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BATTLING THE “NEW WORLD ORDER:”

OATH KEEPERS TARGETS THE THIN BLUE LINE

Started in March 2009, Oath Keepers is the latest attempt by the “patriot” movement to recruit law enforcement officers and military personnel to its cause. The group was created by E. Stewart Rhodes, an attorney in Nevada and Montana who used to be a staffer for U.S. Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX).

Rhodes’ organization frames itself as wanting to remind law officers and active duty soldiers that they swore an oath to defend the “the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic, so help us God.” It asks active personnel to sign an oath to not follow “unconstitutional (and thus unlawful) and immoral” orders that are “acts of war against the American people.”

The oath encapsulates many of the one-world government conspiracy theories that undergird the “patriot” movement. It follows these theories which claim America will be invaded by troops acting on behalf of various international cabals and/or the federal government. In these theories, martial law is declared and Americans are rounded up and put in detention camps. Anti-government “patriots” believe they alone understand the truth about these upcoming developments, and it will be up to them to fight off this “New World Order” attack.

Oath Keepers wants law officers and military personnel standing on the frontlines with “patriots” for this battle. The group’s oath is a “Declaration of Orders We Will NOT Obey.” This includes not following orders to disarm citizens, place citizens in detention camps, or assist foreign troops on American soil. Oath Keepers’ fundamental agenda is hardly new.

At the height of the militia movement during the 1990s, former lawmen like Jack McLamb and Richard Mack made their reputations by trying to recruit active duty personnel into the “patriot” movement. One watchdog group called McLamb the “self-appointed ambassador and evangelist from the Christian Patriot Movement to the law enforcement community.” He plainly stated his tactic was to infiltrate and disrupt law enforcement agencies, and he’s been a steadfast supporter of forming militia groups.

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The Oath Keepers' logo

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Based out of Kamiah, ID, McLamb continues to run a group called Police and Military Against the New World Order. His major contribution to the 1990's militia movement was his book *Operation Vampire Killer 2000*. It outlined how and why law enforcement and military personnel needed to be ready to fight off the New World Order.

According to *Vampire Killer*, the New World Order conspiracy was supposed to come to fruition by the year 2000. McLamb has publicly endorsed the Oath Keepers, and the group's website sells a promotional DVD featuring McLamb, Rhodes, and Richard Mack.

Managing "Patriots," Downplaying Insurrection

Shortly after its formation, anti-government "patriots" started flocking to Oath Keepers, and many started posting statements on organizational websites advocating warfare. Rhodes finally had to request they stop. He said such discussion might make active duty personnel "wary of participating" in Oath Keepers. He didn't oppose such talk, but



U.S. Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX)

he asked that it be discussed somewhere else.

Rallying support from "patriots," while at the same time trying to manage them, "patriots" is something one of Rhodes' mentors has tried to do as well. Rhodes frequently mentions both his time spent as a staffer for U.S. Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX) and his work on Paul's 2008 presidential campaign.

A National Oath Keepers board member has claimed part of the reason Rhodes started the group was his disappointment that the Republican Party wasn't more supportive of Paul's presidential run. That Paul is mentioned frequently by Oath Keepers is not surprising.

Paul has been a favorite of the "patriot" movement since the 1990s and by the broader right wing for decades. A report by *The New Republic* that studied the various newsletters Paul had published since the 1970s called him a "member in good standing of some of the oldest and ugliest traditions in American politics."

Paul's various newsletters supported anti-government conspiracy theories and frequently railed against supposed global powerbrokers like the Council on Foreign Relations and Trilateral Commission. This made him a favorite of the burgeoning militia movement of the 1990s, and he repaid the adulation.

Three months before militia adherent Timothy McVeigh bombed a federal building in Oklahoma City, one of Paul's newsletters carried an article titled "Ten Militia Commandments" that called militia groups "one of the most encouraging developments in America." Years after the Oklahoma City bombing, in a mes-



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*Franklin Shook (aka Elias Alias)
Montana State Director*

sage circulated by the Militia of Montana, Paul stated he didn't think Americans knew "the full truth" about it, implying that militia activists played no part in it.

Like Paul, Rhodes has commented he "actively support[s] the revitalization of the state militias." However, he has stated he wants to keep that activity away from Oath Keepers. "We need to keep the two different missions separate," he claimed. "We will reach more of them [potential recruits] if we don't have official ties to citizens militias."

