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Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2011 12:53 PM

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Subject: FW: Electricity Crisis 09-02-10 Balt Sun Tries to Scare BGE Ratepayers re Utility Outage

Rebates; Sun MISreports on July 25, 2010 Storm Outage re BGE

Attachments: BGE DECLINE in Reliability Since DeReg.xls

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Sent: Friday, September 03, 2010 10:55 AM **To:** Kugler, Andrew; Hendrickson, Paul L

Cc: Parkhurst, Mary Ann; Chapman, Elaine G; CCNPP3COL Resource

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All,

Attached is an email I received from Bill Johnston. Please review it and consider if it brings any new information to be considered for the review.

Thanks

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To: Peter Vogt; Bruce Gordon; June Sevilla; Cathy Garger; Marty Madden; Jeff Newman; David Nitkin Balto Sun; Christie

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FYI: 2nd and last stories. Of course, no hope our two local papers would show any interest in the 2nd. The french now own half of CCNPP1&2, and their existing and future wastes to be stored on site indefinitely. They and our BOCC have full confidence in French technology, no need to compare to German, Japanese, Korean or other alternative nukes.

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- ~ Why DOES Mayo Pay Rob Gould's Salary????
- ~ After All, He Has a Reliable PR Operation at the Baltimore Sun!?!?!?!
- + EDF Has Run Afoul of French Nuclear Regulators!?!?!
- ~ the French Atomic Company has had RECURRING Welding Problems Going Back to 2008!?!?!
- ~ Also, the EPR Reactor Design (the Same Template Proposed for CC3) Was Given the Thumbs DOWN on a \$20 BILLION DOLLAR Nuke Plant in the United Arab Emirates
- ~ AND, that Same EPR Design Was Called TOO COMPLEX by the French Govt!?!?!?!?!
- ~ If You Can't Satisfy the French on the Kind of Job You're Doing Constructing Nuke Plants, then You're REALLY DOING A BAD JOB!?!?!

- ~ EDF is OWNED by the Govt of France, but that Nation's Own Nuclear Regulators are Raising Flags About the Work EDF is Doing
- + <u>Wind Continues to Boom: Exelon Puts Down a Cool \$ 1 BILLION DOLLARS to Purchase</u> <u>Deere's Wind Division</u>
- ~ Wind REALLY IS THE FUTURE
- ~ the Sun's Jay Hancock IS Impressed by the BIG BUCKS Going into Wind Energy
- ~ Remember: It Will Take a Decade- OR MORE- Before One Kilowatt Hour of Juice comes from CC3
- ~ by That Time, Thousands and Thousands and Thousands of Wind Turbines Will Have Been Built
- ~ the Exelon Acquisition- by Itself- Represent 735 Megs of Power, Approximately teh Same Amount as a Nuke Facility
- + <u>Analysis of WBAL 1090 AM's Ron Koch, er, I Mean, Ron Smith, Link to an Article on an Inquiry by the Interacademy Council (IAC) of the IPCC's 07 Climate Change Report</u>
- ~ Smith Links to a Daily Express of England Story on the IAC's Review of the IPCC 2007 Report
- ~ that Daily Express Article Itself LIES About the IAC "Inquiry"
- ~ the Daily Express' Opening Paragraph Indicates that ALL of the IPCC's Claims about Climate Change were REFUTED by the IAC:

A high-level inquiry into the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change found there was "little evidence" for its claims about global warming.

- ~ the Text Cites "little evidence' for its claims", an UNModified Comment
- ~ that is, the Daily Express' Reporting Indicates that the IAC Made a GLOBAL Refutation of the IPCC's Report: the Express did this by NOT Modifying NOR Qualifying the Term "its claims"
- ~ for instance, the Daily Express Could have Said Something like the Following: "there was 'little evidence' for some of its claims about global warming"
- ~ the Newspaper did NOT Make Such a Qualification, However
- ~ On the Other Hand, the IAC Both ACKNOWLEDGED that Many Associations of Scientitst REMAIN STEADFAST in their Position that Climate Change IS Occurring
- ~ AND, the IAC ITSELF AGREES that the IPCC "has heightened public awarness of climate change"
- ~ Yes, there WERE Errors in Facts in the IPCC Report, AND There WERE Errors in Applying Standards of Confidence to Certain Facts and Theories
- ~ BUT, the IAC did NOT REFUTE Climate Change Science, Which the Daily Express FALSELY Indicates DID Happen in the IAC's Report
- ~ Translation: the Daily Express made a MATERIAL MISREPRESENTATION of the IAC Review
- ~ i.e., the Daily Express LIED About the IAC Analysis
- ~ **Part** 1
- + <u>Hot, Hot, HOT!?!?!...Maryland has 54 DAYS OF 90 DEGREE + WEATHER IN 2010!?!?!?!</u>
- ~ Now, One Season does Not a Climate Trend Make
- ~ Still, the Portents are Worrisome

~ Ok, Class: Let's All Join Together and Say the Following: "MAN-MADE GLOBAL WARMING IS A REALITY!??!"

