join in a suit by the Florida Secretary of State that seeks an order to block further manual recounts.
- Al Gore suggests a hand recount in all of Florida's 67 counties if Republicans won't accept the recounts in selected counties. Gore said he says he will forgo further legal challenges if the Republicans accept the selected counties' recount. Gore also proposes a face to face meeting with George W. Bush.
- Evening Florida Supreme Court denies the request to block hand recounts of ballots.
- Evening After considering submissions from counties still conducting recounts, Secretary of State Harris indicates that she will not consider further returns from those counties.
- 10:15 p.m. George W. Bush rejects Al Gore's proposal for a statewide manual count of Florida's presidential vote, saying it would be neither fair nor accurate. Bush also rejects Gore's idea for a one-on-one meeting. He says he would be glad to meet Gore after the election.

November 16, 2000

- The Bush team says they will not seek a recount of votes in Iowa.

- Lawyers for Bush submit written arguments to the U.S. federal appeals court in Atlanta to end the recounts. Democrats also filed papers with the federal court to oppose the Republican bid.
- Attorneys for the Gore campaign file an emergency motion in Leon County state court challenging the certification of the results of the Florida presidential election.
- Florida Supreme Court rules that Palm Beach County can proceed with a manual recount of ballots. Within minutes, officials in Palm Beach County announce they will begin their recount.

November 17, 2000

Midnight Deadline for receipt of overseas absentee ballots under Florida Administrative Code, Chapter 1S-2.013

- Leon County Circuit Judge Terry Lewis upholds Florida Secretary of State Kathrine Harris' decision to reject late vote tallies resulting from manual recounts.
- Florida Supreme Court bars Harris from certifying the state's presidential winner "until further order of this court" and set a Monday hearing on the recount dispute.
- Miami-Dade County reverses an earlier decision and votes to conduct a full manual recount.
- Local Democrats sue the Seminole County Canvassing Board in state court for including certain absentee ballots in the vote totals that did not satisfy the provisions of 101.62 of the Florida Election Code, requiring that a person requesting an absentee ballot provide the elector's registration number on their application.
- The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit denies a Bush team request to stop manual recounts on constitutional grounds.

November 18, 2000

- Bush's lead over Gore in Florida triples after overseas absentee ballots are counted. With all of the state's 67 counties reporting results from overseas, Bush's official lead stands at 930 votes. Bush picked up 1,380 votes from the overseas ballots and Gore added 750 votes.

November 19, 2000

- Miami-Dade County begins a manual recount.

November 20, 2000

- The Florida Supreme Court hears recount arguments from both the Gore and Bush camps regarding whether Secretary of State Harris should consider hand-recounted ballots before she certifies results of the presidential election (*Palm Beach Canvassing Board v. Harris*).
- In Palm Beach County, Judge Jorge Labarga rules that he has no constitutional authority to order a re-vote due to use of the butterfly ballot.

November 21, 2000

- The Florida Supreme Court, in a unanimous decision, rules that that manual recounts may continue and that the totals must be included in the final results. Court sets as deadline for certifying the election Nov. 26, a Sunday, or early Nov. 27.

November 22, 2000

- Republican vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney is admitted to the hospital with chest pain It is later revealed to be a mild heart attack. Doctors operate and insert a stent in one of his arteries that showed signs of narrowing.
- Bush files petition for certiorari in United States Supreme Court, asking for review of Florida Supreme Court ruling.
- Judge Jorge Labarga rules that so-called "dimpled chads" cannot be summarily excluded from the Palm Beach manual recount. However, officials can reject questionable ballots if the voter's intent can't be determined.
- Miami-Dade County votes unanimously to halt its manual recount.

November 23, 2000

- On Thanksgiving Day, Al Gore's campaign files papers with the Florida Supreme Court, asking the judges to force Miami-Dade County to resume its manual recount. The Florida Supreme Court rejects Gore request to require a resumption of the recount.

November 24, 2000

- The U.S. Supreme Court agrees to hear arguments in an appeal from George W. Bush on Florida Supreme Court's November 21 ruling that selective manual recounts must be included in the state's final presidential tally. The hearing set for December 1.
- Bush's Vice-Presidential running mate, Dick Cheney, is released from the hospital, two days after suffering a mild heart attack.

November 25, 2000

- George W. Bush drops his lawsuit to force Florida counties to reconsider overseas military ballots that were rejected for technical reasons.
- Broward County completes its hand recount.

November 26, 2000

- Harris denied a Palm Beach County request to extend the 5PM deadline to turn in completed vote totals. Palm Beach misses 5 p.m. deadline by 90 minutes and left 1,000 ballots uncounted.
- Secretary of State Katherine Harris certifies Bush the winner in Florida, but ongoing legal action by both parties keeps the election outcome uncertain.
- The official results are 2,912,790 votes for Bush; 2,912,253 for Gore, a margin of victory of 537 votes.
- Governor Jeb Bush signs the Certificate of Ascertainment designating 25 Florida electors pledged to George W. Bush and transmits the document to the National Archives as required by Title 3, U.S. Code, Section 6.

November 27, 2000

- Al Gore files an election contest action under Florida Election Code section 102.168, challenging the vote counts in Palm Beach, Miami-Dade, and Nassau counties; the case is assigned to Judge Sanders Sauls.
- Bush lawyers file a motion with the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to delay oral arguments in a pending federal case against Florida's hand recounts.

- A Seminole County lawsuit seeking to throw out 4,700 absentee ballots is moved to the state court in Leon County, which is also hearing Gore's certification challenges.
- The issue of whether Palm Beach County's butterfly ballot was legal is moved to the Florida Supreme Court.

November 28, 2000

- Democrats ask Leon County Circuit Court Judge N. Sanders Sauls to authorize an immediate recount of about 14,000 disputed ballots. Judge Sauls orders the disputed ballots, sample voting booths, and voting machines from Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties brought to his courtroom in Tallahassee by Friday.

November 29, 2000

- Deadline for briefs to be filed before the U.S. Supreme Court on Bush appeal of Florida Supreme Court's ruling selective manual recounts.

November 30, 2000

- Deadline for replies to be filed before the U.S. Supreme Court on Bush appeal of Florida Supreme Court's ruling on selective manual recounts.
- A truck carrying more than 450,000 presidential ballots from Palm Beach County leaves on its way to Tallahassee as ordered by Judge N. Sanders Sauls.
- A Florida legislative committee recommends a special session to name the state's 25 representatives to the Electoral College.
- Democrats file papers in the Florida Supreme Court asking them to order an immediate hand recount of some 14,000 disputed ballots in two heavily Democratic Florida counties. The seven justices on the state's highest court are all Democrats.
- Cheney announces the opening of Bush transition offices in McLean, VA, paid for by private donations, after General Services Administration in Washington declines to release transition funds or office space to Bush, citing disputed election.

December 1, 2000

- The U.S. Supreme Court hears oral arguments on Bush challenge on constitutional grounds of Florida Supreme Court's ruling on selective manual recounts. (Bush v. Palm Beach Canvassing Board)
- Florida Supreme Court on Friday rejects a Gore campaign request to immediately begin the hand count of 14,000 disputed presidential ballots from Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties.
- Florida Supreme Court affirms lower court's decision that the butterfly ballot used in Palm Beach County was not so confusing as to disenfranchise voters.
- The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta says it will hear two separate but related cases challenging the Florida ballot hand count. The cases, brought by individuals but joined by the Bush campaign, argue that recounts by hand are unfair and unconstitutional.
- Texas federal District Court Judge Sidney Fitzwater rejects voter suit arguing that Dick Cheney is an inhabitant of Texas and thus ineligible to receive votes of Texas electors (Jones v. Bush)

December 2, 2000

- Florida Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls holds a trial to consider Gore's request for a hand count of 14,000 contested ballots in Democratic-leaning Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties.

December 4, 2000

- U.S. Supreme Court rules in Bush v. Palm Beach Canvassing Board, vacating the order of the Florida Supreme Court and remanding for clarification the Florida Supreme Court's November 21 decision on recount deadlines.
- Florida Judge N. Sanders Sauls rules against Gore, saying that hand recounts in Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties aren't warranted and the Nassau County vote total should stand. He refuses Gore's request to overturn George W. Bush's certified statewide victory.

December 6, 2000

- About 25,000 absentee ballots are at stake in two similar trials taking place in Tallahassee. Judge Nikki Clark hears the Seminole County absentee ballot case and Judge Terry Lewis presides over the Martin County trial.

- Atlanta 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals denies Bush appeal to throw out manual recounts in three Florida counties.

December 7, 2000

- Florida Supreme Court hears arguments from both Al Gore and George W. Bush's lawyers in the vice president's appeal of Florida Circuit Court Judge Sauls' ruling.
- A formal proclamation is issued calling the Florida Legislature for a special session commencing December 8 to consider whether to appoint the state's electors.
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit orally affirms dismissal of challenge to Cheney's residency (*Jones v. Bush*).

December 8, 2000

- The Florida Supreme Court, in 4-3 split decision, reverses lower court rejection of Gore contest, ordering statewide manual recounts of undervotes.
- Leon County Circuit Court Judges Terry Lewis and Nikki Clark refuse to throw out any of the 25,000 absentee ballots challenged by the Gore camp in Martin and Seminole counties.
- In *Bush v. Hillsborough County Canvassing Board*, federal District Court Judge Lacey Collier rules that overseas absentee ballots can be counted even though they lack a postmark required by 101.62 of the Florida Election Code.
- Bush seeks stays before the Florida Supreme Court, the 11th Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court and additionally petitions the U.S. Supreme Court for certiorari.
- The Florida Legislature meets in special session and adjourns with plans to convene again on December 12.

December 9, 2000

- Florida begins a statewide manual recount of the undervote ballots.
- The Florida Supreme Court denies Bush's application for a stay.
- The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit in Atlanta similarly denies Bush's emergency motion to stop the recount, but orders Florida officials not to change his previously certified 537-vote lead.

- The U.S. Supreme Court, divided 5-4, issues a stay in Gore v. Bush to stop the manual recounts.
- District Court Judge Maurice Paul denies request to throw out overseas absentee ballots not received by Election Day (Harris, Medina v. Florida Elections Canvassing Commission)

December 11, 2000

- U.S. Supreme Court hears oral arguments in Gore v. Bush. on the Florida recount.

December 12, 2000

- Deadline for the resolution of elector controversies to qualify for "conclusive" protection under Title 3, U.S. Code, Section 5.
- Oregon deadline to file a demand for a recount.
- In a 79-41 vote, the Republican-run Florida House approves 25 electors pledged to George W. Bush.
- The Florida Supreme Court upholds two state court rulings that allow 25,000 absentee ballots from Martin and Seminole counties to remain in the state's official vote tally.

12:10p.m. The U.S. Supreme Court renders a complex decision to overturn the Florida Supreme Court ruling that called for manual recounts. The court's unsigned "per curiam" decision carried the opinion of seven justices and says that the recounts as ordered by the Florida court suffered from constitutional problems. However, four Justices wrote dissenting opinions regarding possible remedies in the case. The court said in the 7-2 per curiam that "Because it is evident that any recount seeking to meet the Dec. 12 date will be unconstitutional ... we reverse the judgment of the Supreme Court of Florida ordering the recount to proceed," "It is obvious that the recount cannot be conducted in compliance with the requirements of equal protection and due process without substantial additional work." The case was remanded to the Florida court "for further proceedings not inconsistent with this opinion."

December 13, 2000

- Gore says in nationally broadcast speech that he accepts Bush as the 43rd president; Bush pledges to deliver reconciliation and unity to a divided nation in his acceptance speech.

- The Florida Senate - scheduled to vote on a resolution certifying electors for Bush - recesses instead.

December 18, 2000

- Electors from each state meet, cast, certify, and seal their votes. George Bush receives 271 votes and Al Gore receives 266 votes; one Gore elector from the District of Columbia abstains.

December 27, 2000

- Deadline for designated officials, both federal and state, to have the certified electoral votes in hand.

January 6, 2001

- Congress meets in joint session in the House of Representatives to conduct the official tally of electoral votes.

January 20, 2001

- President Bush is sworn in.

Sources include CNN, ABC, CBS, PBS, and other news agencies.

Bush ties to bin Laden haunt grim anniversary

By CINDY RODRIGUEZ | The Denver Post

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Just before sunset on Sept. 11, 2001, the worst day America has known, I snuck past police barricades and made my way to the roof of a high-rise building about eight blocks from ground zero — the closest I could get — and stared at the landscape of horror.

Smoke shrouded the 16-acre site. Twisted metal columns jutted from an enormous crater, all of it blanketed in white ash. The only flecks of color came from the yellow stripes on the coats of rescue workers.

Finally away from deadlines, it was supposed to be my moment to grieve. But I just stood there, my mind racing. Why did this happen?

It wasn't until 9 days later, on my day off, that I let pent-up emotions flow.

Images flashed in my mind. Dazed New Yorkers walking aimlessly, carrying photographs of missing loved ones. The woman with streaks of mascara on her face who told me her fiancé would be found. Groups of strangers standing around a TV propped on milk cartons on the sidewalk, shrieking in unison as they watched a replay of planes crashing into the towers.

