

I myself have addressed the conference in the past.

One can imagine a conservative's surprise to read on the CPAC 2006 agenda that a representative of the Marijuana Policy Project, MPP, is slated to moderate—yes, moderate—a panel Friday discussing drug policy. For those who are unacquainted with it, the pro-marijuana MPP has been funded by Soros in the past. Also represented on the panel is the Drug Policy Alliance, which is Soros' principal pro-drug arm. Incidentally, the moderator himself is a convicted drug dealer.

What on earth were the CPAC organizers thinking? Why would the American Conservative Union allow extremist liberals like George Soros and Peter Lewis—who is responsible for most of MPP's funding—to access a meeting of conservatives? And, in exactly whose estimation would there be balance in a debate moderated by the MPP?

Thanks to Accuracy in Media Report Editor Cliff Kincaid, these are just a few of the questions that the CPAC organizers now face. I'd like to submit into the RECORD his article of February 7, 2006, entitled "Soros Infiltrates Conservative Movement." In exchange for a donation, is this 32-year-old conservative conference turning itself into a Soros proxy organization just like Abramoff's TVC?

Over the last number of months, we've been surprised to learn how one such as Abramoff was able to exploit conservatives for his own purposes. Surely in this environment we can't miss seeing it when it's happening once again.

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SOROS INFILTRATES CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT (By Cliff Kincaid)

Calvina Fay of the Drug Free America Foundation has pulled out as a speaker at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), which begins in Washington, D.C., on Thursday, because a "mini-debate" she was scheduled to appear in had been stacked against her. As it now stands, the event will feature two advocates of drug legalization, both of them funded by leftist billionaire and anti-Bush activist George Soros.

Having put most of the left-wing political movement and many liberal Democrats on his payroll, it is apparent that Soros is now working to manipulate the conservative movement. It is surprising that CPAC is facilitating his scheme.

A convicted insider trader who specializes in manipulating the currencies of the nations of the world, Soros is usually depicted as a "philanthropist" who believes in an "Open Society." Hence, the name of his major funding mechanism, the Open Society Institute. In the Soros view, of course, an "open society" means encouraging behavior that undermines the traditional values and culture of America. This is hardly "conservative."

In addition to promoting drug legalization, his causes include open borders, gay rights, abortion rights, opposition to the death penalty, lighter sentences for criminals, and assisted suicide. He tried almost single-handedly to buy the White House for Democrat John Kerry in the 2004 presidential election by spending over \$20 million on controversial "527" organizations promoting his candidacy. On foreign policy issues, Soros is a big backer of the U.N. and opposes the Bush Administration's war in Iraq and handling of the war on terrorism.

The scheduled Friday CPAC event on "A Conservative Drug Policy" was to feature a mini-debate between Ethan Nadelmann of the Drug Policy Alliance (DPA) and Calvina

Fay. The "moderator," hardly unbiased, was scheduled to be Rob Kampia of the Marijuana Policy Project (MPP). The Soros Open Society Institute has given the DPA millions of dollars, including \$2.5 million in 2004 alone. MPP has been funded by Soros as well as Peter Lewis, chairman of the Progressive Corporation, who was arrested in New Zealand several years ago after customs officers found marijuana in his luggage. Lewis, who gave \$340,000 to MPP in 2004, is also a major funder of the ACLU.

Court documents show that Kampia himself was convicted in 1989 and sentenced to prison for possessing and intending to distribute marijuana.

While paying thousands of dollars to appear at a conservative conference, MPP is selling \$500 tickets to a March 30 fundraising "party" at the Playboy Mansion. Playboy founder Hugh Hefner provided the seed money for the drug legalization movement, which is now underwritten mostly by Soros and Lewis.

"Playmates will be available to give tours of the mansion grounds as you enjoy great music and comedy in one of America's most renowned settings," says MPP's website. A member of the "host committee" for the Playboy event is Tommy Chong, who participated in pro-marijuana movies as part of the "Cheech and Chong" team and served nine months in prison for selling drug paraphernalia. You won't need an NSA surveillance program to know what's going on in the Playboy Mansion on March 30.

When Calvina Fay saw that the CPAC "debate" had been stacked against her, she pulled out. However, her group will still have a booth at CPAC. So will the Drug Policy Alliance. Later in the day, after the "debate," Kampia's MPP will host an event for all CPAC attendees and guests on why the war on drugs should not target marijuana users. It is not known if Playmates will appear.

The Drug Policy Alliance also participated in CPAC last year, boasting that Executive Director Nadelmann was "well-received" and "appeared on several conservative radio shows coinciding with the conference."

