

A fixture in the northeast Ohio community for over 40 years, Chick has continuously crafted organs which have earned him the reputation of premier craftsman in his trade.

Chick Holtkamp has strived and succeeded in producing organs which sustain the original musicality of classical organs. Turned off by synthesized and modern sounds, Chick gains his inspiration from the musical eras of days past. His approach to organ building is from the perspective of the musician and the organist so as to produce the most pleasing and melodic tones. A master organ builder, Chick has built more than 400 organs in his lifetime. Chick takes his place in a distinguished Holtkamp family tradition begun 141 years ago, which, remarkable in itself, makes the Holtkamp Organ Co., Cleveland, OH's oldest company.

The company, now headed by Chick's son Chris, is a benchmark for organ quality throughout the country and the world. The company's work is of such high quality and the family reputation so well known that the Encyclopedia Britannica cites Chick's father, Walter, as a world leader in an organ building revolution that began in the 1930's.

It was at that time that standard organ builders had decided that the pipes of an organ should be hidden behind screens. Why? Because the pipes were simply thought to be too unattractive and needed to be concealed. Walter Holtkamp pioneered changes both to improve the sound and the appearance of the pipes and to expose them, thus realizing the great beauty that they could add to the architectural esthetics of any building. Holtkamp organs are distinguished by their magnificent brushed stainless steel pipes and by the simplicity and beauty of their consoles.

Chick continued his father's tradition of ingenuity with his organ building, deciding to work closely with organists to maintain the historical significance of the organ while developing and tailoring a modern instrument which could play a new repertoire of modern music. In doing this, Chick freed the organ of earlier stereotypes and permitted organists to compose new modern works for this dynamic instrument.

These organs are a unique treasure to all because be they organist, composer, or the individual who has the privilege of seeing and hearing a Holtkamp organ personally, they are enriched. While there is no set formula for the specificities of a Holtkamp organ, indeed Holtkamp organs have been made in the entire spectrum of sizes and styles. One mainstay has been the strong and steady demand for these very special instruments.

Holtkamp organs already grace such fine institutions as the Juilliard School of Music, Yale University, Notre Dame University, Western Reserve Academy, and Cleveland's own Museum of Art. The tradition of excellence will no

doubt continue as Holtkamp organs are still commissioned today, making the Holtkamp Organ Co. the sole organ builder in the country in demand today.

To commemorate his unparalleled dedication to the organ, chickfest will feature a hymn festival and organ recital by premier organists and composers from as far away as Germany. Perhaps most impressive is the fact that five composers have actually written commissioned pieces specifically to honor Chick.

Mr. Speaker, all too often in our hurried lifestyles we forget the importance of art and music in our culture and the beauty that it creates and inspires. I have had the privilege of knowing the Holtkamp family, particularly Chick's nephew, Henry, who has been my best friend for the past 30 years, and I wish to personally thank Chick and his entire family for their dedication to preserving the extraordinary and magical craft of organ building that in their hands has indeed risen to the level of art itself.

I join countless other admirers of his work in sending my sincerest congratulations on a lifetime of superb achievement.

AMERICA LOSES UNDER DOLE ECONOMIC PLAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PALLONE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I have expressed my concerns several times in the House over the Republican cuts in their budgets in Medicare, Medicaid, education programs, environmental programs over the last 2 years.

But I am particularly concerned, and I wanted to express my concern tonight, that the Dole economic plan will have an even more negative impact on Medicare and Medicaid and some of these other programs than the Republican proposals that we have seen for the last 2 years. This includes the tools to fight crime effectively. I am very concerned about the fact that Mr. Dole's suggestions in terms of his economic plan will essentially cut money that is needed by our various States and municipalities to fight crime.

If you look at Mr. Dole's record, he talks about how he is tough on crime, but he has failed in his numerous speeches to admit that he voted against putting 100,000 policemen on the street and has repeatedly tried to cut funding for this program that was established by President Clinton. His economic plan would mean ending this program when clearly the evidence indicates that crime has come down in our cities and our towns.

