

The Warren Report

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River Warren Research Committee launches website

Committee aims to improve outreach

The River Warren Research Committee (RWRC) is pleased to announce the grand opening of its new site on the World Wide Web.

Several times during the last few years various committee members have suggested the need for a web site. It was noted that a web site could improve educational functions of the committee, coordination of RWRC activities and aid member communication.

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A small subcommittee began last summer searching for the means to not only generate and maintain a web site; but also provide an umbrella of office services. Up to now, this has been done from the desks of several members scattered throughout the region.

A number of potential outlets were investigated, most failed the test on price or lack of the "total service package" required.

The successful bid that won the contract to provide this service came from a most unexpected vendor.

It was the Libertarian Party of Minnesota (LPMN) and their "Beacon Group" program that made the fit for services and price.

Not only will the "Beacon group" program of the LPMN provide Web site management; it will also provide newsletter publication, database management, and RWRC membership service.

Also available to the Committee, via this "Beacon Group" program, is the "Liberty Center" located at 4253 Nicollet Avenue South, Minneapolis. This should prove useful for films, lectures and other events.

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Sierra Clubbers Take Minneapolis

The second Tuesday of November last saw the votes in Minneapolis send a clear message that Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton (DFL) didn't cut the liberal mustard.

R. T. Rybak; the ex-Minneapolis Star Tribune reporter turned marketer and neighborhood activist, offered the message of an activist big city government that proved as good as red meat to the many neighborhood groups that make up Minneapolis city politics.

Promising much to many; R.T. Rybak gathered nods and winks; grins and glad-hands, donations and endorsements.

This breathless, nonstop, whirlwind campaign; preaching the good word of good government to the wide-eyed, politically mature, nonprofit groups; energized the voting machines to install the tall young activist from south Minneapolis, dethroning the two term incumbent.

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Another destructive raid by environmental group

Earth Liberation Front (ELF) claims responsibility

The Earth Liberation Front tried two years ago to "free the seed" at a University of Minnesota greenhouse, now it has taken responsibility for arson near the university's Crops Research Building.

ELF's claim is considered credible because it included information that "only someone with first-hand knowledge of the arson would know," Capt. Steve Johnson said

The \$20 million building when completed will house researchers who study microbes and plant genetics, including those that are genetically altered.

Last February, ELF claimed responsibility for breaking and entering a university greenhouse and destroying experiments on genetically altered oat crops. It also takes responsibility for an attempt at arson last April at a Nike outlet store in Albertville, 30 miles northwest of the Twin Cities.

It doesn't matter what is true, it only matters what people *believe* is true.

Paul Watson, founder of Greenpeace

Why you
should join

River Warren Research Committee

1. RWRC cares deeply about the future of America and the world.
2. RWRC knows that free people, not government, made America great.
3. RWRC thinks all but the most basic government acts do more harm than good.
4. RWRC assumes the best person to decide how *your* money is spent is *you*.
5. RWRC is determined to have truth in government.
6. RWRC believes truth is best reached through local decision-making.
7. RWRC endorses major cuts in government spending and regulating.
8. RWRC is **reality-based**, not legality-based.

Physics works!

Life is good! What's the problem?

9. RWRC recognizes that nature is not fragile. It is chaotically evolutionary and infinitely adaptable.
10. RWRC knows the general public has been insidiously misled by the flawed, fear-mongering "environmentalist" agenda.
11. RWRC doesn't endorse trashing the planet, but is confident Earth is not threatened by some dire calamity brought on by human industry.
12. RWRC contends only big government can amass the resources necessary to create any serious threat. Keep government small and we'll be fine.
13. RWRC finds most local and regional "enviro" issues are usually as overblown as global issues, and that *real problems* are often caused or aggravated by government involvement.
14. RWRC recognizes *The Natural Way* is one of free, self-governing agents actively engaged in the selfish pursuit of their own private interests, bound only by the universal constants governing matter and energy.
15. RWRC believes people are basically good, kind individuals who, through free association, can take care of themselves and their little chunk of the world without Big Nanny watching over them.

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Asking for nothing... but the truth.

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Although the process that saw the DFL offering its nearly irrelevant endorsement to Rybak over Belton was noteworthy; the endorsement of clout to the inner-city neighborhood co-op communitarians came from the Sierra Club.

To quote Mayor Rybak: "Receiving the Sierra Club endorsement was the turning point in my campaign."

