

TABOO OPINIONS #104

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4-17-08 That Polygamous Sect, still ...

is causing enormous problems for that Texas county which raided the fundamentalist Mormon church in its jurisdiction. The authorities still cannot find the young woman who said she was 16-years-old, calling from the church's ranch and that her 50-year-old husband had raped and beaten her.

The county authorities leaped for the bait and went in with all the armed forces and child protective services workers they had.

Now the county is stuck with the 416 children it seized from the ranch and an apparently interminable case-by-case legal process, hundreds of expensive foster home bills and likely dozens of looming lawsuits. It's possible they didn't meet the legal requirements for search & seizure warrants, and that an angry judge will hold them in contempt and/or legally criminal for lying to him/her.

The fundamentalist ranch wherein the raid occurred was open to limited media inspection a few days ago and a Fox reporter on site, on camera said the huge white temple on the property was encircled with yellow crime scene tape --- meaning, to me, that the invading armed force had sealed it off and searched it thoroughly, looking for incriminating evidence of child sexual abuse, weapons caches, etc.

Had they found anything the authorities would undoubtedly have shouted it from the rooftops and invited the media in to video the evidence.

Their silence is proof they are in deep shit.

Oh, the female anchors on CNBC are still calling the ranch a 'compound' and the church a 'sect'. That's marginally better than Fox News which now calls the church a 'cult'.

4-18-08 Another story by AP reporter Michelle Roberts, datelined San Angelo, Texas, She's still calling the church a 'sect', but there was not one 'compound' description of the ranch. Indeed, she uses 'ranch'.

She describes the legal chaos of the process involving

hundreds of seized children, their lawyers, the prosecutors, and the mothers of the children. She quotes child welfare investigator Angie Voss, who said women in the 'sect' '*may* have had children when they were minors, some as young as 13.' [You have to read these stories closely. I italicized 'may' above to indicate that reportage is Voss speculation.] Roberts continues: 'At least five girls who are younger than 18 are now pregnant or have children, Voss said.' That part is likely true.

Voss also testified as per Roberts: '... if one of the men fell out of favor with the church, his wives and children would be reassigned to other men. The children would then identify the new man as their father.'

I read or heard a few days ago that it was reported that one man of this church had 22 wives.

More to come on this story in future Opinions.

4-17-08 The Price of Empire is ...

endless and ruinous. Last night during the Democrat debate staged by ABC, both Obama and Clinton joined McCain in agreeing to the Bush policy dictat that Iran must never be allowed to develop or possess nuclear weapons.

This means our next president will likely be 'forced' to bomb Iran's nuclear facilities within the next two years in order to ---

Maintain the worldwide American corporate empire.

Protect Israel at any cost to the American public.

Salvage American pretentious illusions of world

domination and superiority (We own the world, everyone else is only renting. Maybe that was true in 1950, but not now!).

But no one yet has pointed out how dangerous and horribly expensive it would be to attack Iran. The magnitude of their retaliation could not be dictated by us; we would pose as world saviors and judicious in limiting our bombing for limited goals. We'd say it's their fault for bringing this on themselves.

But once you start an attack---a war---you cannot dictate the enemy's next step. Iran could attack with thousands of missiles the oil production and shipments of all the Gulf states and disrupt and ruin the world economy, as well as sink dozens of oil tankers and many U.S. warships.

We would be forced to attack their missile bases and ports and

communications.

And they and their supporters in Iraq and Lebanon would attack our troops, big time, and send hundreds or even thousands of missiles into Israel ... And think how happy the rest of the world would be with us for triggering or vastly worsening an existing world depression.

Would even England join us? Gordon Brown, the new Prime Minister, says now he supports the Bush Iran policy, but I wonder if that allegiance would endure an actual, surprise attack and its consequences..

Chances are the rest of the world would punish us --- by sanctions and shunning the already debased dollar, thus spiraling down the vaunted American standard of living into Hell.

No, I cannot believe Clinton or Obama would actually attack Iran. But McCain ---- that man is dangerous.

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