In my New Jersey district alone, over \$6 million has been spent on hiring policemen, about 110 additional policemen. The overall crime rate has dropped in the district since President Clinton took office. But Mr. Dole has

threatened to kill the Violence Against Women Act which strengthened domestic violence laws, hired more prosecutors, and created a national domestic violence hotline.

In addition, Dole voted against the Safe and Drug-free Schools Act which enables communities to implement violence and drug prevention programs. The Dole-Gingrich Congress initially tried to cut nearly \$6 million from New Jersey alone for this vital program.

Mr. Dole may talk tough on crime, but his actions speak louder than his words. His economic plan will mean even more drastic cuts in the crime-fighting tools that have already brought the crime rate down.

Bob Dole has been in Congress now, until he resigned recently, for about 35 years. President Clinton has been the President for about 4 years. President Clinton and the Democrats passed a crime bill with teeth in it to put criminals behind bars, to increase the use of the death penalty, and create more jails. The Fraternal Order of Police has endorsed President Clinton, not Bob Dole.

Mr. Speaker, I have to say that after the Republicans gained control of the House and the Senate for the first time in 40 years, I expected that there would be radical changes. But looking back over the last 2 years, I could never have imagined the extremism that poured from Speaker GINGRICH and former Senator Dole. Most important, I could never imagine the cuts and radical changes in Medicare that they have proposed.

I know that my colleagues on the other side have talked about that, and so has Ms. DELAURO tonight, but the majority of Republicans in Congress opposed Medicare's initial enactment. That included staunch opposition from then Congressman Dole, who later recalled 30 years later, and I quote, "I was there, fighting the fight, voting against Medicare, because we knew it wouldn't work in 1965."

The fact is, last year Speaker GINGRICH said he wanted to see Medicare "wither on the vine." Initial Republican proposals included increased Medicare part B premiums, additional co-payments, increased deductibles, severe hospital reimbursement cuts, less services, elimination of doctor choice, and vouchers. Basically the Grand Old Party, or the GOP, wanted to get old people to pay for primarily a tax cut that would have benefited mostly rich people.

The Democrats in Congress fought these radical proposals which we think would have ended Medicare as we know it. President Clinton stood up to Republican demands to slash Medicare in last year's budget battles. Speaker GINGRICH and former Senator Dole were so intent on cutting Medicare that they held the Government hostage to their demands.

If you think about the Government shutdown that we witnessed in 1995, seniors and workers were unable to

apply for Social Security or disability benefits, America's veterans were unable to file compensation pension and educational benefit claims or adjustments, and the 1-800 help line for Social Security actually went unanswered.

The Democrats prevailed and Medicare was saved for now, but former Senator Dole, out of desperation in his Presidential ambitions, has proposed even larger tax cuts than he and Speaker GINGRICH proposed last year.

I support tax cuts, but not at the expense of Medicare. I am really concerned that when Dole says we can trust him not to dismantle Medicare, that his record during his long career in Congress essentially says otherwise.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. CHRISTENSEN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. CHRISTENSEN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maine [Mr. LONGLEY] is recognized for 5 minutes.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. MCINNIS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, a little of my background. I used to be a police officer. I believe very strongly in a lot of the activities of law enforcement in this country. After I got out of law school, I never really could practice defense law because my heart was not in it. I am too much of a pro-policeman type of person.

But I also have a very deep and fundamental belief that we have civil rights in this country that are guaranteed by our Constitution. In fact, if you look at the preamble to our Constitution, and I will quote from the Constitution, we, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, and inferred in the name of the word "justice" is fairness, it is reasonableness. We do not have a Gestapo type of society. We do not sanction Gestapo type of tactics by law enforcement.

Now follow me into July of this year. In July of this year, we had a horrible, horrible situation down at the Olympics where somebody set off a bomb. It was a fatality, a couple of fatalities. Within a couple of days, the FBI or someone from the law enforcement agencies leaked to the media that they had fingered their suspect. This began the long nightmare for one individual

called Richard Jewell. Within hours, this is the headline that appears on the New York Post, "Saint or Savage?" Within hours, another picture, "I didn't do it." This is Richard Jewell. "I didn't do it."

