

so dearly loved. His credo was: "If not me, who? If not now, when?" He never sought rewards or recognition, but his service was so stellar that it did not go unrecognized. In fact, he received the Boy Scouts Silver Beaver Award, the Arthur V. Watkins Outstanding Citizen Award, and the Brigham Young University Emeriti Alumni Award.

Jerry Washburn was also an active member of the Church and Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Demonstrating his faith and commitment to God, he served his fellow church members—without financial remuneration—in a variety of leadership positions. His was a life based on an abiding love of his family, his church, and his fellow man. Perhaps that is why in the political arena—known more for discord than harmony—Jerry Washburn had few, if any, enemies and so many friends. He loved and respected people, and they loved and respected him in return.

In one of his last discussions with trusted colleague and confidant, Orem City Manager Bruce Chesnut, Mayor Washburn said, "No matter what happens, I'm ready." Well, Mr. Mayor, the City of Orem, the State of Utah, and the Nation were not ready to see you go.

Our thoughts and prayers at this time are with his cherished family, including his wife, Betty, his 6 children and 19 grandchildren.

Mayor Jerry Washburn will be greatly missed, but his legacy will live on through his wife, children, grandchildren, beloved community, and in the countless lives he has blessed and touched during his remarkable service.●

#### TRIBUTE TO SISTERS OF CHARITY

● Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, in 1737, Marguerite D'Youville, a young widow and mother of three, founded the Sister of Charity in Quebec, Canada. Despite her own misfortune and poverty, she devoted her life to caring for those less fortunate—the poor, the sick, and the orphaned.

Since that time, the Grey Nuns, as the sisters are known, have expanded their work of compassion throughout Canada, the United States, South America, and the Caribbean with schools, hospitals, and orphanages. St. Marguerite D'Youville, whom Pope John XXIII called the "Mother of Universal Charity," was canonized in 1990, the first native-born Canadian saint.

My home State has been blessed by the works of St. Marguerite and her followers. On November 20, 1878, three Grey Nuns stepped off a train in Lewiston, ME, equipped with little more than caring hearts and determination. Within 2 weeks, they opened the first bilingual school in that largely Franco-American city, with 200 children arriving for the first day of class. Within 6 months, they opened an orphanage.

The Hospital of the Sisters of Charity they founded was often referred to as the "Sisters' Hospital" or the "French

Hospital," but the Grey Nuns welcomed all. It was the first hospital in the twin cities of Lewiston-Auburn and the first Catholic hospital in Maine. Fees for care in the hard-working mill community were low and were often paid in loaves of bread, bolts of cloth, or bushels of apples, which the sisters gladly accepted.

A major expansion of the hospital in 1902 gave Lewiston the two magnificent domes that grace the city's skyline. In 1910, the name was changed to St. Mary's General Hospital. The growth of the hospital was well underway, with the latest medical innovations and a bilingual School of Nursing.

Today, St. Mary's Health System includes a 233-bed acute care facility; a strong physician network, an independent living center, and occupational health services that reach out to businesses throughout the region. St. Mary's D'Youville Pavilion is one of the largest nursing homes in New England and a national model for elder care.

On October 24, St. Mary's General Hospital will honor the Sisters of Charity, past and present, for more than 130 years of healing for the body and the soul. I rise today to join in that tribute. Through the tender care and willing sacrifice of the Grey Nuns, the words of St. Marguerite d'Youville, "We shall continue to love and to serve," still resonate today.●

#### FOOD DAY

● Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, today I wish to submit for the RECORD an article written by Ann Wittman, executive director of the Wyoming Beef Council and published October 8, 2011, in the Wyoming Livestock Journal. The article's title is "Food Day Includes Gravy."