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- see the <u>baltsun.com</u> link; EC-2 07-26-10 email paste; BGE Decline in Reliability since DeReg spreadsheet attachment

- the baltsun editors are trying to SCARE BGE ratepayers re utility outage rebates
- basically, the idea is this: when there's a power outage, the afflicted consumers get rebates
- the Sun spin doctors reference this proposal not about BGE directly, but, rather, as a response of some who are tired of lengthy outages at PEPCO
- the idea here is for the Maryland PSC to adopt such regulations statewide so as to improve reliability ("baltsun", paragraphs 1-6)(bold, underline, large font added)-cb:

Here's a twist: A lot of Marylanders are angry at a utility — and it isn't Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. This time, public ire is directed at Pepco, which provides power for most residents of Montgomery and Prince George's counties as well as the District of Columbia. But the fixes elected officials are talking about could have a huge impact on the Baltimore area.

Reliability, not rates, is what has many of Pepco's 778,000 residential customers seething. Large numbers of them lost power in a violent July 25 storm and didn't have it again for days. And that was merely the latest straw for peeved customers; Pepco's reliability ranks among the worst in the region, a point even company officials have acknowledged.

Pepco customers could scarcely be blamed for being upset about all this. In recent public hearings, it's become clear that the company hasn't done an adequate job of trimming trees around utility lines or been aggressive in its response to outages. By the company's own account, it didn't plan for the July storm or bring in outside crews to help fast enough.

Such a failure would suggest a standard course of action: Intervention by the Maryland Public Service Commission, which is, among other things, supposed to monitor the reliability of electrical service in this state. And the PSC has already jumped in, conducting public hearings and mulling what regulatory action may be needed.

But that's not good enough for some elected officials who have already begun proposing more sweeping reforms. The proposals, however well-intentioned, pose a risk of unintended consequences as they are directed at all Maryland utilities and not just Pepco.

Gov. Martin O'Malley has said he wants the PSC to set a statewide reliability standard. Some would like to see those who fail to meet such a standard slapped with fines. Others have proposed a "power failure rebate" to be paid by utility shareholders to those who lose power.

- the Sun, of course, OPPOSES such rebates and/or fines because such regulations, they say, would hurt the bottom line of BGE ("baltsun", paragraphs 7-8):

The danger of such approaches is that their cost is inevitably born by ratepayers. Utilities facing financial penalties may hire more full-time emergency crews, the cost of which will simply be passed along. Meanwhile, a one-size-fits-all measurement might not work when it compares service areas that vary wildly (one region may have far greater risk of service interruptions from downed trees, for instance, while another has more underground lines).

Do BGE customers really want to pay higher rates? That may be less of an issue in places like Montgomery County, Maryland's most affluent subdivision, but a lot of Baltimoreans are satisfied with the quality of service and would rather see costs kept down. That's why the PSC ought to do what it does now — regulate this complicated issue utility by utility, without political interference.

- NOT!?!?
- the PSC could- and SHOULD- require BGE shareholders to absorb such costs, NOT suffering consumers
- btw, the Sun gives the MISimpression that BGE's reliability is satisfactory
- in fact, BGE has a TERRIBLE SAIDI Index, which is a measure of reliability!?!?! ("EC-2 07-26-10", points 11-14; "BGE DECLINE in Reliability", darj red boxes at right):

- on average, BGE is WAY above the national media on power outages
- from 2005-2008, BGE's media outage time was 6.40 hours for each BGE customer vs 1.50 for the national median, an amount 327% HIGHER for BGE, per the SAIDI report that BGE is required to file w/ the PSC ("EC 02-03-10", 2nd story, points 2-7):

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- the spreadsheet was compiled from BGE Service Reliability Reports provided to the PSC: copies of the reports were emailed by Rob Gould to yours truly ("BGE", footnote a)
- as many might have suspected, BGE service has declined DRAMATICALLY since de-reg went into effect in 2006
- the SAIDI index- a guideline wherein power outages are measured in hours of outage per customers- SOARED by 94% between 2005 and 2008 ("BGE", dark red box on farthest right; footnote 2)
- this percentage change compares the percentage change in the percentages above the medians for 2005 and 2008
- in 2008, EACH BGE customer experienced 6.40 hours WITHOUT power on average ("BGE", grey box)
- compared to teh national medians for such outages, BGE was 327% ABOVE the median of 1.50 hours ("BGE", near dark red box)