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Throughout this entire country instantly, instantly this man's name became a household name, a man to be held in disgust, a man who is being labeled as the bomber of the Olympics.

Well, the FBI does as the FBI should do. They immediately executed search warrants. They went to Mr. Jewell's home he shared with his mother. They went through that home. They seized everything they possibly could seize, including their silverware, tupperware, and she said even her Disney tapes.

These are the conclusions 2 months later. Washington Post: After 2 months of exhaustive investigation of the Atlanta Olympics bombing, Federal law enforcement officials have found no solid evidence linking former security guard Richard Jewell to a pipe bomb attack, according to senior officials.

It goes on. One senior law enforcement official said investigators who have combed Jewell's apartment, Jewell's truck, and Jewell's previous residence have found no conclusive bomb residue, no witnesses to the attack, no accomplices. Moreover, preliminary analysis of the 911 phone call placed minutes before the bombing suggests that the caller was not Jewell.

What is happening to this man? Every minute of his life he has FBI agents that follow him. If he pulls out in his car to the grocery store, he has four or five law enforcement cars that go everywhere he goes. He cannot even contact his friends for fear of instigating an investigation of his friends.

My message to the FBI: If you have got the evidence, arrest him. If you do not, back off. If the man is a suspect—if the man is a suspect and you have got that evidence, then go get him. It is simple. All of us want this case resolved. But none of us should stand by and allow a citizen of this great country, especially a country where thousands and thousands of people have given their lives to maintain our fundamental foundation of justice; we should not stand by and let this persecution continue unless the FBI has investigation—excuse me, has evidence.

Now let me tell you how the FBI treats their own people. They have right now two or three agents who are being investigated for their involvement or alleged misconduct at Ruby Ridge. This has been going on for a long period of time. These agents are not followed. These agents do not wake up in the morning to find lots of cameras and FBI cars and other law enforcement cars riding their bumper. They do not have to worry about going to the grocery store and being followed by Federal law enforcement officials. No.

What the FBI does with its own, they put these people on paid leave. The

deputy director, for example. He receives \$122,000 a year, and he does absolutely nothing. Including benefits. He gets benefits on top of that.

Now I am not questioning whether that is justice or not, but what I am questioning is that I think the director of the FBI and the agents of the FBI and other law enforcement agencies need to apply the golden rule, and that is do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

We demand justice here. If he has got the evidence, get him; if he does not, back off.

A WITCH HUNT AGAINST THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ROTH). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. RIGGS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I know the hour is getting late, and I just came back from California tonight to attend the debate and votes and have a nasty head cold to boot, but I had to come down and speak during special orders tonight after watching the partisan discord on the floor earlier tonight and listening to the comments coming from the other side of the political aisle, and that is what it is, from the very partisan Democrats in this House of Representatives, the people's House, who are now engaged, have been engaged for months, in a witch hunt against the Speaker of the House.

And make no mistake about it, that is exactly what they are doing. They have no new ideas on policy, and they cannot win a debate on the issues, so they are now resorting to political attacks against the Speaker of the House.

Now what is the origin of all this? Well, back in February of last year, this is 1 month after this Congress began, Congressman HARRY JOHNSTON, a Democrat from Florida, told the Miami Herald that the Democrats, meaning the Democrat Party leadership in the House, including the minority leader, DICK GEPHARDT, and the Democratic National Committee, were meeting weekly to, quote, investigate NEWT, end quote, referring to Speaker of the House NEWT GINGRICH. Congressman GEORGE MILLER, who is a very fiery Democratic partisan, has sponsored many complaints against the Speaker, and he is quoted in a recent book by a very respected journalist and author, Elizabeth Drew, as confirming that the Democrats intended to attack the Speaker, saying quote: NEWT is the nerve center and the energy source. Going after him is like taking out command and control. End quote.

So what we are talking about now is a very dubious claim on the part of the Democrats that a draft discussion document in the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct should be publicly released when in fact the ranking Democrat on the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct says when there is