

# ***Not Quite Right News from Mark Golden***

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## ***BREAKING NEWS!***

### **Plot to Blow Up Daylight Savings Uncovered**

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In a startling news conference today the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) revealed that a plot had been foiled in which criminals wanted to destroy America's traditional spring forward and fall back observance of Daylight Savings Time (DST).

First a CIA spokesperson gave a brief, informative historical backdrop of the 200 year old, biannual routine. After that, the agent continued, "The main purpose of Daylight Saving Time or "Summer Time" as some nation's call it, is to extend daylight into the evening. This creates significantly less energy usage; longer days for farming or outdoor occupations, plus many other daylight related advantages. Simply put, it is good for America's economy."

After that, reporters heard the good news about the bad news. In short, the plot to blow up Daylight Savings Time had been planned by Middle Eastern extremists living in the U.S. These terrorist groups are the same ones who have already let us know that they will, "stop at nothing to destroy the devilish American way of life!" In truth, they were stopped in a plot to destroy *nothing!*

The C.I.A., reluctant to provide classified information volunteered this. "While browsing through the Internet one of the terrorists read an article about the upcoming seasonal change of Daylight Savings Time. He arrived at a basic misunderstanding due to his blundering rough translating of English. Once it became clear that the Great Satan benefited economically, plus had more time for fishing, jet skiing, gardening, BBQ's and all around spring and summer fun, this DST became a fiercely sought after target to be destroyed!

"It must be pointed out that not every Middle Eastern country utilizes DST. So not all Arabs are in-the-know about what DST really means. But these determined characters wanted to make sure the time of such 'savings' by the American devils would soon end by their very hands!

"A suicide team was recruited from their cell network for the task. The illusive location of America's Daylight Savings headquarters continued to elude the terrorists. Yet they unceasingly made plans and smuggled armaments into the U.S. for the upcoming attack. They scoured the Internet for chat rooms, advertisements and search engines for any clues as to where Daylight Savings Time might be found on the appointed day.

"What led to the arrests? The CIA's massive computer tracking system of international email traffic—red flags the use of certain key words. The suspicions of one of the analysts reviewing noticed the two words, 'time' and 'bomb' were used in several key correspondences sent from one email address in the U.S. to an addressee in the Middle East.

"As it turned out the word 'time' referenced Daylight Saving Time. And the coincidental fluke which activated the tracking system alarm? The word 'bomb.' Used only in references to the American Idol TV shows'

losing contestants—who really did bomb! (Train wreck was also used.) These two words were enough for the crack analyst to alert his higher-ups.

“Once the CIA pinpointed the physical location of the U.S. e-mailer, government surveillance began. Tapping phone lines, monitoring email, placing stake-outs and face to face snooping by making repeated, “Sorry, must be the wrong address!” deliveries to their door of everything from pizza to roses.

“In the weeks leading up to DST fall backward, the first Sunday in November approached, enough evidence had been collected. Law enforcement officials issued a search warrant with a S.W.A.T. team. Four Arabic men were found inside the apartment with a variety of weapons, explosives, computers and bags of Chips Ahoy Cookies (coincidentally the signature cookie of choice, by the 2001, 911 hijackers).”

No court date has been set at this time, but court appointed defense attorneys are already trying to get the case dismissed. *The reason?* The conspirators couldn’t have ever carried out their destructive suicide mission—though in ignorance they naively swore their lives to do so! The U.S. government sees it otherwise.

During this pre-trial phase a spokesperson from the U.S. Attorney General’s office stated today, “These evil men tried to take the spring, if-you-will, out of our national ‘spring forward.’ Thus leaving us nothing to ‘fall backwards’ on! For attempting to destroy this timely American economic and recreational boost, they deserve to spend *their time* in prison for the rest of their lives. Where we hope there will never be any kind of savings to be found!”

In a poll taken in recent years, most Americans would rather not be forced to live by the outdated DST changes. If the terrorist plot had somehow succeeded an applause could’ve been heard from sea to shining sea.

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