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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ 3abn Confirms Real Estate Transaction

Posted by: Pickle Jun 14 2007, 10:09 PM

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Thanks, Bob, for making the 990's for 1998, 1999, & 2000 on http://www.save3ABN.com.

I was happy to read Snoopy's news on the changes in progress on the IRS Form 990. Maybe with all the problems that seem to be front and center lately, this is a move in the right direction.

Changes would clearly make things more transparent for the end user. Auditors will have an easier time with the returns.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Jun 15 2007, 07:29 AM

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Posted by: lurker Jun 15 2007, 11:24 AM

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Posted by: Pickle Jun 15 2007, 01:08 PM

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Lurker,

Thanks for the link to the article!

PB

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The original correction on the piano story is at http://www.atoday.com/6.0.html?&tx_ttnews%5bbackPid%5d=1&tx_ttnews%5btt_news%5d=60&cHash=7410d7a570.

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You guys/gals are killing me! rofl rofl rofl

Everytime I log on, I think I have landed in the Humor Section~ Love it!

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I CAN READ IT - CAN YOU?

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We have been sorting through masses of information. As we read, our minds affirm that "This is not Sabbath School" here in the 3ABN Threads at BlackSDA. It has sort of been like reading the above paragraph.

The information has sometimes come in one jumbled up blob. Yet, if we can get the 1st and last letter right we can figure out the rest.

Truth can and has been found. I believe God has used his gift of discernment through some posters here. Those posting untruth can't see, but those speaking truth are clearly understood.

I am truly blessed for being here to witness God's mighty power to lead us into all truth.

Posted by: Artiste Jun 15 2007, 11:04 PM

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Very interesting, Fran!

You mentioned in the "strange mind reading exercise" that only 55 people could read it. Was that 55 people out of some total? Or a percent?

Posted by: Shiny Penny Jun 16 2007, 12:14 AM

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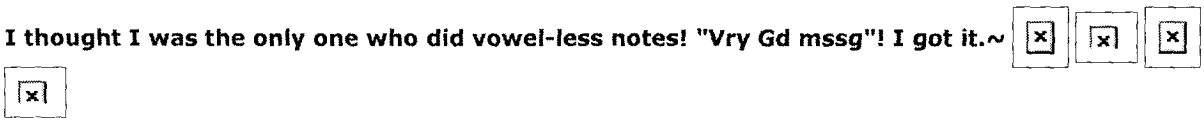
I thought I was the only one who did vowel-less notes! "Vry Gd mssg"! I got it.~ 

Good to see you back. Can we resume our posting? I never got a reply previously. You went away. I would like to address other items on the Property Tax Lawsuit. Of course, my questions are basically financial or managerial. You seem to be quite knowledgeable in these areas. My interest is not about the findings or about the ongoing appeal, but with bylaws and job descriptions and financial questions which have nothing to do with a property tax decision.

Are you OK? I hope you were not ill.

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Good points, Shiny Penny! Just curious - what was the piano's "major defect"?

Posted by: Pickle Jun 16 2007, 08:52 PM

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Oh my. Oh my. Oh my. I SO hope that is not true. I do not know Linda at all, but if what she says is true it sure makes that whole real estate deal make more sense. Oh my. I wonder who the CFO was then??? Couldn't the whole board be held liable (NOT libel!)? I thought somebody on the board was supposedly a fraud expert! None of the other employees there get a pension plan - will all the employees be taken care of

so well with these little bonuses?? Do they get to pick their real estate??

I wonder what Lisa Madigan (Illinois Attorney General) would have to say about that!! I know of others who will be very interested. And I'm REAL curious to know what Shiny Penny might think!!

~~Disgusted Snoopy~~

Posted by: Pickle Jun 16 2007, 09:10 PM

Well, Snoopy, why don't you call up Lisa Madigan on Monday and ask her what she thinks about it? And report back and let us know what she says.

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Well I might just do that. This is getting out of hand.

Where is Fran???

Posted by: Pickle Jun 16 2007, 09:58 PM

Snoopy,

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Posted by: Snoopy Jun 16 2007, 10:24 PM

QUOTE(Pickle @ Jun 16 2007, 09:58 PM)

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That's fine. Actually, it was a conference official who suggested I contact her as she has a reputation for going after alleged charity fraud. I just didn't want to believe any of this I guess, but the time may have come.

Posted by: Pickle Jun 16 2007, 10:39 PM

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Great question! I'm right there with ya, runner4him!

Posted by: Daryl Fawcett Jun 17 2007, 06:43 AM

As all these things unfold, it only makes things look worse and worse for 3ABN.

If donations continue to drop over all of this, then they only have themselves to blame.

Posted by: watchbird Jun 17 2007, 07:12 AM

Two random thoughts on the recent comments on this thread.

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2) Has it occurred to anyone that when Shiny Penny gives her interesting "speculations" about what "could have happened" that she just might be giving us glimpes into the stories that were told to the board.... which caused the board to accept Danny's course of action?

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Posted by: Richard Sherwin Jun 17 2007, 07:34 AM

I think that if enough people tell you that you are anointed by God then you might get the idea that whatever you do is justified and/or you deserve whatever perks you can get because God has chosen you. And if you are married to a person who believes that then you will go along with whatever he says and believes himself. Delusions of grander or shades of Waco and David Koresh?

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Great post Shepherdswife! Definitely agree!!

Posted by: Pickle Jun 17 2007, 09:09 AM

Shepherdswife,

I told her when I spoke with her that she could end her explanation, if she gets asked, with, "That's my signature on those documents, and so I take full responsibility." So whether she fully knew what she was doing was wrong or not, really, that's the only way to end the explanation, whatever the explanation may be.

You write about folks getting the idea that they are entitled to benefits because of sacrifices in God's cause. *Desire of Ages* gives us an example of that, doesn't it?

Perhaps it wouldn't be so bad if this were the only real estate-type transaction that is alleged to have occurred.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Jun 17 2007, 10:10 AM

Shepherdswife,

Thank you for your thoughtful perspective on this land deal.

I think many of us are wondering just how much Linda was involved in this obvious attempted manipulation of not only the donors but also of the U.S. tax code. There is no way to rationalize away the many levels of dishonesty apparent in this transaction. That a ministry purporting to represent Christ would participate in such a "working the system" scheme further casts suspicion on the leadership of that ministry, IMO.

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Legality: Some of the actions that are being criticized are not illegal as such. A couple of days ago I responded to a statement made to me about what "X" may have done. I went on to say that There was nothing illegal about doing such, as long as the governing Board had the facts and knew about it prior to the action being taken. Some issues are ethical ones, even when it is not criminal.

Issues for consideration often have involved issues of ethics, when they were not criminal.

Linda: Yesterday I mentioned an issue which has been raised to another person. Her response was: Greg, if what you say is true, Linda is complicit. My response was that Linda was complicit. Then we discussed this further.

We who defend Linda have never presented her as perfect. I do not claim perfection in her. Yes, she does have some defenses to some of the issues. But, this is not the place to raise those.

I am going to leave the issue of Linda and expand a little.

In my opinon, Seventh-day Adventists who lead the church often do not have any real understanding of ethics.

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I once published a statement to the effect that Danny Shelton was underpaid. I stilll support that statement.

