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Who Will Rule the Net? Upcoming UN Summit to Decide Future Control of the Internet:

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One of the great success stories of our time, the Internet, may soon be in for a major change.

Internet usage continues its global reach, with connected web users crossing cultural and national boundaries to tap the information highway. This expansion and popularity has caused many countries to examine who will control the Internet in the near future.

According to the Nielsen//NetRatings Home & Work Panel, by the summer of 2003 there were 580 million Internet users worldwide. At current growth rates, the Internet is expected to reach 1.21 billion by 2006, and 1.35 billion by 2007. [eTForecasts, Sept 2004]

With many countries using the Internet for development and procedure in government and private infrastructure—like Brazil, which heavily relies on the Internet for its tax collections—the question of Internet governance has become the focus of the upcoming U.N.'s World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS).

Recently, government representatives from around the world met in Geneva at a preliminary meeting for the upcoming WSIS Summit, to be held Nov. 16-18 in Tunisia. At issue is control of the web's "root" servers, which store index information and directories of the entire internet and are maintained by the non-profit

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), a private contractor to the United States Department of Commerce. As the Internet evolves and continues to grow, representatives from countries like Cuba, Iran, and China are objecting to future control by the US, opting instead for UN control.

At the end of preliminary talks in Geneva, a U.K. government and European Union representative made a surprise change of position, deciding not to support U.S. control and instead endorse the idea of international authority of the Internet. David Hendon, director of business relations for the U.K.'s Department of Trade and Industry, proposed assembling an international forum to set policy principles for ICANN and adjudicate complaints.

Martin Selmayr, spokesman for the EU, was quoted in the Washington Post as saying, "...the EU is proposing moving from unilateralism to multilateralism in Internet governance. Public policy principles...issued in the future should be discussed internationally."

The U.S. is opposed to relinquishing Internet governance to the United Nations. David A. Gross, U.S. ambassador and coordinator of international communications and information policy for the State Department, told the Associated Press that despite EU sup-

port, "We will not agree to the U.N. taking over the management of the Internet. Some countries want that. We think that's unacceptable.

"When the EU's proposal was read, it was interesting how quickly it was endorsed in large part by countries such as Cuba, Iran, Saudi Arabia and others who have been very clear that they do not believe" in principles of free expression, Gross added.

The U.S. intends to keep all governments and politics out of the Internet's growth, and preserve free-market development. In June the U.S. announced it would continue oversight of the Internet's addressing and top-level domain system, even after the end of the current annual contract with ICANN, to keep the Internet secure.

Critics of U.N. control worry over larger, unruly bureaucracies containing countries vying for changes in international Internet policies. There is also the possibility of Internet taxation by the U.N. to build funds to support developing countries obtaining technology, or in the extreme the fragmentation of the Internet through the creation of other "root" servers and domains separate from ICANN control.

Not surprisingly, communist leaders in Beijing are leading proponents of U. N. supervision of the Internet, supporting

joint international governance within the U.N. framework. But human rights groups are concerned about countries like China and their involvement in setting future Internet policy. Reporters without Borders, a media-freedom watchdog, say China oversees the most far-reaching Internet censorship and email surveillance anywhere, and is also 'the world's biggest prison for cyber-dissidents,' more than 60 of whom are in jail.

Milton Mueller, Internet expert and author of "Ruling the Root," told the U.K.'s Guardian, "I can't see that a council is going to be able to improve the human rights situation."

With nothing less than control of the Internet and the free flow of information at stake, how long can one country control it all, yet remain responsible to the whole world? The U.S., from the Internet's public inception, has ruled the evolution of the web with little governmental interference, as noted by its record of non-reversal of any ICANN decisions. What would be the effect of U.N. control?

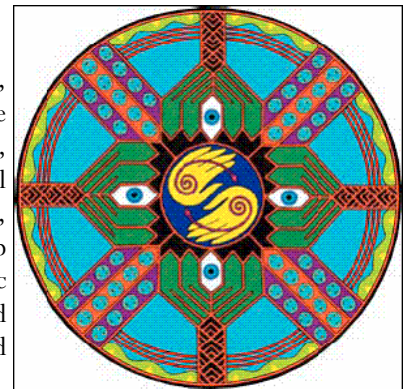
"I can't imagine having to convene the governments of the world, or at least some task force, to measure those decisions about how to transfer a domain name from one registrar to another against all the treaties of the world," Bret Fausett, a member of ICANN's At-Large Advisory Committee, told internetnews.com. "It's a level of bureaucracy that straightforward technical management issues don't need."

