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MERRY CHRISTMAS

In the name of political correctness the trainers of Australian department store Santas have banned their Santa Claus candidates from saying Ho-Ho-Ho because it might frighten small children. More than likely the real reason is that it may offend their women; the new laugh is Ha-Ha-Ha. We could pretty much see that one coming since Santa started to listen to rap music.

Meanwhile back in the United States, those chosen few who were seated as our judicial advocates for the Constitution have been deciding to go ahead and legislate from the bench against Nativity scenes, the Ten Commandments, and the use of the term God in public venues.

The Christmas Tree has been renamed the Holiday Tree and stores have advised their employees to say Happy Holidays instead of Merry Christmas.

Conglomerations like Wal*Mart have had their Holiday decorations on display since the first of October. Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, officially launched the Holiday season.

Since the church pews remain sparsely populated during the rest of the year, it would stand to reason that scripture would play less and less of a role in the season.

The excitement of Christmas induced on the faces of the young and the young at heart has bled over to a highly profitable commercialized enterprise. The sales at Wal*Mart alone during the 30-days after Black Friday could feed the entire Chinese Army for a year.

But, to dwell on all the reinvention of Christianity and societal traditions would make us a Scrooges, so let's move on.

Christmas offers us a time of very personal and sincere reflection on our mortality and hope for an eternal life.

In terms of family, generosity, charity and a sense of spiritual salvation, Christmas possibly remains the ultimate time of year when there is an increase in personal values. Only Easter is able to trump Christmas for a sense of spiritual salvation, but both celebrations evolve around one central theme; the Lord Jesus the Christ.

Whenever we seriously define ourselves as a nation we have one constant among most of the citizens; a respectful belief in God. Even though several modern factions have grown in different directions, there remains but one truth; God is the Creator, the Provider, the Sustainer and our hope for eternal salvation. Among the most learned Christians there is also the reality that everything we have belongs to God and it is only ours temporarily; ashes-to-ashes, dust-to-dust.

The one thing that God has given us that is ours forever is our soul. However, He has given us a choice; to keep our soul or to offer it to God to keep forever. Our religious preference is of course to give our soul to God along with the dedication of our short life here on earth.

Faith is not a clearly defined emotion nor an understandable belief, it is more of a devout understanding and confidence that God is ever present in our life and will never abandoned us unless we conscientiously and deliberately choose to abandon Him. He will also be there and He will always provide that which we need.

We communicate with God through prayer and meditation. We ask for guidance, direction and that we may fulfill our assigned purpose. But, we qualify our requests by concluding with the understanding that our prayers be answered only if it is God's Will.



In those most trying moments in our life we often turn to God as most Americans had done on September 11, 2001. The fact that we went onto bent knee and had found comfort in God may have been this nation's saving Grace. Among those who had prayed they have been given God's blessing of insight; we can more clearly see what is good and what is evil. But like all gifts given to us by God, if we fail to use it the way it was intended it will be taken from us.

Finally, as we enter into the Christmas Season, we need to accept that all that no matter what burdens we bear there is a reason for them and they are personally ours, yet shared by God. Ours is not to ever question the purpose or reason behind God's Will, but to accept it with full faith. That will serve as our hope for salvation.

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in
Christmas

Knights of Columbus



Happy
Birthday
Jesus!



Primarily about the Primary

By J. C. Powers

In an amazing feat of bi-partisanship, the Michigan GOP has become just one more ally of the Democrat Party, joining forces in an attempt to nullify and subjugate the average legal voting citizen. In a December 4, 2007 press release, exactly 13 months before the November 4, 2008 election, Michigan GOP Chair Saul Anuzis lauded the most recent bi-partisan plan, which he helped develop with Democratic National Chairperson Debbie Dingell. The plan was designed to address the time frames for presidential primaries.

The plan calls for dividing the nation into six primary regions. The order for when each region would hold their primary will be based on a lottery. Fourteen months before a scheduled presidential election, the Democrats and Republicans would draw the order in which the primaries would be held in each region. This strongly suggests that the GOP will hold their presidential primaries on the same day as the Democrats in six different regions. There seems to be a lot more to the story.

The worst fear for Democrats is the popular movement by other states in adopting a Republican-like, voter-driven, primary election. The Democrats needed an ally to prevent an all-out voter coup which would turn the presidential candidate selection process over to the citizens; they may have found one GOP ally, Saul Anuzis.

Even though the Republican leadership has yet to officially declare, they're becoming more in favor of a closed-caucus primary over a voter-driven primary, the regional primary plan points toward that transition. Caucus-driven primaries eliminate the average voter from the mix. It consists of appointing pre-selected Party activists and loyalists to gather at state party conventions to cast their "informed" votes.

Like the Democrats, the evidentiary goal of the Republican Party is to eventually eliminate the least-fit common denominators in its Presidential Primaries; the least-fit common denominator being the average patriotic conservative voter. Much like opening up the Constitution, opening up the discussion of protocol for primary elections, especially through negotiation and compromise with the opposing Democrat forces, is a dangerous practice for the free-man Republican Party.

