

IN MY EXPERIENCE *by Val Don Hickerson*

This is the latest in a series of fact-based articles on global overpopulation which is fueled in the United States by legal and illegal immigration.

Last week's article dealt with an amendment to the Iraqi Funding Bill that would increase the H-2B visa limit from 66,000 to 400,000 annually. After press time I received notice that it had been withdrawn, but it was too late to rewrite. I apologize for that but want to congratulate all those that contacted their senators. "Way to Go" people! Congress does listen when American people flood them with emails, faxes and phone calls.

Now to continue with Dr. Bartlett's Forum Paper from Negative Population Growth's (NPG), www.npg.org "Thoughts on Immigration Into The United States."

"The Unsustainability of U.S. Agriculture: The growing U.S. population (307 million) requires a growing supply of food, for which we proudly turn to the miracles of modern agriculture. Modern agriculture has been characterized as 'The use of land to convert petroleum into food.' But with the modernization has come decreasing efficiency of the use of energy in agriculture. It is estimated that agriculture in the U.S. requires approximately ten or more units of energy from fossil fuels to produce one unit of food energy on our dinner plate. At this roughly 10% efficiency, modern U.S. agriculture is the least efficient in the world, and the efficiency is getting worse each year. The immigration-driven growth of U.S. population increases the annual need for this inefficiently-produced food and this exacerbates the national energy situation that is already very bad.

"But agriculture is dependent on petroleum and natural gas, so let's see what's happening to petroleum and natural gas.

"Background: The Hubbert Peak: We need a bit of background. The life history of the

rate of production (barrels per year) of a finite non-renewable resource such as petroleum, started at zero 200 years ago. It will rise to one or more maxima, and then it will decline to zero a century or so after the maximum. This behavior can be approximated by a Gaussian Error Curve which is a curve with a single smooth peak. The curve is called the Hubbert Curve and the peak is called the Hubbert Peak. The Curve and the Peak are universal phenomena that are only marginally affected by economics, politics, and technology.

(Authors note: Dr. Bartlett's paper shows curves that are not included in my article, but I'll give some of his explanations.)

"The Hubbert Peaks for Petroleum: As shown in Fig. 1, the Hubbert Curve for petroleum production in the U.S. peaked in 1970 and petroleum production in the U.S. is now approximately half what it was at the peak. Petroleum production in the U.S. is declining, and except for the possibilities of small short-term bumps, is destined throughout the future to continue its steady downward trend toward zero. Because of this decline, we in the U.S. now have to import over 60 percent of the petroleum we consume. My analysis, based on Fig. 1, suggests that as of 2005 we have consumed about 85% of the recoverable conventional petroleum that was ever in the

ground in the United States. In the future, continued population growth in the U.S. will result in more people chasing after the remaining dwindling supply. Fig. 1 might be called a 'Portrait of National Unsustainability.' "

Pending further disastrous proposals by our government, I'll continue Dr. Bartlett's Forum Paper next week.

Ed. Note: There is no shortage of petroleum in the United States. The Rocky Mountains alone have more extractable petroleum in oil shale than the entire middle east (an estimated 150 to 200 year supply). The problem is that politicians owned by radical environmental groups won't let us get at it.

THANK YOU!

Oregon Ranch Meats, located at 723 S. 2nd Street in Coos Bay would like to thank the participants and sponsors of the 1st Annual South Coast BBQ Spare Rib Cookoff on Sunday, May 18th. There were 15 entries who cooked some of the finest BBQ ribs ever eaten anywhere! They were Oregon Ranch Meats, Coquille Police Department, Darold Britton, Jan's BBQ, Los Guys BBQ, Gary Domina, Northwest Smokehouse, Jeremy Hackney, Bowden, Zoltan Vass, Clown BBQ'S, Nick McGriffin, Frick & Frack/F.U.B.A.R., Joe Pepper and Connie Gerling. The Master of Ceremonies for the event was Al Pearn, candidate for the Oregon House of Representatives.

In the judged competition Los Guys BBQ won first place with Nick McGriffin earning second and Bowden coming in third. Coquille Police Department won first place in the People's Choice category with Joe Pepper placing second and Oregon Ranch Meats taking third place. Over 200 people attended the event and 167 votes were cast.

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SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

Michael A. Guido, D.D.
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While traveling in South America, we came onto a church that the natives had sacrificed to build.

"It's beautiful," said our guide, "but there's no connection to the power."

But the purpose of the church is to glorify God, not to gratify man; to clarify truths, not to mystify traditions; to edify saints, not to vilify sinners; to evangelize, not to entertain; to bear witness to a Person, not to be witty about a philosophy. For that you need power.

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(Includes deaths due to violent criminal acts – estimated 10 per day; deaths due to negligence – estimated 3 per day; deaths due to drunk or reckless driving – estimated 12 per day.)

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