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Back to Linda:

Yes, she was not perfect. Yes, her signatrue went on documents that she possibly should not have signed, or it should have been done differently.

Linda today is learning. She has been baptized by fire, and more may come. It is changing her, and she is growing, and maturing. She would not do today everything that she has done in the past. It is likely that she has more growing to do. It is likely that in the future she would understand some issues better.

Linda has been in the past more trusting than she should have been. She is learnign some hard lessons. This may still be an aspect of her. But, she is growing.

Posted by: Richard Sherwin Jun 17 2007, 10:48 AM

Sometimes we become convinced that our wants are our needs. We try to justify our wants by making them into needs. Thus we donor ministries with 6 million dollar jets.

I would hope we would never jeopardize the investigation into Danny and 3ABN because we are trying to protect Linda, to do so would be unethical in it's self.

Richard

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Posted by: LaurenceD Jun 17 2007, 11:02 AM

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Daylily

Posted by: Shiny Penny Jun 17 2007, 12:17 PM

QUOTE(Pickle @ Jun 16 2007, 07:52 PM)

Now get this: I asked Linda about it all as ShinyPenny suggested, and she told me that she had told Gailon that he needed to put this out in a balanced way so that it doesn't look so bad.

Hmmm...Interesting. "Put it out in a balanced way?" What does that mean? The way I read it was not balanced at all. Danny and the board did everything so devious, but there was no "Linda regrets anything" about the transactions. If the house transaction was so bad, why did Linda agree to it in the first place? Of all of the evil boardmembers, why wasn't Linda (and she was a board member then) a lone voice in the wilderness saying this isn't right and refuse to sign the documents?

She said that the board purposely chose to keep the salaries low because donors would get concerned if they received big salaries. And that puts the real estate deal in a better light, she thought. It was a gift from 3ABN because they had low salaries and no pension plan.

Someone could say Linda has an ax to grind, and so I tend to take what she says with a grain of salt, but since she honestly thought that the above scenario made the situation look better, I think I can take her comments and run with them: The board wanted the salaries to appear low, and so while the donors think 3ABN only paid the Sheltons less than a combined $95,000 in 1998, 3ABN in essence paid them more than $220,000 (combined salary + profit from the sale of Lot 6).

(from another post) ***She also justified it in part this way: The place was bought for around $65,000, and Danny fixed it up a bit, which is why it increased in value.*** **Is Linda saying here that 3ABN bought the house for $65,000? and then later sold it to her and Danny? Or is she saying that she and Danny bought the house for $65,000?**

There is just too much unknown, to determine what really happened. If Linda and Danny received a house and did not include the gain in their tax return then both of them should be shaking in their boots, because the IRS will not look favorably upon failure to disclose income or gains. And I mean both of them. Failure to remember is not an excuse. So perhaps Linda should start to prepare a revised tax return and save for the taxes due, penalties and interest and hope that they don't thow her in jail. Ditto to Danny.

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You don't know this for sure, because you don't know the details about the transaction.

Rather than putting the real estate deal in a better light, I think Linda's comments suggest that Walt's claim is false that every board member is honest to a fault.

Posted by: Pickle Jun 17 2007, 12:37 PM

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I said "apparently hid," didn't I? That suggests I don't know for sure.

What we do know for sure about the transaction is that 3ABN reported it to the IRS on the 990 as a sale, correct? They reported it on the 990 as a sale at a substantial loss, correct? They didn't report it as compensation to the officers/directors who were personally benefiting from the sale, correct? It was a sale that was far below fair market value, correct?

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WARNING: this might need some digesting so open those great minds you all have. my mind is tired from writing it so i'll just let you all chew on it for a while, while i go take a nap.

the first thing that bothers me about this is Linda's point that it looked better to the viewers if they made a small salary. i have heard them say on air that they made about the same as school teachers. if that is true, that sounds more than fair, modest in fact for what they are doing. salary is relative. that being said, D & L, work hard and they should get paid a decent wage. but what bothers me is the part where she alledgedly says, "it made it look better that they get a smaller salary". now that is deceitful and i'm thinking that someone other than D & L was manipulating that PR. maybe it was DS, maybe it was LS but very possibly, and i'm sure many of you would agree, there are others staging these

scenarios creating "a well-oiled machine". (GMc comes to mind, but i bet there are more purse-strings that are planting the ideas as well) personally, i don't believe for a minute that D or L were "all knowing" in the business that they were in the middle of. there are professionals for that and there are the moneybags. all have a say and things are very complicated. i don't expect D or L to know all that went on as far as it being ethical or legal. there are many facets to this. one facet is the corruption of power, another is being in a situation bigger than you are and another is trusting people. i think a lot of what they did, they were persuaded to do by others "in the know" who should have known better or thought they knew enough to cover themselves.
i have no way of knowing if L is totally innocent, but i do think (and i could be totally wrong) that she trusted those around her to do things the right way.
how many times have we as individuals signed documents without reading every word or understanding every word. normally, i think most people trust their attorney or their real estate agent or their accountant more than themselves. not that we should, probably not, but if we knew all that was needed for such dealings then we wouldn't need the professionals now would we?
also i think we need to consider what i mentioned above about the moneybags. there is a lot of DS bashing done here and there and maybe he absolutely deserves it but also, maybe, it's a bit too all-encompassing. are we ourselves being naive or vengeful in painting him as a megalomaniac? is he capable of all we discredit him for? maybe others feeding him and directing him have had something to do with this path? none involved are squeeky clean, but i think we should look deeper and even deeper still.
you know it's not unusual for control freaks to control other control freaks. sometimes they control each other thinking they are the "ONE" who's really in control. it's all a viscious circle of manipulation.
what the person signing the papers has to decide before signing is: are they convinced that what this one is saying will work or is true or profitable or honest? is it ethical or moral or safe?. how that is answered is according to the motives of the one signing the papers and their motives are often "persuaded" by their own faults or the faults of others. they would like us to think they are totally guided by God, but the mind has a way of deceiving itself when it opens the window of temptation and we are all guilty of that at one time or another. don't misunderstand me. i'm not making excuses for anyone or saying that these things should not be addressed and dealt with. hang in here with me on this.
when we see these big corporations fall, many people are at fault.
i think we here do ourselves and "the cause" a favor by looking deeper into who guides those who sign the papers and not just expecting those 2 to know and understand everything and also not making those 2 out to be evil con-artist. i don't think it's that simple. the truth is an elusive thing, especially now-a-days when big money and slick lawyers can make things a maze of complication, covering up things as fast as they start to appear. honesty is sooooooooooo much simpler but that's not the big world we live in. it might be our little world but it's not the world "out there".
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Posted by: Observer Jun 18 2007, 06:42 AM

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SP:

There are two reasons why I cannot comply with your request:

1) Your question is so closely related to specific issues which involve Danny and Linda Shelton, and 3-ABN that people would tend to apply my response to them.

I cannot speak specificly to the specific issues raised regarding certain transactions involving 3-ABN, Danny and Linda. I do not have enough knowledge of the specific facts to make specific statements about such transactions and their taxability. Any attempt to do so would not be fair to anyone.