Compromise is one of the key factors for the failure of the Republicans to hold onto their control of Congress in 2006. Compromise is the reason why the Republicans always end-up in the minority. Compromising principles helps the Democrats to win. When the Democrats win, the nation loses. If Republicans have no aspirations and only desire to remain in the minority for another forty years, then opting into various agreements with the Democrats is the way to go.

It certainly appears as if the GOP, which was founded on the principles of dedication in providing a political venue for the average citizen and the oppressed in society, will become nothing more than another political Party with pitiful and delusional claims that they too represent the common man. But the Michigan GOP leadership has already established a track record that contradicts the common-man theory.

In 2000, Senator and presidential candidate hopeful John McCain took exception to the dominance of GOP

leadership in determining the most favored son. "What is the point of having an election if party bosses in the back rooms can ultimately control the outcome", asked McCain spokesman Todd Harris.

The 2006 GOP primary race for U. S. Senator had three honorable contenders, Reverend Keith Butler, Dr. Jerry Zandstra and Sheriff Mike Bouchard. Sheriff Bouchard was the State Party's most favorite son in the Senate race. Many believe the State Party realized that in a three-way race, Keith Butler would probably come out on top. The only tactic to squelch the possibility of Dr. Zandstra becoming the spoiler would be to challenge just enough signatures on his nominating petition to keep him off the ballot.

A Lansing attorney, whose office was around the corner from Saul Anuzis, challenged just enough signatures to invalidate the petitions. The challenge was so close to the filing deadline that Dr. Zandstra was unable to recuperate from the contested signatures. His pleas for an appeal and independent validation of the signatures also fell on deaf ears in the Secretary's of State office. Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land had already publicized her support for Sheriff Bouchard. Therefore, Dr. Zandstra did not qualify to be on the ballot. Suspicions were raised among uncommitted Party insiders about the involvement of the Michigan GOP leadership in the recruitment of the signature-challenging attorney, erecting hurdles of indifference and the ultimate nullification of Dr. Zandstra's petitions.

During the early days of the 2008 presidential primary race, Michigan GOP Party Chair Saul Anuzis placed an order to prohibit Congressman Dr. Ron Paul from participating in any future GOP Presidential debates. The call came after Dr. Ron Paul made an observation about our nation's involvement in the Middle East and was subsequently belittled by the Democrat-Republican candidate Rudy Giuliani. The backlash by Ron Paul supporters was so intense that Saul Anuzis had to issue an apology and rescind his request. This was not the first time the GOP leadership manipulated the political system to better serve their developing neo-con ideologies.

Most politically astute voters may recall the political atrocities that occurred during the 1996 GOP presidential primary. Atlanta police detained presidential candidate, U. S. Ambassador Dr. Alan Keyes, when he tried to force his way into the GOP presidential debate, to which he had not been invited. Dr. Keyes was effectively locked-out of the debates by the GOP leadership.

Dr. Alan Keyes finally attended a GOP debate in Iowa this year. Dr. Alan Keyes exhibited passion and pointed out the failings of the entire Republican Party. The GOP certainly didn't want someone to go up on stage and point out the Party's infidelities and weaknesses. Dr. Alan Keyes let everyone know that the Party is in trouble and more importantly, the nation is on the precipice of moral and political disaster. After the Iowa GOP Debate the Republican leadership went on the airwaves and asked how Alan Keyes was invited to participate. Even the King of the Neo-cons, Rush Limbaugh, was distraught over the presence of Dr. Keyes on the same stage as the most favored sons.

In another recent development, the race for the 1st Congressional District may end up being a three-way race for the GOP nomination. Former underground miner, farmer and businessman Don Hooper of Iron River will challenge logging truck operator and State Representative Tom Casperson of Escanaba. The two of them may face attorney Linda Goldthrope, a matter-of-fact-type Republican from McMillan and an undeclared candidate in the August 2008 primary.

Don Hooper has been down this road several times, initially winning the primary in 2002; he has since been challenging Congressman Bart Stupak every two years. Although Mr. Hooper has been the sole GOP candidate during the past three elections, he has never received any funds or support from the State GOP Committee, the National GOP or the Republican Congressional Committee.

