

# Abolition Alert



## AADP Annual Chili Feed

Sunday, March 17, 2013 @ 5:00 p.m.

Home of Hugh & Lanie Fleischer - 1401 W. 11th Ave., Anchorage

Phone: 907-274-2453

*Featured Guest Speaker: TERRY STEINBERG*

Our special guest speaker will be **Terry Steinberg**. It is our hope that her son, **Justin Wolfe**, will be released from Virginia's death row after his recent exoneration, and will join his mother in Alaska. At the age of 20, Justin, ex-high school football player and normal, average, All-American, suburban kid was sentenced to death for a murder he did not commit. He has been on Virginia's death row since 2002 and has had two stays of execution.



Terry Steinberg



Justin Wolfe

**Chili provided!**  
**Side-dishes and beverages welcome!**  
*Donations encouraged!*

*For More Info.*



<http://www.justinwolfe.org/>

**Terry Steinberg (Part 1) - Starvin For Justice '07**  
 youtube.com Aug 3, 2007 - 10 min. - Uploaded by stopexecutions  
 14th Annual Fast & Vigil to Abolish the Death Penalty at the U.S. Supreme Court June 29th



## Robert Bacon Comments on Yes on 34

At the November 2012 election, California voters narrowly defeated Proposition 34, to replace the death penalty with life without parole, and allocate some of the cost savings to solving unsolved rapes and murders. The measure failed by 48% to 52%. Almost 6 million Californians voted to replace the death penalty.

The loss was a deep disappointment to opponents of the death penalty, but the campaign changed many minds. The narrow margin of defeat surprised many observers and gave significant momentum to the anti-death penalty cause.

*Yes on 34* attracted a broad coalition of civil libertarians, criminal defense lawyers, families of homicide victims, communities of color, law enforcement professionals, people of faith, fiscal conservatives, and

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**AADP Board Changes & Happenings**



**Theda Pittman** has retired from the AADP Treasurer position. *Thanks for all your good volunteer work, Theda!*



**James Ferguson** is our new Treasurer for the AADP Board.



**Kathy Harris** has rejoined the AADP Board — *welcome back!*



**Sue Johnson** has rejoined the Board to coordinate the AADP newsletter.

**Hugh Fleischer** has decided to retire from his law practice. Hugh's retirement party was held on January 25th at the Pioneer School House. Hugh's favorite band, "Silver Train," played his favorite dance music. Hugh will remain on the AADP Board.

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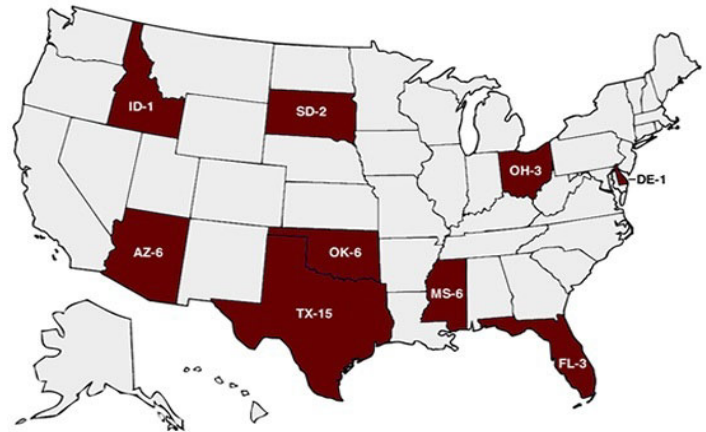
## DPIC's 2012 Year End Report Receives Media Coverage

Death Penalty Information Center's recent **2012 Year End Report** received extensive media coverage in the U.S. and internationally. Many papers editorialized about the themes highlighted in the Report, including the continuing decline in the use of the death penalty around the country, the geographic clustering of sentences and executions in just a few states, and reasons why people are changing their minds about capital punishment. Debate about the death penalty — its legal, moral, fiscal and practical considerations — should go on, especially considering the flaws that continue to be exposed in the justice system."

<http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org>

## EXECUTIONS IN 2012

Nine states carried out executions this year, equaling the fewest number of states to do so in 20 years.