2) The issues regarding the taxability of "gifts" by the one who recieved the gift involves case law of the appropriate Federal court, rulings of the IRS, and Federal law. The extent and complexity of all of those is much more than I could ever produce to simpley satisfy your interest. I do not have the time for all of that, if I did have the ability to produce it.

The fact remains, the IRS does not consider something to be a gift simply because it is called a gift. It must be a qualified gift. That reains a fact.

While I am not attempting to give you any kind of a comprehensive responee to your questions, let me stimulate your thinking in one area:

Do some research in what the IRS calls a "Related Party Transaction."

You will note that under IRS rules some of the profits recieved in a Related Party Transaction may be taxable to the person who recieved those profits. It is true that the profits may only be partially taxable. That is determined by the specific circumstances.

As you study Related Party Transactions, you will note that the property transaction that you have referenced between Danny, Linda, and 3-ABN appears on the surface to be a Related Party Transaction, if it occured as it has been described.

Again, I do not know if it actually took place as it has been desribed. Since some of the profits may not be taxable to the one who recieved them, I do not have the knowledge to say specificly whether or not the profits from that transaction were taxable to Danny and Linda, or to what extent they may or may not have been taxable to them.

You have asked me to support my comment. Your study of Related Party Transactions should convnce you that the potential exists for Danny and Linda to have assumed a tax liability for some (or all) of the profits from that sale of property. Agan, I do not know if that liability actually occured.

There are other aspects of this issue. But, I cannot begin to give a comprehensive resposne.

Posted by: beartrap Jun 18 2007, 07:54 AM

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http://www.completetax.com/taxguide/news/06-290goodietax.asp

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NOTE: IRS rules change so rapidly that it may be that the dollar limits listed above have been raised.

Getting to other issues:

The IRS decides whether or not someting is a qualified gift. Just because it is called a gift does not mean that it will qualify as a gift undr IRS rules.

Related Party Transactions are often a substantial issue.

The IRS looks closely at gifts that may stem from a service that was provided. As a pastor, I must declare gifts that comes from members of my congregation.

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Again, the complexities of this issue are such that I do not intend to imply that specific gifts discussed her either were or were not taxabable to any specific person or persons.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Jun 18 2007, 09:30 AM

Sigh...

Seems it might be helpful to recruit a corporate tax specialist from the IRS into BSDA membership.

Posted by: beartrap Jun 18 2007, 09:58 AM

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Posted by: Snoopy Jun 18 2007, 03:42 PM

QUOTE(Pickle @ Jun 16 2007, 09:10 PM)

Well, Snoopy, why don't you call up Lisa Madigan on Monday and ask her what she thinks about it? And report back and let us know what she says.

I do not recall whether Linda mentioned the lack of a pension plan or not. I think I heard that from two people other than her. She did call the property a gift.

She also justified it in part this way: The place was bought for around $65,000, and Danny fixed it up a bit, which is why it increased in value.

I asked her if Danny or 3ABN paid for the materials, and if Danny fixed it up on company time. If 3ABN paid for the materials, then that doesn't help. And I guess whether Danny did it on company time or not is irrelevant. Either way the "gift" of the house is still compensation.

went to the Illinois Attorney General website where their is a specific page dedicated to charities:

http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/charities/index.html

At the bottom of that page is this address and phone number:

Illinois Attorney General
Charitable Trust Bureau
100 W. Randolph St., 11th Floor
Chicago, IL 60601
(312) 814-2595
TTY: (312) 814-3374

I called the number and was told that any complaint or request for investigation had to be filed in writing and would trigger an investigation by an attorney. They do not have a defined compaint form. They were able to tell me that to date there has not been a complaint filed against 3ABN.

Posted by: lurker Jun 18 2007, 04:25 PM

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And what is the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists going to do about the possibility of this potentially damaging action against "the world-wide face of Adventism"?

Have they or are they going to put out a warning advisory for the older conservative church members of problems coming up with their favorite SDA ministry media outlet? The one they like to give their donations to?

As far as General Conference officials not appearing on 3ABN, interviews including the General Conference trust department official have been airing several times over the last week.

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could not agree more. They need to get on the move sooner rather than later. How damaging if they waited until some reporter gets the story and it makes headlines....then they will look like Whimps indeed. I guess I come from a line of doers and maybe to a fault that we are not cautious enough at times. I think I remember somewhere in the SOP where we are told to make a decision and not to be wishy washy. (not an exact quote)

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also am among the group of older conservative church members, only I am not one of those who donate!

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Posted by: lurker Jun 18 2007, 07:12 PM

Well I used to donate but not anymore. And it wan't "gossip" on the internet that influenced me. I watched 3ABN a lot because my husband runs the remote and the more I saw, the worse it seemed to get. And I handle the donations.

Posted by: Richard Sherwin Jun 18 2007, 07:18 PM

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Richard

Posted by: Rosyroi Jun 18 2007, 07:58 PM

QUOTE(daylily @ Jun 17 2007, 10:17 AM)

I have no trouble believing that Linda might not have known the implications of what she was signing. I don't understand all that stuff and I would have turned to someone I trusted, i.e. my husband, to tell me it was OK to sign. Now, I believe I would find an expert and talk to them before signing.

Daylily

I agree with you Daylily,
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Posted by: Panama_Pete Jun 18 2007, 09:27 PM

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This reminds me of a story.

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Wonderful story...totally agree!

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(But if you don't mind, please go easy on the medical doctors!)

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It is interesting to me that I am accused of neglecting to tell the whole truth, when the whole issue that is being discussed relates from some few documents that are posted on the Save site...with lots of surmising

and far from the whole of anything, much less the whole truth. Why bring up 3 or 4 documents, when Linda says she doesn't remember what they're about? Or is there some parts of the known truth that are being withheld? That's a thought worth consdering. Perhaps you or others in the know can confirm that what has been disclosed about the house (Lot 6) transactions is a complete picture, or as complete as is possible under the circumstances.

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All of this discussion has been interesting. I thank SP for her part in getting it going. If she had not posted partial information, and made some of the comments that she made, some of us would not have been as informed as we are now.

Those who defend 3-ABN/Danny contribute to our learning. It is truth that we are after.

Posted by: Pickle Jun 19 2007, 08:04 AM

QUOTE(lurker @ Jun 18 2007, 05:25 PM)

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If more had filed complaints about Tommy years ago, there would likely be fewer alleged victims today who think they can't do anything now because the statute of limitations has run out.

Posted by: Pickle Jun 19 2007, 08:26 AM

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- 3ABN admitted on the 990 that the property was sold for a price far below fair market value.
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What is yet unknown that has already been discussed? From what I recall, no one has yet discussed the possibility that Danny and Linda already knew on Septmeber 25, 1998, that the property they as officers were signing over to themselves was going to be resold at a hefty profit in just 1 week. Seems like a reasonable assumption, but that is one detail we don't know, yet no one has suggested that, from what I recall.

Posted by: Pickle Jun 19 2007, 10:16 AM

Another question regarding the 2003 to 2005 auditor's report: How much longer than two years will it take for the 3ABN board of directors to bring 3ABN into line by requiring the related entities in Russia, the Philippines, Peru, and Brazil to disclose the information the auditor's report specifies? Two years sounds long enough, but maybe it isn't.

I hope Caremelita Troy notices this possible problem. She wasn't around in 1998, but she's around now.