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- BGE MUST SHELL OUT MAJOR BUCKS TO HIRE ENOUGH LINEMEN FOR THE NEXT STORM, AND MAYO NEEDS TO PAY BACK HIS LUCRE- STOLEN FROM US- SO THAT CONSUMERS ARE TAKEN CARE OF!?!?!?!?! - also, this is ANOTHER REASON WHY THE MD NATIONAL GUARD NEEDS TO REMAIN IN MARYLAND, TO BE TRAINED AS POWERLINE WORKERS AND THUS SHORTEN OUTAGES!!!

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- during the same July 25 storms- referenced by the Sun above in regard to PEPCO, 133,000 BGE customers LOST power, AND, 25 hours AFTER the storms hit, 24,000 households were STILL blacked out!?!?! ("EC-2 07-26-10", points 2-6):

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- 25 HOURS AFTER THE STORM, 24,000 BGE CUSTOMERS STILL W/O POWER!?!!?!? ("bge", chart, map pasted below)(large font, underline added)-cb:

<u>Data Last Refreshed:</u> 07/26/2010 02:56 PM

Total Customers Restored Since Storm Began:	98,196
Total Customers Out:	24,227

Storm Operations Began: 07/25/2010 01:45 PM

County Total Customers Customers Customers Out Restored

Total	1,261,481	24,227	98,196
Prince George's	81,072	7,387	21,236
Montgomery	13,614	123	2,645
Howard	119,563	314	4,010
Harford	100,472	65	1,877
Carroll	57,435	128	1,809
Calvert	7,981	280	880
Baltimore City	279,298	688	3,995
Baltimore	368,122	248	16,625
Anne Arundel	233,924	14,994	45,119

Customers Affected

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- what GIVES!?!?!
- 24,000 consumers should NOT be withOUT power for so long!!?!?!
- BGE does NOT have enough line personnel: only 500 are at work ("baltsun", paragraph 3):

BGE has no specific estimate, but spokesman Rob Gould said it is likely that power will not be restored to all customers until late Tuesday. He said that BGE mobilized workers in anticipation of the storm, and that 500 employees are working to restore power.

- 500 linemen is NOT ENOUGH to deal w/ 133,000 ratepayers impacted

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- there's NO MENTION of this fact, i.e. the impact on the BGE residential ratepayers by the same storm, by the Sun editorial, however!?!?!?
- why DOES Mayo Shattuck pay Rob Gould's salary????
- the Don has a perfectly reliable PR operation at work at the Baltimore Sun, churning out corporate propaganda on a regular basis!?!?!/

http://weblogs.baltimoresun.com/news/opinion/2010/09/post 143.html

> EDF Has Run Afoul of French Nuclear Regulators!?!?!...

...the French Atomic Company has had RECURRING Welding Problems Going Back to 2008!?!?!...

...Also, the EPR Reactor Design (the Same Template Proposed for CC3) Was Given the Thumbs DOWN on a \$20 BILLION DOLLAR Nuke Plant in the United Arab Emirates...

...AND, that Same EPR Design Was Called TOO COMPLEX by the French Govt!?!?!?!....

...If You Can't Satisfy the French on the Kind of Job You're Doing Constructing Nuke Plants, then You're REALLY DOING A BAD JOB!?!?!...

...EDF is OWNED by the Govt of France, but that Nation's Own Nuclear Regulators are Raising Flags About the Work EDF is Doing...

- see the bloomberg.com link
- if you can't satisfy the French on the kind of job you're doing constructing nuke plants, then you're REALLY DOING A BAD JOB!?!?
- EDF is OWNED by the Govt of France, but that nation's own nuclear regulators are raising flags about the work EDF is doing on building nuke plants!?!?! ("bloomberg", paragraphs 1-3):

<u>Electricite de France SA</u>, Europe's biggest power producer, experienced renewed problems with welding quality at the EPR nuclear reactor being built in Normandy, according France's nuclear safety agency.

Faults in welds of the containment liner of the Flamanville EPR, the utility's first in France, were found during an inspection in July, the Autorite de Surete Nucleaire said in an Aug. 27 report on its website. EDF officials weren't immediately available for a comment.

"Welding difficulties caused by the ergonomics of the welder's post" were the cause of similar problems at the building site in 2008 and 2009 and treatment by EDF "was not performed correctly," according to the report. The agency also said EDF was slow in detecting "inferior weld quality."