THREATS TO CIVILIZATION FESTERING

The unelected, unaccountable members of the United Nations and their subordinate organizations are continuing their takeover of civilization. Like the environmentalists Nazis, the UN communists have a New World Order on their docket that is designed to indoctrinate children.

The indoctrinated children will be the hope for a global takeover by the UN and it is imperative that the liberties and freedoms enjoyed by the Americans be subdued and eventually phased-out. The United States is the albatross for the UN and globalization groups like TNC.

Key terms like globalization, harmonization, sustainable development, biospheres, invasive species, global warming, climate change, communitarians, leadership development, economic policy, measurement and assessment, etc., should sound loud Klaxon horns!



DRONES 'TO FLY OVER CITIES'

HONEYWELL is developing a micro flying spy drone -- that would be used for civilian law enforcement!

The device, a hovering robot carrying video cameras and other sensors, is being created and tested at HONEYWELL's Albuquerque, NM plant.

The first round of testing on the drone [MICRO AIR VEHICLE] has been completed, reports Bob Martin of CBS affiliate KRQE.

The battery powered craft can stay in the air for 50-60 minutes at a time, and moves around at up to 55 kilometers an hour.

The Micro Air Vehicle has flown more than 200 successful flights, including

flying in a representative urban environment.

"If there is an emergency, you could provide "eyes" on whatever the emergency is, for police or Homeland Security," explains Vaughn Fulton of HONEYWELL.

In the meantime, the U.S. Army has prepared a promotional video showing the craft zooming over war-zone streets.

Drones have been given to the military to test during training exercises.

"It has the same system most fighter jets would have," explains Fulton.

The vehicle, nicknamed "Dragon

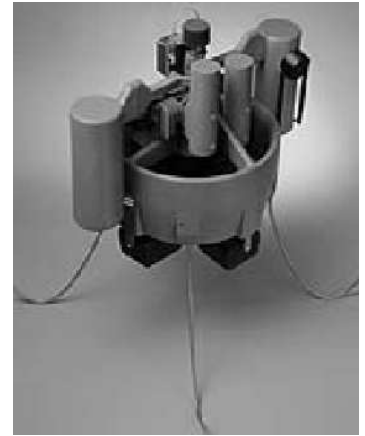
Eye," will be used for reconnaissance, security and target acquisition operations in open, rolling, complex and urban terrain; it will be equipped with Global Positioning Satellite.

HONEYWELL and government officials are meeting to discuss the status of the project.

Troops in Iraq could get the craft in a year or two.

The spy drone would be deployed for domestic use shortly thereafter.

Editor's Note: Complacency will have profound residuals. This is George Orwell's 1984 scenario. May God Save Us!



Dragon Eye—MAV

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Al-Gore-2004.org

GLOBAL WARMING OR A CYCLE OF NATURE



Al Gore, the inventor of the Internet and Global Warming expert dons his delusional and disturbing presidential halo.

"What changed in the US with hurricane Katrina was a feeling that we have entered a period of consequences and that bitter cup will be offered to us again and again until we exert our moral authority and respond appropriately," he (Al Gore) says. "I don't want to diminish the threat of terrorism at all, it is extremely serious, but on a long-term global basis, global warming is the most serious problem we are facing."

Is Global Warming fictitious or is it real? Is it caused by those nasty greenhouse gases that come from things like those gases generated in the 2003 fire-bombings of several SUV dealerships, hair-spray, volcanoes or burning oil wells in the Middle East? Maybe it's caused by cow flatulence or perhaps by the flatulence created by the over consumption of beer at deer camp.

Whether fictitious or real, the fact is that the earth is going through a cycle that comes and goes throughout history. We have eliminated sulfur in gasoline, use far less coal and wood for heating and cooking and we have even cut way down on cigarette smoking. We here at the Yooper Scooper correlate the expansion of global warming gases with the manufacture of spandex and tofu farts.

JUST SOME FRIENDLY ADVICE BY J. POWERS

In previous issues of the Yooper Scooper we disclosed the low quality products and services around the Upper Peninsula and even made several positive recommendations for both the local and visiting consumers gracing the U. P. with their presence.

A friend of one of our staff has a friend that frequently buys new pickup trucks for his business, all with diesel engines and dual wheels in the back; most cost well above \$45,000. His ordeal is a lesson we can all learn from and keep in mind.

The consumer is never right! The man bought a lemon from Town and Country Ford in Quinnesec. Both Ford Motors and the dealership have done everything they could to screw the man. He was told to keep driving the vehicle to help break the motor in, adding miles and deducting value, which helps if Ford were to lose the Lemon Law case.

Riverside Auto has taught many of our readers valuable, yet expensive lesson about buying from crooks.

The bottom-line is that unless you can pay cash or absolutely need to, never, ever purchase a new vehicle.