By the way, does the attorney general's office have documents for additional years that are not online? Does anyone live close enough to find out and get copies of everything but the 990's for 1998 through 2002, or even back to 1984 or 1985 through 2002, if they are available?

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Can the same firm/person do your accounting and auditing?

I am an officer in a local, non-SDA, non-profit (not cheritable) organization. A couple of years ago we retained a CPA to do an in-depth audit of our books over a three year period.

Following that audit, we decided to solicit bids for someone to do our accounting, as well as some other functions. The person who had recently done the audit bid for the accounting position. At the time that we interviewed him, he clearly stated in terms that we we could understand that any future audits would have to be done by others, if he got the a ccounting position, as it would be highly unethical for him to do both our accounting and future audits. We understood, had expected such, and agreed with him. He also told us that he could lose his CPA license if he were to attempt to do both our accounting and future audits.

Now, it is speculation as to what is meant in the quotation listed above in regard to Auditing and Accounting services.

I am going to assume that Mr. Stenn is a knowledgeable, ethical person who would never risk doing something that might result in censure, or other discipline. On this basis, I must assume one of the following is the explaination:

1) The person who prepared the 990 did not accurately describe the services performed by Mr. Stenn. In reality, Mr. Stenn does not do both auditing, and accounting. Perhaps (?) he may do some accounting, and peridicly write a report that someone who is not experienced in accounting has described as an audit.

2) Mr. Stenn either did an audit, or does the accounting, but not both. The comment in the 990 is inaccurate.

3) There is some other explaination that has escaped my thought at this point in time. Perhaps with the passage of time there will be some revelation of this matter.

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Just a hunch, but I'll bet Linda Shelton is also very annoyed at the release of partial information in order to influence...BTJM...

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Thank you, Bob! I was asking myself the very same questions.

Posted by: calvin Jun 19 2007, 03:01 PM

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Posted by: Richard Sherwin Jun 19 2007, 04:48 PM

Now now, it just so happens that us Sudoku players are easily entertained. We don't need the TV or movies we can just sit and work on our own little puzzle. And then we can do the next one, and then the next one and then the next one.....And if there were two alike we'd not know the difference

Richard

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Posted by: Rosyroi Jun 19 2007, 07:44 PM

QUOTE(Shiny Penny @ Jun 18 2007, 07:54 PM)

My earlier comments were referring to the "strong supporter's" gift of the land. If that wasn't clear to you, then I apologize and hope it is clear now. I hold to my prior statements and citations from the IRS website - the giver of the gift is the payer of the taxes, if there are any taxes to pay.

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For the sake of a new board of leaders being examples of christian values working out through integrity of motives.

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QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Jun 21 2007, 09:48 AM)

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jmo

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Must be the visions...

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How on earth can 3ABN depreciate what cannot be depreciated in the current year, but must be depreciated in many future years, based on the life expectancy of Danny and Linda Shelton?

That happened because they SOLD the ASSET/PROPERTY at a price way below book value! Therefore, they experienced a large LOSS in the current year.

Since the Sales Price is WAY BELOW their calculated depreciation, the SALE created a LOSS to re-coup that REALIZED LOSS of a 3ABN ASSET, right?. That can happen when property is disposed of for less than the book value.

However, there seems to be a critical VALUATION PROBLEM HERE! Houses appreciate, right? They do not depreciate until they are on their last leg! Evidence that shows the house sold for $135,000 7 days after their purchase is a real kicker!

Yes, AGAIN, TIMING AND VALUATION PROBLEMS AT 3ABN! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! IRS likes to see the fair market and book value of the asset. It will not look kosher to the auditors, because Danny and Linda experienced a very large gain on the resale of their newly purchased home only 7 days later!.

Now, we have to consider the sale of a residence that gives a gain where the gain is reinvested in another home. Did Danny and Linda reinvest that $129,000.00 into their new home? Oops, here we go again. Who can answer that? My sources said they did not, because 3ABN built their new home also.

More information is needed before I can say yeah or nay.

In my opinion, the house should have sold for the appraised value ($135,000 to Danny and Linda) and a substantial GAIN should have been realized by 3ABN. This action favors the

employees/CEO/President/Vice-President of 3ABN who are not to receive these favors at the expense of 3ABN. The board favored the Shelton's over the entity of 3ABN! Oops!

If you are in business, decisions are made with the business in mind. In this case, the decisions were made having the Shelton's in mind. Forget about 3ABN the entity! Shame, Shame, shame!

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I finally decided to add a Vonage phone in addition to ATT/SBC, and use it for all my calls. I have several lines in my home. The Vonage installer came in and installed their equipment. He had a terrible time getting the line to pass his testing. It finally worked and He left. My new phone was working. Everything was working great, until all of the sudden, while I was calling people to tell them my new number, I lost my phone line, my DSL Wireless 2Wire Modem, and my motherboard & duo processors fried. Of course Vonage equipment didn't fair to kindly either.

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I need several expansion slots also for all my equipment, some of which I lost also. No there were no lightening or thunder storms at that time. Vonage is very angry about their equipment loss.

Now just who would do that? Let me think really hard. Hum! I have 2 choices. Now who is it that would be trying to catch me doing what I don't do! I am a very boring person! Yeah, sad, huh?

Really I could care less who it is that is listening to me or reading my key strokes/email/hard drives. I'll bet that was hard. rofl I have 950 GB on internal Drives, and 1,000 gb in external drives. I hope they appreciate my hard work on my Genealogy files. I have many. About 6 that are really large! I also have about 140,000+ photos. They must not have anything better to do in my opinion.

I would like to make them buy me several new computers to replace all those that are now dead! One is my laptop!

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I read the links. Here's another idea from reading this posted email from DS to LS...

> The horse buyer laughed his sockes off. He was offering and average of $250.00 per yearling for the two black and white homozygous's. He offered $600 for our big 3 yr old Drum N Up Spots filly. and $500 for a nice two year old black and white Little Spook filly. He offered $350 for our baby paint sort of buckskin colored homo baby.
>
> I sent him home quickly.
>
> I have another horse buyer coming, maybe, this week. He probably won't offer much more.
>
> **If you want me to give some of them away for those kind of prices I will**, but I thought I would try a couple other options first.

(understanding horse-trader deals) If she'll agree to these low figures (the bidder indicates they're not worth very much, you see) go ahead and give her the low offer and don't tell anyone you *actually* sold them for a whole lot more. :wink:

Posted by: lurker Jun 24 2007, 11:22 AM

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"WOULD YOU BUY A USED CAR FROM THIS MAN?"

Posted by: Panama_Pete Jun 24 2007, 02:19 PM

QUOTE(Richard Sherwin @ Jun 24 2007, 07:47 AM) ☐

If you do a search here on BSDA you will find the **Stephen Lewis** name. Not sure it's the same one but my guess is that it is.