This is troubling because DPA and MPP are part of a major deception campaign to convince people that marijuana is harmless or even has medical benefits. Accuracy in Media last year disclosed the existence of documentary evidence that the "medical marijuana" movement is a fraud that exploits sick people. Video footage of a pro-marijuana event showed Ed Rosenthal, formerly of High Times magazine, speaking to dozens of marijuana activists. "With all the talk about medical marijuana, I have to tell you that I also use marijuana medically (laughter)," he says. "I have a latent glaucoma, which has never been diagnosed (more laughter). And the reason why it has never been diagnosed is because I've been treating it (laughter). . . But there is a reason why I do use it. And that is because I like to get high. (cheers, applause). Marijuana is fun."

Another video excerpt showed Richard Cowan, former director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, saying that "The key to it [legalization] is medical access because once you have hundreds of thousands of people using marijuana medically under medical supervision the whole scam is going to be blown. . . Once there's medical access and if we continue to do what we have to do—and we will—then we'll get full legalization." Not surprisingly, a Federal investigation of "medical marijuana" clubs and dispensaries in California has found they had been used as a cover for drug dealing and money laundering.

At the same time, evidence of a connection between marijuana and mental illness continues to mount. The influence of marijuana

figures in the sensational murder case of Colin Roger Cotting, a 16-year-old in Alaska who allegedly raped his stepmother, beat her to death with a baseball bat, and stuffed her in a freezer. The murder resulted from a dispute when Cotting was confronted by his stepmother about his marijuana use. Cotting told police that he was too stoned on marijuana to remember what had happened.

In a case that received national attention, Joseph Smith, the convicted killer of 11-year-old Carlie Brucia, tried to blame his criminal behavior on using drugs, including cocaine and marijuana.

British newspapers are now covering a sensational case of "cannabis psychosis," involving a music producer, Lisa Voice, who "was viciously assaulted in her home by a family friend who had been made psychotic by the drug," as the London Sunday Times noted. She suffered a broken jaw, broken nose, collapsed lung, and eye injuries, and has already had 11 medical operations to rebuild her face and head. The attacker had been smoking marijuana since the age of 15 and believed he was getting subliminal messages from television.

In Britain, penalties for the use and possession of marijuana had been lowered after the drug had been reclassified. But Dr. Shahrokh Mireskandari, lawyer for Lisa Voice, was quoted in the Sunday Times as saying, "Let government ministers who say cannabis is a harmless drug come and explain that decision to Mrs. Voice and her many doctors. Cannabis should never have been reclassified and people such as Mrs. Voice now face a lifetime of pain because of the dangers of this drug."

So why is CPAC giving Nadelmann, Kampia and their ilk a platform?

EULOGY FOR CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 MITCHELL "MITCH" CARVER

HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, many young men and women have been killed and wounded in the Iraqi conflict—more than 2,000 killed and 17,000 wounded. I'd like today to reprint my eulogy given at the funeral of CW03 Mitchell "Mitch" Carver as a tribute not only to him and his parents, but as a reminder to all citizens of our country that "freedom is not free."

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead! Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

John McCrae wrote those words before his own death on the battlefield nearly 90 years ago. We have learned to protect the lives of our soldiers better. In the war to end all wars, more died in single battles than America has lost in all wars since. America has learned to protect our soldiers better—but not well enough for we are here to pay homage to the life of Mitch Carver. We take pride in reducing our casualties, but the sacrifice of the family is not a small percent, it is not a small loss, it is not a small number. Their sacrifice is enormous, it is total, it is all.

Mitch Carver took up "The Torch" for the country he loved. He knew who he was fighting. He was fighting the evil that plants a bomb that kills innocent women and children and families who harm no one. Murderers who kill, kidnap defenseless women and children for no reason but to show evil. He chose to do it. For it is not the press who protect our right to free speech, it is men like Mitch Carver who choose to do it. It is riot the Congress, not the government bureaucrats, who protect us from those who would enslave us. It is men like Mitch Carver who choose to do it. For another time Mitch Carver rejoined his comrades in Iraq because he knew they needed him and he believed he could, with his advanced skill, keep them safer, and perhaps lessen their danger. And that he did. We may never know how many he saved by his advanced skill.

In the 8 years I have been privileged to serve as representative on the board of our country's military academy at West Point, I have seen thousands of young men and women take the oath to protect us. Theirs is a simple pledge: "Duty, Honor, Country." In this world of being told there is no black nor white, there is only gray political correctness and "is" has to be defined, I thank God we have young men and women who have no trouble defining "Duty, Honor, Country."

The late T.B. Macaulay in his poem *Horatius at the Bridge* says, "To every man upon this earth death cometh soon or late. And now how can man die better than facing fearful odds, for the ashes of his fathers and the temples of his gods." Mitch Carver believed in and loved God. He knew the Bible. He could quote this verse better than I, "For God so loved the Earth that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." Mitch Carver risked and gave his life to perform his duty, but as God promised, he did not perish but will remain in our hearts and memories until he meets his family in another life.