Rhodes continues to try and court the benefits and energy of "patriot" support while trying to distance his group from all the negative baggage that comes with the anti-government movement.

On the group's official website, members and forum moderators continue to argue about whether or not they should be able to post about the necessity of militia formation and anti-government conspiracy theories. The Oath Keepers' website now contains a lengthy section titled "What We are Not."

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In it, Rhodes tries to downplay the group's connection to anti-government ideology and violence. The section claims the group is not "about advocating or promoting violence" or "promoting the overthrow of any government."

The Montana Connection: E. Stewart Rhodes and "Elias Alias"

As mentioned earlier, Rhodes is a member of the State Bar of Montana. According to his official resume, he worked for the O'Neill Law Office in Polson, MT, from 2005-2007. Since starting Oath Keepers, Rhodes has found willing recruits in Montana to push the group's agenda.

The National Board of Directors for Oath Keepers features Franklin Shook from Willow Creek, MT. Shook, who goes by the name Elias Alias, is also the Montana State Director for the group. He has publicly accepted Rhodes' challenge to make Montana the first state in the country to have an Oath Keeper chapter in every county. He also publishes the national group's newspaper.

Shortly before moving to Montana from Georgia in 2000, Alias co-founded an online discussion forum called "The Mental Militia," which he calls a "well kept internet secret...so please don't tell anyone about us!" The website features discussion areas like "Tyranny in a Police State" and "Guns and Gear." He also maintains the website for The Jefferson River Coalition, which lists its goal as "organizing local resistance to Federal tyranny."

In addition to serving as the publisher for the Oath Keepers' newspaper, he is editor of his own right-wing publication called *The Montana Messenger*. Alias started it last fall with Tea Party organizer Joan Stanley and Don Doig, a co-founder of the Fully Informed Jury Association (FIJA).

FIJA has been part of the "patriot" movement for years. It claims that a jury has the right to "judge both the law and the evidence in the case before it," a tactic known as jury nullification. In essence, FIJA encourages juries to ignore laws they don't like and set defendants free regardless of evidence to the contrary. While

Doig was FIJA's National Director, the group distributed fliers in Mississippi supporting Byron De La Beckwith, a white supremacist who was on trial for murdering a civil rights leader in the 1960s.

In forums outside official Oath Keeper publications, Alias and his "patriot" cohorts extrapolate on their beliefs in conspiracy theories. Alias has claimed that America is currently ruled by an "imposter government" and warned against the encroachment of the "New World Order." In a letter to *The Montana Messenger* readers, the paper's leadership committed to revealing a "hidden history" to which they've received privileged access. They claimed they would share that knowledge with their readers.



Oath Keepers Stewart Rhodes (left) and Elias Alias (right) appear on stage with Bozeman Tea Party organizer Henry Kriegel (center) in July 2009.

Over the holiday weekend of July 4, 2009, Rhodes and several other Oath Keepers traveled to Montana and participated in the Tea Party protest in Bozeman, MT. The Oath Keepers marched with their banner at the front of the protest and stood beside Tea Party organizer Henry Kriegel as he spoke at the podium. The following day, they held an Oath Keeper Conference at the Sacajawea Hotel in Three Forks.

The event's featured speaker was former Arizona county sheriff Richard Mack, a longtime supporter of militia groups. Mack became a rising star in the "patriot" movement during the 1990s when he sued the federal government over the Brady Bill, a gun control measure. The US Supreme Court eventually ruled 5-4 in favor of Mack who said it was unconstitutional for Congress to compel local law enforcement to conduct back-

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ground checks on potential gun buyers. However, Mack's lawsuit and speaking time on the "patriot" circuit became central issues during his 1996 re-election bid, and he lost in the primary.

For the last year, he has been touring the country and trying to get sheriffs to read his new book, *The County Sheriff: America's Last Hope*, and to adopt his brand of county supremacy. Mack's version of county supremacy follows the tradition of the white supremacist Posse Comitatus.

The Posse viewed the sheriff as the highest legitimate law officer in the land. It believed citizens were not subject to state or federal authorities. For the Posse, it was up to the sheriff to use force, if necessary, to prevent federal agencies from seizing property to pay taxes and to oppose any perceived encroachment by federal institutions. In Mack's view, it is up to the sheriff and militias to save America from "utter despotism." Before his recent revival as a "patriot" hero by groups like Oath Keepers, he was selling cars in Arizona.

