

TABOO OPINIONS #85

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2-14-06 CHENEY'S CASUALTY COUNT

First of all, our Vice President Richard Cheney obviously likes to shoot and kill small animals. He does it a lot. There is no mention in the news that he ever tried to 'hunt' anything large and dangerous. And we know he avoided the draft during the Vietnam War. So, given the opportunity to prove his manhood man-to-man, he ran away...sort of like a coward.

He is reportedly a very good shot and often 'bags' high small-body counts. This kind of "macho" behavior, called a 'sport' by its activists, is in my view simply a means to the end of primal thrill killing, ego gratification, and keeping at bay feelings of cowardice and shame.

Such 'men' are dangerous, especially if they (and their ilk) are in control of a nation and can instigate a war in which hundreds of thousands of people are killed. What kinds of secret thrills do these deaths create (say, in the depths of a psychopathic mind)?

The man Richard Cheney shot on Saturday was supposedly at fault because he didn't alert Cheney of his location to Cheney's left, 30 yards away, according to hunting protocol.

Both men were wearing the same type of heavy hunting jacket--bright orange upper, black below. [I saw photos of the two men in those jackets, on TV news on Sunday. But not shown since.]

The initial reports said, further, that the victim, 78-year-old Harry Whittington, was standing in tall grass. As if that made a difference!

It was explained that as a covey of quail 'exploded' into the air, Cheney tracked a bird and fired, accidentally hitting Whittington with a few birdshot pellets, unaware until too late that the man was there.

The quail was apparently flying low, at shoulder height, and its path carried it behind the man or in front of him.

Cheney was firing his shotgun from eye-level, aiming at the eye-level flying bird. It was escaping! Don't let it get away! Kill it! Now! NOW!

In the New York Times News Service story published today (2-14-06) in The Oregonian, written by Anne E. Kornblut and Ralph Blumenthal, this paragraph stood out for me:

The victim, Harry Whittington, a 78-year-old lawyer, was transferred Monday from the intensive care unit to a private room in a Corpus Christi hospital. His condition remained listed as stable, with wounds to his face, neck, chest and rib cage from the pellets sprayed at him from 30 yards away by Cheney's shotgun.

Oh? The shotgun shot Harry? Do we have a new saying? "People don't shoot people! Guns shoot people!"

And note the word 'sprayed' to take the curse off the impact of a shotgun shell-full of lead shot.

On Sunday the wounds were described as minor... 'pellets penetrated the skin'...

But today we learn that Harry **was put back** into an ICU after having a 'minor' heart attack due to a shotgun pellet lodged in his heart!

The emergency room doctors hadn't bothered with an x-ray or MRI (perhaps urged by the Cheney's people to minimize the wounds).

Now consider that Harry was wearing a heavy hunting jacket and a shirt, undershirt... maybe a sweater as well. So that pellet went in a long way, through multiple layers of cloth.

Which leads me to wonder how many other pellets penetrated deep in to his chest as well.

Harry may have taken the full load. Will we ever get a true story of these wounds... and a pellet count?

And worst of all, that fucking bird got away!

And always reserve judgment about damaging White House news stories like this---there's always lying and 'spin' and dodging and weaving.

UNSUBSTANTIATED RUMOR DEPT

I heard a radio talk show host mention that Haliburton Corporation had been given government contracts to build detention camps in the United States. That was all.

YESTERDAY'S TERRORISTS...

We must not be too quick to condemn Hamas and attempt to

pressure them to immediately change their anti-Israel policies. It's probably counter-productive.

After all, our revolutionaries in 1776 were considered by the British Empire to be the equivalent of terrorists with unacceptable policies and goals.

And were not some Palestine Jews "terrorists" in the 1940's when their organized groups (such as Irgun, an underground Zionist organization) attacked the British, killed people, bombed buildings... in order to force the creation of Israel in Palestine?

The Palestinians never agreed to having their land taken, nor to millions of immigrating Jews. Perhaps they never will. The Middle East still vividly remembers the invasions of the Christian Crusades...and apparently are willing to kill Outsiders for a thousand more years if necessary.

Are we willing to fight and die that long to stay there? Especially after their oil runs out?

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