It may have also been the turning point in seven of the eight city council races: and to quote Sierran; Jill A. Walker of the *North Star Journal*: "...giving us a majority to help improve our environment."

Rybak promised the Sierrans unbending protection of the environment; fighting phosphorous-based lawn products, increased transit alternatives, and working to limit urban sprawl.

Ironically the Mayor's inaugural ceremony and subsequent election of city council officers, in Sierran fashion, turned into a rancorous and petty power struggle of self-serving individuals, intent on gaining better political footing.

And again, in Sierran-like fashion, Mayor Rybak turned to the most trusted tool for dealing with disunion; the 'facilitator'.

Prior to taking office; the leader of the largest city in the State of Minnesota hired (at \$175/hour), a facilitator for regular sessions to help the city council along with things. However the first session proved to be a little livelier than expected as individuals realized they were not to receive the positions or votes they expected from their fellow council members.

Although early in the Mayor's administration; it appears we may see more of the typical Sierra Club solutions. Which is to say, increased taxes and decreased property rights.

PHASING OUT THE HUMAN RACE WILL
SOLVE EVERY PROBLEM ON EARTH, SOCIAL
AND ENVIRONMENTAL.

Dave Forman, founder of **EarthFirst!**

WHAT IS THE RIVER WARREN?

Ten thousand years ago, glacial Lake Agassiz covered most of Northwest Minnesota, as well as part of North Dakota and most of Manitoba.

Blocked to the south only by the lowrelief, glacial moraine that currently acts as the continental divide; it wasn't long before the pent-up water rose high enough to find a route over the erosive glacial till. Thus was born River Warren

River Warren was huge. Spewing from Agassiz at what is now Brown's Valley on the South Dakota border. It tore a southeasterly gash across the landscape to Mankato, 175 miles away, then turned north to follow the ancient, pre-glacial valley to Saint Paul.

At Saint Paul, the young River Warren crashed over a 200 ft. cliff to enter another ancient valley where, boosted somewhat by the feeble Mississippi and the cascading Saint Croix, the Amazon-sized stream continued on its path of destruction all the way south to near present-day Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

This monstrous torrent, estimated at 5 to 10 million cfs (cubic feet per second), picked up and carried away almost anything in its path, including enormous volumes of earth.

The colossal Warren Falls, mentioned previously, did not survive the 2,500 year onslaught of water. The sandstone supporting the falls was easily eroded away by the river's energy and the falls quickly retreated upriver until it was gone. Where the Mississippi entered the flow, however, the fall split, creating the much more slowly retreating Falls of Saint Anthony.

With the elimination of Warren Falls, River Warren was free to dig. And dig it did. The floor of today's Minnesota River valley lies 200 ft. or more below most of the land it drains.

River Warren flows no more because lake Agassiz exists no more. This does not make either unimportant. Both are gone, but their influence lives on.

For example, the fertile Red River valley of Minnesota and North Dakota is a direct byproduct of Lake Agassiz.

River Warren is now a dry river bed, as much as six miles wide, bordered by bluffs up to 600 feet high. Down the middle flows a trickle we call the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers. Although River Warren is some 9,000 years gone, the ditch it carved is one of the most important, and attractive, geologic features in the world.

For more information, see *The Warren, A Truly Forgotten River* produced by River Warren Research Committee.



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Liberty is the only thing you cannot have unless you are willing to give it to others. William Allen White

“Friends” of Lynx commit Grizzly Fraud

Fur flies as wildlife officials explain planted evidence

*Private Property
rights threatened!*

By any means possible?

First the **Wall Street Journal** editorialist Kimberley A. Strassel writes:

"In December, a scandal broke over a high-profile survey to count threatened Canada lynx. Seven employees from Fish & Wildlife, the Forest Service and a state agency submitted hair samples from captive lynx and tried to pass them off as wild. When caught, the employees claimed they were testing the DNA-identification process. Another explanation is that they were attempting to establish lynx in places where they aren't, potentially blocking national forests to human use," the writer said.

And soon thereafter this appeared in the *Washington Times*....

Biofraud attempt jeopardizes study of threatened grizzlies

Another case of "biofraud" has surfaced in Washington state, prompting lawmakers there to call for congressional intervention. A state fish and wildlife biologist asked taxidermist Jim Gintz for grizzly bear hair samples in March 2001, said state Rep. Bob Sump, Republican co-chairman of the Natural Resources Committee. If such a sample had been given, it could have tainted a grizzly habitat study in Washington that encompasses 3,600 square miles ...

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