On the first days, we thought survivors would be plucked out of the rubble alive. Throngs of reporters from all over the world stood outside hospital ER entrances, waiting for the miracle stories we all desperately wanted to hear.

We waited in vain. The miracles families prayed for never came.

People say 9-11 is the day America lost its innocence. To me, it was the beginning of a wake-up call. Terrorism was a problem over there. But this, the first major attack of civilians on U.S. soil, prompted us to start asking questions.

Why, indeed, did this happen?

For many of us, it sparked the beginning of our education on the collusion between government and multinational corporations.

On the surface it seemed that the federal government, under both the Clinton and Bush administrations, was asleep at the wheel — very much the way the Bush administration was when Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans.

Bush claimed we'd bring back Osama bin Laden "dead or alive."

But the more we learn about the ties between the Bush family and the bin Ladens, questions like this one pop up: Did Bush really want to capture him?

With fewer than 50 ground troops surrounding the massive Tora Bora region in the mountains of Afghanistan where bin Laden was hiding, ground commanders pleaded for 800 more soldiers, according to Gary Berntsen, the CIA field commander whose book “Jawbreaker” goes into amazing detail about the botched paramilitary operation. Bernt-

sen and other ground commanders said the U.S. let Osama bin Laden get away.

Was this because of President George Bush’s close ties to the bin Laden family?

In 1978, Bush and Osama bin Laden’s brother, Salem bin Laden, founded Arbusto Energy, an oil company based in Texas.

Several bin Laden family members invested millions in The Carlyle Group, a private global equity firm based in Washington, DC. The company’s senior advisor was Bush’s father, former President George H.W. Bush. After news of the bin Laden-Bush connection became public, the elder Bush stepped down from Carlyle.

Interestingly, on Sept. 11, 2001, members of the Carlyle Group — including Bush senior, and his former secretary of state, James Baker — were meeting at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Washington, D.C., along with Shafiq bin Laden, another one of Osama bin Laden’s brothers.

While all flights were halted following the terrorist attacks, there was one exception made: The White House authorized planes to pick up 140 Saudi nationals, including 24 members of the bin Laden family, living in various cities in the U.S. to bring them back to Saudi Arabia, where they would be safe. They were never interrogated.

Five years later, and we’re still asking questions. We may have lost our innocence but we’re also losing, thankfully, our ignorance.

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Did a 1988 death alter the course of history?

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On a clear, bright Sunday morning in May 1988, above an airfield in Garden Ridge known as the “Kitty Hawk Field of Dreams,” an ultralight sport aircraft turned southwest instead of west and soared directly into power lines north of San Antonio.

The aircraft tilted forward, nose down, then plummeted to the ground. Its pilot, Salem bin Laden, who had been wearing a seatbelt but no helmet, was pronounced dead an hour later at [Brooke Army Medical Center](#).

Salem had been rushed away by emergency workers by the time [Lori Harris](#), the responding officer for the [Schertz Police Department](#), arrived at the scene. She didn't realize he was anyone important until the department “started getting these phone calls from way over in sand country.”

Salem's importance as the patriarch of a Saudi construction empire with investments all over the world, including San Antonio, soon became clear. He was the eldest of more than 50 children of [Mohamed bin Laden](#), who founded the company and brought it into favor — and unthinkable wealth — with the Saudi royal family.

Among Salem's younger siblings was Osama bin Laden, destined to mastermind perhaps the most heinous acts of terrorism in history. Influenced by radical theologians as a teenager, Osama hadn't veered toward murderous fanaticism at the time of his brother's death.

Salem (pronounced like ‘solemn’) bin Laden embraced American culture, and was beloved by many who knew him and did business with him in San Antonio.

And while it's only speculation, some believe history would've been different had he not died in his early 40s.

“If Salem had lived, my theory is that Osama wouldn't have crossed him,” said a local attorney who worked with bin Laden but asked not to be named so as not to attract the kind of fevered attention that came his way after Sept. 11. “And Osama's views were directly a threat to the bin Laden family and the business, which supported the family.”

That theory is echoed in [Steve Coll](#)'s terrific 2008 book, “The Bin Ladens,” which recounts Salem's life up to and including the crash. Many of the details here are drawn from Coll's deeply reported account.

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After Salem died, his brother Bakr took over the family business. But Bakr bin Laden didn't have the same forceful personality.

“Some people in and around the bin Laden family wondered if Bakr was really an adequate match for Osama,” Coll writes. “Bakr could come across as a less than commanding presence; one person who knew him well said he could seem like the boy on the playground who is often picked last for team games. As the family's Osama problem accumulated during 1992 and early 1993, even some who respected and admired Bakr wondered how Salem might have handled things differently.

“Salem had been such a forceful whirlwind — he was physical, insistent and difficult to stop. If he had been alive to undertake these early missions to Khartoum, Osama might have been returned to the kingdom in a burlap sack, tossed into the cabin of a private jet with a pile of Salem's designer-brand luggage. But Salem was gone; Osama seemed to exploit the void.”

Nuance fell out of fashion after Sept. 11, 2001, especially in regard to Muslims and Arabs. So it shouldn't surprise anyone that the many layers of complexity that existed within the extended bin Laden family quickly got lost in the frenzy.

Many family members who had been living in the United States hurriedly left because of the stigma suddenly tied to their name.

But San Antonians who knew Salem bin Laden still remember him as kind and generous, yet forceful and clearly in charge of the family empire. And while they acknowledge that we can never know, they wonder to this day how things might have played out if he had not lost his life, in a tragedy of another sort, on a field of dreams just north of town.

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There is a perverse beauty to the landscape arraigned below the iron bridge where Highway 255 strides the Houston Ship Channel: great towers of light and fire as far as the eye can behold; sinewy steel piping, plumes of smoke and flame twinkling into a Texas twilight coloured by a shroud of pollution hanging from the sky. The awesome prepotency of this smokescape is no illusion, for this is an epicentre of power, oil capital of the Western world and the most industrialised corner of the United States. It is also the capital of a power machine perfected in Texas, elevated to rule the nation and now unchallenged across the planet. A machine that operates in perpetual motion - an equilibrium of interests - between industry and politics. LaNell Anderson, former Republican voter, businesswoman and real-estate broker who lived many years in this land of smokestacks and smog, calls it 'vending-machine politics: you puts your money in and you gets your product out'.

'We don't see ourselves as a dynasty,' said George Bush Sr as his son launched the election campaign that won him the current presidency, raiding father's Rolodex to do so. 'We don't feel entitled to anything.' And yet at no point in the past 50 years - the half-century since 1952 which defines the modern age - has there not been a Bush in a governor's mansion (in Texas or Florida), on Capitol Hill or in the White House - and usually more than one of those at a time. The 'vending machine' is a single family whose tango with the powers which illuminate this endless

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horizon of light and flame is a dance around every corner in the labyrinth of Texan and now national - indeed global - politics. 'Everything they learned when they started out in west Texas,' says Dr Neil Carman, once a regulator of pollution in the state, 'they applied to the governor's mansion, the nation and the world... Power in America is not so much about George W Bush, it's about the people from Texas who put him there.'

This is the dynasty's throne, the state whose highways are lined with the spirited advice 'Don't Mess With Texas' (originally the slogan of an anti-litter campaign). As if litter would make much difference: Texas counts the worst pollution record in the US, top in the belching of toxic chemicals and carcinogens into the air, top in chemical spills, top in ozone pollution, top in carbon-dioxide emissions, top for mercury emission, top in clean-water violations, top in the production of hazardous waste. Houston overtook Los Angeles for the coveted title of 'most polluted city' in the early 90s.

'You are looking at the biggest oil refinery in the world,' indicates LaNell Anderson. She refers to the edifice that is the 3,000-acre Exxon Mobil plant at Baytown, near Houston, producer of 507,800 barrels a day. Here begins a story of both dynasty and destiny, for it was on this spot in 1917 that the Bush family's oil connection was forged - where the Humble Oil company, which struck black gold in the Houston suburb of that name, took root, later to become the Exxon behemoth. Humble's founder, William Stamps Farish, went on to become president of Standard Oil. His daughter became a friend of George Bush Sr and his grandson William Jr was taken in 'almost like family' (said Barbara Bush) while campaigning for George Sr's entrée into Washington Senatorial politics in 1964. Farish Jr claims to have been the first man to whom Bush Sr confided his ambition to be president one day, and was last year named US Ambassador to London.

At first, Anderson welcomed the benefits to a community of the 200 oil-related industries relocated to the Houston area by the time she and her second husband set up home in a suburb wedged between Exxon and the Lyondell chemical plant. Neither she nor he had any history of disease in their families. But in 1985, her husband's daughter gave birth to a girl, Alyssa, with a rare liver disease - she died aged six months. In 1986, Anderson's mother became ill and died of bone cancer a year later. The following year, Anderson and her sister were diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis, as was a granddaughter in 1992, and an older sister with Crohn's disease. In 1991, her father died from emphysema; a year later the mother of Alyssa gave birth to a son immediately diagnosed with severe asthma. Anderson connects the

litany of disease with mishaps by her industrial neighbours. She paraphrases their attitude thus: 'If someone doesn't like it, they can sue us if they can - and since we have more money than God, we will win.'

A thumbnail sketch of politics and the environment in the United States today depicts oil as the lifeblood running through every vein of an administration forging ahead with its energy policy. The White House has just been forced to disclose (after being faced with a Congressional subpoena) that it drew up a national energy plan based on increased production without regard to the environment or conservation, having failed to consult with anyone other than its friends among the producers themselves, notably the disgraced Enron. This despite the fact that an energy crisis in California last summer caused most analysts to draw the opposite conclusion, stressing the need to curb a gas-guzzling America.

At the hub of this turning wheel of influence is Vice President Dick Cheney, fresh into office from his post as chief executive of Halliburton, the world's second-largest oil-drilling services company, where he netted a personal fortune of \$36m in the year before leaving, with help from contacts accumulated while serving under George Bush Sr. Just last week, however, Halliburton joined Enron in coming under investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission for the same system of publishing inflated revenues - 'aggressive accounting' - for which Enron has become a synonym for shame. These alleged misdeeds took place during Cheney's directorship. The company also faces a floodtide of civil lawsuits over asbestosis_ unless a model can be found (as has been established in Texas) to make such resort to the law high impossible for anyone without money.

The entwinement of the Bush dynasty with the energy barons of Texas has apparently humble beginnings, in the Lone Star State's wild west, on the plains around Midland and Odessa. This is barren land across which dust devils fly and trains rumble like iron snakes. This is where George Bush Sr was sent by his father, Senator Prescott Bush, to a trainee job with the International Derrick and Equipment Company, a subsidiary of Dresser Industries, controlled by the Bush family and selling more oil rigs than anyone in the world. (Dresser later became absorbed by Halliburton.)

The world first heard of Odessa on that fateful day in December 1998 when Bush Jr was governor of Texas and the sky turned black after an 'upset' at the Huntsman chemical plant literally on the wrong side of the railroad tracks it shares with poor housing, where Mexicans and blacks live. (An 'upset' is an unplanned accident releasing pollution, not part of the plant's normal running procedure, and which does not count in its regulatory tally.) Lucia

Llanez, who lives in this tightly knit community of bungalows between plant and railroad, will never forget this one: 'It was dark all over; cars on the Interstate slowing down and putting their lights on because they couldn't see, though it was day. There was a rumbling like trains that rattled the windows, and people were going to hospital for watering eyes, allergies and problems breathing. The cloud stayed two weeks.'

The story of Huntsman goes back to the days of Bush Sr's arrival, when Odessa was a town of what retired fireman Don Dangerfield calls 'wildcatters'. In the 40s, the US Air Force bombed deep holes in the giant Permian oil basin in a search for oil which then attracted a stampede of speculators (including those from Humble) who would, recalls Dangerfield, 'spend the nights in a hotel, the End of the Golden West, and gamble their lots in rooms so thick with cigar smoke you could hardly see'. Among them was a man he remembers well: John Sam Shepherd, a former attorney general of Texas and member of the White Citizens Council - a political wing of the Ku Klux Klan - disgraced by a land scandal and come to seek his fortune out West by setting up the El Paso Products company, later Huntsman.

George Bush landed in this mayhem but quickly decamped 20 miles north to Midland, where new millionaires like him established a country club, a Harvard and a Yale club, met at the Petroleum Club and played golf on irrigated lawns. Midland was, recalls Gene Collins, a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Odessam 'one of two towns in America with a Rolls-Royce dealership and more millionaires per head than anywhere'. This was where Bush Sr built his oil fortune, launched a political career on its shoulders and raised his son George W Bush in the art and language of power he now feigns not to speak. The story of how Bush Sr constructed his empire is well known, as is that of how his son George W was groomed to follow in his footsteps. Less widely broadcast, however, are the depths and intricacies of a system the Bush family built in bonding with the energy industry, as the dynastic machine elevated its methods from Odessa to the Senate, the governor's mansion in Austin, the oil centres of Houston and Dallas, the White House and thereafter the globe.

Neil Carman has a professorial air to him that belies the sharpness of the surgical blade with which he tries to operate on 'Toxic Texas'. Originally a plant biologist, he was an investigator for the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC), responsible for issuing permits for agreed levels of pollution and enforcing environmental law. In 1989, he took on the General Tire and Rubber Company for 'systematic violations'.

