

FROZEN

A TOTAL REBUKE

By Bob Nelson

After the Chatsworth affair settled down, Bob Nelson went into a self imposed exile. Two or three years ago, NPR aired a special about the early days of cryonics, this and a movie currently in development on the same subject has greatly improved Bob's public image.

Having been the recipient of unfair criticisms based on half-truths and myth. I can relate to what Alcor must be going through as a result of Larry Johnson's hatchet job book entitled, "Frozen". This is truly a ghastly act of betrayal by a paranoid egomaniac.

Johnson ends his book with these words, "Beverly carries her mace everywhere she goes." "I still carry my gun." Reading these last few words I thought, how sad that after all this effort and energy expenditure to write this book Larry and Beverly are now living in fear of their own lives, the exact antithesis of cryonics the philosophy they so desperately despised and tried to eradicate.

I closed Larry's book having just read 405 pages of what to me was, a story of sheer insanity. While the tale had all the elements of a great story sex, robbery and murder's, it failed to capture the reader in the way a good story often does. My biggest problem with the book was the unbelievable repetition of each of the author's angry allegations. The stories first target is an empty pizza box inadvertently left on the table in the Alcor employee break room. By repeatedly going back to this silly observation as an example of how dirty and unsanitary this cryonics facility was, it left the reader with only one conclusion right off the bat.

Johnson is on a vendetta to crucify this cryonics facility and most probably, everyone in it. Why else would the tone of his story take an immediate posture of negative, suspicious, mistrust and never veer from that path. The assertion is that **everyone** at Alcor is a criminal that hasn't been caught yet. This is clearly, ridiculous.

Mr. Johnson tells a story of how cryonics employee Mike Darwin took the lives of two terminal cryonic suspension members. He claims Mr. Darwin actually injected lethal doses of (we cannot be sure of the substance) a deadly chemical directly into the heart of at least these two terminal patients. The author goes on to tell this same story over again in several different ways.

The first claimed murder victim Dora Kent, underwent an intense homicide investigation by the Riverside county Police

Dept. that resulted in a complete exoneration of all the cryonics suspects and in addition paid them well over \$100,000 for their unjust error in perusing these charges in the first place. The case of the second supposed murder victim John Dentinger has after several years shown no interest or action by authorities in spite of Johnson's insistent claim he has evidence of secret recordings and smuggled copies of documents said to be proof of multiple murders committed by Alcor officials.

My personal objection to the book is the multiple number of times MR. Johnson repeatedly tells the same version of how Ted Williams was grabbed or snatched unlawfully from the street without legal due process and claims that no court or legal entity will do anything about it. I am surprised that the publisher of this book allowed this initially strange, but interesting story to be repeated over and over by Johnson in so many different ways.

I personally met and talked with Larry Johnson on just one occasion, I will never forget the date of that meeting, for this reason. I had just returned to my home from our three hour discussion when just about fifteen minutes later there was a knock at my front door, when I opened the door there was a uniformed police man standing there, he asked me are you Robert Buccelli? I answered yes I am. The officer with a stone cold face looked sternly at me and said, I am sorry to have to report this to you Mr. Buccelli, but your son John Buccelli is now deceased!

It was as if someone had just sucker punched me right in the gut. That date was July 11th 2004. John had been found alone in a small hotel where he had accidentally overdosed on the drug Methadone the same drug that took the life of Anna Nicole Smith, her 21 year old son and a great many other celebrities.

It was on July 7th 2004 at about 10:AM that my phone rang, the gentleman on the phone introduced himself as Larry Johnson. He explained that he was writing a book about the Alcor cryonics facility in Arizona and would like to meet and talk with me about my first book *We Froze The First Man* he said he wanted to be as accurate as possible in writing this story. I invited him to my home, but he claimed that there were people out there in the streets with a contract to kill him so he couldn't take a chance on coming to my home.

He asked me to make the two hour drive into Los Angeles and meet him at the Hamburger Hamlet on Hollywood BL. Across from Grauman's Chinese theater. We met and talked for just over three hours, he was certainly one very paranoid individual. The stories he told me about his past employment at Alcor were outrageous, but because of his personal strangeness I attributed his behavior to some type of emotional disorder.

He had a copy of my book and claimed to have read it so there really wasn't much new information I could give him that wasn't already in the book. I instinctively sensed his true purpose in

wanting to talk with me was in search of some dirt about Alcor or other cryonics figures, he was clearly on a crusade to portray Alcor as Satins playground and I really couldn't have disagreed with him more.