- even the United Arab Emirates is NOT impressed by the EPR reactor design (the same template proposed for Calvert Cliffs 3), turning thumbs down on a \$20 BILLION DOLLARS project recently ("bloomberg", paragraph 7):

The EPR, which was rejected the United Arab Emirates in a \$20 billion nuclear order last year,

- ALSO, EPR is called too COMPLEX by its OWN government!?!?! ("bloomberg", paragraph 7):

The EPR, which was rejected the United Arab Emirates in a \$20 billion nuclear order last year, was criticized for its "complexity" in a government-sponsored report this year. EDF has said the delay and cost overruns are because the reactor is a "first-of-a-kind" even as Areva experiences its own delays and budget overruns building an EPR in Finland.

> Wind Continues to Boom: Exelon Puts Down a Cool \$ 1 BILLION DOLLARS to Purchase Deere's Wind Division...

- ...Wind REALLY IS THE FUTURE...
- ...the Sun's Jay Hancock IS Impressed by the BIG BUCKS Going into Wind Energy...
- ...Remember: It Will Take a Decade- OR MORE- Before One Kilowatt Hour of Juice comes from CC3...
- ...by That Time, Thousands and Thousands and Thousands of Wind Turbines Will Have Been Built...
- ...the Exelon Acquisition- by Itself- Represent 735 Megs of Power, Approximately teh Same Amount as a Nuke Facility
- see the baltsun.com link
- wind REALLY IS THE FUTURE- the Sun's Jay Hancock IS impressed by the BIG BUCKS going into wind energy ("baltsun", paragraph 1):

In another sign that wind-driven energy is here to stay on a substantial basis, Exelon Corp., a rival of BGE owner Constellation Energy, is expanding its wind-power business. It's <u>buying</u> Deere & Co.'s renewable-energy division for \$900 million. (OK, it's not quite a billion dollars. But I couldn't fit \$900 million in the headline.)

- remember: it will take a decade- OR MORE- before one kilowatt hour of juice comes from CC3
- by that time, thousand and thousands and thousands of wind turbines will have been built
- he Exelon acquisition- by itself- represents 735 Megs of power, approximately the same amount as a nuke facility ("baltsun", pargraph 2):

The deal gives Exelon, a big nuclear operator, like Constellation, 735 megawatts of wind-generation capacity. That's about the capacity of a good-sized nuclear-power reactor.

http://weblogs.baltimoresun.com/business/hancock/blog/2010/08/constellation rival in 1 billi.html

> Analysis of WBAL 1090 AM's Ron Koch, er, I Mean, Ron Smith, Link to an Article on an Inquiry

by the Interacademy Council (IAC) of the IPCC's 07 Climate Change Report...

...Smith Links to a Daily Express of England Story on the IAC's Review of the IPCC 2007 Report...

...that Daily Express Article Itself LIES About the IAC "Inquiry"...

...the Daily Express' Opening Paragraph Indicates that ALL of the IPCC's Claims about Climate Change were REFUTED by the IAC:

A high-level inquiry into the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change found there was "little evidence" for its claims about global warming.

...the Text Cites "'little evidence' for its claims", an UNModified Comment...

...that is, the Daily Express' Reporting Indicates that the IAC Made a GLOBAL Refutation of the IPCC's Report: the Express did this by NOT Modifying NOR Qualifying the Term "its claims"...

...for instance, the Daily Express Could have Said Something like the Following: "there was 'little evidence' for <u>some of</u> its claims about global warming"...

...the Newspaper did NOT Make Such a Qualification, However...

...On the Other Hand, the IAC Both ACKNOWLEDGED that Many Associations of Scientitst REMAIN STEADFAST in their Position that Climate Change IS Occurring...

...AND, the IAC ITSELF AGREES that the IPCC "has heightened public awarness of climate change"...

...Yes, there WERE Errors in Facts in the IPCC Report, AND There WERE Errors in Applying Standards of Confidence to Certain Facts and Theories...

...BUT, the IAC did NOT REFUTE Climate Change Science, Which the Daily Express FALSELY Indicates DID Happen in the IAC's Report...

...Translation: the Daily Express made a MATERIAL MISREPRESENTATION of the IAC Review...