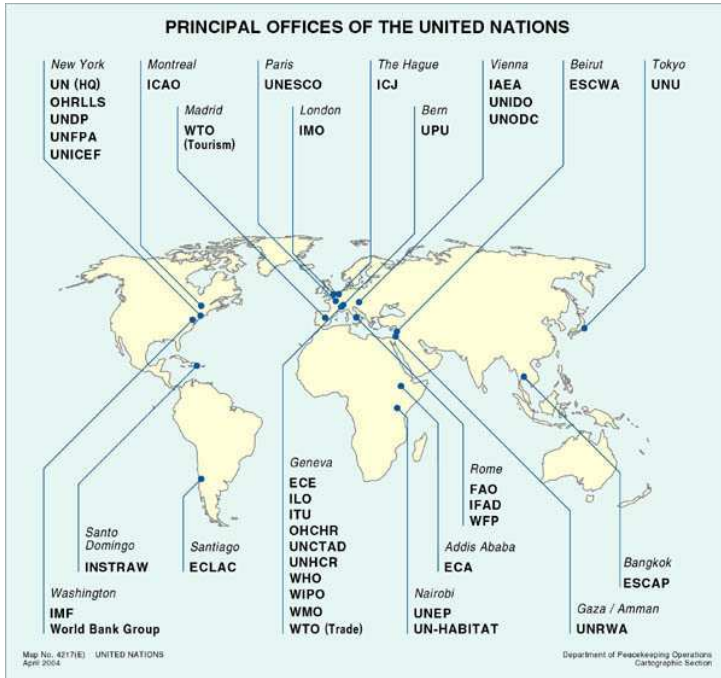
If you want to buy a vehicle, get the full printout of all the costs, take it home for the weekend and talk it over with someone close to you. But, never finance a vehicle through a dealership. Use your bank or credit union and consult with the loan officer.

Check the Blue Book on the value of the vehicle purchased and the value of your trade-in.

Go on-line and research the vehicle and identify any of problems that may emerge. Also check for recalls.

Let's face it, a vehicle costs more than some houses did just over a decade ago and a lot more than a forty used to. Trade-ins are now given an auction price appraisal.

Ford Motors had made a nice \$15,000 profit on their line of Explorers, meaning you paid \$30,000 for a \$15,000 vehicle. It helps to keep the little guy in debt.



<http://www.un.org/aroundworld/map/>

American and world citizens are being crushed from all sides. The United Nations, Environmentalists, Peace Freaks, Liberals, Communists, Nazis, Muslims and other anti-God factions that are both independent or part of a coordinated effort are deliberately undermining freedoms and liberties. The movements have one collective mission; to eliminate the poor and other underachievers through their enlightened eugenics research, birth control and sterilization, abortion and euthanasia.

The manifestation of doctrines that proscribe the evolutionary standards of humans have two distinct features; elitism and serfdom. The Clintons are frantically trying to be accepted by the UN, European and communist—Nazi movements just to stay alive.

It is not interests of the common man that these organizations represent, but those of an elitist band of hypocrites and self-righteous, unelected and unaccountable race of human debris.

The intentional restrictions on the commoners' ability to save money and remain debt-free is an abstract assigned to elitism. There remains enough elitists in the political circles to ensure no legislation is passed or taken out of committee that would restrict the neutering of a strong and independent group of outsiders. The elitists and the wannabes have commonalities; they are above the average citizen and have legions of support, including funding. Most will say the UN is a humanitarian organization and have no concerns and they will flippantly respond to citizens.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

During 2005 we have witnessed many disasters, from the tsunami in Indonesia, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the devastating earth quake in northern India and Kashmir and the more recent outbreak of tornadoes in the Midwest. The United Nations wants more money so they can help and so, too, do numerous organizations that have a non-profit status. Americans are known for their generosity and give more willingly and freely than most other nations; more specifically, Christians may very well stand alone as being the generous and caring group among religious affiliations.

American households are inundated with all kinds of requests for their charitable contributions. So Who is Who among charitable organizations?

When it comes to substantial disaster relief efforts, the Salvation Army is head and shoulders above the rest. In fact all donations collected for specific purposes goes to that purpose. The Army drives old beater trucks and is predominately volunteer-based.

Helping the poor and needy in your neighborhood; the Salvation Army and St. Vincent DePaul go above and beyond the call of duty.

Contributions for overseas efforts should go through your local church. The numerous televisions ads to feed the children take up to 20% of the cut for administrative fees. UNICEF has been an utter failure and so, too, many of the other non-profits.

Contributions for research should go directly to specific research hospitals like St. Jude's. McDonald House is also an honorable organization. Avoid the decades-long failures like the American Cancer Society, Lung and Heart associations and others that exist only to make money.

As you open your pockets for yet another natural disaster, keep these facts in mind:

Marsha J. Evans, President and CEO of the American Red Cross... salary for year ending 6/30/03 was \$651,957 plus expenses.

Brian Gallagher, President of the United Way receives a \$375,000 base salary, plus numerous expense benefits.

The Salvation Army's Commissioner Todd Bassett receives a salary of only \$13,000 per year (plus housing) for managing this \$2 billion dollar organization.

No further comment necessary.

IS OUR MONEY NEXT TO GO GODLESS? POSTED BY BOBBY EBERLE

First prayer was taken out of schools. Next it was being pulled from football games and graduations. The latest attack on faith in America was an effort by atheist Michael Newdow to have the words "under God" removed from the Pledge of Allegiance. Now, he is at it again, and this time the focus is the money in your pocket.

Michael Newdow came to national prominence when he filled a lawsuit on behalf of his daughter claiming that [reciting the Pledge of Allegiance which includes the words "under God" violated the students' religious liberty.](#)

The often criticized Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with Newdow and issued a ruling stating that recitation of Pledge of

Allegiance was unconstitutional. The ruling was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court which dismissed the case. However, the Supreme Court justices cited Newdow's lack of custody of his daughter as the reason for their dismissal. Thus, the prime question on the constitutionality of "under God" remains undecided.

[Several Supreme Court justices did comment](#), however, on the overall merits of the case and the Pledge of Allegiance itself. Justices Rehnquist, Thomas, and O'Connor wrote that "the pledge does not violate the First Amendment, which prohibits the establishment of religion by the government." Rehnquist wrote:

To give the parent of such a child a sort of

"heckler's veto" over a patriotic ceremony willingly participated in by other students, simply because the Pledge of Allegiance contains the descriptive phrase "under God," is an unwarranted extension of the establishment clause, an extension which would have the unfortunate effect of prohibiting a commendable patriotic observance.

Now, [media outlets are reporting](#) that Newdow will file suit this week in which he will ask a federal court to order the removal of the motto "In God We Trust" from U.S. coins and currency. According to the report, Newdow says that the motto "violates the religious rights of atheists who belong to his 'First Amendment Church of True Science.'"



Isn't a church supposed to be a place of worship? If so, can someone please tell me to whom the prayers go in an atheist church. If it is to "true science," then I'm afraid these folks are wasting their time. I don't recall "true science" answering anyone's prayers.

America is a land of rights and freedoms. It's time that the freedoms and rights of God-fearing Americans are not only protected, but also respected. If we continue to push God away from America, then one day, He might actually leave. Then, the country will truly be lost.

Bible Ban Controversy Swirls at University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

It's the controversy about religion on campus that won't go away, with fresh salvos fired today from both sides.

On July 26, an University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (UWEC) administrator banned resident assistants (RAs) from leading private, non-school-sponsored Bible studies in their dorms out of concern that students might feel "judged" and that Bible study-leading RAs might not be sufficiently "approachable."

Undergraduate RA Lance Steiger contacted the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), which on October 10 asked UWEC Interim Chancellor Vicki Lord Larson to lift the Bible study ban. Receiving no response, FIRE took the case public on November 2, resulting in public outcry and condemnation of the policy from state and national lawmakers.

In a November 8 letter, the University of Wisconsin's general counsel justified the Bible study ban by claiming that UWEC has "consistently followed" a "viewpoint neutral" policy prohibiting RAs from organizing or leading "all organization [sic] or activities." <http://www.newsmax.com/archives/ic/2005/11/15/171725.shtml?et=y>

Lawmakers join Weldon in calling for testimony on Able Danger By [Roxana Tiron](#)

Rep. Curt Weldon (R-Pa.) has gathered at least 202 Congress members' signatures for a request that participants of an intelligence cell that may have identified some of the Sept. 11 ringleaders a year before the attacks be allowed to testify before Congress.

Weldon has been leading the crusade for months, but his colleagues, several of them prominent members of the GOP conference, now appear to be listening.

Weldon plans to send the letter to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld in the coming days requesting that he allow the participants in the cell known as "Able Danger" to testify in open congressional hearings.

So far, the officers involved in the intelligence cell have not been allowed to testify in the only hearing on the topic, which the Senate Judiciary Committee held in early fall.

Weldon, who has been waging a war against the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) almost single-handedly, now has the signatures of more than 100 GOP members and 80 Democrats for the letter. At press time, Weldon was still gathering signatures from his colleagues.

Weldon also hopes to obtain signatures from some Senators before the letter is sent, according to his spokesperson.

Among those signing Weldon's letter are House Majority Leader Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), Homeland Security Chairman Peter King (R-N.Y.), Government Reform Chairman Tom Davis (R-Va.), Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman Don Young (R-Alaska), Small Business Chairman Donald Manzullo (R-Ill.) and Science Committee Chairman Sherwood Boehlert (R-N.Y.), as well as Reps. Henry Bonilla (R-Texas) and John Linder (R-Ga.).

There are also several members of the Armed Services Committee, including Reps. Trent Franks (R-Ariz.), Rob Simmons (R-Conn.), Roscoe Bartlett (R-Md.) and Todd Akin (R-Mo.). By press time, Duncan Hunter (R-Calif.), the panel's chairman, was not among the signatories.

Among the approximately 80 Democrats signing the letter are Reps. John Murtha (Pa.), ranking member on the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee; Ike Skelton (Mo.), ranking member of the Armed Services Committee; Mike McIn-

tyre (N.C.); and Ellen Tauscher (Calif.).

Weldon has accused the DIA, a unit of the Pentagon, of trying to keep the information that the intelligence unit discovered under wraps.

The military revoked the security clearance of one of the officers, Army Reserve Lt. Col. Anthony Shaffer, who was scheduled to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee. The Pentagon said his clearance was revoked for a series of alleged violations of military rules, none of them related to whistle-blowing. Pentagon officials also have refused to allow Navy Capt. Scott Phillpott, another officer with knowledge of the Able Danger findings, to testify.

"Until this point, congressional efforts to investigate Able Danger have been obstructed by Department of Defense insistence that certain individuals with knowledge of Able Danger will be prevented from freely and frankly testifying in an open hearing," Weldon wrote in the letter to Rumsfeld.

"We of course would never support any activity that might compromise sensitive information involving national security.

However, we firmly believe that testimony from the appropriate individuals in an open hearing on Able Danger would not only fail to jeopardize national security, but would in fact enhance it over the long term."

Weldon said he believes that the DIA stifled crucial information about Mohammed Atta, who became the lead Sept. 11 terrorist, and then destroyed related documents. He also said that the Sept. 11 commission, which was appointed to investigate the attacks and the intelligence failure involved in them, disregarded information it received from Able Danger members.

Weldon has said he learned that a secret program known as Able Danger was put into place in 1999 and 2000 by the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and by the general in charge of the Special Forces Command. It was devoted to uncovering key cells of al Qaeda globally, giving the military the capability to destroy those cells.

Weldon told The Hill last month that he believes the DIA is carrying out a smear campaign against Shaffer, who spoke the truth about the cell.

<http://www.hillnews.com/thehill/export/TheHill/News/Frontpage/111705/weldon.html>

USSC: CONSTITUTION V. STARE DECISIS

"Supreme Court Justices take an oath not to stare decisis but to the Constitution. If stare decisis becomes a more fundamental doctrine than the Constitution itself, then we've lost it for good. The senators' interest in stare decisis as the trumping principle of constitutional interpretation is transparently dishonest. If they take preserving precedent so seriously, why do they routinely call on judges to disregard antique laws and rulings? Indeed, their antiquity—that these laws preceded

our new age of enlightenment—is treated by these politicians as an argument-ending proof against them. Even more basically, if precedent is so sacred, why isn't the original meaning of the Constitution a precedent worthy of respect? Stare decisis has become a euphemism for the expectation that justices will bow before those great moments in liberal jurisprudence when the court rejected stare decisis to invent a new right or declare settled laws unconstitutional according to

'evolving standards' of indecency. Under this willful construction of stare decisis, a liberal judge who disregards a precedent he dislikes is not in violation of 'the doctrine'; only conservative judges who reject precedents of liberal courts can be... Rule by stare decisis is not rule by law but rule by judges." —George Neumayr

Editor's Note: The article above came from <http://federalistpatriot.us/> and their e-mail newsletter. A good read and we suggest you subscribe.





What the Income Tax Form used to look like.

INCOME TAX

RETURN OF ANNUAL NET INCOME OF INDIVIDUALS

UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE

RETURN OF NET INCOME RECEIVED OR ACCRUED DURING THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 191...

Filed by for (self) _____ of _____ (Name and address)

in the City, Town, or Post Office of _____ (State of _____)

1. Gross Income (see page 6, line 10) _____

2. Deductions (see page 6, line 11) _____

3. Net Income _____

4. Dividends and net savings interest or amount of interest from the United States (see page 6, line 12) _____

5. Amount of interest on which the normal tax has been calculated and withheld at the source (see page 6, line 4, column 2) _____

6. Special allowance of \$1,000 or \$4,000, as the case may be (see Instructions 3 and 4) _____

Total deductions and exemptions (lines 2, 4, and 6) _____

7. Taxable Income as a result of the normal tax of 1 per cent to be calculated (see Instruction 5) _____

8. When the net income shown above on line 3 exceeds \$2,000, the additional tax thereon must be calculated at per centable below:

1 per cent on amount over \$2,000 and not exceeding \$5,000	2 per cent	3 per cent
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Total additional or extra tax		
Total normal tax (1 per cent of amount entered on line 7)		
Total tax liability		

WHEN PLANNING ISN'T DONE

The Democrats in Michigan and in Washington, D. C. keep advocating an increase in taxes to help pay for whatever. Meanwhile, the citizen sees his savings diminish and all the money put in Social Security lessen in value. Retirement age has been raised, not because modern man lives longer, allegedly, but because of excessively poor planning on the part of those elected to oversee such programs.

The federal excise tax on gasoline is 18.3 cents and the Michigan gas tax is 52.4 cents per gallon, or a total of 70.7 cents per gallon in 2002. Gas is a commodity that Americans don't use primarily because they want to, they use it because they have to. The auto industry has failed to come up with an efficient gasoline engine.

The gas taken out of the ground that is odorless and colorless until some odors are added to it is commonly called Natural Gas. The Natural Gas companies laid miles of gas lines to feed into homes and now they say the demand is too high so the prices have to go up.

The public school system is far more concerned about indoctrination of the children than of teaching them. They even have educational components dealing with collective bargaining, but not balancing a check book, applying for a loan and investing.

The vocal minority wants God out of the Pledge of Allegiance, "IN GOD WE TRUST" off of our currency and an end to any religious activities and holidays; they contribute to the decay of the nation rather than provide for an enlightening growth.

The costs of auto and health care insurances have increased dramatically over the years, primarily because there was no cooperative catastrophic fund created by the companies and the neglect by the government to ensure such fund was developed.

Every aspect of America that is bad is a direct result of no planning or any vision beyond what's in it for me today. Politicians lay blame and rally the people to whine, but none stand on the mountain top espousing a plan that would make the world better. It is disappointing.

http://www.energy.ca.gov/gasoline/statistics/gas_taxes_by_state_2002.html

OUT TAKE FROM "HOWARD DEAN FINALLY GAGS HIMSELF" (J. GRANT SWANK, JR.)

Truthfully, we all have come to realize that the Dem Party is a killing party. It kills the unborn babies. It kills traditional, biblical definitions of marriage, sexuality, femininity, masculinity and family. It kills off the Judeo-Christian American heritage. It kills off the biblical morality of right and wrong. It kills off freedom of religious expression throughout America. It kills off decency in favor of low-brow lifestyles. It kills off the elderly and crippled with a Yes for euthanasia.

The Republican Party makes known its platform of defending the unborn babies in females' wombs. That's life. It defends traditional, biblical understanding of the marital state, sexual ethics, femininity and masculinity and family life. That's life. It recalls for this generation and future generations the Judeo-Christian heritage of the United States of America. That's life. It stands for right and wrong as set forth in the divine revelation. That's life. It seeks for all religious expression in the secular market place. That's life. It stands for decency in entertainment. That's life. And it defends the elderly and handicapped. That's life.

http://www.michnews.com/artman/publish/article_10305.shtml

WINTER DRIVING TIPS by Jim Hafeman—U. P. Law Enforcement Veteran



CLEAR VISIBILITY REQUIRED. If you park your vehicle in a garage, you may not have too much concern about clear windows initially. However, most people get to work or go to the store and end up with a vehicle covered with snow and ice. Start your vehicle, roll down two of the vehicle's windows approximately 1 inch and turn the defroster fan on high. While your vehicle idles, brush the snow and scrape the ice off your vehicle.

ALWAYS ENSURE YOUR EXHAUST PIPE IS CLEAR. Never back your car into a snow bank and if you accidentally do so, make sure no snow is packed in the exhaust pipe.

NEVER pour warm or hot water on your windows to melt off the snow or ice; they'll shatter and really cause some significant reduction in visibility and will really leave you out in the cold.

CRACK YOUR WINDOWS. If you find yourself sitting in your vehicle, crack the windows and put the defroster fan on high. (The cracked windows prevents carbon monoxide from building up in the vehicle and it is always a good practice anytime your vehicle idles; summer or winter.)

NEVER idle your vehicle in an enclosed area such as a garage. Start your vehicle and drive it out of the enclosed area to idle or warm up. Be sure to crack the windows and put the defroster fan on high.

SLOW DOWN. During the first sign of winter roads, adjust your speed to a comfortable, safe speed. Eventually you will become more confident and can maintain a safe speed. Be leery of those drivers that are overconfident; they're the ones that cause accidents by driving too fast and making abrupt driving maneuvers.

PLENTY OF SPACE. When traveling behind other motorists the rule is one car length per ten miles per hour. During winter road conditions, double that distance to two car lengths per ten miles per hour.

NEVER SPIN THE TIRES. Spinning the tires on a vehicle will cause the tire to heat up, melt snow beneath it and create ice, and will considerably diminish traction.

NEVER USE CRUISE CONTROL ON SLIPPERY ROADS. Do not use your vehicle's cruise control on slippery roads, whether icy or during heavy rains. The tires may lose traction when your vehicle accelerates to maintain the predetermined speed.

SHIFT OUT OF OVERDRIVE TO DRIVE. On slippery roads, especially during windy conditions or when the terrain is not flat, overdrive should be disengaged. The higher end drive gear may require your vehicle to downshift to a lower gear, creating an acceleration on your vehicle's drive tires. The sudden downshift acceleration may cause your tires to lose traction and spin your car.

PULLING OUT INTO TRAFFIC. Keeping the "never spin the tires" in mind, you have to learn to take your time. Allow extra distance between you and traffic so that when leaving the street you will not have to spin your vehicle's tires. Keep in mind when crossing a divided highway, you may have to get across two lanes of traffic and stop before making a left turn. Don't over accelerate and slide across the median into the path of the other cross traffic.

RIGHT FOOT BRAKE ONLY. Never use your left foot to apply the brake!!! There are two reasons to avoid this practice. First, the left foot is not conditioned to provide a steady or constant pressure on a brake designed for the right foot. Second, by leaving the right foot on or near the accelerator, you run the risk of adding to the push of the vehicle by the engine. Numerous accidents have been caused by left foot braking; the vehicle's brake had locked up or the slight delay that it takes to bring a foot at rest into action may significantly increase the braking distance.

AVOID LOCKING YOUR BRAKES. Slowing down before turns and anticipating a need to brake can keep you from sliding out of control. Brake before your turn or before making any evasive action maneuvers. Locked tires go straight ahead, rotating tires may allow you to turn.

ABS — ANTI-LOCK BRAKING SYSTEM. The ABS feature on today's vehicles are far more prevalent than ever. The use of ABS requires a special discipline, especially for those of us who were taught to "pump" the brakes on bad roads. ABS requires a steady, non-releasing pressure that allows the computer to determine the slippage of the tires. [There is one problem with some Ford ABS, in colder weather (<15° F) the computer may send a signal to a brake, usually the rear brakes.]

SLAP-TO-NEUTRAL. Vehicles equipped with automatic transmissions have one safety feature that makes winter driving a little more safe. While in your driveway or in a parking lot, place your foot on the brake and shift into drive. With your foot on the brake, hit your shifter up, for steering wheel mounted shifters, or forward for console mounted shifters. You'll find that the transmission will not pass neutral; that is until you pull the shifter forward or depress the button on the shifter respectively. You may need to use this if your vehicle seems to be pushing you forward while you're trying to stop. During colder weather engines may idle a little faster or take a bit longer to slow. This can propel your vehicle's drive train and diminish the vehicle's braking distance.

CUT A PATH. There may come a time when you need to drive through deep snow. Whether backing out of your driveway or pulling away from a curb in deep snow, take incremental steps to ensure you exit safely. As an example, backing out of your garage. (We can assume your windows are clear and you can see in all directions.) Back out of the garage slowly and in a straight line until you feel your car slowing. Stop and drive ahead in the same tracks approximately five feet and again back up using the same tracks until you again feel your vehicle slow. Repeat these steps until you are safely on the street. If you need to cut through a snow bank left by a snowplow, do less at a time; allowing your bumper and undercarriage to make a cut through the snow bank.

ICE IS ICE. If the roads are icy or had the snow packed smooth, get off the roads until the road crews disburse salt and/or sand on the roads. There are multiple problems that you may expose yourself to during these hazardous conditions, 1) other drivers with no common sense, 2) road crews trying to disburse the salt and/or sand, 3) fallen trees or power lines and 4) diminished visibility because of freezing rain on your windows. Unless you're an emergency vehicle operator, there is no reason to be out driving.

MAKING RUTS & STAYING IN RUTS: If you are the one creating the first ruts, stay right of center and keep a steady, straight path. Others should follow in the same ruts, keeping their left side in the rut. Various vehicle widths will open up ruts.

BRIDGES AND OVERPASSES. You know those signs that say "bridge may be icy" - chances are very good they can be very icy. Keep in mind that temperatures must be at least in the 20s for salt to work. Bridges and overpasses are exposed to winds and do not have any benefit of the ground's thermal/radiant energy. When crossing a bridge or overpass, keep your speed constant and do not turn your steering wheel; drive straight ahead. If there is a turn on the bridge or overpass, be sure to slow enough to make it safely through the turn.

ELBOW REST. While driving down the road, it is strongly suggested that you keep your elbow on the elbow rest. This practice will prevent you from accidentally making an abrupt movement or drifting off course, requiring an abrupt compensating redirection. When possible, place both elbows on an elbow rest. This technique may also prevent you from making a panic steer to avoid animals that dart onto the road - it is better to hit an animal than driving into a ditch or into oncoming traffic.

HAZARDOUS VEHICLES. Pickup trucks, bobtail semis and semi-tractors with trailers are highly susceptible to losing traction on slippery roads. Drivers of these types of vehicles need to take additional precautions while driving. Like autos, avoid acceleration while crossing bridges or an overpasses. Pickup trucks are notorious for loss of traction because of the light weight over the rear axle; adding weight may help, but caution must be maintained. Semi-tractors with trailers have a problem with slowing down, the trailer may begin to sway—speeding up is required to straighten out the trailer. Second trailers, or pups, should not be used on icy or snow covered slippery roads. (Drivers of autos and SUVs need to be aware of these hazards and should back off or if witnessed in the rearview mirror, speed ahead of the swaying trailer.)

NEVER try to pass a vehicle that is swaying on slippery roads.

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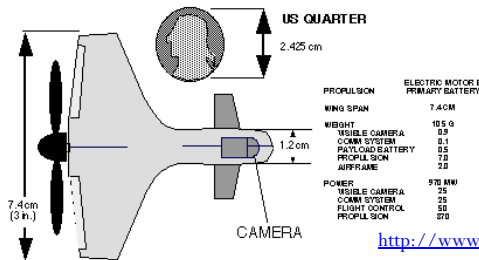
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WARNING: WE DON'T OWN AMERICA AND THAT SUCKS!

Excerpts from Mr. TAYLOR (D) of Mississippi (July 16, 2003): In just the past 12 months, you have increased the national debt by \$544 billion. More importantly, you have stolen \$371 billion from the Social Security trust fund. Mr. Speaker, the reason I say stolen is if you take it back and you do not have a plan to repay it, it is stealing. If someone pays on their payroll taxes toward Social Security, they fully expect it to be put in a trust fund just for Social Security and that it is going to be sitting there for when they need it.

That is not the plan, Mr. Speaker. I would encourage you or any of my colleagues to tell me the name of the bank account that the Social Security trust fund is put in. Because you know and I know there is not a dime in it. It is nothing but IOUs, government securities.

You have borrowed \$167 billion from Medicare, the same thing. Hard-working Americans pay payroll taxes. On that payroll tax is a line item that goes to Medicare with the promise that it would be set aside just for their retirement. There is not a penny there.

Military retirement, the Federal employees' retirement, we owe the Federal employees' retirement system, Mr. Speaker, over \$500 billion. There are laws that would have prevented you back when you were in your medical practice from dipping into your employees' retirement fund for any reason, good or bad. If you had done so, you would have gone to jail. There is not a penny in the Federal employees' retirement fund. Yet you continue to borrow against it to disguise the true nature of the American debt.

You borrowed \$314 billion from foreign investors, and my buddy

from Cuba will love this one, because you have borrowed \$52.5 billion from Communist China. You have borrowed \$122 billion from Japan. We now owe \$1.3 trillion to foreign nations and investors, including \$122 billion to Communist China. Tell me you are proud of that. Tell me the Republican majority is proud that we owe \$122 billion to China and that \$50 billion a year of American tax dollars go to pay interest on what we owe just to foreigners like the Communist Chinese. Our children will have to pay back China, Japan, our foreign creditors before they can even get back to paying what we should have paid all along to Social Security, Medicare and the retirement funds. They have to repay our debts before they ever repay theirs.

<http://www.house.gov/genetaylor/floor07-16-03.htm>

One of the best things President Bush can do before he leaves the White House is to forgive the interest on our national debt.

Secondly, congress needs to pass an immediate bill to prevent any foreign owned bonds and notes from earning any more than the original value. We are the foreign investors with our dedicated military and our generous grants and donations; we are not in need of foreign investing. That is until the Clintons went to Washington. Now all the financial disparities lies on the shoulders of the Republicans who occupy the Senate, House and White House.

In terms of national security, our dollar isn't worth the crumple to wipe a foreigner's butt. We must go back on the gold standard with a value of 1/500th of an ounce for each American dollar—Congress has that authority.

It appears we are being setup.