In addition to Mack, the Three Forks conference featured right-wing Montana legislators, including Rep. Michael More (R-Gallatin Gateway) and Rep. Joel Boniek (R-Livingston). During the 2009 Montana Legislature, More sponsored "states' rights" resolutions that included language about Montana se-

ceding from the Union. The Oath Keeper website says of Boniek: "We can think of no other state legislator who so fully embodies what it means to be an Oath Keeper legislator."

Focusing on the County Sheriff

The Posse Comitatus view of sheriff supremacy has been promoted in Montana consistently over the past year. In addition to groups like the Oath Keepers, Mack dis-

to the Militia of Montana, and his writings frequently show up in "patriot" publications (for more, see the Network's report *Shooting for Respectability*).

During 2009, Marbut both promoted Mack events and shared the stage with him at multiple appearances in Montana. In December 2009, Marbut sent a notice to MSSA members that he had been working with Mack on drafting a policy that local sheriffs could adopt. The

policy said no state or federal employee could take action in a county when it came to firearm regulation without permission of the sheriff.

In mid-March, Marbut announced MSSA needed "to get more involved in county-level races, especially for the position of sheriff." He solicited people to serve as "MSSA County Coordinators" that would take questionnaires to sher-

iff candidates.

In Lake County, current detective and sheriff candidate Steve Kendley has made Oath Keepers a major part of his campaign. His website states that he is "basing the first 'plank' of my campaign on upholding the Oath of Office to defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Montana from all enemies, foreign and domestic." His website links to the Oath Keepers, Richard Mack, and MSSA.

In Lincoln County, Rex Nichols recently announced his candidacy for sheriff. At a gathering of Lincoln County Watch in March, he gave a *(Oath, continued on page 11)*



State Representatives Michael More (left) and Joel Boniek (right) spoke at the Oath Keepers Conference held in Three Forks.

cussed it at numerous appearances in the state during 2009. At Mack's July presentation in Hamilton, Granite County Sheriff Stephen Immenschuch publicly pledged to follow Mack's oath to the Constitution.

Gary Marbut and his Montana Shooting Sports Association (MSSA) have continued their longtime advocacy of county-sheriff supremacy. During election years and at the Montana Legislature, Marbut and his organization profess to be advocates for hunters and shooting sport interests. However, Marbut fits squarely within the anti-government movement. He has offered organizing tips

RAVALLI OFFICIALS SERVED WITH “PATRIOT” PETITION

The Southern Poverty Law Center issued a report in March 2010 warning that hundreds of new anti-government groups “came roaring back to life over the past year after more than a decade out of the limelight.” While the Law Center documented nine such groups that were active in Montana, it left many of the state’s local anti-government “patriot” organizations off the list.

At the top of the Law Center’s Montana list, however, was the Bitterroot-based Celebrating Conservatism, which has a growing influence in Western Montana. The Network has documented many of Celebrating Conservatism’s activities over the last year, including sponsoring appearances by “patriot” movement hero Richard Mack, anti-Semitic tax protestor Red Beckman, and “New World Order” conspiracy theorist Jack McLamb (for more information, see the December 2009 edition of *Network News*).

So, when a group of “extremely concerned Ravalli County citizens” asked the sheriff and county commissioners to endorse a “patriot” petition signed by approximately 175 locals, the Network was not surprised to find Celebrating Conservatism had a hand in the action.

The unsigned cover sheet for the petition stated it was designed for officials to “affirm” that they would “abide by their oath of office” and “uphold the Constitution of the united [lower case in original] States Republic as well as the organic Constitution of the Republic of Montana.” The language reflects the beliefs of groups like the Oath Keepers (see related article on page 1) and “patriots” like Richard Mack.

“Please know that the transcendent motive for this effort is to restore lawful government to Ravalli County,” the cover letter read. “That law exists, but is too frequently ignored.”

Robert Gairing of Stevensville, MT, told the *Ravalli Republic* that the questionnaire was authored by a num-

ber of people, and the Network recognized many of the signers to be involved with Celebrating Conservatism and the Constitution Party of Montana. The cover letter asked the county officials to mail the signed petition back to Celebrating Conservatism. However, the group’s founder, Mona Docteur, said the petition was not sanctioned by her organization. She was one of the signers of the document.