...i.e., the Daily Express LIED About the IAC Analysis

...Part 1

- see the <u>wbal.com</u> link; the <u>express.co.uk</u> link; the <u>reviewipcc.interacademycouncil.net</u> link

- WBAL 1090 AM has a "special relationship" with the BILLIONAIRE Koch Brothers (in that BAL REPEATEDLY interviews representatives from just about every think tank financed by the Kochs, the station has extensively covered the Koch's viewpoint AGAINST the science of climate change, while CENSORING opposing viewpoints [even when contrasting voices are aired, the hours spent attacking global warming drown out the relatively few minutes rebutting the oil barons, such alternative views, then, being materially censored] and Ron Smith is their point man, their main Denier)
- on his website, Smith links to an article which reports on an "inquiry" by the Interacademy Council of the IPCC's 2007 climate change report ("wbal", 9-2-10 webpage pasted below, 22nd story from the top):

The Ron Smith Show

Ron has been talking with WBAL listeners for a long time - since way back in 1984, when talk radio was a whole lot different than it is now. The interaction with the listener has made a profound difference in what talk radio can achieve. Chronicling the political and societal changes is a big part of what we do at BAL. Ron, being conservative to the core, has been opposed to most of them. He tackles the issues you care about every day, so the more you listen the more you know. The Ron Smith Show airs weekday mornings from 9-12n on 1090 AM WBAL, 97.9 FM HD 4 and wbal.com



Obama's State United Nations

Next Media's Take On Is Islamophobia Sweeping The US?

Thursday, September 02, 2010 Next Media Animation

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Obama Throws Arizona To U.N.'s Human Rights Dogs

Thursday, September 02, 2010

Michelle Malkin, Washington Examiner

Department handed in America's first-ever report to the Commissioner for Human Rights in conjunction with

something called the "Universal Periodic Review."

Dramatic Drop For Illegal Immigration

Thursday, September 02, 2010

Scott Wong, POLITICO

The Obama administration is touting an independent report released Wednesday that shows that the number of illegal immigrants crossing into the U.S. fell by

nearly 65 percent in recent years.



It's The Spending, Stupid

Thursday, September 02, 2010

Tom Blumer, Pajamas Media

The problem is that both last year's and this year's numbers are fudged. Uncle Sam's real 2009 deficit was \$115 billion lower than reported.

Gunman An Thursday, Mark Hemingway, To what extent will left-wing Will The Media Call The Silver Spring/Discovery Channel Environmental Terrorist?

September 02, 2010

Washington Examiner

the media note that this violence was spurred by a radical environmental agenda, or that eco-terrorism is not a new

phenomenon and is arguably the America's biggest domestic terrorist threat?



How Democratic Congress Threw Away Advantage Over GOP

Thursday, September 02, 2010

Byron York, Washington Examiner

According to new, more detailed Gallup numbers, Democratic advantages on issues like health care, the economy, and handling corruption in government have simply disappeared.



Discovery Channel Hostage-Taker Hated Programming

Thursday, September 02, 2010

David Dishneau & Sarah Brumfeild, Associated Press

A gunman police shot to death after he took hostages at Discovery Channel's headquarters said he hated the company's shows such as "Kate Plus 8" because they promote population growth.

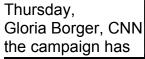


Down With Big Government, Big Business, Big Labor

Thursday, September 02, 2010

Michael Barone, Real Clear Politics

Some of the most important things in history are things that didn't happen -- even





Will Obama Be A Clinton -- Or A Carter?

September 02, 2010

It's strange, really, that the man who touched so many during failed to connect in the same way during his presidency.

Did Obama's Agenda Hobble Economic Recovery?

Thursday, September 02, 2010



Jill Lawrence, AOL

The painfully slow recovery is typical in the wake of a financial crisis. Still, the hard times are so persistent that I have been feeling twinges of guilt about President Obama's stimulus package.

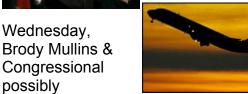


Blair 'Desperately Sorry' For Iraq War Deaths

Wednesday, September 01, 2010

AFP

Former British prime minister Tony Blair said he was "desperately sorry" over the deaths in the Iraq war, in extracts released from his memoirs.



House Travel Stipends Probed

September 01, 2010

John D. McKinnon, Wall Street Journal

investigators are questioning a half-dozen lawmakers for misspending government funds meant to pay for overseas

travel, according to people familiar with the matter



Democrats Party While Nation Suffers

Wednesday, September 01, 2010

Washington Times

It's striking how little empathy Democrats seem to have for the economic troubles facing ordinary Americans. While unemployment and underemployment rates remain sky-high, economic growth falters.



Wealthy Lawmakers Increased Their Riches As U.S. Economy Sputtered In '09

Wednesday, September 01, 2010

Kevin Bogardus and Barbra Kim, The Hill

The 50 wealthiest lawmakers were worth almost \$1.4 billion in 2009, about \$85.1 million more than 12 months earlier, according to The Hill's annual review of lawmakers' financial disclosure forms.



