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Time	To	From	CC	Redactions	Reason for Redaction
11:46 PM	Higgins, Marcia	Moore, Brad		email address	Privacy
10:59 PM	Teall, Margie; LowerBurnsParkNeighborhoodAssociation	LowerBurnsParkNeighborhoodAssociation on behalf of M. Blair		email addresses; telephone numbers and addresses	Privacy
10:53 PM	Derezinski, Tony	Griswold, Kathy		email addresses	Privacy
10:13 PM	Taylor, Christopher; Sagolla, Laura; Roberts, Todd; Rush, Omar; Margolis, Liz; Colquitt, Melinda; Carpenter, Sheila; Shaw, Kevin; Deveney, Marie; Sample, Kathy; Correll, Wendy; Godfrey, Bill; Martin, Kristine; Starman, Helen; Kersch; David; Hume, Jim; Manschall, Rob; Basket; Susan; Martel, David; Fink, Kalyn	Correll, Wendy		email address	Privacy
9:49 PM	Teall, Margie; LowerBurnsParkNeighborhoodAssociation	LowerBurnsParkNeighborhoodAssociation on behalf of Linda Sattler		email addresses; home addresses	Privacy
9:57 PM	BingBingLI	Mackarena, Valdebenito		email addresses and telephone numbers	Privacy
8:51 PM	Rapurdalo, Stephen	McDonald, Kevin		Privileged and Confidential Info	Attorney-Client Confidentiality
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8:23 PM	Brix, Andrew; Singh, Neha	Lancaster, Karen		Telephone number	Privacy
8:12 PM	Hieftje, John	American Airlines		account number	Privacy
8:01 PM	LowerBurnsParkNeighborhoodAssociation; Teall, Margie	LowerBurnsParkNeighborhoodAssociation on behalf of Cecilia Trudeau		email address, telephone number, home address	Privacy
7:56 PM	LowerBurnsParkNeighborhoodAssociation	LowerBurnsParkNeighborhoodAssociation on behalf of Amy Thomas		email address; home address	Privacy

Greenshields, Rachel

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
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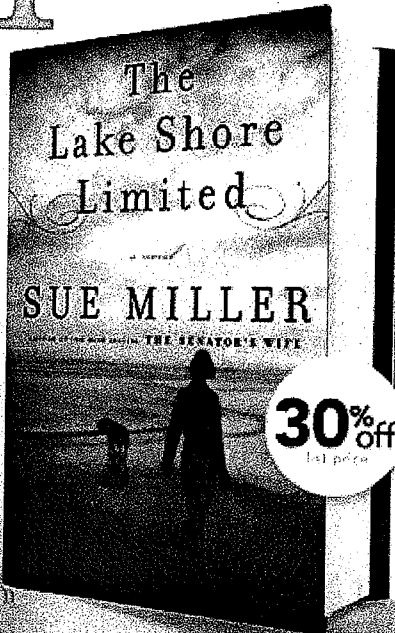
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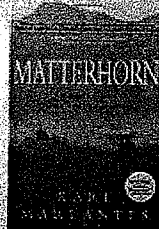
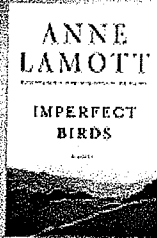
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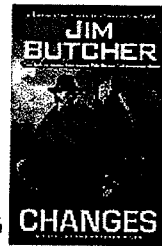
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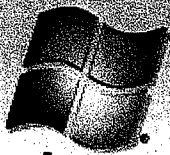
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From: Brad Moore LT [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2010 11:46 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: Re: Disney

I'm totally flexible - when do you leave?

Higgins, Marcia wrote:

Are you around next week? Either early am for a cup of coffee or a lunch?

From: Brad Moore LT [REDACTED]
Sent: Tue 3/30/2010 7:08 AM
To: Brad Moore LT
Cc: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: Re: Disney

Brad Moore LT wrote:

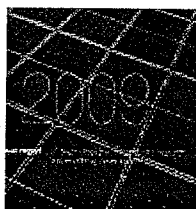
- > Let me know when we can connect so i can fill you in on some
- > tips/hints that will really enhance your vacation!
- >
- > Brad
- >

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From: Ken Nisbet [venturecenter=umich.edu@mcsv141.net] on behalf of Ken Nisbet [venturecenter@umich.edu]
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2010 11:00 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: U-M VentureLink Newsletter Spring Issue



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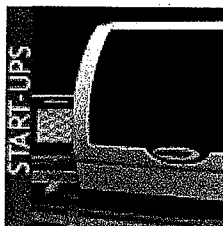
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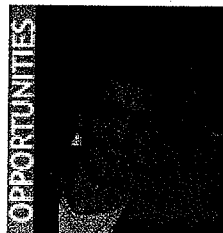


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From: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com on behalf of M Blair
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2010 10:04 AM
To: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com
Subject: RE: [lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation] Interior painting

Hi - Gary Gibson painted much of our 1st floor last year and he did a great job and was affordable. He did plaster repair work as well. He was recommended by a friend - we would definitely use him again.

Gary's Phone: [REDACTED]

Monica and Dan ([REDACTED])

From: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com
[mailto:lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com] **On Behalf Of** cjtrudeau [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2010 8:01 PM
To: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com
Subject: Re: [lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation] Interior painting

I recently used Marc Materka of M&M Painting and was satisfied. His phone number is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Good luck!

Cecilia

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

From: Amy Thomas, [REDACTED]
To: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation
Sent: Mon, 5 Apr 2010 23:56:06 +0000 (UTC)
Subject: [lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation] Interior painting

Hi,

We are embarking on some sorely-needed wall painting. I am looking for an experienced painter, who is meticulous but doesn't cost an arm and a leg. Is that combination possible? Do you know such a person? We will be doing at least some of the work, but I also want to get estimates from skilled, local people.

Yes, I know the exterior urgently needs to be painted as well. It's on the list, looking for room in the budget.

Many thanks,
Amy Thomas (& Spencer)
[REDACTED]

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From: griswoldkj [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2010 10:53 PM
To: Derezinski, Tony; [REDACTED]
Subject: Contact information for Brian Weisman

Tony,

The property owner at the 4-way STOP intersection near King School where a sidewalk/pathway is needed to move the school crosswalk is Brian Weisman. His email is [REDACTED]

At a meeting last fall with neighbors who have children who walk to King School, he asked that the project be delayed until this spring so that he could have adequate time to design an attractive pathway on his property.

Kathy

--
Kathy Griswold
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Greenshields, Rachel

From: moderator@PORTSIDE.ORG
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2010 10:36 PM
To: PORTSIDE@LISTS.PORTSIDE.ORG
Subject: Cuban Medical Aid to Haiti

One of the World's Best Kept Secrets Cuban Medical Aid to Haiti

By EMILY J. KIRK and JOHN M. KIRK

April 1, 2010

<http://www.counterpunch.org/kirk04012010.html>

Media coverage of Cuban medical cooperation following the disastrous recent earthquake in Haiti was sparse indeed. International news reports usually described the Dominican Republic as being the first to provide assistance, while Fox News sang the praises of U.S. relief efforts in a report entitled "U.S. Spearheads Global Response to Haiti Earthquake"- a common theme of its extensive coverage. CNN also broadcast hundreds of reports, and in fact one focused on a Cuban doctor wearing a T-shirt with a large image of Che Guevara-- and yet described him as a "Spanish doctor".

In general, international news reports ignored Cuba's efforts. By March 24, CNN for example, had 601 reports on their news website regarding the earthquake in Haiti-of which only 18 (briefly) referenced Cuban assistance. Similarly, between them the New York Times and the Washington Post had 750 posts regarding the earthquake and relief efforts, though not a single one discusses in any detail any Cuban support. In reality, however, Cuba's medical role had been extremely important-and had been present since 1998.

Cuba and Haiti Pre-Earthquake

In 1998, Haiti was struck by Hurricane Georges. The hurricane caused 230 deaths, destroyed 80% of the crops, and left 167,000 people homeless.[1] Despite the fact that Cuba and Haiti had not had diplomatic relations in over 36 years, Cuba immediately offered a multifaceted agreement to assist them, of which the most important was medical cooperation.

Cuba adopted a two-pronged public health approach to help Haiti. First, it agreed to maintain hundreds of doctors in the country for as long as necessary, working wherever they were posted by the Haitian government. This was particularly significant as Haiti's health care system was easily the worst in the Americas, with life expectancy of only 54 years in 1990 and one out of every 5 adult deaths due to AIDS, while 12.1% of children died from preventable intestinal infectious diseases.[2]

In addition Cuba agreed to train Haitian doctors in Cuba, providing that they would later return and take the places of the Cuban doctors (a process of "brain gain" rather than "brain drain"). Significantly, the students were selected from non-traditional backgrounds, and were mainly poor. It was thought that, because of their socio-economic background, they fully understood their country's need for medical personnel, and would return to work where they were needed. The first cohort of students began studying in May, 1999 at the Latin American School of Medicine (ELAM).

By 2007, significant change had already been achieved throughout the country. It is worth noting that Cuban medical personnel were estimated to be caring for 75% of the population.[3] Studies by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) indicated clear improvements in the health profile since this extensive Cuban medical cooperation began.

Improvements in Public Health in Haiti, 1999-2007[4]

Health Indicator	1999	2007
Infant Mortality, per 1,000 live births		80
33 Child Mortality Under 5 per 1,000		

135	59.4 Maternal Mortality per 100,000 live
births	523 285 Life Expectancy (years)
	54 61

Cuban medical personnel had clearly made a major difference to the national health profile since 1998, largely because of their proactive role in preventive medicine-as can be seen below.

Selected Statistics on Cuban Medical Cooperation Dec. 1998-May 2007[5]

Visits to the doctor	10,682,124	Doctor
visits to patients	4,150,631	Attended births
	86,633	Major and minor surgeries
160,283 Vaccinations		899,829
Lives saved (emergency)	210,852	

By 2010, at no cost to medical students, Cuba had trained some 550 Haitian doctors, and is at present training a further 567. Moreover, since 1998 some 6,094 Cuban medical personnel have worked in Haiti. They had given over 14.6 million consultations, carried out 207,000 surgical operations, including 45,000 vision restoration operations through their Operation Miracle programme, attended 103,000 births, and taught literacy to 165,000. In fact at the time of the earthquake there were 344 Cuban medical personnel there. All of this medical cooperation, it must be remembered, was provided over an 11-year period before the earthquake of January 12, 2010. [6]

Cuba and Haiti Post-Earthquake

The earthquake killed at least 220,000, injured 300,000 and left 1.5 million homeless. [7] Haitian Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellerive described it as "the worst catastrophe that has occurred in Haiti in two centuries". [8]

International aid began flooding in. It is important to note the type of medical aid provided by some major international players. Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), for example, an organization known for its international medical assistance, flew in some 348 international staff, in addition to the 3,060 national staff it already employed. By March 12 they had treated some 54,000 patients, and completed 3,700 surgical operations. [9]

Canada's contribution included the deployment of 2,046 Canadian Forces personnel, including 200 DART personnel. The DART (Disaster Assistance Response Team) received the most media attention, as it conducted 21,000 consultations-though it should be noted they do not treat any serious trauma patients or provide surgical care. Indeed, among the DART personnel, only 45 are medical staff, with others being involved in water purification, security, and reconstruction. In total, the Canadians stayed for only 7 weeks. [10]

The United States government, which received extensive positive media attention, sent the USNS "Comfort", a 1,000-bed hospital ship with a 550-person medical staff and stayed for 7 weeks, in which time they treated 871 patients, performing 843 surgical operations. [11] Both the Canadian and US contributions were important-while they were there.

Lost in the media shuffle was the fact that, for the first 72 hours following the earthquake, Cuban doctors were in fact the main medical support for the country. Within the first 24 hours, they had completed 1,000 emergency surgeries, turned their living quarters into clinics, and were running the only medical centers in the country, including 5 comprehensive diagnostic centers (small hospitals) which they had previously built. In addition another 5 in various stages of construction were also used, and they turned their ophthalmology center into a field hospital-which treated 605 patients within the first 12 hours following the earthquake. [12]

Cuba soon became responsible for some 1,500 medical personnel in Haiti. Of those, some 344 doctors were already working in Haiti, while over 350 members of the "Henry Reeve" Emergency Response Medical Brigade were sent by Cuba following the earthquake. In addition, 546 graduates of ELAM from a variety of countries, and 184 5th and 6th year Haitian ELAM students joined, as did a number of Venezuelan medical personnel. In the

final analysis, they were working throughout Haiti in 20 rehabilitation centers and 20 hospitals, running 15 operating theatres, and had vaccinated 400,000. With reason Fidel Castro stated, "we send doctors, not soldiers". [13]

A glance at the medical role of the various key players is instructive.

Comparative Medical Contributions in Haiti by March 23 [14]

MSF	Canada	United States	Cuba	No. of
Staff 3,408	45	550		1,504
No. of Patients 871	Treated 227,143	54,000		21,000
No. of Surgeries 6,499	3,700	0	843	

These comparative data, compiled from several sources, are particularly telling as they indicate the significant (and widely ignored) medical contribution of the Cubans. In fact, they have treated 4.2 times the number of patients compared with MSF (which has over twice as many workers, as well as significantly more financial resources), and 10.8 times more than the Canadian DART team. (As noted, Canadian and US medical personnel had left by March 9). Also notable is the fact that the Cuban medical contingent was roughly three times the size of the American staff, although they treated 260.7 times more patients than U.S.

medical personnel. Clearly, there have been significant differences in the nature of medical assistance provided.

It is also important to note that approximately one-half of the Cuban medical staff was working outside the capital, Port-au-Prince, where there was significant damage as well. Many medical missions could not get there, however, due to transportation issues. Significantly, the Cuban medical brigade also worked to minimize epidemics by making up 30 teams to educate communities on how to properly dispose of waste, as well as how to minimize public health risks. Noted Cuban artist Kcho also headed a cultural brigade made up of clowns, magicians and dancers, supported by psychologists and psychiatrists, to deal with the trauma experienced by Haitian children.

Perhaps most impressively, following the growing concern for the health of the country, due to a poor and now largely destroyed health care system Cuba, working with ALBA (the Alianza Bolivariana para los Pueblos de Nuestra America) countries, presented to the WHO an integral program to reconstruct the health care system of Haiti. Essentially, they are offering to rebuild the entire health care system. It will be supported by ALBA and Brazil, and run by Cubans and Cuban-trained medical staff. This is to include hospitals, polyclinics, and medical schools. In addition, the Cuban government has offered to increase the number of Haitian students attending medical school in Cuba. This offer of medical cooperation represents an enormous degree of support for Haiti. [15] Sadly, this generous offer has not been reported by international media.

While North American media might have ignored Cuba's role, Haiti has not. A pointed remark was made by Haitian President Mr. Rene Preval, who noted, "you did not wait for an earthquake to help us". [16] Similarly, Haiti's Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellerive has also repeatedly noted that the first three countries to help were Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Venezuela.

Sadly (but not surprisingly), while Cuba's efforts to assist Haiti have increased, international efforts have continued to dwindle. The head of the Cuban medical mission, Dr. Carlos Alberto Garcia, summed up well the situation just two weeks after the tragedy: "many foreign delegations have already begun to leave, and the aid which is arriving now is not the same it used to be. Sadly, as always happens, soon another tragedy will appear in another country, and the people of Haiti will be forgotten, left to their own fate". Significantly, he added "However we will still be here long after they have all gone." [17] This in fact has been the case. Canadian forces, for example, returned home and the USNS Comfort sailed several weeks ago. By contrast, Cuban President Raul Castro noted: "we have accompanied the Haitian people, and we will continue with them whatever time is needed, no matter how many years, with our very modest support". [18]

A representative of the World Council of Churches to the United Nations made the telling comment that "humanitarian aid could not be human if it was only publicized for 15 days". [19] Today Cuba, with the support of ALBA and Brazil, is working not to build a field hospital, but rather a health care system. And, while international efforts have been largely abandoned, the Cuban staff and Cuban-trained medical staff will remain, as they have done for the past 11 years, for as long as necessary. This is a story that international media have chosen not to tell-now that the television cameras have gone. Yet it is an extraordinary story of true humanitarianism, and of great success in saving lives since 1998. Moreover, in light of Cuba's success in providing public health care (at no cost to the patients) to millions of Haitians, this approach to preventive, culturally sensitive, low cost and effective medicine needs to be told. That significant contribution to this impoverished nation, and Cuba's ongoing commitment to its people, clearly deserve to be recognized. Until then it will sadly remain as one of the world's best-kept secrets.

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Scores rescued from flooded coal mine in China By GILLIAN WONG (AP)

XIANGNING, China -- Rescuers paddled the rafts with their hands in the dark, flooded mine shaft, letting out air so the inflatable vessels could squeeze through tight passages. From deep in the tunnel came the call:
"Can you get me out of here?"

Replied a rescuer: "Since we got in, we will definitely be able to take you out of here."

And they did, pulling 115 miners to safety Monday, their eighth day trapped in the northern China mine.

Emergency teams were trying to reach 38 others still in the Wangjialing mine as of Monday night.

Even so, the rescue was a rare piece of good news for a coal-mining industry that is notoriously the world's deadliest. Chinese officials called it "a miracle." State TV repeatedly broadcast images of cheering and crying rescuers -- a cathartic moment for the country observing "grave-sweeping day," a traditional time for remembering the dead.

"This is probably one of the most amazing rescues in the history of mining anywhere," said David Feickert, a coal mine safety adviser to the Chinese government.

Some miners told rescuers of eating tree bark and drinking the filthy water to survive. Some had strapped themselves to the shafts' walls with their belts -- or similarly suspended themselves using their clothes -- to avoid drowning while they slept. Some climbed into a mining cart that floated by.

One miner "showed us the sawdust from his pocket. He told me it was hard to chew," the leader of one of the rescue teams, Chen Yongsheng, told reporters. Chen gave the most detailed, firsthand account of the rescue efforts and his thrill at reaching the miners. When the rafts got stuck in the narrow shaft, Chen said his team floated bags of a nutrient solution down the tunnel to provide sustenance for the trapped miners.

Work crews had been racing to pump out the flooded mine since March 28, when workers digging a tunnel for the new mine accidentally breached an old shaft filled with water. A graphic on state TV showed water inundating the V-shaped tunnel, blocking miners who were on higher ground but deeper inside the shaft from escaping.

Rescuers had no signs the miners were alive until April 2, when tapping sounds from deep underground were heard on a metal pipe lowered into the shaft. They sent milk, glucose and letters of encouragement down the pipe to sustain the miners.

But the high murky waters turned back rescuers Saturday, seemingly until more pumping would clear enough space to use the inflatable rafts. The rescue teams spotted lights from miners' headlamps swaying in the tunnel.

Then one by one, the first survivors were floated by raft toward the mine entrance early Monday, where medical teams waited by the water's edge.

"They could answer questions and use simple speech," said Dr. Qin Zhongyang, who checked the men as they were lifted from the rafts. "When I saw the first survivor, I felt so happy."

Within hours, the trickle turned into a wave of rescues. Dozens of miners emerged, put on stretchers -- their bodies wrapped in blankets and their eyes covered to shield them from

the light -- and carried to waiting ambulances. One miner clapped and reached his blackened hands to grasp those of his rescuers on either side of the stretcher.

"This morning, we wished for a miracle to happen again," said Liu Dezheng, a spokesman for the rescue operation. "Six hours later, miracles have really happened."

Liu Qiang, leader of the rescue effort's medical team, described the rescued miners as weak, dehydrated, malnourished and with unstable vital signs. Though 26 were more seriously ill than the others, Liu said none was in critical condition.

"We're not ruling out the possibility that in some cases, their conditions could change," he told reporters.

Families of survivors were elated but given only brief contact with the miners. "He called and managed to say my sister's nickname, 'Xiaomi,' so we know it's really him and that he's alive," said Long Liming, who added he received a call around midday from his rescued brother-in-law Fu Ziyang.

A doctor then took the phone and said Fu had to rest, Long said. "He was trapped underground for so long, so he's very weak. But we are very relieved to know that he made it out safely."

For the families of the 38 miners still unaccounted for, the anxious waiting continued.

"I am very happy now that they have been able to rescue people alive. Maybe my father will be next," said 23-year-old Dong Liangke, watching the rescue work on TV from a hotel room in Jishan county, about 25 miles (40 kilometers) from the mine.

Dong, his family and those of the other miners have been sequestered in hotels since last week and, they said, kept under watch -- a common tactic by mine companies and officials to try to head off angry protests.

Chen said rescue efforts were focused on two or three mine platforms that had yet to be checked and where any survivors were likely to be.

Those miners in the lower levels were the most vulnerable, said Feickert, the mine safety expert.

"Just think of a tall building, people on different floors, if that suddenly filled up with water," he said.

Unlike many of the small, private mines that tend to have the worst safety, the Wangjialing mine is a large venture, half-owned by the state's China National Coal Group Corp., the country's second largest coal mining company.

A new mine, Wangjialing had yet to be brought into service when the accident occurred. The State Administration of Work Safety, in a preliminary investigation, found that the mine's managers ignored water leaks, keeping workers in the shaft when operations should have been suspended.

"The real issue for the government is to learn the lessons from this and make sure the coal companies don't make the same mistakes," Feickert said. "The fundamental issue is, the miners should never have been put in this situation in the first place."

Associated Press writer Cara Anna and researcher Henry Hou contributed to this report from Beijing.

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Presidents in Washington come and go, but the end goal of U.S. foreign policy remains the same: derail the governments who dare to defend their national sovereignty and destroy any revolution that ventures toward a different world than that which is programmed for them. The weapons that the United States has used in its offensive against Cuba have evolved over the last fifty years, but the war remains the same.

Cubanologists in Washington and Miami want to build a supposed socio-political movement in Cuba as a tool of subversion. But a genuine national political movement cannot be manufactured in the capital of the enemy.

Parties and movements are not exportable commodities, because a political party cannot be bought and sold as though it were a can of spam.

Since George W. Bush assumed the U.S. presidency in 2001, the budget for creating a social opposition allied with the interests of Miami and the White House escalated astronomically: from \$3.5 million dollars in 2000 to \$45 million under President Bush in 2008. In

2003 Bush created a "Commission for Assistance to a Free Cuba." This commission issued a document more than 400 pages long in which it proposed "[exploring] ways the U.S. can help hasten and ease a democratic transition in Cuba." President Barack Obama's policies follow the pattern set by this Commission and the budget created at the Commission's recommendation: "to carry out measures to aid the training, development, and empowerment of a Cuban democratic opposition and civil society."

Since the war against Cuba is an industry in Miami, those who benefited most from this project were those who administered the funds from Florida. A 2006 audit by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) concluded that millions of dollars had been squandered by groups in Miami. For example, the money was used to buy Godiva chocolates, cans of crab meat and Nintendo Game Boys. In 2008, the director of one of the groups admitted to having embezzled nearly \$600,000, before quitting in order to take a political job in President Bush's White House.

Indignant at the waste of the multi-million dollar legacy, Senator Kerry (D-Massachusetts), president of the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, called last year for a review of the project that now has a \$20 million annual budget. Consequently, the State Department froze the opulent disbursement until the conclusion of the investigation.

This month, the State Department concluded its investigation and announced plans to release \$20 million dollars of the anti-Cuban patrimony, arguing that the program had been restructured in such a way that the funds would arrive covertly to certain Cubans on the island and not to certain others in Miami.

However, Senator Kerry remains unconvinced and has temporarily frozen the project in order to study it further. The freeze imposed by Kerry is pragmatic, not philosophical. In other words, it's not the subversion that bothers him. He wants to study its effectiveness.

The arrest in Cuba of a U.S. contractor named Alan P.

Gross, sent by Washington, illustrates that the State Department project is endangering

agents who've been contracted to carry out this clandestine work in Cuba.

The Cuban prosecutor is studying the charges that will be presented against the contractor. To defend itself from the multi-million dollar subversion originating in Washington, Cuba passed a law that carries a penalty of up to twenty years for collaboration with the USAID program created by the U.S. Helms Burton legislation in 1996. The crime is a serious one.

Perhaps that's why the State Department and USAID refuse to identify the Cuban recipients of Washington's largesse, and are distributing funds covertly instead.

The program against Cuba that is in check includes:

- * \$750,000 to promote human rights and democracy in Cuba.
- * \$250,000 to assist the families of supposed political prisoners (for example, the so-called Ladies in White, and the recently created Ladies in Support [of Ladies in White]).
- * \$500,000 for those who fight for the liberation of supposed political prisoners.
- * \$900,000 for Freedom House. Freedom House is an organization that has been directed for ten years by Frank Calzon. The money would go to strengthen leaders of the supposed opposition: artists, musicians and bloggers. It carries a cynical emphasis on AfroCubans.
- * \$400,000 for the Institute for Sustainable Communities. This is to try to "identify the new leaders in the Cuban community" and help them in their publicity and political campaigns. Or in other words, almost half a million dollars so that Washington might identify the new leaders to whom it will allocate money.
- * \$200,000 to supposedly strengthen the support networks that Washington has created in Cuba. Equipment and training are to be provided for them.
- * \$2,600,000 for Development Associates Inc. The proposal is to widen the Cuban support network that Washington has created and promote Miami's message toward Cuba.
- * \$2,000,000 to support Washington-related support groups in Cuba, especially certain women and AfroCubans, in order to promote individual economic initiative (i.e; capitalism).
- * \$2,500,000 for Creative Associates. This is an organization that is active covertly in the widening of a social network in order to seek support for political change in Cuba, with special emphasis on the development of the "individual economic initiative of women and AfroCubans."
- * \$2,900,000 to promote, under the tutelage of the State Department, free expression on the island: especially among certain artists, musicians, writers, journalists and bloggers.
- * \$500,000 so that individuals linked to religious or spiritual groups might defend their right to freedom of religion.
- * \$500,000 to promote a particular labor policy in Cuban and generate "international pressure on the Cuban government to reform its labor laws."
- * \$350,000 to exercise influence on certain Cuban civil society groups, "especially women who are often sexually exploited."
- * \$500,000 for NGOs and other organizations linked to Washington.
- * \$1,150,000 for training of certain organizations, including journalists and bloggers in Cuba, to use new communications technologies.
- * \$2,500,000 to administer the programs in this budget.

All of this is under the guidance of a Washington that has distinguished itself in most recent decades by its efforts at destabilization, invasion and suppression on every

continent on the planet: the coup d'etat against Salvador Allende in Chile, the military coup in Guatemala that left more than 200,000 dead and missing over four decades of repression, the attempted coup against President Hugo Chavez in 2002, the support for death squads in Central America, Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay and Brazil. The invasion of Iraq in 2003. The torture and indefinite detention of prisoners in Guantanamo, the transfer of prisoners to other countries so that they might be tortured and interrogated, the exploitation and massive deportations of undocumented workers. The Bay of Pigs, Operation Mongoose, JM Wave (the most powerful terrorist enclave ever to exist on U.S. soil) and the terror campaign against Cuba over the last 50 years through the use of killers such as Luis Posada Carriles and Orlando Bosch.

An immoral terrorist war against Cuba that has multiplied like a virus around the world until it found its modern manifestation in the aircraft exploding at New York's twin towers on September 11, 2001.

Cuba is a country blockaded, besieged and attacked by the United States. This is because Washington cannot tolerate the island being governed outside the scope of U.S. tutelage. It has been this way for more than fifty years.

The supposed political prisoners have been sentenced, after having been legally tried, for being at the service of an enemy country that has the destruction of the Cuban Revolution as its goal. Just like the contractor Alan P. Gross, they work in Cuba under Washington's direction and control. The best way to achieve their liberation is for the United States to renounce its war against Cuba, lift the blockade, establish relations, extradite Posada Carriles and liberate the Cuban Five who have remained as prisoners in the United States for nearly twelve years.

Perhaps President Obama remains too busy with the economy, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and health reform to pay much attention to Cuba. Perhaps he has left this little problem to the bureaucrats at the State Department and the National Security Council, and that's why we are where we are.

It all goes back to an erroneous premise. More than a hundred years of U.S. aggression toward Cuba are based on the mistaken idea that Cuba belongs to Washington. The arrogant view of the U.S. Secretary of State in 1823, John Quincy Adams, is still in force:

"There are laws of political as well as of physical gravitation; and if an apple severed by the tempest from its native tree cannot choose but fall to the ground, Cuba, forcibly disjoined from its own unnatural connection with Spain, and incapable of self support, can gravitate only towards the North American Union, which by the same law of nature cannot cast her off from its bosom."

From this false premise flows the concept that the United States can manufacture dissidents, bloggers and twitterers under Washington and Miami's sponsorship: as though such a thing were a natural law. That this kind of foreign production might have any kind of legitimacy in Cuba is a myth that is only believed by those who do not know Cuba and do not live there. With the millions of dollars invested annually in this business, Washington has not created an opposition, much less a political party. It has only established an industry of people in Cuba who are happy to receive a significant bundle of cash to dissent, blog and twitter.

Within Cuba, there's a great diversity of legitimate opinions about the country's future. Anyone who's stood in line at the bodega, or participated in organized discussions on the island knows this. These debates happen in the workplace as much as in the meetings of the Communist Party. But on one point there is unanimity: Cuba belongs to Cubans and not to U.S. Americans. On this philosophical principle straight from Jose Marti, Cubans are prepared to close ranks and die.

If Washington were to understand this, it would do away with the blockade and everything that corresponds to it. Unfortunately it is a concept that appears to be against the nature of an imperial Washington that views Cuba as its political back yard. The other day at Casa de las Americas, Silvio Rodriguez pointed out that Cuba is not a normal country because of what it has tried to be, nor for the treatment it has been given for what it has tried to be. Independent.

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MILLIONAIRES SEEK HIGHER TAXES FOR THEMSELVES; PLEDGE PERSONAL TAX REFUNDS TO END BUSH TAX CUTS FOR THE RICH IN 2010

Boston, MA - Dozens of American millionaires are hoping April 15, 2010 is the last time they will get big refunds from the IRS. They are calling for an end to the tax breaks that have left the country with soaring deficits and dwindling budgets. Congress and President Obama will soon take up the Bush tax cuts, set to expire this year. Teleconference participants are high net worth individuals who are taking the Tax Fairness Pledge, donating some, all or more than their tax savings from the cuts. Each will discuss their personal story and reasons for making these symbolic and substantial financial contributions to end tax breaks for the rich.

WHAT: Call-in Press Conference for Responsible Wealth Tax Fairness Pledge. WHERE: Call # 800-894-5910, Conference ID# 7TAX. WHEN: Tuesday, April 6, 2010, 10:00 AM EDT. WHO: Scheduled participants below, INDIVIDUAL NAMES EMBARGOED until 4/06/2010 at 12:01 AM EDT; others TBA:

Judy Pigott, Seattle, WA: author and co-founder of Personal Safety Nets(R), and daughter of late Formula One driver Pat Pigott; family wealth from the Pacific Car and Foundry Co. and Peterbilt Trucks.

Jeffrey Hollender, Burlington, VT: Co-founder and Executive Chairperson of Seventh Generation natural products; self-made millionaire, author, entrepreneur and leader in the socially responsible business movement.

Eric Schoenberg, Franklin Lakes, NJ: economist at Columbia University Business School and former investment banker; built his wealth on his entrepreneur father's fortune.

Marnie Thompson, Greensboro, NC: education consultant and co-founder of the Fund for Democratic Communities; accepted her inheritance from her father, an Ohio businessman, on condition she could give it to charity.

Mike Lapham, Boston, MA: Co-founder and Project Director of Responsible Wealth; inherited family wealth from a New York State paper mill business.

Brian Miller, Boston, MA: Executive Director of United for a Fair Economy.

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These millionaires are among 700 business leaders and individuals in the top 5% of wealth and income in the Responsible Wealth network, a project of United for a Fair Economy, known for its role in preventing permanent repeal of the estate tax, <http://ent.groundspring.org/EmailNow/pub.php?module=URLTracker&cmd=track&j=315438515&u=3536649>.

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2. The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

A conversation with award-winning writer Rebecca Skloot

ISSI's Center for the Study of Social Change, along with the Knight Program in Science & Environmental Journalism, the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism, the Department of Molecular and Cell Biology and the American Cultures Center present:

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

A conversation with award-winning writer Rebecca Skloot about her new book, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*

Rebecca Skloot author and contributing editor at *Popular Science* magazine

Monday, April 26

12:00-2:00 pm

North Gate Hall Library

light refreshments will be served

Henrietta Lacks, known to scientists as HeLa, was a poor Southern tobacco farmer who worked the same land as her slave ancestors, yet her cells--taken without her knowledge--became one of the most important tools in medicine. The first "immortal" human cells grown in culture, they are still alive today, though she has been dead for more than sixty years. If you could pile all HeLa cells ever grown onto a scale, they'd weigh more than 50 million metric tons--as much as a hundred Empire State Buildings. HeLa cells were vital for developing the polio vaccine; uncovered secrets of cancer, viruses, and the effects of the atom bomb; helped lead to important advances like in vitro fertilization, cloning, and gene mapping; and have been bought and sold by the billions--yet Henrietta Lacks remains virtually unknown, buried in an unmarked grave.

Henrietta's family did not learn of her "immortality" until more than twenty years after her death, when scientists investigating HeLa began using her husband and children in research without informed consent. And though the cells had launched a multimillion-dollar industry that sells human biological materials, her family never saw any of the profits. The story of the Lacks family--past and present--is inextricably connected to the dark history of experimentation on African Americans, the birth of bioethics, and the legal battles over whether we control the stuff we are made of.

Rebecca Skloot is an award-winning science writer whose articles have appeared in *The New York Times Magazine*; *O, The Oprah Magazine*; *Discover*; *Columbia Journalism Review*; and elsewhere; and she is a contributing editor for *Popular Science* magazine. She has also been a correspondent for NPR and PBS. A former vice president of the National Book Critics Circle, she blogs at *Culture Dish*, hosted by *Seed Magazine's Science Blogs*. Skloot has an undergraduate degree in biomedical science from Colorado State University and an MFA in nonfiction writing from the University of Pittsburgh. She has taught in the creative writing programs at the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Memphis, and in the Science, Health, and Environmental Reporting Program at New York University. Her first book, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, a Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers Pick, was published by Crown Publishers in February 2010. For more information, visit rebeccaskloot.com

This event is free, wheelchair accessible, and open to the public.

For more information, call Elizabeth Carlen at
510-642-0813 or email isscucb@gmail.com

3. Week of Action on the Anniversary of Occupation of Iraq

April 5, 2009

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Dear Peace Activists,

This week marks the 7th anniversary of the fall of Baghdad and the beginning of the U.S. occupation. This day stands out for Iraqis in particular because it is the starting point of the decline of their wellbeing.

The past seven years have been devastating for both Iraq and the U.S. One million Iraqis have been killed and five million Iraqis continue to be displaced. On the U.S. side, four thousand troops have been killed and tens of thousands have been injured. The worst part of this whole catastrophe is that none of this should have happened. The U.S. military had no reason to invade Iraq because Iraq did not have weapons of mass destruction nor did it pose a threat to the security of the United States.

President Obama seems finally to be acting on his campaign promises. He has planned to withdraw all combat forces by August 31 of this year and to abide by the bilateral security agreement that requires all U.S. troops and contractors to leave by the end of next year. Furthermore, Section 1227 of the Defense Authorization and Section 9010 of the Defense Appropriations Bill both recognize and support these deadlines for troop withdrawal.

These advances are not a reason for us to be quiet. Unfortunately, the U.S. war machine is pressing the Obama administration to postpone or cancel the withdrawal from Iraq, or to make it conditional depending on security and political conditions on the ground. We must make sure the White House does not crumble under military pressure! If these plans are not carried out, it would not be the first time that a ruling party has not acted on its promises. Now, more than ever, your voices must be heard!

Peace Action, along with a number of other national organizations, is planning a Week of Action for the coming week. In just 5 minutes, you can make a world of a difference. Observe the anniversary of the fall of Baghdad by contacting your Congress Member. Tell them to make sure that Obama withdraws all combat forces and ends combat operations by the August 31, 2010 deadline.

Thanks for all you do.

In Peace,

Danielle Martino Peace Action of New York State

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Silence Is Betrayal

Monday 05 April 2010

by: Stephen Rohde | Los Angeles Daily Journal

<http://www.dailyjournal.com/>

Martin Luther King Jr.
(Photo: Marion S. Trikosko)

On April 4, 1967, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., delivered a historic speech at Riverside Church in New York City, which has become known as "Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence."

In a powerful and inspiring speech, Dr. King declared that his deep religious faith would no longer allow him to confine himself to the domestic struggle for civil rights. Instead, he was compelled to denounce the war in Vietnam because it was wrong and because of what it was doing to America and the rest of the world.

He declared that "[a] time comes when silence is betrayal." Today, ignoring Dr. King's warnings, our country is engaged in foreign wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Today, silence on these disastrous wars is betrayal.

Dr. King knew well the daunting task he faced. "Even when pressed by the demands of inner truth, men do not easily assume the task of opposing their government's policy, especially in time of war. Nor does the human spirit move without great difficulty against all the apathy of conformist thought within one's own bosom and in the surrounding world."

Early in his speech, Dr. King made the immediate connection between the cost of war abroad and the unmet needs of the people at home. Recalling the hopes and "new beginnings" of the poverty program, Dr. King bemoaned "the buildup in Vietnam" as he watched the program "broken and eviscerated as if it were some idle political plaything of a society gone mad on war, and I knew that America would never invest the necessary funds or energies in rehabilitation of its poor so long as adventures like Vietnam continued to draw men and skills and money like some demonic destructive suction tube. So I was increasingly compelled to see the war as an enemy of the poor and to attack it as such."

In words so achingly true today, Dr. King spoke of his deep concern for "our troops there as anything else.

For it occurs to me that what we are submitting them to in Vietnam is not simply the brutalizing process that goes on in any war where armies face each other and seek to destroy. We are adding cynicism to the process of death, for they must know after a short period there that none of the things we claim to be fighting for are really involved. Before long they must know that their government has sent them into a struggle among Vietnamese, and the more sophisticated surely realize that we are on the side of the wealthy and the secure while we create hell for the poor."

"Somehow this madness must cease. We must stop now. I speak as a child of God and brother to the suffering poor of Vietnam. I speak for those whose land is being laid waste, whose homes are being destroyed, whose culture is being subverted. I speak for the poor of America who are paying the double price of smashed hopes at home and death and corruption in Vietnam. I speak as a citizen of the world, for the world as it stands aghast at the path we have taken. I speak as an American to the leaders of my own nation. The great initiative in this war is ours. The initiative to stop it must be ours."

Consequently, in words we so yearn to hear today from President Barack Obama, Dr. King

declared: "The world now demands a maturity of America that we may not be able to achieve. It demands that we admit that we have been wrong from the beginning of our adventure in Vietnam, that we have been detrimental to the life of the Vietnamese people. The situation is one in which we must be ready to turn sharply from our present ways. In order to atone for our sins and errors in Vietnam, we should take the initiative in bringing a halt to this tragic war."

But Dr. King refused to leave it there. "The war in Vietnam is but a symptom of a far deeper malady within the American spirit, and if we ignore this sobering reality we will find ourselves organizing clergy- and laymen-concerned committees for the next generation. They will be concerned about Guatemala and Peru. They will be concerned about Thailand and Cambodia. They will be concerned about Mozambique and South Africa. We will be marching for these and a dozen other names and attending rallies without end unless there is a significant and profound change in American life and policy. Such thoughts take us beyond Vietnam, but not beyond our calling as sons of the living God."

Dr. King foretold that increasingly "by choice or by accident, this is the role our nation has taken - the role of those who make peaceful revolution impossible by refusing to give up the privileges and the pleasures that come from the To get on the right side of history, Dr. King called for "a radical revolution of values. We must rapidly begin the shift from a 'thing-oriented' society to a 'person-oriented' society. When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, materialism, and militarism are incapable of being conquered."

As if he could hear President Obama boasting about "spreading democracy in Afghanistan," Dr. King warned that the "Western arrogance of feeling that it has everything to teach others and nothing to learn from them is not just."

"A true revolution of values will lay hands on the world order and say of war: 'This way of settling differences is not just.' This business of burning human beings with napalm, of filling our nation's homes with orphans and widows, of injecting poisonous drugs of hate into veins of people normally humane, of sending men home from dark and bloody battlefields physically handicapped and psychologically deranged, cannot be reconciled with wisdom, justice and love. A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death."

Analyzing the obsession with anti-communism, in terms we would be wise today to apply to the obsession with anti-terrorism, Dr. King said that "It is a sad fact that, because of comfort, complacency, a morbid fear of communism, and our proneness to adjust to injustice, the Western nations that initiated so much of the revolutionary spirit of the modern world have now become the arch anti-revolutionaries: This has driven many to feel that only Marxism has the revolutionary spirit. Therefore, communism is a judgment against our failure to make democracy real and follow through on the revolutions we initiated. Our only hope today lies in our ability to recapture the revolutionary spirit and go out into a sometimes hostile world declaring eternal hostility to poverty, racism, and militarism. With this powerful commitment we shall boldly challenge the status quo and unjust mores and thereby speed the day when 'every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight and the rough places plain. "

With an insistence as compelling today as it was over 40 years ago, Dr. King declared: "We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history there is such a thing as being too late. Procrastination is still the thief of time. Life often leaves us standing bare, naked and dejected with a lost opportunity. The 'tide in the affairs of men' does not remain at the flood; it ebbs. We may cry out desperately for time to pause in her passage, but time is deaf to every plea and rushes on. Over the bleached bones and jumbled residue of numerous civilizations are written the pathetic words: 'Too late.' There is an invisible book of life that faithfully records our vigilance or our neglect. 'The moving finger writes, and having writ moves on...' We still have a choice today; nonviolent coexistence or violent co-annihilation."

Dr King urged us to "move past indecision to action" and find "new ways to speak for peace and justice" for if "we do not act we shall surely be dragged down the long dark and shameful corridors of time reserved for those who possess power without compassion, might without morality, and strength without sight."

"Now let us begin," Dr. King concluded. "Now let us rededicate ourselves to the long and bitter - but beautiful - struggle for a new world. This is the calling of the sons of God, and our brothers wait eagerly for our response. Shall we say the odds are too great? Shall we tell them the struggle is too hard?

Will our message be that the forces of American life militate against their arrival as full men, and we send our deepest regrets? Or will there be another message, of longing, of hope, of solidarity with their yearnings, of commitment to their cause, whatever the cost? The choice is ours, and though we might prefer it otherwise we must choose in this crucial moment of human history."

Can we do any less in the face of the monstrous wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan? Are the odds too great to end these war now? Is it too hard to speak to loyal Americans who have yet to see that their government has lied to them? Shall we just send our regrets to the families here and around the world who will lose their children, husbands and wives today and tomorrow while we remain silent and inert?

As it was for Dr. King then, it is for us now a "crucial moment of human history."

Stephen Rohde, a constitutional lawyer and author, is Chair of Interfaith Communities United for Justice and Peace, a group of Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists a

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Subject: Budget Presentation to public by AAPS Supt.

Dear AAPSEF Board Members,

I wanted to let you know that the Superintendent and others will be making presentations on Monday of next week at Pioneer (Little Theatre, 6:30 pm) and Tuesday at Huron (Little Theatre, 6:30 pm). I encourage you to attend one of the presentations in order to understand the details of prospective budget cuts.

You can visit our [web-site](#) to find links to news stories about budget impacts are in school districts in Michigan and around the country.

Regards,

Wendy Correll
Executive Director
Ann Arbor Public Schools Educational Foundation
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From: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com on behalf of Linda Sattler
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2010 9:49 PM
To: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com
Subject: Re: [lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation] orange water

Great story Ed - hopefully my laundry is o.k. - I started it before I discovered the orange water.

Linda

On Apr 5, 2010, at 5:08 PM, Edward Vielmetti wrote:

> Thanks for the heads up about orange water; I wrote the smallest
> possible helpful story for AnnArbor.com
>
> <http://www.annarbor.com/vielmetti/orange-tap-water-run-your-cold-water-tap-until-it-clears/>

> thanks

> Ed

> On Mon, Apr 5, 2010 at 2:24 PM, Brad Clinger <bsc2000@sbcglobal.net> wrote:
>> All Clear over here, too....

>> Hmmmmm

>> Ann Clinger

>> From: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com
>> [mailto:lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com] On
>> Behalf Of Amy Mayer
>> Sent: Monday, April 05, 2010 1:59 PM
>> To: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com
>> Subject: Re: [lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation] orange water

>> all clear over here!

>> Amy Mayer

>> On Mon, Apr 5, 2010 at 1:55 PM, Linda Sattler <satflynn@gmail.com> wrote:

>> Is anyone else getting orange water coming from their taps? Any clue
>> what it is?

>> thanks!

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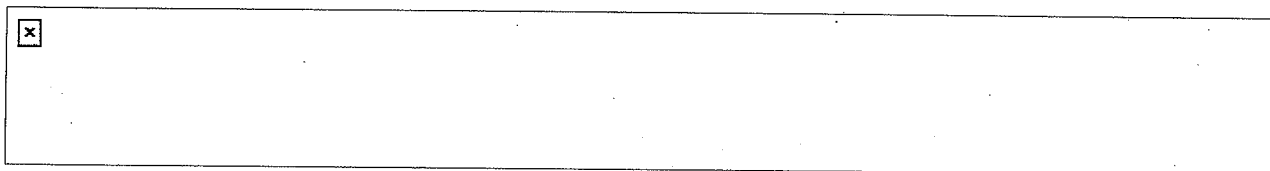
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April 05, 2010



D.C. Decoder: C-SPAN's Brian Lamb



In this week's episode of "D.C. Decoder," veteran Washington reporter Craig Crawford sat down with Brian Lamb, founder and president of C-SPAN.

They talked about the cable channel's new online video archives and how the channel screens callers on its news shows.

[Watch the interview with Brian Lamb here.](#)

C-SPAN's screening also get renewed attention last week after a caller suggested the channel was letting too many black voters through on its phone lines.

[Read more about C-SPAN's screening process.](#)

Congress Q&A: What's in the Health Care Bill?



Do you have a question about Congress?

Every week, our research staff answers your questions about how Congress works, what's really in legislation being considered and where you can learn more on your own.

This week we answered another reader question about the health care overhaul:

Will military benefits also be required to cover adult children?

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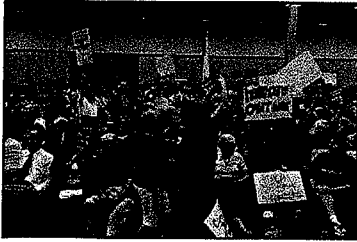
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Health: Activists Prep for Town-Hall Meetings



The town halls are back but with far less hype.

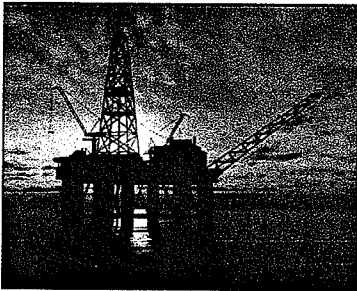
The fiery outbursts that replayed on national media during last August's town hall meetings on health care propelled the conservative tea party activists to national fame. Now that the overhaul has passed, that approach may not work as well.

For one, lawmakers are holding far fewer meetings this time around and some are opting for telephone conference calls. Capitol Police have warned them to be vigilant following last week's threats .

Activists, too, are changing tactics. Some tea party coalitions are skipping town halls altogether. Others are planning to show up but take a less confrontational approach.

[Read more about the town-hall meetings this recess.](#)

Environment: Drilling Plan Stumps Groups



President Obama's proposal to expand offshore drilling has left his environmental supporters in a tricky situation.

Many of the advocacy groups that worked closely with Congress to draft a climate bill oppose the idea on principle. They say offshore drilling poses environmental threats through oil spills, and they prefer energy solutions that don't emit carbon gases.

But they may have accepted coastal drilling as part of a broader plan to ensure that climate legislation gets through the Senate this year.

By highlighting his proposal to expand oil drilling along the Atlantic and Arctic coasts in a standalone speech, the President pushed some of his most ardent supporters into a tight corner.

[Read more about environmentalists and the drilling plan.](#)

Take a Stand: Offshore Drilling

President Obama has proposed allowing offshore drilling in certain areas of the United States.

Under a plan announced last week, the federal government would allow drilling along the Atlantic coastline, the eastern Gulf of Mexico and the coast of Alaska.

It would not allow drilling along the Northeastern United States, the Pacific Coast and environmentally sensitive areas in Alaska.

Environmentalists groups generally oppose the plan, although some have said they would be willing to accept it as part of a broader energy bill.

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On the [previous "Take a Stand" on consumer financial regulation](#), Congress.org users sent 1,283 letters, with 61 percent opposed to changing financial regulations and 39 percent in favor.

Ten Questions for Lt. Dan Choi



Gay rights activist Dan Choi believes the leaders of his movement have been too soft on the President.

During his campaign, President Obama promised to repeal Don't Ask Don't Tell, the 1993 military law that bans gay troops from openly declaring their sexuality while in service.

But after delaying action on the issue for a year, the President has instructed the Pentagon to take another year and review the implications of a repeal.

In the meantime, the Pentagon has backed off from kicking out soldiers who declare they are gay. Lawmakers too have started conducting hearings about the repeal.

In an interview with Congress.org, Choi explained why he decided to chain himself to the White House fence recently to demand an immediate appeal.

[Read 10 questions for Dan Choi.](#)

In Other News

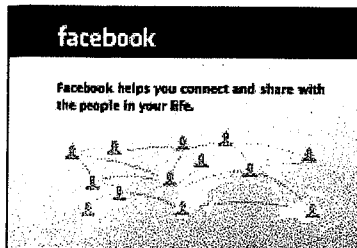
From our blog: [What do people protest about in Washington?](#) International affairs, as it turns out. A study of this year's permits shows 55 percent were about global issues. [Domestic protests vary.](#) They have touched on health care, abortion, labor unions and vegetarianism, among other things. ... Meanwhile, back at the ranch, things were quiet. [Town hall meetings have been tame so far this recess.](#) ... Maybe they were meeting with their agents? [A tea partyer was on the David Letterman show last week.](#) ... [Immigration activists are angry at President Obama for increasing deportations of illegal immigrants.](#)

From CQ Politics: [Speaker Nancy Pelosi is pressuring Democratic lawmakers to pay their party dues.](#)

How They Voted

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To: jheiftje@a2gov.org
Sent: Sun, Apr 4, 2010 8:48 pm
Subject: fire department

Dear Mayor Heiftje,

One week ago a fire erupted under the floor of my oven. The fire was somewhat large and kept going even when the oven was turned off. Fortunately the fire department was able to respond quickly and extinguish the fire before any major damage was done. After the fire department left, I was able to pry open and lift the floor of the oven and was shocked to see it full with dog food and bits of material. By the time the fire department arrived approximately only a third of the material had burned. I think it would be safe to say significant damage could have been done if that fire kept burning for a longer period of time - as the entire space under the oven floor was filled with material.

I live on the west side of town in the Abbott School neighborhood. I later learned that there is a possibility that west side fire station may be closed due to budget cuts. I work in health care and am well accustomed to ongoing budget cuts, but I think there comes a time when cutting crucial services starts to do more harm than good. This past fall, while I was walking my dogs, we were attacked by 3 pit bulls. The police did not come for well over an hour and when they did come, they could do absolutely nothing to catch the dogs (it was a Friday evening). Fortunately multiple neighbors were able to catch the dogs and find the owner. The police did follow up and cite the owner for the loose dogs, but I still feel frustrated regarding the lack of police assistance available at the time of the attack.

Needless to say, I am concerned about cuts to the fire and police departments. I would have never imagined that I would have been attacked by dogs or that a mouse would be stockpiling items under the floor of my oven that would cause a fire, but I always thought that I police and fire assistance would be there for me in case of emergency. After calling for assistance two different times within the past year and having two very different experiences, I can tell you the response to the fire left me feeling safer and grateful for the community services available, while I am still a little unsettled about the lack of help I received during the dog attack.

When people are thinking about cuts to public services, I don't think they completely realize the impact it could personally have on them. Cutting services means prioritizing or not being able to provide assistance to 'less dire' situations. I just hate to think that Ann Arbor would get to the point where timely fire and police services were not available.

Sincerely,

Sandra Morris

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From: Lancaster, Karen
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2010 8:23 PM
To: Brix, Andrew; 'Neha Singh'
Cc: Hieftje, John
Subject: RE: Neha Singh-Eastern Michigan University Student- Request for information and interview

Thanks, Andrew, for this great response. Neha- I have nothing further to add from a Finance perspective.

From: Brix, Andrew
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2010 11:30 AM
To: 'Neha Singh'
Cc: Hieftje, John; Lancaster, Karen
Subject: RE: Neha Singh-Eastern Michigan University Student- Request for information and interview

Neha -- see attached for my responses to your questionnaire.

John and Karen -- feel free to add as necessary from your perspectives.

Cheers,
Andrew

From: Neha Singh [mailto:nehasinghs@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 01, 2010 7:26 PM
To: Brix, Andrew
Subject: Re: Neha Singh-Eastern Michigan University Student- Request for information and interview

Dear Mr. Brix,

I would just like to follow up on the questionnaire that I sent you. I hope you had chance to look over them.


The submission date on my paper is coming up in couple of weeks and I would like to start putting your responses together. I would be very grateful if you could send them to me at your earliest convenience, ideally by Monday/ Tuesday if possible.

If you need any clarifications about my questionnaire or if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you very much for your time,

Regards

Neha Singh



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On Sun, Mar 28, 2010 at 1:17 PM, Neha Singh <nehasinghs@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Brix,

Sorry for the delay in sending you the questions. Through my error I accidentally sent them to Mr Crawford on the 26th instead of you.

I have attached the questionnaire for you, please do not hesitate to contact me if any of the questions are unclear or if there are any problems.

Sorry again for the delay,

Kind Regards

Neha

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Neha Singh

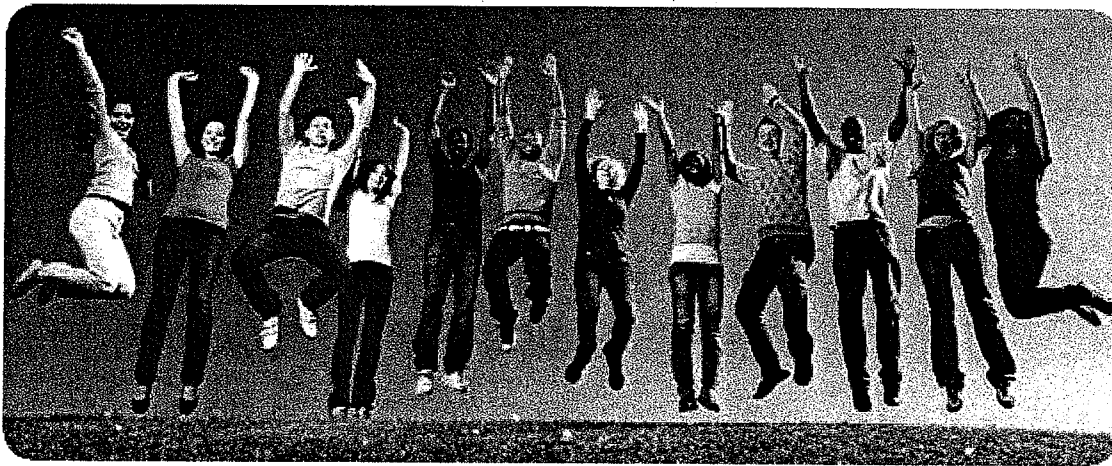
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Sent: Monday, April 05, 2010 8:12 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: Need Miles?

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Sent: Monday, April 05, 2010 8:01 PM
To: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com
Subject: Re: [lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation] Interior painting

I recently used Marc Materka of M&M Painting and was satisfied. His phone number is [REDACTED]
Good luck!

Cecilia

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

From: Amy Thomas, [REDACTED]
To: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation
Sent: Mon, 5 Apr 2010 23:56:06 +0000 (UTC)
Subject: [lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation] Interior painting

Hi,

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Yes, I know the exterior urgently needs to be painted as well. It's on the list, looking for room in the budget.

Many thanks,
Amy Thomas (& Spencer)
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Sent: Monday, April 05, 2010 7:39 PM
To: Hieftje, John; Briere, Sabra; Smith, Sandi; Hohnke, Carsten; Anglin, Mike; Rapundalo, Stephen; Derezinski, Tony; Kunselman, Stephen; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie
Subject: Morovian and Downtown density

Hello Council and Mayor,
Unfortunately I cannot be in chambers this evening but wanted to express my support to the Moravian Development coming before you tonite.

I am a 5th ward resident, Ann Arbor Chamber Board member and a 6 year business owner in Ann Arbor. I believe that this development will not only be conducive to downtown density but it will help keep young professionals in SE Michigan. I rely on young professionals to help keep my own business vibrant and think this development is a GOOD thing.

Please give it the consideration in needs! I think it's about time to send a message that Ann Arbor is NOT afraid to grow in the right direction!

Thanks for your time.

Best,

Sharon McRill

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