The firm hired a lobbyist, Larry Feldcamp, from the Baker Botts law firm whose senior partner, James Baker III, was secretary of state to then president George Bush Sr and who later, as an attorney, secured the delivery of the state of Florida for Bush Jr during last year's election recounts. Baker Botts advertises itself as a 'full service firm', counting Shell, Mobil, Union Carbide, Huntsman, Amoco on its books. The other law firm indivisible from the energy lobby and the Bush fiefdom is Vinson & Elkins, which acts for both Enron and the Alcoa aluminium giant, whose former chief executive Paul O'Neill is now US Treasury Secretary. Between these law firms and the regulatory body supposed to face them down, says Dr Carman, 'there's a revolving door. Feldcamp's place was taken recently by the most active attorney on the oil scene, Pamela Giblin - one of the TNRCC's first appointees.'

Carman resigned because 'all they had to do was hire people like Feldcamp and you were off the case. They did not deny permits - they must have issued 50,000 permits for air pollution during my time and refused only two, on occasions when the public raised hell. And they don't revoke them - it's not like drunk driving: if you get caught, they just keep reissuing. They used to refer to these places as "industrial areas", as if that meant they were outside the law. I called them "sacrifice zones".'

There is another problem, unique to Texas: the 'grandfathering' rule. Grandfathering dates back to the Texas Clean Air Act of 1971, exempting existing installations from compliance with new regulations. The idea was that they would be modernised or become obsolete and close. In the event, firms found that not being obliged to spend on pollution control gave them a competitive edge, and nearly three decades later, grandfathering accounted for more than 1,000 plants and 35 per cent of all pollution in Texas. Nevertheless, in the early 90s, the TNRCC began to toughen its stance in accordance with a more aggressive federal approach to pollution by the new Clinton administration. Then, in 1994, Texas went to the polls to elect a new governor - 'And when Bush took over,' says Carman, 'everything changed.'

Two groups based in Austin - Texans for Public Justice (TPJ) and Public Research Works (PRW) - crunched the statistics on the wave of money on which George W Bush sailed into the governor's mansion. It was what Andrew Wheat of the TPJ calls 'something unheard of in Texas or anywhere else: \$42m on two campaigns'. Grandfathered polluters poured \$10.2m into the campaign coffers between 1993 and 1998, led by what PRW calls the 'dirty 30', including Exxon, Shell, Amoco, Enron and the Alcoa aluminium giant. Bush himself received \$1.5m from 55

grandfathered companies, led by Enron, with a handsome \$348,500 top-up from the man he calls Kenny Boy - Kenneth Lay, the company's chief executive, currently under criminal investigation.

Wheat's analysis of the new governor's 'personal time' shows a revolving door for campaign donors and the energy industry. Andrew Barrett, Bush's in-house environmental policy advisor, began daily visits to the TNRCC in preparation for the appointment of new commissioners: Ralph Marquez, lobbyist for the Texas Chemical Council and former executive of the Monsanto chemical firm, and Barry McBee, attorney with the law firm Thompson & Knight, a major contributor to Bush funds with a host of oil-industry clients.

Legislation based on the notion of 'self-regulation' followed: a law enabling companies to audit their own pollution records provided they reported them, in exchange for which there would be absolute protection from public disclosure. Big oil was delighted, as a memo obtained by an environmentalist group, the Texas SEED Coalition, illustrated: a record of a gathering in June 1977 at Exxon in Houston by 40 representatives of the Texas oil and gas industries - written by one of their number - said 'the "insiders" from oil and gas believe that the governor's office will persuade the TNRCC to accept whatever program is developed between the industry group and the governor's office'.

It was not until Bush became president that, in its 2001 state legislature, Texas finally decided to rein in the 'grandfathered' plants. A bill gave them until 2007 to come into line with federal law or shut down. Even then, there was a legal challenge to the TNRCC's science from the Houston Business Partnership, recently entrusted with millions in federal money to clean up the Gulf coastline. The partnership is a high-octane chamber of commerce, throwing up a few familiar names: Exxon, Conoco, Enron, James Baker's law firm Baker Botts - and George Bush Sr.

Most important of all - and best hidden - was Bush's programme for Tort Reform. It was this that his father's advisor Karl Rove (dispatched to steer Bush's presidential campaign and now the White House itself) insisted the new governor make his hallmark, and this is potentially the dynasty's greatest gift to big oil. Put simply, Tort Reform means making it harder for citizens to sue corporations. TPJ calculated that business interests specifically isolating Tort Reform on their political agenda poured money into Bush's gubernatorial campaigns. Soon after being elected governor, says Andrew Wheat, Bush declared Tort Reform an 'emergency issue'.

This meant appointing a judge to the Texas supreme court

whom President Bush is tipped to bring aboard the Supreme Court in Washington (to which, some say, he owes his presidency). Alberto Gonzalez wrote a decision soon after his appointment to the Texas court which made it all but impossible for citizens to bring class actions. 'The result,' says Shawn Isbell, a lawyer working on environmental cases, 'is that it will simply be too expensive to bring cases against the corporations.'

Another ruling, says Sandra McKenzie, the lawyer who fought a long and bitter battle against the Formosa Plastics firm, stipulates that 'anyone trying to prove a personal chemical injury had to show that other people in a similar situation had suffered the same reaction, according to a study in a published journal'. The new precedents, says McKenzie, 'changed the laws to establish a no-compromise, "take no prisoners" approach by the Bushes'.

In 1989, George Bush presented the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence to the Valero chemical refining company. Foremost in the minds of the proud executives at the ceremony in Austin's luxury Four Seasons Hotel was their 'refinery of the future' at Corpus Christi, on the Gulf, at the far end of the coastal strip that runs through Houston to the Louisiana border.

Alfred Williams gets a better view of the refinery of the future across the freeway from the garden of his mobile home than Governor Bush did from the Four Seasons. He can smell it better too - the inimitable stench on the muggy delta air that signifies the cooking up of cheap crude-oil 'feed stock' to produce its chemical by-product and treating the neighbourhood to a dose of sulphur dioxide.

When Williams, an ex-Vietnam Marine, moved here in 1972, 'this was all farmland'. He now delivers an impassioned requiem for his garden, with its peach trees dead or buckling over. The light of a quicksilver moon catches the plume of sulphur along what they call Refinery Row.

'I'm in my golden years,' he reflects. 'But I can't sell my house because no bank will give a loan without 40 per cent down. And they won't relocate me, as I'd do if they offered.'

'It started with having to wipe residue from off of my car. Then the iron on my rooftop here started to get corroded, and the trees were dying. Sometimes I have to come inside because my eyes are burning.'

Williams filed a civil suit against Valero, steered by attorney Shawn Isbell. The court in Corpus denied Williams

class action status in accordance with the zeitgeist, but Isbell managed to discover how the refinery of the future was so poorly crafted that Valero had (unsuccessfully) sued the companies which had built it. She also found out how the Texas system of overlooking 'upsets' works. Since 1994, Valero had suffered more than 480 'upsets', but the TNRCC records each set of emissions separately - for example, Valero's sulphur-dioxide emissions for 1977 show up on the commission's website as 166.4 tons, while the reality including 'upsets' is closer to 700 tons. Nevertheless, says Isbell, 'I've seen the TNRCC go harder after a pig farmer than I have after these kinds of companies.'

Williams keeps a notebook by his phone to record the 'upsets' over the road. He reports them to the TNRCC. But, he says, 'I call them rainbows: they are shut at night and on the weekend when the sulphur is released, and they only come when the storm has come and gone.'

Cornelius Harmon is a cab driver in Corpus, and takes a drive along Refinery Row, down a road he calls the 'buffer zone'. It divides a wasteland of former housing - where those relocated because of pollution by another plant, Koch, once lived - from the mostly black and Hispanic community of Hillcrest. 'Are you gonna tell me,' posits Harmon, 'that the hand of God Almighty drew a line down this road and He says: "Over yonder side is contaminated and this side is fit for folks to live ?" And what have we got here? Well, I'll be doggone if it's not a school, with children playing in the smell. The people who run these things, they give our kids a new pair of sneakers and go to church and think they're going to heaven. But at the pearly gates, they're going to find St Peter in his Afro saying: "Whassup cuz? Seems like you're trying to get into the wrong place."' "

Time came for destiny to fulfil itself, for the son to stand for the high office in Washington which the Bush dynasty and its backers saw as having been usurped by Bill Clinton. The story of what carried George W Bush to the White House is well known: the most ruthlessly efficient campaigning machine ever assembled - by Karl Rove - with all the family's best connections filling a treasure chest that broke all records. As they returned to number-crunching in Austin, Texans for Public Justice and Public Research Works found little to surprise them save the machine's speed and efficacy. Within a month, Bush had raised hundreds of thousands of dollars, with Enron leading the field and two law firms giving \$146,900 - most prominently Vinson and Elkins, attorneys to Enron and the Alcoa aluminium giant, and James Baker's company, lawyers to the oil industry.

When Bush came to pick his cabinet, almost all pivotal

positions went to Bush Sr's inner sanctum, apart from the posts of commerce secretary (Don Evans, longtime buddy of Bush Jr's and a fellow Midland oil man) and treasury secretary (Paul O'Neill, currently touring the globe with Bono of U2, and former chief executive of Alcoa, the world's biggest producer of aluminium).

Alcoa held a stockholders meeting to send O'Neill off with a torrent of eulogies and an annual pay packet worth \$36m, but three speakers spoiled the party. Two were trade unionists from O'Neill's troubled plant at Ciudad Acuna in Mexico, challenging the chief executive's claim that conditions at their factory were so good 'they can eat off the floor'. The third was the soft-spoken Texan Ron Giles, drawing attention to the biggest of the state's 'grandfathered' polluters - the Alcoa smelting plant at Rockdale. If the Rockdale plant were a single state, it would count 40th for pollution among the 50 in the union, belching more than 100,000 tons of toxins in 1997.

The smokestacks of the largest aluminium smelter in North America fit incongruously into the pastoral ranch land northeast of Austin. And they seem especially odd as backdrop to the 300-acre ranch where Wayne Brinkley's family has raised cattle since the late 1800s, but over which hangs a stench wafting across the moonscape of Alcoa's lignite mine.

Brinkley looks as much the Texan as President Bush in his boots and Stetson - 'Only difference is,' he says, 'I am one, and Bush is not.' In his office is a hog, stuffed and mounted, and an awesome collection of vintage knives and firearms. On his desk is a survey by the independent Research Analysis Consultations group showing that concentrations of magnesium, calcium and aluminium register 'very high' around Brinkley's barn, and sodium and titanium over his fields. 'My son had cancer when he was just a young kid,' he says in a voice like sandpaper. 'They tried to buy us out. They keep offering various deals saying I can't talk to anyone about this for 35 years, and then they changed it to forever. But why should I leave? My family's been here 100 years; they've been here 50. They should do it by the book, and keep it clean for the rest of us.'

Alcoa continues regardless, feted by Wall Street for 'dazzling' returns. But in the last light of a warm evening, quiet rebellion stirs in the community room of a little town called Elgin. A group of local people, Neighbors for Neighbors, have obtained records that show Alcoa to be cheating, making improvements to its production plant worth some \$45m without parallel investments in pollution control. As a direct result of the Neighbors' exposé, the company was investigated by a TNRCC with no place to

hide this time.

Neighbors for Neighbors, enjoying statewide coverage and acclaim for its pluck, is itself suing the company. Billie Woods, Neighbors' president, says that Alcoa has responded by pressing ahead with its plans for a new lignite mine that would carve up 15,000 acres of farmland. The company has also made court applications to enter and search the homes of Neighbors activists. The request was denied, but the matter moved the usually conservative Daily Texan newspaper to demand: 'Stop the Alcoa Gestapo!'

Yesterday Texas, today Washington, tomorrow the world. With Bush family business back home in the US presidency, it now moves, in the form of the father, to the apex of global finance. The Carlyle Group defines the next phase of power: a Washington-based private equity fund with a difference. It is headed by Frank Carlucci, former CIA director and defense secretary under Ronald Reagan and lifelong friend of George Bush Sr. Bush (also once director of the CIA) sits next to Carlucci on the board with a portfolio specialising in Asia and does not hesitate to communicate with his son on concerns of regional relevance to Carlyle such as Afghanistan or the Pacific Rim. Bush Jr was once chairman of a Carlyle subsidiary making in-flight food.

On Carlucci's other flank is the ubiquitous James Baker III. Chairman of Carlyle Europe is John Major. The group's new asset management is headed by Afsaneh Beschloss, former treasurer of the World Bank. Carlyle has grown quickly to be worth some \$12bn, specialising in energy and defence, with particular attention to the oil-producing Gulf states. Among its most eager investors is Prince Bandar, Saudi ambassador to Washington and his father Prince Sultan, the kingdom's defence minister. The group's most spectacular recent coup was to reap \$400m in a stock sale of its subsidiary United Defence Industries, maker of the Crusader artillery system which most military experts argued was redundant, but which won \$470m in development money from the Pentagon and whose future in the US arsenal still hangs in the balance after a series of recent meetings between Carlucci and Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. Within a month of 11 September last year, Carlucci was meeting with Rumsfeld and his deputy Paul Wolfowitz, and 10 days later offered an assessment which exactly predicted the endless-war scenario: 'We as Americans,' he said, 'have to recognise that terrorism is more or less a permanent situation.'