Lost In A Muddle

Wednesday, September 01, 2010

Fred Kaplan, SLATE

President Barack Obama's speech from the Oval Office Tuesday night was a strange muddle—a televised prime-time address that lacked a bottom line, a consistent theme. a clear road to the future.



Murkowski Concedes Alaska Primary Race

Wednesday, September 01, 2010

Dan Joling, Associated Press

Sen. Lisa Murkowski was booted from office in the Republican primary Tuesday by a little-known conservative lawyer in arguably the biggest political upset of the vear.



Putin Hints He Will Return To Kremlin In 2012

Wednesday, September 01, 2010

Michael Stott, Reuters

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, hinted he would return to the presidency in 2012 and said democracy protesters marching without permission deserved to be beaten.



A Grim Speech For A Grim War

Wednesday, September 01, 2010

Roger Simon, POLITICO

It was shocking how little awe there was. For almost the entire speech, Obama remained impassive. He was not awesome.

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Fox News
States and Iraq, we

Obama: "Operation Iragi Freedom Is Over"

September 01, 2010

"Through this remarkable chapter in the history of the United have met our responsibility. Now, it is time to turn the page,"
President Obama said in an Oval Office address.

Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson Says She'll Repay Scholarship



Funds

Tuesday, August 31, 2010

Todd Gillman, The Dallas Morning News

U.S. Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson awarded eight scholarships last year to her grandsons and a top aide's children – bringing to 23 the number of awards she handed out since 2005.

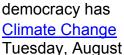


War In Irag Not Over

Tuesday, August 31, 2010

Christopher Preble, CATO

President Obama will not declare "mission accomplished" in his prime-time speech on Iraq tonight, nor should he. He should not claim that a flowering



been created in Iraq.

Lies Exposed

31. 2010

Donna Bowater, Express.co.uk

The world's leading climate change body has been accused of losing credibility after a damning report into its research



The Party Of The Rich

Tuesday, August 31, 2010

Timothy P. Carney, Washington Examiner

Democrats and the media still brand Republicans as the party of the rich, and Republicans seem to believe it's true. It's not.

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Technology Aside, Most People Still Decline To Be Located

Tuesday, August 31, 2010

Claire Cain Miller & Jenna Wortham- New York Times

Internet companies have appropriated the real estate business's mantra â€" it's all about location, location, location. Even if you know it or not.

The War In Irag: Who Made Headlines, And Where Are They Now?

Tuesday, August 31, 2010

CNN

As The US Calls an end to combat operations in Irag, CNN looks back at some of the people who made headlines during the war's seven-year run.

Tuesday, August James Dao. New "What we were are not in as good oversees basic

U.S. forces in

Making Soldiers Fit To Fight, Without The Situps 31, 2010

York Times

finding was that the soldiers we're getting in today's Army shape as they used to be," said Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling, who training for the Army.

GOP Takes Unprecedented 10-Point Lead On Generic Ballot

Tuesday, August 31, 2010

Frank Newport, Gallup

The 10-percentage-point lead is the GOP's largest so far this year and is its largest in Gallup's history of tracking the midterm generic

ballot for Congress.

On The Ground In Divala Tuesday, August Brig. Gen. Pat

31. 2010

Donahue, Washington Times

Divala have drawn down to just over two battalions and are

actively advising, training and assisting the Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) without issue.

Baltimore State's Attorney Race Questionnaires

Tuesday, August 31, 2010

Baltimore Sun

The Sun asked the candidates for Baltimore state's attorney to complete a questionnaire as part of our endorsement process. The questions were derived from suggestions made by readers.

GOP Lawmaker Warns U<u>.S. Faces 'Lost Decade' Because Of Debt</u>

Tuesday, August 31, 2010

Walter Alarkon, The Hill

The U.S. economy faces a "lost decade" like the one Japan suffered through if the government continues to spend and rack up debt, Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) said Monday.

Two Men on United Flight From Chicago Arrested On 'Preparation Of A Terrorist Attack' In Amsterdam

Tuesday, August 31, 2010

Richard Esposito, Christine Brouwer and Brian Ross, ABC News Two men taken off a Chicago-to-Amsterdam United Airlines flight in the Netherlands have been charged by Dutch police with "preparation of a terrorist

attack,"



Abby Phillip, For the third time in promise kept â€" in addressing troops



Tuesday, August 31, 2010

Eugene Robinson, Real Clear Politics

Now that the Iraq War is over -- for U.S. combat troops, at least -- only one thing is clear about the outcome: We didn't win.

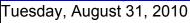


Obama Keeps Iraq Promise â€" Will Anyone Notice?
Tuesday, August 31, 2010

POLITICO

four days, Obama will hammer home a crucial message an Oval Office speech to a war-weary nation, just hours after at Fort Bliss.

Homelessness Up 50% In New York City



Luke Funk, Fox NYC

If you think you've been seeing more people sleep on city streets, statistics back up the perception. The homeless population living on New York City streets has gone up 50 percent in the past year.



Tuesday, August Jean Marbella, The A new ad released Bernstein attacks

New Ad Attacks Jessamy's Refusal To Try One-Witness Cases

31. 2010

Baltimore Sun

Monday by Baltimore State's Attorney candidate Gregg the incumbent, Patricia C. Jessamy, saying she refuses to

prosecute crimes when there is only one witness.



Tuesday, August 31, 2010

Rep. Mike Pence, Washington Times

Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr. recently claimed it was President Obama who laid out the plan for a responsible end of the war in Iraq. But that's not the whole story.



Tuesday, August Anne E. Kornblut, President Obama is Iraq on Tuesday as close. But some of

Obama Speech On Iraq Has Risks

31. 2010

Washington Post

promoting the decision to end the U.S. combat mission in a fulfillment of his campaign promise to draw the war to a the president's detractors are using the same moment to

question the wisdom of doing so.



Dems Seek Separation From Pelosi

Tuesday, August 31, 2010

Alex Isenstadt and John Bresnahan, POLITICO

Some of the Democratic Party's most endangered lawmakers are taking steps to distance themselves from Speaker Nancy Pelosi in an attempt to inoculate themselves from charges that they are beholden to the unpopular House leader.



Hatching Bigger Government

Tuesday, August 31, 2010

Steve Chapman, Reason

There have been a lot of unsurprising news stories lately. Rod Blagojevich going on TV. Tiger Woods and his wife divorcing. The economy racing along like an

elderly tortoise. And the Food and Drug Administration saying the salmonella outbreak proves the agency needs more power.

GOP Chances Of Winning House Are Rising As Midterm Election Nears

Monday, August 30, 2010

Shane D'Aprile, The Hill

The playing field of competitive House races has expanded substantially over the past two months, increasing the chances that Republicans will control the lower chamber next year.

Obama, Democrats Got 88 Percent Of 2008 Contributions By TV Network Execs, Writers, Reporters

Monday, August 30, 2010

Mark Tapscott

Senior executives, on-air personalities, producers, reporters, editors, writers and other self-identifying employees of ABC, CBS and NBC contributed more than \$1

million to Democratic candidates and campaign committees in 2008.



Beck Claims King Legacy Through God

Monday, August 30, 2010

James Hohmann, POLITICO

Choreographing the event so it felt more like an old-fashion religious revival than a tea party-inspired political rally gave Beck just enough cover to credibly position himself as an heir to Martin Luther King's legacy.



For Republicans, Monday, August

Carl Hulse. New

The incumbent

conservative

Will The November Election Be About America's Fiscal Future?

Monday, August 30, 2010

Conor Friedersdorf, Forbes

Wary as I am of returning the GOP to power, divided government seems to me the lesser of two evils, if only to stave off more unaffordable spending.

An '80's' Déjà Vu?

30, 2010

York Times

senator from Alaska is taken by surprise in a primary. A new movement energizes Republicans. Little-known insurgent

candidates prepare to storm the Senate. It is starting to feel like 1980.



Obama Touts New Orleans Resilience

Monday, August 30, 2010

Carol E. Lee, POLITICO

Five years to the day that Hurricane Katrina devastated this city, President Barack Obama cast New Orleans as a "symbol of resilience" for the nation.

- the Daily Express FALSELY states that the InterAcademy Council (IAC) review- of the UN's IPCC climate change report in 2007- "found there was 'little evidence' for its claims about global warming" ("express", paragraph 1):

A high-level inquiry into the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change found there was "little evidence" for its claims about global warming.

- that one sentence is a MATERIAL MISREPRESENTATION: i.e., a LIE!?!?
- look at the wording: "little evidence for its claims abouat global warming"

- the Express' reporting indicates that the IAC's review found "little evidence" on a overall basis regarding global warming and the IPCC report
- there are NO QUALIFIERS or MODIFIERS in the Express text referencing "its claims"- which pertains to the IPCC
- the InterAcademy Council found a number of wrong facts, and misused standards regarding confidence levels, BUT the IAC DID acknowledge that many associations of scientists steadfastly support the the core science behind climate change, AND the IAC itself continues to maintain the accuracy of global warming overall ("interacademy", windows page 5, paragraph 3; windows page 63, paragraph 1)(bold, underline, large font added)-cb:

On the other hand, many groups of scientists have insisted that whatever the failings in certain aspects of

IPCC's massive assessment, the key findings of the most recent IPCC assessment remain, as the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency concluded, unaffected. In the United States, the National Research Council came to the same conclusion after the third assessment and again more recently (NRC, 2001, 2010a, b, c).