When, five years later, I read what Mr. Johnson wrote in his book "FROZEN" about my adventures as the president of the California Cryonics Society, I am completely surprised, as ninety percent of what he writes is completely untrue. If he had not taken meticulous notes during our three hour meeting covering both the actual freezing of Dr. James Bedford and the transport of his frozen body, I might have understood some degree of error.

But to write that I threw Mike Perry, Charles Platt and Dave Pizzer out of my house when they came to do an interview I had previously granted them is simply a bald faced lie. How then could you explain the interview they shortly thereafter published?

Larry's account of everything he writes about the Bedford suspension is made up, none of what he writes is true. All he or any one has to do to learn exactly what did happen during that historical event, is read my book it's all in there, exactly as it happened. Seeing how he totally fictionalized my story even though we met and talked several more times by phone about the facts of the Bedford freezing there is little doubt in my mind that he did much of the same in this self serving version of his book Frozen.

In my view it is a book written to embellish his own importance and establish himself as the savior against greatly extended life. Remember he did write of his enormous courage, strength and kindness as well as how he scored just two points below the genius mark on the Mensa IQ test. That there are setbacks in the cryonics movement such as Chatsworth, the Dora Kent and John Dentinger murder allegations and now this horrible book, these events should be viewed as tragic blows along the way in the fight for greatly extended life. They should not be thought of as scandals because in truth, they are part of the cost of moving forward. Putting men on the moon was not a scandalous loss of life, it was a tragic loss of life.

Finally this unjust book purports to blow the whistle on what Johnson claims is literally the cryonics hell on earth. This is a tough fight we are engaged in and if we are to win we must stand strong and face whatever lies and resistance is thrown at us. We are sure to face much tougher hurdles ahead before we annihilate a world that embrace's death. Only then can we enter into another of kind existence were the *mysteries of creation* continue to reveal the purpose of how and why we are here.

People are continuously evolving into greater and more advanced human beings. We have now taken aim at extended life into the distant future for those who want it. And we do most certainly respect the rights of those who do not want it. Ken Bly and I will be adding an epilogue final chapter to The Ice Nap which is expected to be released along with the cryonics film now under development by Mandate Studios. This epilogue will take an in depth look into Johnson's book and other related setbacks to our goal of achieving greatly extended life for those of us that want it.

NEW YORK COURT RULES AGAINST LARRY JOHNSON

The court allows Alcor to expand it's case against Johnson, co-author Scott Baldyga and Vanguard Press.

The lawsuit now includes dozens of defamation claims, including numerous claims related to false allegations of mistreatment of Ted Williams and other claims for defamation.

There is an even larger volume of false and misleading statements in the book "Frozen" than encompassed by these claims, but Alcor believes that these claims are sufficient for proving in court that the book by Johnson and Baldyga was written and published maliciously with false information intended to harm Alcor. The lawsuit additionally includes causes of action for Breach of Agreements and Judgment, Breach of Fiduciary Duty, Conversion (theft of company property), and Aiding and Abetting Breach of Court-Entered Judgments against Johnson.

Since this Judgment is now enforceable in New York, it will support the next request for the New York publisher to cease and desist from continued publication of the subject book and to return any Alcor materials Johnson provided to his publisher.

In January, 2010, Larry Johnson and his wife failed to appear in Arizona for mandatory depositions, and they failed to appear at a court-ordered hearing in which he was required to show cause for his past and ongoing violation of the July 2009 Arizona judgment. Alcor has since filed a motion for a summary order of criminal and civil contempt against Johnson.

The court ordered that Johnson and his wife explain and prove in writing their reasons for non-appearance. Johnson has once again refused to comply with court orders, and he has failed to provide any written basis for his non-appearance at depositions. In fact, counsel for Mr. and Mrs. Johnson in Arizona filed a motion to withdraw as counsel due to "unresolved issues between the clients and counsel." Alcor awaits entry of a summary order of criminal and civil contempt against Johnson and intends to seek extradition of Johnson from Nevada to Arizona to answer for his conduct.

It has always been Alcor's contention that Larry Johnson's activities were not only in violation of court orders and patient privacy, but also based on lies. The addition of defamation claims to the lawsuit in New York now provides Alcor with an opportunity to prove this in a court of law. *ALCOR NEWS*