'What's the secret?' chided William Conway, a co-founder of the group. 'I don't think we have any secrets. We are a group of businessmen who have made a huge amount of money for our investors.' 'I never bought into this

conspiracy theory about the Bush family, the energy companies or the Carlyle Group,' says Michael King, seasoned political editor of the Austin Chronicle , who has observed the phenomenon for decades. 'It is perfectly clear what they're aiming at from what they do in public: managing the global economy to their own advantage, and doing a pretty good job of it.'

On 11 September, while Al-Qaeda's planes slammed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the Carlyle Group hosted a conference at a Washington hotel. Among the guests of honour was a valued investor: Shafiq bin Laden, brother to Osama.

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MOSSAD, BUSH PLANNED, EXECUTED 9/11

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Recent revelations published on the Press TV website, the New York Post and Veterans Today have changed history.

The story was simple, two American congressional representatives were allowed to read the Congressional 9/11 Investigation Report, this time including the areas President Bush had ordered removed. Both congressmen clearly state that the redacted pages of the report place full responsibility for the planning and execution of 9/11 on one or more foreign intelligence agencies, not “terrorists.”

What is also clear is that President Bush’s personal role in covering this up protected the real perpetrators of 9/11 and pushed the US into, not just two insane wars but draconian moves against America’s government.

The NSA and the Bush 9/11 coup

Nine eleven was a coup against the constitution. Additional reports released this week make clear some of the reasons Bush lied to the American people, to congress, our military and our allies, “Obama’s Director for National Intelligence, James Clapper, has declassified new documents that reveal how the NSA was first given the green light to start collecting bulk communication data in the hunt for Al-Qaeda terrorists after 9/11. President Barack Obama’s administration has for the first time publicly confirmed ‘the existence of collection activities authorized by President George W. Bush,’ such as bulk amounts of Internet and phone metadata, as part of the ‘Terrorist Surveillance Program’ (TSP). The disclosures are part of Washington’s campaign to justify the NSA’s surveillance activities, following massive leaks to the media about the classified programs by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden. Clapper explained on Saturday that President George W. Bush first authorized the spying in October 2001, just weeks after the September 11 attacks.”

We can prove Bush was fully criminally culpable in covering the tracks of those responsible for 9/11.

AIPAC through Bandar and bush “under a bus”

More frighteningly, the articles published this week in Rupert Murdoch’s New York Daily News, written by Hoover Institute fellow and AIPAC member, Paul Sperry, now not only blame Prince Bandar of Saudi Arabia as the 9/11 mastermind but tie Bush (43) in as well.

In fact, the entire AIPAC apparatus, the largest lobbying organization in Washington, is currently engaged in a “full court press,” to stop congress from pushing for the release of the real report. Is this because the real report accuses Israel, not Saudi Arabia, and AIPAC wants the Murdoch/Sperry story to stand?

Bin Laden myth “crashes down”

The real report, called “shocking” by the legislators, who have called for President Obama to declassify the entire report, proves that there was no al-Qaeda involvement, no reason to invade Afghanistan or Iraq and no reason to hunt CIA operative, Colonel Tim Osman, also known as “Osama bin Laden.”

In fact, Ambassador Lee Wanta, a former White House Intelligence Chief and Inspector General of the Department of Defense under Reagan, has cited meetings between key government officials and “bin Laden” that he attended, meetings held in both Los Angeles and Washington DC while the US was supposedly hunting him.

From Wanta, who was present during these meetings, “In early 1990, bin Laden, suffering from advanced kidney disease, was flown to an American facility in the Persian Gulf. From there, bin Laden flew to Los Angeles, landing in the Ontario airport, met by Albert Hakim, representing President Bush (41), Ollie North (free on appeal bond), Admiral William Dickie, attorney Glenn Peglau and General Jack Singlaub, one of the founders of the CIA. Hakim was the personal representative of President Bush and in overall charge of the project. ‘Bud’ McFarlane, an Iran-Contra figure pardoned by President Bush in 1992, was also a part of the group.

Bin Laden then left Los Angeles for Washington DC. There he stayed in the Mayflower Hotel. Meetings were held at the Metropolitan Club in Washington. Attorney Glenn Peglau stayed at the Metropolitan. While there, Peglau’s room was broken into and “items” removed. At no point is there record, classified or public, that this ‘working group’ was ever dissolved nor is there any record that Osama bin Laden’s status as a security operative working for the US government ever ended. In 2001, Osama bin Laden’s last public statement denied any involvement in the 9/11 attacks. There are no classified documents tying bin Laden to 9/11 or citing him to be a ‘rogue CIA operative.’”

Which 9/11 is real?

In 2007, the FBI flew a team to Bangkok to interview former Soviet nuclear intelligence specialist Dimitri Khalezov. Khalezov told the FBI that, in the morning of September 12, 2001, he attended a breakfast gathering with Mossad Operations Chief Mike Harari and his son along with other Israeli operatives.

Khalezov reported to the FBI that this gathering was to celebrate the 9/11 attacks, not as Netanyahu had said, as a “fortunate happenstance for Israel” but as a Mossad attack on the United States. At that meeting, Harari also claimed credit for a role in the Oklahoma City bombing. According to Khalezov, Harari was courting him to join their group for an upcoming operation, a bombing attack on Bali, scheduled for 2002.

On October 12, 2002, a huge explosive device devastated nearly a square mile killing 202 people. An Islamic group was blamed, just as with not just 9/11 but, initially, Oklahoma City as well.

Khalezov told FBI agents that Harari claimed nuclear weapons were used to bring down the twin towers on 9/11. Harari also said he got a “cruise type” missile, a Soviet “Granit” for the Pentagon attack, purchased through Victor Bout, the “Lord of War” played by Nicholas Cage in the film of the same name.

Bout, residing in Bangkok with Harari and Khalezov, was extradited to the United States based on a highly classified indictment accusing him of supplying the guided missile used to attack the Pentagon on 9/11. Bout was arrested in Bangkok in 2008, not long after the FBI visit. He was officially convicted of supplying arms to rebels in Colombia, an activity Bout had long been engaged in on behalf of the CIA, his arms dealing partners for many years.

Leaks

Thus far, the initial report to congress on the Bush falsification does not qualify as a leak. Only Bush stands accused, the 9/11 perpetrators are still safe, their identities still protected by security protocols maintained by President Obama, despite congressional demands.

“Claimed” leaks reported by Sperry in the *Washington Post* blame Bandar and Saudi Intelligence for 9/11. Sperry cites the CIA as a source but, quite suspiciously, seems to be attempting to deflect the possible fallout against Israel when or if then real report is made public. The Sperry story, coordinated with AIPAC’s moves to quell congress’s demand to declassify the report may well be an indication that Israeli intelligence, as Khalezov indicates, worked with Bush to plan and execute 9/11.

From the Press TV article: “This week, Congressional representatives Stephen Lynch (D-MA) and Walter Jones (R-NC) have officially requested a congressional resolution demanding President Obama declassify the heavily redacted Congressional Investigative Report on 9/11. The two representatives had just been given authority under penalty of ‘national security secrecy’ to read the censored 28 pages of the 800-page report that had not been seen. What has been made clear is that President Bush was fully aware that neither Afghanistan nor Iraq were involved in 9/11 and that military action against those two nations was done to cover involvement of his administration in 9/11, involvement that included support from foreign intelligence agencies. The representatives, while reviewing the report, came to the portion titled ‘Specific Sources of Foreign Support.’

A 28-page section here had been ‘butchered’ by the White House on the personal orders of President Bush. On the original report given to Congress, an estimated 5-10,000 words were omitted from this section with page after page of dotted lines replacing text.”

This is only the most recent of revelations that AIPAC has managed to suppress through pressuring congress and its powerful assets in the press. What is increasingly clear is that many of AIPAC’s allies in Washington had access to the non-redacted report. An entire administration, leaders in congress and the Pentagon, the CIA, NSA and a dozen other organizations, all knew what was in the congressional report. They all lied to the 9/11 Commission. They all ordered measures to suppress freedom at home and to butcher hundreds of thousands around the world, kidnap and torture thousand more, all based on lies.

Countries were virtually wiped off the map on a whim. Often we hear it asked, “How could thousands be involved in a conspiracy so heinous?” We now stand ready to answer. The time has come to ask.

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Mueller: BUSH FUNDED THE 9/11 Attack

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During the course of our investigation into Jeffrey Epstein's financials we stumbled upon information that revealed to us that Prescott Bush, former President George HW Bush's father, and former President George Bush Jr.'s grandfather, had their businesses and banks confiscated because they had three partners that were Nazi officers and were found to be funding Adolf Hitler during World War II.

Background

Here is the timeline executed under President Roosevelt :

- **October 20, 1942**
 - Union Bank Corp in NYC found to be Nazi Shell Company
 - Prescott Bush was Director of Union Bank Corp
 - Share holders were Bush, Harriman and 3 Nazi Officers

- **October 28, 1942**
 - Roosevelt seized two companies as Fronts for 3rd Reich
 - Bush-Harriman Bank (subsidiary of Union Bank Corp NYC)
 - Seamless Steel (owned and Operated by Bush – Harriman Bank)
- **November 8, 1942**
 - Roosevelt seized Nazi-controlled assets at Corporation
 - Silesian-American Corp (owned and Operated by Bush – Harriman Bank)

Bush family legacy built by Nazi money and funded the killing of Jews by Adolf Hitler.

Incredibly even though Bush 41's family was linked to Nazis he served in the Texas Air National Guard, was the Director of the CIA and graduated Harvard Business School. In fact, Bush 41 having a family wealth created by the blood of Jewish people even became President of the United States. #LandOfOpportunity

I refer to Bush 41 a three term President. After the failed assassination of Reagan, Bush really ran the show . #ChangeMyMind

Bush 41, prior to entering the White House hit the ground running on building a commodity empire like his father did and did it in the same way his father did too. He didn't get in bed with Nazi's they were long gone.

Instead, he partnered up with other Jew haters.

Radical Muslims in the Middle East.

In the late 70's Bush established an array of oil exploration companies. Arbusto 76, Arbusto 77 , Arbusto 78 , Arbusto 79 , and Arbusto 80. One company every year since 1976 respectively representing the "Bush" companies. Arbusto in Spanish means BUSH.

When Bush 41 was in the Air National Guard, he had a friend that, like Bush 41, also worked for the CIA. His friend was James Bath, who was an airplane broker. Bath sold airplanes around the world and was even the person who sold the plane to Barry Seal (also CIA) who was the alleged Noriega mule in the MENA scandal ("coincidence").

Bush 41's plane broker buddy had a lot of money and represented a lot of deep pockets that he invested on behalf of. Thus, when Bush 41 wanted to take hold of oil production in Texas, he reached out to his CIA buddy for investments.

There is a partially sealed court case, *White v. Bath*, 825 SW 2d 227 – Tex: Court of Appeals 1992 that shows a 1976 Trust agreement between Bush 41's buddy Bath and Salem bin Laden, Osama bin Laden's brother.

Salem bin Laden was Osama bin Laden's older brother. A fun fact about the bin Laden family is that they are the "Trumps" of the Middle East. The bin Laden empire is the largest construction and real estate company in the Middle East. Bin Laden's brothers are not all Saudi, some are Jordanian, Syrian and Lebanese.

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Bush with his Business partner , Osama bin Laden's brother

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James Bath

There is also testimony that James Bath worked in an official capacity with the CIA when his best friend and business partner Bush 41 was the Director of the CIA. Salem bin Laden was Osama bin Laden's older brother. A fun fact about the bin Laden family empire is the largest construction and real estate company in the Middle East. Bin Laden's brothers are not all Saudi, some are Jordanian, Syrian and Lebanese.

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Bush 41 received investments for his various companies created from 1976 and onward from James Bath who represented Salem bin Laden exclusively in regards to his U.S. based investments. In the same civil suit there is under oath testimony made by Bath himself who admits not only to doing business with Salem bin Laden, but that he also managed multiple portfolios of investments into companies in the United States of Sheik Khalid bin Mahfouz, as well as other Saudi mongols. Bush 41 and Bush 43 were partners in businesses with banking tycoon Sheik Khalid bin Mahfouz for over a decade.

As allegations in the early 90's surfaced during this civil suit, a specific division of the Justice Department that was under the purview of the Chief of the Criminal Division in the Justice Department, The Financial Crime Enforcement Network (FinCEN), opened up an investigation to substantiate and or debunk the claims. Bush 41 appointed **ROBERT MUELLER** as CHIEF of the Criminal Division in the Justice Department and Mueller was directly **OVERSEEING** the **FinCEN** investigation into these matters.

Obviously, the Bush family was never mentioned in any of Mueller's reports. It's almost as if he was placed there to ensure the names were purposely omitted, since Bush family investments in Bahrain and Kuwait were controversial. This was because they seemed like the profits Bush 43 made selling off Middle Eastern Oil shares were done due to insider information Bush 43 received from his dad, who was president at the time.