Pickle or anyone, are you absolutely certain that the exchange between DS and LS about the horses is real? The real estate deal is older and harder to understand but the apparent tax cheating about the horses is easy and would be worth sharing with Danny's adoring fans

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ittp://www.blacksda.com/forums/lofiversion/index.php/t2643.html

QUOTE(Futurist @ Sep 20 2004, 01:17 PM)

This is probally old news to everyone, but it is worth repeating. When **Pastor Stephen Lewis** came to 3ABN in 2000 with his series, all the "big guns" in SDA evangelism warned the board to not allow him there due to...here were their words. "His preaching will destroy the effectiveness of our ministry". Yes his plain speaking directly to the women there on the 3ABN staff probally is sill rinning in their ears especially every time they start painting their face and lift their leg one at a time to put on mans pants. He did what he could for those stiff neck people with my full approval.

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Posted by: lurker Jun 24 2007, 05:01 PM

One of the perks is being featured and flattered on the air and in print. To be associated closely with the "annointed one" surely has boosted many a reputation and career.

Posted by: Shepherdswife Jun 24 2007, 06:01 PM

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Posted by: Richard Sherwin Jun 24 2007, 07:45 PM

I thought the same thing. I was wondering if he did not consider himself SDA or something but I see he has 3 angels on his site and quotes Mrs. White. An offshoot?

So does anyone know how the DS/LS horse dispute ended?

Richard

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Posted by: LaurenceD Jun 24 2007, 10:54 PM

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> Pentecost 2000 by Evangelist Stephen Lewis is now available on DVD with a total of 11 Discs with a total of 35 1.5 hr sermons. I am making them available for $20/set. This is an excellent bargain considering the originals from 3ABN were over $300/set. This just covers my costs. I want to make them available to any and all who would like a copy. Comes in two 6-disc DVD cases. I have hundreds of copies available. We are distributing these like the "leaves of autumn". If anyone would like copies to distribute please let me know.
> victorybyfaith1888@yahoo.com
> -Trevor
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> http://www.groupsrv.com/religion/about212986.html

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So, could this Lewis fellow get into hot water for this horse thing as well, if he knowingly gave a receipt that was fraudulent? I can't imagine him actually believing that the horses were worth $20,000 each? I know that some are--my son worked in a horse barn where they had one worth 15-20 times that, but it came over from Europe and was a world-class champion jumper.

Posted by: Skyhook Jun 25 2007, 01:07 AM

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The name related to a 'title' on the video I had given to me, by an absolute fanatic. Apparently, this guy was a 'Bishop'in another church, before converting to SDA but somehow, he still retained his 'title'. Incidently, the person who left the video with us, expected to be addressed as "Pastor" and he's no more a Pastor than I am! The things people will do to put themselves in the spotlight!

Posted by: Fran Jun 25 2007, 03:27 AM

QUOTE(Shepherdswife @ Jun 24 2007, 11:40 PM)

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Well, I hope he doesnt get discouraged! I asked Danny for an RV, too, but never got one! I got nothing! At least Steve got 2 horses, or did he?

Do we know who made out that $20,000/$40,000 cash receipt?

I wonder if the "Bishop" would tell us if he has the horses, or if they have been turned into glue yet?

Maybe the whole deal fell through?

There was a whole lot of deceiving going on! Did Danny try to set Linda up for a fall? I sure hope not, but the thought certainly has entered my mind.

Posted by: Observer Jun 25 2007, 04:19 AM

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The title "Bishop" is a Biblical one. There is nothing wrong with calling yourself a Bishop.

For years (he is now dead) a SDA pastor chaired a somewhat local television show that featured local clergy. He called himself "Bishop," and was wll-known in SDA circles for doing so.

Posted by: runner4him Jun 25 2007, 06:15 AM

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Your comment gave me a mental picture.....if all else fails then back to the circuit rider preaching days!

rofl

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Wow!

I love being a vegan (prefer to call it plant-based) but had no idea I was supposed to worship the dietary choice as well. Must have missed that memo from our Creator. I don't know... if my CHIP director started encouraging rebaptism into the Church of Nuts, Grains and Vegies, I think it would raise a red flag for me. But that's just me. (BTW, I wear pants to church as well but am really hoping not to get disfellowshipped because of it.)

The Vegan Fanatic's Prayer

Dear Lord,

Just wanted to let you know that I just don't have a spare minute to visit with you today. The alter I have

erected to the cornucopia of marvelous foods you have created is so full that it will take most of my time paying appropriate homage to them, not to mention the additional time needed to prepare them properly for consumption.

Will try to schedule some time in for you later this week or next Tuesday before my trip to the organic farmer's market.

Posted by: Skyhook Jun 25 2007, 09:20 AM

PB, I like that "prayer." Unfortunately there are quite a number of people who seem to make thier diet thier religion. Another young man I know who was known to have a lot of health information was asked to give a health talk one Sabbath afternoon to a group of Pacific Islanders. Pacific Islanders, are big meat eaters. This young man, instead of educating them managed to offend all of them them by telling them either explicitly or implicitly that they wre all going to hell if they didn't stop eating meat.

I prefer a plant based diet, but if I'm served something that has dairy products in it I don't treat it as if it is poisen and have been known on rare occasion to indulge in a little Lamb curry that a Fijiian friend prepares. Hmm, I getting hungry for some of that curry. Oh well, I guess I'll settle for more generic bland, tasteless, Adventist casserole at potluck. Someday I'll find out whats in that stuff.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Jun 25 2007, 10:03 AM

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Posted by: Rosyroi Jun 25 2007, 06:11 PM

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OH... the visual... rofl

Thanks PB! I needed that.

Rosyroi

Posted by: roxe Jun 26 2007, 04:11 PM

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i got a clue this last sabbath as to a possible reason for "bland and tasteless"...
our church was on its annual weekend campout with another sda church in the area, and there was lots of "bland and tasteless" at the potluck. the folk i rode with out to the woods for the day explained that most everyone from the other church were not vegetarian...
so not being familiar with veggie cooking during the week really shows up when these recipes are "tried" for sabbath only.

jmo

Posted by: Richard Sherwin Jun 26 2007, 04:46 PM

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Posted by: daylily Jun 27 2007, 05:00 AM

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Posted by: watchbird Jun 27 2007, 05:12 AM

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Posted by: Pickle Jun 27 2007, 05:25 AM

I've always found this one kind of interesting, how it talks about a burnt boot:

QUOTE(Ellen White)

Cider drinking leads to the use of stronger drinks. The stomach loses its natural vigor, and something stronger is needed to arouse it to action. On one occasion when my husband and myself were traveling, we were obliged to spend several hours waiting for the train. While we were in the depot, a red-faced, bloated farmer came into the restaurant connected with it, and in a loud, rough voice asked, "Have you first-class brandy?" He was answered in the affirmative, and ordered half a tumbler. "Have you pepper sauce?" "Yes," was the answer. "Well, put in two large spoonfuls." He next ordered two spoonfuls of alcohol added, and concluded by calling for "a good dose of black pepper." The man who was preparing it asked, "What will you do with such a mixture?" He replied, "I guess that will take hold," and placing the full glass to his lips, drank the whole of this fiery compound. Said my husband, "That man has used stimulants until he has destroyed the tender coats of the stomach. I should suppose that they must be as insensible as a **burnt boot."** (Te 95, 96)

Posted by: runner4him Jun 27 2007, 05:26 AM

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It does stimulate the circulation and is used for cardiac purposes at times. Put some in your shoes on a cold winter day and it will warm your feet. Sorry if I am.... [x] off

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Jo, I don't have the references.... as I mentioned above, and I don't see it mentioned by name in the)ublished works CD, so either it is in one of the unpublished collections or a completely second hand personal ıccount.

