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November 25, 2008

VIA FACSIMILE: 271-8135

Mr. Stephen E. Kravit  
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Re: GM Today

Dear Steve:

We have reviewed your notice and demand of Thursday, November 20, and have taken the following actions.

First, on the GM Today Web site, we posted a retraction yesterday, Monday, November 24, and I have attached a copy of that retraction which can be seen on the Web site in the same way that the November 12 and 19 columns appeared on the Web site; that is, by clicking on Mr. Belling's name. In addition, in the Column Archives for Mr. Belling's columns, the same retraction is linked to the November 12 column; that is, by clicking on the November 12 column in the Archives, you not only see the November 12 column but you will also see the retraction. That column, and the November 19 column, appear on the Web site after the retraction. Finally, once the November 19 column appears in the Archives, it will also be linked to the retraction so that both columns will be linked to the same retraction.

Second, the November 12 and 19 columns had been published in two of our newspapers, the Waukesha Freeman and the West Bend Daily News, and I have also attached copies of the retraction as published today on the Opinion page of each of those publications. Of course, Mr. Belling's columns had been published on the Opinion page.

I believe that these actions have properly responded to your notice and demand, but I would be happy to discuss this with you if you should have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Olson", is written over the typed name.

David R. Olson  
General Counsel

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November 25, 2008

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**What's next for Doyle?**

*Here's the buzz on what state Dems are thinking*

November 19, 2008

Will Jim Doyle resign as governor to join the Barack Obama administration? 50-50.

If Doyle doesn't go, it will be because leading Wisconsin Democrats put the kibosh on the deal. A top Democratic source tells me state party leaders are telling the President-elect Obama team that a Doyle resignation in Wisconsin will be disastrous for the party here. They believe that Lt. Gov. Barbara Lawton would be in over her head and could not manage the political fallout from the massive tax increases the

Democrats are planning to use to close the state's looming \$5 billion budget deficit.

These Democrats fear that an unelected governor like Lawton, fresh from a major tax hike, would be political toast in 2010. There are historical reasons for their fears. The last two lieutenant governors to ascend to the top job, Democrat Marty Schreiber in 1977 and Republican Scott McCallum in 2001, were creamed when they sought election the following year. Besides, Lawton is a dim bulb who has been kept in the shadows by Doyle for good reason.

On the other hand, Doyle would like to get out of Dodge. If he sticks around, he'll face a difficult re-election in 2010, a year that could be a Republican landslide (the party that loses the White House usually makes enormous gains two years later). He is facing a fiscal nightmare with a huge budget deficit, a recession and having to deal with all the borrowing the state did in his last four years.

Obama owes him a big debt for the masterful job Doyle did in guiding Obama's big wins in both the state Democratic primary and the general election. He could tab Doyle for the Department of Health and Human Services (the job Wisconsinites keep getting; Donna Shalala and Tommy Thompson both held it). Doyle might even be in line for attorney general. Obama would love a political hack running the justice department and Jim Doyle is pathologically political and quintessentially a hack.

There is a third alternative and it may be the likeliest. Doyle could be appointed to a federal judgeship. John Shabaz, the veteran federal judge who presides in the Madison-based district that covers western Wisconsin, is in poor health. Doyle's father held that judgeship for many years and a lifetime appointment would be a dream job for a broken-down liberal activist like Doyle. The guy was born to legislate from the bench.

Here's how it would play out. To appease state Democrats, Lawton has to be gotten out of the picture. She could be given a low-level job in the Obama administration. Doyle would appoint a more qualified replacement. That replacement would then become governor in a few months after Doyle moves to the judgeship. You read it here first: The likely designee would be Matt Frank, head of the state Department of Natural Resources. (Democrats must hate that a right-winger like me is hearing all their plotting.)

If Doyle does leave, the big winner is the frontrunner for the Republican nomination for governor, Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker. But don't discount the possibility, first mentioned in this column months ago, that Tommy Thompson could resurface and try to win back the one job he most loved. On the Democratic side, Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett might run in a Democratic primary against whoever succeeded Doyle if he quits.

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Last week's column about the botched investigation of the death of prominent Mequon surgeon Dr. Bradley Mays has caused a firestorm in Ozaukee County. EVERYONE is talking about the case. What has not happened, however, is any response from the public officials whose job and duty is to see justice done when someone dies.

As recounted last week, Mays' blood relatives have obtained experts who have shot gaping holes in the finding that the 44-year old surgeon died of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. The reason they are suspicious in the first place is because of unusual circumstances in Mays' marriage in the days before his death.

According to the police report from Mequon detectives, Mays was living in a hotel for the 2 1/2 weeks prior to his death. He and his wife had consulted a banker over financial problems. Numerous friends and relatives told police the marriage was in trouble. Mays' widow, Carrie, is not joining the other relatives in asking for a new investigation nor has she agreed to release autopsy materials.