Ravalli County Sheriff Chris Hoffman told the

Ravalli Republic, “I don’t understand the foundation of these concerns. I have always upheld my oath...if someone believes that I have violated my oath of office, I wish they would come forward and explain to me how I have done that.” Thus far, none of the Ravalli County Commissioners nor the Sheriff has signed the agreement.

In a guest opinion written to the *Missoulian*, Network organizer and longtime Bitterroot Human Rights Alliance member Bill LaCroix voiced concerns over the racially-tinted and revisionist nature of the “patriot” petition. LaCroix made numerous points about how the “patriot” petition was

an expression of long-standing anti-government beliefs. He noted:

◆ The petition referred to the “organic Constitution.” This term is used by “patriots” to refer to the U.S. Constitution’s preamble and Bill of Rights, which they believe is divinely inspired. Since these laws come directly from God, “patriots” believe they supersede any law instituted by government. Within this framework, only “sovereign citizens” (free, white, property-owning males) possessed the rights of citizenship. When the 13th and 14th Amendments were adopted, slaves and their descendants were given citizenship rights, and “God’s law” was over-

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photo from Missoula Independent

Mona Docteur
Celebrating Conservatism

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turned. 14th Amendment citizens were thus created who had inferior rights to “sovereigns.”

◆ The petition used a lowercase “u” in United States. This has been used in frivolous “patriot” documents for decades to signal disdain of the federal government in favor of “state’s rights” and the “supremacy” of the county sheriff.

◆ The petition carried on the tradition of groups like the Montana Freeman and Posse Comitatus. Both groups promoted the superiority of “sovereign citizens” and followed the “organic Constitution.” Based on this ideology, the groups filed frivolous liens against their enemies and issued warrants for government officials who stood up to them.

LaCroix ended the piece by asking people of the Bitterroot Valley to remember the not-so-distant past. F. Joe Holland and Cal Greenup of the North American Militia were so concerned with judges upholding their oath to the “organic Constitution” during the 1990s that they threatened to fill body bags with local officials.

The “patriot” petition included 10 points on a handful of familiar “patriot” movement topics. The points included:

◆ The requirement of all federal employees and other US representatives to obtain written permission from the sheriff, with the support of the county commission, prior to approaching any county citi-

zen.

◆ To “absolutely prohibit” any governmental effort to infringe on the right to keep and bear arms, including restrictions on the kinds of weapons a person can possess, including fully-automatic or silenced weapons.

◆ Prohibiting entrance into the county by all employees of the federal Environmental Protection Agency, which the group said is an unconstitutional entity. “Much of the so-called support for environmental regulations is based upon the dubious assumption that there is such a phenomenon as global warming, when, in fact, the majority of scientists globally agree that we are not experiencing global warming,” the petition read.

◆ Requiring the sheriff to form and command a county militia composed of able-bodied citizens who are 18 or older. “Women must serve, but not in a combat capacity unless the men are in danger of being overrun. It is understood that it is the sheriff’s duty to supervise the training of the militia for a minimum of three weeks every year,” the petition stated.

The point about global warming may seem out of place. However, the “patriot” movement and anti-environmental “wise use” movement share some common ideas. Chief among them is the idea of county supremacy. “Patriot” groups believe in the supremacy of the county sheriff. Groups like the Montana Freeman and Posse Comitatus believe that citizens are not subject to federal authorities. It is up to the sheriff to

use force, if necessary, to prevent any perceived encroachment by federal institutions.

For the “wise use” movement, it is the supremacy of the county commission. “Wise use” promotes the belief that local commissioners should have ultimate jurisdiction over any land inside the county’s boundaries, regardless if it is local, state or federal.

Early in the movement’s history, “wise use” groups like the National Federal Lands Conference even supported militia groups as a way to protect private property. It is common for the “wise use” and “patriot” versions of county supremacy merge at the local level, making the petition’s point about global warming not as foreign as it might first seem.

The “patriot” petition said that failure to comply with the county official’s “lawful obligations” would result in an immediate suspension and a grand jury hearing. This “grand jury” is the “citizen grand jury” so often used by extremists in the past to threaten officials. A grand jury of this type recently indicted President Obama in Georgia on “charges” that he is not a citizen, and, therefore, cannot be president.

As LaCroix pointed out, Celebrating Conservatism’s reluctance to claim the petition may very well be rooted in the fact that the ideas contained within the document are hallmarks of anti-government “paper terrorism” and have landed some “patriots” in prison.

