

Deconstructing Don Ecker

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BOISE

Guard loses leg after gun accident

Doctors have amputated the left leg of an Idaho State Penitentiary correctional officer who accidentally shot himself during a training exercise last Sunday.

Warden A.J. Arave said Thursday the leg of Don Ecker, 36, was amputated just above the knee. The officer was listed in fair condition at a Boise hospital.

Chief Deputy Warden George Bernick said Ecker was accidentally shot during a training session on the prison grounds.

Bernick said officers were being trained on a combat shotgun course with different shooting stations. Ecker was crawling on his stomach when the shotgun he was carrying discharged a round into his leg, Bernick said.

Arave said a serious incident review panel will be selected and is expected to meet by next week.

EMMETT, Idaho

Candidate favors 'borrowing pool'

A local government borrowing pool could be a much-needed shot in the arm for financially troubled cities, counties, school districts and other government

Senate seat he won in 1980 from Democrat Frank Church. He won four terms earlier in Idaho's 1st Congressional District.

Saturday is Symms' 48th birthday, and he plans to launch formally the campaign and celebrate his birthday with a series of Ada and Canyon County events.

Kramer, of Parma, was a teammate of Symms on the University of Idaho football team, and since has gained fame with a series of football books.

Symms, besides running for the Senate, will be running another race, 10 kilometers, with prizes for all entrants who beat Symms' time over 2-kilometer and 10-kilometer courses.

POCATELLO, Idaho

Political opponents sounding like allies

Mel Richardson and State Rep. J.F. "Chad" Chadband, both of Idaho Falls, are two of the frontrunners in the 2nd Congressional District Republican primary race.

When the two got together for a Pocatello Chamber of Commerce event here Wednesday, however, they acted more like political allies than rivals.

Richardson even gave Chadband a hand in putting up his campaign sign, then the two took turns laying out their decidedly

Acquitted spy susp

Bellevue man has no hard feelings for CIA

Associated Press

BELLEVEUE, Wash. — Richard Craig Smith, the first American acquitted of espionage in more than 15 years, says he has no hard feelings for the CIA, even though the agency nearly had the former Utahn put behind bars for life.

"Someone once described intelligence work as an acid trip in a hall of mirrors," the former spy said from his Bellevue home. "The reality is that sometimes things go wrong. But it doesn't make the system bad. I'm as loyal to the CIA as I ever was."

The 42-year-old former Army intelligence officer was acquitted by a federal court jury in Virginia of charges that he sold the names of double agents to the Soviet Union. Smith said he never spied for the Soviets, but believed he was working for the CIA.

The hard part now, he said, is healing scars left on his four children, aged 4 to 12, from seeing their father on television in handcuffs and chains.

Smith had been charged with five counts of espionage and conspiracy for identifying six American double agents during 1982 and 1983 to



Richard Smith
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KGB agents in return for \$11,000 and promises of \$150,000 more.

But Smith claimed at his trial that he was acting for CIA agents who recruited him to infiltrate the Soviet intelligence agency.

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Extreme caution is advised when delving into the world of uFOOLogy. Most associated with this field are government agents, members of the Mysteries, con-artists, fakes, frauds, or just plain nuts. There are a very few legitimate researchers and a very small amount of good research that they produce; but finding the truth amid the mountains of BS, lies, insanity, and intentional disinformation is a monumental task.

Sp- Who is Donald Francis Ecker?

Donald Francis Ecker was never a police officer. He never worked for, or retired from, any police force whatsoever at any time whatsoever. He never worked as a criminal investigator for the State of Idaho or any other State

or government agency. Donald Francis Ecker III was never an Army officer, never worked in Army Intelligence G-2, was never in Army Special Forces, never fought in Vietnam.

Donald Francis Ecker held the lowest ranked position as a prison guard at the Idaho State Prison. He never received a promotion in all the time he was a prison guard. Ecker quit to accept a position as Narcotics Deputy Trainee with the Canyon County, Idaho Sheriff's Department. He never finished his training and never became a real deputy. Ecker was fired for cause after repeated incidents of drunkenness threatening patrons and bartenders with arrest in Canyon County Bars.

Out of a job he returned to the Idaho State Prison once again as the lowest ranked prison guard. During a training exercise where he was supposed to have an empty weapon he shot his own leg off and that was the end of Donald Francis Ecker's law enforcement career. He returned to being a drunk, (Ecker is a chronic alcoholic) was awarded three DWI (driving while intoxicated) tickets. He was awaiting trial on the third ticket and would have gone to jail as there is no lesser penalty in Idaho for a third DWI offence. During his wait for trial Donald Francis Ecker, during a drunken rage, beat his girlfriend. She filed formal criminal charges against him.

Ecker, knowing he was going to go to prison, fled Idaho. He went to L.A. and took up with Vicki Cooper. He romanced her and she made him the Research Director for UFO Magazine. They later married. For several years there were two warrants outstanding in the State of Idaho for the arrest of Donald Francis Ecker . One for assault and battery. And the other for failure to appear for trial for his third DWI.

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and Vicki Ecker as employees. And the bullshit is flowing in even greater quantities than ever before.

Who is Vicki (Cooper) Ecker?

Vicki (Cooper) Ecker is an ex-prostitute who worked for the famous Washington DC Mayflower Madame Sidney Biddle Barrows. Vicki Cooper was entrapped by the feds and turned State's evidence against her employer. Barrows went to prison for several years. Sidney Biddle Barrows was very eager to tell us the truth about Vicki Cooper who's uncle is associated with the CIA, and who defended Sirhan Sirhan. Are bells beginning to ring?

Vicki Cooper was let off the hook, given a sum of money and told to go to Los Angeles and start a UFO magazine. She knew nothing about UFOs and cared nothing about UFOs. She was met at the airport by Barry Taff, a man she had never seen and did not know. Taff is an associate of Dr. Louis Jollyn West the head of the Neuropsychiatric Institute of UCLA (recently deceased) and the top government mind control expert. Barry Taff located Vicki in an apartment directly below his in Los Angeles. Vicki has stated to numerous people, the testimony of two of them is recorded in the book "Behold A Pale Horse". They were present when Vicki said that the CIA financed and controlled her UFO Magazine along with all the major figures in uFOOLogy.

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