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COMING IN THE EC 02-07-10:

^ NATURAL GAS PROPAGANDA ON WBAL/REPUBLICAN SUPPORTER RON SMITH BACKS LNG TERMINAL AT SPARROWS POINT: ...Ron Smith has Pro-Exxon guest , Max Schulz, on his Show on WBAL on Friday, Feb. 5, 2010, During the 4:37pm segment, pushing "Fracking" for Natural Gas in the Marcellus Share region (which includes Western Maryland) and elsewhere, withOUT Detailing Major PROBLEMS w/ Fracking...Republican supporter Smith also concurs w/ caller that LNG terminal at Sparrows Point is a good thing, making fun of Ben

Cardin's safety concerns...Smith also discloses his "friend" who's a BIG shareholder of Exxon-Mobil

^ [UPDATE ON CHRIS BUSH'S COURT CASE AGAINST THE PSC](#)...the latest developments for Balt Circuit Court case 24-C-10-000-242

^ [A LOOK AT OBAMA'S MIXED MESSAGES ON NUCLEAR](#)...BOB's added \$54 BILLION DOLLARS for nuke loan guarantees in his State of the Union- BUT his administration has been stalling on loan guarantee awards- whose side IS the President on???

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~ Perhaps Citizens Groups Should Write a Letter to Cuomo Seeking Just Such an Investigation of CEG, as Maryland AG Doug Gansler is a Patron of the Godfather Shattuck

+ *Ron Smith Guest Dan Gainor DISSES Wilmington, DE: Calls it "Icky" in Discussion of Federal Rail Programs, on WBAL 1090 AM's Ron Smith Show Friday, Feb. 5, 2010, During the 3:45pm Segment*

~ Yours Truly has **BEEN** to Wilmington, DE- and it's a **GREAT** Town
~ Conservative/Republican Ron Smith (He SAYS He's Independent, BUT Carries Water for the Koch Family, Who are FUNDING Republican Candidates for Congress) Did NOT Correct His Guest
~ Wonder if Delaware Listeneres to WBAL Will be Offended
~ BTW, Yours Truly DOES Agree w/ Gainor on One Point: the Costs of Rapid Rail are TOO High for Commuter Use
~ Which is Why WASHINGTON Should **SUBSIDIZE** High Speed Rail (HSR)/MagLeg by Underwriting the CAPITAL Costs, Thereby **SUBSTANTIALLY** Reducing the Fares
~ AND, REAL Rapid Rail WILL Consist, as Gainor Notes, in Tearing Down- And Building- a New Rail Network (Gainor Did NOT Reference MagLev, But Chris Bush **STRONGLY** SUPPORTS Bullet Trains)
~ PS, Smith Ought to Have the Sun's Mike Dresser Back on (Dresser has Been a Guest on WBAL in the Past) to Present an Alternative View on Fast Trains

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- see the wbal.com link; the baltsun.com link; the "EC 01-28-10" email attachment; "Fw_2 EC 02-03-10" email attachment
- a megastorm- projected to pile up 2 feet of snow in Maryland- is heading our way ("wbal", scroll down about 2/3 of the page):

A WINTER STORM WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL 10 PM EST SATURDAY.

** PRECIPITATION TYPE...HEAVY SNOW.*

** ACCUMULATIONS...STORM TOTAL ACCUMULATIONS OF 20 TO 28 INCHES.*

- new forecasts just in say that 30 inches could hit the area ("baltsun", paragraph 1):

This is like some kind of nightmare auction. The NWS forecasters have boosted their snow total forecast from 20-28 inches to 20-30 inches, with some locations facing even more.

- but, it's worse: Adam Berg, meteorologist w/ The Weather Channel, sez that drifts from strong eastern winds from the Atlantic could pile up drifts 5 feet, at 3:15am on Friday, Feb. 5, 2010
- as the snowmass bears down on MD, there are 300 MD NG in Afghanistan ("EC 01-28-10", top note)(NOTE: the wbal link- w/ Gould's comments- inadvertently left out of EC 01-28-10 article, but is included herein)-cb:

[^ 300 MD AIR NATIONAL GUARDSMEN IN AFGHANISTAN- ANG SPOKESPERSON COL. ROBERT GOULD...\("wbal", tape, 1 min, 51 sec to 1 min, 55 sec\)...WHY AREN'T THESE SOLDIERS IN HAITI, INSTEAD?????...](#)

<http://wbal.com/apps/news/templates/story.aspx?articleid=44688&zoneid=3>

- O'Malley has declared a State of Emergency ("wbal", paragraphs 7, 9):

Governor Martin O'Malley has declared a state of emergency.

The declaration allows the governor to activate the Maryland National Guard.

- again, keep in mind that 300 Guardsmen are in Afghanistan- INSTEAD of helping w/ snow removal, storm assistance in Maryland
- so, when you're stuck in your home for several days- UNable to get out of UNplowed sidestreets- REMEMBER where the cavalry is, IN Afghanistan, being shot at by locals who do NOT want the US in their country
- meanwhile, BGE spokesperson Rob Gould (also the spokesperson for the MD Air National Guard, incidentally), is predicting possible multi-day shortages ("wbal", second audio link, 00 min, 00 sec thru 00 min, 05 sec):

Bill Vanko of WBAL 1090 AM: These outages could last for several days at least.

Gould: They could, there's no question about it.

- while access restrictions - due to snow- are understandable, HOW MANY LINE PERSONNEL FROM ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY WILL COME AND HELP?????
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- as reported in the EC of Feb. 3, 2010, BGE's service reliability has DOWNGRADED DRAMATICALLY since de-reg ("Fw_2 EC 02-03-10", story 2)

- **NOTE: if your power goes out, BGE rep Gould sez do NOT assume the utility knows- CALL 877-778-2222** ("wbal", 00 min, 27 sec thru 00 min, 35 sec):

Gould: customers, lose power, do not assume we know; pick up the phone, call us 877-778-2222

<http://wbal.com/apps/news/templates/story.aspx?articleid=45267&zoneid=27>

http://weblogs.marylandweather.com/2010/02/tweaked_again_forecast_goes_to.html

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- see the aolnews.com link; bls.gov "t15", "tn" links

- the news today is that the unemployment rate has dropped to 9.7% ("aol", paragraph 1):

The American [unemployment rate](#) has hit a five-month low, falling from 10 percent to 9.7 percent, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today, with the labor force shedding a modest 20,000 jobs year-over-year in January. But despite those (relatively) encouraging numbers, concerns persist that joblessness levels will remain stubbornly high.

- while that SOUNDS good, the ACTUAL number of folks hitting the linoleum jungle ROSE to 18% in January, 2010 from 17.1% in December, 2009 ("bls t15", chart, red box, center left column at bottom, "U-6", pink box, center left, at bottom next to red box)(the "U-6" number includes unemployed, those having give up looking for work, those forced onto part-time ["bls t15", chart, purple box description, far left, at bottom]):

HOUSEHOLD DATA

Table A-15. Alternative measures of labor underutilization Percent

Measure	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted					
	Jan. 2009	Dec. 2009	Jan. 2010	Jan. 2009	Sept. 2009	Oct. 2009	Nov. 2009	Dec. 2009	Jan. 2010
U-1 Persons unemployed 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force	3.1	5.6	5.9	3.1	5.5	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.8
U-2 Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force	5.6	6.4	6.9	4.7	6.6	6.7	6.5	6.3	6.1
U-3 Total unemployed, as a percent of the civilian labor force (official unemployment rate)	8.5	9.7	10.6	7.7	9.8	10.1	10.0	10.0	9.7
U-4 Total unemployed plus discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers	8.9	10.2	11.2	8.2	10.3	10.6	10.5	10.5	10.3
U-5 Total unemployed, plus discouraged workers, plus all other persons marginally attached to the labor force, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus all persons marginally attached to the labor force	9.7	11.1	12.0	9.0	11.1	11.5	11.3	11.4	11.2
U-6 Total unemployed, plus all persons marginally attached to the labor force, plus total employed part time for economic reasons, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus all persons marginally attached to the labor force	15.4	17.1	18.0	14.0	17.0	17.4	17.2	17.3	16.5

NOTE: Persons marginally attached to the labor force are those who currently are neither working nor looking for work but indicate that they want and are available for a job and have looked for work sometime in the past 12 months. Discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached, have given a job-market related reason for not currently looking for work. Persons employed part time for economic reasons are those who want and are available for full-time work but have had to settle for a part-time schedule. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.

- the SEASONALLY adjusted numbers DID fall from Dec. 2009, from 17.3% to 16.5% in January 2010 ("bls t15", chart, maroon box, far right at bottom above for January 2010; teal box for December 2009)
- BUT, such adjustments take into account the "post-Christmas Dump": i.e., employees who were temporarily hired over the holidays, but then let go once the Christmas is over
- statisticians make such adjustments to take into account such a seasonal variation ("bls tn", paragraphs 15, 16):

Over the course of a year, the size of the nation's labor force and the levels of employment and unemployment undergo regularly occurring fluctuations. These events may result from seasonal changes in weather, major holidays, and the opening and closing of schools. The effect of such seasonal variation can be very large.

Because these seasonal events follow a more or less regular pattern each year, their influence on the level of a series can be tempered by adjusting for regular seasonal variation.

- notwithstanding, IN ACTUALITY, the percentage of workers NOT working per the U-6 table is 18%, and THAT's a reality for policymakers to assess
- also, keep in mind that the data used to estimate the January figures already 3 weeks old, based on workers sampled on January 12th ("bls tn", paragraph 3):

In the household survey, the reference period is generally the calendar week that contains the 12th day of the month. In the establishment survey, the reference period is the pay period

including the 12th, which may or may not correspond directly to the calendar week.

- while we all hope that unemployment does, in fact, decline, the ACTUAL number of people out of work presently has RISEN, and we have to keep an eye on that number as well
- it's important to use the ACTUAL numbers for BGE households, cuz their billing is an ACTUAL burden for them in real time

<http://www.aolnews.com/nation/article/unemployment-ebbs-but-causes-for-concern-remain/19345695>

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.t15.htm>

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- see the maryland-politics.blogspot.com link
- O'Misery is about to have company
- former PG County Executive Waye Curry had a BIG fundraiser of 4,000 people, each paying \$100, per WBAL 1090 AM's C4 on C4' s program Friday, Feb. 5, 2010, during the 1pm segment:

C4- Wayne Curry had a big fundraiser 4,000 contributors @ \$100 (Jim Brochin sez 2,000 participants)

- C4 also noted that Montgomery County Exec Doug Duncan, former Balt City Mayor Kurt Schmoke, adn 7th District Congressman Elijah Cummings were IN attendance at the Curry fundraiser

C4- Kurt Schmoke, Doug Duncan, and Elijah Cummings were present

- AND, former AA Exec Janet Owens ALSO a guest at the Curry event ("maryland", paragraph 1):

Lots of VIPs are helping former Prince George's County Executive Wayne Curry celebrate his birthday on Thursday night. In addition to the expected Prince George's politicians, Curry's birthday buddies include former Montgomery County Executive Doug Duncan, former Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke and former Anne Arundel County Executive Janet Owens. Now we are sure that everyone is attending just to have a good time with the birthday boy and the subject of this year's Democratic gubernatorial primary will not come up... right?

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- more setbacks for mountain wind cuz of the Indiana Bat ("baltsun", paragraphs 1-3):

A West Virginia wind farm developer has agreed to scale back its project and other conditions to settle a lawsuit alleging the rotating blades pose a threat to endangered bats. The same issue now appears to be emerging - or re-emerging - over a wind farm proposed in western Maryland.

In a [deal announced Wednesday](#), Beech Ridge Energy LLC of Rockville said it is now free to resume construction on its wind farm in Greenbrier County, W.Va., though the total number of turbines would be reduced from 124 to around 100. There already are 40 built along the ridge.

In December, U.S. District Judge Roger Titus in Greenbelt had halted construction on the project, saying it posed risks to federally endangered Indiana bats.

- there are NO endangered bat species in the Upper Great Plains ("EC 12-16-09", second story, bullet points 7, 8):

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- notice that NO endangered bats are found in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska
- hence, the UPPER Great Plains is an IDEAL location for the development of the Great Plains Wind Project by the Federal Government

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- moreover, citizens fo Allegany County have been fighting an impassioned battle for years, blocking wind turbines in Maryland
- as a result, the focus should be toward the UPPER Great Plains for development of wind turbines

http://weblogs.baltimoresun.com/features/green/2010/02/wv_wind_farm_pulls_back_for_ba.html

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- see the salon.com link; the "ACORN Calls for Investigation of O'Keefe" email attachment; the washpost.com link
- James O'Keefe was involved w/ a white supremacist group ("salon", paragraphs 2, 3):

Now an activist organization that monitors hate groups has produced a photo of O'Keefe at a 2006 conference on "Race and Conservatism" that featured leading white nationalists. The photo, first published Jan. 30 on the Web site of the anti-racism group [One People's Project](#), shows O'Keefe at the gathering, which was so controversial even the ultra-right Leadership Institute, which employed O'Keefe at the time, withdrew its backing. But O'Keefe and fellow young conservative provocateur Marcus Epstein soldiered on to give anti-Semites, professional racists and proponents of Aryanism an opportunity to share their grievances and plans to make inroads in the GOP.

According to One People's Project founder Daryle Jenkins, O'Keefe was manning the literature table at the gathering that brought together anti-Semites, professional racists and proponents of Aryanism. OPP covered the event at the time, sending a freelance photographer to document the gathering. Jenkins told me the table was filled with tracts from the white supremacist right, including two pseudo-academic publications that have called blacks and Latinos genetically inferior to whites: [American Renaissance](#) and [the Occidental Quarterly](#). The leading speaker was Jared Taylor, founder of the white nationalist group American Renaissance. "We can say for certain that James O'Keefe was at the 2006 meeting with Jared Taylor. He has absolutely no way of denying that," Jenkins said. O'Keefe's attorney did not respond to a request for comment on his client's role in the conference.

- ACORN is now calling for an investigation of O'Keefe ("ACORN", paragraph 3):

*Back when he was stalking ACORN across the country, he videotaped ACORN folks without their consent. And that's illegal in Maryland and California, two states targeted. Now that he's proven that his law-breaking isn't a one-shot deal, **we are demanding that the Attorneys General in California and Maryland conduct formal investigations of O'Keefe's actions from last year. You can join in and help sting the stinger here.***

- even O'Keefe cohort Hannah Giles- the phony "prostitute" of the ACORN videos- is NOW distancing herself from O'Keefe ("salon", paragraph 15):

Since his arrest, however, some of O'Keefe's former associates are scrambling to save face. "I am shocked by the reports of this behavior," declared O'Keefe's collaborator on the ACORN operation, Hannah Giles. (Giles had tarted up as a prostitute for the stunt.)

- O'Keefe WRONGLY tried to shut down ACORN, because the group was trying to stop foreclosures ("washpost", page 1, paragraph 2):

It was serendipity, O'Keefe said Thursday. On that day in May, he was still burning mad after watching a YouTube video of ACORN workers breaking padlocks off foreclosed homes and barging in. "I was upset," he said.

- ACORN has also been involved in trying to stop BGE utility cut-offs, so O'Keefe was doing a favor for Mayo as well
- stay tuned

http://www.salon.com/news/feature/2010/02/03/james_okeefe_white_nationalists

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/09/17/AR2009091704805.html?hpid=topnews&sid=ST2009091704852>

> NY AG Cuomo Charges BOA Thief Ken Lewis w/ Fraud: As CEG ALSO Operates in NY, Perhaps Cuomo Might Consider an Investigation of Mayo Shattuck as Well???...

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- see the huffingtonpost.com link
- there IS an Attorney General in the United States who is holding corporadoes accountable for their rampant lawbreaking: it's Mario Cuomo in New York, and MC is charging Ken Lewis, of Bank of America fame, w/ fraud ("huffington", paragraphs 1-4):

New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo filed fraud charges against Bank of America and its former top executives this morning, alleging the bank manipulated the company's shareholders and the federal government in order to carry out a merger with Merrill Lynch.

According to the lawsuit, former CEO Ken Lewis and former CFO Joe Price hid more than \$16 billion worth of losses at Merrill from shareholders in order to ensure their approval of the merger. But after shareholders voted to buy the ailing firm, the bank approached the government to demand an infusion of taxpayer cash. Without bailout funds, they told regulators, BofA would be unable to complete the merger. The government capitulated and funneled \$20 billion of TARP money into the bank.

Attorney General Cuomo called Bank of America's conduct "a classic example of how the actions of our nation's largest financial institutions led to the near-collapse of our financial system":

"This was an arrogant scheme hatched by the bank's top executives who believed they could play by their own set of rules. In the end, they committed an enormous fraud and American taxpayers ended up paying billions for Bank of America's misdeeds."

- Constellation Energy ALSO operates in New York
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http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/02/04/ny-ag-cuomo-hits-ken-lewi_n_449362.html

> Ron Smith Guest Dan Gainor DISSES Wilmington, DE: Calls it "Icky" in Discussion of Federal Rail Programs, on WBAL 1090 AM's Ron Smith Show Friday, Feb. 5, 2010, During the 3:45pm Segment...

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...Which is Why WASHINGTON Should SUBSIDIZE High Speed Rail (HSR)/MagLeg by Underwriting the CAPITAL Costs, Thereby SUBSTANTIALLY Reducing the Fares...

...AND, REAL Rapid Rail WILL Consist, as Gainor Notes, in Tearing Down- And Building- a New Rail Network (Gainor Did NOT Reference MagLev, But Chris Bush STRONGLY SUPPORTS Bullet Trains)/

PS, Smith Ought to Have the Sun's Mike Dresser Back on (Dresser has been a Guest on WBAL in the Past) to Present an Alternative View on Fast Trains

- Ron Smith had a guest on his show during the 3:45pm segment, Dan Gainor
- Gainor was on to criticize Obama's high speed rail proposal and it's price tag of \$8 BILLION DOLLARS
- in the course of discussion on this issue, Gainor DISSED Wilmington, DE, calling it "icky" during the 3:45pm segment:

DG- journalists hate flyover, but like rapid rail; they all take the Acela; hardly ever stops in places they don't want to stop, like Wilmington, and Newark- places that are icky; elitist transportation

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- btw, yours truly DOES agree w/ Gainor on one point; the costs fo rapid rail are TOO high for commuter use, during the 3:45pm segment:

DG- 1.9 M to 3 M to take bogus railway; expecting tourists to use; family of 4, underage kids, close to \$300; stayed in Tampa instead of Orlando, almost exactly that cost for 4 tickets; slightly shorter than Wash to Wilmington

DG- Wash to NY, \$200 dollars round trip; Wash Wilm, \$86; 4 people driving a car, drive a little over hour, few dollars in gas to disney world, dump everybody into rapid rail, get there a little faster in wonderful, elitist comfort, hundreds of dollars spent

- what Obama should do is to underwrite the capital costs of building fast trains, which would lower the fares substantially- and make such costs AFFORDABLE for consumers
- Chris Bush likewise AGREES w/ Gainor as regards the need- if the feds really want to build fast trains- to tear down, then build up a new rail network (Gainor did NOT mention Maglev, but this writer backs bullet trains in this regard)-cb, at 3:45pm:

DG- we live in a country, twice the size of Europe, 60% of population; don't have density, even in Northeast, loses money; not that many people take it; anybody riding Acela, really wonderful, little faster and nice and clean; not rapid rail; goes avg 89 miles per hour; to really build rapid rail...Kelo thru the entire northeast corridor; tear down and build up; lot of bends and turns; ridden that route, very developed areas

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