While Docteur’s group may not have accepted responsibility for the petition, Celebrating Conservatism did sponsor a full-page advertisement in the *Ravalli Republic* in early March. It featured signatures of people agreeing with a statement that
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“SAVING WHITE BABIES:”

WHITE SUPREMACIST CLAIMS SUPPORT FOR CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER

In December 2009, April Gaede, a prominent member of the white supremacist movement who lives in the Flathead Valley, encouraged fellow racists to send contributions to Kalispell’s Hope Pregnancy Ministries. Hope Pregnancy Ministries is the local crisis pregnancy center, which are anti-choice clinics that try to dissuade pregnant women from exercising their right to choose.

According to a posting on a popular white supremacist website, Gaede said she’d given to the Ministries in the past, and it was a good way to “help save White babies.”

April Gaede’s history of activism includes stints with national hate groups like The Creativity Movement, National Alliance, and National Vanguard. Currently, she spearheads the effort to create a “Pioneer Little Europe” in Kalispell by encouraging like-minded people to move to the area (see the December 2009 edition of *Network News* for more information).

Despite her own activism, it is her daughters who are her biggest claim to fame. Her twins, Lamb and Lynx, comprise the white-power music group Prussian Blue (for more, see the October 2006 and August 2007 editions of *Network News*). The two girls have been referred to as the “Nazi Pop Twins.”

On the white supremacist website “Stormfront,” Gaede claimed she had “personally met many of these people (Hope Pregnancy Ministries’ staff).” She encouraged peers to tell staff members that they were supporters of Stormfront when they made a donation. She also relayed the mailing and



photo from National Vanguard website

April Gaede

website addresses for the Ministries. Gaede urged her allies to send funds, because “our local population is over 95% White,” so they would be “pretty much guaranteed to be helping to save White babies.”

Gaede’s suggestion received a few responses. Some of her peers said they would send contributions, while others sent their best wishes for the Ministries. In late January, the Network called on Hope Pregnancy Ministries to publicly denounce Gaede and white supremacy, in addition to donating any funds raised from Stormfront supporters to the Montana Indian Education Association.

The Network sent a briefing paper about Gaede to Hope Pregnancy Ministries with its two-part request. It also asked that the Ministries’ executive director, Michelle Reimer, let the Network know what actions her group planned to take. The Network never received a reply.

When contacted by *The Flathead Beacon*, Reimer said her organization had not received any funds

from Gaede or self-identified members of Stormfront. She confirmed Gaede had been added to the group’s mailing list in August 2008. Reimer told the *Beacon* that Gaede’s racist beliefs “conflict with our beliefs,” and that Gaede had been removed from their mailing list.

Not surprisingly, Gaede was not happy with the response. She said she knew the Ministries was “a non-racial Christian group, but the results are what count.” She reiterated that supporting the group was about supporting “White babies.”

Crossover Between the Anti-Choice and White Supremacist Movements

April Gaede’s fundraising effort for Hope Pregnancy Ministries isn’t the first time there has been overlap between hardcore white supremacists and anti-choice activists in Montana. One example came in a 2006 race for the Montana Legislature.

Butte’s Shawn Stuart ran for office at the same time he was the state leader for the National Socialist Movement (also known as the American Nazi Party). During the legislative campaign, Right to Life of Montana endorsed Stuart despite the statewide press identifying Stuart as a neo-Nazi.

The Network went public with the endorsement, stating Right to Life was facilitating “Stuart’s attempt to tap into the political mainstream and present himself as a conservative Republican.”

When questioned by the press, (Gaede, continued on page 9)

NON-DISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE CAMPAIGN GOING STRONG

On Monday, April 12, 2010, the Missoula City Council will take a historic vote to protect lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Missoulians from discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations. The proposed Missoula Non-Discrimination Ordinance will protect people who live, work, or visit the City of Missoula from discrimination.

After the City Council hearing on April 12, Missoula will be the first city in Montana to offer these protections to residents and visitors. It is an exciting time, and the Network and a number of key allies are working hard to make sure this ordinance passes!

Support in the Missoula community for this effort has been enormous. Over 30 organizations have endorsed the need for action to protect the LGBT community. Well over 1,500 individuals have already signed a petition that asks the City of Missoula to take action on this issue, and women's organizations and communities of faith have voiced their public support as well.