During the course of the investigation, the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) was shut down and dismantled when it was determined to be the "black bank" and the washing machine for all corrupt networks across the globe. Asian mafias, Mexican cartels, Noriega, Saddam Hussein, terrorists, poppy plant drug lord of Asia Khun Sa, and many Republicans and Democrats in Washington including the Bushes, Clintons, and other notorious Hill names surfaced as clients. The global bank that operated in almost 80 countries was shut down because it was determined that Black Gold money from the Middle East was "influencing" politicians in the USA.

Who was the major shareholder of BCCI? Bush 41 and Bush 43's business partner Sheik Khalid bin Mahfouz, who was one of his largest investors in the Arbusto 79 and 80 companies.

In 1982, while Bush 41 was Vice President of the United States of America, he merged all the Arbusto companies into Arbusto 79 and Arbusto 80 and in turn, put them under the control of Bush Exploration LLP, which was majority owned by Bush 43.

In 1984, Bush 43 merged Bush Exploration LLP with another company and Spectrum 7 Energy Corp was born. Right after the 1984 Presidential elections, Bush 43's Spectrum 7 Energy Corp became a part of the company Harken Energy Corp in which he was given just under 250,000 shares and the position of Director of **Harken Energy Corp** in 1986.

In 1988 Bush 41 was elected as the 41st President of the United States and brokered a sweet deal for Harken Energy Corp where Bush 43 was a Director for Oil Exploration in Bahrain. It was only 16 months after the deal was struck that Bush 43 sold his interest in Harken only days before the company stocks tanked because Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait. Bush 43 made about \$1 MIL in profit and many even until today claim his dad tipped him off and that this was insider trading, but no one has ever brought charges or investigated the claims.

Sheik Khalid bin Mahfouz was Osama bin Laden's brother in law. In fact his sister was married to Osama.

Recently, NY POST posted an article exposing Robert Mueller's efforts to cover up for Saudis following 9/11:

In fact, Mueller threw up roadblocks in the path of his own investigators working the 9/11 case, while making it easier for Saudi suspects to escape questioning, multiple case agents told me. Then he deep-sixed what evidence his agents did manage to uncover, according to the 9/11 lawsuit against the Saudis.

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NY POST GOT IT HALF RIGHT

As reported yesterday in my [article yesterday](#) demonstrating how Mueller put more effort into Russia Hoax than 9/11 investigation I reported that:

Mueller NEVER actually had an OATH of OFFICE ceremony. He never did. His oath of office swearing in was the equivalent of eloping. His wife, along with maybe 5 other people. No cameras, no press, no ceremony. Eloping into the slot of FBI Director. My thoughts on September 4, 2001...Why such a hurry? It's not like he knew that exactly ONE week from his appointment 9/11 would happen. Right?

Mueller's Russia Hoax Investigation Was More Detailed And Desperate For An Outcome Than 9/11

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In fact I also reported :

Did you know that between Tuesday, September 4, 2001, and Friday, September 7, 2001, Mueller shuffled, **hired, fired** and appointed the whole **Counter Terrorism** squad **ONLY**? Just pointing out some really important facts no one else is.

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WHY THE RUSH?

Why the rush to appoint, slot in and re-arrange counter terror division? Our sources say that our Intelligence community knew Osama Bin Laden had something planned. The Bush Administration KNEW – the family of the then sitting President of the United States of America, George Bush Jr., would be linked to funding for Osama Bin Laden due to Bush 41's business investments through Bath and the extended bin Laden family. . That is probably why Mueller was quickly hired, and immediately took office with no Oath Ceremony.

On Friday September 7, 2001, Mueller raided Holy Land Foundation and its internet firm InfoCom Corp, confiscating all financials and monetary transaction history. Islamic Relief Foundation was raided as well.

Bush 43's company profits that were generated with Saudi counterparts helped fund the 9/11 attack via the Islamic Relief and Holy Land Foundation and other Islamic charities. John O'Neill, former deputy director of the FBI and leading expert on 9/11, warned about an attack and was ignored until the Intel community confirmed that OLD BCCI contacts verified that the Holy Land Foundation and Islamic relief along with other such charities were funding Osama bin Laden. One of those contact as per the article was Robert Trump, President Trump's brother.

O'Neill died on 9/11 inside the Twin Towers where he was leading security for the World Trade Center.

Apparently Bush 43's business partner's bank (NCB) National Commercial Bank of Saudi Arabia was funding Osama through Sudan (that is why on August 20, 1998 we bombed Sudan in retaliation for US embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania) where Bush 43's business partner's son, **Abdul Rahman**, served on the board in Sudan. Tens of millions of dollars were funneled to Osama bin Laden through NCB investments that were Bush 43 profit moneies from various investments. Sheik Khalid bin Mahfouz who was indicted by NY State was never found guilty of anything.

Suspiciously, Sheik Mahfouz died from a heart attack at age 60 in 2009, the same year a judge handed down sentencing in the Holy Land Foundation terrorism trial, which took place in Houston, Texas, several months before his death in the same location of the Bush family's businesses.

Sheik Mahfouz once acknowledged that he contributed \$270,000 to Osama bin Laden's forces when they were fighting the Soviets in Afghanistan, and he was often accused of funding the 2001 9/11 terrorist attacks, which he denied doing.

In 1993, one year after Bush 41 left office, Sheik Mahfouz paid \$225 million to settle charges of bank fraud without admittance of actually committing the fraud, in relation to the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI), which was shut down in 1991 due to money laundering.

It must be noted that in 1975, the CIA created a heart attack gun to quietly assassinate people by inducing heart attacks.

One thing that never made sense was Building 7 that collapsed in NYC. According to court records, Islamic Relief accounting records listing all donors from the US were housed in Building 7 as well as monies NCB invested on BEHALF of US partners. That information was derived from the Holy Land INFOCOM servers confiscated by Mueller, but never presented or used in an investigation.

Mueller was hired as FBI Director NOT to cover up the Saudi connections to 9/11 but former President George W. Bush Jr.'s connection to 9/11. Mueller helped cover up connections over a decade ago for Bush 41 as Chief of the Criminal Division at the Justice Department. In the week before 9/11, he was **appointed** Director of the FBI without being sworn in with the purpose of cleaning up **and covering up the joint Bin Laden-Bush** family investments that contributed to 9/11.

Instead of MUELLER trying to COUNTER whatever attack was planned, and instead of preventing the loss of nearly 3,000 innocent lives on 9/11, it can be argued that Mueller chose to cover up financial ties between the Bush family and the Bin Laden family that may have been responsible for funding Osama bin Laden's attack on the United States in the worst terrorist attack on US soil.

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'THEY KNEW 9/11 WAS COMING' Twin Towers cameraman claims he's got proof the George W Bush administration was behind terror attacks

Man says the most suspicious thing is what happened to building seven at the World Trade Center

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A man who was accused of shooting his wife believes he has proof the attack on the World Trade Center's

Twin Towers on September 11 is linked to the George Bush administration.

Kurt Sonnenfeld was working for the US Federal Emergency Management Agency, an organisation tied to the US Department of Homeland Security, when the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center took place.



Kurt was arrested for Nancy's murder in 2002 Credit: Getty Images

After the planes crashed into the building, Kurt was given unrestricted access to ground zero - the site where the buildings once stood.

Armed with camera gear, the 39-year-old was asked to film everything he saw.

His documented evidence was supposed to form part of a report about what happened - but he never handed back the footage.

His life began to unravel in the following months and years, leading to the death of his wife.

She was found dead on a couch in the home the pair shared with a bullet wound to the back of the head.

Fifteen years later, the now-54-year-old is on the run in Argentina.



Kurt was employed to film the Twin Towers scene to collect evidence

Credit: PA:Press Association

The US government wants him back in the country.

Officially, they say he's wanted over the murder of his wife, but he believes it's something far more sinister.

He says they want to silence him over what he saw beneath World Trade Center 6, evidence he is convinced paints the Bush Administration as big players in the deadliest attack on American soil.

As police arrived at Kurt's home, they heard him utter the words "I can't believe she shot herself".

When they gained access to the couple's home on New Year's Eve in 2002, it was obvious that Kurt had been drinking.

He had blood on his hands and alcohol on his breath, police told GQ.

They said in an upstairs room they found Nancy in red underwear, still breathing, but barely.

They rushed her to hospital with part of the bullet still protruding from the back of her skull.

She died, aged 36, the following morning.



Kurt has queried why the seventh tower collapsed because it wasn't hit by a plane

Credit: Getty Images

A cryptic note was discovered in the couple's bedroom.

It appeared to be a suicide note.

On it, Nancy had written: "What indeed is finally beautiful except death and love. Kurt, please get help."

The word love had been crossed out.
Nancy's fingerprints were on the gun
but Kurt was taken in for questioning.

He was charged with murder and was
due to appear in court in June 2002, but
the charges were dropped.

He fled because of a feeling it wouldn't
be the last time police came asking
questions.

His instincts were spot on.

In 2003, a year and a half after his
charges were dropped, a judge signed a
new warrant for his arrest.

When police went looking, they
realised he was gone.

Kurt met and married a woman in
Argentina shortly after arriving and the
pair now have two girls.

The US Government has tried to
extradite the former FEMA staffer
unsuccessfully.



Kurt was accused of killing his wife Nancy and the case has been opened and closed four times - in favour of Kurt

Part of the reason for that is Argentina's strict opposition to the death penalty.

Kurt could face execution in the state of Colorado if found guilty of Nancy's murder.

What did Kurt see?

Sporting bleached blond hair, Kurt wove his way through the rubble of Manhattan's downtown financial district.

He shot hours of footage but never handed it in.

Of particular interest was what he found beneath World Trade Center 6.

He says inside the building he came across a vault that had been cleared of its contents before the planes struck.

In a documentary filmed in Argentina, Kurt said the discovery is proof that America knew the attacks were coming, at the very least.



Nancy was found with a bullet in the back of her head

“One thing I’m certain of is that agencies of intelligence of the United States of America knew what was going to happen and at least let it happen,” he said.

“Not only did they know it was going to happen, but they in fact collaborated.”

It is given weight by a similar discovery on a basement door below World Trade Center 4.

According to a *New York Times* article, the door to a vault was still intact but it appeared as if somebody had tried to gain entry.

[Behind the vault door were nearly a thousand tonnes of silver and gold.](#)

Kurt is a conspiracy theorist and not only because of what he saw.

He says he has the most trouble understanding how World Trade Center 7 collapsed despite suffering no damage.

“To me, the most suspicious thing of all is what happened to building seven at the World Trade Center,” he said.

“This building was not hit by a plane.

“It didn't have any structural damage ... but, amazingly enough, building seven fell in a perfect textbook type implosion, taking only 6.5 seconds for a 47-storey building to fall completely into its own footprint.

Barry McDaniel and 15 Reasons to Investigate Stratesec

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One of the men who led Stratesec, the World Trade Center (WTC) security company, has recently resurfaced on some [small business websites](#). This is Barry McDaniel, the U.S. military executive who served as Chief Operating Officer (COO) for Stratesec from 1996 until 2002 and then briefly became the company's CEO. The new websites provide rare photos of McDaniel and an opportunity to review some of the many reasons why he and his Stratesec partner Wirt D. Walker should be investigated for the crimes of 9/11.



Although McDaniel has been largely overlooked by investigators, Walker has been the focus of much investigation due to inquiries into his familial relationship to George W. Bush. The familial relationship is distant, unlike for Stratesec director Marvin Bush—brother to George W. and Jeb, but Walker's background reveals [many deep state connections](#).

Despite playing a central role in security for 9/11-related facilities, Stratesec was not investigated at all by U.S. authorities after 9/11. The company was a subsidiary of the Kuwait-American Company (KuWAm), foreign-owned and led by Walker and a young member of the Kuwaiti royal family. As described in my book [Another Nineteen](#), there are many reasons to consider Stratesec, KuWAm, and their leaders as suspects in the crimes of 9/11. Here are a few.

1. Stratesec had unparalleled access to several of the facilities that were central to the events of 9/11. The company had pre-9/11 security contracts with the WTC complex, United Airlines, which owned two of the planes that were destroyed on 9/11, and Dulles Airport where American Airlines Flight 77 took off.
2. KuWAm was linked through its directors to the terrorist network BCCI. One of KuWAm's principal directors, Hamzah Behbehani, came to the company after working for a BCCI partner bank from 1986 until BCCI was shut down.

Furthermore, KuwAm was ostensibly funded by Kuwaiti royalty, which had significant BCCI connections. The chairman of Kuwait Airways, the state airline, was Faisal al-Fulaij, BCCI's principal nominee. Al-Fulaij was deeply involved in the operations of BCCI and its U.S. subsidiaries. Kuwait's Finance and Oil minister was Abdul Rahman Al-Atiqi, a major investor in BCCI.