The medical examiner who performed the autopsy has quit and moved to Florida. The district attorney, Sandy Williams (whose husband is closely acquainted with Carrie Mays' father, former Milwaukee County Judge Frank T. Crivello), is saying the county's elected coroner, John Holicek, is the only one who can release the autopsy materials. Holicek says he trusts the medical examiner's finding and won't cooperate further without proof of foul play. The Mequon police chief, Steve Graff, is reacting like a deer staring into headlights.

I personally know many members of the prominent Crivello family of which Carrie Mays is part. It is extremely uncomfortable for me to be raising questions about this case. It is pathetic therefore that a talk show host/columnist with no ax to grind is showing more interest in seeing that a proper and unbiased investigation is done than are the Mequon and Ozaukee officials whose duty is to do so.

*(Mark Belling is the host of a daily WISN radio talk show. His column runs Wednesdays in The Freeman.)*

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Washington County's Daily Newspaper

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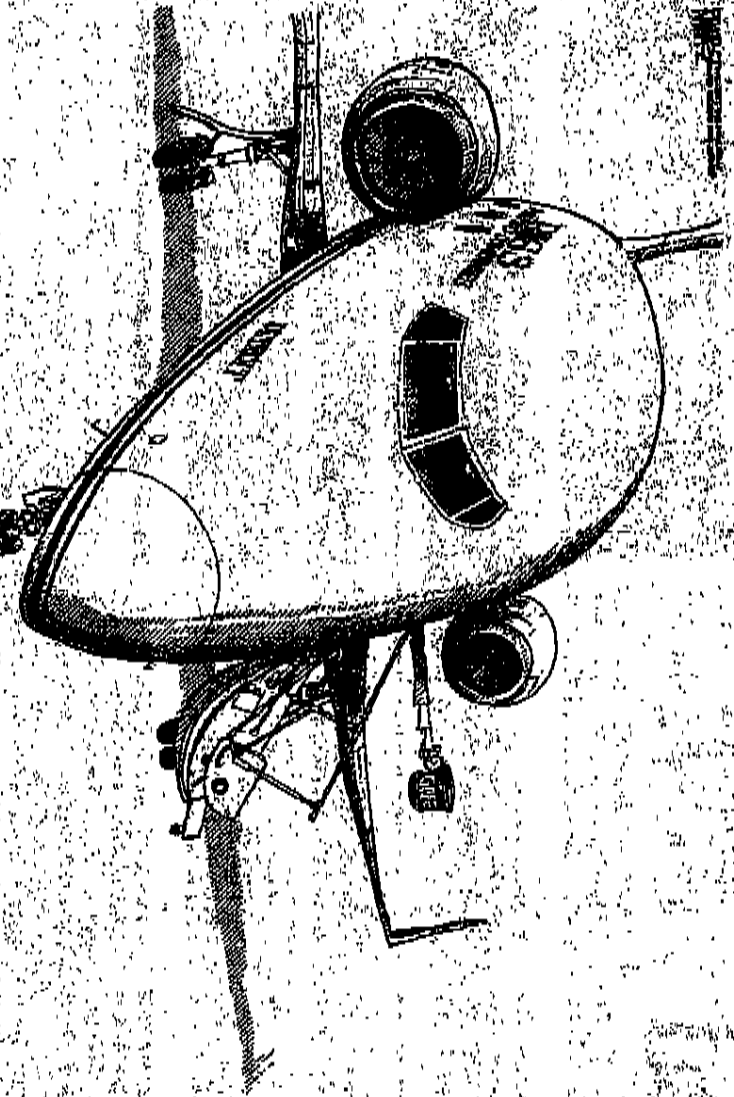
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**BILL O'REILLY**



## Christmas: Too big to fail

**E**very Who down in Whitnville, Mike's Christmas a lot, but the budgets to pay for the trappings are shot. And, no, we're not going to write this entire piece in verse. We don't have the in-house talent to sustain it and our free-lance budget is limited. But

nal reports. The Amalgamated Order of Red Headed Serbs, a trade group, is holding meetings to discuss economic survival strategies. Lavish open-bar office parties are out; potlucks in the break room are in. American Express, Hearst Corp. and Morgan Stanley all

wonderful swiftness. You guessed it - a halcyon. Why didn't we think of it sooner? Faxpayers, have already committed nearly a trillion dollars to saving mortgage borrowers. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, insurance giant AIG and the entire banking industry

**S**o, I have a confession: I look around with young people from table to table but I have to tell you should be saving home equity when far from over. We're running. Please, wrap and go home. Now you know why I don't mind these dinner much these right now we would contrast around!

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