The message from our organizing campaign has been a positive one about the importance of making sure that Missoula's public policies match the city's values. Our campaign has been talking about the need for policies that ensure dignity, equality, fairness, and security for the LGBT community and all Missoulians. In the days leading up to April 12, the Network and our allies will be engaging in a visible campaign to let supporters know what they can do to help. You can find three simple actions of support listed at the end of this article.

Unfortunately, the opposition to this ordinance has been very negative. An opposition group, spearheaded by longtime opponents of equality, Dallas Erickson and Tei Nash, has surfaced. They are calling themselves notmybathroom.com and are using fear-based tactics and outright lies about what this ordinance will do. This follows their anti-gay tactics of the past.

Based out of the Bitterroot Valley, Dallas Erickson runs both Montana Citizens for Decency Through Law and Montana HOME (Help Our Moral Environment). He

has been a consistent voice against equality over the years at the Montana Legislature. He has repeatedly given testimony that equates the LGBT community with people who engage in bestiality and necrophilia. He has also demeaned LGBT relationships. In 2009, he told legislators that same-sex relationships were merely "romantic obsessions" based only on "genital stimulation."

Tei Nash is well-known for his leadership role with the Missoula-based Coalition for Community Responsibility. The group has targeted local schools and the

University of Montana in the past. Nash and his group have complained that the "Diversity Week" held at local high schools is "glorifying the homosexual lifestyle." His group also opposed a campus performance of *The Vagina Monologues*, a play that celebrates femininity and speaks out against violence against women. Nash told the media that talking about a vagina in public was "not going to benefit anyone" and called on University President George Dennison to do something about it. Like Erickson, Nash has been an anti-gay lobbyist at the state level. During the 2003 Montana Legislature, Nash told lawmakers, "Gay men think they are doing children a favor by sodomizing them."

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One strategy notmybathroom.com is implementing is called "bathroom panic," which assumes that transgender people using bathrooms that match their gender identity will make public bathrooms less safe. This line of opposition assumes that a group of people who are more often the victims of harassment and violence are actually perpetrating it. This tactic is transphobic and foundationless, and the Network and campaign allies are challenging it as a community.

On this issue, faith leaders within the Missoula area have stepped up and are speaking out in support of equality for the LGBT community. A group of people representing a number of Christian denominations and other faith traditions have formed a group to educate the public and support the ordinance. This group is called flushthefear.com.

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photo from Missoula Independent

Tei Nash
notmybathroom.com

HAVE YOU SEEN SIGNATURE GATHERERS?

This election season, some right-wing ballot initiatives are trying to qualify for November's General Election. Supporters must obtain nearly 50,000 signatures of Montana voters for the following constitutional initiatives to qualify for the ballot.

CI-102: Sponsored by the Montana Pro-Life Coalition, CI-102 defines life as beginning at fertilization and grants a fertilized egg due process rights that are separate from those of the pregnant woman. It is an effort to ban abortion in the state, and it would likely have negative impacts on other medical decisions, such as in-vitro fertilization and access to contraception (see the December 2009 edition of *Network News* for more).

CI-104: Sponsored by Darby's Frank Kucera, CI-104 would require that juries be told that they can judge the law when reaching verdicts. This idea is known as "jury nullification," and it has been promoted for

years by the Fully Informed Jury Association (FIJA). FIJA claims that a jury has the right to "judge both the law and the evidence in the case before it." In essence, FIJA encourages juries to ignore laws they don't like and set defendants free regardless of evidence to the contrary. FIJA and jury nullification have been favorites of the "patriot" movement for years.

Ballot Issue #22: Sponsored by Stevensville's Duane Sipe, this measure has not yet been approved for signature collecting. It is still working its way through the Secretary of State's process. If approved, the measure would allow citizens to call their own grand juries. This has also been a favorite of the "patriot" movement. In announcing that he was submitting language, Sipe mentioned that Red Beckman was a major advocate for the measure. Beckman is an anti-Semitic tax pro-
tector who used to live in Billings.



*Red Beckman
"Citizens Grand Jury" Advocate*

In 1994, he was evicted from his property after a 20-year battle with the IRS for not paying his taxes.

