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Involved citizen threatened by drug dealers

by Shirley Shaw

Jerry Dunn was asleep one night in his Northside home when his little dog suddenly growled and the fur on her back stood on end. He got up to see what had spooked her and ran smack into a burglar who had already filched some of his tools from another room.

"The fight was on," Dunn recalls. "I knocked a drill out of one hand, but he struck me in the head with a saw in his other hand. Fortunately, the saw had a safety blade on it, but blood flew everywhere from the gash. I picked up a phone and slammed it on his head, knocking him down. He got up and ran out through the back door, where I thought he would be cornered by the stockade fence around my yard.

"As I ran out the door, still in my underwear, I punched all the emergency buttons on the security alarm pad and picked up a baseball bat. I watched in amazement as he ripped the gate off my fence and ran out into the street. I chased him down Liberty Street and fought with him again, but the man got away and kept running. Meanwhile, residents in the area called police to report the disturbance.

"By this time, JSO and JFRD personnel had responded to my home and discovered the blood and other evidence of the fight. My secretary had come to see what was going on and heard on the officers' radios that citizens had reported a man in his underwear chasing another man down the street.

"That's Jerry," she told them, and they took

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Dunn

Are we still a government BY the people?

In Ted's Own Words

by Ted Hires, Sr.
Founder

It's NOT what our founding fathers intended. A few judiciary members are taking the constitution and making it mean whatever they feel like it's supposed to mean, or what they want it to mean; they are legislating from the bench.

The legislature passes a law some judges don't like and they rule it unconstitutional. They've taken every semblance of God from everything in this country. We can't have the cross, can't have the ten

commandments anywhere, can't say a prayer or speak the name of God. They say the constitution is a "living" document, but the constitution, like the Bible, doesn't change. It says what it means and means what it says.

That citizens elect legislators to pass laws seems irrelevant today. A few judges now determine what is going to be law. They write the law and they tell you whether something can or cannot be done, and no matter what the president or Congress does, they thumb their noses and do what they want, based on their opinions and, I guess, their personal convictions.

Just today a news flash reports

that a federal judge declared Nebraska's ban on same-sex marriages unconstitutional. The constitutional amendment defining marriage as the union of a man and a woman was passed by Nebraska's voters in November 2000 with 70 percent of the vote. SEVENTY PERCENT approved the

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In honor of the GOOD GUYS

By Shirley Shaw

They really are out there – LOTS of them. Great men, wonderful husbands and fathers, loyal friends, good citizens.

Because the focus of the Justice Coalition and *Victims' Advocate* is to fight crime and educate readers about keeping our families safe, we spend a great deal of time warning about males (I won't dignify their existence by calling them men) and the threat they pose to our kids.

Which is certainly justifiable. All you have to do is read the daily news or watch TV to learn of yet another horrendous crime committed by some depraved excuse for a human being...BUT we need to remember on this

Happy Father's Day

upcoming Father's Day how many men truly epitomize Webster's definition of their role:

Father – male parent, man who gives paternal care to others, protector, provider, one who takes responsibility for, performs the duties of the male parent, the leading man in city or town, and so on.

Just about every man I know would yank his own eyeball out or cut off his arm before he would harm a child. It would never occur to any of them to slam

a baby's head against a wall, for ANY reason, or to molest their child, or any one else's. They cannot comprehend why anyone *would* do that.

I think of my Daddy today, and I wish he were alive so I could tell him how much I appreciate the man he was and all he did for my two brothers and me. Raised in South Texas, Robert E. Lee Smith had to quit school after the third grade to help his dad farm and supply food for his eight siblings. He became an expert carpenter and, I'm convinced, could do anything he set his mind to.

He wanted us to live on a farm, so he worked all day in Ft. Worth and came home at night to care for our few livestock, plow fields for crops, put up fencing – and

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