Vhat I do know is that it was one of the most prominent ingredients in the herbals mixed up by the late ethro Kloss (whom we knew personally and you may recall by name from the book *Back to Eden* which was vritten by his daughter). Mainly, though, I avoided his "remedies" for that very reason, though we all ecognized the fantastic healing results he got. It was not until I began hearing the recommendations for it rom specialists in the field of nutrition medicine that I began experimenting with it. The liquid extract is ısually in an alcohol base, so one has the disinfecting properties of the alchohol along with the healing)roperties of the cayenne all in one little bottle. Fortunately I had that with me when I was involved in a car ıccident that gave severe abrasions including a fairly ugly deep gash in my left lower arm. With a bottle of vater for cleaning, and the cayenne and a few bandaids to hold the wound together, we patched me up with ıo stitches and I have only two hairline scars today. With deeper, cleaner cuts, I hold the wound together, ;prinkle powdered cayenne on it until it quits bleeding, put bandaids on to hold it together and leave it for a ew days. With ulcers I used a poultice made from a cayenne and goldenseal capsule "tea"... oddly enough he cayenne after an initial quick burning sensation feels soothing to damaged tissue, though once it has ıealed the ulcer, it suddenly starts feeling burning again.

\s to the salt issue... habit and a probable zinc deficiency are the most likely causes of the children's craving or salt. As to your own experience I have no theories to account for it. Hubby uses cayenne on foods :onstantly (for the arthritis benefits) and does not experience any desire for additional salt.

Posted by: Johann Jun 27 2007, 05:37 AM

QUOTE(Observer @ Jun 25 2007, 12:19 PM)

The title "Bishop" is a Biblical one. There is nothing wrong with calling yourself a Bishop.

For years (he is now dead) a SDA pastor chaired a somewhat local television show that featured local clergy. He called himself "Bishop," and was wll-known in SDA circles for doing so.

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Posted by: watchbird Jun 27 2007, 05:49 AM

QUOTE(Pickle @ Jun 27 2007, 07:25 AM)

I've always found this one kind of interesting, how it talks about a burnt boot:

... I doubt if the effect Ellen noted came from the hot sauce... the only good ingredient in his drink. If ıe had taken that in water or preferaby tomato juice, he would have been warmed as well and healed his ;tomach instead of damaging it.

QUOTE(runner4him @ Jun 27 2007, 07:26 AM)

It does stimulate the circulation and is used for cardiac purposes at times. Put some in your shoes on a cold winter day and it will warm your feet. Sorry if I am.... ofl

That's OK... we all are... doubtless our friendly admins will come along soon and move us all over to the health forum....

But just had to add to your comment... cayenne is the main ingredient in many sports creams... so if you are using a product which warms and soothes aches and pains, you are using cayenne..... maybe without knowing it. Capsaician [sp?] is the active ingredient which is drawn from cayenne.

For those interested, try to find the book called simply *Cayenne*. It is horribly written, but has some astounding experiences with cayenne by a medical doctor. Some of them are easily adapted for personal use... some of them I think are of the "don't try this at home" variety.

Posted by: Pickle Jun 27 2007, 06:28 AM

QUOTE(LaurenceD @ Jun 24 2007, 08:59 AM)

(understanding horse-trader deals) If she'll agree to these low figures (the bidder indicates they're not worth very much, you see) go ahead and give her the low offer and don't tell anyone you *actually* sold them for a whole lot more. :wink:

And after talking with Linda a number of times, in my opinion she's the kind of person that might fall for something like that.

QUOTE(Richard Sherwin @ Jun 24 2007, 07:47 AM)

Pickle or anyone, are you absolutly certain that the exchange between DS and LS about the horses is real? The real estate deal is older and harder to understand but the apparent tax cheating about the horses is easy and would be worth sharing with Danny's adoring fans

In my opinion, right or wrong, the basic points about using inflated values for the horses and about claiming horse donations as cash donations has been proven to have occurred, but in saying that I am not saying that I know for certain what happened in 2004 and 2005.

In other words, Danny's emails document plans or filings from 2003 through 2005, but those are not necessarily the only years he donated horses.

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Posted by: Pickle Jun 27 2007, 06:38 AM

QUOTE(Fran @ Jun 23 2007, 08:21 AM)

You could hear it. The click, click was audible for about a month. I guess that would be called "hearsay". I started picking up the phone and dialing a friends house who was not home and did not have voice mail or a recorder so I could blow a whistle into the phone.

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Posted by: Observer Jun 27 2007, 07:24 AM

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The SDA pastor who moderated the Religious Twon Hall was Rkobert Leiski. Here is the quote:

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Religious diversity and interfaith dialogue have become popular catch phrases in recent years. But at The American Religious Town Hall Meeting they have been broadcasting these ideals for almost 50 years on the air. In fact, the Dallas-based show is the longest running religious program in television history. Moderated by 70-year-old Seventh Day Adventist minister Robert Leiske, the weekly show discusses dicey topics like gun regulation, abortion and homosexuality from an interfaith perspective. Participants represent a wide range of religious faiths, including many Christian denominations, Catholics, Jews, Muslims, Hindus and Buddhists.

Posted by: Fran Jun 27 2007, 11:24 AM

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Better than a whistle, why don't you find out from your local police or DA or federal prosecutors what sort of criminal charges could be filed against whomever, and then when you get a click, start citing the statutes, including the minimum and maximum sentences, and then see how quickly you hear them hang up.

Posted by: Panama_Pete Jun 27 2007, 01:13 PM

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Private Investigators like to have handicapped license plates so they can use one of those reserved "handicapped" parking spaces in the parking lot when they're tailing somebody. There's nothing worse than having your suspect grab the last parking space with no place for the PI to park.

Some of the best Private Investigators are woman.

There was one woman PI who would circle your house carrying a dog leash. And if she got caught in your bushes, she would say she was looking for Fido, and she showed you Fido's leash to prove **why** she was sneaking around in your bushes. Nobody would think an old woman with Fido's dog leash could be up to something.

You can now sue for both "overly aggressive" tailing, spying, etc. as well as illegal spying. If you don't know your rights, you don't have any rights.

If Fran thinks she's being being tapped, then she probably is being tapped, etc., and should act accordingly. The mysterious, unidentified "they" depend on you being naive and not on your guard.

Remember, there's this guy somewhere who plays basketball **and he tries to win at any cost**. It's important, sometimes, to get inside the basketball player's brain to know what's going on. The basketball player has a "coach" who feels exactly the same way about things.

Also, don't forget to read Calvin's recent warning about providing private information to people regarding identities of posters, etc.

Posted by: Richard Sherwin Jun 27 2007, 03:58 PM

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-bear *(tongue firmly planted in cheek)*

Posted by: watchbird Jun 27 2007, 07:44 PM

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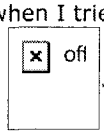
Go ahead... try it. Warning... when I tried it I got my wings clipped.... sooooo... as you see, since I couldn't lick em I decided to join em....  ..... Wheeeeeee.....  .....

Posted by: Pickle Jun 28 2007, 01:35 AM

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Too bad the healing, medicinal properties that the stuff has for the stomach doesn't apply to eyeballs.

