

## ETHICS WATCH

### NEWS ALERT

from The Wall Street Journal

March 2, 2007

New Century Financial is the target of a federal criminal inquiry into its accounting and trading in its securities, and said its auditors could warn of "substantial doubt" over the home lender's ability to remain in business. Fremont General, another big lender, said it plans to stop making subprime residential loans and is in talks to sell that business.

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New York Times, Sunday, March 4, 2007

A New Mystery to Prosecutors: Their Lost Jobs

By DAVID JOHNSTON, ERIC LIPTON and WILLIAM YARDLEY

A furor over the ouster of eight U.S. attorneys has taken the Bush administration by surprise.

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Updated: (March 5, 2007)

ALBANY, N.Y. - Six people pleaded not guilty Monday to charges they operated a widespread Internet scheme that illegally sold steroids nationwide to clients that reportedly include professional athletes, celebrities and top bodybuilders.

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## **Walter Reed problems seen as likely systemic**

House panel chairman fears problems 'go well beyond walls' of one facility (March 5, 2007)

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## **Kobe suspended 1 game for flailing arms**

It's 2nd time Laker has been penalized for nailing player on follow-through

## **Justice Department: FBI acted illegally on data**

Audit finds agency misused Patriot Act to obtain information on citizens

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## **Alleged D.C. madam might expose 10,000**

Accused woman denies wrongdoing, files suit against former employee

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## **Fraud Trial Looms For Jet-Setting Publishing Mogul**

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Conrad Black, the larger-than-life Canadian-newspaper-publisher-turned-British-lord, goes on trial in Chicago this coming week on fraud and racketeering charges.

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### **Priest, Now Accused of Theft, Fought Audit**

By MICHAEL BRICK

The priest, the Rev. Frank Guinan, 64, of St. Vincent Ferrer Church in Delray Beach, Fla, wrote that the audit was "demeaning, embarrassing and humiliating."

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## **Man admits to Walter Reed kickback scheme**

Maryland contractor could get 5 years for paying off military official

MSNBC MARCH 12,2007

## **Woman fatally shot in front of churchgoers**

**Gunman got into argument with victim in church parking lot in Oakland**

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## **U.S. security scares away foreign visitors**

**Painful visa procedures, frosty border control blamed for drop in tourists**

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"The bottom line is that insurance companies make money when they don't pay claims. They'll do anything to avoid paying, because if they wait long enough, they know the policyholders will die."

- MARY BETH SENKEWICZ, who resigned last year as a senior executive at the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

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Embattled Smithsonian Official Resigns

By ELIZABETH OLSON

An audit showed that the museum had provided lavish perks such as chauffeurs and private jets to its top official.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/03/27/arts/27museum.html?th&emc=th>