CONGRATULATING THOMAS G. BARTON

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Mr. Thomas G. Barton, Jr. on his recent offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Thomas sought a nomination to West Point through my office, competing with a group of highly qualified applicants. He passed the evaluation process, and I am proud to have given him a Congressional nomination.

Thomas is currently enrolled in the West Point Civil Preparatory Program in Roswell, New Mexico, which speaks volumes about his passion to get into West Point. He has the military in his blood. Thomas's father and brother are both graduates of West Point's distinguished program.

A review of Thomas's life and qualities demonstrate that he should make an excellent cadet at West Point and hopefully an excellent officer. Thomas has a sense of duty to serve, as shown by the fact that he has achieved the elite rank of Eagle Scout. He has shown dedication as a member of the Kingwood High School Lacrosse Team, where he was voted captain by the rest of the team. He has held leadership positions also in the Kingwood High

marching band and the Boy Scouts. He won the coveted K Award—for best in class—for Outstanding Musical Contribution.

Mr. Speaker, Thomas is a fine young man who will serve his country with distinction. He understands the challenges and the commitment that lies ahead of him because his family is steeped in military tradition. We wish him good fortune in this new chapter of his life.

Thomas Barton will make us proud. America will be better because of Thomas Barton's choice to serve our country.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF TAKAHASHI MARKET

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate the Takahashi family, proprietors of the Takahashi Market on the 100th anniversary of their operations in the city of San Mateo, California, which is located in my congressional district.

The history of the Takahashi Market begins with Mr. Tokutaro Takahashi, a former salt-mine laborer, who recognized that recently arriving Japanese immigrants in the Peninsula were quickly becoming a burgeoning new market. According to Kenge Takahashi, son of Tokutaro Takahashi, the business began as a peddling operation, with a horse and cart, to display and carry the groceries, clothes and fishing equipment he sold to them.

Mr. Speaker, the Takahashi Market is no longer a mere push-cart shop, but has grown to become an established landmark of the Peninsula, providing groceries and community, not only to the Japanese, but to all people in the Bay Area. Having been run by three successive generations of Takahashis, the business has withstood extraordinary challenges and overcame devastating obstacles. One sad example of this, is that the market was closed for several years in the 1940s when the Takahashi family was interned in the World War II Japanese relocation camps, first in San Bruno, California, and then in Utah.

After being released from the internment camps, Kenge Takahashi joined the Army, and served honorably as an infantryman in the highly decorated, all-Japanese 422nd Regiment of United States Army, F Company. After completing his service, Kenge returned to his family business, and prepared to meet the ever-changing needs of his customers. Over the next few decades the Takahashi Market grew to meet the changing demographics of its clientele and stopped carrying fishing tackle and began stocking Hawaiian food in response to a growing population of a Hawaiian community, resulting from airline hires.

Mr. Speaker, while the Takahashi Market has occupied many storefronts at various locations on the Peninsula during its 100 year history, the store continuously maintain its extraordinary reputation as a reliable, family-owned and run business that specializes in products and foods to sustain the Japanese community, and now also the Hawaiian community. On the occasion of its centennial, Takahashi Market is remodeling to add a commercial kitchen, once again, expanding and di-

versifying the business to offer prepared foods for sale.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Takahashi Market for its 100 years of outstanding achievements on the Peninsula and extend my hope that many more generations of Takahashis enjoy the success and community involvement of the Takahashi Market.

TRIBUTE TO THE FOX CHAPEL HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate The Fox Chapel High School Marching Band of Pittsburgh for its success at the Gator Bowl on December 31, 2005.

The Fox Chapel High School Marching Band traveled to Jacksonville, Florida to play in the Gator Bowl. While at the game the bands' performance won nine awards. The band won five awards at the field show, including first place in Class A and also won Outstanding awards for general effect, auxiliary, marching and maneuvering and music. In addition to the five awards won on the field, the band also won four awards at the parade, including first place in Class A, as well as three Outstanding awards.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating The Fox Chapel High School Marching Band. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute a distinguished group like The Fox Chapel High School Marching Band.

IN RECOGNITION OF LUCY NOLES GREEN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Lucy Noles Green, of Randolph County, Alabama. Ms. Green had a very special birthday recently, having turned 105 years old on December 31, a day which she celebrated with family and friends in the Hawk community where she lives.

From 1900 until today, Ms. Green has lived in the Hawk community. She has enjoyed life, and fondly recalls playing the organ and sewing. She has witnessed the introduction of cars, computers, and laundry machines, wars, depressions, and peaceful times alike. She was married to Thomas Emmett Green for sixty years, and together they raised five sons. These days Ms. Green enjoys visitors and family, and her 14 grandchildren.

I am proud to recognize Ms. Green today in the House, and congratulate her on this important milestone in her life. I wish her all the best and many more enjoyable years with her family and friends.