This time around Mr. Hooper wrote to Chairman Saul Anuzis in advance and rightly demanded equal financial considerations during the primary contest. Chair Anuzis responded that the State Committee has already endorsed Tom Casperson. Anuzis justified their ability to do so by citing Rule Number 11 of the Republican National Committee:

RULE NO. 11 Candidate Support

(a) *The Republican National Committee shall not, without the prior written and filed approval of all members of the Republican National Committee from the state involved, contribute money or in-kind aid to any candidate for any public or party office except the nominee of the Republican Party or a candidate who is unopposed in the Republican primary after the filing deadline for that office. In those states where state law establishes a non-partisan primary in which Republican candidates could participate, but in which the general election may not include a Republican candidate, the candidate endorsed by a convention held under the authority of the state Republican Party shall be recognized by the Republican National Committee as the Republican nominee.*

The traditional policy adopted by most political organizations is to not give a Party endorsement to any candidate until after the primary election, at least not until the filing deadline had passed to see if anyone else files to run. Evidently this policy has been compromised. National Committeeman Chuck Yob, who recently signed-on to a Party endorsement of Tom Casperson, indicated he did so because he was not informed by the State GOP leadership that there are other Republican candidates in the process of circulating their nominating petitions. Republican National Committeewoman Holly Hughes may have been blindsided by Saul Anuzis as well.

The residuals from the delusions of grandeur among Party elitists are a threat to the Republic and to the very principles of republicanism. In combination with aspirations of empire-building and the nudging toward state party-controlled caucuses to select an individual to run for President on any Party's ticket, individuals like Sam Nunn, Dr. Ron Paul, and Dr. Alan Keyes would certainly not be considered for their Party's nomination.

Americans understand that unity for the purpose of tyranny is unacceptable. Our forefathers had been down that road and had to fight vigorously when the road narrowed to the point where more than one ideology could not pass. Our road once again narrows.



IPCC must come clean on real numbers of scientist supporters The UN Climate Change Numbers Hoax

By Tom Harris: John McLean Friday, December 14, 2007

<http://canadafreepress.com/printpage.php>

It's an assertion repeated by politicians and climate campaigners the world over - '2,500 scientists of the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) agree that humans are causing a climate crisis'.

But it's not true. And, for the first time ever, the public can now see the extent to which they have been misled. As lies go, it's a whopper. Here's the real situation.

Like the three IPCC 'assessment reports' before it, the Fourth Assessment Report (AR4) released during 2007 (upon which the UN climate conference in Bali was based) includes the reports of the IPCC's three working groups. Working Group I (WG I) is assigned to report on the extent and possible causes of past climate change as well as future 'projections'. Its report is titled "The Physical Science Basis". The reports from working groups II and III are titled "Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability" and "Mitigation of Climate Change" respectively, and since these are based on the results of WG I, it is crucially important that the WG I report stands up to close scrutiny.

There is, of course serious debate among scientists about the actual technical content of the roughly 1,000-page WG I report, especially its politically motivated Summary for Policymakers which is often the only part read by politicians and non-scientists. The technical content can be difficult for non-scientists to follow and so most people simply assume that if that large numbers of scientists agree, they must be right.

Consensus never proves the truth of a scientific claim, but is somehow widely believed to do so for the IPCC reports, so we need to ask how many scientists really did agree with the most important IPCC conclusion, namely that humans are causing significant climate change--in other words the key parts of WG I?

The numbers of scientist reviewers involved in WG I is actually less than a quarter of the whole, a little over 600 in total. The other 1,900 reviewers assessed the other working group reports. They had nothing to say about the causes of climate change or its future trajectory. Still, 600 "scientific expert reviewers" sounds pretty impressive. After all, they submitted their comments to the IPCC editors who assure us that "all substantive government and expert review comments received appropriate consideration." And since these experts reviewers are all listed in Annex III of the report, they must have endorsed it, right?

Wrong.

or the first time ever, the UN has ****released on the Web** the comments of reviewers who assessed the drafts of the WG I report and the IPCC editors' re-

sponses. This release was almost certainly a result of intense pressure applied by "hockey-stick" co-debunker Steve McIntyre of Toronto and his allies. Unlike the other IPCC working groups, WG I is based in the U.S. and McIntyre had used the robust Freedom of Information legislation to request certain details when the full comments were released.

An examination of reviewers' comments on the last draft of the WG I report before final report assembly (i.e. the 'Second Order Revision' or SOR) completely debunks the illusion of hundreds of experts diligently poring over all the chapters of the report and providing extensive feedback to the editing teams. Here's the reality.

A total of 308 reviewers commented on the SOR, but only 32 reviewers commented on more than three chapters and only five reviewers commented on all 11 chapters of the report. Only about half the reviewers commented more than one chapter. It is logical that reviewers would generally limit their comments to their areas of expertise but it's a far cry from the idea of thousands of scientists agreeing to anything.

Compounding this is the fact that IPCC editors could, and often did, ignore reviewers' comments. Some editor responses were banal and others showed inconsistencies with other comments. Reviewers had to justify their requested changes but the responding editors appear to have been under no such obligation. Reviewers were sometimes flatly told they were wrong but no reasons or reliable references were provided. In other cases reviewers tried to dilute the certainty being expressed and they often provided supporting evidence, but their comments were often flatly rejected. Some comments were rejected on the basis of a lack of space - an incredible assertion in such an important document. The attitude of the editors seemed to be that simple corrections were accepted, requests for improved clarity tolerated but the assertions and interpretations that appear in the text were to be defended against any challenge.

An example of rampant misrepresentation of IPCC reports is the frequent assertion that 'hundreds of IPCC scientists' are known to support the following statement, arguably the most important of the WG I report, namely "Greenhouse gas forcing has very likely caused most of the observed global warming over the last 50 years."

In total, only 62 scientists reviewed the chapter in which this statement appears, the critical chapter 9, "Understanding and Attributing Climate Change". Of the comments received from the 62 reviewers of this critical chap-

ter, almost 60% of them were rejected by IPCC editors. And of the 62 expert reviewers of this chapter, 55 had serious vested interest, leaving only seven expert reviewers who appear impartial.

Two of these seven were contacted by NRSP for the purposes of this article - Dr. Vincent Gray of New Zealand and Dr. Ross McKittrick of the University of Guelph, Canada. Concerning the "Greenhouse gas forcing ..." statement above, Professor McKittrick explained "A categorical summary statement like this is not supported by the evidence in the IPCC WG I report. Evidence shown in the report suggests that other factors play a major role in climate change, and the specific effects expected from greenhouse gases have not been observed."

Dr. Gray labeled the WG I statement as "Typical IPCC doubletalk" asserting "The text of the IPCC report shows that this is decided by a guess from persons with a conflict of interest, not from a tested model."

Determining the level of support expressed by reviewers' comments is subjective but a slightly generous evaluation indicates that just five reviewers endorsed the crucial ninth chapter. Four had vested interests and the other made only a single comment for the entire 11-chapter report. The claim that 2,500 independent scientist reviewers agreed with this, the most important statement of the UN climate reports released this year, or any other statement in the UN climate reports, is nonsense.

"The IPCC owe it to the world to explain who among their expert reviewers actually agree with their conclusions and who don't," says Natural Resources Stewardship Project Chair climatologist Dr. Timothy Ball. "Otherwise, their credibility, and the public's trust of science in general, will be even further eroded."

That the IPCC have let this deception continue for so long is a disgrace. Secretary General Ban Kai-Moon must instruct the UN climate body to either completely revise their operating procedures, welcoming dissenting input from scientist reviewers and indicating if reviewers have vested interests, or close the agency down completely. Until then, their conclusions, and any reached at the Bali conference based on IPCC conclusions, should be ignored entirely as politically skewed and dishonest.

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Michigan's Big, Enormous, Expensive Mistake

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, despite her four dismal years of previous service as Michigan's Governor was reelected.

The only real contender was Dick DeVos, the mild-mannered executive of Amway fame.

The citizens of Michigan must have thought it would be cute to reelect their flaky liberal chick, who would hire a Chief Operating Officer to fill her void of competence.

Crain's Detroit Business reported on the new partnership. Paraphrased, Granholm said Krichbaum, who assumed the duties of the new post on Dec. 10, will focus on the administration's efforts to streamline and reform government and will attempt to bring the Granholm administration together with public- and private-sectors' interests to help make government more business-friendly and cost-effective. Better late than never.

Obviously we would have had more bang for our buck with Governor Dick DeVos. Our State's economic situation continues to rapidly deteriorate, citizens are leaving the State to find decent jobs, and while industry is collapsing, Granholm courts bio-med and bio-fuel research to replace thousands of jobs with hundreds. Granholm is fiddling while Rome is burning.

So whom shall we blame for the woes in the State? Granholm previously blamed John Engler and then updated her blame to G. W. Bush in 2006. The two Democrat U. S. Senators remain unchallenged. Numerous other Democrats sent to Washington, DC are also impervious to the blame-game. There is a certainty that Granholm won't dare blame the Democrats in the State Houses. That leaves voters as the only ones to blame for screwing up the State.

There is no doubt if we gave the entire southeastern section of Michigan to Ohio and Marquette County to Canada, the State would recover from its Democrat-induced convulsions. But, every state has their bitter entities and all we can do is live with them while trying to help them become somewhat politically intelligent—but then we would have to restructure public education and ban the MEA in order to be successful.

As yellow-dog Democrats (those who would vote for a mangy yellow dog if it were on the ballot) are growing like social tumors, blue-dog Democrats, (conservatives like Zell Miller). are being forced out the Democrats' political process.

Michigan is tasting the results of what happens when socialists and communists are allowed to run amuck, especially as their representatives and governor.

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Polar Bears Threatened By Melting Glacier Ice Another Convenient Man-made Global Warming Lie By C. J. Williams

Last March, global warming fanatic Al Gore used a picture of two polar bears purportedly stranded on melting ice off the coast of Alaska as a visual aide to support his claim that man-made global warming is doing great harm to Mother Earth. The one he chose, but didn't offer to pay for until much later, turned out to be a photo of a mother polar bear and her cub out doing what healthy, happy polar bears do on a wave-eroded chunk of ice not all that far from shore in the Beaufort Sea north of Barstow, Alaska.

The picture, wrongly credited to Dan Crosbie, an ice observer specialist for the Canadian Ice Service, was actually taken by Amanda Byrd while she was on a university-related research cruise in August of 2004, a time of year when the fringe of the Arctic ice cap normally melts. Byrd, a marine biology grad student at the time, was gathering zooplankton for a multi-year study of the Arctic Ocean.

Crosbie, who was also on the trip, pilfered the photo from a shared computer onboard the Canadian ice-breaker where Ms. Byrd had downloaded her snapshots, and saved it in his personal file. Several months later, Crosbie, who is known to be an avid photographer, apparently gave it to the Canadian Ice Service, which then allowed Environment Canada to use the purloined photo as an illustration for an online magazine.

Today that photo, with credit given to photographer Dan Crosbie and the Canadian Ice Service, can be found all over the Internet, generally with the caption "Two polar bears are stranded on a chunk of melting ice". It's a hoax, folks. The bears, which can swim distances of 100 miles and more, weren't stranded; they were merely taking a break and watching the boat go by when a lady snapped their picture.



On Feb. 2, 2007 Denis Simard, a representative of Environment Canada, distributed that lady's photo to 7 media agencies, including the Associated Press, and timed it to coincide with the release of the United Nations' major global warming report in Paris, France on Feb 3rd. When the press called Simard in Paris to ask if it was his picture and could they print it, he says, "I gave them permission because Dan said it was his picture."

Al Gore saw the picture shortly thereafter and contrived to use it in a presentation about man-made global warming that he staged at a conference of human resource executives on March 22, 2007 in Toronto, Canada.

With an enlarged version of Amanda Byrd's polar bear picture on the screen behind him, Gore said, "Their habitat is melting... beautiful animals, literally being forced off the planet. They're in trouble, got nowhere else to go." Of course, after those words were spoken, the audience, being under the impression that polar bears are in imminent danger, gasped with concern and sympathy for the plight of the poor, pathetic polar bear population, whose diet, by the way, includes convenient humans, though attacks, like wolf-human attacks, are said to be rare.

According to Ms. Byrd, when she took the picture, the mother polar bear and its cub didn't appear to be in any danger. Even Denis Simard appears to have backedped-

aled when quoted by Ontario's National Post as saying that you "have to keep in mind that the bears aren't in danger at all. It was, if you will, their playground for 15 minutes. You know what I mean? This is a perfect picture for climate change, in a way, because you have the impression they are in the middle of the ocean and they are going to die with a coke in their hands. But they were not that far from the coast, and it was possible for them to swim." (The Coca Cola polar bears were introduced in 1992, and it would seem that Mr. Simard believes the bears drink it after a swim.)

Former Vice President Gore, who was awarded a 2007 Nobel Prize for drawing the world's attention to the dangers of global warming, as well as a coveted Hollywood Oscar in '07 for his documentary "An Inconvenient Truth", stands to make millions upon millions of dollars selling carbon offsets through his London based corporation, Generation Investment Management.

Gore, who apparently can't tell a drowning polar bear from one that's playing on an over-sized and wave-beaten ice cube, offered to pay non-Canadian Amanda Byrd for the use of her photo after the fact.

Perhaps the former University of Alaska-Fairbanks grad student and managing editor of "Mushing Magazine" let the world's global warming crier off the hook for super-sizing her photo, but others who used it without permission may not be so lucky.

Though she now charges from \$500 to \$700 for its use, Canadian courts will award a photographer as much as \$20,000 for each time one of his or her photos is published without permission and it's almost certain that Denis Simard and Dan Crosbie will be paying off Amanda's school loans.



The Gov's New COO

By C. J. Williams



It's official! The Great Take State has a new COO (Chief Operating Officer), charged by Gov. Granholm with the duty of helping her "blow us away", as she leads the state's residents into a golden age of opportunity and prosperity in her "New Michigan".

Now I don't know about you readers, but this voter was under the impression she was electing the state's

COO when casting her vote for governor during the November 2006 election.

According to the American Heritage Dictionary, the definition of "governor" is "a person who governs, especially the chief executive of a state in the U.S.; the manager or administrative head of an organization, business, or institution.

Has an innovative definition of "governor" been written into a new dictionary for the 21st Century, or shall we simply dismiss the foolish notion that a governor's office is the place from whence the business of the state emanates?

On Nov. 21st, Detroit News columnist Nolan Finley wrote that the idea of appointing a COO "was first put to Granholm late last summer by a group of women chief executives during a pair of come-to-Jesus meetings with the governor."

According to Finley, the lady CEO's advised Granholm to bring on a strong operating chief because they were disgruntled over the way she was handling the state's budget crisis. Their suggestion for an ideal man for the job was Kenneth Whipple who is highly regarded for his leadership skills under crisis conditions and has a proven track record as a CEO with CMS Energy and Ford Motor Co.

Apparently the Gov was listening with only one ear because in a Nov. 29th press release, literally dripping with honey-coated spin, she announced the appointment of Dan Krichbaum to "oversee the implementation of my (Granholm's) economic plan to ensure that all state departments work cohesively and aggressively to grow the state's economy, improve access to health care for all citizens, and ensure a high-quality, highly-educated workforce. Krichbaum's responsibility will go beyond those of a traditional COO as he focuses on the administration's continuing efforts to streamline and reform government, bringing together public and private sector interests to make government more cost effective and business-friendly."

Crain's Detroit Business writer Amy Lane best summed up Krichbaum's job description, sans smaltzy words, in her Nov. 29th article, 'Granholm names state COO': "Gov. Jennifer Granholm has named Southeast Michigan nonprofit leader Daniel Krichbaum to be her COO, overseeing the operations of the executive office and the enactment of Granholm's economic plan and priorities throughout state departments."

Krichbaum, a 65-year old ordained Methodist minister with a doctorate in education, will officially take over COO duty on Dec. 10th, wrenching himself away from his 11-year stint as President and CEO of the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity & Inclusion (MRDI).

MRDI is a Detroit-based non-profit human relations organization that works with business, university, and government clients to eliminate discrimination and racism. Its services include assistance "in building more inclusive communities, business, and institutions through diversity training, advocacy, conflict resolution, interfaith collaboration, youth leadership training, and community dialogue."

MRDI, formerly known as The National Conference for Community and Justice - Michigan Region until it was renamed in '06, was founded in 1940 as the Detroit Round Table of Catholics, Jews, and Protestants. It has a history of feeding off grants bestowed by many philanthropic foundations, including the John S. & James L. Knight, Kroger Co., Comcast, Skillman, and Andrus/Surdna Foundations, as well as the Hope Fund and Jewish Fund.

Now that the cat is out of the bag about Krichbaum's ties to non-profits, including the National Federation for Just Communities, some of his cronies are reinventing the wheel and claiming that the Gov's new COO has tapered off his Michigan Roundtable's dependence on sponsorships, grants, and personal contributions. He has, it's now said, made his nonprofit much more entrepreneurial, with fees charged for many services offered.

That being the case, he's sure to fit in quite nicely with Granholm and most of the Michigan legislators who, in addition to suffering from "taxitis", have also been infected with a severe case of the "fee frenzy fits".

As far as Krichbaum's business acumen, other than knowing how to operate a nonprofit and become the recipient of charitable giving, his purported talents as motivational COO material appear to have come from his former employment as a fund raiser for Detroit's WTVS-TV56 and as director of Detroit's parks and recreation department sometime during Coleman Young's 20-year tenure as the city's foul-mouthed mayor.

Now, after her announcement, Granholm's spin machine has again been hauled out to run interference with public furor over the creation of yet another government position, particularly at a time when any and all measures are being taken by her administration to rape the pocket of every Michigan taxpayer so as to fund her "visionary" programs and balance the state's perpetually out-of-whack budget.

In her original Nov. 29th press release, the Gov made no mention of replacing Mary Lannoye, her hastily departed Chief of Staff (COS) and third person to fill that position since 2003.

Prior to being appointed and taking a seat as the Gov's COS on Jan. 1, 2007, Lannoye had also been appointed by Granholm as State Budget Director, a position she held in the Engler administration from 1998 until she resigned in 2001. Her tenure as Granholm's Chief of Staff, however, was much shorter; she lasted only ten months and quit at the end of Oct.

Now it appears Lannoye's COS position will be eliminated and replaced by a COO, whose job description has been stretched so Krichbaum can multi-task as the Gov's COO-COS by overseeing the day-to-day operations of her administration, as well as by overseeing the implementation of her economic plan. While overseeing the plan,

he's to focus on her administration's continuing efforts to streamline and reform government.

Though those efforts have so far been unsuccessful during Granholm's disappointing five year reign, they apparently, according to the spin, will bring together public (government) and private sector interests to make government more cost effective and business-friendly, that is if you can call slapping an almost 22% surcharge on whatever tax a business might owe prior to taking any allowable tax credits being business-friendly.

Krichbaum's onerous double duty job, which he hardly seems qualified for, will pay the same annual salary of \$136,000 that his COS predecessor Lannoye would have earned had she managed to hang around for a full year.

In addition to creating a COO multi-task position it seems Granholm created a state "Explorer" position, too, because on Nov. 29th she also announced that Deloitte Financial Advisory Services (FAS), LLP, an international accounting and professional services firm, is going to provide the State of Michigan with the services of Mark Davidoff to "explore new and innovative ways to move Michigan forward".

Davidoff spent a dozen years as executive director and COO of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit (JFMD) until he was hired as a director with Deloitte in 2005 at the recommendation of Robert Naftaly.

Naftaly is a JFMD board member and former COO of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan who was appointed to the State Tax Commission by Granholm, serving as its Chairperson since 2003. He was also appointed as Budget Director to the gubernatorial transition team of then Governor-elect Granholm and is a board member of AAA Michigan where Susan Krichbaum, the wife of the Gov's new COO, serves as Community Relations Director. Naftaly was or is chairman of the Carl Levin for Congress Committee.

In 2006, Davidoff was moved from director, audit & enterprise risk services practice with Deloitte & Touche, LLP, Detroit to director, forensics & dispute services practice, Deloitte Financial Advisory Services LLP.

Yours truly highly recommends that folks with computers fully investigate the Deloitte & Touche USA and Global Website through the final link provided with this article, keeping in mind that the company plans to pay Davidoff's salary as he works to "explore new and innovative" ways to move Michigan out of the nation's gutter.

Said the Gov in her Nov. 29th press release, "After working hard to put our fiscal house in order this year, we have to find new and creative ways to move Michigan forward. I'm thankful to Deloitte for allowing the state this unique opportunity to leverage its resources and tap into the rich experience base and skill sets of Mark (Davidoff) and Deloitte as we explore ways to be even more nimble and aggressive in growing the economy."

Says yours truly, "Granholm's annual salary is \$177,000, minus the 5% or 10% she's opted not to take over the past five years, plus a \$60,000 expense account and health bennies. Now we have an overpaid governor who needs a COO and an Explorer to help get her Ship of State off the rocks where she grounded it. Perhaps the citizens of Michigan would have been better off with businessman Dick DeVos who already had a proven record as COO, COS, and CEO. Certainly, he couldn't have done much worse."



Radio Station Move in Question By J. C. Powers

On February 13, 2007, a company that has been operating under a management lease of radio station WUPY in Ontonagon moved the station, studio, and equipment without the prior knowledge and consent of WUPY's majority owners, Skip and Sandy Schulz. Skip and Sandy were on a snowmobile vacation in Idaho when they received a frantic telephone call from a close friend advising them of the coup.

Skip and Sandy immediately contacted the Ontonagon County Sheriff's Department and asked the authorities to prevent or at least halt the move until they could get back to town. Schulz's stated that they intended to immediately return to Ontonagon.

Ontonagon County Undersheriff Dale Rantala stated that he was shown a document that indicated Bay Broadcasting could remove the property and relocate it elsewhere, and no one from the Sheriff's Department did anything to stop the move or even oversee the removal of the property. The Schulz's then contacted Ontonagon County Prosecuting Attorney Jim Jessup who stated he could do nothing about the station being moved and advised the couple to get an attorney.

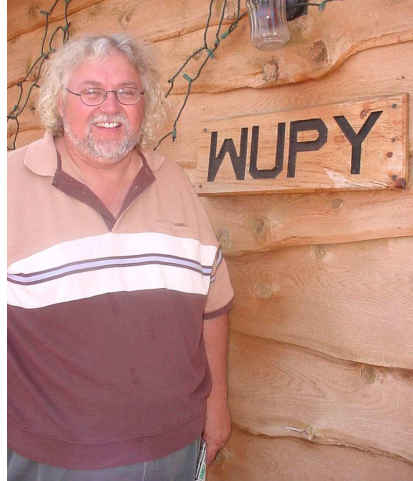
Within 24 hours of being notified that their majority-owned business property was being moved, the Schulz's returned from Idaho only to find everything from the station, including heavy satellite dishes, the station sign, and a microwave antenna, had all been moved. When asked by this writer if they had any idea this was going to take place, Skip and Sandy Schulz simply responded, "We had no idea whatsoever!"

The station was housed within the walls of their private home. Items from the studio and from Skip and Sandy's home were dismantled and moved to a vacant building previously purchased from former Ontonagon attorney J. Stephen Walker. Walker had been the corporate attorney for the Schulz's 100% owned WUPY until the couple sold 49% of their stock to Bay Broadcasting Inc. In 2005, retaining 51% in SNRN Broadcasting Inc. SNRN Broadcasting, also known as the Snow News Radio Network, is the licensee of WUPY Radio.

Bay Broadcasting had signed a 5-year Local Marketing Agreement (LMA) with the Schulz's. Bay Broadcasting retained the services of Walker for other legal matters, and Walker remained the Corporate Attorney for SNRN Broadcasting. Walker, who has since moved to the Chicago area, sold his vacant office building in a now isolated part of town to Bay Broadcasting for \$117,500.

Since the questionable take-over and move of WUPY last February, it's been learned that Bay Broadcasting ceased making lease payments owed to the Schulz's, including payments on property owned by Skip and Sandy that the WUPY tower sits on.

The Schulz's also state that someone went into their personal residence on the day of the move and removed two telephones. Although the couple long ago filed a police report on the



breaking and entering, no follow-up investigation has been conducted of the breaking and entering and theft. It's been summarily dismissed by the Democrats in power as being nothing more than a civil matter.

In the meantime, the President of Bay Broadcasting has purchased the loan that the Schulz's had with a local bank on the personal property the tower sits on near Rockland, and should the almost penniless couple default on that loan, Bay Broadcast will most likely take that property.

Skip, a strong advocate of truth in politics, stated he was pleased that a few staunch Ontonagon Democrats were the first to express condolences for the loss of his family's business and livelihood.

We hope Skip realizes how much he is sadly missed by many friends and neighbors who were accustomed to enjoying a wake-up cup of coffee or two while listening to his morning news show on Y-101, WUPY in Ontonagon. We're sure many of them also miss his Buck Hunter's Round Up.

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Hating Americans

Panel to Address the Causes and Consequences of Anti-Americanism Around the World

By OnTheWeb Friday, December 14, 2007

Three prominent authors and thinkers will present their opinions on why the United States is so reviled in many quarters of the world and what this means for the future of the United States. The colloquium will be held at the Skirball Cultural Center 2701 North Sepulveda Blvd. Los Angeles CA on Thursday, December 18, 2007 at 7:00 pm.

The participants in the colloquium will be Bruce Bawer, best selling author of *While Europe Slept*; Andrei Markovits, University of Michigan professor and author of *Uncouth Nation: Why Europe Dislikes America* and for-

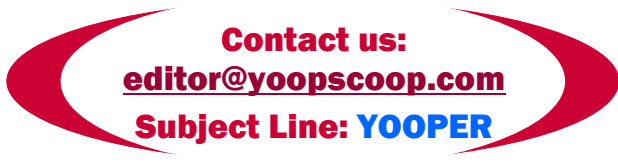
mer UCLA professor and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient James Q. Wilson. The price of attendance is \$25.00 at the door and \$20.00 by reservation. The event is sponsored by the American Freedom Alliance and is open to the public.

The concept for the colloquium arose from the sense that anti-American sentiment abroad has risen alarmingly over the past two decades. In order to explore the causes of this hostility, the panelists will be asked to address the many theories which have arisen to explain it, including the policies of the Bush Administration, international economic issues, cultural competition, societal jealousies and expectations

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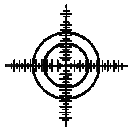
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This↑Side↑UP© By J. C. Powers

This Side UP replaces the old What's UP. We're not fans of Public Radio or television, but accidentally noticed they use "What's Up?" for their 3-4 minute community calendar. http://wnmutv.nmu.edu/whats_up.htm We don't mind stealing stories and photos, but stealing a name from Public Radio is as low as we can go and still see over either one of the Clinton's shoulders.

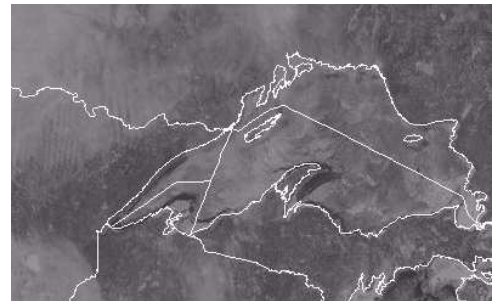
Global warming has hit us hard in the UP. In some areas we have had snow on the ground since the first week in November. As we trekked to the outhouse in the morning we were greeted by a blast of globally-heated air at minus eight degrees. Our days have been hovering around 20 degrees for a month.

The ski-hills are in full operation. The hardy are enjoying their snowmobiles and the ice is thick enough to plunge a fishing line. The cars we drive look like they typically do by the end of January. Snow is packed in the wheel wells, bumpers are coated with snow and ice and the wipers and windshields ice-up. That makes the winters in the UP grand.

Snowshoeing and cross-country skiing have dominated the forests for weeks. Outdoor Christmas tree lights have the soft coating of ice and snow; 'tis the season.

Invariably there are personal liabilities that come from long winter days and longer winter nights. The term we use to describe our sense of being trapped by the grip of winter is Cabin Fever. Most people from the UP head-out to somewhere, virtually anywhere where there is less snow on the ground. 2007 is said to be one of the top ten warmest years on record in the past 100 years. We're just not feeling it.

The winter of 1938 saw Superiors (our new term for Yoopers) digging out of their second story windows. They had to shovel tunnels to the grocery stores. We are now due for another winter of that magnitude.



<http://climate.umn.edu/doc/journal/superior030603.htm>

The consolation is that Lake Superior will be fed well in the spring. The Lake came close to a record low, but not quite. The Lake level actually came up in the fall. Now we need to see if it freezes over this year. The last time it came close to freezing over was in 1996; at the beginning of the global warming scam.

As our keyboards and monitors freeze up and the electricity in the power lines slows down to a crawl through the frozen wires, we will continue to plug away at our desire for truth through extensive research and keeping our commitment to spreading the information we stumble across.

Merry Christmas; Blessed New Year. ~JC

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