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Doug Cowherd

Sent:

Wednesday, July 07, 2010 12:57 AM

To:

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Subject:

It's Like a Heat Wave -- Events from July 5 to July 20

Friends,

These days it's like a <u>heat wave</u>. But don't pass up the chance to hike in streams and on beaches and an island. And just on trails. Canoeing, kayaking, fishing, golfing -- they're all on in the next two weeks. Not to mention the chance to help save some nature by removing invasives and even shopping (For the Earth). If the heat is getting to you, consider some indoor natural fun -- like writing for the Sierra Club newsletter or attending the July 20 program on breakthrough green technologies listed first below.

This message includes local Sierra Club activities, plus some other events that might interest people who care about nature. Feel free to forward it to others.

Doug Cowherd

Chair, Sierra Club-Huron Valley Group http://michigan.sierraclub.org/huron



Sierra Club

Tuesday, July 20 -- 7:30pm

Designing Breakthrough Green Technologies for the Developing World

John Barrie of <u>Appropriate Technology Collaborative</u> will describe renewable energy and sustainable technologies that provide affordable solutions and green jobs for low income people in the developing world. He will discuss solar powered LED lights to replace kerosene lamps, a simple treadle pump to improve crop yields, a solar vaccine refrigerator for rural Africa and Asia and a small green tech generator to provide a small amount of electricity to rural households.

Sierra Club-Huron Valley Group monthly meetings begin at 7:30 pm at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, just east of Ann Arbor at 1800 N. Dixboro Road (between Geddes and Plymouth roads -- MAP). *Our monthly programs are free and open to the public.* All are welcome -- especially newcomers. No membership is required.

August 2 - 6 (space limited -- sign up soon!) Grand Island Backpack Trip

There is nothing like camping on an island. And Grand Island is a classic. This trip will be a mixture of backpacking and base camping over five days on Grand Island, located in Lake Superior just offshore from Munising and Pictured Rocks. The terrain is predominantly trails, dirt roads, and beaches -- the scenery is beautiful. We'll take the ferry from Munising to the island on Monday, August 2nd and and return via the ferry on the 6th. The trip cost of \$100 covers food, camping fees and ferry fee. No Sierra Club membership is required. For more information, contact Nancy Shiffler



The Sierra Club's Book Club

It's simple. Read the book. Then show up at the meeting ready to talk about it with friendly people. Meetings are from 7:30 to 8:30 pm at Nicola's Books in the Westgate Shopping Center (corner of Jackson and Maple in west Ann Arbor.) No cost, no membership, no RSVP required. Newcomers are especially welcome. Contact Nancy Shiffler at nshiffler@comcast.net for details.

July 13: The Big Burn; Theodore Roosevelt and the Fire that Saved America, by Timothy Egan **August 10**: Halfway to Heaven, by Mark Obmascik -- journalist sets out to climb all 54 of Colorado's 14,000 foot mountains in one year.

Shopping for the Earth

Earn up to 18% for the Sierra Club's Huron Valley Group on your purchases! Order gift cards using this order form to choose from Ace Hardware, Amazon, CVS, Kroger, LLBean, Meijer, REI, Staples, Starbucks and many other merchants (including local ones) at no extra cost to you. Click here for more information.

And be inspired by Jay Schlegel producing a \$50 contribution to the Sierra Club with just one

purchase. The cost to Jay? Zero. See page six of the

Fall newsletter at http://michigan.sierraclub.org/huron/docs/Lookout-Fall2009.pdf

Note that if you are using an old Kroger card (white with picture of fruit), you should use it up and obtain a new Kroger Plus card (the one with the tomato picture) from any store and register it online as described here: http://michigan.sierraclub.org/huron/kroger.htm. If you registered a new Kroger Plus card prior to April 1, 2010, then you must re-register it for the Sierra Club to continue to receive donations. Go to the link above for the brief instructions.

Write something for The Lookout, the local Sierra Club newsletter

We're seeking essays, articles and stories for the **Summer edition of The Lookout** newsletter. Suggested length is 600 to 900 words, with photos/drawings/maps if possible (300 dpi and 4"x6" minimum). Possible ideas: Cover an event which has occurred since the last newsletter was published (May, 2010) or which will occur during the three-month period following publication (August through October 2010). Focus on something of local environmental interest. You can find past newsletter issues here:

http://michigan.sierraclub.org/huron/pub.htm. Please submit materials by Wednesday, July 14. To discuss your ideas or for more information, contact editor Jay Schlegel at

Read The Lookout, the local Sierra Club newsletter

Extra, extra, read all about it in the latest issue of the newsletter. *The Spring 2010 issue is available.* You'll find previous issues too! http://michigan.sierraclub.org/huron/pub.htm

Huron Valley Group--Sierra Club Events Calendar

You can find out about HVG events for the next few weeks from this email. But where can you see our events in the next few months? See: http://michigan.sierraclub.org/huron/calendar.htm

Sierra Club State Events Calendar

For Sierra Club events all around Michigan see: http://michigan.sierraclub.org/calendar/index.html * * * *

Thursday, July 8 -- 7 to 9pm

Summer Fundraiser and Celebration for the Appropriate Technology Collaborative

The <u>Appropriate Technology Collaborative</u> has several projects around the world -- solar lighting, solar refrigeration, treadle pumps for rural farmers and a low cost electric generator that runs on waste heat. Two student groups will briefly present their work with ATC in Guatemala and Nicaragua. The Executive Director will speak on design techniques and the impact of projects on people's lives. There is no cost to attend and no heavy fundraising pitch. People who like the projects can contribute at the event or later if they like. Snack food is provided - pizza, soda, veggies and hummus. Location: The Corner Brewery at 720 Norris Street in Ypsilanti.

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Friday, July 9 -- 6 to 9pm

Cookout, Contests, Prizes, Lessons and Twilight Golf

Cookout and contests begin at 6pm and reports and updates at 7pm. Location: the clubhouse of Huron Hills Golf Course in Ann Arbor. Sponsored by Ann Arbor Golf Association.

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Sunday, July 11 -- 8:30am to 4pm Huron River Day

Enjoy the beautiful Huron River and participate in free family activities during the Huron River Day celebration at Gallup Park and Parker Mill. Start the morning off with a fun run along the river beginning at 8:30 and a free morning of canoeing and kayaking afterwards! The afternoon is full of fun children's activities including storytelling, learning about river animals, rain garden demonstrations, fishing, and much more! Food will be available for purchase. For more information, call 734.662.9319 or go to http://www.a2gov.org/green.

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Natural Area Preservation

Work days are great opportunities to get your family outdoors and involved in the Ann Arbor community. For all work days volunteers or all ages are welcome, but minors must be accompanied by a guardian, or contact NAP in advance to obtain a release form. Please wear long pants and closed-toe shoes. Tools, snacks, and know-how provided. Call 734-794-6627 with questions about NAP programs or visit http://www.a2gov.org/napvolunteering.

Saturday, July 10 -- 9am to noon Stewardship Workday at Cedar Bend Nature Area

Cedar Bend Nature Area is one of Ann Arbor's oldest parks! It's bounded by the tight turn in the Huron River for which it is named, residential areas, and University of Michigan's North Campus. Get outside and lend a hand helping to clear trails and build water bars to keep this park's nature trail in good shape! Bring your sleds with you to help us transport woodchips and brush. Meet us at the park entrance near the perennial gardens on Cedar Bend Drive (off of Broadway, near Baits).

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Programs are free. Check website to see if park admittance requires annual sticker or day pass. Call 971-6337 x334 or see http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/parks recreation for directions and general information; call or email stonerf@ewashtenaw.org for program information.

Thursday July 8 -- 10:30 to 11:30am Learn About Bats

We'll learn about some Michigan bats and bats from other parts of the world, play a game and read story too. Children of all ages invited. County Farm Park -- Platt Rd. entrance.

Saturday, July 10 -- 1 to 3pm

Hike in Fleming Creek

We'll walk quickly downstream on land, but do a slower hike back upstream in the water! We'll look at/learn about fish, insects, crayfish, stream edge plants and whatever we find! All participants must wear shoes or boots in the water. Not recommended for children under 6. In event of high water, program will be canceled. Location: Parker Mill.

Sunday, July 11 -- 1 to 4pm

Celebrating Huron River Day at Parker Mill

Grist Mill and Log Cabin Open, plus tours of a Pioneer Grist Mill at 1 and 3pm.

Sunday, July 11 -- 1 to 4pm

Sharon Mill Building Open

Come and visit this lovely historic site on the River Raisin in the southwest corner of Washtenaw County. Docent will be present to answer questions.

Friday, July 16 -- 10am to noon

All About Fish - Stories, Facts and Fishing!

For kids ages 6 years or older – the program will include a story and information about fish biology, then kids can use the park's poles (or bring your own) to go fishing in the lake! Bait provided. Preregistration is required, call 971-6337, ext. 334 to register. Park entry fee required at Independence Lake.

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Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy

For more information about events see http://www.smlcland.org/ or contact Scott Tyrrell at styrrell@SMLCland.org or 734-484-6565.

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Legacy Land Conservancy

For more information about events see www.legacylandconservancy.org or call (734) 302-5263.

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Michigan State Parks

Join the DNRE's Recreation Division, Stewardship Unit in pulling garlic mustard and other invasive weeds from the high-quality natural ecosystems within our State parks. Please wear appropriate clothing for outdoor work including long pants and closed-toe shoes, and bring drinking water. We will have work gloves; bring your own if you like. You can see photos of past workdays at http://picasaweb.google.com/midnrstewardship.

For more information, a map or directions, and to register please visit www.michigan.gov/dnrvolunteers; click on "Calendar of Volunteer Stewardship Workdays" under "Current Volunteer Opportunities". Contact Laurel Malvitz-Draper, Natural Resource Steward -

Saturday, July 10 -- 10am to 1pm Island Lake Recreation Area Help hand pull spotted knapweed, an invasive weed that could take over in this neat prairie remnant. Removing this plant will improve habitat for native species. Please wear long pants and long sleeves as some individuals are sensitive to this plant. Volunteer steward, Nancy B. will be leading this workday. The easiest access to the prairie remnant where we'll work is from the Green Oak Village Place mall

(Lee Road exit on US 23, south of I-96). Meet in the parking lot by the JCPenney store. Meeting here will maximize our pulling time since we will need to hike less than a half mile to the site. Click here to get directions to the mall from your starting location and to learn about the "roundabouts" you will drive through to get there!

Saturday, July 17 -- 10am to 1pm
Highland Recreation Area
Join us for an Early Detection,
Rapid Response workday! You

will learn how to identify swallowworts and Japanese knotweed, both part of our Early Detection, Rapid Response Initiative, as well as why we are concerned about these plants. We will have you participate in efforts to control swallow-wort at the park by removing seed pods and foliar spraying the stalks and leaves left behind. Meet at the parking lot by the Edsel Ford barn. Enter the park from M-59, and head south past the headquarters about halfway into the park. The parking lot will be on your right.

Sunday, July 18 -- 10am to 1pm **Pinckney Recreation Area** Help remove shrubs that threaten to fill in mesic and wet mesic prairies at Pinckney Recreation Area. We were able to do a prescribed burn at this site in spring and now need to cut and pile shrubs that survived the burn. This will help improve habitat for native species. Meet at the South Lake boat launch parking lot on Joslin Lake Road. >From North Territorial Road, take Joslin Lake Road north until you see the boating access site on your left. ***Waterproof boots,

either knee-high rubber boots or hip waders, are recommended for this site, but not necessary. Rubber boots are available to borrow, upon request. Old boots that you don't mind getting muddy will work too.

Sunday, July 18 -- 2:30 to 5:30pm
Waterloo Recreation Area

Join us as we try to eradicate a few patches of black swallow-wort. This is a relatively new invasive that we're starting to find more and more in the parks.

Come learn how to identify and

control it and nip this patch in the bud before it disperses its seed. Swallow-wort is part of our Early Detection, Rapid Response Initiative and there are additional opportunities to help survey and map this plant in all the state parks. Meet at the Discovery Center's upper parking lot on Bush Road.

From:

Rapundalo, Stephen

Sent:

Wednesday, July 07, 2010 12:45 AM

To:

Brad Cook

Subject:

RE: Az law resolution

Brad,

Just for the record I was the lone dissenting vote.

Stephen

Stephen Rapundalo City Council – 2nd Ward City of Ann Arbor

Email: srapundalo@a2gov.org

Tel: (734) 476-0648

From: Brad Cook [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, July 06, 2010 9:24 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: Az law resolution

I wanted to let you know how disappointed I am that the AA City Council spent time and energy on this resolution, not to mention the fact that I in no way believe that I elected you to represent me or the city in any matter of this type. I'm pretty sure the majority of residents feel the same way. The city has plenty of problems in front of us that you should be concentrating on before some symbolic measure.

Brad Cook

From:

Kunselman, Stephen

To:

Beaudry, Jacqueline

Sent:

Wednesday, July 07, 2010 12:33 AM Read: CTN filming

Subject:

Your message

*City Council Members (All); Fraser, Roger; Postema, Stephen; McDonald, Kevin

Subject: CTN filming Sent: 7/6/2010 10:52 PM

was read on 7/7/2010 12:33 AM.

From:

Lisa Landis

Sent:

Wednesday, July 07, 2010 12:32 AM

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:

Arizona's Senate Bill 1070

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

I was born and raised in Flint; my entire family still lives in various areas of Michigan and I proudly served my country. Now, my family and I are residents of San Diego, California.

I'm writing to you in complete disgust, embarrassment and frustration that you would take opposition to the Arizona Law since it seems you have no first hand experience with what these illegals are doing to every aspect of our communities and our economies.

By opposing this law, what you're saying is that you agree with the law breakers that you are supposed to be prosecuting! Each one of you took an oath to uphold the laws and protect the legal citizens of the United States. By allowing law breakers to continue doing what their doing, is appalling!

I urge you to reconsider your opposition, uphold the laws and protect our countrymen and women. Don't let our fallen have given the ultimate sacrifice for nothing.

Sometimes doing the right thing is the hardest thing.

Thank you for taking the time to read this!

Sincerely, Lisa M. Landis

From:

Peter Nagourney

Sent:

Wednesday, July 07, 2010 12:18 AM

To:

Taylor, Christopher (Council)

Subject:

Your statement explaining your vote on B-4, the South Fourth and Fifth Avenue Historic

District

Councilmember Taylor:

I'm disappointed by your inability to leave your lawyerly mindset when you act as my city council representative.

The city has its own attorneys, and legal conclusions about relevant issues should properly be decided by the city's legal staff.

As a city council member you represent one neighborhood district and vote on matters affecting others. You don't have to be a lawyer to make these judgments, and I'd like to suggest that all your careful analyses, pro and con, on every issue you address, may be helpful in maintaining your acute legal mind but significantly detract from your functioning as an effective council member.

In the future I hope you will tell us what you think, give us good reasons for your views, but please stop the lectures.

Peter Nagourney

From:

Sent:

Peter Nagourney Tuesday, July 06, 2010 11:52 PM Rapundalo, Stephen

To:

Subject:

Voting on DC-1

Councilmember Rapundalo:

I was present when you cast your vote against DC-1, and heard your careful explanation for your opposition.

I realize it may have been difficult for you to take such a position when the council chambers were packed with citizens eloquently supporting this resolution.

Because in this case I support the reasoning behind your vote, I thank you for stating your case so clearly, rationally, and (perhaps) bravely.

Peter Nagourney

From:

Bauerle, Ellen

Sent:

Tuesday, July 06, 2010 11:44 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:

resolution on Arizona

Dear City Council and current mayor Hieftje:

Lately I've seen you engaged in some remarkably ill-considered votes, including those involving development in Ann Arbor. However, this evening's vote regarding immigration policies in Arizona is so bizarre that I feel I must respond. Ann Arbor is in a financial crisis. We have lost various city services including some involving trash and recycling, parks for kids, fire and police officers, and you all have the time to spend on something as meaningless as this? I cannot fathom why you think this issue requires a response from the city council of a medium-sized city in the Rust Belt. Yes, the policy is wrong. Yes, it's bigoted, and probably unconstitutional, but there are people and organizations that are charged with addressing such issues -- those organizations do not include city councils around the country.

Please turn your attention to the *urgent* matters facing our community, including the wasteful expenditure of scarce dollars on the so-called police-courts building, the 'folly fountain' commissioned at high cost from someone outside our community, the upcoming decommissioning of 1200 street lights, and the criminally neglected major bridge on Stadium, to name just a few.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Bauerle

Ward 1

From:

15th District Dems

Sent:

Tuesday, July 06, 2010 11:30 PM

To:

Hieftje, John

Subject:

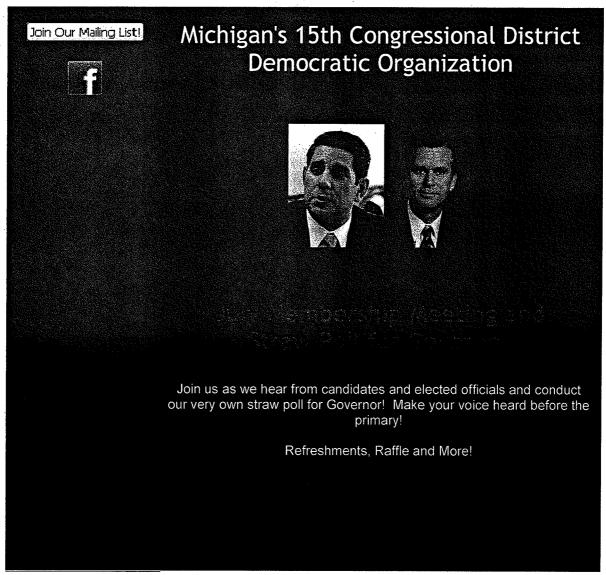
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15th State House District: George Darany
16th State House District: Bob Constan
17th State House District: Phil Cavanagh
22nd State House District: Douglas Geiss
23rd State House District: Deb Kennedy
52nd State House District: Christine Green
53rd State House District: Jeff Irwin and Ned Stabler
54th State House District: David Rutledge and Lonnie Scott
55th State House District: Mike Smith
56th State House District: Kate Ebli

Wayne County Executive: Bob Ficano
Wayne County Sheriff: Benny Napoleon
9th Wayne County Commission District: Diane Webb
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From:

John Carter

Sent:

Tuesday, July 06, 2010 11:20 PM

To:

Citlalin Vazquez; Matt Gardener; Mike Sadler; Anglin, Mike; heatherchapman

David Purrett

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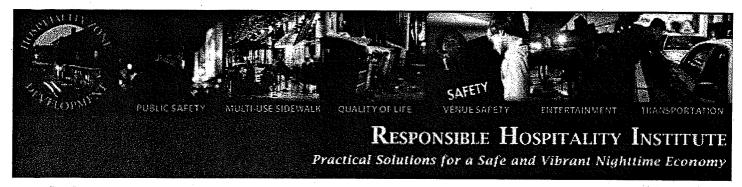
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This month's news stories feature cities with innovative strategies to address noise, litter, public urination and resident coexistence with nightlife businesses in mixed-use hospitality zones.

SOUND CHECK: DOWNTOWN NOISE CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS

Elgin, IL – The Downtown Neighborhood Noise Task Force is ready to present to City Council new noise regulations and soundproofing measures. Bars, restaurants and live music venues near residents would be required to stay under 60 decibels at night. The committee suggested a grant and loan program to help subsidize the cost of soundproofing businesses and residents. The city would cover 50 percent of sound abatement, up to \$5,000. The remainder of the costs could be taken up front as a loan from the city and repaid through an entertainment ticket surcharge to consumers.

PLEASANT-SMELLING PUBLIC RESTROOMS - A TOURISM BOOST

Manila, Philippines – The Department of Tourism's latest successful campaign centered on a very unusual secret weapon: pleasant-smelling bathrooms. In 2004 the Department officially recognized the importance that <u>restroom sanitation</u> holds in the tourism industry by spearheading the first-ever Toilet Recognition of the Year (TROY) Awards. The awards have promoted a culture of sanitation and hygiene among Filipinos, boosting tourism and introducing a fresh, even floral-scented outlook on hospitality.

SHH! HOTEL SLEEP WARDENS LISTEN FOR NIGHT NOISE IN UK

United Kingdom – Travelodge properties in the U.K. have announced the employment of specially-trained staff members, "Sleep Wardens," to <u>monitor nighttime noise</u> and issue warnings to guests. If guests continue to make excessive noise after receiving a warning, monitors tell the noisy guests to leave the premises. Travelodge, which advertises itself as a "retailer of sleep," aims to monitor "good bedtime etiquette" for guests' nighttime benefit.

'ASH BAGS' TO REDUCE CIGARETTE BUTTS

Yellowknife, NT, Canada – The Yellowknife Health and Social Services Authority has launched a new campaign to hand out "ash bags" at various locations across the city to reduce cigarette litter. "It's basically a personal ashtray," said Jo Russell, health promotion coordinator, with the city health authority. "(It's) giving smokers an option not to litter if there aren't any ashtrays around." Russell added that Edmonton had a similar idea with personal ashtrays which inspired their campaign.

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CTN filming

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Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk

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Good info to have

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STROKE: Remember the 1st Three Letters.... S. T. R.

STROKE IDENTIFICATION:

During a BBQ, a woman stumbled and took a little fall - she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) .she said she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes.

They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, Jane went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening

Jane's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital - (at 6:00 pm Jane passed away.) She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Jane would be with us today. Some don't die. They end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead.

It only takes a minute to read this...

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough...

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Thank God for the sense to remember the '3' steps, STR . Read and Learn!

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S *Ask the individual to SMILE.

T *Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently)

(i.e. It is sunny out today.)

R *Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

New Sign of a Stroke ----- Stick out Your Tongue

NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue.. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

A cardiologist says if everyone who gets this e-mail sends it to 10 people; you can bet that at least one life will be saved.

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Oil companies like BP and Transocean, the company that owned the Deepwater Horizon rig in the Gulf of Mexico, reap about

\$4 billion a year in tax breaks by taking advantage of provisions in U.S. laws "available at virtually every stage of the exploration and extraction process," according to the New York Times.

Transocean has been ably to significantly reduce its taxes by moving its headquarters from Houston to the Cayman Islands in

1999 and then to Switzerland two years ago. It also reduced the taxes it paid by registering the Deepwater Horizon under the flag of the Marshall Islands.

BP realized big tax benefits by using a break that allowed it to deduct 70 percent of the rent it paid to Transocean for the use of Deepwater Horizon, according to the story.

Oil rig

The Times said the oil industry is lining up to oppose a proposal under consideration by federal officials to impose a new tax on it to help pay for the Gulf clean-up.

Industry officials say that such a tax will cost jobs and push up the price of gasoline. They also argue that the subsidies they receive are a bargain for taxpayers because they help companies weather market fluctuations and invest in new technology.

That argument is rejected by Sen. Robert Menendez, (D-N.J.), who is seeking to cut back the tax breaks. Menendez told the Times, ""The flow of revenues to oil companies is like the gusher at the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico: heavy and constant. There is no reason for these corporations to shortchange the American taxpayer."

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.), said this week his panel would look into whether Transocean had exploited loopholes in U.S. tax law by moving its headquarters overseas, the Associated Press reported last week.

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By Marjorie Cohn

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Last week, the House of Representatives voted 215-210 for \$33 billion to fund Barack Obama's troop increase in Afghanistan.

But there was considerable opposition to giving the President a blank check. One hundred sixty-two House members supported an amendment that would have tied the funding to a withdrawal timetable. One hundred members voted for another amendment that would have rejected the \$33 billion for the 30,000 new troops already on their way to Afghanistan; that amendment would have required that the money be spent to redeploy our troops out of Afghanistan. Democrats voting for the second amendment included House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and nine Republicans. Both amendments failed to pass.

The new appropriation is in addition to the \$130 billion Congress has already approved for Iraq and Afghanistan this year. And the 2010 Pentagon budget is \$693 billion, more than all other discretionary spending programs combined.

Our economic crisis is directly tied to the cost of the war. We are in desperate need of money for education and health care. The \$1 million per year it costs to maintain a single soldier in Afghanistan could pay for 20 green jobs.

Not only is the war bankrupting us, it has come at a tragic cost in lives. June was the deadliest month for U.S. troops in Afghanistan. In addition to the 1,149 American soldiers killed in Afghanistan, untold numbers of Afghan civilians have died from the war - untold because the Defense Department refuses to maintain statistics of anyone except U.S. personnel. After all, Donald Rumsfeld quipped in 2005, 'death has a tendency to encourage a depressing view of war.'

There are other 'depressing' aspects of this war as well. As Gen. Stanley McChrystal reported just days before he got the axe, there is a 'resilient and growing insurgency' with high levels of violence and corruption within the Karzai government. McChrystal's remarks were considered 'off message' by the White House, which was also irked by the general's criticisms of Obama officials in a Rolling Stone article. McChrystal believes that you can't kill your way out of Afghanistan. 'The Russians killed 1 million Afghans and that didn't work.'

He and his successor, Gen. David Petraeus, likely disagree on the need to prevent civilian casualties (known as 'Civ Cas').

McChrystal instituted some of the most stringent rules of engagement the U.S. military has had in a war zone: 'Patrol only in areas that you are reasonably certain that you will not have to defend yourselves with lethal force.' Commanders cannot fire on buildings or other places if they have reason to believe civilians might be present unless their own forces are in imminent danger of being overrun. And they must end engagements and withdraw rather than risk harming noncombatants. McChrystal knows that for every innocent person you kill, you create new enemies; he calls it 'insurgent math.' According to the Los Angeles Times.

McChrystal 'was credited with bringing about a substantial drop in the proportion of civilian casualties suffered at the hands of NATO's International Security Assistance Force and its Afghan allies.'

While testifying in Congress before he was confirmed to take McChrystal's place, Petraeus told senators that some U.S.

soldiers had complained about the former's rules of engagement aimed at preventing civilian casualties.

According to the Rolling Stone article, Obama capitulated to McChrystal's insistence that more troops were needed in Afghanistan. In his December 1 speech at West Point, the article says, 'the president laid out all the reasons why fighting the war in Afghanistan is a bad idea: It's expensive; we're in an economic crisis; a decade-long commitment would sap American power; Al Qaeda has shifted its base of operations to Pakistan. Then,' the article continued, 'without ever using the words â€~victory' or â€~win,' Obama announced that he would send an additional 30,000 troops to Afghanistan, almost as many as McChrystal had requested.'

Both Obama and Petraeus no longer speak of 'victory' over the Taliban; they both hold open the possibility of settlement with the Taliban. Indeed, Maj. Gen. Bill Mayville, chief of operations for McChrystal, told Rolling Stone, 'It's not going to look like a win, smell like a win or taste like a win.'

The majority of Americans now oppose the war in Afghanistan.

Fareed Zakaria had some harsh words for the war on his CNN show, saying that 'the whole enterprise in Afghanistan feels disproportionate, a very expensive solution to what is turning out to be a small but real problem.' Noting that CIA director Leon Panetta admitted that the number of Al Qaeda left in Afghanistan may be 50 to 100, Zakaria asked, 'why are we fighting a major war' there? 'Last month alone there were more than 100 NATO troops killed in Afghanistan,' he said.

'That's more than one allied death for each living Al Qaeda member in the country in just one month.' Citing estimates that the war will cost more than \$100 billion in 2010 alone, Zakaria observed, 'That's a billion dollars for every member of Al Qaeda thought to be living in Afghanistan in one year.'

He queried, 'Why are we investing so much time, energy, and effort when Al Qaeda is so weak?' And Zakaria responded to the argument that we should continue fighting the Taliban because they are allied with Al Qaeda by saying, 'this would be like fighting Italy in World War II after Hitler's regime had collapsed and Berlin was in flames just because Italy had been allied with Germany.'

There is also division in the Republican ranks over the war.

Republican National Committee chairman Michael Steele made some gutsy comments about the war in Afghanistan, saying it is not winnable and calling it a 'war of Obama's choosing.' (Even though George W. Bush first invaded Afghanistan, Obama made the escalation of U.S. involvement a centerpiece of his

campaign.) Steele said that if Obama is 'such a student of history, has he not understood that, you know, that's the one thing you don't do, is engage in a land war in Afghanistan? Everyone who has tried, over 1,000 years of history, has failed.' Interestingly, Republicans Lindsey Graham and John McCain slammed Steele and jumped to Obama's defense. Rep. Ron Paul, however, agreed with Steele, saying, 'Michael Steele has it right, and Republicans should stick by him.'

Obama will likely persist with his failed war. He appears to be stumbling along the same path that Lyndon Johnson followed. Johnson lost his vision for a 'Great Society' when he became convinced that his legacy depended on winning the Vietnam War. It appears that Obama has similarly lost his way.

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By Dean Baker

July 6,2010, Center for Economic and Policy Research

http://www.cepr.net/index.php/blogs/beat-the-press/the-arrogant-david-brooks-tells-readers-that-stimulus-will-risk-national-insolvency

David Brooks has decided to jump into the debate over stimulus with both feet. In a column in which he warns against arrogance he tells readers that additional stimulus would: "risk national insolvency on the basis of a model."

Mr. Brooks doesn't tell readers how he has determined that further stimulus carries this risk. He doesn't explain how raising the country's debt to GDP ratio by 4-8 percentage points over the next few few years would jeopardize the creditworthiness of the U.S. government. This is certainly a rather strong assertion, given that even with this additional indebtedness, the debt to GDP ratio in the United States would still be far lower than it had been at prior points in its history.

Even after a decade of accumulating debt at a rapid pace, the U.S. would still face a lower debt burden than countries like Italy do today. Italy is currently able to borrow in financial markets at very low interest rates. Projections for 2020 show that the debt burden of the United States would still be less than half of the current debt burden of Japan, which still pays less than 2.0 percent interest on its long-term debt.

Financial markets also don't seem to share Mr. Brooks view that national insolvency is a serious concern. The people who are putting their money on the line are willing to buy 10-year Treasury bonds at just 3.0 percent interest rates. That would seem to suggest that insolvency in not a real concern, but Mr. Brooks insists that President Obama should hesitate on stimulus because he thinks that insolvency is a problem anyhow, and the people who disagree with him are arrogant.

There also is a basic question of logic that Mr. Brooks neglects. If the country really did start to face insolvency (i.e. no one would buy its debt), why would the Fed not simply step in and buy up government debt itself, as it has been doing to some extent over the last year and a half? This could cause inflation, which could be a serious problem, but then the issue would be inflation, not insolvency.

Of course, as practical matter, it is more than a little far- fetched to believe that we will have to worry about inflation any time soon. All the measures of inflation are in the 1-2 percent range and headed downward. With the unemployment rate still near double- digit levels and huge excess capacity in nearly every sector of the economy, it would take some real magic to spark inflation. (Since Brooks is anxious to argue that central banks and international financial institutions, who all missed the housing bubble btw, agree that insolvency is a real concern, it is probably worth mentioning that Olivier Blanchard, the chief economist of the IMF, believes that the economy would benefit from a somewhat higher rate of inflation.)

After inventing a crisis of national insolvency to concern the president (should President Obama also worry about invading Martians?), Mr. Brooks tells readers that:

"The Demand Siders don't have a good explanation for the past two years."

Hmmm, is that right? Seems to me that we have a very simple theory to explain the past two years. There was a huge bubble in housing that burst beginning in 2006. This led to a plunge in residential construction that cost the economy more than \$500 billion in annual demand. In addition, the loss of \$6 trillion in housing wealth, coupled with the loss of around \$7 trillion in stock wealth, has cost the economy more than \$500 billion in annual consumption demand. This is the result of the wealth effect on consumption, a phenomenon that economists have been writing about for close to a century. In addition, there was a bubble in non-residential real estate that collapsed about a year after the collapse of the housing bubble. This cost the economy about another \$150 billion in demand. That gives a total loss in annual demand of around

\$1.2 trillion. All of this was completely predictable and predicted by at least some demand siders.

It was also easy to see that the stimulus approved by Congress was inadequate. Demand siders rely on something called "arithmetic" to reach this assessment. After pulling out the \$80 billion fix to the alternative minimum tax, which had nothing to do with stimulus, and the \$100 billion or so designated for later years, the stimulus provided for roughly \$600 billion in spending and tax cuts over the years 2009 and 2010. This comes to \$300 billion a year. Roughly half of the federal stimulus was offset by cutbacks and tax increases at the state and local level, leaving a net stimulus from the government sector of roughly \$150 billion a year.

Demand siders did not believe that \$150 billion in annual stimulus from the government could offset the contractionary impact of a reduction in annual spending by the private scctor of \$1.2 trillion (\$1.2 trillion > \$150 billion). That is how demand siders explained the failure of the stimulus to have much impact in reducing the unemployment rate. Perhaps this explanation is too complicated for Mr. Brooks (he repeatedly complains about the high IQs of the demand siders), but it actually seems fairly straightforward. If he wants to be honest, he could at least say that he doesn't understand the demand siders' explanation, rather than asserting that demand siders do not have an explanation.

Brooks has also developed his own theory of consumer and investment behavior. He decided that consumers are not spending because of concerns about the debt. This is an interesting theory. Consumer spending is probably still somewhat higher than would be expected given the loss of stock and housing wealth. (The savings rate is between 4-5 percent, compared to a long-term average that is more than 8.0 percent.) Furthermore, with many experts and media pundits (like Mr. Brooks) insisting that the government must cut Social Security and Medicare, it is really surprising that the huge cohort of baby boomers approaching retirement is spending as much as they are. In short, it doesn't seem like the evidence fits Mr. Brooks theory very well.

Mr. Brooks also insists that concern about future tax burdens is depressing investment. This is also an interesting theory.

Of course, given the extensive research showing that demand growth is the primary determinant of investment most economists might be hesitant to accept Mr. Brooks' theory.

Brooks also tells readers that:

"it's very hard to get money out the door and impossible to do it quickly."

Is that really true? Suppose the government gave a tax credit that allowed firms to shorten their workweek while keeping pay nearly the same. Would this take a long time to get out the door? This policy of work sharing has prevented the unemployment rate from rising at all in Germany during this downturn and allowed the Netherlands to keep its unemployment rate close to 4.0 percent. Is it arrogant to suggest that this sort of approach could pay dividends in the U.S.?

President Obama and the Democrats are being blamed for the poor state of the economy and high unemployment. This means that the worse the economy performs, the more the Republicans benefit. If stimulus will benefit the economy, then anything the Republicans can do to block stimulus will help their election prospects. In this respect, raising doubts, even if there is no basis for these doubts, can be a very effective election strategy for the Republicans, especially if the doubts can obstruct effective stimulus not just in 2010, but up through the next presidential election.

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By Steve Early

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In the last five years, the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) has gone from being a media darling to generating more bad press for itself than any other labor organization. Some of SEIU's negative publicity is a product of right-wing union bashing. But a huge amount is self- inflicted - the result of conflicts with other unions, internal corruption scandals, and unseemly battles with its own members in California. To bolster its fading progressive brand, SEIU commissioned a documentary film in 2008 called Labor Day. Several million dollars worth of membership dues money later, Labor Day was dead on arrival. Now, SEIU has produced a slick \$25 dollar coffee table book called Stronger

Together: The Story of SEIU. Among its questionable claims is that Andy Stern's meddling in the UNITE HERE divorce led to attacks on SEIU by other unions, a unique perspective on that dispute, to say the least.

Among true believers at SEIU headquarters in Washington, hope springs eternal in the self-promotion department, just as it does in Hollywood. The fact that one narcissistic project has crashed and burned doesn't mean the next one will be a dog too. If people don't want to watch a movie about SEIU, maybe they'll buy book a book about it - like a 276-page, largely wart-free organizational portrait penned by the husband of the union's general counsel?

Thanks to a further expenditure of dues money (the full scale of which won't be revealed until SEIU files its financial disclosure form with the Labor Department next year) and a Vermont publisher not previously known as a vanity press, we now have a fitting sequel to Labor Day. Cobbled together, with lots of headquarters help, the book takes Labor Day Director Glenn Silber's heroic narrative (about how SEIU single-handedly elected Barack Obama 'to change the direction of the economy and the country') and adds thirty-four more chapters to round out the union's history.

Unfortunately, a lot of the new material is equally self- congratulatory or factually challenged.

If Stronger Together were your only source of information about SEIU, reading this book would surely make any union- minded person a big fan of what Andy Stern once called his 'Purple Army.' There has been, in the past, much to admire about SEIU and, in some areas of organizing strategy, for others to emulate. (My own alma mater, CWA, certainly did, in at least one major campaign that I assisted.)

Author Don Stillman highlights the kind of creative organizing, bargaining, political action, and community coalition-building that most distinguished SEIU, in a positive way, from the rest of the pack. Justice for Janitors, child-care and home care worker campaigns, support for immigrant rights, green jobs, jousting with Wal-Mart, protecting hospital workers from needle-stick injuries -it's all there, along with a whole chapter on how SEIU came to embrace the color purple. (Not just any old shade, mind you, but Pantone 268c exclusively.)

Stillman argues that the union's corporate-style branding campaign was critical to raising its public profile and creating a common union identity for a disparate membership composed of nearly 2 million health care workers, public employees, janitors, security guards, and others. It's when his book deals with crucial matters of substance, rather than form - like the thorny controversies of today, not SEIU's past glory - that Stronger Together begins to lose credibility fast.

The author once aspired to a higher calling in the field of labor journalism - and greater candor about union-related topics - than his current 'work for hire' would indicate. As editor of the rank-and-file paper, The Miner's Voice, Don Stillman helped union dissidents in Miners for Democracy

(MFD) topple the murderous dictatorship of Tony Boyle in the United Mine Workers (UMW) four decades ago. After the MFD's election victory in 1972, he headed an editorial team at the United Mine Workers Journal (that I was privileged to be part of and that, more prominently, included the renowned photo-journalist Earl Dotter and future SEIU and Teamsters communications director Matt Witt).

In 1975, the Journal managed to win a National Magazine Award for our investigative reporting on coal industry issues - a rare honor for a union rag (and a testament to Don's close ties to the Columbia School of Journalism, which doles out those prestigious NMAs.) We tried, wherever possible, to cover internal controversies, member complaints, and union setbacks, instead of just touting what everyone knew, in real life, was not an endless stream of UMW 'victories' (in an era when the union even had a few.)

The fact that coal miners could find, in their Journal, more than just front-to-back pictures of the top officialdom, along with flattering transcriptions of their every word and deed, gave us some street cred and a more engaged readership than most labor publications enjoy. The always-looming gap between union rhetoric and workplace reality was actually narrowed a bit, at least for a while.

With its glossy paper, nice color photos, clean lay-out and many true-to-life SEIU war stories to retell, Stronger Together is not a 'crappy infomercial,' by any means, and is a cut above Labor Day, which the Village Voice called, a crappy infomercial. But given who's footing the bill for this official history, the author's own lucrative past consulting work for Andy Stern, and his close personal ties to SEIU (his wife Judy Scott, is the union's top lawyer), it's not surprising that Stronger Together so often substitutes the ideal for the real, and reads like an extended SEIU press release.

Producing a book, for internal union consumption, with the look and feel of a labor 'family album,' fully-airbrushed and leadership friendly, is no heavy lifting for a writer and editor of Stillman's ability. Overcoming the skepticism, anger and concern that has been aroused, among so many SEIU members and friends, by its multi-faceted misbehavior in recent years, is quite another journalistic challenge.

And the Don Stillman of today - now a comfortable Washington, D.C. labor insider and well-paid SEIU consultant - doesn't even try to meet it.

Instead, he makes sure that the beatific visage of Mary Kay Henry, the union's new President, appears more often than any other in the book, by far. Stillman also helps burnish her resume for the job she was held since May by providing Mary Kay-centric accounts of campaigns like the 'Breakthrough At Catholic Healthcare West' (Chapter 15).

At CHW, a lot of the real work on the ground to win a 'fair elections deal' and thousands of new members was done by folks now in the rival National Union of Healthcare Workers (NUHW).

But since Stern seized control over United Healthcare Workers (UHW) - an action taken to 'expand accountability,'

according to Stillman - these ex-UHW activists have been consigned to SEIU's version of what George Orwell, in 1984, called 'the memory hole.'

Some of Stronger Together's shortcomings in the area of truth and memory are on display in chapters dealing with fellow unions, not just its own former organizers. Who knew, for example, that Change To Win was still doing so well as a robust alternative to the larger federation headed by Rich Trumka? Stillman's chapter on SEIU's bid to 'reform the AFL- CIO or build something stronger' reads like it was written right after the 2005 labor movement split.

The author doesn't even note that two of the seven Change To Win founding unions have quit since then, with one (UNITE

HERE) returning to the AFL-CIO. Nor does his account acknowledge the general consensus that, despite all its PR sound and fury at the time, the split really hasn't changed much - other than reducing the dues income of the national AFL-CIO and the per capita dues burden of the five unions still paying less to CTW.

In Stronger Together, we get no sense of the scale of the rank-and-file backlash against SEIU's own 'transformative '

restructuring - imposed via forced mergers of local unions, dysfunctional trusteeships, and related suppression of membership rights. If any group of workers ever tries to flee SEIU, it's not because they're unhappy about such things; they've just been misled, by either external or internal evildoers engaged in a 'brazen raid.'

For example, Stillman informs us that the Canadian Auto Workers tried to distract SEIU from its 'growth course' north of the border with a 'fracas' that left it 'with fewer members.' 14,000 fewer members, to be exact. And they only turned to a new union when Stern, against their wishes, tried to merge multiple locals in Ontario and imposed an unpopular trusteeship to achieve his goal.

Elsewhere in Stronger Together, we learn that the current and much larger potential exodus from SEIU - in California health care - is basically the work of an equally pernicious pied piper named Sal Rosselli. After Rosselli's 'secret' anti-SEIU plotting was exposed and he was ousted from UHW through another Stern trusteeship in 2009, 'the local quickly shifted to a member-focused union that was winning major gains for its members.'

SEIU better ship copies of Stronger Together out to Kaiser Permanente right away, in bulk, because thousands of UHW members there have apparently decided that the way to make 'major gains' is by calling for the largest NLRB election in seven decades and switching to NUHW.

Among Stillman's more glaring omissions is any mention of SEIU's own widespread and much-condemned 'raiding.' There's a whole chapter on its 'successful organizing' in Puerto Rico, but nothing about its failed attempt to replace the 40,000- member FMPR, the island's largest union.

This squalid 2008 adventure featured SEIU collusion with the Governor, who was trying to crush the left-led FMPR after a militant strike; it ended up costing members on the mainland many millions of dollars (to no avail) and further tarnished the union's reputation, here and there.

Stillman's account of the implosion of SEIU's alliance with UNITE HERE in the 'multiservices sector' makes you wonder why he didn't just give John Wilhelm's union the FMPR treatment. Clearly, pouring millions of dues dollars down the drain, in an inter-union battle that wreaked havoc within the progressive wing of labor, is better explained not at all. But here's Don's take on the UNITE HERE divorce and SEIU's completely innocent role in it:

'The merger of UNITE HERE collapsed in 2009. About 100,000 members largely, from the former UNITE, then joined SEIU as â€~Workers United.' The break-up UNITE HERE came about because of difficulties within that union. The move of Workers United to SEIU proved very contentious and led to attacks on SEIU by other unions.

SEIU repeatedly sought a negotiated settlement - but no agreement had been reached as this book went to press.'
(underlining added)

Attacks on SEIU by other unions? Perhaps Don is losing track of his time frame here and describing (what SEIU used to call, in 2007-8) 'attacks' by the always-menacing California Nurses Association, a union 25 times smaller than SEIU?

(Of course, those that couple kissed and made up a year ago, and began coordinating their organizing at HCA in Texas and other states, a so-far successful venture never mentioned in the book -perhaps because their truce is fraying or an equally torturous re-writing of CNA-SEIU history would be required to explain it?)

One thing that is impressive about Stronger Together is its solicitation of feedback from readers who 'spot an inaccuracy or other problem.' In the book's preface, they are urged to send any comments or corrections to seiu.book@gmail.com. My query, already sent to that address but with no reply yet, raises the question of money - as in how much the author was paid for SEIU's latest publishing venture?

Thanks to L.A. Times reporter Paul Pringle, we know that SEIU or an associated non-profit paid Stillman \$210,000 (over four

years) to help Stern write his own 2006 memoir-cum-policy tract, A Country That Works, and knock out another SEIU- subsidized collection called Since Sliced Bread: Common Sense Ideas From America's Working Families in 2007. Stronger Together draws heavily on 'Organizational Change at SEIU:

1996-2009, a yet unpublished report by three Rutgers University academics and a Washington, D.C. labor consultant that cost about \$650,000 in all.

Yet no defenders of the union have received as much total union funding as Don and Judy Scott, his always cheerful spouse. Judy was a key legal architect of the UHW take-over, and related litigation, that Don describes so dispassionately in Stronger Together. (In footnote #168, we are assured that 'Scott recused herself' from any involvement with the book and had attorneys who report to her conduct an arms length 'legal review' of it.)

As a Washington, D.C. power couple (in labor circles at least), their joint journalistic and legal endeavors on behalf of SEIU leaders are a marvel of inside-the-Beltway synergy. Once the salaried head of the union's legal department, she now works far more lucratively as an 'outside' general counsel for SEIU and partner in the Washington, D.C. firm of 'super lawyers' known as James & Hoffman.

Scott's firm was one of four involved in the controversial lawsuit against NUHW and its founders, which has cost SEIU members nearly \$10 million so far but produced a damage award of only \$1.5 million (now being appealed). For its invaluable work on that case and other SEIU matters, James & Hoffman received more than \$2 million last year (and, as of December 31, was still owed another half million); Scott's personal salary and benefits in 2009, for her SEIU work alone, was more than \$240,000.

Her share of the firm's profits added nearly \$90,000 to that. And then we also have a more cryptic SEIU LM-2 report entry for 2009 indicating that the author in the Scott-Stillman household was paid more than \$90,000 by SEIU for 'Support for Organizing.'

In other words, Don and Judy are definitely among those who, as the back cover of Standing Together proclaims, 'have won a better future for themselves and their family through SEIU.' The economic condition of many SEIU dues-payers in California is far more precarious, which is why putting a convincing shine on all things Pantone 268c is not easy here - on screen or in the pages of a book.

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20 people arrested at the G20 tell of â€~inhumane' treatment at the hands of police

June 28, 2010, Toronto Star

http://www.thestar.com/News/GTA/TorontoG20Summit/article/829921

Lulu Maxwell, 17, Grade 12, Rosedale Heights

Maxwell and a friend were hanging around near Queen and Dufferin Sts. at a convergence centre for protesters on Sunday afternoon when police started making arrests. 'My friend was blowing bubbles and I was scribbling peace signs on the sidewalk.'

Within minutes, her friend was grabbed and Lulu was put up against a wall. Her backpack was searched and Lulu says an officer said she could be charged with possession of dangerous weapons 'because I had eyewash solution in my backpack.'

She was taken to the detention centre and almost 12 hours after her arrest was allowed to call her parents. She was released, without charges being laid, at 5 a. m.

Natalie Logan, 21, U of T student

Logan was taking photos at The Esplanade on Saturday evening when she was arrested.

'I was documenting the protest when the police started encircling everyone,' she said. She was taken to the detention centre at 3:30 a.m. 'Before they handcuffed me, I peed in a bottle because I knew I wouldn't be able to otherwise.'

She wasn't charged and suddenly released at 3:30 p.m., more than 14 hours after her arrest. 'I am embarrassed for my city, embarrassed for Toronto Police and embarrassed that this could happen.'

Selwyn Firth, 59, Toronto mayoral candidate

Wanting a better view of a protest outside Queen's Park on Saturday, Firth walked to an elevated U of T building. When police told him to leave, he identified himself as a mayoral candidate. He refused and was forced to the ground, his cheek lacerated. He was arrested for obstruction.

'I wasn't obstructing anyone, I was asking questions,' said Firth, who was taken to the Eastern Ave. detention centre where he needed insulin for his Type 1 diabetes. Sunday morning he was taken to the Finch Ave., courthouse and again needed insulin, so was sent to hospital. He later returned to court and was released on \$1,000 bail. He is considering suing the city and police.

Erin Boynton, 24, London, Ont.

She was arrested at The Esplanade early Sunday morning after police boxed dozens of protesters in.

'I was with a protest marching peacefully down Yonge from Dundas Square,' she said. 'When the cops came at us, many people scattered and those who were left in front of the (Novotel) got arrested.' She said police came from all sides and 'squished us in. They didn't give us a warning to leave -. just announced that we are arresting all of you.'

She said a lot of people at the detention centre were innocent by standers. The police violated all our rights . \cdot

. there was police brutality. Quite frankly, it was quite disgusting.' Boynton wasn't charged.

Cameron Fenton, 24, journalist with Dominion in Montreal

'A bunch of us were peacefully protesting (near the Eastern Ave. detention centre) at about 2:30 a.m. when police told us that it was an unlawful assembly and we had to leave,' said Fenton. But they were boxed in and couldn't leave. Some time later, about 30 of them were walking about two blocks away when they were boxed in again by police.

Everyone was arrested. Fenton said he was never read his legal rights or allowed to make a phone call. 'It was cold, there was barely any food or water - there was no place in the cages to even sit,' he said Monday. 'That detention centre was tantamount to torture.' He was released on Sunday afternoon, after more than 17 hours in detention.

Emily Berrigan, 23, project manager for a local non- government agency

Berrigan spent her 23rd birthday Saturday night in a detention centre on charges of obstruction and unlawful demonstration.

She was with Oxfam Canada for the labour march in the morning, protesting peacefully. She went to Queen's Park around 8 p.m. for her bike and within 10 minutes was arrested. She was taken to the detention centre at 9 p.m. and got nothing to eat or drink until 5 a.m., when she was given a sandwich and some water, she said. 'The cage I was in had been pepper-sprayed and it stung our eyes and skin,' she said. At about 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, she was taken to the courts at Finch Ave. and released by 7 p.m. 'That's inhumane,' she said.

Adam MacIsaac, P.E.I.

MacIsaac, an independent journalist in town for the G20, took out his video camera to document police search methods and says he was aggressively thrown to the ground. Police began kicking him in the ribs and stunning him with a stun gun. 'I have a pacemaker!' he screamed repeatedly, but says they didn't listen.

MacIsaac was eventually taken to St. Joseph's Hospital where he was handcuffed to a hospital bed. He says officers harassed him; one repeatedly asked if his pacemaker battery was nuclear. He was later taken to the detention centre and left alone in the back of police cruiser. When police let him go seven hours later, they said they had no idea where his \$6000 worth of equipment went. They told him to file a complaint.

Amy Miller, Montreal

Miller, an independent journalist, was on her way to the jail solidarity protest Sunday around noon with fellow journalist Adam MacIsaac. She stopped at Bloor and St. Thomas Sts. where she saw police officers searching a group of young people carrying backpacks. She says police attacked her.

'I was throttled at the neck and held down. Next thing you know I was being cuffed and put in one of the wagons.' She says she was threatened and harassed by police at the Eastern Ave. detention centre. 'I was told I was going to be raped, I was told I was going to be gangbanged, I was told that they were going to make sure that I was never going to want to act as a journalist again.'

She also says she spoke to numerous young women who were strip-searched by male officers.

Steve Cruikshank, 28, Newmarket

Cruikshank was among those boxed in by police 'without warning' at the Queen St. and Spadina Ave. intersection Sunday evening. Officers kept yelling at people to 'Move' but there was nowhere to go. Cruikshank said he asked where they should go and was hit in the face with a riot shield.

He was arrested for breaching the peace and, with 50 others, taken to the Eastern Ave. detention centre.

'I asked for medical attention and they said $\hat{a} \in No'$, that I was $\hat{a} \in Darely$ bleeding.' I asked for a lawyer and wasn't given access. I asked to make a phone call and they laughed.' About three hours later, he was released without charge.

Stefanie Roy, 21, Joliette, Que.

Roy said she was arrested early Sunday evening 'for nothing.'

'We were sitting in front of a bank, talking and wanting to go home, when two big cars came up and police came out of them,' she said. They searched her car and found a hammer and a hatchet that happened to be there from a long time ago, Roy said. She was charged with possessing weapons. Police seized her laptop, boots, and a key-chain photo of her son.

The charge was dropped on Monday, but she is still missing her boots. 'I'm not going back in there,' she said, standing in her socks and staring at the detention centre.

Jean-Christophe Martel, 21, Granby, Que.

Martel was arrested on the subway at 11 a.m. Sunday after police searched his bags and found something they considered to be heroin in his emergency medical kit. Police charged him with trafficking heroin.

Martel says he was not involved with the violence in any way.

After 24 hours, he was released from the detention centre Monday afternoon and the charge against him was dropped.

'I'm going back to Quebec,' he said. 'I'll never leave that province again.'

Guillaume Lemarron, 24, Montreal

Lemarron came with friends to the protest, and acted as a street medic on Saturday. They were arrested on Sunday while heading to the Greyhound station to leave town. Lemarron said the bandages and supplies he used in his work were misconstrued as bandanas. He was charged with wearing a disguise.

During the arrest, his glasses were broken. Lemarron said he was protesting for 'a better world' and a new democracy.

'It's in the past,' he said of his detention. 'But I will not forget what they have done to me and others.'

Gabrielle Neveu, 21, Montreal

Neveu came to Toronto to raise awareness for better health care in developing countries. Neveu had a bandana around her neck. She agreed to let police search her bag but her boyfriend didn't. The tension escalated. 'I don't think I would have got arrested if I was alone,' she said.

Police charged her with wearing a disguise. She was placed in the back of a police van that soon filled with other people.

The van was taken to the detention centre where she stayed until Monday afternoon. Some people were strip-searched.

'People were exhausted. No one had the energy to scream,' she said. The charge was later dropped.

Sasha Morrison, 28, Toronto

On Sunday, Morrison was talking to a friend on Queen St. when police searched her bag and discovered an air filter mask.

She was charged with wearing a mask with intent. 'I'm wearing a mask?' she said 'It's a bogus charge.'

Morrison, a graffiti artist, sometimes works on projects with police. As she stood talking to media, an officer came by and said 'Good to see you,' not realizing she had been arrested. She was seething after a 19-hour detention. 'I'm vegan. I haven't had anything to eat until three hours ago.'

David Breed, 34, Toronto

On Sunday, Breed and his girlfriend had stopped to watch the bike rally and were planning to get something to eat before going home to change for his shift as a security guard. 'I was not involved in the protest,' he said. 'I was standing on the sidewalk.'

Breed was wearing black. Police searched him and found a retractable screwdriver and a Swiss army knife. He was arrested and charged with having concealed weapons. He'd had the knife since he was 10. Breed's girlfriend, Jennifer Booth, had a legal number scrawled on her arm, but said she didn't intend to get in trouble. 'I've been to a lot of these things and he hasn't,' she said after his release Monday. The charge against Breed has not been dropped.

Philip Dwek, 25, Toronto, medical student

On Sunday evening, Dwek was headed home after studying in a coffee shop when he ran into a crowd at the corner of Queen St. and Spadina Ave. He found himself surrounded by riot police.

'We were in the rain and it was freezing cold, I was trying to hide my medical book, trying to cover it under my shirt,'

recalled Dwek, adding police eventually gave him a plastic bag for his book. He was arrested for conspiracy to cause mischief, put in a van and taken to 43 Division, then later released. It cost \$60 to get back by taxi.

Dwek understands police were trying to prevent a repeat of the Saturday violence but wishes they were able to tell the protestors and bystanders from the 'rebels without a cause.'

Joshua Enns, studying to be math teacher at Conrad Grebel University College in Waterloo

Enns was arrested during a prayer vigil on Sunday. Police took him behind a bus and searched his bag. He forgot about the 'dollar store pocket knife' in his backpack he uses to cut fruit. He was charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

'I don't endorse violence personally,' he said. 'I didn't come down for the show.' Enns was strip-searched at the detention centre. He couldn't sleep with the fluorescent lights. He still faces the weapons charge. 'Hopefully this will be cleared up so I'll be able to teach.'

Matthew Beatty, 32, Ajax high school teacher

A volunteer legal observer with Movement Defence Committee (MDC) for the G20 weekend, Beatty was following a protest march down The Esplanade on Saturday evening when he was arrested. 'I was on the sidewalks, never jeered or chanted with the crowd,' he said.

He was handcuffed and put in a 'cage' with 20 others at the Eastern Ave. detention centre. 'There were 40 people in one cage - it was brutal, and it was cold.' People were asking for toilet paper to wrap their arms and legs because of the cold, he said. During 18 hours in custody, he was given three cheese sandwiches, three cups of water and a cup of flavoured juice.

Tim V. Wight, 23

Wight says he was at Queen's Park participating in a peaceful protest all day Saturday. 'I was there . . . to protest my concerns about the stripping of human rights within the city and the blatant waste of a billion dollars.'

When police entered the park , Wight began to ask questions about why they were entering a peaceful protest zone. Police told him to move and said they would hit him if he didn't back up. He prepared to leave but then officers grabbed him, knocked him down and kicked him twice in the face with heavy boots. He was treated for a concussion and had to have his forehead stitched.

Maryam Adrangi, 24

The spokeswoman for the Toronto Community Mobilization Network was arrested Sunday outside activist 'convergence space' at Queen and Noble on Sunday afternoon. She said she was driven around the city in an unmarked police van for four hours, taken to the detention centre for about 30 minutes and released without charge.

Adrangi, who was born in Iran, said she endured racist and sexist comments from police, who made fun of her name and the photos they took of her. 'I was really angry and frustrated that the cops felt entitled to do that to people,' she said.

'One cop said to me, â€~If you were my daughter I would slap you in the mouth.' '

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To:

Teall. Margie

Subject:

RE: Please make Ann Arbor the state's leader in human rights

Hi Margie,

Great to see you tonight! And many thanks for moving the resolution up on the agenda. Hope your night doesn't prove to be toooooo late!! See you soon, Celeste

----Original Message----

From: Teall, Margie [mailto:MTeall@a2gov.org]

Sent: Monday, July 05, 2010 5:53 PM

To: Celeste DeRoche

Subject: RE: Please make Ann Arbor the state's leader in human rights

Thanks Celeste. I'm on board! Hope you're having a good summer, and that I get to see you and Gail again soon!

-Margie

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Jul 5, 2010

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Sent:

Tuesday, July 06, 2010 9:42 PM Taylor, Christopher (Council)

To: Subject:

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Brad Cook

Sent:

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Christopher (Council); Kunselman, Stephen; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Hohnke, Carsten;

Anglin, Mike

Subject:

Az law resolution

I wanted to let you know how disappointed I am that the AA City Council spent time and energy on this resolution, not to mention the fact that I in no way believe that I elected you to represent me or the city in any matter of this type. I'm pretty sure the majority of residents feel the same way. The city has plenty of problems in front of us that you should be concentrating on before some symbolic measure.

Brad Cook

From: Sent:

To: Cc: Subject:

Stephen,

This evening I was surprised to see a city bus travelling down Bluett from Nixon, Green.	and exiting OHMHA on
Please confirm that the AATA has not rerouted their buses through our neighborhoconstruction.	ood during the Plymouth Rd
It seems to me that if the city did an acceptable job of planning for the traffic reror their should be no need to increase the traffic, noise, and emissions in our neighbor	nting during construction then rhood limits.
Regards, Daniel Smith	
On Jul 5, 2010, at 5:00 PM, Wendy J Carman 1 wrote:	
From: "Stephen Rapundalo" < <u>srapundalo@a2gov.org</u> > Date: June 30, 2010 9:48:50 AM EDT To: "Wendy Carman" { Subject: Fw: Plymouth Road and Green Road Improvement Pr Reply-To: <u>srapundalo@a2gov.org</u>	oject
<u></u>	
Wendy,	
Please forward to OHMA as soon as possible. Thanks.	
Sincerely,	
Stephen	
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Daniel Smith
Tuesday, July 06, 2010 9:11 PM
Rapundalo, Stephen
Wendy J Carman 1
Re: [OHMHA] Fwd: Fw: Plymouth Road and Green Road Improvement Project

Stephen Rapundalo Councilmember - Ward 2 City of Ann Arbor (734) 476-0648 - mobile srapundalo@a2gov.org

Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

From: "Pirooz, Homayoon" <HPirooz@a2gov.org>

Date: Wed, 30 Jun 2010 09:36:08 -0400

To:Pirooz, Homayoon<<u>HPirooz@a2gov.org</u>>

Subject:FW: Plymouth Road and Green Road Improvement Project

David A. Dykman, PE Project Manager

City of Ann Arbor
Public Services Area
Project Management Services Unit
100 N. Fifth Avenue
P.O. Box 8647
Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8647
Phone: 734.794.6410 x43685
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ddykman@a2gov.org

<Plymouth-Green_Notice of Temporary Traffic Control_Plymouth Road_06-292010.doc><2009029 PLYMOUTH RD-Layout1.pdf>

From:

Beaudry, Jacqueline

Sent:

Tuesday, July 06, 2010 9:12 PM

To: Subject: Higgins, Marcia sign up sheets

John suggested we put them on the table behind the speakers.

Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk
City Clerk's Office | City of Ann Arbor | 100 North Fifth Ave., Second Floor · Ann Arbor · MI · 48104
734.794.6140 (O) · 734.994.8296 (F) | jbeaudry@a2gov.org | www.a2gov.org



Think Green! Please don't print this e-mail unless absolutely necessary.

From:

Don Knowles

Sent:

Tuesday, July 06, 2010 8:59 PM

To:

Parking Mailbox

Cc:

CustomerService; Hieftje, John; Smith, Sandi; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Derezinski,

Tony; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Kunselman, Stephen; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie;

Hohnke, Carsten; Anglin, Mike; Crawford, Tom

Subject:

RE: Citation number 7010001378

Ms Clerkly:

Thanks so much for the response, and the promise of a refund for the \$15 late fee. We appreciate it.

If I may suggest something that might help, I would ask if you could put a contact name, email and phone number on who may want to get in contact with you. It seems like things go better when we have a name and number and email than just automated, impersonal forms.

I was frustrated that the ticket situation devolved as it did, then when there was almost 2 months without a word of fo check clear, you won't be surprised to know we expected a response. I know the resource constraints you work under work but--if there had been a name or number of how to reach a parking appeal referee, I would have tired just that or

In any case, thanks for the follow up and hope you enjoy the remainder of the summer.

don

Don Knowles



--- On Tue, 7/6/10, Parking Mailbox < Parking@a2gov.org > wrote:

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Subject: RE: Citation number 7010001378

To: "Don Knowles"

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Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2010, 3:13 PM

Mr. Knowles:

Thank you for writing. Please note that there may sometimes be a delay in response to appeals due to high volume.

not increase during processing. Currently we have a backlog of appeals and, to be fair to all parties, it is our policy to received. However, as a gesture of good will, I have pulled your appeal out of turn at this time in order to address you

In reviewing the file, it appears that the initial payment was received and entered beyond the late notice period. How actually show that it was mailed at 14 days. This was noted for one ticket but missed on the other which is why you I Payment Notice. I found that the appeal was received in April and the citation was placed on hold for review. (As I protected the appeals for the time period in question.) According to the file, the payment for the late fee was sent separate from the appeal at a later date. If a payment is receive unattached to an appeal, the payment will be applied

Based on these findings a request will be submitted to our accounts payable department to refund the late fee of \$1\footnote{1}{t} Thank you for your continued patience. Should you have questions or concerns regarding this or other matters, it is correspondence solely to parking@a2gov.org.

Respectfully,

Ms. Clerkley

Parking Referee



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Sent: Monday, July 05, 2010 5:54 PM

To: Parking Mailbox

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

Subject: Citation number 7010001378

Dear parking referee, and city officials of Ann Arbor:

I sent an appeal concerning the above numbered citation on April 14 and have yet to hear the outcome. My note and

In the meantime, we just noted that check number mailed to Tarrytown on March 16, in the amount of \$15, clea

I assume this resolves the appeal.

I am, however, disappointed that the city's processes led to this, that the Tarrytown personnel have been so unrespons that no one has contacted us to let us know they found and processed the check and that, therefore, the appeal has bee

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Parking Ticket Contesting Form

Thank you for using our Online Parking Ticket Contesting Form.

Your appeal of citation



A response will be sent to you as soon as possible by email, or using the residential or business mailing address you have provided.

Fines do not increase while the Referee is reviewing your appeal. This process may take several weeks depending on the volume of appeals. We appreciate your patience.

Please print this page for your records.

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State:

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Tuesday, July 06, 2010 8:56 PM *City Council Members (All)

To:

Cc: Subject: Beaudry, Jacqueline; Frasér, Roger amendment language for B!

5:10.13. PL Public Land District.

Municipal airports Transportation facilities, such as municipal airports, rail stations, bus stations (h) , bicycle centers, auto and bicycle parking facilities,

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Nancy Bryk

Sent:

Tuesday, July 06, 2010 8:41 PM

To:

Anglin, Mike

Subject:

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I feel strongly that this area is an unusual, vital historic area and is central to our city's unusual look and feel. Some of our most impressive, historical buildings are included in this area and it is important that these buildings NOT be pushed aside for new businesses.

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Sent:

Tuesday, July 06, 2010 8:37 PM

To:

Briere, Sabra

Subject:

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Sent:

Tuesday, July 06, 2010 8:37 PM

To:

Smith, Sandi

Subject:

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From:

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Sent:

Tuesday, July 06, 2010 8:36 PM

To:

Hieftje, John

Subject:

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Please vote to make this area an historic district.

Nancy Villa Bryk

From:

Kunselman, Stephen

To:

Pirooz, Homayoon

Sent:

Tuesday, July 06, 2010 8:32 PM

Subject:

Read: Plymouth Road and Green Road Improvement Project

Your message

To: Pirooz, Homayoon

Subject: FW: Plymouth Road and Green Road Improvement Project

Sent: 7/6/2010 3:01 PM

was read on 7/6/2010 8:32 PM.

From:

Kunselman, Stephen

To:

Beaudry, Jacqueline

Sent:

Tuesday, July 06, 2010 8:28 PM

Subject:

Read: A Resolution Urging Repeal of Arizona Senate Bill 1070.docx

Your message

To: Smith, Sandi; Briere, Sabra

Cc: *City Council Members (All); Fraser, Roger; Dempkowski, Angela A

Subject: RE: A Resolution Urging Repeal of Arizona Senate Bill 1070.docx

Sent: 7/6/2010 4:58 PM

was read on 7/6/2010 8:28 PM.

From:

Kunselman, Stephen

To: Sent: Beaudry, Jacqueline

Subject:

Tuesday, July 06, 2010 8:27 PM Read: July 6 Packet Update

Your message

To:

Anglin, Mike; Beaudry, Jacqueline; Bowden (King), Anissa; Briere, Sabra; Dempkowski, Angela A; Derezinski, Tony; Fraser, Roger; Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; Hohnke, Carsten; Kunselman, Stephen; Postema, Stephen; Rapundalo, Stephen; Satterlee, Joanna; Schopieray, Christine; Smith, Sandi; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Teall, Margie;

Wondrash, Lisa

Subject:

July 6 Packet Update

Sent: 7/6/2010 5:29 PM

was read on 7/6/2010 8:27 PM.

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Devorah Wolf
From:
Sent:
                       Tuesday, July 06, 2010 7:49 PM
                       Briere, Sabra
To:
                       Re: Please make Ann Arbor the state's leader in human rights
Subject:
                       Thanks for this note.
We remember you too.
On Tuesday, July 6, 2010, Briere, Sabra <<u>SBriere@a2gov.org</u>> wrote:
> Dear Devorah,
> I was so pleased to see your name and that of your husband, Barry, in my mailbox just now.
remember you both well.
> Thank you for writing. Thank you for sharing my concern on this important issue. Please contact
me any time if you have any questions on this or any other issue in front of the city. I'd be so
happy to hear from you.
> Sabra
> Sabra Briere
> First Ward Councilmember
> (734)995-3518 (home)
> (734)277-6578 (cell)
> From: ACLU on behalf of Devorah Wolf
> Sent: Tue 7/6/2010 3:41 PM
> To: Briere, Sabra
> Subject: Please make Ann Arbor the state's leader in human rights
> Jul 6, 2010
> Councilmember Sabra Briere
> Dear Councilmember Briere,
> I write today to express my strong support for the pending resolution
> urging repeal of Arizona Senate Bill 1070, the anti-immigrant law
> requiring local police to investigate a person's immigration status
> based on the vague concept of "reasonable suspicion" that the person
> is in the United States unlawfully.
> This resolution, introduced by Councilwoman Sabra Briere and supported
> by Councilwoman Sandi Smith, rightly affirms Ann Arbor's commitment to
> diversity and inclusion, one of our community's historic strengths.
> The notion that any local police department could be forced to divert
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> scarce resources toward what is essentially racial profiling is not

> unencumbered in fulfilling their duty to protect the community from

> only offensive but dangerous. Local law enforcement should be

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> serious crime.
> Additionally, such laws dangerously undermine any trust that has been
> developed between law enforcement and immigrant communities,
> practically ensuring that crime victims from this community will not
> seek help from police, nor will witnesses come forward out of fear of
> arrest and detainment.
> Arizona's law and the copycat legislation that has been introduced in
> Michigan is misguided, unfair, discriminatory and counter to the
> American values of freedom and equality. The City of Ann Arbor should
> go on record as the first Michigan city to oppose such blatant
> fear-mongering and discrimination.
> Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to your response.
> Sincerely,
> Ms. Devorah Wolf
> Ann Arbor, MI 48103-4843
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From:

Virgil Alexander

Sent:

Tuesday, July 06, 2010 7:44 PM

To:

Hieftje, John; Smith, Sandi; Rapundalo, Stephen; Derezinski, Tony; Kunselman, Stephen; Taylor,

Christopher (Council); Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Anglin, Mike; Hohnke, Carsten

Subject:

Arizona State Immigration Law (SB1070)

Dear Ann Arbor Mayor and City Council Members,

As a native Arizonan I am asking that you vote against the call for a repeal of Arizona SB1070, the law for dealing with illegal aliens in our state. The federal government is failing to secure the border and protect the citizens of the state. All the bill does is allow Arizona certified law officers to enforce exist federal law.

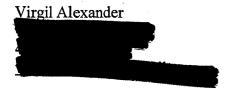
- The basic premise for opposition to Arizona's law is not based on fact, but on unfounded fears which are being fanned by open border proponents.
- The state law mirrors the federal law in all aspects, except that the state law disallows the use of ethnic profiling as a reason for checking for citizenship (the federal law does not).
- Law enforcement in Arizona is very professional and does not arrest people based on their skin color or ethnicity. In fact many of our law officers are Hispanic, including high ranking officers and chiefs.
- Because of Arizona's border with Mexico our state is a major entry point not only for illegal aliens seeking jobs, but for violent criminals. Much of this violence is against fellow illegals who are seeking only to work. They are frequently assaulted, raped, kidnapped and held for ransom, forced to carry drugs and other contraband for gangs, and murdered at an alarming rate. Almost all recent murders of police officers in Arizona have been perpetrated by illegal aliens. Having the flood of illegals is a severe problem on many fronts, and we must do something about it because the Federal Government is not.

Federal immigration permitting, among other things protects citizens from:

- entry of those carrying communicable disease
- those with criminal records
- those who are enemies of the US
- those whose skills would compete for jobs with unemployed citizens
- those who lack sufficient education, work skills, or means of support

Most illegal aliens could not come legally into the US because they do not meet the federal regulations. So while most are simply trying to find a better life, these are the very people the immigration law was designed to keep out. The US Border Patrol reports that 17% of the illegals they apprehend have previous criminal records in the US; other studies show that as much as 30% of them have criminal records in Mexico.

There are many other problems caused by the enormous influx of illegal aliens into our state, especially for those living in the smuggling corridors. It makes no sense to be critical of Arizona in this issue, when you do not have to face the problems that we are forced to deal with. The last several police officers killed in the line of duty in our state were killed by Illegal aliens. The proposal before you is akin to Phoenix voting to censure Ann Arbor for dealling with your own specific problems, because we do not encounter that problem here. Please don't fall for the unfounded fears being fanned by open border proponents to further their cause.



From:

Leah Gunn [gunnl@ewashtenaw.org]

Sent:

Tuesday, July 06, 2010 7:39 PM

To:

Kristin Judge; I-boc; Paul Schreiber

Cc:

Catherine McClary; Briere, Sabra; 'Brenda Stumbo'; Teresa Gillotti; Edward Koryzno; April McGrath;

Frances McMullan; Ed Golembiewski; Verna McDaniel

Subject:

RE: Preserving the Washtenaw County Land Bank Authority

Dear Paul,

I am sorry to say That I cannot support the land bank at this time. The Urban County Executive Committee has spent over \$5 million buying and rehabbing homes, and finding buyers for them. On the other hand, the Genesee County Land Bank owns 1000 abandoned homes in the City of Flint, which have not been purchased, and which are boarded up and vandalized. Please go to the following address on the web and see what I am talking about:

abclocal.go.com/wjrt/story?section=news/local&id=7459251

It is a video about their land bank, in which they are called a "slumlord".

There is no funding stream for the land bank, other than the county's general fund. If you have heard otherwise, someone is not telling you the facts. It has been proposed that the land bank receive about \$500,000 or so from interest on tax delinquent notes. What has been forgotten is that this money is used to pay existing county bond debt, and what is left over goes into capital reserves to maintain our buildings. Our budget is simply too tight to waste money on a scheme that is unlikely to produce the results that you hope for.

It is not a tool to help our community, and, in fact, could well spell disaster for us.

Thank you for your time,

Leah Gunn

From: Kristin Judge

Sent: Tuesday, July 06, 2010 6:03 PM

To: 1-boc

Cc: Catherine McClary; 'Briere, Sabra'; 'Brenda Stumbo'; Teresa Gillotti; Edward Koryzno; April

McGrath; Frances McMullan; Ed Golembiewski; Verna McDaniel

Subject: RE: Preserving the Washtenaw County Land Bank Authority

Thank you for your input Paul. I agree with you that the Land Bank would be an important tool in helping our community.

Kristin Judge

Washtenaw County Commissioner, District 7

734-646-2088

From: Paul Schreiber

Sent: Tuesday, July 06, 2010 6:01 PM

To: 1-boc

Cc: Catherine McClary; 'Briere, Sabra'; 'Brenda Stumbo'; Teresa Gillotti; Edward Koryzno; April

McGrath; Frances McMullan; Ed Golembiewski; Verna McDaniel Subject: Preserving the Washtenaw County Land Bank Authority Dear Washtenaw County Commissioners,

I write in support of preserving the Washtenaw County Land Bank Authority. Ypsilanti city neighborhoods are being hit hard by foreclosures. We must use all tools made available by the state to preserve our neighborhoods.

I urge you to reverse the decision to dissolve the Land Bank.

Please feel free to call me at 734-277-5446 anytime to discuss this further.

Best regards, Paul

Paul Schreiber Mayor, City of Ypsilanti 734-277-5446

From:

Rita Ross

Sent:

Tuesday, July 06, 2010 7:37 PM

To:

Pirooz. Homavoon

Cc: Subject: Hieftje, John; Rapundalo, Stephen; Derezinski, Tony Plymouth and Green Roads Improvement Project

Good Day;

Well, actually it isn't. I don't often complain and usually never when it involves an overall improvement. However, whoever is planning the timing for road improvements in Northeast Ann Arbor needs to be fired. It is ridiculous to expect Northeast Ann Arbor residents to have Geddes, US. 23, Plymouth Road, Green Road, Georgetown Blvd and Broadway all torn up at the same time. This was poorly planned regardless of the funding source.

US. 23 exits 41 and 39
Geddes
Plymouth Road
Green Road
Georgetown Blvd.
Broadway from Swift to Plymouth

of Earhart Road between Geddes and Plymouth. Because the Geddes/US.23 ramps and exit have been closed, I am using the Plymouth #41 exit. I must drive in the opposite direction of my destination and often sit in traffic for long times, but considered this an acceptable temporary inconvenience for the improvements anticipated at Geddes and Earhart. I am dreading the round about, having almost daily experience with the round about on Nixon and Geddes. These have not brought improvement, but rather confusion; this is not just my opinion, but the opinion of my neighbors.

And being forced onto Huron Parkway to Washtenaw or Dixboro to Washtenaw or to the US 23 Washtenaw exits isn't helpful because one then sits in congestion at those interchanges. The rate of accidents at Washtenaw and Carpenter is ridiculous.

It is impossible to get anywhere. I cannot drive without getting caught in a traffic jam. Someone needs to reconsider this plan, it is not workable. I sat at Plymouth and US 23 for 20 minutes at noon time, then again for 35 minutes at 5:00 PM. This needs changed and fixed now!

One positive note, this construction congestion has forced me to travel east on Plymouth and Ford Roads and I am learning there are excellent restaurants, shopping, parks and libraries in Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton with great parking at no additional charge.

Thank you,

Rita Ross

From:

Fraser, Roger

Sent:

Tuesday, July 06, 2010 7:32 PM

To:

*City Council Members (All)

Cc: Subject: Dempkowski, Angela A; Beaudry, Jacqueline; McCormick, Sue FW: Detour plan for the S. 5th Ave road closure later this summer

FYI

Roger

734-794-6110

From: Susan Pollay [mailto:SPollay@a2dda.org]

Sent: Monday, July 05, 2010 1:02 PM

To: Fraser, Roger

Subject: Detour plan for the S. 5th Ave road closure later this summer

Hi Roger. As you know, the S. Fifth Ave Parking Structure Project includes the construction of parking spaces under 5th Avenue. Construction on this section of the project will begin after Art Fair, when the block of Fifth between Liberty and William Streets closes August 1st. I'm emailing today to share information about our traffic detour plan in case you get asked questions by others. This information will also be shared with City Council, area media, the downtown associations, and will be placed on our DDA website.

The traffic detour route was developed over the past many months in cooperation with Public Services staff, and is based on traffic modeling and other work by Parsons Brinckerhoff Michigan Inc. Our goal with this detour plan was to minimize the impact of this street closure to roadway and intersection operations, emergency vehicle routes, non-motorized transportation, access to downtown businesses and institutions, and downtown special events.

This detour plan is as follows:

<u>Southbound Emergency vehicles</u>. During the time of the street closure South Fourth Avenue will serve as the alternate southbound route for emergency vehicles heading south from the City center. To accommodate this use, several parking meters on the west side of the street will be bagged to facilitate easier traffic movements.

<u>Truck traffic.</u> Currently truck traffic is prohibited on S. Main Street between Huron and William. During the time the 300 block of S. 5th is closed, truck traffic will temporarily be allowed southbound on these blocks. Trucks traveling northbound will still be prohibited from using this section of Main Street.

Other through southbound vehicle traffic. A detour route with signs will encourage southbound car traffic to use S. First Street.

In addition to meeting the needs of traffic traveling through downtown, the 300 block of S. 5th is also vital to the operations of AATA, Ann Arbor District Library and Federal Building, as well as the citizens they serve. Accommodations for these agencies will be provided as follows:

<u>Ann Arbor District Library</u>. A new ADA-compliant ramp has been constructed that serves patrons coming from William Street (the former ramp came in from the parking lot now under construction). The sidewalk in front of the Library has been expanded

to accommodate emergency vehicles, and additional lights will be added to the front of the building to improve visibility. The bike racks former located on the north of the building have been relocated to the front of the building.

Ann Arbor Transportation Authority. The intersection of William Street at Fifth will be adjusted to include a new north-bound left-turn lane for AATA buses and authorized Federal Building vehicles only. AATA buses will be making a left turn onto S. Fifth from William and enter the Blake Transit Center coming the "wrong way" onto Fifth. To assist with this left turn onto Fifth from William the traffic signal will be adjusted to include a dedicated left-turn arrow. The sidewalk on the west side of the street between William and Liberty will remain open throughout the construction, however the sidewalk portion north of AATA will be pushed westward away from the street so it abuts the Federal Building.

<u>Federal Building.</u> The 10-minute public parking spaces on the east side of the post office and the vehicular mail drop will be closed. A northbound one-way vehicle drive will be constructed on the west side of Fifth Avenue, running from William Street to Liberty Street, that will include the area currently set aside for post office public parking and vehicular mail drop off. Only AATA and authorized Federal Building tenants (FBI, federal court judges and other judicial staff, etc.) will be allowed to use this northbound one-way vehicle drive. Christman will have flaggers stationed at the entrance to this northbound one-way drive to redirect any cars or trucks that are not authorized to use this drive. With the permission of AATA, the segment of the Blake Transit Center pedestrian shelter closest to Fifth Avenue and the adjacent wall will be removed in the next couple weeks to accommodate the height and width of the semi trucks that use the Federal Building's back loading dock to deliver mail for subsequent redistribution via the smaller mail trucks. Temporary public parking spaces will be installed on E. Liberty in front of the Post Office to accommodate post office patrons.

It is anticipated that this block will be reopened to through traffic in mid to late 2011. In the meanwhile, nearby public parking will remain available for use at the 5th & William (Old YMCA) parking lot, the 4th & William parking structure, and at dozens of nearby on-street parking meter spaces.

Please let people know that additional information is available by calling the DDA at 734/994-6697 or on the DDA website: www.a2dda.org/current_projects/s fifth ave parking structure project/

Thanks. Talk to you soon. Susan