DPIC DEATH PENALTY  
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Source: DPIC's 2012 Year End Report.  
For more information,  
visit [deathpenaltyinfo.org](http://deathpenaltyinfo.org)

## Bacon Comments on Yes on 34 continued . . .

many others. Although the message — “replace the death penalty with justice that works” — resonated with people from all these groups, too few people heard the message. Over \$7 million was raised, but that was enough for only a fraction of the television advertising needed to reach California voters.



California's death row houses 729 inmates, almost a quarter of the national total. Litigation about lethal injection procedures has stopped executions in California since 2006. After the election, California Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye, a conservative Republican who has voted to uphold many death sentences, predicted it would be at least three more years before executions resume.

The *Yes on 34* campaign thanks the AADP members and other Alaskans who contributed to the campaign, and especially Bill Pelke and Barbara Hood for hosting a *Yes on 34* fundraising event in Anchorage.

*Bob Bacon, an AADP member and former Alaska prosecutor, is counsel for five California death row inmates and was a volunteer and financial donor for the Yes on 34 campaign.*



Thanks to everyone who participated in Barb Hood's event for *Yes on 34*!

## Stay Connected

Visit our website for more information about the death penalty, upcoming events and more at:

<http://www.aadp.info/>



## 2012 Annual Fish Fry Once Again a Success!

### *Fish Fry Special Guest: Rais Bhuiyan*

**Rais Bhuiyan**, who was AADP's special guest at the Annual Fish Fry in Anchorage last summer, has been speaking out in opposition to the death penalty for the man who shot him, blinding his right eye and leaving bullet fragments in his face.

In spite of Rais' attempts to save the man who shot him, Mark Stroman, the state of Texas executed him for the racially-motivated killing of Vasudev Patel, an Indian of the Hindu faith who owned a gas station and convenience store in Mesquite. The murder occurred during a crime rampage by Stroman in the wake of the September 11, 2001, attacks in New York City — a rampage that left two people dead and Bhuiyan severely wounded.



*For More Info, go to:*

<http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/Texas-executes-Mark-Stroman-over-shooting-spree-2353803.php>



Rais Bhuiyan

**Chefs and Judges for the 2012 Fish Fry:** (l-r) Jana Varrati, Rais Bhuiyan, Eric Kross, Rich Curtner, Galen Paine, Paul Malin, Bob Bacon, Rep. Lindsey Holmes, Fred Dewey, Rep. Les Gara and Kathy Harris.

***Mark Your Calendar!***  
**2013 Fish Fry is**  
**scheduled for**  
**Friday, July 26th!**





Sally's Kitchen Singers at the Annual Day of Faith in Action October 2, 2012, in Town Square Park, Anchorage.

*Our condolences go out to AADP Board Member **Bill Pelke**, who recently lost his father.*



## AADP Board Member Fred Dewey Featured in *Portrait Alaska* Book

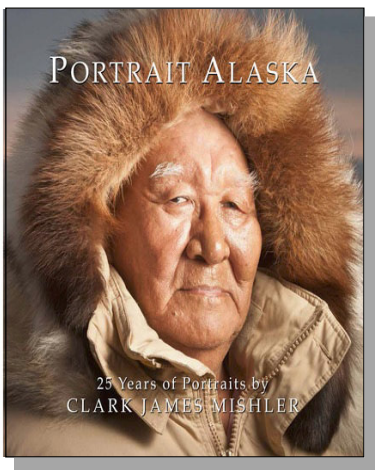


Photo of Fred Dewey in *Portrait of Alaska*

**Clark James Mishler** has been very generous with his time photographing for AADP. He is publishing a coffee table book, entitled *Portrait Alaska*, featuring 25 years of portraits. **Fred Dewey**, AADP Board Member, is featured in the book.

*Portrait Alaska* will contain approximately 120 pages and nearly 300 of Mr. Mishler's unique portraits and will feature an essay by Alaska Anthropologist Dr. Stephen Haycox. Books can be pre-ordered at the following website:

<http://mishlerphotos.com/>



Self-portrait of Clark James Mishler



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