3. Stratesec held its annual company meetings in office space leased by the governments of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, both of which benefited from the response to 9/11. The offices were at the infamous Watergate Hotel in Washington, DC.
4. Wirt Walker's activities ran parallel to those of two known CIA operatives—[Ted Shackley](#) and [Robert Sensi](#). All three men had unusual business relationships with Kuwaiti royalty and were involved in aviation and security operations. Like Walker, Sensi had an address in Oklahoma City.
5. McDaniel had expertise in the acquisition and distribution of military ordnance. He had worked for the D.O.D. as the Deputy Director for Readiness at the U.S. Army Material Command where he was responsible for procuring and fielding all of the weapons systems for the Army. This background made him well suited to the job of acquiring and distributing explosive materials.
6. McDaniel had [links to the Iran-Contra crimes](#) and to companies that conducted covert operations, like Sears World Trade and The Vinnell Corporation.
7. The timing of McDaniel's unusual career move to become COO at Stratesec matched the timing of work at the WTC that provided opportunities to plant demolition-related devices. The fireproofing upgrade project began in 1996, when McDaniel arrived, and was ongoing at the time of the 9/11 attacks. The floors of impact [had just been completed](#) shortly before the attacks.
8. At the WTC, Stratesec focused on electronic badging, security gates, and the closed circuit video systems (CCTV). These security controls could therefore have been set-up to be bypassed as needed.

9. At Dulles Airport, Stratesec had managed airfield access and electronic badging, as well as the security video system that later provided unique and critical evidence implicating the alleged hijackers. The *9/11 Commission Report* referenced the security videotape from Dulles in three separate footnotes. The Dulles video was used to implicate all of the accused Flight 77 hijackers. Neither Logan nor Newark airports had such security videotape evidence to provide— only Dulles.
10. KuwAm and Stratesec were led by [directors and investors](#) who were linked to deep state entities and who benefited from the response to the 9/11 crimes.
11. After Kuwait stopped funding Stratesec, the company's primary stockholder was a shell company whose principals were convicted of money laundering and conspiracy. This was the company called ES Bankest that illegally transferred nearly 200 million dollars from a Portugese bank to various operations like Stratesec. ES Bankest's owners, [brothers Eduardo and Hector Orlansky](#), and their partners, were indicted shortly after Stratesec closed.
12. A stock purchase made by Walker and his wife, the week of 9/11, was flagged by the SEC as suspected [9/11 insider trading](#). Walker and his wife were never investigated, or even questioned.
13. KuwAm's subsidiaries, including all three aviation companies and Stratesec, went bankrupt shortly after 9/11 and there are reasons to believe that they were fronts for covert operations. These reasons include some of the facts described above and that these companies were always able to maintain strong cash flow despite dismal business performance. They appeared to close only because Kuwaiti government funding dried up after 9/11.
14. KuwAm's three aviation companies were operationally located in the [same Oklahoma City offices](#)—in the same isolated airport hangar—that have since been occupied by Zacarias Moussaoui's flight trainer.

15. After 9/11, McDaniel started a “defense solutions” and police state equipment company [with Dick Cheney’s old partner](#) Bruce Bradley. When independent investigators revealed that remarkable association, the company’s website was taken down.

Considering these things, it’s a good idea for investigators to remain alert to the activities of Walker, McDaniel, and their associates. Photos of the elusive men are not really necessary and there are still no public photos available for Walker. But McDaniel’s face has finally made an appearance on the web, along with a few other details about his activities and associations.

McDaniel’s current colleagues are a noteworthy bunch with experience in hotspots around the world. They include Kallyan Chakravorty, a former officer in the Indian Army who lists Skylink Aviation on his resume. Skylink is a Canadian company that provides aviation services in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, and Pakistan. It looks a like a CIA airline but is owned by a Libyan-Israeli named Walter Arbib.

The internet [resume McDaniel uses](#) today says that he has been “providing logistical service and construction solutions on most post conflict areas of the world including Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan.” He’s just a guy who happened to be the right person to put the security system together for the WTC before it came crashing to the ground, and just happened to have expertise in explosive ordnance. He also happens to be linked to the Iran-Contra crimes, and happened to be business partners with a close colleague of Dick Cheney. Or maybe there’s more to it than that.



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What Congress Does Not Know about Enron and 9/11

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A captured Al Qaida document reveals that US energy companies were secretly negotiating with the Taliban to build a pipeline. The document was obtained by the FBI but was not allowed to be shared with other agencies in order to protect Enron. Multiple sources confirm that American law enforcement agencies were deliberately kept in the dark and systematically prevented from connecting the dots before 9/11 in order to aid Enron's secret and immoral Taliban negotiations.

The suppressed Al Qaida document tends to support recent claims of a cover-up made by several mid-level intelligence and law enforcement figures. Their ongoing terrorist investigations appear to have been hindered during the same sensitive time period while the Enron Corporation was still negotiating with the Taliban. An inadvertent result of the Taliban pipeline cover-up was that the Taliban's friends in Al Qaida were able to complete their last eight months of preparations for 9/11 while the Enron secrecy block was still in force.

Although the latest order to block investigations allegedly resulted from Enron's January 2002 appeal to Vice President Dick Cheney, it appears that there were at least three previous block orders, each building upon the other, stretching back for decades and involving both Republican and Democratic administrations.

The first block came in the 1970's, as a result of Congressional reaction to domestic espionage against the anti-Vietnam war movement. In a case of blatant over-reaction, the FBI placed all houses of worship and religious charities off-limits for any surveillance whatsoever unless there was independent probable cause. This meant that all Mosques and other Muslim meeting places for terrorist groups were effectively off limits until after a crime had been committed. The block order was not lifted until last week by Atty. General Ashcroft.

The second block order, in force since the 1980's, was against any investigation that would embarrass the Saudi Royal family. Originally, it was designed to conceal Saudi support for Muslim extremists fighting against the Soviets in Afghanistan and Chechnya, but it went too far. Oliver North noted in his autobiography, that every time he tried to do something about terrorism links in the Middle East, he was told to stop because it might embarrass the Saudis. This block remains in place.

As the combined result of these two blocks, the Saudis were able to fund middle eastern terrorists in complete secrecy during the 1990's through a network of Muslim charities in Virginia, Tampa and Florida. The Saudi funding network was targeted at the destruction of the State of Israel and the obstruction of the Palestinian peace process.

The Saudi funding conduit has now been exposed and shut down by means of a private lawsuit, Loftus vs. Sami Al Arian, which is currently pending in Hillsborough County, Florida. The lawsuit, filed on March 20, 2002, influenced the government into raiding the Saudi charities in Herndon, Virginia, a few hours later.

After filing the Al-Arian lawsuit, Attorney Loftus began to receive very detailed documents and information about a third block: a prohibition on investigations concerning the Taliban. In the early 1990's, a consortium of American oil companies (lead by Unocal) had hired Enron to determine the profitability of building an oil and gas pipeline across Afghanistan so that America could have access to the Caspian Sea Basin, holding 1/8th of the worlds energy supplies.

There is no doubt that these secret negotiations existed, and that they were known to Al Qaida. Loftus recently received an FBI translation of a highly classified and encrypted Al Qaida document, circa 1997-1998, which was retrieved and decrypted from a computer laptop following the Embassy bombing in Africa. The document was written by Osama Bin Laden's military commander, Mohammed Atef, under his nom de guerre, Abu Haf, and reveals extensive knowledge of the supposedly secret pipeline negotiations, and their potential economic worth to the Taliban, Pakistan and the U.S.

Former Afghanistan CIA agent Robert Baer has recently published a book charging that the cover-up of the 1990's pipeline negotiations revealed extensive financial corruption inside the Clinton administration, and contributed to the lack of intelligence before 9/11. The Taliban negotiations temporarily collapsed in 1999 after Clinton reversed his NSC advisor's policy, and ordered a missile strike against terrorists in Afghanistan.

However, in January 2001, Vice President Cheney allegedly reinstated the intelligence block and expanded it to effectively preclude any investigations whatsoever of Saudi-Taliban-Afghan oil connections. Former FBI counter-terrorism chief John O'Neil resigned from the FBI in disgust, stating that he was ordered not to investigate Saudi-Al Qaida connections because of the Enron pipeline deal. Loftus has confirmed that it was O'Neill who originally discovered the AL Qaida pipeline memo after the Embassy bombings in Africa.

O'Neill gave an overview of the Enron block to two French authors who will soon be publishing in the United States. The FBI is currently investigating Loftus' links to John O'Neill, and is also refusing FBI agent Robert Wright permission to publish his own findings about the Enron block.

Loftus asserts that the Enron block, which remained in force from January 2001 until August 2001 when the pipeline deal collapsed, is the reason that none of FBI agent Rowley's requests for investigations were ever approved. As numerous British and French authors have concluded, the information provided by European intelligence sources prior to 9/11 was so extensive, that it is no longer possible for either CIA or the FBI to assert a defense of incompetence.

It is time for Congress to face the truth: In order to give Enron one last desperate chance to complete the Taliban pipeline and save itself from bankruptcy, senior levels of US intelligence were ordered to keep their eyes shut and their subordinates ignorant.

The Enron cover-up confirms that 9/11 was not an intelligence failure or a law enforcement failure (at least not entirely). Instead, it was a foreign policy failure of the highest order. If Congress ever combines its Enron investigation with 9/11, Cheney's whole house of cards will collapse.

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[*What Congress Does Not Know about Enron and 9/11*](#)

A highly reliable confidential client source who wishes to remain anonymous has promised to send me an FBI copy of a high-level Al Qaida report dating back to the embassy bombings in Africa several years ago. The email report was captured in Africa from the computer file of a senior aid to Osama Bin Laden. My client has obtained this document through lawful means.

The email report, written by Al Qaida's head of military operations, Mohammad Atef, describes Al Qaida's view of ongoing secret pipeline negotiations between the US oil companies and the Taliban to build a pipeline through Afghanistan.

This Atef report was almost certainly reviewed by the late John O'Neill at the time of the Embassy bombing, shortly after the Al Qaida report was written. At the time, O'Neill was the FBI agent in charge of the Embassy bombing investigation. The shocking pipeline information may explain why O'Neill became fixated about the Saudi-Taliban-Al Qaida relationship for the few remaining years of his life.

After O'Neill's investigations were repeatedly shut down by his superiors, O'Neill allegedly began making discreet inquiries to French intelligence using two reporters as cut-outs. Both reporters were known consultants for French intelligence and are specialists on both the oil industry and terrorism.

It is plausible that the French Government was upset at being shut out of the Caspian Basin deal, and may have been helping O'Neill behind the backs of his superior's in Washington. It does seem that the more that O'Neill learned, the less he was allowed to do with it.

The last straw was Cheney's refusal to follow up on O'Neill's request to pursue the leads in the Phoenix memo in April 2001. After resigning from the FBI in disgust, John O'Neil spoke candidly to several people, including the two French authors, whom he met again in July.

They have now written about the pipeline deal in "The Forbidden Truth." The book, not yet translated into English, quotes O'Neill as saying that his Al Qaida investigations were blocked to protect the Saudis. The Caspian Basin pipeline issue is discussed at length as the motive for the coverup.

I do not think that the French authors have the Atef document or they would have released it in their book. The Atef memo may indeed be a smoking gun, but I need to see the exact text to be sure before I release it to

Congress.

This Al Qaida document may be the first hard evidence to break the Enron pipeline cover-up apart. I need your advice and confidential assistance in making a discreet collection of all Afghan pipeline research for a memo to present to Congress.

Here is my investigative hypothesis which needs to be greatly fleshed out and footnoted before I go to Congress. I have presented my thoughts by topic, rather than in chronological order.

Back in the 1970's and 80's, Saudi intelligence (not the CIA as has been reported) funded the early Taliban faction and later Al Qaida as part of the insurgency to throw the Russians out of Afghanistan. A few years afterwards, US energy companies (Enron, as the Afghan pipeline consultant for UNOCAL) used the Saudi intelligence connection to the Taliban to begin negotiations for a pipeline across Afghanistan.

Prince Turki, chief of Saudi intelligence, has publicly admitted making several trips into Afghanistan to negotiate a peace mission with the Taliban. My sources say he was the pipeline mediator for Enron. Prince Turki was fired as head of Saudi intelligence immediately after the pipeline discussions collapsed in August 2001.

Prince Turki is allegedly close to the Bin Laden family which was allegedly promised the construction contract in return for a percentage to the Saudi Royal family. This is a common business practice initiated by the Carlyle Group's contracts in Saudi Arabia.

As the Republican IPO magazine, Red Herring, confirms, President Bush' father was business partners in the Carlyle Group with the Bin Laden family during this period . This company is a Who's Who of former Democratic and Republican intelligence and political officials, whose specialty is acting as super-lobbyists at the highest levels of government. They are also suspected of arranging construction kickbacks to the Saudi royal family in return for discount oil sales.

Red Herring alleges that during a visit to Kennebunkport, Bush senior lectured his son on placating the Saudis, especially with regard to Israel, and even called the Saudis in his son's presence to reassure them that he had told his son their point of view.

Apparently, the deeply angered President Bush mentioned the private meeting with his father to a close friend, who leaked it to Red Herring. Shortly afterward, another Republican newspaper, the Boston Herald, ran a scathing expose on the number of White House officials with investments in Saudi oil, calling it an "obscene conflict of interest."

It should be noted that President Bush at first seemed to reject his father's advice about Israel quite strongly, and secretly ordered all American troops to begin a total withdrawal from Saudi Arabia. White House sources began a steady drumbeat of leaks about Saudi involvement with terrorism, and even authorized long-delayed raids on the Saudi charities in Virginia that served as a money laundry for terrorist operations against Israel.

