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Corts, Carynne

From: Mike Rice [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 7:08 PM
To: Briere, Sabra
Cc: Hieftje, John; Smith, Sandi; Rapundalo, Stephen; Derezinski, Tony; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Kunselman, Stephen; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Hohnke, Carsten; Anglin, Mike
Subject: A Matter of Semantics... City Place / Heritage Row /

Dear Sabra,

First let me thank you for your speedy reply and for your clarification of my previous message. And may I offer my apology for not being totally apprised of the current situation regarding City Place / Heritage Row / or whatever the developer's scheme is being called this week.

I was hopeful that the "etc." in the Subject line and description of "current" in the first sentence of my message would be indicative of all the different iterations / incarnations that this developer's plans have taken over the course of how many years and how much time taken up by the City Council's meetings to discuss them? -- After all of these machinations, it has become a citizen's nightmare trying to keep track of all of this developer's sordid attempts to bastardize and/or flat-out demolish this row of wonderful houses.

And as I summarized, I support any attempts by the City Council to re-introduce, and ultimately pass, any zoning ordinances (if that is the proper term?) that will create a Historic District in this area and prevent the further destruction of these or any other homes in this neighborhood.

Thank you,

Mike Rice

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Quoting "Briere, Sabra" <SBriere@a2gov.org>:

- > Dear Mr. Rice,
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- > I hope you know that there is no issue on tonight's agenda that would
- > do what you are anticipating.
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- > There are two resolutions to take back some small changes that were
- > given last Monday to the City Place site plan.
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- > There's a resolution to re-institute an historic district study
- > committee, with an additional resolution that, if the first one
- > passes, the City place a moratorium on construction and demolition in
- > the study area.
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- > Neither one of these acts, even if passed by Council, brings back
- > Heritage Row in any form.
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- > Sabra
- >
- > Sabra Briere

> First Ward Councilmember

> (734)995-3518 (home)

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> From: Rice, Michael [REDACTED]

> Sent: Mon 10/24/2011 6:05 PM

> To: Hieftje, John; Smith, Sandi; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen;

> Derezinski, Tony; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Kunselman, Stephen;

> Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Hohnke, Carsten; Anglin, Mike

> Subject: Please add my voice in OPPOSITION to "Heritage Row / Place / etc."

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> Dear Ann Arbor Mayor and City Council,

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> Please add my voice to those opposed to the current Heritage

> Row/Place development plans being discussed at this evening's (Oct.

> 24, 2011) City Council Meeting.

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> The development project in question will provide little or no

> benefit to the city of Ann Arbor. - And all for what? - The

> devastation of almost an entire block of architecturally unique and

> varied houses (one of which has significant ties to the very early

> days of the City), in what is a well established, tree filled

> neighborhood. If these homes can't be preserved/restored in their

> present locations and configurations to be enjoyed by future

> generations of Ann Arborites [the best alternative], then I support

> the strongest restrictions and building codes possible that will

> limit their destruction and/or bastardization to a minimum [the next

> best plan].

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> With the numerous high rise apartment buildings recently or

> currently being build throughout the City and the University adding

> and renovating its own stock of student housing, there are plenty of

> housing options for students without this proposed new construction.

> - And as I have mentioned in past communications, I am not at all

> opposed to "progress" and think that some of Mr. de Parry's row

> house plans would look exceedingly fine in some other part of town.

> - Just not in this historically sensitive area!

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> It has long been my hope that this block of fully restored homes

> would be the genesis of a return to single family and owner-occupied

> rental homes in this neighborhood that would act as the northern

> anchor (along with the Raul Wallenberg home on the southern

> boundary) of the Old Germantown Historic District. (With the homes

> along Fourth Avenue and Division acting as its western and eastern

> boundaries, respectively.) - And therefore I support and heartily

> thank any council person who will work to bring this to reality.

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> Respectfully submitted,

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> Mike Rice

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> Michael E. Rice

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Corts, Carynne

From: Tiffany Hartung, Sierra Club [tiffany.hartung@sierraclub.org]
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 7:31 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: Not in Michigan's name

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Explore, enjoy, and protect the planet

Dear Donald,

Did you hear that Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette -- **acting in your name and on behalf of our entire state** -- just joined a lawsuit to let big polluters dump millions of tons of arsenic, mercury and other life-threatening toxics into the air we breathe?

With 225,000 Michigan children already suffering from asthma, there is no excuse to make it harder for them to breathe.¹

That's why we're letting Michigan's leaders know that when it comes to the air we all breathe, we're counting on them to stand up for public health.

Please sign our urgent petition today, and we'll hand-deliver your message to Attorney General Schuette and U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow in Lansing this Thursday.

Sign the petition to Michigan's leaders telling them to protect our families and children from life-threatening air pollution.

The Attorney General's decision is reckless -- after years of hearings, studies and public comments, there is no reason to delay. According to the EPA, blocking these clean air protections would have devastating health consequences across the nation, including 17,000 premature deaths and 120,000 cases of childhood asthma symptoms -- the numbers are staggering!²

Let's tell Michigan's leaders that acting in our name means protecting public health, not attacking it.

It's time for Michigan's leaders to do their job: Protect our children, our families, and the health of generations to come -- not the profits of big polluters.

Thanks for helping stand up for Michigan families,

Tiffany Hartung
Sierra Club
Muskegon, MI

P.S. **Be sure to connect with us on Facebook**, so you can stay up to date with our campaign and see pictures of the petition signatures being delivered!



Corts, Carynne

From: Portside Moderator [moderator@PORTSIDE.ORG]
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 6:54 PM
To: PORTSIDE@LISTS.PORTSIDE.ORG
Subject: Nurses Protest Outside Emanuel's Office over Occupy Chicago Arrests

Nurses Protest Outside Emanuel's Office over Occupy Chicago Arrests

By Kristen Mack Tribune reporter
Chicago Tribune
October 24, 2011

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-nurses-protest-outside-emanuels-office-over-occupy-chicago-arrests-20111024,0,3963444.story>

More than two dozen people in red shirts affiliated with National Nurses United stood outside Mayor Rahm Emanuel's fifth floor City Hall office this morning chanting, "Arrest the 1 percent."

The protest came a day after two nurses with the union were arrested in Grant Park for refusing to leave after the park's 11 p.m. closing time. They were among more than 100 people who were arrested early Sunday morning.

Jan Rodolfo, 36, the Midwest director for NNU, said she was arrested at 2:45 a.m. Sunday and charged with an ordinance violation. Another nurse, Martese Chism, and an unspecified number of medics were arrested.

Rodolfo said she was released at 1:15 a.m. this morning, pending a Nov. 15 court appearance.

"We were among the last protesters released, for no good reason that we can tell, except for they clearly knew when the media cameras had left," Rodolfo said.
"We were tearful and exhausted and shell shocked."

Emanuel said the city has a balancing act.

"I have to enforce the law as well as respect peoples' 1st Amendment rights," Emanuel said.

Chism, the other nurse who was arrested, said she and her colleagues were at Grant Park to offer their medical services and moral support.

"We believe that they have a right to assemble and the right to the freedom of speech under the Constitution,"
said Chism, a registered nurse at Cook County, who said she spent 23 hours in jail. "We see our patients suffer from the economic crisis, and we believe the only way to heal America is to address Wall Street."

Rodolfo said her group is asking Emanuel to "act like mayors across the country" and allow protesters to set up a 24/7 encampment in Chicago without fear of arrest.

"A person and their rights don't stop at 11 p.m. in the city of Chicago," Rodolfo said.

Occupy Chicago's Second Attempt At Grant Park Ends In 130 Arrests (VIDEO)

<http://tinyurl.com/3wzw81t>

Nurses Protest Occupy Chicago Arrests

By Ivanna Hampton & Alise Blunk
NBCChicago.com
October 24, 2011

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/45015070/ns/local_news-chicago_il/t/nurses-protest-occupy-chicago-arrests/#.TqXJonIg_PY

Occupy Chicago on Monday returned the favor to a powerful ally. The grassroots organization picketed at 10 a.m. alongside National Nurses United, the country's largest registered nurses union, outside City Hall to demand misdemeanor trespassing charges be dropped against two nurses and all Occupy Chicago protesters arrested over the weekend. Chicago Police arrested 130 people when Grant Park closed Saturday night and Occupy Chicago attempted for a second weekend in a row to set up permanent camp there. The nurses said they pitched a first aid tent like other volunteers have in cities around the country, including San Francisco and New York.

"We were providing basic first aid care in Grant Park Saturday night," said Jan Rodolfo, registered nurse and national coordinator of National Nurses United. "Rahm took the tents denying protesters first responders free speech and free assembly."

"First amendment rights don't stop at 11 p.m.," Rodolfo said.

But Mayor Rahm Emanuel said during a press conference he wanted to make sure the law was enforced.

"There's a balancing act," Emanuel said. "People have their first amendment right. It's protected and they're expressing their views. And I've expressed my understanding of those economic hardships while making sure the law is enforced."

A representative from the Mayor's office told protesters Emanuel has no plans to drop the charges.

But Martese Chism, a registered nurse arrested in Grant Park Saturday night, said protesters have the right to assemble.

"They have the right to free speech," Chism said.

Occupy Chicago protesters stood by as well. "I'm here to protest the way our country is not working for people and seem not to care that other people are suffering," said Sam Hodson, Occupy Chicago demonstrator. _____

Police Arrest 130, Tear Down First Aid Station at Occupy Chicago

By Tula Connell AFL-CIO blog October 24, 2011

<http://blog.aflcio.org/2011/10/24/police-arrest-130-tear-down-first-aid-station-at-occupy-chicago/>

Over the weekend, Chicago police tore down a first aid station at Occupy Chicago, and nurses were among the 130 protesters arrested in a massive sweep against those taking a stance against Wall Street greed.

About 1,500 people gathered Saturday in Grant Park hoping to make it the movement's permanent home, according to the Washington Post.

Along the way, marchers chanted "Banks got bailed out, we got sold out!" and held signs that read "Greed Sucks" and "No War But The Class War" while police on horses blocked them from walking on the street on Michigan Avenue, leaving them with just the sidewalks to occupy.

The protest was peaceful, but demonstrators were taken away one by one and handcuffed with white plastic ties.

As the Post noted, some on the scene shouted: "This is what democracy looks like!"

Paulina Jaszczuk, a 24-year-old dental receptionist, watched as her boyfriend, Philip Devon, was led away in the night hours. She threw him a white sweater against the chill of a fall night in Chicago.

"I'm proud of everyone who got arrested tonight," she told AP, adding she hoped they would inspire more demonstrators to join in the movement in the weeks ahead.

Protesting the arrests and destruction of the first aid station, nurses and their allies picketed outside the mayor's office at City Hall this morning. From the Washington Post:

"This movement will not be a serious movement until we take a stand, and getting arrested is just one way of taking a stand," said Max Farrar, 20, a junior political science major at DePaul University, speaking Saturday to a reporter.

National Nurses United (NNU) also has first aid stations at Occupy protests in New York's Zuccotti Park, as well as in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., San Francisco and Detroit and plan more in coming days.

Beyond the 'Two Revolutions'

130 arrests as Occupy Chicago protesters defy order to leave park; 11 arrests in Cincinnati

The movement, which started Sept. 17 with a few dozen demonstrators who tried to pitch tents in front of the New York Stock Exchange, has spread to cities around the world.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/at-least-100-arrests-as-occupy-chicago-protesters-remain-in-park-defying-order-to-leave/2011/10/23/gIQA2A8p8L_story.html

By Associated Press
October 22, 2011

CHICAGO

Anti-Wall Street demonstrators of the Occupy Chicago movement stood their ground in a downtown park in noisy but peaceful defiance of police orders to clear out, prompting 130 arrests early Sunday, authorities said.

Occupy Chicago spokesman Joshua Kaunert vowed after the arrests that protests would continue in the Midwest city.

"We're not going anywhere. There are still plenty of us," Kaunert told The Associated Press after the arrests, which took police more than an hour to complete.

Elsewhere in the nation, police reported 11 arrests overnight in the Occupy Cincinnati protests. Police said those arrested had stayed in that city's Fountain Square after Sunday's 3 a.m. closing time and each was charged with criminal trespass.

In Chicago, police began taking people into custody just before 1 a.m. Sunday. Those arrested were led in groups to vans and two large white buses as others clamored to be arrested.

"Take me next! Take me next!" some shouted as police began the arrests. Others chanted as they were led away: "We'll be back!"

Officers had begun placing metal barricades around the area of Chicago's Grant Park known as Congress Plaza about 11:10 p.m. Saturday, minutes after the park had closed. Afterward, police then went through the crowd and warned people to leave or risk arrest for remaining in the closed park in violation of a city ordinance.

Several of the protesters who stayed inside the barricades in the park sat on the ground. Others locked arms as police circled and then began arresting people.

"One: We are the people! Two: We are united! Three: The occupation is not leaving!" demonstrators shouted. Others joined in from just outside the park.

Chicago police said Sunday morning that 130 arrests had been made.

Kaunert said none of those arrested had resisted.

"Everybody was very peaceful and smiling and there was no violence, though a lot of chanting," he said.

He urged authorities to let the people resume protesting peacefully against the perceived greed and other ills they see on Wall Street and elsewhere in corporate America. He noted it was the second straight weekend that arrests had been made in the park after 175 arrests the previous Sunday after protesters set up tents past public hours.

"The police came in and again took away our right to free speech and assembly," he said. "Several paddywagons left and they had two very large prison buses and those are gone now."

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Demonstrators were taken away one by one and handcuffed with white plastic ties and. Some on the scene shouted:

"This is what democracy looks like!"

Drums banged and some people clanged on metal.

Jonathan Sumner, 25, of Chicago, watched the arrests from outside the park and began shouting at officers:

"Why are you doing this?"

"It's a sad day for the CPD" he said, referring to the Chicago Police Department.

Some said earlier that arrests only signal the importance of the Occupy movement.

"This movement will not be a serious movement until we take a stand, and getting arrested is just one way of taking a stand," said Max Farrar, 20, a junior political science major at DePaul University, speaking Saturday to a reporter.

About 1,500 people gathered for the protest that began Saturday. Demonstrators descended on the city park with hopes of making it the movement's permanent home. The group had started in Chicago's financial district before marching to the park.

Along the way, marchers chanted "Banks got bailed out, we got sold out!" and held signs that read "Greed Sucks" and "No War But The Class War" while police on horses blocked them from walking on the street on Michigan Avenue, leaving them with just the sidewalks to occupy.

Occupy Wall Street began a month ago in New York among a few young people, and has grown to tens of thousands around the country and the world.

In Cincinnati, Police Capt. Doug Wiesman said early Sunday that the 11 arrests carried out there were "straightforward" and without problems. A protester, Aaron Roco, told AP about 30 other protesters who remained on a sidewalk just outside the Cincinnati square during the police action weren't arrested.

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Bernie Sanders: America's #1 Socialist Makes His Move into the Mainstream

Vermont senator, for years a political exile,
insists his left-wing beliefs chime with
Americans far more than people think

By Paul Harris
SolidarityEconomy.net via Guardian.co.uk October 21, 2011

<http://www.solidarityeconomy.net/>

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/oct/21/bernie-sanders-socialist-vermont-interview?INTCMP=SRCH>

Bernie Sanders sits in his Senate office and reflects on another unexpected twist in his already unusual political life. As the only self-proclaimed socialist to sit in the US Congress, Sanders is long used to surviving in the political wilderness. But Sanders is now having to get used to a different environment altogether: the mainstream.

His constant slamming of Wall Street, his critiques of big business and the excesses of money in politics, as well as his call for a defence of American jobs, have become hot issues in US politics. The senator from Vermont is now a regular on American TV screens and rapidly becoming a fixture of US politics and a hero to many on the left.

The white-haired and irascible Sanders, 70, who is famed for his blunt outspokenness, almost became bashful at the thought that his exile from the mainstream appears to be ending.

"It's, you know, nice to know that positions you have been advocating for years are now getting out to Main Street, and that millions of people are beginning to say: enough is enough," he told the Guardian.

Is this, at last, his political moment? "Yeah, it is," he said, and then he details why, in a typically long, passionate, Sanders-style explosion of stream-of-consciousness explanation.

"If you were to speak to any audience in America and you say: there's something wrong with our system when the crooks on Wall Street, through their recklessness and criminal behaviour, are able to cause a recession, which has resulted in so much suffering to people, and then they get bailed out by the American people and then three years later end up making more money than they ever have before: people go nuts!"

He pauses for breath to think about the situation. "The short answer to your question is: 'Yes'," he says.

Sanders is unique in American politics. In a country dominated by a two-party system, he is the lone independent in the Senate. In a political landscape where "socialist" is essentially a curse word, he has carved out a successful political career, with a solid base of support in his home state. Tall, with a shock of white hair and a slightly dishevelled appearance

even when wearing a smart suit, he speaks with the thick Brooklyn accent of his working-class childhood, even while inhabiting the rarefied atmosphere of the Senate.

Sanders also pounds out the same message every day: the middle class is being destroyed, the government needs to create jobs, the banks are corrupt and big money has bought both political parties and made a mockery of American democracy. His Twitter feed features a constant repetition of economic facts. A few samples from recent days:

"Corporate tax revenue in 2010 was 27% lower than 2000, even though corporate profits are up 60% over the last decade."

"Since 2000, over 12 million Americans have lost their health insurance."

"Since 2000, nearly 12 million Americans have slipped out of the middle class and into poverty."

Such opinions would hardly make Sanders stand out in much of the rest of the world. His beliefs - which idolise Scandinavian-style social democracy - would fit comfortably in the middle left of Britain's Labour party or Germany's SPD. But it is impossible to over-state just how much of a political death sentence being called a "socialist" - nevermind actually proudly proclaiming it - usually is in America.

The strange bird out of Vermont

After all, many elected Democrats shy away from the "liberal" label out of a fear of being demonised as left-wing extremists. Yet, even though political opponents have accurately called Sanders a "red", and the New York Times once derided him as "a strange bird out of Vermont", Sanders has flourished.

Indeed, he says his beliefs chime far more with Americans than people think. "All I can tell you is that in every poll I have seen if you ask people: do you think the wealthiest people in this country should pay their fair share of taxes? Then the answer is: yes, they should," he said.

He rattled off a long list of other issues in the same way, posing a question on an issue and then answering it for the voters in the affirmative: cutting excessive military spending, not cutting social security, creating well-paying jobs in America, closing corporate tax loopholes. "I don't know if that makes us a left nation, but that is where the American people are coming from," he insisted.

No doubt many of his opponents would debate that. But where does America's solitary successful socialist come from himself?

Sanders was born in New York to a Jewish mother and father who had come over from Poland. His family struggled and never really broke out of its tough circumstances. Though Eugene V Debs, a leader of the Socialist party of America in the 1900s, is a hero to him, Sanders does not hesitate when asked what his main political influence has been.

"Growing up without lots of money. I didn't have to have a book to tell me how a family gets by when there is not a lot of money. I saw unfairness. That was the major inspiration in my politics," he said.

He worked hard at school, went to the University of Chicago and came across socialist politics. A spell at a kibbutz in Israel also showed him how a community could work together for a common good. He moved to Vermont with his first wife, and pursued a variety of jobs from writer to film-maker. He got into the state's fringe left-wing politics. After various

electoral failures, he finally ran for mayor of Burlington - Vermont's biggest city - as an independent in 1980.

He won by just 12 votes. But it changed everything.

Sanders proved himself a master retail politician. He may have been a socialist who made goodwill visits to the Soviet Union and Cuba, but he also got potholes fixed.

He promoted local businesses and brought a small baseball team to Burlington. In 1990 he ran for Congress and won, becoming the first socialist in the House of Representatives since the 1920s. He was re-elected seven times. By 2006 he ran for Senate. He won that, too, beating wealthy Republican Richard Tarrant, who helpfully drove a Bentley, which did not endear him to many poor Vermonters. Sanders crushed him and became the only socialist ever to sit in the American Senate.

It was a remarkable achievement. Though Vermont has a liberal streak and is often mocked as a haven of hippie-ish counter-culture (it is the home of Ben and Jerry's ice cream), it has actually historically favoured Republican politicians.

Sanders dismisses the idea that someone like him could only come from a state like Vermont. Jobs and inequality are hardly a Vermont-only concern, he says.

"All these issues will resonate in every state in the country," he says.

They are certainly resonating now. The Occupy Wall Street protests, which began in New York and have spread rapidly across America and the world, have sharpened debate on some of the glaring inequalities in American life.

Statistics pointing out that 1% of Americans own 42% of the country's wealth have become part of the national conversation. After initially slamming attacks on Wall Street, some Republican politicians have even started admitting that the economy looks a little slanted.

For Sanders - whose fame is such that most people just refer to him as "Bernie" - this is old news. He has been saying this for years. In his office, he sits on a couch in front of which are a spread of more than a dozen newspapers and magazines.

'Lobbyists have undue influence'

He vehemently attacks the media for ignoring him up to this point. "If you look at the newspapers here - the Washington papers - most of the discussion deals with campaign gossip," he said.

"But campaigns never stop and they focus on personality rather than say: 'OK, the middle class in America is collapsing. Why is that?'

Sanders picks up one magazine off the table which features a prominent Tea Party politician, and reads out the headline with a scornful laugh. "Rand Paul finds his groove?" he says incredulously. It is hard to get Sanders to talk about such trivia. Every question comes back to economics and the current hard times. His passion is relentless and his sentences endless.

He believes big business has bought off the political elites of both parties.

"Washington is dominated by big money. So you have an overwhelming majority of Americans who believe the wealthy should pay their fair share. But you know what? The lobbyists from Wall Street and corporate America happen not to agree with that, and they're the ones that make campaign contributions. They are knocking on Senators' doors. They have undue influence. The vast majority of the American people feel that we should be tough on Wall Street. Unfortunately, Wall Street spends hundreds of millions of dollars to suggest that we loosen up," he said.

It remains to be seen what will become of Sanders' moment in the sun. He supports the anti-Wall Street protests, but he has joined the critics who want them to organise, get an agenda and try to get people elected. "I think what the Wall Street folks are doing is focusing attention. That's great. But it's not enough. What is your agenda? Wall Street is greedy, reckless and they operate illegally. That's fine. But what do you do?" he said.

But there is one thing Sanders himself will not be doing: running for president.

Earlier that day, one of Sanders's secretaries in his Senate office had fielded a phone call from a supporter urging him to run for the White House. "He has been asked multiple times and he's declined. He's happy serving the people of Vermont," she patiently explained to the caller.

It is not an uncommon request. But Sanders is adamant he will not run, even though he is harshly critical of Barack Obama. Sanders does not want to become a 2012 version of Ralph Nader, whose 2000 campaign is blamed by some for robbing Al Gore of a vital few percent and paving the way for George Bush. Walking to the Senate to vote, Sanders strides past other Senators and attracts a mini-gaggle of reporters.

But, he explains, he is not interested in the White House. "I would likely end up causing a right-wing extremist to be president of the United States. That is not something I would be happy to do," he said.

Then he added for emphasis: "It would likely be a futile and losing campaign. That would not be too smart."

Sanders is many unusual things: loud, outspoken and a successful socialist in America. But one thing he is not is naive.

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Is Bank of America Headed for the Glue Factory?

By Mike Whitney
CounterPunch
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<http://www.counterpunch.org/2011/10/21/is-bank-of-america-headed-for-the-glue-factory/>

Why is Bank of America moving derivatives from Merrill Lynch to an insured subsidiary? Is it because the derivatives could blow up at any time leaving Merrill with gigantic, unsustainable losses? If that's the case, then it would make perfect sense to shift them into a depository institution that's covered by the FDIC. That way, the taxpayers would wind up paying for the damage and no one would be the wiser. It's like a stealth bailout, right? The only problem is that Bloomberg let the cat out of the bag, so now everyone knows what's going on. And that's going to be a very big problem for B Of A. Here's a clip from the Bloomberg article:

"Bank of America Corp. (BAC), hit by a credit downgrade last month, has moved derivatives from its Merrill Lynch unit to a subsidiary flush with insured deposits, according to people with direct knowledge of the situation.

"The Federal Reserve and Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. disagree over the transfers, which are being requested by counterparties, said the people, who asked to remain anonymous because they weren't authorized to speak publicly. The Fed has signaled that it favors moving the derivatives to give relief to the bank holding company, while the FDIC, which would have to pay off depositors in the event of a bank failure, is objecting, said the people. The bank doesn't believe regulatory approval is needed, said people with knowledge of its position.

"Three years after taxpayers rescued some of the biggest US lenders, regulators are grappling with how to protect FDIC-insured bank accounts from risks generated by investment-banking operations. Bank of America, which got a \$45 billion bailout during the financial crisis, had \$1.04 trillion in deposits as of midyear, ranking it second among US firms." ("BofA Said to Split Regulators Over Moving Merrill Derivatives to Bank Unit", Bloomberg)

There are two things worth noting in this article. First, according to Bloomberg, "the transfers (of derivatives) are being requested by counterparties."

Well, how do you like that? In other words, the investors on the other side of these contracts want Merrill to put them under an insurance umbrella provided by the FDIC.

Now, why would that be? The only reason I can come up with, is that they know that a lot of these complex instruments are undercapitalized and ready to implode, so they want to make sure they get their money back any way possible. That means they need to latch on to Uncle Sam without anyone knowing about it. But, like we said, the cat is out of the bag.

The other thing worth noting is that the Fed and the FDIC are at loggerheads over the matter. ("The Fed has signaled that it favors moving the derivatives to give relief to the bank holding company, while the FDIC, which would have to pay off depositors in the event of a bank failure, is objecting.") Now, that's not good at all, in fact, it's a big red flag that suggests the Fed trying to pull a fast one on the American people. One does not have to look too far for other examples of Fed misbehavior; the endless bailouts (TARP, QE1 and 2, Operation Twist, ZIRP, etc) In fact, the Fed's history is a tedious chronicle of one shifty deal after another. This is just more of the same; another gift to big finance at the public's expense.

It's ironic that the B Of A flap is taking place at the same time the non-partisan Government Accountability Office (GAO) just released its report on conflicts of interest in the Fed. It helps to put the Fed's dubious behavior into context. This is a summary of the report from Washington's Blog:

"The GAO detailed instance after instance of top executives of corporations and financial institutions using their influence as Federal Reserve directors to financially benefit their firms, and, in at least one instance, themselves....

"The corporate affiliations of Fed directors from such banking and industry giants as General Electric, JP Morgan Chase, and Lehman Brothers pose 'reputational risks' to the Federal Reserve System, the report said. Giving the banking industry the power to both elect and serve as Fed directors creates 'an appearance of a conflict of interest,' the report added....

Joseph Stiglitz - former head economist at the World Bank and a Nobel-prize winner - said yesterday that the very structure of the Federal Reserve system is so fraught with conflicts that it is 'corrupt' and undermines democracy.

Stiglitz said, 'If we [i.e. the World Bank] had seen a governance structure that corresponds to our Federal Reserve system, we would have been yelling and screaming and saying that country does not deserve any assistance, this is a corrupt governing structure.'" ("Non-Partisan Government Report: Federal Reserve Is Riddled with Corruption and Conflicts of Interest," Washington's Blog)

So, no one should be surprised that the Fed is involved in another sketchy deal. Even so, this particular maneuver really seems to have hit a nerve with some prominent and usually even-tempered, financial bloggers, like Yves Smith over at Naked Capitalism.

Here's Smith's take on the Fed's subterfuge:

"This move reflects either criminal incompetence or abject corruption by the Fed. Even though I've expressed my doubts as to whether Dodd Frank resolutions will work, dumping derivatives into depositories pretty much guarantees a Dodd Frank resolution will fail. Remember the effect of the 2005 bankruptcy law revisions: derivatives counterparties are first in line, they get to grab assets first and leave everyone else to scramble for crumbs. So this move amounts to a direct transfer from derivatives counterparties of Merrill to the taxpayer, via the FDIC, which would have to make depositors whole after derivatives counterparties grabbed collateral. It's well nigh impossible to have an orderly wind down in this scenario....This move paves the way for another TARP-style shakedown of taxpayers, this time to save depositors. No Congressman would dare vote against that. This move is Machiavellian, and just plain evil." (Naked Capitalism)

"Just plain evil." Maybe that should be the Fed's byline?

Anyway, Smith is not alone in her contempt for the Fed, but there are those who feel she may be off-base in her assessment of what is going on vis a vis the derivatives dump. Bank analyst Christopher Whalen at Reuters thinks that the transfer could be a sign that B of A is getting ready to throw in the towel. Here's an excerpt from the article:

".... the move to put the derivatives exposures of Merrill Lynch under the lead bank could be preparatory to a Chapter 11 filing by the parent company. The move by Fannie Mae to take a large junk of loans out of BAC, the efforts to integrate parts of Merrill Lynch into the bank units earlier this year, and now the wholesale shift of derivatives exposure all suggest a larger agenda.

"I don't have any access to inside skinny, but what I see suggests to this investment banker that a restructuring may impend at Bank of America." ("Is Bank of America planning for a Chapter 11?", Reuters)

"Restructuring"? So is B of A headed for the glue factory?

No one knows for sure, but the banking behemoth has been laying off workers by the thousands, slashing expenses, and raising fees while its stock has dropped 49 per cent in a year. These are hardly signs of a thriving business.

So, consider this: If you were in Fed chairman Ben Bernanke's shoes, what would you do?

Let's say the second biggest bank in the country is starting to teeter because it's loaded with all manner of dodgy (toxic?) derivatives that could blow up at any minute and take down the entire global financial system. Would you (a) Wait until the bombshell exploded knowing that the only choice you would then have would be to further expand the Fed's balance sheet

by another couple trillion dollars or (b) Try to sleaze the whole thing off on Uncle Sam and let the taxpayers pick up the tab?

I'm not sure, but I think Bernanke may have chosen (b).

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Inequality of the 1%, by the 1%, for the 1%

Americans have been watching protests against oppressive regimes that concentrate massive wealth in the hands of an elite few. Yet in our own democracy, 1 percent of the people take nearly a quarter of the nation's income-an inequality even the wealthy will come to regret.

By Joseph E. Stiglitz
Vanity Fair
May 2011

<http://www.vanityfair.com/society/features/2011/05/top-one-percent-201105>

It's no use pretending that what has obviously happened has not in fact happened. The upper 1 percent of Americans are now taking in nearly a quarter of the nation's income every year. In terms of wealth rather than income, the top 1 percent control 40 percent.

Their lot in life has improved considerably. Twenty-five years ago, the corresponding figures were 12 percent and 33 percent. One response might be to celebrate the ingenuity and drive that brought good fortune to these people, and to contend that a rising tide lifts all boats. That response would be misguided.

While the top 1 percent have seen their incomes rise 18 percent over the past decade, those in the middle have actually seen their incomes fall. For men with only high-school degrees, the decline has been

precipitous-12 percent in the last quarter-century alone. All the growth in recent decades-and more-has gone to those at the top. In terms of income equality, America lags behind any country in the old, ossified Europe that President George W. Bush used to deride.

Among our closest counterparts are Russia with its oligarchs and Iran. While many of the old centers of inequality in Latin America, such as Brazil, have been striving in recent years, rather successfully, to improve the plight of the poor and reduce gaps in income, America has allowed inequality to grow.

Economists long ago tried to justify the vast inequalities that seemed so troubling in the mid-19th century-inequalities that are but a pale shadow of what we are seeing in America today. The justification they came up with was called "marginal-productivity theory." In a nutshell, this theory associated higher incomes with higher productivity and a greater contribution to society. It is a theory that has always been cherished by the rich. Evidence for its validity, however, remains thin. The corporate executives who helped bring on the recession of the past three years-whose contribution to our society, and to their own companies, has been massively negative-went on to receive large bonuses. In some cases, companies were so embarrassed about calling such rewards "performance bonuses" that they felt compelled to change the name to "retention bonuses" (even if the only thing being retained was bad performance). Those who have contributed great positive innovations to our society, from the pioneers of genetic understanding to the pioneers of the Information Age, have received a pittance compared with those responsible for the financial innovations that brought our global economy to the brink of ruin.

Some people look at income inequality and shrug their shoulders. So what if this person gains and that person loses? What matters, they argue, is not how the pie is divided but the size of the pie. That argument is fundamentally wrong. An economy in which most citizens are doing worse year after year-an economy like America's-is not likely to do well over the long haul. There are several reasons for this.

First, growing inequality is the flip side of something else: shrinking opportunity. Whenever we diminish equality of opportunity, it means that we are not using some of our most valuable assets-our people-in the most productive way possible. Second, many of the distortions that lead to inequality-such as those associated with monopoly power and preferential tax treatment for special interests-undermine the efficiency of the economy. This new inequality goes on to create new distortions, undermining efficiency even further. To give just one example, far too many of our most talented young people, seeing the astronomical rewards, have gone into finance rather than into fields that would lead to a more productive and healthy economy.

Third, and perhaps most important, a modern economy requires "collective action"-it needs government to invest in infrastructure, education, and technology. The United States and the world have benefited greatly from government-sponsored research that led to the Internet, to advances in public health, and so on. But America has long suffered from an under-investment in infrastructure (look at the condition of our highways and bridges, our railroads and airports), in basic research, and in education at all levels. Further cutbacks in these areas lie ahead.

None of this should come as a surprise-it is simply what happens when a society's wealth distribution becomes lopsided. The more divided a society becomes in terms of wealth, the more reluctant the wealthy become to spend money on common needs. The rich don't need to rely on government for parks or education or medical care or personal security-they can buy all these things for themselves. In the process, they become more distant from ordinary people, losing whatever empathy they may once have had. They also worry about strong government-one that could use its powers to adjust the balance, take some of their wealth, and invest it for the common good. The top 1 percent may complain about the kind of government we have in America, but in truth they like it just fine: too gridlocked to re-distribute, too divided to do anything but lower taxes.

Economists are not sure how to fully explain the growing inequality in America. The ordinary dynamics of supply and demand have certainly played a role: laborsaving technologies have reduced the demand for many "good" middle-class, blue-collar jobs.

Globalization has created a worldwide marketplace, pitting expensive unskilled workers in America against cheap unskilled workers overseas. Social changes have also played a role-for instance, the decline of unions, which once represented a third of American workers and now represent about 12 percent.

But one big part of the reason we have so much inequality is that the top 1 percent want it that way.

The most obvious example involves tax policy. Lowering tax rates on capital gains, which is how the rich receive a large portion of their income, has given the wealthiest Americans close to a free ride. Monopolies and near monopolies have always been a source of economic power-from John D. Rockefeller at the beginning of the last century to Bill Gates at the end. Lax enforcement of anti-trust laws, especially during Republican administrations, has been a godsend to the top 1 percent. Much of today's inequality is due to manipulation of the financial system, enabled by changes in the rules that have been bought and paid for by the financial industry itself-one of its best investments ever. The government lent money to financial institutions at close to 0 percent interest and provided generous bailouts on favorable terms when all else failed. Regulators turned a blind eye to a lack of transparency and to conflicts of interest.

When you look at the sheer volume of wealth controlled by the top 1 percent in this country, it's tempting to see our growing inequality as a quintessentially American achievement-we started way behind the pack, but now we're doing inequality on a world-class level. And it looks as if we'll be building on this achievement for years to come, because what made it possible is self-reinforcing. Wealth begets power, which begets more wealth. During the savings-and-loan scandal of the 1980s-a scandal whose dimensions, by today's standards, seem almost quaint-the banker Charles Keating was asked by a congressional committee whether the \$1.5 million he had spread among a few key elected officials could actually buy influence. "I certainly hope so," he replied. The Supreme Court, in its recent Citizens United case, has enshrined the right of corporations to buy government, by removing limitations on campaign spending. The personal and the political are today in perfect alignment. Virtually all U.S. senators, and most of the representatives in the House, are members of the top 1 percent when they arrive, are kept in office by money from the top 1 percent, and know that if they serve the top 1 percent well they will be rewarded by the top 1 percent when they leave office. By and large, the key executive-branch policymakers on trade and economic policy also come from the top 1 percent. When pharmaceutical companies receive a trillion-dollar gift-through legislation prohibiting the government, the largest buyer of drugs, from bargaining over price-it should not come as cause for wonder. It should not make jaws drop that a tax bill cannot emerge from Congress unless big tax cuts are put in place for the wealthy. Given the power of the top 1 percent, this is the way you would expect the system to work.

America's inequality distorts our society in every conceivable way. There is, for one thing, a well-documented lifestyle effect-people outside the top 1 percent increasingly live beyond their means. Trickle-down economics may be a chimera, but trickle-down behaviorism is very real. Inequality massively distorts our foreign policy. The top 1 percent rarely serve in the military-the reality is that the "all-volunteer"

army does not pay enough to attract their sons and daughters, and patriotism goes only so far. Plus, the wealthiest class feels no pinch from higher taxes when the nation goes to war: borrowed money will pay for all that. Foreign policy, by definition, is about the balancing of national interests and national resources.

With the top 1 percent in charge, and paying no price, the notion of balance and restraint goes out the window. There is no limit to the adventures we can undertake; corporations and contractors stand only to gain. The rules of economic globalization are likewise designed to benefit the rich: they encourage competition among countries for business, which drives down taxes on corporations, weakens health and environmental protections, and undermines what used to be viewed as the "core" labor rights, which include the right to collective bargaining. Imagine what the world might look like if the rules were designed instead to encourage competition among countries for workers.

Governments would compete in providing economic security, low taxes on ordinary wage earners, good education, and a clean environment-things workers care about. But the top 1 percent don't need to care.

Or, more accurately, they think they don't. Of all the costs imposed on our society by the top 1 percent, perhaps the greatest is this: the erosion of our sense of identity, in which fair play, equality of opportunity, and a sense of community are so important.

America has long prided itself on being a fair society, where everyone has an equal chance of getting ahead, but the statistics suggest otherwise: the chances of a poor citizen, or even a middle-class citizen, making it to the top in America are smaller than in many countries of Europe. The cards are stacked against them. It is this sense of an unjust system without opportunity that has given rise to the conflagrations in the Middle East: rising food prices and growing and persistent youth unemployment simply served as kindling. With youth unemployment in America at around 20 percent (and in some locations, and among some socio-demographic groups, at twice that); with one out of six Americans desiring a full-time job not able to get one; with one out of seven Americans on food stamps (and about the same number suffering from "food insecurity")-given all this, there is ample evidence that something has blocked the vaunted "trickling down"

from the top 1 percent to everyone else. All of this is having the predictable effect of creating alienation-voter turnout among those in their 20s in the last election stood at 21 percent, comparable to the unemployment rate.

In recent weeks we have watched people taking to the streets by the millions to protest political, economic, and social conditions in the oppressive societies they inhabit. Governments have been toppled in Egypt and Tunisia. Protests have erupted in Libya, Yemen, and Bahrain. The ruling families elsewhere in the region look on nervously from their air-conditioned penthouses-will they be next? They are right to worry. These are societies where a minuscule fraction of the population-less than 1 percent-controls the lion's share of the wealth; where wealth is a main determinant of power; where entrenched corruption of one sort or another is a way of life; and where the wealthiest often stand actively in the way of policies that would improve life for people in general.

As we gaze out at the popular fervor in the streets, one question to ask ourselves is this: When will it come to America? In important ways, our own country has become like one of these distant, troubled places.

Alexis de Tocqueville once described what he saw as a chief part of the peculiar genius of American society-something he called "self-interest properly understood." The last two words were the key. Everyone possesses self-interest in a narrow sense: I want what's good for me right now! Self-interest "properly understood" is different. It means appreciating that paying attention to everyone else's self-interest-in other words, the common welfare-is in fact a precondition for one's own ultimate well-being.

Tocqueville was not suggesting that there was anything noble or idealistic about this outlook-in fact, he was suggesting the opposite. It was a mark of American pragmatism. Those canny Americans understood a basic fact: looking out for the other guy isn't just good for the soul-it's good for business.

The top 1 percent have the best houses, the best educations, the best doctors, and the best lifestyles, but there is one thing that money doesn't seem to have bought: an understanding that their fate is bound up with how the other 99 percent live. Throughout history, this is something that the top 1 percent eventually do learn. Too late.

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New York Labor Chorus Concert

With all that's going in NYC these days don't you need to take an evening to relax, while also being inspired?

What better way to do that then to attend the upcoming 20th anniversary concert of the New York City Labor Chorus!! They'll be performing at Town Hall on Saturday, November 5th....still time to get your tickets.

Check it out of their website at: <http://www.nyclc.org/>

Call 212-929-3232 for more information and to order tickets.

Don't delay....now is the time to make that call!

peace,

Leslie Cagan

U.S. Labor for Friendship with Cuba

Cordially Invites You on a Report Back of its "May Day"
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RE: End of a Tyrant: As Word Of Gaddafi's Death Spread, the Cheers Rang Out

Three demurrers...

1) I am appalled at the glee in the US and Europe (the "civilized world" -- yeah) over the assassinations of Osama, Gaddafi, et al. Every man's death diminishes me, and these death's diminish these gloating ghouls deeply!

2) Don't believe the "independent democracy lies. The old colonial powers have taken northern Africa with a violent slaughter.

3) Gaddafi got more of the benefits of oil to his citizens than any other Arab leader, and was in the lead with his friend Nelson Mandela in creating the African Union.

And never forget when Reagan, trying to murder Gaddafi, shelled the Tripoli palace and murdered Gaddafi's small daughter.

Rev. Jack Zylman

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Hooray! Let's watch now as the forces of democracy get rid of all that tyrannical stuff like free education, healthcare and opportunities for women.

Ellen Schwartz

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Neighborhood tough guy whacked by the mafia.

Per Fagereng Portland

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We're supposed to be happy about a civil war fomented by Nato and choreographed by Qatar and the state department, leading to the death of tens of thousands of civilians? This is sheer hypocrisy, immoral and rooted in bloodlust. NO bombing campaign is or was ever just.

Immanuel Ness

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You all should not be so naïve as to believe this is good -- the empire has taken control of yet another country through puppets.

R

Re: US Student Debt Impact Likened to Subprime Crisis

This is a deceptive analogy. There is no correspondence between the incursion of debt by people at the beginning of their working lives, who hope to improve themselves and contribute to society by their education, and the FRAUDULENT lending by unscrupulous banks which is what the subprime mortgage crisis represents.

Even if the student loans were entirely forgiven, WHICH THEY SHOULD BE, they represent an excellent investment in the HUMAN "CAPITAL" of this country, whereas the "subprime mortgages" only represent an increase in exorbitant and wasteful housing stock, housing which is far in excess of the needs of ordinary working people.

Cordially, Romi Elnagar

Re: The Nonsense That Is "Vaccine Injury Awareness Month"

As a retired biochemist and grandmother of eleven I have spent much effort researching the pros and cons of vaccination you are so wrong!

Mary

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Steve Jobs apparently bought into some of this crank "medicine" (genius does no guarantee against credulity). If he hadn't, he might still be among the living. david worley

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In this column Orac waxes eloquently about Breast Cancer Awareness Month. I think it might be a good idea for both Portside and Orac to take a look at the review and preview of a new Canadian film called "Pink Ribbon, Inc." which will come to the US probably in February.

Here it is:

<http://blog.nfb.ca/2011/09/12/pink-ribbons-inc-tiff/>

With best wishes for a saner October,

Judy Brady

Re: Advice to Democrats: Cave to Occupy Wall Street

Good piece. Unfortunately, the following comment to his piece at TruthOut is right on:

"demands he points to kristoff, booster of neoliberal globalization.

what about the disappearance of us jobs b/c of 'free trade' agreements, including 3 just signed with panama, korea, and (gag!*) colombia; what about strengthening and enforcing anti-monopoly laws; what about legal requirements of parity between executive compensation vs. compensation for the un- and under-employed; what about dealing with overconsumption that is destroying the planet by mandating an economic system different from free-market fundamentalism (e.g. steady state economy); what about PROSECUTIONS for fraud, embezzlement etc. at the top Wall Street firms, insurance companies, and rating agencies?

ows has to stop listening to pundits with a few 'fixes' which leave the corruption and destructive nature of the current economy intact."

robert jereski

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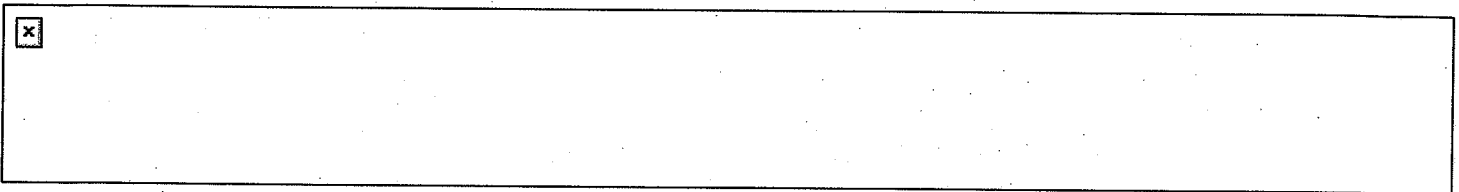
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Corts, Carynne

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 8:28 PM
To: Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: Re: campaign visit

Dear Stephen,

Thank you for your attention to public safety. Please don't forget our fireman who save our property and lives. Besides my major house fire in 2006, our neighborhood saw an additional house fire near the same time on Bluett by Sugarbush Park. During the last year or so there was the house fire on Bluett near Clague School and the near totaled house and near fatal fire on Georgetown Blvd near Bluett, so it can happen to any of us. From my experience, I'd say that fast response time is one key measure of success.

I would consider having one of your yard signs.

Sincerely,

Dora Reader

----- Original Message -----

From: Rapundalo, Stephen

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2011 8:28 PM

Subject: RE: campaign visit

Dora,

It was a pleasure to meet you and I enjoyed our conversation. Many residents share your concerns over public safety as do I and I intend to pursue the goal of increasing the police ranks as soon as some dollars are freed. Hopefully by Jan 1, 2012 you'll be hearing about new hires.

Thanks for your support. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you ever have concerns.

Sincerely,

Stephen

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2011 11:35 PM
To: Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: campaign visit

Dear Mr. Rapundalo,

Thank you for stopping by my house to discuss A2 issues. I appreciate the opportunity to express my viewpoint about public safety being the number one priority for the city.

You are knowledgeable and engaged in doing the best for citizens of Ann Arbor, so I plan to vote for you in November.

Respectfully,

Dora Reader

[REDACTED]

Corts, Carynne

From: james fuester [redacted]
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 8:50 PM
Subject: Fw: IMPORTANT * Please, please read *

-----Forwarded Message-----

From: james fuester
Sent: Oct 24, 2011 8:44 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: IMPORTANT * Please, please read *

Hi All,

Please read below (forwarded from friends) and take action if you are so inclined! These bills have come along at frightening speed in our State Legislature, and only seek to disenfranchise and discriminate against certain members of the public, all under the guise of right-wing double-speak and "it's only what the voters want," or under the false impression of significant savings from illusory budget cuts... If enacted, they would set the climate of this state backwards dramatically in the arena of human rights in all our communities!

Thanks, JimF

The Public Employee Domestic Partner Benefits Restriction Act (HB 4770) and HB 4771 are going to the floor of the Michigan Senate on Tuesday, October 25.

What we need right now is a fierce campaign of letters to editors throughout Michigan. Please, take a moment to write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper.

In addition to the moral bankruptcy of this Act, a few key points to keep in mind in drafting letters include:

- **The discriminatory nature of HB 4770 is so obvious that it includes a section stating the rest of the bill would remain in effect if a part of the bill is declared unconstitutional.**
- **If passed, this bill would leave at least 320,000 people without healthcare.**
- **Fiscal analysis did not account for the cost to Michigan in defending this bill when lawsuits are brought against it for the civil rights it clearly violates.**
- **HB 4771 is another conservative attempt to cripple unions and their ability to bargain collectively.**
- **HB 4770 and HB 4771 will make Michigan less competitive for the best candidates when hiring teachers, professors and researchers as well as all of the other public service jobs in our state.**
- **While this should go without saying, please remember to keep your letters respectful; name-calling and abusive language will not advance our cause.**

I have sent out a press release to several newspapers throughout the state, announcing my intention to deliver our petition to the Governor and the Senate on Tuesday. I realize this is short notice, but a flood of letters to the editors hitting Michigan's newspapers on the same day that we deliver the petition will hopefully get through to our elected officials just how seriously we stand against this horrible bill. I know I'm asking a lot, but emails and phone calls to your Senator will also be hugely helpful. We need them all to feel the pressure from their constituents.

Again, I cannot thank each of you enough for standing in support of Michigan's domestic partner benefits. There is still time if you know of anyone who wants to sign our petition.

Corts, Carynne

From: Chosen Word LLC [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 8:48 PM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: An unusual event on Turnberry Lane

Hi, Christopher -

Returning from dinner at around 8:30 on the 22nd, my son and I came upon a surprising sight: three police cars (they might have been from both the Ann Arbor and Pittsfield Township forces) blocked the southbound lane of Turnberry, near Packard. We had to creep around to the northbound lane to get past them. A silver Ford quad cab with a Texas plate, all of its doors open, was parked at the curb, and a young man in handcuffs was being led away.

Perhaps the police cannot say anything about this incident, but it would be good for our residents to know whether what happened had to do with the subdivision, or if it was something else.

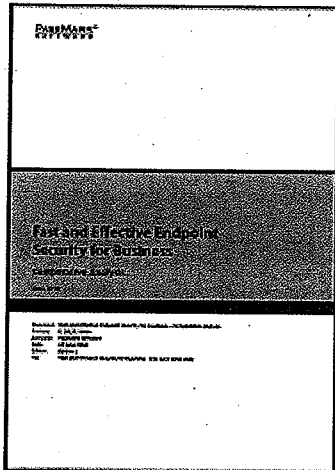
Thanks for finding out what you can about this event.

Rob Stone
[REDACTED]

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From: Bonnie Bona [bonnie@bsbona.com]
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 9:00 PM
To: Eric Mahler; Kirk Westphal; Evan Pratt; Derezhinski, Tony; Eleanore Adenekan; Erica Briggs; Diane Giannola; Wendy Woods; Rampson, Wendy
Subject: Fwd: EVENT - Erb Speaker Series: The Irrationality of Sustainability, Sunday October 30

FYI below. Bonnie

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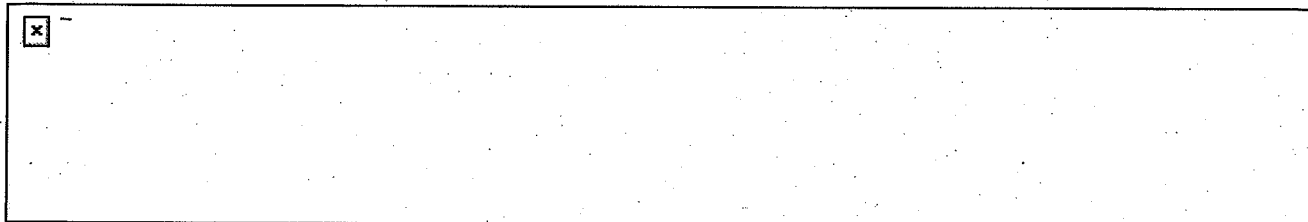
From: Laura Palombi <laura@cec-mi.org>
Date: October 21, 2011 8:52:27 AM EDT
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Is anyone interested in going to this with me?

Begin forwarded message:

From: Laura Palombi <laura.palombi2011@gmail.com>
Date: October 21, 2011 8:39:18 AM EDT
To: laura@cec-mi.org
Subject: Fwd: EVENT - Erb Speaker Series: The Irrationality of Sustainability, Sunday October 30

On Thu, Oct 20, 2011 at 11:46 PM, Cleveland, Cynthia <cyndyc@umich.edu> wrote:



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Erb Speaker Series

The Irrationality of Sustainability

Professor Dan Ariely

Sunday, October 30

11:00am - 12:30 pm, Ross Colloquium

(talk will be followed by Q &A)

Are decisions that attempt to balance people, planet and profits made rationally? Can they be? Our economic models are built on the ideal that people are maximizers of utility and that we have access to all the information and thus can make necessary choices on a rational basis. Rationality is everything, or is it?

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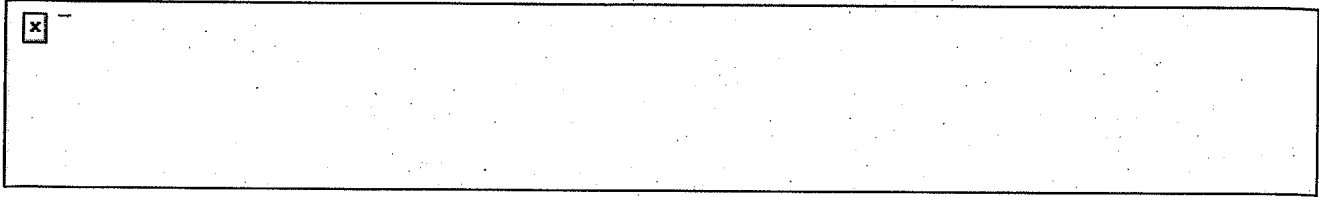


Dan Ariely is a professor of psychology and behavioral economics at Duke. He authored the best sellers “Predictably Irrational”, and “The Upside of Irrationality.”

His research has addressed such issues as why people cheat, the tragedy of the commons, why big bonuses do not work, market failure and the use of intuition in the boardroom.

The Erb Speaker Series is free and open to the public.

For additional questions about the speaker series please contact Dominique Abed (hdabed@umich.edu).



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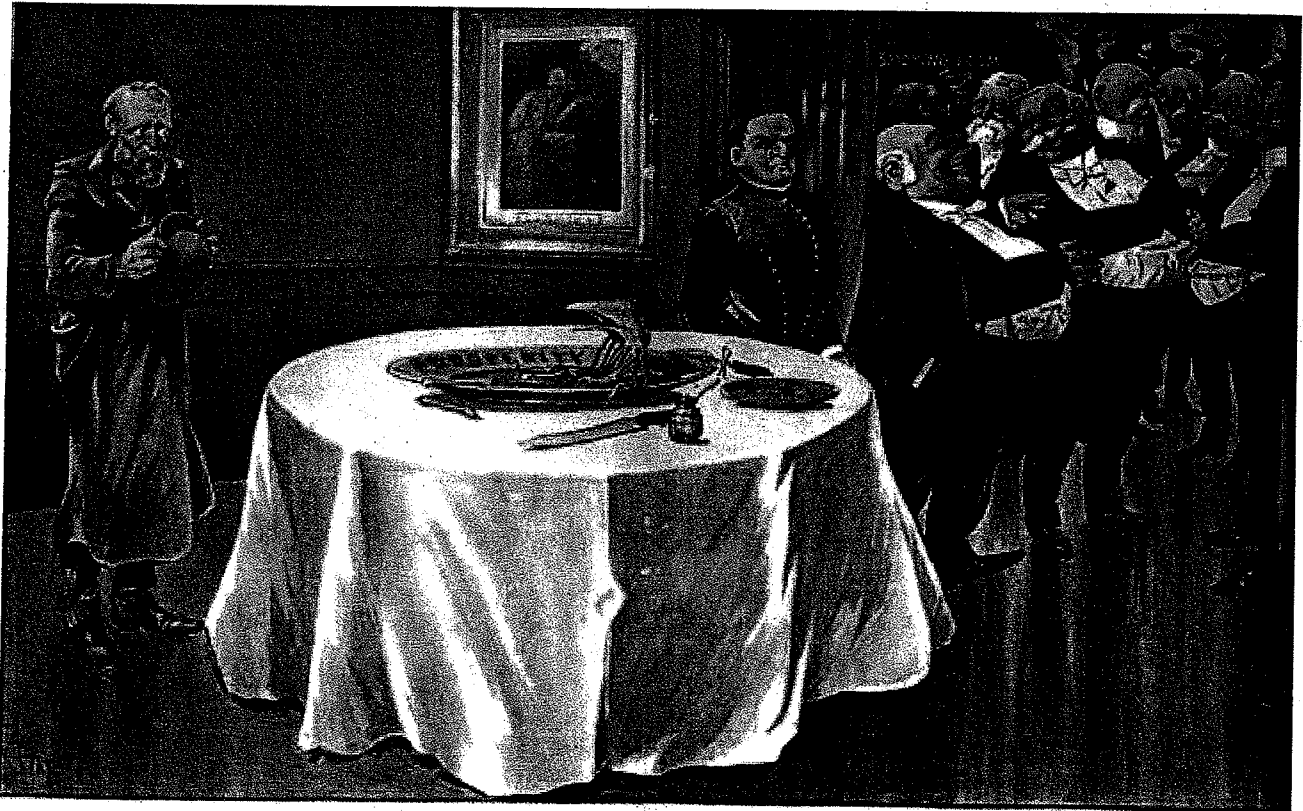
From: PAUL JAEHNERT [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 9:13 PM
Subject: Those who do not remember the past are doomed to repeat it . . .
Attachments: Those who do not remember the past are doomed to repeat it . . .

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From: PAUL JAEHNERT [mailto:jaehner@...]
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 9:13 PM
Subject: Those who do not remember the past are doomed to repeat it . . .

After the feast, the working man gets what is left!



AFTER THE FEAST.
THE WORKING MAN GETS WHAT IS LEFT.

A Cartoon by Horace Taylor. From The Verdict December 4, 1899.

Corts, Carynne

From: Ann Schriber [mailto:annschriber@strive.org]
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 9:18 PM
To: David Keren
Cc: Agnes Reading; Amy Goodman; Andy Dahlman; Anne Glendon; Beverly Seiford; Carolyn Shear; Dan Shairbaum; David Keren; Ingrid Sheldon; Jody Tull; Leo Shedden; Lois Jelnick; Lois Stenger; Mary D'Alesandro; Nick Lacy; Omari Rush; Paul Glendon; Rick Reid; Robert Holmes; Sue Beutler; Derezinski, Tony; Wendy Correll; dunbar, Ross
Subject: Re: STRIVE meeting Wednesday at 11:30

David,

I will be at Stratford seeing Jesus Christ Superstar -the last two tickets available for the season!!!

Ann

On Mon, Oct 24, 2011 at 12:41 PM, David Keren [mailto:dkeren@strive.org] wrote:
Hi STRIVE members,

We will meet from 11:30 to noon this Wednesday, October 26.

Agenda:

1. Change in the Dates for the STRIVE students- Dave Keren
 - A. January 11 instead of December
 - B. May 30 instead of May 23
2. Update on STRIVE at work - Rick Reid
3. Report from Ann Arbor Tech- Ross Dunbar
4. Other items

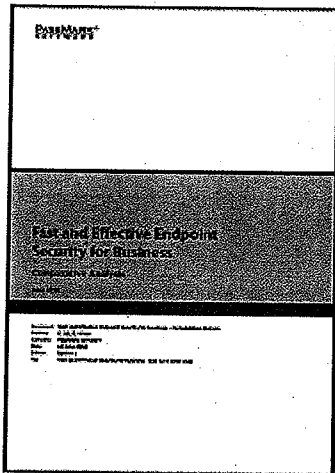
See you then,
Dave

--
Ann Schriber

Corts, Carynne

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From: Mandy Grewal [GrewalM@pittsfield-mi.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 9:37 PM
To: Derezsinski, Tony
Subject: Meeting tomorrow

Hi Tony:

I am writing to confirm our meeting for tomorrow at the Arborland Starbucks and to request if we could move it to 3:00 instead of 2:30. Let me know if that will work for you.

Look forward to talking more about the Reimagine Washtenaw initiative.

Best,

Mandy Grewal, Ph.D.
Supervisor, Pittsfield Charter Township
734.945.2072

Corts, Carynne

From: James Kvaal, BarackObama.com [info@barackobama.com]
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 9:42 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: We can't wait



Friend --

Now that each and every Senate Republican has vowed to block measures that would create jobs, President Obama is not going to wait for them to rebuild the economy and bring financial security back to the middle class.

Today, he announced new rules on federal mortgages to prevent more families from losing their homes to foreclosure. And that's just the beginning -- the President said he would continue to make the changes he can by executive action, while continuing to urge Congress to act on legislation to strengthen the economy and create jobs.

If Congress doesn't act, he will -- because millions of Americans can't just wait for Congress to do their jobs. That's why thousands of you have been calling and tweeting your representatives over the past month, joining the President in sending a message to lawmakers in Washington that they need to act now.

We're not just going to continue to wait -- and we'll be keeping up the pressure by making sure they're hearing from folks across the country every day about why they need to act.

Will you share your story -- and join President Obama in telling Congress that we can't and won't wait?

Republicans in Congress have repeatedly filibustered the President's ideas to create jobs now -- ideas that until recently were supported by Republicans.

The President's action today also stands in stark contrast to the positions of the Republicans running for president. Mitt Romney even told a newspaper last week that we actually shouldn't act; we should let the housing crisis "run its course" and "hit the bottom" so that "investors" can come in and buy up these homes at cheap prices. He's saying to homeowners that they are on their own, forcing thousands of families to explain to their kids why they have to give up their homes.

Doing nothing while families struggle: that's the opposite of what this president and this campaign stand for. President Obama isn't going to let Congress' inaction stop him from doing what he can right now.

So here's what the President's announcement means:

-- More families whose homes are under water will get help and save money on their monthly mortgage payment through the Home Affordable Refinance Programs.

-- If the value of your mortgage is \$100,000 and your house is valued at \$75,000, you previously weren't able to refinance to save your home,-- forcing many families to pay higher interest rates. As a result of today's announcement, many more responsible homeowners will be able to lower their rates and pay their debts.

-- And this is just one of the incremental changes to come. Next, the President will announce new steps to help young people manage their federal student loan debt while they look for a job and get on their feet. He'll also take action to help small businesses and entrepreneurs, spur the engines of job growth, create new jobs, and assist veterans in finding them.

These measures alone are not a comprehensive solution to the economic challenges we face. That needs to come out of Congress -- and if they're going to finally put party aside, they're going to need to keep hearing from us. President Obama is stepping up the pressure, and he's counting on us to keep going, too.

Get the President's back and keep the heat on Congress -- tell your story of why we can't wait any longer:

<http://my.barackobama.com/We-Cant-Wait>

Corts, Carynne

From: Rapundalo, Stephen
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 9:43 PM
To: *City Council Members (All); Beaudry, Jacqueline
Subject: Resolution to Amend the City Attorney's Employment Contract for 2009-2010
Attachments: RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CITY ATTORNEY 2009-2010.docx

All,

Attached is a proposed resolution for Council's consideration.

Sincerely,

Stephen

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RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CITY ATTORNEY'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the City Council Administration Committee has evaluated the overall job performance of the City Attorney for 2009/2010;

WHEREAS, the City Council Administration Committee solicited comments and input regarding the City Attorney's job performance from every member of the City Council;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Attorney's employment contract be amended as follows: the City Attorney may, at his discretion on or before December 31, 2011, cash-in up to 250 hours of accrued banked time.

Submitted by: Council members Derezinski, Higgins, Rapundalo, Teall, and Mayor Hieftje.

Corts, Carynne

From: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com on behalf of Edward Vielmetti
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 9:44 PM
To: Shoshana Hurand
Cc: Janell Lutostanski; lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com
Subject: Re: LoBuPa Vandalism on Granger last night

Janell, there's a form here to report a problem

<http://www.bartonbrook.com/addproblem.pl>

It took about 3 minutes and you don't need to give your address, just a phone point of contact.

Ed

On Mon, Oct 24, 2011 at 10:01 AM, Shoshana Hurand <[REDACTED]> wrote:

- > As of a few years ago (and I believe this is still true) 1221 Brooklyn
- > was managed by Bartonbrook Properties. <http://www.bartonbrook.com/>
- > Their phone number is 734-665-5620.
- > I hope this is helpful.
- > --Shoshana

> --Shoshana

> [REDACTED]
> [REDACTED]
> [REDACTED]
> [REDACTED]

> On Oct 24, 2011, at 9:55 AM, Janell Lutostanski wrote:

- >
- > Good Morning Nancy,
- > Sorry!
- > Does anyone know how to contact the property owner's of 1221 Brooklyn?
- > The property is listed on the Ann Arbor Property Tax as:
- > WR Investment Group
- > 32100 Telegraph Road
- > Bingham Farms, MI 48025
- > A brief internet search was not fruitful.
- > This past summer, there was an attempt to replace the chain link fence
- > on the corner of Packard / Brooklyn. What remains is several unsecured
- > fence posts and holes in the ground.
- > Several of these fence post have been used as projectiles. One which I
- > have confiscated was in my driveway this morning. Inebriated
- > individuals have a tendency to turn into the Incredible Hulk in the
- > past the bus stop sign was pulled out of the ground, cement and all
- > and tossed through my neighbors SUV.
- > If anybody knows how I can contact WR Investment Group or what number
- > to call at City Hall to report this situation, please reply to this email.
- > Kind Regards,

> [REDACTED]
> [REDACTED]
> [REDACTED]

> From: Nancy [REDACTED]
> To: "lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com"
> <lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com>
> Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2011 4:13 PM

> Subject: LoBuPa Vandalism on Granger last night
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> Hi all
>
> It is the season for pumpkin smashing but last night around 2 am
> several homes on Granger " got hit". A flower pot with yellow mums
> was smashed and tossed into Anne's yard at 1113 - picture attached.
> Yard bags of leaves were torn open and tossed around at 1025. Solar
> lanterns from our porch at
> 1022 were ripped off the porch and torn up.
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> There is not much that can be done to stop this, but it is frustrating.
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> Nancy Leff
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