The Network would like to know if you come across people gathering signatures for any of these ballot initiatives. Drop us an e-mail at network@mhrn.org or call us at 406-442-5506. □

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Right to Life's Gregg Trude said Stuart shouldn't have been endorsed. He said some of Stuart's responses to the group's survey were "questionable." After the media coverage, Right to Life of Montana withdrew the endorsement.

Bill White, who at the time was a member of the National Socialist Movement and wrote a white supremacist blog, detailed what the "questionable" answers



Shawn Stuart

were.

White stated the National Socialist Movement opposed abortion of "healthy white babies." However, the group supported "eugenic abortions for non-whites" and for pregnant women who were in "race mixing" relationships.

Gaede Offers Dating Service

In addition to having an interest in "saving White babies," Gaede also

wants to create more of them. In early January, she announced she "would like to see more couples and babies" among white supremacists. She began offering her services as a matchmaker.

She said her services were needed because the hate movement was comprised of more men than women. Because of that, she said many women "feel like a piece of meat thrown into a wolf pack." Gaede offered to "cull out the nuts" and "find the good healthy handsome guys" for single women. Ultimately, she said it was about helping women find an "ideological partner and father for your children." □

(McGuire, from page 12)

four misdemeanor citations related to the littering of fliers with messages like, "Love your white race." McGuire distributed this same flier while in Montana. The littering charges were eventually dropped for all three by the Coeur d'Alene City Attorney's Office.

While doing research on McGuire's new activities in Idaho, the Network also uncovered that he was being charged with trespassing at Jimmy C's bar in Athol. Athol is the current home of Paul Mullet and near the location of Aryan Nations' former compound in Idaho. The trespassing charge stemmed from an incident involving the owner of Jimmy C's asking McGuire to leave due to his intoxicated state and racist comments. McGuire had refused and claimed he was only being asked to leave "because I'm white."

While in custody of the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department, it was discovered that McGuire had been issued a concealed weapons permit in Bonner County, ID, yet he was still a resident of Manhattan, MT, according to his own statements and his driver's license. McGuire claimed to be working as a meat cutter at the Sandpoint Safeway store.

Since the summer literature drops in Coeur d'Alene, similar fliers from Aryan Nations have been found across Northern Idaho and in Spokane, WA. In recent months, Paul Mullet has claimed that Aryan Nations is trying to buy land in either Idaho or Oregon to set up a new compound and headquarters.

Aryan Nations follows Christian Identity, a religion based on a racist interpretation of the Christian Bible. It teaches that people of color are sub-human "mud people," and Jewish people are the literal children of Satan. Richard Butler moved Aryan Nations to northern Idaho in the 1970s. The group lost its compound as a result of a civil lawsuit in 2000, and Butler died in 2004. The group has largely been in disarray since.

Aryan Nations has had many members in common with the National Alliance over the years. However, it had uneasy relationships with some non-Christian white supremacist groups under Butler. But, under his leadership, Mullet has said that "THIS IS NOT BUTLER'S ARYAN NATIONS he is dead" [emphasis in original]. In addition to recruits like McGuire, Mullet has been reaching out to Montana members of another non-Christian white supremacist group, The Creativity Movement. □

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they would stand up and "abolish" any government they deemed to be "hostile" to gun ownership. At her group's "Second Amendment Declaration Rally" in March, Docteur stated, "The message that people are within their rights to resist, even overthrow, unjust government should be understood by everyone."

"Patriot" groups like Celebrating Conservatism continue talking as though revolution is their only option. Celebrating Conservatism is also helping set up chapters in other areas of the state. At a kickoff meeting in Libby, Docteur told the media, "Unfortunately for them [critics on the left], we're not dangerous. We could be if we have to be, if provoked."

That sounds very similar to a message promoted by the Militia of Montana during the 1990s. The group used to make platitudes about using the ballot box, but always stressed their willingness to use the cartridge box at any given time. □

**In Memory of a Member
James Michael (Mike) Skiles, 53**

James Michael Skiles, 53, originally from PG County, MD, resident of the world as a geographer and presently from Pensacola, FL, passed away on Sept. 12, 2009. He battled an illness for over seven years and was unable to travel as he so enjoyed.

Lifelong involvements included: environmental, public safety, GIS developments and applications, including counterterrorism management and other related topics. He also served his country as a US Navy Corpsman (USS Fort Fisher) where he was honorably discharged and received commendations for bravery.

