

This Week in Washington

Pombo statement on Klamath Falls Report

Once again, the science used by the Fish and Wildlife Service to make decisions that not only deal with endangered species, but affect peoples' daily lives, has been called into question.

Like the recent disclosure that the science used in the Canadian lynx study was questionable, if not fraudulent, the National Academy of Sciences has now declared that there was no scientific basis for a decision to cut off hundreds of farmers from their irrigation water to protect two endangered fish.

The administration should act today to restore the water to the farmers, compensate them for their losses from last year's crops and institute new guidelines for the collection of science and its application. People must understand that the misuse of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) threatens the survival of all endangered species and the livelihood of millions of Americans. It is way past time for us to reform the ESA to prevent this from happening again.

Pombo Announces Academy Nominees

Last week, Congressman Richard Pombo announced that he has nominated students from his 11th Congressional District to attend military academies.

Stephen Newton of Tracy High School, has been nominated to both the United States Naval Academy and the United States Air Force Academy. Merrill F. West High School has the distinction of having three students nominated to military academies. **Joshua Campbell** and **Jared Bingham** have been nominated to the United States Air Force Academy, while their classmate, **Christian Greiner**, has been nominated to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Jackson Grant of Lodi High School, **Timothy Lee** of Lincoln High School, and **Ryan Whitted** of Monterey Bay Academy, have been nominated to the United States Air Force Academy.

Zatane Maes of Delta College and **Matthew Lynes** of Sheldon High School have been nominated to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Daniel Bauer of Sheldon High School, **Jason Lewis** of Escalon High School, **Christopher Forncrook** of Rio Americano High School, and **William Thurston** of Jesuit High School have been nominated to the United States Naval Academy.

"I'm very proud of all the applicants," Pombo stated. "This is a tremendous honor for them. They made it through the tough selection process and would be fine additions to our military academies."

Pombo webpage receives "Golden Mouse" award

Last week, Congressman Richard Pombo's webpage, located at <http://www.house.gov/pombo>, received the "Golden Mouse" award from the Congress Online Project, a joint research project of the Congressional Management Foundation and George Washington University. Only 15 sites out of 605 websites evaluated received the award.

This is the second award the Pombo webpage has received. In May 2001, the Pombo webpage was rated the second best in the entire House of Representatives in a study by The Advocacy Group.

"I'm proud that my webpage has been recognized for its quality a second time," Pombo stated. "It's a vital tool in communicating with constituents - especially in the days after September 11, when the number of visitors to my site jumped."

The Pombo webpage, designed completely in-house, is updated daily, and has a wealth of information regarding Congressman Pombo's activities, legislation before Congress, and how to receive assistance in dealing with federal agencies.

The full report can be viewed at <http://www.congressonlineproject.org>

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Today in History

1587 - Mary, the Queen of Scots, was executed.

1837 - 1st VP chosen by Senate, Richard Johnson (Van Buren admin)

1861 - The Confederate States of America was formed.

1910 - William D. Boyce incorporated the Boy Scouts of America.

1942 - Congress advises FDR that, Americans of Japanese descent should be locked up en masse so they wouldn't oppose the US war effort

1952 - Queen Elizabeth II ascended to the British throne upon the death of George VI.

1955 - Malenkov resigns as USSR premier, Bulganin replaces him.

1960 - Congress opens hearings into payola

1963 - The Kennedy administration prohibited travel, financial and commercial transactions with Cuba illegal to U.S. citizens.

1968 - Gary Coleman was born

1973 - Senate names 7 members to investigate Watergate scandal

1978 - The U.S. Senate deliberations were broadcast on radio for the first time.

1980 - President Carter announced a plan to reintroduce draft registration.

1983 - Toto's Africa was at the top of the Billboard charts.

1986 - US male Figure Skating championship won by Brian Boitano

From www.on-this-day.com

Political Tidbits

Ronald Reagan's 91st Birthday Marked

Ronald Reagan, the longest-living U.S. president, celebrated his 91st birthday at home with his family and was honored with a proclamation by the governor declaring it "Ronald Reagan Day" across California.

Reagan spent his birthday with his wife, Nancy, and daughter Patti Davis, at his Bel-Air home. They served him his favorite cake – chocolate.

Reagan, who has recovered from a broken hip suffered in a fall last year, has remained at the home since announcing in 1994 he has Alzheimer's disease.

Last year, Reagan eclipsed the nation's second president, John Adams, as the longest-living president in U.S. history. Adams, who was president from 1797 to 1801, was born Oct. 30, 1735, and died July 4, 1826. Reagan was born Feb. 6, 1911.

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Bush declares Reagan boyhood home historic site

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Marking Ronald Reagan's 91st birthday, President Bush signed a law on Wednesday making the former president's boyhood home a historic site and allowing the government to buy the house and fund its upkeep.

The law designates Reagan's boyhood home -- a two-story white house with wood siding at 816 S. Hennepin St. in Dixon, Illinois -- a national historic site, allowing the interior secretary to buy the property and pay for its upkeep.

According to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, the former president lived in a series of rural northern Illinois towns as a child before moving to the Dixon, Illinois, house at the age of 9. His family lived there for the next four years.

Vice President Cheney going to the Middle East

WASHINGTON - Vice President Dick Cheney will visit Israel and eight other countries in the Middle East next week as the Bush administration tries to look past a cycle of violence to potential peacemaking.

The trip will coincide with one by CIA Director George Tenet, but administration officials called Tenet's effort part of his routine business and not designed to broker a new cease-fire between Israel and the Palestinians.

With peacemaking at a stalemate, the Bush administration has focused its diplomacy on pressuring Yasser Arafat to curb Palestinian attacks on Israel.

Secretary of State Colin Powell told a House hearing Wednesday that the aim was to come as close to ending violence "as is reasonable."

Reagan Quotes

"[G]overnment's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it."

- **August 15, 1986**

"How do you tell a Communist? Well, it's someone who reads Marx and Lenin. And how do you tell an anti-Communist? It's someone who understands Marx and Lenin."

- **September 25, 1987**

Wordsmith

Reagan

Pronunciation: 'rA-g&n

Ronald Wilson 1911-American actor & politician; 40th president of the U.S. (1981-89); achieved a significantly lower rate of inflation; lowered personal income taxes; greatly increased defense spending while reducing expenditures on social programs

- **Reagan-esque** /'rA-g&-nesk/ adjective

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Comments from the District

- "Hope you vote for campaign finance reform. Enron shows how much we need it." - **John Bass** - 1/16/02

- "Thanks for being the best Congressman we have ever had." - **Steven Bickel** - January 6, 2002

- "I would encourage you to run for the Senate when you get an opportunity to do so." - **Jim Bottomley** - 1/4/02

- "I am deeply troubled by your "no" vote on federalizing our airport security personnel." - **Alex Bauer** - 11/6/01

- "We must remove this severe financial sacrifice from those whose decades of service in uniform already have cost them the physical sacrifices of service-connected disabilities." **Charles Borris** - 11/15/01

- "I am very concerned about our government supporting rights to individuals working illegally in the US, especially financial recompensation claims in the aftermath of Sept. 11th." - **Marjorie Chase** - 11/9/01

- "I appreciate your courage to stand by your beliefs." - **Louise Cooke** - 11/10/01

You can view more comments on Congressman Pombo's web site bulletin board at the link here:

<http://www.house.gov/pombo/board/board2002/board2002.htm>