Posted by: Richard Sherwin Jun 28 2007, 06:30 AM

Oh man that had to hurt! That sounds worse than a guy I was working with that got a bee sting in the eyelid.

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Posted by: watchbird Jun 28 2007, 06:56 AM

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Seriously... one of the uses for cayenne extract is as an eyewash. Frankly, I've never had the nerve to try it. I put it in the "do not try this at home" category. I would have to have some strong persuasion from a physician experienced in its use before I went that route. Obviously (I hope) the solution recommended would be very weak... not at all like getting a solid piece in your eye!

Posted by: Brick Step Jun 28 2007, 05:49 PM

I am very sorry if I unnerved anyone by asking who the Stephen Lewis was in the report on the horse deals over on Save 3ABN. I did an internet search on the name and came up with all sorts of interesting sources, none of which seemed to fit the story. I wondered if it was the evangelist Stephen Lewis, whose audio and video tapes were widely circulated in Australia and New Zealand several years ago. By comments on BSDA, it seems likely that it is. We ourselves valued many of his lectures (though we always held reservations about the length of and high pressure involved in the altar calls at the end).

But many happenings associated with a highly publicized visit by this minister to Sydney, Australia in 2003 (he was invited by an independent ministry run by very well meaning new believers), have resulted in what seems to be a complete drying up of support for this man, from conservatives and liberals alike. There has been a lot of pain. Nobody much circulates his tapes anymore, or speaks of him. The ministry who invited this speaker ("Thus Saith The Lord") gave a full report upon the debacle in their newsletter of October 2005.

I don't, by the way, place too much stock on the words "conservative" and "liberal." It seems to me either you love Jesus, or you do not; either you are a Christian, or you are not; either you are a Seventh-day Adventist, or you are not; either you are covered by the blood of the Saviour, or you are not. Some are conservative on one issue, liberal on another. We're are all on our own journey. May the God who created and loves us all be allowed to pull us each in turn, back onto the track that will lead us home to heaven. What a wonderful word – "home!"

In the meantime, interesting talk about cayenne pepper! Watchbird, was interested to learn you knew Jethro Kloss. I had not realized *Back to Eden* was written by his daughter. Thank you for all the info.

Posted by: Richard Sherwin Jun 28 2007, 06:04 PM

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What this? The second act of the Fran and Bird comedy hour? rofl

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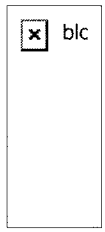

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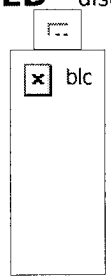

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Experience the **Joy** of **Pickle**d peppers.

Posted by: Pickle Jun 29 2007, 02:22 AM

QUOTE(Richard Sherwin @ Jun 28 2007, 07:04 PM)

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Sounds like you married a smart woman.

QUOTE(Brick Step @ Jun 28 2007, 06:49 PM)

The ministry who invited this speaker ("Thus Saith The Lord") gave a full report upon the debacle in their newsletter of October 2005.

Were you going to post a copy?

Posted by: Whitey Jun 29 2007, 05:20 AM

(Post #166)Would this be a good time to complain about Off Topic subjects fouling up the 3abn section?
-bear (tongue firmly planted in cheek)

(here is Whitey jumping on the downstream going barge of posts with post #179. Just wanting to

publicly say that I thoroughly enjoyed the brief hilarious hotpepper ride)

...any more to report on the real estate transaction?

Posted by: Richard Sherwin Jun 29 2007, 06:29 AM

Now we are getting peppered with nonsense. Even pickle has had a dilly or two.

And the hot real estate market has really cooled down.

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Posted by: runner4him Jun 29 2007, 06:38 AM

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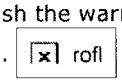
Actually I relish the warmth of this place even when the temp goes up too much with all the spiced topics flying around. 

Posted by: Brick Step Yesterday, 06:33 AM

I'll remember the cayenne for any skinned knees and elbows, perhaps received even here on the "3ABN Saga" on BSDA. 

Pickle, you asked if I were going to post a copy of the ministry report on the visit of Stephen Lewis to Australia in June 2003, which I mentioned in Post #172.

The main report is three-and-a-bit A4 pages long.

We never attended any of the meetings in question (though some friends did), and so far as I could remember we did not possess a copy of the said report, though we knew about it, and had seen an unofficial earlier report. After my first post about this matter (Post #120) I prayed that if it was God's will that further attention be given this report, He would cause it to surface somehow some way. I thought maybe somebody else altogether might post it. Then the very first person to whom I spoke about this matter, despite quite unpromising circumstances, was able within about two minutes to find a copy of the report, and immediately forwarded it to me. Boom, just like that! So I felt I was meant to make mention of it.

What I will post is the quote which, in association with 2 Timothy 4:14, 15, introduces the "Thus Saith the Lord Ministry" report of October 2005. It contains serious allegations, and there are further pages of supporting documentation. The highlighting is not mine, but exactly how it appeared in the newsletter. I am here not quoting this for or against anyone, but some of this counsel obviously applies to the 3ABN situation and underscores the need for a full and credible investigation. (It's likely the quote has already been used by somebody somewhere on BSDA.)

"When man assails his fellow-men, and presents in a ridiculous light those whom God has appointed to do work for Him, ***we would not be doing justice to the accusers, or to those who are misled by their accusations should we keep silent, leaving the people to think that their brethren and sisters, in whom they have had confidence, are no longer worthy of their love and fellowship.***

"This work, arising in our very midst, and resembling the work of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, ***is an offense to God, and should be met. And on every point the accusers should be called upon to bring their proof. Every charge should be carefully investigated; it should not be left in any uncertain way, the people should not be left to think that it may be or it may not be...***

"And when there is a servant of God, whom he has appointed to do a certain work, and who for half a century has been an accepted worker, labouring for the people of our faith, and before God's workers as one whom the Lord has appointed; when for some reason one of the brethren falls under temptation, and because of the messages of warning given him becomes offended, as did the disciples of Christ, and walks no more with Christ; ***when he begins to work against the truth, and make his disaffection public, declaring things untrue which are true, these things must be met. The people must not be left to believe a lie. They must be undeceived."*** *Manuscript Releases*, Vol. 7, p. 332.

The 3ABN saga seems to have been left in a lot of uncertainty. The counsel above strongly suggests that for everybody's sake, this ought not to be. Truth must be separated from fiction. Sad it had to come to court cases. We are certainly praying for God's over-ruling hand.

Posted by: Brick Step Yesterday, 06:45 AM

Perhaps someone has mentioned this somewhere else. I think it is a different subject, but - here goes again.

A 3ABN representative has written that the newly scheduled program, "3ABN Classics" is due to begin and that "this program will be a smorgasbord of some of the favourite ½ hour 3ABN episodes from the 1990's. It will have a variety of subjects and presenters from week to week. It may be cooking, interviews, sermons - anything."

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Posted by: LaurenceD Yesterday, 09:08 AM

QUOTE(Brick Step @ Jul 1 2007, 07:45 AM) ☐

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Of course! This will be to soften the image a little...and to make us think there's been a change of heart. The other day I thought it was happening already. I went to visit the folks, and my mother had an old video playing she'd taped ot Linda and Barbara a few years ago.