As Ann correctly points out, Monday, October 24, 2011, is being billed as Food Day with events planned across the Nation. Here in Washington, DC, the National Archives will be hosting a Food Day open house in conjunction with their "What's Cooking, Uncle Sam?" exhibit. Of note, the open house is being supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Food and Drug Administration along with the primary Food Day sponsor, the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

It is the Center for Science in the Public Interest's agenda Ann calls into question. As she writes, the group's goal is to "encourage people around the country to sponsor or participate in activities that encourage Americans to 'eat real' and support healthy, affordable food grown in a sustainable, humane way."

The question must be asked, who is defining what is or what is not sustainable, healthy, and humane? In the article she points out behind the innocent name of the "Center for Science in the Public Interest" are groups with very extreme positions such as the Humane Society of the United States, People

for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, Farm Animal Rights Movement, and FBI-designated terrorist groups, including the Animal Liberation Front. These groups push radical environmental, animal rights, and vegan positions and lifestyles that have very little to do with either science or public interest.

The USDA and FDA should not align themselves with fringe groups who push ideology over science. I commend Ann for her research and wise judgment in exposing special interest masquerading as public interest.

The material follows.

#### FOOD DAY INCLUDES GRAVY

(By Ann Wittmann, Executive Director, Wyoming Beef Council)

When I started working at the Wyoming Beef Council more than a decade ago, I had fewer gray hairs, fewer wrinkles and enthusiasm that might have been referred to as effervescent. My ideals were grand, my trust was large and I had great faith in the public to seek and gravitate toward the truth. Don't get me wrong, my enthusiasm has not waned, anyone who works with me or in the continental vicinity of me knows that I am passionate about my work, but the direction and means of expressing my enthusiasm has become more focused over the years. It's become less like an exploding soda pop and more like simmering gravy.

Several weeks ago I read with great interest an invitation to work with an organization called Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) to participate in and facilitate "Food Day" activities throughout Wyoming. The invite billed "Food Day" as a national event on Oct. 24, 2011 to "encourage people around the country to sponsor or participate in activities that encourage Americans to 'eat real' and support healthy, affordable food grown in a sustainable, humane way."

Had I received that offer 10 years ago, I would have been shocked to discover the true message and motive behind the effort. After all, the event was created by the Center for Science in the Public Interest, and who among us doesn't believe that science should be in the public interest? My older, wiser simmering brain prevailed, however, and held back enthusiasm pending further investigation.

Research into the event listed partner organizations as Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, Farm Animal Rights Movement and the notorious Humane Society of the United States. Similar to the CSPI group, these organizations have feel-good names that serve to mislead the public. Most of us are aware that the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) is a national non-profit organization with a \$200 million budget raised under the guise of funding pet shelters, but that spends all but one percent of that budget on efforts to eliminate animal agriculture. The other two groups, Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) and Farm Animals Rights Movement (FARM) may not be as familiar. PCRM, in spite of its name, has a very small number of physicians as members and has direct ties to PETA, as well as several FBI-designated terrorist groups including Animal Liberation Front (ALF) and Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC). FARM is a national non-profit organization promoting a vegan lifestyle through public education and grassroots activism to end the use of animals for food.

As cautious as I am about jumping to conclusions, less than 60 seconds into my research I began to think "Food Day" was not

a beef-friendly event! Sadly, other organizations that have been, and often continue to be, beef-friendly did not come to the same conclusion. Specifically, the American Dietetic Association, the American Culinary Federation and the National Association of City and County Health Officials signed on as partners to this campaign.

The five central goals of CSPI Food Day are: reduce diet-related disease by promoting safe, healthy foods; support sustainable farms and limit subsidies to big agribusiness; expand access to food and alleviate hunger; protect the environment and animals by reforming factory farms; promote health by curbing junk-food marketing to kids; and support fair conditions for food and farm workers. This campaign recommends a nearly-vegetarian diet to meet these goals.

The fourth goal of protecting the environment and animals by reforming factory farms continues to bring up false claims, such as the fat content of grain-finished beef or the greenhouse gas emissions from cattle. This alone is enough to make a simmering brain steam up and boil over. However, one of the most valuable lessons I have learned in my conversion from carbonation to stove top is to ensure that actions and reactions don't provide unintended publicity to the event or issue. After all, do these folks really need help giving their events more attention? Careful behind-the-scenes work is most often the best way to navigate these waters.