Suddenly, President Bush made a sudden and startling switch to adopt a more pro-Saudi view. The documents seized in the Virginia raids are barely being translated, let alone investigated.

Nevertheless, the Israelis have been privately informed that criminal cases against the Saudi-financed terrorists in the US like Sami Al Arian, are being dropped for "lack of evidence" before the evidence has even been collated.

The State Department's recent report on Global Terrorism is being denounced as a blatant white-wash by Republicans and Democrats alike.

A plausible explanation for the dramatic policy reversal is that someone (allegedly Cheney) told President Bush to call off the dogs at CIA and FBI, because if the Saudis went down, they would take his father down with

them. I think our President has a good heart, but is completely boxed in and does not know how to get out from under his father's legacy.

The Israeli government is angered and bewildered over the sudden switch, and has begun to release documents showing prior US knowledge of Al Qaida operations as well as Saudi support for terrorism. As Crown Prince Abdullah's visit to both Bushes in Texas showed, a modus vivendi has been reached.

The simplest explanation is that both Crown Prince Abdullah and President Bush can blackmail each other over the Taliban pipeline. Both sides have agreed to pretend that they have always been allies in the war against terrorism, and that Iraq is the real enemy.

Mutual blackmail makes a bit of sense. The Saudi intelligence connection was the key to get the Taliban pipeline negotiations going without the CIA or FBI finding out. The Enron political connection to the Bush and Clinton administrations was key to keeping the CIA and FBI off of the Saudis' backs while the negotiations were underway. Messy little details about terrorism were swept under the rug for the sake of the big picture.

The truth is already starting to leak out. It has just been discovered that Enron had purchased huge tracts of land in the Caspian basin, especially in Turkmenistan, which property is allegedly still on their books. The acreage is enormous, and worthless.

But, if the Taliban pipeline had been built, Enron might have owned some of the most valuable oil exploration sites in the world, and rescued itself from insolvency. Any White House insider who helped Enron would have gotten rich, filthy rich.

When Bush's son came into office, Enron allegedly approached Cheney in late January and told him vaguely about the secret Saudi-Taliban pipeline negotiations, and how important it was to America's energy policy for generations to come.

Like an idiot, Cheney agreed to keep the lid on any Saudi-Taliban investigations for a while. For the sake of the Caspian Basin pipeline, Cheney passed the word inside the beltway not to allow anyone in the Government to connect the dots.

All across America, ongoing Saudi-Taliban investigations were hindered, obstructed, or closed down, just as the Clinton administration had done before them.

What no one did was check Enron's accounting. The pipeline deal made little economic sense in view of Russian cooperation. To Enron's horror, the pipeline deal collapsed in August. Then came 9/11. Then came the Enron collapse. Then came the Cheney coverup.

Cheney's biggest problem is the two fairly senior intelligence officials who rebelled and became whistleblowers: Robert Baer of CIA and John O'Neill of FBI. The rest of the FBI and CIA higher ups have kept their mouths shut, although a lot of lower level people are now coming forward to question their superior's strange behavior. The two rebels, Baer of CIA and O'Neill of FBI, were of course, driven into retirement.

Much of the Saudi information was blacked out of Baer's book by CIA censors, but enough remains to thoroughly document the brazen avarice of senior Clinton NSC officials for a Caspian Basin pipeline.

Baer names a few names, but he was driven into retirement before he could learn too much. Still, he learned that both Republican and Democratic officials were involved with the pipeline coverup to the great detriment of American intelligence.

The worst condemnation ever written of the financial corruption in the Clinton administration can be found in the last chapters of Robert Baer's recent book, "See No Evil", where he blames the pipeline coverup for substantially contributing to 9/11.

Baer's book makes a strong case, as do O'Neills friends in France with their book. The explanation is raw and blunt. No partisan politics, just greed. A crooked handful of high level officials in the Clinton and Bush administration were clearly obsessed with the Caspian pipeline plan.

Cheney was not the first to block the investigations, but he is probably the last to be involved with the coverup. That could explain why he is resisting Congress on both the Enron and pre-9/11 intelligence documents. If Congress ever connects the two investigations, the whole house of cards will collapse.

Most of my sources say that Bush and Rice may have been deliberately kept out of the loop by Cheney. For example, it was Cheney, not Rice, who saw the Phoenix memo before 9/11.

It is, however, theoretically possible that the President may have known about the pipeline deal from his own sources.

President Bush's father was the leading lobbyist for the Saudis and may have been told everything by his Carlyle Group partners, the Bin Laden family, who were supposedly in line to get the Taliban pipeline construction contract. But it is doubtful we will ever know what Bush senior told his son while the pipeline negotiations were underway.

In terms of the upcoming Congressional investigation, the Al Qaida document is the first direct written evidence to confirm the existence of secret pipeline negotiations with the Taliban. Moreover, it confirms that Al Qaida was informed of these negotiations from the earliest stages.

This raises an interesting question. The Al Qaida author, Mohammed Atef, must have known that his report had fallen into American hands when his operative's computer was captured by the FBI. Atef may have been surprised that his pipeline report was never made public to embarrass the Taliban.

Atef may have suspected merely from the surprising silence that the CIA and FBI were not being allowed to pursue or reveal their Afghanistan investigations while the pipeline negotiations were under way. The Saudis could certainly have tipped off the Taliban that the fix was in. It is hard to believe that the Bin Laden construction company did not learn anything from their Carlyle group partners about the pipeline.

Whatever the source, the early date of the Atef report shows that the highest levels of Al Qaida certainly knew about the pipeline secret from the beginning. The pipeline coverup could have convinced Atef that Al Qaida could exploit the lack of coordinated intelligence against them.

In addition to the usual inter-agency bungling, the Enron cover-up was the real reason for the black hole in US intell about events in Afghanistan, and plausibly explains why no US agency was allowed to connect the dots. Moreover it explains why honest officials like Baer and O'Neill were driven into retirement.

Bottom line: Baer and O'Neill were right. There was a pipeline coverup and it very likely contributed to 9/11. The Atef report raises the founded suspicion, based on specific articulable facts, that AL Qaida might have piggy-backed on the Enron secrecy blackout to launch their surprise attack, confident in their knowledge that US intelligence had been deliberately blinded by Enron's cronies in Washington.

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MARVIN BUSH EMPLOYEE'S MYSTERIOUS DEATH – CONNECTIONS TO 9/11?

Washington Post Sits on Story for a Week

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October 10 , 2003, 1200 PDT, (FTW) -- WASHINGTON, **At** around 9 PM on September 29, Fairfax County, Virginia police responded to a 911 call describing an accident. However, they soon discovered they were not dealing with a routine emergency but the mysterious death of an employee of the 47-year old brother of President George W. Bush, venture capitalist Marvin Bush. Sixty-two year old Bertha Champagne, described as a long time "baby sitter" for Marvin and Margaret Bush's two children, son Walker, 13, and daughter Marshall, 17, was found crushed to death by her own vehicle in a driveway in front of the Bush family home in the Alexandria section of Fairfax County. Champagne reportedly lived at the Bush family home.

Champagne had left the residence to retrieve something from her car, which police say had somehow been left in gear. According to the police report, the car rolled forward and pinned the woman between it and a small building next to the driveway (possibly a checkpoint built by the Secret Service when Marvin's father, George H. W. Bush, was president). The car crossed Edgehill Drive, a small street in front of the Bush compound. The vehicle then crossed a busy two-lane street, Fort Hunt Road, finally coming to rest in a wooded area across the street that adjoins the prestigious Belle Haven Country Club. No explanations have been offered as to why the vehicle did not move until Champagne was in a position to be crushed.

Champagne was pronounced dead on arrival at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital. Courtney Young, a spokesperson for the Fairfax County police was surprised when asked about the circumstances surrounding Champagne's death. She indicated the media was primarily focused on another Fairfax County story, the kidnapping and holdup of the wife of New Hampshire Senator Judd Gregg on October 7. More mystifying is the fact that the *Washington Post* waited almost an entire week to publish the story about the baby sitter's death. The incident occurred on September 29, but the *Post* did not report it until October 5 and buried it on page 3 of the Metro section. Nevertheless, the *Washington Post* was the only media outlet to cover the story at all. Young said police still did not know the exact cause of Champagne's death.



(Champagne's car pinned her against the security structure on the right)

Young said the police had posted the incident on its web site in a press release, although the report makes no mention of Marvin Bush. It reads:

A 62-year-old Alexandria area woman died after being pinned between a rolling car and a building. The crash happened on Monday, around 9 pm, near the intersection of Fort Hunt Road and Edgehill Drive. Bertha Champagne had gone outside to get something from a car in a driveway. The car, which was left in gear, began to roll forward. Champagne was pinned between the car and a small building next to the driveway. The car continued to roll down the driveway, crossed Fort Hunt Road, and came to rest in a wooded area. Champagne was taken to Inova Mount Vernon Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

The press release is dated September 30 at 1330 (1:30 PM), some sixteen and a half hours after the incident occurred. The police were well aware of Marvin Bush's controversial role in serving on corporate boards for companies associated with the 911 terrorist attacks, however, they emphasized that Champagne's death was merely a quirky accident and no foul play was involved.

According to two articles in the *Progressive Populist* written by Margie Burns, from 1993 to 2000, Bush served on the board of Securacom (since renamed Stratesec). The chairman of the board of Stratesec is Wirt D. Walker III, a cousin of Marvin and George W. Bush. Securacom had contracts to provide security for Dulles International Airport (the airport from which American Airlines Flight 77, which crashed into the Pentagon, originated) and the World Trade Center in New York. Securacom's backers include a number of Kuwaitis through a company called KuwAm Corp (Kuwaiti-American Corp.). Stratesec also has Saudi investors. Walker also serves as a managing director of KuwAm, which maintains offices within the Watergate complex along with Riggs Bank, on whose board Bush's uncle, Jonathan Bush, sits. Saudi Princess Haifa al Faisal, the wife of Saudi Ambassador to the US Prince Bandar, used a Riggs account to funnel money to Omar al Bayoumi and Osama Basnan, two Saudi students in California associated with two of the 911 hijackers.

Until November 2002, Bush served on the board of HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. (formerly Houston Casualty Company), a re-insurer for the World Trade Center. Bush still serves as an adviser to the firm. Walker serves as chief executive officer of Aviation General, an aircraft company backed by KuwAm. Aviation General, formerly

Commander Aircraft, brokered the sale of airplanes to the National Civil Aviation Training Organization (NCATO), located in Giza, Egypt, the hometown of lead hijacker Mohammed Atta. NCATO is the only civilian pilot training school in Egypt. NCATO has a training agreement with Embry-Riddle University in Daytona Beach, Florida, the flight school that was investigated by the FBI for possibly training at least one of the 911 hijackers.

A Houston businessman who worked closely with the Bush family over the years confided that Marvin Bush and Wirt Walker appear to have taken over the Saudi real estate investment and aircraft brokerage business once run out of Texas by Houston-based James Bath in association with Salem bin Laden, the late brother of Osama bin Laden, and Khalid bin Mahfouz. The source, who has dealt personally with the Bush family in Houston for a number of years, said there should be skepticism when looking at bizarre deaths like that of Champagne. The source speculated that Champagne might have happened upon some sensitive information the Bush family wanted kept secret.

Some observers wondered if Secret Service agents might have been able to assist Champagne when her car pinned her. According to the Secret Service in Washington, the agency only provides protection to presidential siblings if an Executive Order authorizes such action. A Secret Service spokesperson emphasized there is no current Secret Service protection for Marvin Bush. However, there remains a question why private security agents posted at the Bush compound could not have responded to Champagne's distress.

There are also questions concerning Champagne's actual place of residence. According to the *Post* story, Bush told police that Champagne resided at their compound, However, a phone call to the directory-listed residence of Bertha Champagne in Franconia, Virginia resulted in Mrs. Champagne's son answering the phone. He confirmed that his mother lived at the Franconia address but he was clearly uncomfortable and nervous in talking to the media about the circumstances surrounding his mother's death.

Strange & timely deaths of some connected to the Bushes.

Vatic Master

Vatic Note: Under HW Bush, there are only a few listed because they are possibly connected to the Franklin Scandal of the pedophile ring associated with his White House. This below does not mention it, but Colby was investigating this scandal and disappeared before he could finish it. Now Bush Sr. is the man whom Obama gave a medal of freedom to and given all the crimes the man has committed, I believe we should have that taken away from him sooner, rather than later before more history becomes distorted, with down right lies and fantasy. Then we turn around and teach it to our kids.

Lets not do that this time around. I also want to insist that we take his name off any navy ships or other military equipment or government buildings, the man was a satanist pedophile, Mafia drug runner and assassination leader. The Bushes are not the only ones either. Clinton and Foster, but then Clinton was Bush's drug running partner in Mena Arkansas. Notice how none of these below ever mention Israel or Dual Israeli citizens etc or mossad or Cheneys domestic assassination squad that also had mossad agents on it? I try to straighten that out when I come across it but I am sure I am missing some.