As a geographer, social researcher and consultant, he developed and implemented software databases, reports, studies and publications. The latest work was in collaboration with the late Professor Emeritus Dallas Blanchard (UWF), whom was greatly admired.

He is survived by his parents, Frank and Marie Skiles of Anaconda; his wife, Maria Alonso-Skiles; his daughters, Solange Alonso-Skiles, Kimberly Fortier (Jake) and Natasha Dunaway (Justin); his sister, Linda Thomas (Jim); his niece, Cathy; and his nephews, James and John.

(Ordinance, from page 8)

Three Action Items for Supporters

For those who support the ordinance, here are three actions you can take:

1) Contact members of the City Council in support of anti-discrimination protections for the LGBT community! You can contact all 12 council members through one e-mail address: council@ci.missoula.mt.us. Or you can send your comments by mail to: 435 Ryman, Missoula, MT 59802.

2) Write a letter to the editor of the Missoulian that describes why you support your community taking this action. You can e-mail your letter to the editor to oped@missoulian.com. Or you can send it by mail to: PO Box 8029, Missoula, MT 59807.

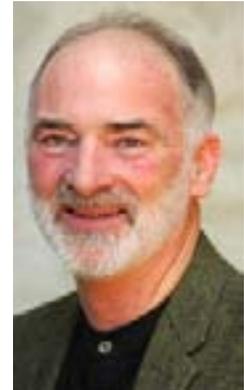
3) Come to the hearing on Monday, April 12, 2010, to provide public comment, or just to show your support. The hearing will take place in the City Council Chambers which are located at 140 W. Pine St. in Missoula. We would love to see you there! ☐

(Oath, from page 4)

presentation on "The County Sheriff: America's Last Hope." Also presenting was Paul Stramer, Lincoln County Watch's founder and a longtime "patriot" who worked with both the Militia of Montana and Montana Freeman during the 1990s. Stramer, who initially started his group to support Ron Paul's presidential bid, brought Mack to the area in July 2009.

The Posse Comitatus-inspired view of the county sheriff may also come up during the 2011 Montana Legislature. Sen. Greg Hinkle (R-Thompson Falls) has requested a bill be drafted that would require the county sheriff to authorize any action taken by federal law enforcement in the county.

This type of bill has been introduced in the past with well-known "patriots" lobbying for its passage, including Marbut and Stramer. ☐



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MONTANA EXPORTS WELL-KNOWN HATE MONGER TO IDAHO

While some Montana white supremacists are encouraging their peers to move to the Flathead Valley as part of "Pioneer Little Europe," another well-known activist from the state has moved to Idaho and hooked up with the newly-revived Aryan Nations.

Kevin McGuire was a vocal member of and organizer for the National Alliance, a national hate group, while living in the Bozeman area. The National Alliance was founded by William Pierce in the 1970s.

Pierce, a former college professor, had left the world of academics to pursue a full-time career promoting white supremacy and anti-Semitism. He got his start in the hate movement with George Lincoln Rockwell's American Nazi Party. In the early 1970s, he began the National Youth Alliance, which became the National Alliance.

In April 2005, McGuire, an engineering student at Montana State University-Bozeman, ran for the Bozeman School Board. He based his candidacy on the supposed dis-



photo from Spokesman Review

Kevin McGuire

crimination against white people in the school curriculum. Opposition to his candidacy inspired high turnout, and he lost by a huge margin, receiving only 157 votes.

The Network's local affiliate, the Gallatin Valley Human Rights Task Force, helped mobilize the community against McGuire and his efforts to advance the National Alliance's agenda. In 2005, the Task Force organized a huge parade celebrating the Martin Luther King Holiday.

McGuire and eight followers protested at the parade, but they were outnumbered 1,000 to 8.

As recently as April 2008, McGuire showed up with a racist sign in Butte, MT, at a Democratic Party event featuring then-presidential candidates Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. His placard read "America Without Niggers," featured a swastika, and a website address, www.fetchtherope.com.

After being out of the spotlight for over a year and a half, the Network came back across McGuire when he was mentioned in a *Spokesman Review* article in December 2009. He was one of three men being charged with littering for distributing Aryan Nations literature in Coeur d'Alene, ID. The initial article identified him as "Kevin McGurre." The Network followed up on the initial report and verified it was, in fact, Kevin McGuire.

McGuire, now 27, along with self-proclaimed Aryan Nations National Director Paul Mullet and Todd N. Weston, were each charged with
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