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SIXTH TRACY HEIR FOUND

MARINEVILLE AFP – In what could prove an embarrassing public hiccup for billionaire Jeff Tracy, DNA testing at WASP's Marineville facility has disclosed a hitherto unknown heir to the Tracy fortune.

Lieutenant Raymond Fisher of WASP Command has been revealed as being a close DNA match to one of Tracy's five sons, Gordon Tracy, who was posted at Marineville briefly in the early 2060s. WASP's Marineville personnel had their DNA records released to the University of Louisiana as part of an ongoing research project designed to identify genetic disease markers, and it was during this process that the unexpected genetic match was discovered.

Since the revelation neither Jeff Tracy nor Lieutenant Fisher have been available for comment.

Self-made multi-billionaire Jeff Tracy has long been a topic of public speculation. Trained as an astronaut and one of the pioneers of Moon exploration, Tracy dropped out of the astronaut program to care for his family after his wife died. It was an unexpected career move for Tracy and a public relations disaster for the Space Agency, but Tracy managed to spin his experience and acumen into a lucrative global aerospace corporation responsible for the design and manufacture of everything from rocket boosters to non-toxic swizzle sticks. Tracy and his team of engineers have revolutionised air and space travel, and his extensive holdings include agriculture, terrestrial transport systems and marine conservation, and it is even rumoured that the corporation assisted with the engine design of Spectrum's much vaunted *Cloudbase*.

In 2060 Tracy dropped out of the public eye, moving to an island he purchased in the South Pacific from where he continues to manage his burgeoning financial empire. He has rarely been seen in public since, inviting comparisons to the previous century's great aviation prodigy, Howard Hughes, who also withdrew from the public eye before his descent into madness.

While Tracy hasn't yet resorted to the use of tissue boxes for footwear (as far as this reporter can ascertain), his reclusive behaviour has generated a number of unusual conspiracy theories, the most popular being that Tracy is manufacturing nuclear devices for impoverished nations in a secret munitions factory built beneath his island home, and another that he has organised a global network of espionage agents to assist him in his bid to take over the governments of the world.

While there is some evidence supporting the fact that Tracy does have a network of spies in his employ, and while Polynesian fishermen have reported unexplained undersea rumblings coming from the vicinity of Tracy's island along with mysterious flashes of light that fill the night horizon, Tracy has yet to make a bid for global supremacy. His Space Agency colleagues have also laughed off rumours of megalomania, citing Tracy as a genuine family man and remembering him as a serious astronautics student with an unexpected wild streak and an obsession with safety. Tracy's generous patronage of charities and orphanages paints him as an unsurpassed humanitarian, and neither he nor his adult sons have been implicated in scandals of any kind.

Until now, that is.

It wouldn't be hard to imagine a young, handsome astronaut sowing his wild oats across Florida, where Tracy trained in the Space Agency program, and it is from precisely this area that the aforementioned Lieutenant Fisher hails. Birth records list Fisher's father as 'unknown,' and as Fisher's mother recently passed away from gangrene poisoning (an alligator attack has been implicated in her death), unless Tracy himself makes a statement or submits to a DNA test, there will be only the evidence from WASP's records from which to make a case – and legal experts are certain that a case can be made, if Fisher wishes to pursue the riches that may rightfully be his.

Of course, a son who pre-existed Tracy's legitimate heirs will throw the birth and inheritance order of Tracy's offspring into



ANOTHER SON FOR BILLIONAIRE?



WASP officer Lieutenant Raymond Fisher [above left] has been revealed as a close DNA match to the world's richest man, Jeff Tracy. Tracy [top right] during his high-flying astronaut career, and [bottom right] recently sighted at nightclub *Swinging Star*.

complete disarray. Tracy has spent a fortune removing his family's records from the public domain, and the precise ages of his sons has been tabloid speculation for over a decade. Scott Tracy, who had a much-decorated USAF career before unexpectedly retiring and joining his father in exile, is believed to be the eldest, but the waters become muddied with the second and third sons, neither of whom have attempted to clarify publicly their order in the Tracy hierarchy. The appearance of Fisher as the eldest could spark a sibling rivalry not seen outside royal circles as each of them vies for top position of Tracy Corp when their father eventually steps down.