BTW, who else has access to hundreds of these. I think I'll start a pirate TV channel in southern Illinois somewhere, and play them over and over, and maybe jam some other signals coming out of the same area. Copyright issues? No worries. I'll just move my portable broadcast.

Posted by: watchbird Yesterday, 11:01 AM

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Posted by: Richard Sherwin Yesterday, 03:08 PM

Or take the ship to another port? Maybe a "non-denominational" port? It would be so easy for the Danny-cult to have him form a new church and join him there. After all he is the anointed one. Just imagine a

Waco type following on a grand scale. His visions, his following, his control, his money.....What would the devil like more than to have a debacle within the SDA church on that sort of scale. He could have an instant world wide church united by satellite. People are already sending him tithe, they are skipping their local church in favor of 3abn. All he would have to do is preach that the SDA church is Babylon and he would have them hooked.

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Posted by: lurker Yesterday, 04:06 PM

The non denominational claim makes me think that this is the "diluted" Three Angels Message.

Posted by: jodi Yesterday, 04:09 PM

[quote name='Observer' date='Jun 25 2007, 05:19 AM' post='201305']
The title "Bishop" is a Biblical one. There is nothing wrong with calling yourself a Bishop.

I totally agree and here are several texts in the Bible, that I have found, where "Bishop" is used:

1 Timothy 3:1,2: "This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position, he desires a good work. vs. 2) A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach..."

Titus 1:7: "For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not selfwilled, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money..."

1 Peter 2:25: "For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Bishop *of your souls*". *(KJV uses Bishop; NKJV uses Overseer. Both are from the Greek word "Episkopos", which* can be translated either way.) Interesting that in this verse, Jesus is called a Bishop.

Philippians 1:1: "Paul and Timothy, servants of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:..."

Acts 1:20: "....Let another take his office." Here the word "office" is from the Greek word "Episkpen" which means "position of overseer" and, as we have seen above, "overseer" can be translated "bishop".

I have watched many of Evangelist Lewis's programs and have a set of his meetings on video, that he did at 3ABN years ago. I believe that he is honest in heart to take an undiluted message to the Adventist Community to get ready, get ready, get ready, to meet thy God, because Jesus is coming sooner than alot of Adventists think. I have not heard a sermon of his yet that was contrary to the Bible but he does present it with a fevor that most people don't want to hear because we are so Laodicean!!

I think Jesus weeps, as He looks down on His chosen people today, and sees the condition they are in, and continue to stay in! Perhaps we should all have Evangelist Lewis come to OUR church, and pray for Holy Spirit indwelling to prepare us to meet our Savior. In my humble opinion, Stephen Lewis is what our church needs for this time in which we live, but are we pushing his message away as did God's people in

Ezekiel's day? I wonder....

Remember, every prophet that God sent to His people in the Old Testament killed the prophet and rejected the message. Something to ponder and think about.

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I was just watching the President and Vice-President of Pacific Press, Dale Galusha and Russell Holt, obviously delighted to be interviewing on TV with Danny; they were also praising Brenda Walsh's and Shelley Quinn's books among others. I think this program first aired Febrary/March.

Thinking about a ready-made church with off-shoot groups...I don't really see the General Conference and church leaders repudiating DS right now...

Is the whole Adventist church (in the sense of the official organization) going to continue on with him?

Posted by: ex3ABNemployee Yesterday, 09:46 PM

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Posted by: Artiste Yesterday, 09:59 PM

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Posted by: steffan Yesterday, 10:02 PM

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Posted by: Artiste Yesterday, 10:08 PM

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Posted by: Richard Sherwin Yesterday, 10:18 PM

Steffan if you are going to respond to my post at least respond to what I actually wrote. What I was presenting was a worse case scenario of what Danny could do. Form his own church. And it could get many off shoots to join if he renounced Mrs. White because many or most off shoots reject her. I never was suggesting that he is thinking about doing any of this but he could if he wished because he has a world wide loyal following and the means to have a ready made church. Do I think it will happen? No. But we need to be thinking about the worse. After all the whole fiasco at 3abn, is much worse than anyone could have imagined a couple years ago, before we knew about the Tommy cover up, horse tax receipts cover up, the making big buck off 3abn's property cover up etc. BTW you want to detail all the false allegations? I've not seen them. Or are you just making ridiculous statements

Well at least we've gotten rid of the jet....

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Yup Danny might win a couple battle against some, but he would sure lose the war of public opinion. And it's public opinion that keeps his floundering ministry going.

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love having Steffan here. It makes Danny's critics even more credible. Carry on your good work Steffen. Not hat we need you but you do make it easier.

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t's interesting that you feel comfortable using the laughing smilie when talking about sexual abuse. I DID NOT say I engaged in inappropriate touching. Get your facts straight.

Also, Tommy sent me an email admitting that everything was his fault. Any comment on that?

No, I don't think that the media would be interested in my case by itself, but I DO think they would be nterested in around 30 years of incidents surrounding one person.

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Posted by: Artiste Yesterday, 11:56 PM

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Silence is not good!

The General Conference and church leaders are remaining SILENT!

Silence allows the abusive behavior at 3abn to continue!

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Posted by: Whitey Today, 01:25 AM

May I have leave, please, to say a good word in Steffan's behalf without unneedful negative attack?

I am grateful for the 'other side' being represented by one speaking up in defense. All contra-hens (roosters) does the gang good here. Why? Because it has so provoked you posters to bring out your thoughts for the values of righteousness. Protagonists and antagonists work in a tandem to produce a clearer result (hopefully).

Having to have to go through this public online libel month for month and for over three years is certainly horrible for Danny and crew to say the least. I hurt for them humanly. Nonetheless, I do not side with the defence in attempted factual presentations because the evidence of his fruit of actions points to much guilt.
I reject D.Shelton and company as proper public leaders for our SDA standards.

What I do want is the continuence of 3ABN and the good it does in lives of those who have no other, or little source of spiritual teachings. This is what makes me want to thank Steffan for defense of 3ABN for what it did stand for as media. Such ones like Steffan help us to take a backward step in overcoming totally negative thoughts toward the 3ABN entirety of it's conception.

The media of 3ABN needs revamping in leadership but should not be thrown into the garbage disposal along with Shelton family and co. I am glad Steffan gives a good word for 3ABN entity. But perhaps the writing on the wall for Danny has not been properly read in the right light by Steffan. Defending Danny per se is a loosing cause.

"....going down with the ship" OR ".... taking the ship to another port" are plain right horrible alternatives, imo.

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Danny "planning to go down with the ship" is consistent with his statements to the effect of 3abn being his baby. I don't know if legally anything can be done to separate the two.

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The answer to that is "yes." The media would be interested once they understood the full set of issues. You may say that the accused is innocent. That is not the issue. The media interest would not depend upon whether or not the accuesed was innocent. Regardless of guilt, or innocence, there is quite enough to arouse media interest.

Posted by: Clay Today, 06:04 AM

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Admin Hat ON:

He may or may not be appreciated, however as long as no forum rules are violated he may post to his hearts content..... let him post, address his issues, ignore him if you wish, however attacking him personally will not be tolerated....

Admin Hat OFF:
