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Hey Congress! Shut the #*^% Up!

Just who is responsible for stacking the ranks of Congress so deep with incompetent idiots that we can't tell them apart from the Vietnam era Congress? The Vietnam era Congress, for those of you who don't recall, voted to spend Social Security funds at the end of the year so they wouldn't have to pay the interest on the excess amounts and they also de-funded our promise to provide security backup for the South Vietnam government; Social Security is heading toward financial ruin and Vietnam fell to the communists in 1975.

Of course Gerald Ford took the tumble for losing Vietnam; not Congress—apparently what today's Congress also hopes for Republicans running for president in 2008. Gerald Ford did not lose because he pardoned Nixon as liberals have suggested in their historical rewrite.

What those in Congress forgot was it took 27 months after a peace treaty for Vietnam to fall. If Congress wants to de-fund Iraq, they better do it now so Iraq can fall to al Qaeda and other terrorists groups by the fall of 2008. If the useless, self-centered Congress waits any longer to stomp on our troops, the voters may remember who really lost the war and allowed terrorists to continue murdering innocent Iraqis.

INDISPUTABLE FACTS:

Congress permitted the cutting of covert operations by the CIA during the 1990s.

Congress cut the funding of the military drastically during the 1990s.

Congress knew of the shortfalls and jealousies between the agencies responsible for the security of the United States, which was iterated after the WTC attack in 1993.

Shortly after September 11, 2001, members of Congress were on Sunday talk shows bragging about how the US was tracking Bin Laden through the use of his cell phone.

Congress based its decision to enter Iraq on the same intelligence that the people in the Bush Administration were privy to.

Congress, more specifically, the Armed Services Committees, headed by Carl Levin, bitched that our troops were ill-prepared to fight a war.

Congress did nothing as National Guard troops were called-up and deployed to fight in a foreign land.

Congress blew the whistle on our secret overseas prisons where terrorists were being interrogated and imprisoned.

Congress knew Joe Wilson compromised any legitimate intelligence gathering about the yellow cake uranium in Niger.

Congress knew Valerie Plame was not a "covert operative" as defined by statute.

Congress anticipated the fallout of opening and bringing to the public forum the various discussions of torture techniques.

Congress did not lift a finger to start an investigation on the possible impeachment of the five U. S. Supreme Court Justices who authorized governments to confiscate private property for public purpose; more taxes.

Congress knows that Social Security will be broke by 2040 if they don't fix it, yet they keep spending the surplus funds at year's end and have raised the retirement age instead.

Congress knows that global warming is both a cyclic event and an environmentalist scam.

Congress knows that there are numerous patents being sat-on by those who bought the patent rights for highly efficient internal combustion engines.

Congress knew that our economy would be jeopardized if exploration was curtailed and the building of refineries was prevented.

Congress knows a lot but does little; which at times we can be thankful. ~JCP



U. P. Patriots on the Move

In anticipation of the eventual passage of the Fairness Doctrine by the U. S. Congress, the U. P. Patriots have been discussing the development of a nationwide broadcasting endeavor. The American Public Radio (APR) stations will provide balance to the publicly funded liberal National Public Radio stations, NPR.

So far the group of patriots has concluded that if Congress appropriates an amount equivalent to that given to NPR since 1992, the new nationwide alternative system would be off to a good start.

Reasonably, after the initial appropriation that would help build the alternative APR stations, members of Congress would simply appropriate an equal amount given to NPR to the fledgling APR on an annual basis. APR would also solicit funds from the public to help offset specific costs.

The programming is still in the discussion stages. However, a few anticipated programs have been leaked to the Yooper Scooper staff, which is, incidentally, also the U. P. Patriots.

One of the most controversial programs will be "The Constitution in Review". This program will discuss many of the former, current and future topics regarding the actual wording of the Constitution of the United States and how it doesn't apply to our politicians.

"No Things Considered" is an alternative to the NPR program, "All Things Considered". Since all things are really not considered on NPR, it was thought that a program that says no things are considered would probably actually consider most things, including facts and the ever evasive commodity of truth.

On-air personalities would also have more appropriate names. Since NPR people seem to have been named after things in nature; twigs, branches, leaves, etc., the Patriots thought it best to have their personalities named after various animals and fish that are killed and eaten. Salmon Rusty, Crock Venison, and Stu Rabbit are a few names they're considering.

The operations will be in every market that NPR is in by the year 2020 in order to give balance and fairness to the public airwaves.

To help the U. P. Patriots with their huge project, please write your congressional representatives and ask them to prepare to fund APR. Thank you. ~JCP

Democrats Bash Gun Owners In YouTube Moment By Michelle Malkin



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Sen. Joe Biden is the embodiment of snide. Snide is the embodiment of the left-wing attitude toward gun owners. So when snide Joe Biden confronted a YouTube user who asked Democrat presidential candidates about gun control during a debate Monday night, what unfolded was a Teachable YouTube Moment - the caught-on-tape embodiment of ideological snideness toward the Second Amendment and those who defend it.

"Good evening, America. My name is Jered Townsend from Clio, Michigan," the YouTube citizen questioner began. "To all the candidates, tell me your position on gun control, as myself and other Americans really want to know if our babies are safe." Townsend then pulled out his Bushmaster AR-15. "This is my 'baby,' purchased under the 1994 gun ban. Please tell me your views. Thank you."

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson was asked to respond first. CNN host Anderson Cooper noted that Richardson has "one of the highest NRA ratings." Richardson ran so fast from his record, you could see the Road Runner puff of cartoon smoke billowing at the base of his podium. "The issue here, I believe, is instant background checks," he sputtered. "Nobody who has a criminal background or is mentally ill should be able to get a weapon."

Richardson babbled for a few more painful seconds about "attacking poverty, bringing people together, dealing with those kids in the

ghettos that are heavy users of gun violence," while the liberals in the audience sat stone-cold silent. Not a peep from Richardson about the fundamental right to self-defense, of course.



Cooper rescued Richardson by turning to The Smirk from Delaware. "Senator Biden, are you going to be able to keep his 'baby' safe?" Snide Joe grabbed his opening: "I'll tell you what, if that is his baby, he needs help."

Biden threw red meat to the blue audience. He was richly rewarded with loud applause. Biden showed off his lawyerly credentials and continued to wallop the YouTube gun owner: "I think he just made an admission against self-interest. I don't know that he is mentally qualified to own that gun." Why? Because he showed affection for his possession? Because he's an enthusiastic hobbyist? Because he talked about his gun the way Paris Hilton talks about her Chihuahua or Brad Pitt talks about his Ducati or Al Gore talks about his Priuses and compact fluorescent light bulbs?

The audience roared with laughter at Biden's mockery of the gun owner's mental health. So much for politically correct sensitivity toward the mentally ill, eh? "I'm being serious," Biden chuckled. "Look, we should be working with law enforcement, right now, to make sure that we protect people against people who don't

are not capable of knowing what to do with a gun because they're either mentally imbalanced and/or because they have a criminal record, and . . ."

Cooper interrupted Biden's rant, but he stuck in one more jibe at Jered Townsend, the YouTube gun owner. "I hope he doesn't come looking for me." More laughter.

Did any of the other candidates pipe up to defend the gun owner? Not a one. Biden's snark and smarm spoke for them. The Democrats remain the party of gun-grabbers. Its leading presidential candidates view gun-owners as crackpots and nutballs, and treat the Second Amendment as a nuisance to be circumvented and cured. Big Nanny, not bedrock constitutional principle, rules.

The Democrats are shooting themselves in the foot by taking arrogant potshots at gun owners in a nationally televised debate. A recent Gallup Poll showed that roughly one in three Americans who live in the Midwest and South owns a gun; 27 percent of independents and 23 percent of Democrats identify themselves as gun owners. A majority use their weapons for crime prevention. Who in the Democrat Party speaks for them? Are the majority of women gun owners who own a gun for self-defense "mentally imbalanced," too?

The Dems can enjoy Biden's YouTube-able wisecracking now. But come general election time, it may be Second Amendment defenders who get the last laugh.

(Michelle Malkin is author of the new book "Unhinged: Exposing Liberals Gone Wild." The views expressed are those of the writer.) Copyright 2007, [Creators Syndicate, Inc.](#)

Congress to Protect Citizens Who Report 'Flying Imams'-Type Suspicions Wednesday, July 25, 2007 By Major Garrett

WASHINGTON - After nearly a week of intense, behind-the-scenes wrangling, congressional negotiators late Tuesday agreed to include in the pending Sept. 11 security bill sweeping liability protections for citizens who report to authorities suspicious activity they fear might be linked to terrorism.

The "John Doe Protections" provision is meant to address the so-called "Flying Imams" case wherein six Muslim clerics in March sued passengers aboard a U.S. Airways flight because the passengers reported them to authorities, leading to their detention. The clerics were later cleared but their lawsuit, many lawmakers feared, would discourage future vigilance among the flying

public.

The Sept. 11 security bill is a top Democratic priority and Republicans fought hard to include the passenger immunity protection, creating common cause with Connecticut Independent Sen. Joe Lieberman, chairman of the conference committee that is knitting together the House and Senate bills.

House Democrats, led by Mississippi Rep. Bennie Thompson, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, sought changes in the immunity language but were ultimately overwhelmed by the Lieberman-GOP coalition on the conference committee.

"This is a huge win—a hard-fought victory for

House Republicans and, more importantly, for the American people," said Rep. Peter King, the ranking Republican on the House Homeland Security Committee. "In a post-9/11 reality, vigilance is essential to security. Despite the Democratic opposition to this important homeland security measure, I'm thrilled to announce that common sense has prevailed and heroic Americans who report suspicious activity will be protected from frivolous lawsuits."

The legislation is designed to implement currently unfulfilled security recommendations made by the 9/11 commission. The bill is now expected to swiftly pass the House and Senate and be signed into law by President Bush.

Michigan robbing Peter to pay Paul By c. J. Williams

After months of haggling, it appears that the Granholm administration has finally managed to slap another Mickey Mouse band-aid on the state budget, forestalling any long-term and meaningful solution to Michigan's annual financial crisis, which will only get worse because in Michigan it's to be spend, spend, spend as usual.

Once again, the elected inept are attempting to resolve the state's current financial dilemma by robbing Peter to pay Paul and have put off (they call it "delaying") \$165 million in payments to state colleges and universities until next year. At least \$294.5 million will be raided from Granholm's special "21st Century Jobs Fund", which she contrived to set up by leveraging some of the state's "tobacco settlement" money (meant for health programs) that, in turn, she hoped to funnel into businesses, primarily in the southern third of the state.

Now, the budget crisis solvers plan on borrowing even more money to meet Granholm's projected \$42 billion budget, which has consistently increased by a billion dollars per year since at least 2003. However, Standard and Poor's, a credit rating agency, recently downgraded its rating for Michigan (again), making it even more expensive for the state to borrow additional millions that taxpayers will have to pay back at a higher interest rate.

The Citizens Research Council of Michigan (CRC) was founded in 1916 to analyze issues pertaining to state and local government organization and finance in Michigan. With almost a century of experience under its belt, CRC analyzed Michigan's current budget issues and concluded that "actions to maintain balance in the State General and School Aid Funds since FY2001 have relied heavily on the depletion of (cash) reserves and the use of one-time accounting maneuvers, which have served to erode the State's cash position by \$4.2 billion".

According to a CRC report titled "Michigan's Deteriorating Cash Position", from Fiscal Year-end 2000 through FY-end 2003, Michigan exhausted over \$2.9 billion in its major cash reserves (General, School Aid, and Budget Stabilization Funds) to support its excessive spending habit. At the end of FY2006, major fund cash balances were a negative \$1.3 billion, a net change of more than \$4.2 billion over six years.

Additionally, according to the report, Michigan has issued short-term notes each year since FY2003 to meet its bill-paying responsibilities associated with the General and School Aid Funds, after not borrowing on the open market during the prior four years.

The CRC indicates that since FY2002, the General and School Aid Funds have increasingly relied on borrowing from other state funds to meet their daily cash needs. The amount of "manageable" common cash at the end of FY2006 was at its lowest, \$861 million, since FY1992. During FY2007, the state will have paid \$66 million in interest on its borrowing to meet its cash needs, a net change of over \$200 million from FY2000 when the state was earning interest on its major fund cash reserves.

As of May 2007, the State's manageable common cash position was \$1.2 billion below its level in May 2006.

Clearly, the Granholm administration can't continue to increase the state's budget by a billion dollars every year, "grow" its already out-of-control bureaucracy, and fund give-away programs, such as the current administration's "promise" to hand out scholarships to every high school graduate in the state, including children of illegal aliens holed up in Michigan looking for just such entitlement programs.

Although one of Granholm's mantras is that she's "cut Michigan's budget to the bone", the budget beast has been allowed to feed at the taxpayer's trough so heartily that it's much too large to cut anywhere near enough to even get close to the bone.

One cut in the offering that may or may not now be sliced since Peter is still being robbed to pay Paul, is to reduce the amount spent on sending state vehicles through a car wash, which was projected to cost taxpayers \$700,000 unless there's a "significant departure from the state's car wash guidelines". Yes, folks, according to the Michigan Department of Management and Budget, should car wash guidelines be relaxed, we could maybe save about \$500,000 that's been needed to make sure our extensive state vehicle fleet has been properly shampooed.

If you're reading this article standing up, you'd best grab a chair and park your fanny while digesting the fact that the State of Michigan is in the habit wasting more taxpayer money by ignoring oversight of some contracts it awards.

Taking a look at just the Michigan Department of Management and Budget (DMB) and the Michigan Department of Information Technology (DIT), Rep. Jack Hoogendyk (R-District 61) tracked down DMB and DIT "information technology" contracts that have got out of hand.

For example, a contract to IBM for "Lawson Implementation" for Michigan's Human Resource Management Network started out in 1999 as a \$16 million contract. By the time it expired at the end of last year, it had ballooned to nearly \$33 million.

However, that was mild, as these further examples clearly show:

- Ameritech was awarded a contract for voice and data communications and network services to the tune of \$17,198,640, which increased 650% to \$128,991,909 at completion.
- Electronic Data Systems was awarded a contract for end-user computing hardware, software and services for agencies statewide through the DMB. When completed, the \$57,639,222 contract had increased 863% to \$555,089,402.
- Policy Studies, Inc. was awarded a contract for project management services providing assistance in transition planning and program management for the Michigan Child Support Enforcement System. The \$5,548,205 contract mushroomed 3,510% to \$200,284,950 by the time all was said and done.
- Unisys Corporation was awarded a \$28,663,778 contract for the purpose of mainframe hardware and software for the MI Information Processing Center. This contract is still on going and has already expanded by 222% to \$92,169,104.

While there are more examples of contract abuse by just these two state government departments, none so far tops a \$2,000,000 contract awarded to Oracle Corporation for software and support for state agencies. That contract, which hasn't yet expired, was found by Hoogendyk to have already festered 7,103% to \$144,005,000.

Oh well, there's plenty more money that can be "borrowed" to pay Paul and there's still enough taxpayers in Michigan to foot the borrowers' bill, even if taxes and fees have to be raised to do it.

If you were Martha Stewart you might say, "That's a good thing" because Rep. Virgil Smith (D-Detroit) introduced House Bill 4850 on May 24, 2007, which would enable the borrowing of \$100 million dollars to avoid spending cuts in the current fiscal year.

HB4850 would accomplish this by increasing the \$400 million amount authorized under the 21st Century Jobs Fund. The first \$400 million of that debt was loans of approximately 20 years duration. Michigan Votes, a legislative watchdog group, notes that reportedly HB-4850 may be amended to authorize an additional \$300 million in borrowing to pay for current year spending.

If that doesn't get your Fruit of the Looms in a bunch, maybe House Bill 4851 will. HB-4851, introduced on May 24, 2007 by Rep. Andy Meisner (D-Ferndale) will, if enacted, give the Michigan Higher Education Student Loan Authority the power to transfer money to the Michigan Merit Award Trust Fund, which was created to hold revenue from the 1998 tobacco company settlement lawsuit.

Unlike money controlled by the Michigan Higher Education Student Loan Authority directly, there's no restriction on the legislature using money in the Merit Award Fund for any other purpose.

HB4851 is part of an agreement to avoid spending cuts in the current fiscal year budget by borrowing up to \$500 million, plus taking another \$100 million from the Student Loan Authority coffer, which is, itself, borrowed money.

That, dear readers, is how the Granholm administration is robbing Peter to pay Paul and burying taxpayers under mounds of debt while putting off any meaningful spending reform.

~ CJ

LINKS

<http://crcmich.org/PUBLICAT/2000s/2007/nore2007-02.pdf>
<http://www.rightmichigan.com/story/2007/5/24/14027/4009>
<http://www.mackinac.org/archives/2007/011707GNSdeficit.pdf>
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<http://michiganinbrief.org/edition07/Chapter5/TobaccoSet.htm>

Editor's Note: Michigan has the longest running job loss since the Great Depression. Our unemployment rate is 7.2%; only Puerto Rico out does us! We also pay the highest minimum wage at \$7.10 and tax every thing possible. Gee, I wonder what the fuzzy little liberal Democrats could do to the entire country?

<http://www.ns.umich.edu/htdocs/releases/story.php?id=1069>
<http://www.bls.gov/lau/>

California Considers Mandatory Vaccinations

<http://forums.parenthood.com/viewtopic.php?t=33425&sid=4469d371aff42ae3aec7a3f085377c56>

California is the first state to pass a bill through that gives TOTAL power to the public health department to mandate vaccines for our children. In the past there has been a democratic process that is open to the public. AB 16 is quickly passing through. If they can pass this on to the public health dept. then can't they quickly remove our right for philosophical or religious exemptions!

National Vaccine Info Center sent this email:

Barbara Loe Fisher Commentary:

If you are a citizen of California, this is your wake-up call. If you are not a citizen of California, don't think that if Assembly Bill 16 passes in California it won't be coming to your state soon. A similar bill may be introduced in your state in the near future, especially if a proposed HPV vaccine mandate failed to pass this year in your state. At the end of this Commentary is information about what YOU can do between now and next Wednesday, July 11, to express your opinion about proposed laws that amount to forced vaccination without representation.

Drug company lobbyists and Big Pharma lap dogs in California are taking a page from Texas Governor Perry's book. They are trying to pull a fast one by making sure only a handful of elitists employed by government health agencies in America will be allowed to decide how many vaccines will be legally required in order for children to get an education. They are clearing the way for other states to cut American citizens out of the democratic process which creates the vaccine laws that govern us.

Furious over opposition from California voters to the proposed HPV vaccine mandate, which denied Merck lobbyists a profit-making victory and denied government health officials the power to force 11 year old girls to get the shots, the defeated California legislators sponsoring GARDASIL mandates are planning to "get even." Making a mockery of the democratic process, they are proposing a law that will allow one state employee - the State Public Health Officer - to automatically add new vaccines to the state mandatory list for school entry after federal public health officials recommend it for "universal use" by all children. And nobody will be able to do anything to

stop it before it is done - not the legislature, the Governor or the people.

YOU may not have anything to say about which vaccines your children are required to take in the future if you do not stand up and make your voice heard NOW.

And don't think that philosophical or religious exemptions to vaccination in your state will protect your informed consent rights when it comes to making vaccine choices in the future. For years now, doctors who sit on federal vaccine policymaking committees, hold vaccine patents, and personally and professionally profit from vaccine mandates have advocated the removal of philosophical and religious belief exemptions from state vaccine laws. They do not want any exemptions to vaccination - except those written by a medical doctor - to be allowed.

Physician health officials in the Executive branches of government have appropriated so much power in the past two decades that many pediatricians and family medical doctors are too scared to write medical exemptions because they are often second-guessed and harassed by militant government health officials determined to achieve a 100 percent vaccination rate in every state. Often, even parents with vaccine injured children cannot get a medical exemption. The only way parents can protect their children from being forced to take vaccines that carry serious risks, which are greater for some than others, is to obtain a religious or philosophical exemption, exemptions now under attack by forced vaccination proponents. As one well known vaccine patent holder and policymaker, who called for an end to philosophical exemption to vaccination in the Wall Street Journal in January, said: "Some would argue that philosophical exemptions are a necessary pop-off valve for a society that requires children to be injected with biological agents for the common good...When it comes to issues of public health and safety, we invariably have laws. Many of these laws are strictly enforced and immutable. We don't allow philosophical exemptions to restraining young children in car seats, to smoking in restaurants or to stopping at stop signs."

California has an exemption to vaccination for philosophical or personal "beliefs." But how long will that last if the State Public Health Officer, who is given the power to dictate which vaccines California citizens must

take, decides in the future that too many citizens are just saying "no thanks" to the dozens of vaccines he or she mandates?

How long do you think it will take for Big Pharma lobbyists and doctors profiting from vaccine mandates to pass another law taking away that exemption?

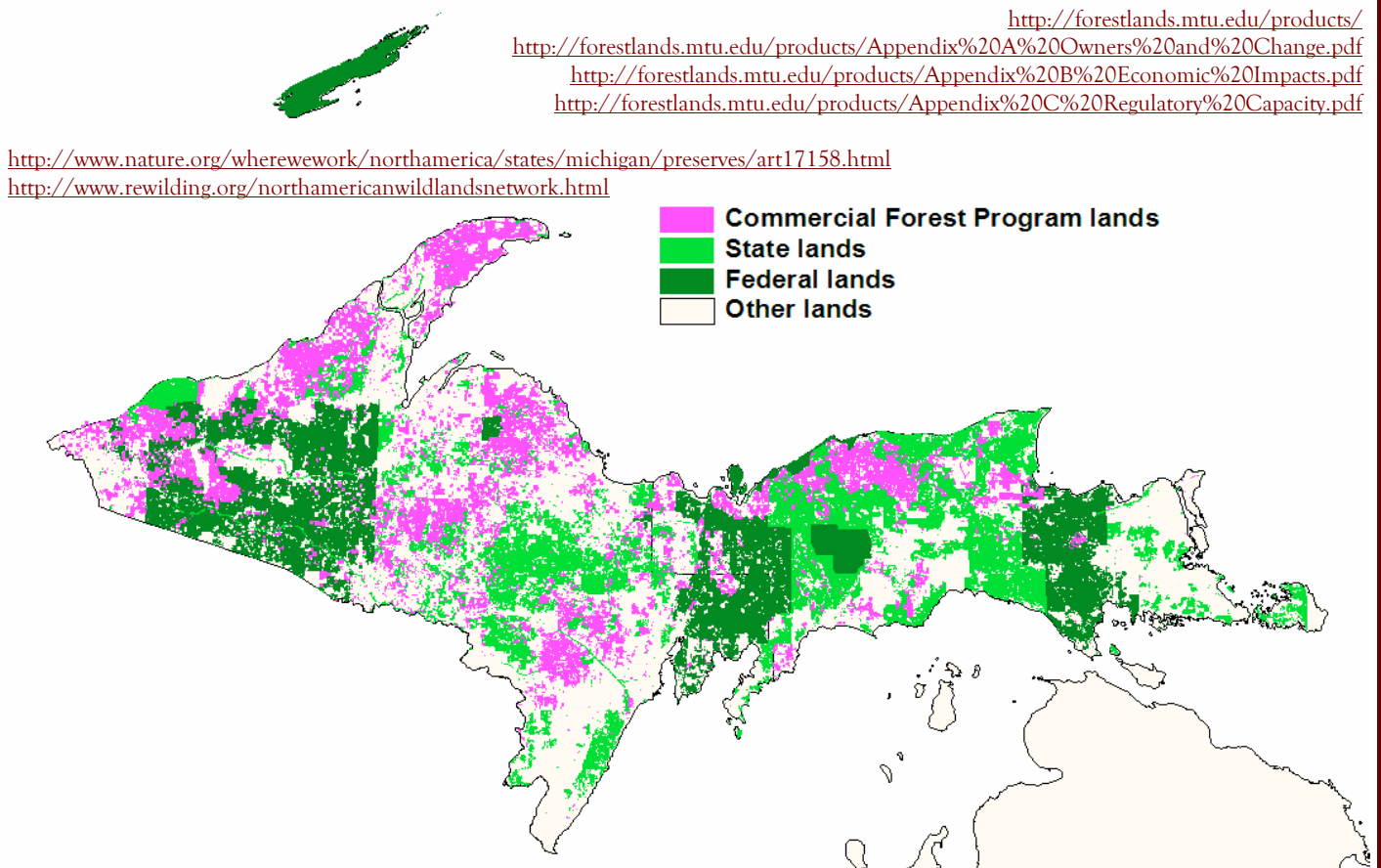
California politicians, who are angry about the recent HPV vaccine mandate defeat, are going to make sure they successfully hijack the democratic process this time. They are proposing three separate pieces of legislation (AB 16; SB 676 and SB 533) that each contain the provision cutting citizens out of the new vaccine law making process. Already, Assembly Bill 16 (AB 16) has passed through the Assembly and the Senate Education Committee with strong lobbying by its creator and sponsor Ed Hernandez (D-West Covina), a doctor of optometry who was also the sponsor of the failed HPV vaccine mandate. If AB 16 becomes law, Dr. Hernandez will deliver the HPV vaccine mandate for Merck, after all.

Members of the Senate Health Committee will vote on AB 16 next Wednesday, July 11. Members of that Committee include Senators Mark Ridley-Thomas, Ph.D., and psychologist Leland Yee, Ph.D., sponsors of SB 676 and SB 533, respectively.

Are YOU going to let politicians and drug company lobbyists, who failed to mandate HPV vaccine in California and many other states, succeed in pushing every new vaccine created by Pharma on your children and grandchildren without your permission? Are you going to trust these politicians, who are determined to do whatever it takes to force mass use of every new vaccine the CDC recommends, to protect your right to obtain a vaccine exemption in the future?

The lines between child, adolescent and adult vaccines are disappearing and a cradle to the grave approach to forced vaccination by government health officials is emerging. If you want to protect your right to exercise informed consent to vaccination for yourself and your children, now is the time to voice your opinion about what forced vaccination proponents are trying to do in California - whether you live in California or not. ~EVC





Building a Wildlands Vision Network Mega-Linkage By c. J. Williams

"...there may be other areas, such as the northern Great Plains, that could be rewilded in the future. But, it is simply common sense to acknowledge that wolves are not soon going to be chasing bison across Iowa or north Texas, no matter how much we may dream..."

The Rewilding Institute

The map (above) of the Public and Commercial Forest (circa 2005) should be of ultimate concern to anyone living in or having a vested interest in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

This map, which doesn't even begin to include all of the smaller tracts that have been gobbled up or are in the process of being gobbled up by local government entities, land trusts, eco-land real estate developers, and/or timber and real estate investment management organizations, is indicative of the perilous position little guy, private land owners and sportsmen are in when it comes to traditional land use.

Without doubt and for years, Gang Green and its government agency partners at all levels have been taking over the entire U.P. as part and parcel of one of four major Mega-Linkages for the Wildlands Vision Network.

They're selling their scheme to the public through a con game played to the tune of "Open To The Public Forever", but that mantra never includes the words "for traditional use", particularly when more and more restrictive environmental laws and mandates are being imposed.

One of these Mega-Linkages, the Boreal-Arctic linkage dips down to include the entire Upper Peninsula of Michigan and the tip of the Northern Lower Peninsula, a dip which in Wildlands Project lingo is referred to as the "Heart of the Continent" initiative.

The Boreal-Arctic Mega-Linkage connects with the Spine of the Continent Wildlands Network Vision and the Atlantic and Pacific Wildlands Network Vision linkages, all of which swoop up to northern Alaska, over to Quebec and Labrador and down to South America, and no doubt are related to the coming North American Union between the USA, Canada, and Mexico. To expel any doubt, please open the last link immediately above and check out the revealing map you'll find there.

A new day is rapidly dawning, folks, and it will entail highly restricted land use on the little bit of remaining soil held by the lowly Sheeple who can stand the eco-green stench well enough to remain.

This isn't a conspiracy theory; it's a fact and it's going on right under your nose and the nose of each of your elected representatives who are too busy gorging themselves at the public trough to learn about and understand exactly what it is they're aiding and abetting; people like Bart Stupak who has managed to include \$2 million for the Nature Conservancy's Northern Great Lakes Forest Project in his latest "Environmental Pork for the U. P." package.

What galls this writer is the apathy with which Yoopers accept this assault to their families' pursuit of life, liberty and happiness and just allow others to dictate what their "quality of life" will eventually be. While some believe that the meek shall inherit the Earth, there are damn few who would want it once the brash eco-whackos are through with it. ~Cj

It just ain't no way to run a railroad

RESTAURANTS



Pizza Hut: There are at least a dozen or more pizza places within driving distance from any Pizza Hut. Most pizza places are less expensive, equally as good, if not better than Pizza Hut. The good thing is that Pizza Hut tries to improve and add new items to their menu like the new P'zone'. Then all of a sudden some rehire from Coca-Cola decides to end a specialty item like the Edge Pizza. Absolutely no reason to go to Pizza Hut ever again; what if I like the P'zone'? Six months from now it won't be available, so why get myself addicted?



Applebee's: Repeating Coca-Cola's infamous change to the New Coke, Applebee's hired some cook with lousy taste buds. The restaurant left it's stick-to-the-ribs meat and potatoes menu to a new-wave menu that features crap nobody wants to eat; or at least will never eat again after trying it. It's speculated that Chef Tyler couldn't get the funding to open his own tofu restaurant so he decided to destroy Applebee's reputation instead.



Beef-a-Roo: The Beef-a-Roo in Negaunee came out with a chicken wrap, one of the best in the area. A good plan since Subway opened a store just across the highway from the Negaunee Beef-a-Roo. Beef-a-Roo is one of the few chain restaurants that can't afford to screw-up their menu, but low-an-behold, they added deliciously new items like Pizza Hut, and then simply pulled them.



Country Kitchen. While traveling there are two places to look for; Big Boy and Country Kitchen. But, that has changed. Once one of the best places to eat in town, the Ishpeming Country Kitchen decided to crap on their most loyal patrons. Aside from changing ingredients, raising prices and lowering quality, the Country Kitchen also caved to the local health Nazis and banned smokers. Good for them.



Big Boy. The Big Boy in Marquette had a major fire a few years back and finally some investors had the foresight to level the burned store and rebuild. Unfortunately the atmosphere and food sucks and they've banned smokers.

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the area where we need to change our approach and speak well of others. FOX Ventures, LLC, has two dealerships in Marquette County; Negaunee City and Marquette Township. The dealership takes time to complete information on their used vehicles and plasters it on the windows. The sticker includes mileage, vehicle particulars and the price. Unlike their competitors who are in constant violation of Michigan law by not posting prices, FOX goes out of their way. In our book if they're willing to go out of their way for people just on a browse, they'll go well out of their way when you are looking to buy or for service.

REAL ESTATE BROKERS

Keeping on-track with dealerships, we have only one rule-of-thumb. When you pick up a real estate sales guide, look for the broker that includes addresses and avoid the scammers that don't. Most people look to buy in specific areas.

Investing in the Future

The rocket scientists in New York finally figured out that property values won't sustain themselves forever. They're still uncertain about the reason why, but we can easily explain the phenomenon. During the next two decades the baby-boomers will be retiring, selling their homes to move into apartments, assisted living quarters, nursing homes and then eventually they'll die-off. In the meantime people continue to build new homes as many investors continue to build new condos. Sooner, rather than later, there will be far more housing available than people to occupy the houses. In many respects, aborting 20 million children will have long-term effects on you and your neighbor.

Compounding the problem was the low home interest rates and recent refinancing trend. Too many people borrowed more than their homes are worth now, added a new car to the loan or did other dumb things. Rather than having the goal to eliminate their debt, they choose deeper waters.

Those of you who have not yet overextended yourselves, please keep these suggestions in mind:

- Never charge more on a credit card than you can pay-off on your next payday.
- Never refinance your home except to invest in it through extensive remodeling—new roofs and carpet don't count.
- Never buy a new car unless you can afford to pay cash for it—few cars ever appreciate in value, most lose 20% the first day out.
- Put \$300 per month in an account you won't or can't access—your balance in 30 years should be around \$4.5 million.
- If you have discretionary funds, trade, or better put, invest a few thousand U. S. dollars in loonies and pesos.
- Never have sex with a person you won't marry—it may affect you financially.
- Don't waste discretionary money on things you won't use often—there's such a thing as too much stuff.
- Vote for only those who don't make promises that you'll have to pay for sooner or later, even locally.
- Buy required insurances for your house and car and enough insurance to pay-off your house and bury your butt in case you kick unexpectedly—a debt-free widow or widower is far more enticing. Read the fine print.
- Never pay for a pet unless you can afford extensive veterinarian bills.
- Keep your important documents in a fire-proof safe and/or give copies to a person you trust; or a lawyer.
- Live for today, but plan for extensive tomorrows.

Partisanship Begets Partisanship

If you have ever worked a day in your life, could you imagine how successful the company you worked for or owned would have been if members of congress were on your executive board and George W. Bush was your CEO? What would be worse yet is having these guys actually touching your goods or service, working on your assembly line or digging for ore.

Bush is nothing more than a whipping-boy for congress, but Congress doesn't realize they have their own problems upon problems within their own house. It must be more pleasurable to judge the President and the various professionals, although they be lawyers, that work for President Bush than to look at their own levels of ineptness and dishonesty

But we need to state clearly that both the ineptness and dishonesty is a bi-partisan problem. When the conservative people in many districts sent their GOP representatives to Congress to legislate in their best interest since 1994, the GOP legislators failed to perform so the people sent them packing by 2006. In retrospect, those going to congress as a self-promoting conservative failed to realize they were in charge and were expected to act like it.

At so many levels, it is really astonishing that the federal government and the military still continue to function as well as they do under the intellectually challenged third-grade misfits. The expectations and standards used to be set by the people, not congress.

There goes the neighborhood. One thing we've learned the hard way is that conservatives have expectations; liberals don't care one way or another as long as their representatives aren't conservative. It doesn't matter if they're felons just as long as their Party loyalist felons.

It was obvious that a bunch of alleged conservatives moved left, even though the liberals said they moved too far right. The truth is that the liberals keep de-evolving further left, giving greater illusions that conservatives are too far right. The left-moving GOP are the neo-cons that have destroyed the GOP, this includes their head metro-sexual, President Bush.

Whales Blow; Michael Moore Sucks

Michael Moore's recent documentary, "Sicko", gave the public the impression that the film was a film about Michael Moore. But, as it turns out, it is more a promotional film for the communist movement, much like Al Gore's self-adulating masterpiece.

The people in the nation of Norway are now up-in-arms about their outrageous tax system which offers them "free" health care. Well, they would be up-in-arms if they had not been disarmed. The dreams of the World Health Organization, United Nations, European Union and the upcoming North American Union is national health care; administered, controlled and regulated by those in an unelected and unaccountable position of authority.

There is a more regional example of what is referred to as free national health care and it's right next door in Canada where those earning more than \$50,000 (about \$41,500 US) are taxed at 50%. Those living-in and visiting Canada are charged 19% sales tax to help pay for the "free" programs.

Michael Moore's good friend Fidel Castro became sick and called-in a doctor from Spain. They must have forgot to include a few good doctors during their coop in the 1950s, or maybe they just elected to kill them off. Either way, the fact that Michael Moore had brought victims of the 9-11 disaster to Cuba to promote the communist health care program is nothing more than Moore being Moore.

No one in the United States goes without health care, not even the illegal aliens and their anchor babies. The poor are provided for by the state through Medicaid. Hospitals and doctors also absorb losses for treating the poor. In fact, if the state reimbursed the hospitals and doctors at a reasonable rate, the for-profit hospitals and doctors would not have to make-up the huge disparity by charging insurance subscribers so much more for treatment.

The ultimate question comes down to a very simple one, "Do you want to work more than half-a-day for the government and the other half for your family or would you rather work almost the whole day for your family?" The principles defined in freedom do not provide support for the former.

Defeating Health Risks

All the hoopla over cholesterol and its contributing factors to heart disease and stroke is very real. But the culprit is not fats or poor quality hot lunch programs in schools. The culprit may be the process known as homogenization.

Homogenization breaks down the cells in milk. The breakdown of the cells permits the absorption of milk fats into the system. The cell modifications create a cytoplasm, which is an absorbable gelatinous fluid and into organelle, which are functional cells. The result is an arterial plaque known now as cholesterol.

Second on the list of hazardous items is the most widely used food and beverage additive, high fructose corn syrup. It's even in pet food and in store-bought maple syrup.

According to Wikipedia: **High fructose corn syrup** (HFCS) refers to a group of corn syrups which have undergone enzymatic processing in order to increase their fructose content and are then mixed with pure corn syrup (100% glucose) to reach their final form. The typical types of HFCS are: HFCS 90 (most commonly used in baked goods) which is approximately 90% fructose and 10% glucose; HFCS 55 (most commonly used in soft drinks) which is

approximately 55% fructose and 45% glucose; and HFCS 42 (most commonly used in sports drinks) which is approximately 42% fructose and 58% glucose.

Diabetes was a rather common illness for many generations but it has now skyrocketed. We also have seen an increase in obesity.

Finally, another health risk, especially among males, is soy. Baby formulas, pet foods and other consumable products are riddled with soybean derivatives. The estrogen that is a natural part of the soybean is genetically altering our children. Girls began menopause earlier and males develop smaller testicles.

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Patton on Iraq—Language Caution!

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Expose' on Global Warming:

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2008 Presidential Candidate Political Tendencies:

<http://hafeman.com/2008%20Presidential%20Candidates%20Political%20Tendencies.pdf>

Homogenization

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High Fructose Corn Syrup

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High_fructose_corn_syrup

Diabetes

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diabetes_mellitus

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Congress and the COLA Fix

<http://www.speaker.gov/newsroom/pressreleases?id=0222>

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What's UP by J. C. Powers

Congressmen, like Bart Stupak, seem to wrap themselves in the flag after relentless bashing of the military and our war on terror.

Stupak recently sponsored three bills; one to name the VA Hospital in Iron Mountain, Michigan after Oscar Johnson, one the UP's Congressional Medal of Honor recipients. It would have been nice if he had done that while Mr. Johnson was still alive. Although M-69 has been named for Mr. Johnson for at least a decade, at least Stupak finally did something to recognize the war hero. It is always a good idea to honor the honorable.

In honor of another UP hero, Joseph Micks, the second bill requires federal government facilities within in a state to fly the U. S. flag at half-mast if so ordered by the governor. A good idea which was signed by the President.

Stupak's third bill is to require the body of a person killed in combat transported by the military to the closest airport so families don't have to travel long distances to escort the body back to the hometown for the funeral. Another good idea and certainly appreciated. The three bills in nearly as many months are applauded.

With each bill came a PR news release from the Stupak damage-control center. Headlines were in various newspapers and on the air about the bills being sponsored by Mr. Stupak. Of course all the bills are safe and off-limits from any type of critiquing or critical thinking since they really are good-natured bills introduced on behalf of men and women who gave more than their fair share to ensure the longevity of liberty around the world. But we're not so sure that Stupak isn't running another one of his "warm and fuzzy" con games.

Shortly after our entry into the war Mr. Stupak and Mr. Prusi stood before a crowd in Houghton County and bad-mouthed President Bush and "his" war in Iraq. Stupak's Vietnam-type anti-war stance began to grate on the nerves of veterans across the district. It was not only obvious that Stupak and his cohort Levin lost a lot of ground among veterans, but it was also clear that Stupak was being viewed as a pansy by the families of veterans, with some even thinking him to be a traitor.

Stupak has lofty aspirations, one of which is to keep his seat in 2008. He was dubbed a conservative as well as a Democrat Party loyalist; two characteristics formerly needed to win in northern Michigan.

Stupak was safe in the last three elections because his opponent, Army veteran, union member and former underground miner Don Hooper, didn't have the money to help him effectively campaign. However, in 2008 the story is going to be a far different, no matter who wins the GOP primary for the 1st Congressional District.

Like Carl Levin, Bart Stupak knows his days in DC are now numbered because of his anti-war, pro-enemy rhetoric. He needed to come out with more than just words to convince his constituents that he is a not only a supporter of the troops, but a supporter of veterans as well. Too late.

There is no doubt that Stupak is willing to do anything to recuperate from his failed representations. We may even see a few photos of him, Levin, Stabenow and Harry Reid on their new Harley-Davidsons riding alongside the true American patriots; the Patriot Guard Riders (PGR).
~JCP