For the moment though, their positions are safe. Shortly after the DNA revelations Lieutenant Fisher disappeared from his post at WASP command. While conspiracy theorists have speculated that Tracy himself stepped in and removed the unsuspecting Fisher from the public eye, a WASP insider has confided that Marineville Base Commander Samuel Shore turned a blind eye when rival Navy Commander Admiral Denver abducted Fisher from his post and put him to work as unpaid crew on an unregistered sailing vessel headed for the Caribbean. As a pixellated photograph of Fisher has recently surfaced from St Maarten, it seems this may indeed be the case and will no doubt further

compound WASP's recent woes, which began when famed WASP star aquanaut Troy Tempest succumbed to mental instability and absconded with the mega-multi-million-dollar submarine *Stingray* so that he, in his own last words, could 'go and live with the fish people.'

If it's one thing the public doesn't like, it's a mystery involving the rich and famous, and this latest episode will no doubt spark an avalanche of renewed speculation about Jeff Tracy and his five (or six, as the case may be) reclusive sons.

Recent reports in publication centre around the alleged sightings of Tracy's unemployed sons at nightclubs and high-priced dens of iniquity, and there are entire websites purported to track their movements (a supermarket in Townsville, on the northeast coast of Australia, is their current most favoured destination according to www.iwanttomarryatracy.com). However the simple fact is that no positive sightings of any of the Tracy sons have been confirmed for at least the last five years – from the very day, in fact, that they joined their father on his deserted island.

If the ill-fated Lieutenant Fisher should resurface it will be to an unprecedented media frenzy, a maelstrom that this reporter seriously doubts Jeff Tracy would wish to be the centre of.

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Eldest Tracy heir Scott [above left], stands to lose the most should Fisher make a bid for Tracy Snr's empire; ex-Olympian Gordon Tracy [above right], whose WASP cadetship led to the unexpected discovery.

Second, third, or possibly fourth son, John Tracy [above left], at Cape Canaveral, and a photograph of Fisher [right] taken off St Maarten in the Caribbean—early reports suggest Fisher has been kidnapped.

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Crablogger crushes Andean town

COLOMBIA - The ill-fated Crablogger has crushed the Andean town of Porto Pilato, uprooting the traditional dwellings of its inhabitants and replacing the centuries old stone pavings with woodchips. It is estimated that up to thirty people may have died when the Crablogger rolled over them during the afternoon siesta, flattening them in the hammocks in which they slept.

Spokesman for the company, Pat Jansen, stated that the pilots had passed out inside the cabin of the massive vehicle after eating locally bought enchiladas, which they had taken onboard for a birthday celebration.

Mirroring an incident nearly a year ago, the same Crablogger operatives were again disabled by food poisoning in a disaster that grabbed world headlines. At that time only the intervention of International Rescue was able to save the inhabitants of the threatened town of San Martino.

Vocal detractors of Crablogger have long pointed out the faults of the project and, after this latest tragedy, plan to mount a ministerial inquiry into its operations and procedures. Javier Oporto of 'Citizens against Crablogging' summed it up when he said 'The road of el Crablogger is paved with death and monkey bones, and the heavy tears of cocaine growers.'

Dog food magnate dies in explosion

LONDON - Sir Arthur Twitt died in a freak explosion at his home late yesterday afternoon. He had combined the principal ingredient of his dog food, OD60, with the liquid fuel Alsterene in a bid to prove to investors that the combination was not lethally explosive. No others were injured in the explosion.

Sir Arthur has been the subject of a UN-sanctioned ethical and environmental inquiry since it was discovered that he had dumped over 150,000 tons of the sea

fungus OD60, the main ingredient in the commercial dog food produced by his corporation Allpets, in the Mediterranean. The illegal dumping resulted in the loss of *Ocean Pioneer I* with all hands on board, and shortly afterwards the *Ocean Pioneer II* after International Rescue had safely liberated the crew. International Rescue operatives later advised the World Navy and the Maritime Trading Association that the combination of OD60 and liquid Alsterene was explosive and that vessels containing Alsterene were to avoid those areas of ocean in which the sea fungus was found. Sir Arthur consistently denied these claims and continued to harvest OD60 at his Gulf Stream and Mediterranean sites whilst under inquiry.

In a related item, veterinarians in Spain have advised dog owners to avoid feeding their pets with OD60-derived foodstuffs. Studies have revealed that dogs fed diets based on OD60 suffered severe bloating and flatulence.

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