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## Throw away the key

Convicted Canadian kidnapers Christine Lamont and David Spencer have spent nine years in Brazilian prisons writing letters to keep their love alive. Ah, gee.

This past weekend they flew back to Canada to begin serving out the rest of their 28-year sentence in Canadian prisons complete with clean cells, recreational facilities and conjugal visits. That's so nice.

Even better is that, now that they're back in Canada, they will be eligible for parole Dec. 28, having served one-third of their sentence in Brazil. That's swell.

Excuse us, but isn't kidnapping a bad thing? Doesn't grabbing a man (in this case a Brazilian grocery magnate), holding him against his will, threatening him and demanding a \$30 million U.S. ransom warrant a stiff penalty?

And could someone explain why our weak-kneed Liberal government has spent hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars to arrange a treaty that would see this charming couple returned to Canadian soil?

Lamont and Spencer originally claimed they played no part in the kidnapping, but years later admitted they were, indeed, involved in a political plan to see the ransom (which was never paid) used to fund leftist guerrillas in El Salvador. So, in effect, our government condoned the illegal political and criminal actions of this couple by fighting so hard for their extradition.

Why?

This pair made a conscious decision to commit a crime in a foreign land and then, when convicted, complained loud and long (with the help of their family and friends) about how bad conditions were in Brazilian jails.

"Once he (David) managed to get a book and they came and took it away from him," said Spencer's sister, Judy. Well, boo-hoo!

These hoodlums, who thought nothing of putting an innocent man's life in jeopardy, should have faced the full wrath of Brazil's justice system and our government should have kept its nose out of it.

There's a wise old saying, "If you can't do the time, don't do the crime."

Why is this so hard for our bleeding heart federal government to understand?



## Hormone should not be approved

(This letter was originally sent to Prime Minister Jean Chretien. A copy was made available to The Independent & Free Press for publication.)

Dear Mr. Chretien,  
Re: Bovine growth hormone.

I am shocked to learn that rBST is still moving toward approval. Fortunately, a senate motion has delayed this approval.

Health Canada scientists, who were studying this synthetic hormone and refused to give safety approval, must testify before the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and their full report must be made public. Canadians have a right to all the available information. Even if the cover-up extends to the highest levels those responsible in Health Canada must be held accountable for trying to suppress this information.

The citizens don't want rBST in their milk! The National Farmers Union doesn't want it with the huge veterinary bills for cows in a distressed state of health. The industry can't want this when we have a milk surplus, and goodness knows, the cows don't want it.

So who will benefit? It can only be the manufacturer. Why is Health Canada working to promote the profits of the manufacturer over the rights of everyone else concerned?

Should someone insist that the investment chapter of

## Letter of the day

### Halloween show appreciated

Dear editor,

I would like to express my thanks to the people on Webster Way who put on a spectacular haunted house show on Halloween night.

When my husband and daughter returned from trick or treating, my husband was very impressed with the exterior atmosphere the show created. I was so curious that I went over at 7:30 p.m. to see what all the fuss was about. There were about 100 people, children and adults, waiting to get in. Eerie music was playing, dry ice was rising from the lit cemetery, and the "chaperones" were very intimidating with their scary costumes. The look on the children's faces when they emerged from the tent told me they had a great time.

You can see that the hosts spent a great deal of time and money to prepare for this event. They were giving back to their community and everybody benefitted. All except one person. This person filed a complaint with the town and the entire production was very close to being shut down that night. There is a possibility this is the last we will see of the haunted show.

I urge the residents of Georgetown who witnessed the creative work of these people to let council members at town hall know how much you enjoyed and appreciated the show. This may ensure that there will be one next year for the children to enjoy. Halloween, after all, is for kids.

Monica Nobile, Georgetown

North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) forces us to approve rBST then it is time to rethink NAFTA. Canadians are counting on

you to ban rBST. I will be looking forward to your reply.

Barbara Halsall, Georgetown

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