Two Wyoming events were posted on the CSPI Food Day website. The first was a mailing to Women, Infants and Children (WIC) clinics throughout the state. After discussing my concerns with a long-time beef-friendly contact at Wyoming WIC, she and I decided that sending out checkoff-funded information detailing the true story of beef production was in order. This effort is currently underway. Second, the University of Wyoming posted plans to host their own version of Food Days on Oct. 24-26 to include a food drive and resource fair along with a harvest dinner made with locally sourced foods. UW Food Days will wrap up on Oct. 26 with a day of trayless dining and cooking demonstrations showcasing local foods. Wyoming Collegiate CattleWomen and other university contacts have been alerted and asked to ensure the events are balanced and the truth about beef production is also available.

Nationally, proactive checkoff-funded programs such as panel discussions and national town hall conversations about America's food system are taking place, seeding the environment with positive messages about agriculture. Additionally, national beef checkoff staff has been meeting with several of the afore-mentioned beef-friendly organizations and advisory board members to try and educate them about the beef industry and understand why they are supporting this campaign. State beef councils across the country are meeting with state/local chapters of the organizations on the advisory board for Food Day, as well explaining that, while on the surface Food Day appears to be an initiative to promote healthy foods versus fast-food and junk-food, it is actually a cleverly disguised event by groups opposed to modern food production practices.

Ultimately, I believe the true story of beef production and the opportunity to share the reality of the wholesomeness of our product and production methods are enthusiasm worthy and the checkoff will continue to roll along, working proactively, reactively and frequently behind the scenes, like a savory gravy on the back burner, to tell the positive story about our product.

For more information about the beef checkoff program visit [mybeefcheckoff.com](http://mybeefcheckoff.com), [wybeef.com](http://wybeef.com) or contact me at [ann.wittmann@wyo.gov](mailto:ann.wittmann@wyo.gov). •

## REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS DECLARED WITH RESPECT TO SIGNIFICANT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS CENTERED IN COLOMBIA—PM 29

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

### *To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1622(d), provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the emergency declared with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia is to continue in effect beyond October 21, 2011.

The circumstances that led to the declaration on October 21, 1995, of a national emergency have not been resolved. The actions of significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States and cause an extreme level of violence, corruption, and harm in the United States and abroad. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to maintain economic pressure on significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia by blocking their property and interests in property that are in the United States or within the possession or control of United States persons and by depriving them of access to the U.S. market and financial system.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, October 19, 2011.

## EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3632. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, (3) three reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Agriculture received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 17, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3633. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacteriophage of *Clavibacter michiganensis* subspecies *michiganensis*"; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8891-3) received in the Office

of the President of the Senate on October 18, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3634. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, the Board's Quarterly Report to Congress on the Status of Significant Unresolved Issues with the Department of Energy's Design and Construction Projects; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3635. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Iran-Related Multilateral Sanction Regime Efforts"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3636. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, (6) reports relative to vacancies within the Department of the Treasury, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 13, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3637. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to blocking the property of certain persons contributing to the conflict in Somalia that was declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3638. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 on November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 1843. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 489 Army Drive in Barrigada, Guam, as the "John Pangelinan Gerber Post Office Building".

H.R. 1975. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 281 East Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena, California, as the "First Lieutenant Oliver Goodall Post Office Building".

H.R. 2062. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 45 Meetinghouse Lane in Sagamore Beach, Massachusetts, as the "Matthew A. Pucino Post Office".

H.R. 2149. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4354 Paoa Avenue in Honolulu, Hawaii, as the "Cecil L. Heftel Post Office Building".

S. 1412. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 462 Washington Street, Woburn Massachusetts, as the "Officer John Maguire Post Office".

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. HARKIN for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

\*Laura A. Cordero, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship