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## Child Abuse: The Silent Crime

By Codi Whiteman

One night in 1874, Henry Bergh, founder of the American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), was searching the streets of New York City for wounded animals. As he made his way past an old apartment building, he heard a child screaming in pain. Bergh ran into the building to find a ten-year old girl named Mary Ellen being stabbed repeatedly by her parents with scissors.

At that time there were no laws protecting children from abuse, but there were laws protecting animals. Henry Bergh, who wanted to take Mary Ellen from her cruel parents, took the case to court and argued that since Mary Ellen was a member of the animal kingdom she should be allowed the same rights as a cat or dog. This was the earliest child-abuse case in America. Unfortunately, it was not a lone incident. Child abuse has probably been around since the beginning of time, or at least as long as there have been children to abuse.

In the 1700's, it was common practice to send children away from home to learn a skill or trade. Often times, the master they were to learn from was cruel and impatient. If the child was willful, did not learn fast enough, or made a mistake, he was beaten severely. Sadly enough, over the ages the "spare the rod and spoil the child" theory has prevailed. The only problem is some of these "parents" not only didn't spare the rod but also steel pipes, 2 x 4's, whips, belts, cables, knives, frying pans, and occasionally, guns.

Although this sounds dramatic and too unrealistic, it's all too often the truth. At one time, it was discovered that a seven-year old boy had suffered internal injuries from his father's kicks and punches to his stomach. Once, the boy's mother, very angry at him, slashed a butcher knife across his cheek, slicing off part of his ear. This little boy had been in and out of

intensive care units over a dozen times since he was two years old. This same little boy had been smashed in the face so many times with a frying pan he no longer had a nose.

A nine-year old girl was once found locked in a closet where she had spent most of her life. Her parents simply ignored her. She weighed 23 pounds.

Another little girl was admitted to a South Carolina hospital where nothing could be done to save her life. An autopsy revealed she had suffered from a broken knee, ruptured spleen

and liver, and 14 broken ribs. She also had alcohol in her blood stream. That little girl was only six weeks old.

Why would parents do such terrible things to their children? There are many reasons. The parents may be ill-equipped to handle the constant crying of a colicky baby, forever being a monitor to an exploring toddler, or answering the never-ending questions of a hyperactive child. These things can stretch their nerves to the breaking point where they just lash out at whatever is handy. Unfortu-

nately, "whatever is handy" is usually the child.

Contrary to popular belief, most abusing parents are not crackpots or nut cases. In fact, less than 10% of all reported cases involve parents with mental instabilities.

Abused children often grow up to be abusive parents, thus creating a never ending cycle of abuse. Experts say that since these parents never experienced any love or kindness when they were children they believe that's the way all children should be raised. In truth they respond to their children the only way they know how—by hitting them. A study at the University of Colorado School of Medicine has found that about 80% of abusive parents were abused as children.

About everyone agrees that some discipline is necessary to teach a child how to act. However, some parents over-discipline their children. One man wanted to teach his sixteen-month old child obedience, so every time the child would disobey the man would give him a "gentle tug" on the ear. Those "gentle tugs" partially tore the ear from the boy's head.

Another major reason abusive parents abuse their children is because of an alcohol or drug dependence. As you may know, alcohol and drugs can have drastic effects on people. For example, a mother may be playing calmly with a young child one moment, and the next be slapping the child again and again for a simple mistake.

Not all abusive parents, however, are alcoholics, drug abusers, poor, homeless people, or formerly abused children. Most are just plain, every-day people with a big problem. Stress can have to do with abuse. For example, a parent with money problems might start seeing a child as one giant expenditure, and thus blame the child

**Slater publicly embarrassed**

### Southern Ute Indian Tribe and others outshine Klan

By GREG WALKER

The Political Science Club at Fort Lewis College held a controversial forum on March 17. The forum, which dealt with culture diversity and unity, drew much opposition when Ku Klux Klansman Shawn Slater was invited to speak. His appearance at Fort Lewis provoked protests and boycotts from other FLC organizations.

Alternative activities to the forum were offered by several groups. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe offered a day-long "Open House". As many as 15 tribal buildings were open to the general public with the intent to educate people about the tribe's involvement with the community.

The tribe also held its own little forum with speakers representing the tribe, the Town of Ignacio, and St. Ignatius Catholic Church. The turnout for the tribe's activities rivaled that of the FLC forum.

Unityfest, a party at the Iron Horse Inn, was sponsored by a FLC organization named UCAP (United Coa-



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**Greg and Berg discuss the forum.**

lition Against Prejudice). The party had a mere \$3 cover charge and offered four musical acts. Local Native American flutist Larry Dubois and FLC student bands Charlotte's Garden and Cave Bacon joined the Los Angeles-based reggae band, Manazart, to provide a popular alternative for the forum.

The Durango-Purgatory Ski area offered discounted lift tickets to college students in hopes of luring them

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# Ku Klux Klan leader talks with Post

By GREG WALKER

**Editor's Note:** This article is continued from the February issue. Shawn Slater, Exalted Cyclops of the Colorado Ku Klux Klan, spoke with Greg Walker via telephone on February 10, 1992. The Bobcat Post has permission to publish the interview. Bold print (without italics) is used to explain to the reader what happened in sections that were deleted. The word "sic" is a journalistic word meaning the speaker is understood even though he or she has used improper English. Slater and Walker just finished talking about Hitler. The interview continues...

Slater and Walker continued talking about Hitler, but neither one of them would change their stance on the subject. Slater suddenly interrupted himself and concentrated on George Bush and the Japanese.

SS: I guarantee you if George Bush got off his lazy butt and said the Japanese have to match for whatever products we send out, you know, they have to match back, you know. They take \$10 million in American products, we have to buy \$10 million of Japanese products. It should be on an even basis. Here, they are dominating. Wait until they start making a truck. America will be done and gone. It will be all over... I don't think any foreigners should be able to buy American land. It should be only for Americans only. Do you think if you're an entrepreneur, do you think you could go to Japan and go in there and buy some land?

GW: No, but that contradicts our economic system of free enterprise.

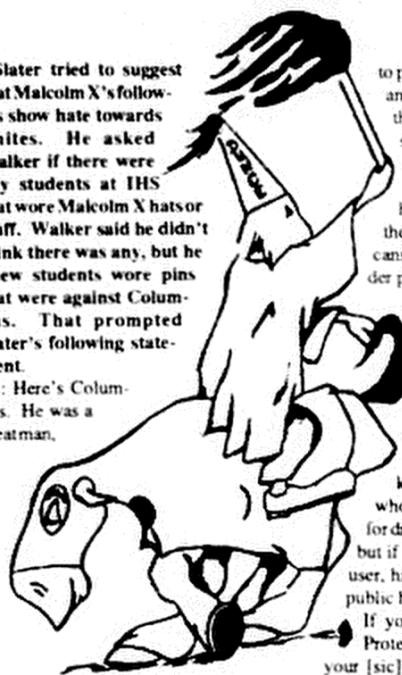
SS: Now the Japanese want to come over and buy our baseball teams? It should be an American birthright to own American property. If you're born in some foreign country, you don't deserve to come over here and buy land.

GW: That gets back to our forefathers who were born in Europe. They came over here and didn't buy land, they stole land.

SS: Yeah they came over and stole it, but did they... was... that's years ago when our forefathers came over. It wasn't like it is now, now it is today.

Slater tried to suggest that Malcolm X's followers show hate towards whites. He asked Walker if there were any students at IHS that wore Malcolm X hats or stuff. Walker said he didn't think there was any, but he knew students wore pins that were against Columbus. That prompted Slater's following statement.

SS: Here's Columbus. He was a great man.



so of course the Indians want to complain. The Jews got to complain about the holocaust.

GW: There's people like me. I just detest the Klan. If you were to start an organization that wasn't associated with the Klan, you'd have a chance to win support from other people.

SS: We have a ton of support.

Walker and Slater continued to argue about Walker's idea of a new organization. Slater wholeheartedly stuck with the Klan, so Walker changed the subject.

GW: Do you know anything about the NAAWP?

SS: Yes. The National Association for the Advancement of White People. That's Duke's organization.

GW: Can you tell us anything about it?

SS: I just know it's preaching for the advancement of white people. That's all I know about it. He sends me his monthly newsletter. Or should I say he doesn't have anything to do with it now. His people send the monthly newsletter. He stepped down from that organization, now he is running for politics.

GW: The NAAWP, it's similar to your politics, is that correct?

SS: No. They just believe in the advancement of white people. Equal opportunity for everybody, special privileges for nobody.

GW: So that's just...

SS: Basically the same thing as us, yeah. Slater put Walker on hold so he could talk on another line.

When Slater got back, he read a pamphlet to Walker.

SS: Here, this is our main five points. It says right here. America first. The very first responsibility of our government is

to protect the welfare, jobs, health, and the future of America. Not those in Mexico, Vietnam, or some other third world nation.

Look how many people don't even have medical insurance here in the United States. But there's welfare mothers or Mexicans who can come across the border pregnant. They will come over here, have kids, they automatically get welfare and get free benefits and get this stuff paid for. That's nonsense. We believe drug testing for all welfare recipients. Of course not everyone who is on welfare is taking drugs. We know that. But there are many who do and if they enough money for drugs they don't need our money, but if the welfare recipient is a drug user, his welfare check, food stamps, public housing etcetera should be cut.

If you test positive, you're done. Protect America's birth right. It is your [sic] position that laws should be enacted that prevents American industry or property being sold to foreigners. Do away with affirmative action and brainstorming. People in America should be hired, promoted, or receive[sic] scholarships based on ability not because they have the right color of skin or because we feel sorry for them or because we are trying to appease some kind of self-inflicted guilt. And protect American jobs. Number one... I mean number five. Americans are losing jobs to foreign nations because of what is mistakenly called 'free trade'. American corporate leaders are taking jobs to Mexico where they can ignore environmental concerns, ignore fair labor practices, and pay their workers 60-75 cents an hour. Their products are then shipped into America tariff free and undercuts the American workers' [inaudible]. Because of a free trade, you have lost a job to Mexico. Now what is so wrong about protecting the Americans in the United States of America? What is so wrong with that? White, black, red, yellow, green—whatever, I don't care—what is so wrong with protecting our jobs.

GW: So you're more...  
SS: I'm America first. Buy American. Be proud to be an American. White, black, red, yellow—I don't care what you call—be proud... being white and being proud of who I am and who my great forefathers were...

Slater once again put Walker on hold. When the conversation resumed, this is what Slater had to say.

SS: Have you considered the anti-[inaudible] in Hollywood?... Look at what T.V. produces in the movies in Hollywood: pornography, abortion, drugs, homosexuality, secular humanism, profanity, anti-Christian blasphemy, and race mixing. Why do they show this on T.V.? That's disgusting. Here in the Bible, you know,

Leviticus 13:20. "Man who lies with man is considered abomination and blood should be poured on his head." Black and white—I didn't write it, it was written years ago, and here they think that preachers and other ordained Baptist ministers should be able to allow homosexuals to get married? That is disgusting. You know, what is it with these people? And here they want to be proud and they want to have laws that discriminate against

**"The Holocaust is a hoax. I don't believe in it..."**  
—Shawn Slater

homos? It's immoral. It's written in plain black and white. Our country was founded on God's word, and here they want to change the Bible?

GW: But to be fair, not all Americans are Christian.

SS: Well, I know, I'm not saying that... homosexuality—here they're letting them get married in our churches. We celebrate a Gay Pride parade? In Denver, CO, last year, what five [or] six couples got married on the Capitol steps? In the United States we [Colorado] are the third largest per capita of homosexuals in the United States. We are in the top three. That is disgusting! I don't want my children going to school with kids whose parents are homosexuals. Here they want to teach in our schools. They want to be—I don't want these people around my kids. You know, and here's another thing with the AIDS—I believe that all AIDS patients should be quarantined... They don't let a kid go to school with head lice, but they'll let some kid go to school with

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## Silent crime

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for the lack of money. A wife who formerly had a job, but stayed home to devote all her time to the baby, may feel cramped or get "cabin fever". She may start to feel the baby is at fault. A husband who is jealous over the attention given to a new baby by its mother might start to resent that baby.

These parents usually love their children but find that they can't stop hitting them. In between beatings they shower their children with love and gifts, trying to make up for the bad times. They promise, "Mommy will never hit you again", but they can't stop by themselves.

There is help out there for abusive parents and their children. Organizations like Child Abuse Listening Meditation (CALM), and Parents Anonymous are available to parents and their children. If you are an abused child or an abusive parent, tell someone, anyone. You could tell a preacher, a teacher, a social worker, or just tell a friend. Experts estimate that over 50% of all child-abuse cases go unreported every year. Get help. This doesn't have to be a silent crime.

"Friends may come and go, but enemies accumulate."

—Anonymous

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## FLC forum

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away from the potentially dangerous forum. At the press conference that preceded the forum, Slater was verbally attacked by members of the press. Discussions between Slater, the press, and other forum members grew so heated that political science club members had to step in.

The forum consisted of four speakers: Jorge Amaya, director of the Colorado LULAC; Judith Lee Berg, widow of Alan Berg, who was killed by a white supremacist group; and Ward Churchill, director of American Indian studies at the University of Colorado; and Slater.

Churchill was the first to speak. He took five minutes to verbally assault Slater and the KKK. Churchill then explained why international law made the FLC forum "illegal". With that, Churchill invited the local law enforcement, the media, and the entire audience to leave the illegal forum. Churchill, along with his group and some audience members, left the forum and attended the Unityfest.

The forum continued with the remaining three speakers. Most questions were directed to Slater, who ironically answered them just like he did in his exclusive Bobcat Post interview. The crowd was unrelenting with Slater by giving him little applause and much laughter.

The forum, which was heavily secured by local and state law enforcement, ended without incident.

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## Best cars around

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In second place is the Mazda RX-7, which Car and Driver says to be the "raciest of the speedsters." This car missed first place in the road test by two points. Perhaps we can blame Mazda for this loss, when they decided to go for the "pure sports car." Weight is the enemy of performance. The new car weighs 2800 pounds, more than 600 pounds less than the Corvette, more than 700 less than the Nissan. The RX-7 is ten inches shorter than the Corvette. The lightweight formula for this car includes two turbos acting sequentially, like the primary and secondary barrels of a carburetor, although the flow of power is a bit jerky when the throttle is first opened or closed. Just about everything on this car is power-power brakes, steering, windows, plus air conditioning.

The third place winner is the Chevrolet Corvette, which can be called the "toughest of the speedsters." This car uses the "Big Iron approach" to sports cars: big engine (300 horsepower, V-8) big transmission (six speeds), big tires (Goodyear Eagle GS-C 275/40ZR-17s on 9.5-inch-wide wheels), and is nine inches longer than the Nissan. This is truly the Dirty Harry of sports cars. The engine pulls strong all the way to its 5500-rpm redline. The Corvette does 13.6 seconds at 104 mph in the quar-

ter-mile test. The V-8 sounds wonderful, too. The tires also have tremendous grip: enough to stop from 70 mph in 166 feet. The Corvette is one-tenth of a second faster than the RX-7.

Last, but not least, is the British-made Lotus Elan, called the "Richard Simmons of speedsters." The Elan is not too popular in the U.S.; only 300 have been sold. This is the smallest of the four cars. Being this small, don't expect more than two people and a briefcase to fit inside. The Elan is small in weight as well as in size—2452 pounds, a full 350 pounds less than the RX-7. With the turbocharged 1588cc four, it's definitely lightweight.

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## KKK interview

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AIDS. C'mon let's get real. Let's be realistic about this stuff . . . Here's another thing: Where do they get off making Michael Jackson [sic] a spokesman for AIDS? He lives an immoral life . . . and they want our children to be proud of this guy, and he lives an immoral life—cheating on his wife and he gets AIDS?

**GW: Don't you mean Magic Johnson?**  
**SS: Magic John**—whatever his name is . . . I mean think of that, why should this guy be a spokesman for AIDS?

Walker then asked Slater his views on sexual freedom.

" . . . They [European settlers] came over and stole it [America] ."

—Shawn Slater

**SS: Homosexuality is not even worth talking about. It's disgusting! They should boycott it all. I don't care, if they're gonna do it they should live in their closets, they should live in their houses. We shouldn't promote holidays for them. What are they gonna have, a gay-homo day or something like that?**

**GW: What about religious freedom?**  
**SS: Yeah, you have the right to practice, but I think prayers should be taught in school. And I think you should say the pledge of allegiance in school again. Most kids don't even say the pledge of allegiance now.**

**GW: If you practiced a different religion, you wouldn't go by the Bible.**  
**SS: Yeah I know, but why should T.V. promote it? Why should the federal government promote it? The federal government was brought by our forefathers who were great Christians. So the Bible and everything should coincide with the federal government, and we shouldn't pass laws for these people. You know these new anti-hate laws are pathetic.**

**GW: You said we should have prayer in**

**school. Do you know about separation of church and state?**

**SS: Yeah, the Muslims should do their prayers, the Jews should do their's, the white Christians should do their's, the Methodists should their's. Yeah, you should break down into little groups and do them. I feel all in favor of it.**

**GW: You said white Christian. What about the black Christians?**

**SS: The King James version [of the Bible] says, "The true [Serine? Israelites] are white." So blacks don't even coincide with being in there. So I don't even think about them being Christians. They can call themselves Christians, they can call themselves Muslims, they can call whatever they want to be, but I don't agree with them.**

**GW: You're a Christian I take it?**

**SS: Yeah.**

**GW: Do you practice it regularly?**

**SS: Not regularly. I sit down and read my Bible.**

Tired of talking about religion, Walker changed the subject to Hollywood . . .

**GW: Have you seen the movie Mississippi Burning?**

**SS: Yeah, that's a stupid movie!**

**GW: Well it was based on a true story and the murderers in that movie were Klansman.**

**SS: What?**

**GW: It's based on a true story.**

**SS: So what! It's in the 1930's or 40's! I don't care! Or the 60's! I wasn't alive! I don't care about it! I don't care! Just like the Germans and the Jews, I don't care nothing [sic] about 'em. The Holocaust is a hoax. I don't believe in it. Ya' know I don't believe in this stuff. They had groups who went over there [Germany] and studied it, and they said there's no way six million people or how many—four million and a half— were killed in the crematoriums [sic] could happen. And if there is four and a half million killed, where are the teeth of these people? 'Cause that's the only thing that is left out of a crematoriums.**

**GW: Well it's not just the statistics that are staggering. Why would Hitler kill even one person in that way? Just because their Jewish?**

**SS: Why did the Viet Kong just randomly kill American people who went over and fought in Vietnam?**

**GW: Because we were invading their country.**

**SS: Hitler went and invaded other countries. He wanted to take over other countries. And also if you look at the train system back then, there is no way they [Hitler's army] that many people and box them across to different countries. It's not possible man. I mean yeah, there were people killed. There were more homosexuals and gypsies killed than there were Jews—by far.**

**Slater continued talking about World War II for awhile. He then went back to talking about Hollywood.**

**SS: Whose behind most of all the big production of movies? JEWS! Who runs most of the T.V.'s? JEWS! Of course anything to make a big buck, you know. They promote race-mixing, that's dis-**

**What's wrong with that? Just like the true Israelites, we'll keep them. You know, I will do my best to keep my race pure. . . . This race-mixing is nonsense. Spike Lee is making movies on this stuff.**

**GW: That's what's happening so that's why you need to make movies about it. With so many topics covered, it seemed like a good time to wrap things up . . .**

**GW: What's next for you?**

**SS: Well we have a rally coming in April. Thomas Jefferson patriotic picnic day, and then we have two rallies coming in July. And that will probably be our rallies for the year. Four rallies, that's about right.**

**Editor's Note: This is the end of the Bobcat Post's exclusive interview with Shawn Slater, Exalted Cyclops of the Colorado Ku Klux Klan.**

Local violence caused by racial slur. Page 7



"I just detest the Klan."

—Greg Walker  
to Shawn Slater

gusting!

**GW: I'm glad you brought that point up. Why do you find race-mixing so terrible?**

**SS: Where does the kid have uh . . . what's his heritage? Where in history books is there a black and white heritage mix? Or a [sic] Asian-black mix? There isn't.**

**GW: It could be now! We make history as we live!**

**SS: Name one great mixture, black and white, who has made something.**

**GW: I don't know.**

**SS: See. You know, be proud of who you are. Don't mix races. It says in the Bible. You know it says in the Bible—King James version—"one shall not mix." You know, and that's the way it should be. Be proud of who you are. Bring on your race and be proud. And keep that race pure.**



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