

AS I  
SEE IT

by Robert Koger

## MELting Down

If you have had on the television, or read the newspapers in the last week or so you already know that Mel Gibson is in the news again. Again, it has nothing to do with his movies, and everything to do with his mouth.

This is nothing new for Mel. In 1991, during an interview he went off on homosexuals. In a 1995 interview he made a statement that women were not equal to men. In 2006 he made the statement that his ex-wife was going to hell because she wasn't a traditionalist Catholic like him. In 2006 he again made the news when he was pulled over by the police for driving under the influence of alcohol. He went on a drunken rage making both sexual and anti-Semitic statements. Now in 2010 he has continued his behavior by making threatening, racial, and derogatory statements to his girlfriend with

whom he has a child.

Gibson is more than a racist and a bigot, he's a person that has serious mental problems, but he isn't the only one. Like many of the others, since they are famous, the law doesn't apply to them the same as the average person.

A few weeks ago we saw Lindsay Lohan in court again. She had missed her mandatory counseling sessions because she was in Cannes at the annual film festival and couldn't understand why that wasn't acceptable. She also had profanity on her middle finger on the finger nail so she could express her opinion of the judge and the legal system. She was given 90 days in jail, but like Paris Hilton, she will most likely spend less than three weeks if that much.

Roman Polanski gave drugs and alcohol to an underage girl and then raped her. He fled the country rather than be arrested. Many big name actors came to his defense saying that too much time had passed and that he shouldn't be held responsible for what he did. Switzerland <http://www.nydailynews.com/topics/Switzerland> has ruled that the Oscar-winning <http://www.nydailynews.com/topics/Academy-Awards> Polanski

will not be extradited to the United States <http://www.nydailynews.com/topics/United-States>, from where he fled in 1978 after pleading guilty to having sex with the 13-year-old girl.

Yet, for the past number of years Catholic Priests have made the news because they molested little boys and girls and the church just overlooked their crime or sent them to a new location to do it again. The church resisted all attempts to allow prosecution of these priests. Now that the information is out, and priests are being held responsible for their actions, no Hollywood stars are saying that too much time had passed for them.

Many actors believe that there are different rules for them. The fee they are above the law. Their money buys high priced lawyers that bombard the court with paperwork which allows the actor to delay justice or to serve a limited penalty.

People like Gibson, Lohan, Polanski, and the many others that spew hatred, or commit crimes, should be held to the same standards as everyone else. Their punishment shouldn't be more or less due to who they are. Justice should be equal to all. By the way, you get to state your opinion of the person's behavior by choosing not to see their movies, shows, read their books, or join their churches. That's right; Mel built his own church in Malibu, California. Ironically it's called "The Church of the Holy Family."

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THE IDLE  
AMERICAN

by Don Newbury

July can be both hazy and crazy, and my Uncle Mort's 98th birthday party down in the thicket fits both of the rhyming words.

Pride-swollen that he used only six of his ten minutes allotted for candle-blowing, he blew the extra time rambling through his "impromptu response."

Though a far cry from the "over the top" party NBA star LeBron James orchestrated to herald his change of address, the party was backdrop for Mort's surprise announcement that even stunner Aunt Maude. His wife of 80 years usually can finish his sentences, interpret his dreams and predict his excuses. (She even knows how many grunts precede his deepest snoring, and how many kicks it takes to slow him down, mute him completely or at least re-direct the noisy blast to the opposite wall.) This time, her "peepers" were pie-sized at the party with her partner's paunchy pals....

Mort announced that come September, he'll enter the "writing side" of literature.

He's already nailed down the title—Mort's First Hundred Years of Potpourri—and now is on the homestretch "assembling the words between the covers."

He claims that "potpourri" in the title will cause a run on dictionaries....

His marketing plan calls for an initial printing of 50 copies, all to be given to kin. A month later, another 50 will go to friends, and the next 50 will adorn the "please take one" table at the senior center.

Then comes his publicity raves that his "best-seller" is in its fourth printing in just four months!

## Animal Thoughts...

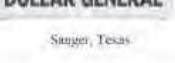
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His "pronouncement" barely dented conversations around the punch bowl concerning basketball "King James."...

Mort's flock "has no truck" for the manner LeBron chose to harness ESPN for infliction of an outright infomercial. The team owner just wishes that James play for the Cavaliers had been as "cavalier" as his exit.

One guest summed up James with the old axiom that "here but by the grace of God walks God."

Someone else offered a pair of intriguing thoughts: 1) that LeBron and British Petroleum may share the same PR firm, and 2) that if the star ever writes a book, a title suggestion is Humility and How I Alone Attained It....

One attendee predicted a big drop-off of King James Bible sales in Ohio, but offered a plan for Cleveland's inventory of LeBron's bobble-head dolls. "They can add hats and peddle them as 'voodoo dolls' next season."

Another guest said his jaw dropped lowest when James predicted the "road to history begins now." Maybe James was thinking of the "pathway to hell" being paved with good intentions. (This quotation is attributed to Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, almost a thousand years ago.)

This reminded one party guest of his recent dream about Heaven. "I dreamed that new arrivals are shocked to find that all streets are not paved with gold, that most of the streets aren't even paved and that they're expected to help pave them."...

Mort predicts that the Miami Heat will become the

NBA what the Yankees are to major league baseball.

"Miami will become the team fans love to hate," he claims. Meanwhile, much of Ohio weeps with tears of flood stage proportions, sad that no professional sports team from Cleveland has won a title in almost a half-century. "The last time we won, the telecast wasn't even in color," one fan lamented, remembering that the "vertical hold" knobs on most sets were worn smooth out.

Mort cocked his head about LeBron's promise to "take the Heat to a different level." Reassured that Miami remains situated at sea level, he wondered if the Heat will yell down at us from the sky, or "gurgie up" from the Atlantic Ocean? He laughed about "keys to the cities" given to James by South Florida municipalities, noting that in Cleveland, "they're changing the locks."...

My uncle admits his views of James will change if the star should decide to underwrite the cost of my uncle's book. (Mort is already busy jotting down quotes that'll be "suitable for framing," as well as for embroidering.)

"I may let you try some of 'em out in your column, nephew," he laughed, scribbling notes on an envelope, including: "Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity," and "People who insist on a 'business as usual' approach to life soon will be out of business."

Meanwhile, this writer is putting pen and pad away for vacation. Please notice there's no "well-deserved" in front of "vacation."...

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We would like to thank the Sanger Courier for donating advertising space, the Sanger Bank for publicizing our event on their marquee, and the Sanger Sonic manager for posting flyers at Sonic!

A special thank you goes to the Sonic manager for allowing us to use their parking lot, and to the Sonic employees for treating us very well!

Thanks also to the Elks Lodge for allowing us to park our personal vehicles in their parking lot during the car wash.

Further, we would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to each and every individual who allowed us to wash their vehicle, and to each individual who donated to the Drill Team!

Rebecca Royce,  
Cherokee Chamer Drill Team Booster Secretary

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