H W BUSH

William Colby

This former CIA director disappeared in an apparent boating accident, and a body was later discovered (minus the life jacket Colby's friends insisted he always wore while boating) and buried promptly. John DeCamp, a lawyer from **Lincoln, Nebraska, (VN: It was also known that Colby was investigating the White House pedophile scandal back in HW's administration)** and Colby's close friend and confidant, said Colby's death was not an accident. He stated that Colby was prepared to disclose that missing P.O.W.'s were working for a dope smuggling operation orchestrated by Richard Armitage, and George H. W. Bush.

William Casey was CIA Director during the Reagan/Bush Administration. He died 2 days before he was to testify about his and others' involvement in the Iran/Contra scandal.

Don Aronow He was a close friend of George H. W. Bush. According to the book "George Bush, the Unauthorized Biography," there is compelling evidence to conclude that Aronow was a drug smuggler and suspected drug-money launderer. He was murdered by professional killers on February 3, 1987. In the days before his death, he made many personal calls to George H. W. Bush.

Danny Casolaro He was working on a book that tied together the scandals surrounding the presidency of George H. W. Bush. He told his friends he was going to "bring back" the head

of the Octopus regarding the US Justice Department's destruction of Inslaw Inc. and the theft of its Promis software created by the firm. Instead, his body was found in a hotel in Martinsburg, WV on August 10, 1991. He was in a bathtub with both wrists slashed, a total of TWELVE times. Authorities & family searched his hotel room, car and home, in an effort to find his manuscript and briefcase. Neither was ever found. His body was embalmed illegally, without his family's consent, making an autopsy inconclusive. Video [here](#) & [here](#)

Mark Lombardi He charted the complex matrices of personal and professional relationships, conflict of interest, malfeasance and fraud uncovered by investigations into the Bush administration's financial and political scandals. On the evening of March 22, 2000, Mark Lombardi was found hanging in his loft, an apparent suicide.

G W BUSH

Paul Wellstone & family

Need we say more.

James Hatfield

Mr. Hatfield was the author of *Fortunate Son*, an unauthorized biography of George W. Bush. The book detailed Bush's cocaine use and cover up of a cocaine arrest. He was found Wednesday, July 18, 2001 in a motel room, an apparent suicide.

Lt. Colonel William Harris, Jr. Harris was one of two commanding officers who could not perform George W. Bush's annual evaluation covering the year from May 1, 1972 to April 30, 1973. They stated in their filing that "Lt. Bush has not been observed at this unit during the period of this report." Fortunately for George W. Bush, Lt. Col. Harris is not here to verify his 1973 statement. He's dead.

Lt. Colonel Jerry B. Killian

Killian was another of George W. Bush's commanding officers. He cannot testify in a court of law as to George W. Bush's dereliction of his sworn duty. Lt. Col. Killian is dead. James Downing Aalund Mr. Aalund's name is the first on a long list of young Texans who died in Vietnam. These young men did not have influential fathers to pull the strings necessary to get them into the Texas Air National Guard. If they had been so lucky, they would surely have fulfilled their responsibilities to the ANG, if only out of gratitude that they did not have to die, thousands of miles away in a strange land. They surely would not have disappeared from duty for over a year, as did our fearless leader George W. Bush.

Governor Mel Carnahan In the midst of a heated race for the Senate against John Ashcroft, the Governor died in a plane crash on October 16, 2000. His death affected Democrats in two ways - it would hurt their chances of seizing control of the US Senate, and it would strongly impact the Presidential race between Al Gore and George W. Bush.

Lori Klausutis, age 28, was found dead behind a desk in the offices of US Representative Joe Scarborough of Florida, a Republican, on July 20, 2001. Death was apparently due to a blow on the head. Claims that a heart condition precipitated an accidental fall are tenuous at best; Lori was a marathon runner, and one would think that a heart condition would already have become apparent.

Dan Rocco

He died on April 1, 2002, in a plane crash in Gainesville, Georgia. He was an executive vice president at ChoicePoint, the firm that gained infamy with their faulty "felons" list supplied to Katherine Harris during the 2000 election in Florida. As a result of this list, thousands of voters (mostly African-American voters) were wrongly identified as felons and purged from the rolls.

Bob Stevens Mr. Stevens died of a mysterious case of anthrax. He worked as a photo editor for American Media, who owns the National Enquirer. The Bush family suffered enormous embarrassment at the hands of the Enquirer when they published a photo of daughter Jenna Bush, obviously intoxicated, cigarette in hand, cavorting on the floor with another drunken female.

Don C. Wiley

Dr. Wiley disappeared November 15, 2001 in Memphis, Tennessee. He was attending a two-day annual meeting of the scientific advisory board of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. His work on deadly diseases such as ebola and HIV raised fears of a terrorist kidnapping. Four hours later, his rental car was found on a bridge, raising the question of suicide, which his family vehemently refuted. Dr. Wiley was found a month later in the Mississippi River. **(VN: Dr. Wiley was only one of 89 Microbiologists murdered since 9-11 and that has been covered on this blog as well as others. Its worth revisiting)**

Salem bin Laden In 1979 Bush business Arbusto Energy obtained financing from James Bath, a close family friend. Bath had extensive ties to BCCI and the bin Laden family. Bath was the sole U.S. business representative for Salem bin Laden, the brother of Osama bin Laden. It is well known in certain circles that the Arbusto money came straight from Salem bin Laden, although Bush denies it.

John O'Neill He was Director of Counterterrorism at the New York offices of the F.B.I. until he resigned in August 2001. One of the world's top experts on Osama bin Laden and Al Qaeda, he grew to believe that "all the answers" regarding what they needed to destroy Al Qaeda lay in Saudi Arabia. However, starting in January 2001, Bush blocked all efforts by Mr. O'Neill to investigate Saudi ties to bin Laden. In the summer of 2001 O'Neill declared that the main obstacles to his investigation were U.S. oil interests. In late August, O'Neill quit the FBI and took a position as head of security for the World Trade Center. He died there on his second day of work. **(VN: They neglected to say that he was in the middle of investigating the USS Cole attack and reported to his superiors that he had found evidence of Mossad/Israel involvement in that attack. His superiors told him to not go there and then told him not to pursue the investigation any longer, and that was when he quit. He went missing two days before 9-11 and his body was found in the rubble of the twin towers. He was hired by Mr. "We made the decision to Pull building seven..." Silverstein, make sense now. Notice if any of this touches on Israel, its not included?)**

Katherine Smith She had been implicated in February in a phony documents scheme said to be related to the September 11 hijackers. One day before she was due in court, she was incinerated in her car after having hit a utility pole. An investigation revealed that the crash was minor and was not the cause of the fire that burned Smith beyond recognition.

J. Clifford Baxter Found dead in his car, shot in the head. Mr. Baxter was vice chairman of Enron Corp. when he resigned in May 2001. Enron has been hot copy lately with the revelation that they were the largest campaign contributors for George W. Bush. Was J. Clifford Baxter a potential witness to Bush foreknowledge of their wrongdoings? His death was ruled a suicide.

Ken Lay Dubya's referred to him as 'Kenny Boy' when Lay was Bush's largest campaign contributor. After his indictment, this Enron C.E.O. suddenly became just 'an acquaintance' of Dubya. Lay died of a *heart attack* after his conviction; about 3-months before he was to begin his life sentence in prison. His body cremated and the ashes buried in a secret location. Since Lay died before exhausting his appeals, his conviction was abated. Precedent in the federal appellate court governing the district where Lay was indicted, indicates that abatement had to be automatically granted. When abatement occurs, the law views it as though he had never been indicted, tried and convicted.

Dr. David Kelly Weapons expert Dr David Kelly reportedly told of "many dark actors playing games" in an email to a journalist hours before he was *suicided*. The words appeared to refer to officials at the Ministry of Defence and UK intelligence agencies with whom he had sparred over interpretations of weapons reports, according to the New York Times. Mrs. Kelly said she had no indication that her husband was contemplating suicide. He was found dead in a wooded area with his wrists slashed.

July 5, 2006, WEAPONS inspector David Kelly was writing a book exposing highly damaging government secrets before his mysterious death. He was intending to reveal that he warned Prime Minister Tony Blair there were no weapons of mass destruction anywhere in Iraq weeks before the British and American invasion. He had several discussions with a publisher in Oxford and was seeking advice on how far he could go without breaking the law on secrets. The cleaning lady, who discovered his body said, "There was blood all over". Interestingly, she also noted that someone had mopped up his blood on the bathroom floor with a towel.

07/07/09 Update Following his death, his computers were seized and it is still not known if any rough draft was discovered by investigators and, if so, what happened to the material. Dr Kelly was also intending to lift the lid on a potentially bigger scandal, his own secret dealings in germ warfare with the apartheid regime in South Africa.

US television investigators have spent four years preparing a 90-minute documentary, Anthrax War, suggesting there is a global black market in anthrax and exposing the mystery suicides of five government germ warfare scientists from around the world. He wanted his story to come out.

Director Bob Coen said: "The deeper you look into the murky world of governments and germ warfare, the more worrying it becomes. We have proved there is a black market in anthrax. David Kelly was of particular interest to us because he was a world expert on anthrax and he was involved in some degree with assisting the secret germ warfare programme in apartheid South Africa."

Dr Kelly was found dead in woods near his Oxfordshire home on July 17 2003. His apparent suicide came two days after he was interrogated in the Commons over his behind-the-scenes role in exposing the flaws in the sexed-up Number 10 dossier which justified Britain going to war with Iraq. Conspiracy theorists have claimed he was murdered.

British author Gordon Thomas said last night: "I knew David Kelly very well and he called me because he was working on a book. He told me he had warned Tony Blair there were no weapons of mass destruction. I advised him that as he had signed the Official Secrets Act life could get difficult for him. I gained the impression that he was prepared to take the flak as he wanted his story to come out." Anthrax War will be screened privately in London on July 17, the sixth anniversary of Dr Kelly's death.

Bush Family Babysitter

A babysitter for the family of Marvin Bush was found dead Monday night outside the family's Fairfax County home, and police said that she had been crushed when her car rolled into her, pinning her between the vehicle and an outbuilding on the property.

Margie Schoedinger This Texas woman filed a rape lawsuit against Duhbya in December 2002. She was suicided by gunshot on Sept. 22, 2003.

Michael Connell December 19, 2008 Founder of Ohio-based New Media Communications, which created campaign Web sites for Dubya and John McCain -- died when his private plane crashed in Lake Township, Ohio. He was a Republican IT consultant who was set to testify in a case alleging GOP election tampering in Ohio. Connell was associated with GovTech, a firm he spun off from New Media Communications under his wife Heather Connell's name. GovTech was hired by Ohio Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell to set up an election website at election.sos.state.oh.us to present the 2004 presidential returns as they came in.

In November 2006, the media group ePluribus Media discovered that election.sos.state.oh.us was hosted on the servers of a company in Chattanooga, TN called SmarTech, which also hosted a long list of Republican Internet domains. "Since early this decade, top Internet 'gurus' in Ohio have been coordinating web services with their GOP counterparts in Chattanooga, wiring up a major hub that in 2004, first served as a conduit for Ohio's live election night results," researchers at ePluribus Media wrote.

A few months after this revelation, when a scandal erupted surrounding the firing of US Attorneys for reasons of White House policy, other researchers found that the gw43 domain used by members of the White House staff to evade freedom of information laws by sending emails outside of official White House channels was hosted on those same SmarTech servers.

Given that the Bush White House used SmarTech servers to send and receive email, the use of one of those servers in tabulating Ohio's election returns has raised eyebrows. Ohio gave Bush the decisive margin in the Electoral College to secure his reelection in 2004.

"...I have reason to believe that the alternate accounts were used to communicate with US Attorneys involved in political prosecutions, like that of Don Siegelman," said RAW STORY's Investigative News Editor, Larisa Alexandrovna, on her [personal blog Saturday morning](#). "This is what I have been working on to prove for over a year. In fact, it was through following the Siegelman-Rove trail that I found evidence leading to Connell. That is how I became aware of him. Mike was getting ready to talk. He was frightened."

"Mr. Connell has confided that he was being threatened, something that his attorneys also told the judge in the Ohio election fraud case," concluded Alexandrovna.

Charles Dana Rice He was the senior vice president and treasurer of El Paso Corp., an energy corporation swept up in the recent energy scandal. Two months after the "suicide" of Enron executive Clifford Baxter, in the midst of questions about the accounting practices of El Paso Corp., Charles Rice was found dead of a gunshot wound to the head. His death was ruled a suicide.

James Daniel Watkins His body was found on December 1, 2001 in the Pike National Forest in Colorado, a gunshot wound to the head. Mr. Watkins was a consultant for Arthur Andersen, the accounting firm for Enron. He disappeared on November 13 after he left work. He was described as a devoted family man who always called home if he were going to be late. Officials initially said that the death was suspicious, but have changed their tune and have ruled his death a suicide.

Jake Horton He was the senior Vice-president of Gulf Power, a subsidiary of Southern Company, a cohort of Enron in the energy industry, and a major contributor to the Bush agenda. According to reporter Gregory Palast, Horton knew of the company's appalling accounting practices, and "... had no doubt about its illegal campaign contributions to Florida politicians - he'd made the payments himself. In April of 1989 Horton decided to come clean with state officials, and reserved the company jet to go confront company officials. Ten minutes after takeoff the jet exploded.

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