The Committee concludes that the IPCC assessment process has been successful overall and has served society well. The commitment of many thousands of the world's leading scientists and other experts to the assessment process and to the communication of the nature of our understanding of the changing climate, its impacts, and possible adaptation and mitigation strategies is a considerable achievement in its own right. Similarly, the sustained commitment of governments to the process and their buy-in to the results is a mark of a successful assessment. Through its unique partnership between scientists and governments, the IPCC has heightened public awareness of climate change, raised the level of scientific debate, and influenced the science agendas of many nations. However, despite these successes, some fundamental changes to the process and the management structure are essential, as discussed in this report and summarized below.

- one more time, look at the Daily Express reporting:

A high-level inquiry into the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change found there was "little evidence" for its claims about global warming.

- in fact, the IAC continues to acknowledge the validity of global warming science
- yet, the Daily Express MISrepresents the IAC report via the phrase "'little evidence' for its claims about global warming"
- withOUT modifiers, which could have been written as such: "'little evidence <u>about a number</u> of its claims about global warming", the Daily Express FALSELY gives the impression to its readers that the IAC refuted ALL of the IPCC's science
- the Daily Express is making a global refutation in its reporting, yet the actual report refutes a number of factors, but NOT the core science
- hence, the Daily Express, again, is making a MATERIAL misrepresentation in its opening paragraph
- i.e., the Daily Express is LYING to its readers!?!?!

http://www.wbal.com/shows/smith/

http://reviewipcc.interacademycouncil.net/report/Climate%20Change%20Assessments,%20Review%20of%20t he%20Processes%20&%20Procedures%20of%20the%20IPCC.pdf

> Hot, Hot, HOT!?!?!...Maryland has 54 DAYS OF 90 DEGREE + WEATHER IN 2010!?!?!?!...

...Now, One Season does Not a Climate Trend Make...

...Still, the Portents are Worrisome...

...Ok, Class: Let's All Join Together and Say the Following: "MAN-MADE GLOBAL WARMING IS A REALITY!??!"

- see the marylandweather.com link
- according to weatherwiz Frank Roylance, it's been hot, hot, HOT in 2010
- Maryland has experienced 54 DAYS OF 90 DEGREE + WEATHER!?!?!? ("weather", paragraphs 1-3):

The thermometer out at BWI-Marshall Airport topped 90 degrees just before noon today. That makes it 54 days this year that temperatures have reached 90 degrees or more, tying the record for Baltimore, set in 1988.

The forecast high for BWI on Friday is 89 degrees, giving us a fighting chance to set a new record before a cold front sweeps through and sends daytime highs into the low 80s for a while.

Here, month by month, is how we got to 54 days of 90-plus weather:

April: 2 days

May: 3 days

June: 16 days

July: 20 days

August: 11 days

Sept.: 2 days

- of course, we all know one season does not a climate trend make
- still, the portents are worrisome
- ok, class, let's all join together and say the following: "MAN-MADE GLOBAL WARMING IS A REALITY"!?!?!

http://weblogs.marylandweather.com/2010/09/mercury_tops_90_again_tying_19.html

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BGE DECLINE in Reliability Since DeReg.xls 90178

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BGE DECLINE in Reliability Since DeReg

BEFORE DeF	Reg Price Hike	AFTER DeF	Reg Price Hike i		
a.	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	% ABOVE Median	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
SAIFI	1.67	1.56	-41.82%	1.54	1.41
SAIDI CAIDI	4.32 2.59	4.02 2.57	-168.00% -88.97%	4.11 2.67	3.43 2.44
OAIDI	2.59	2.51	-00.97 /0	2.07	2.77
incl "Major Eve	ents":				
SAIFI	1.67	1.56	-41.82%	1.93	1.64
SAIDI	4.32	4.02	-168.00%	8.00	5.87
CAIDI	2.59	2.57	-88.97%	4.15	3.58

- a. Source: BGE Service Reliability Reports filed w/ the PSC, provided by Rob Gould, VP Constellatic
- 1 http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SAIFI

The System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI) is commonly used SAIFI is the average number of interruptions that a customer would experience, a $SAIFI = \frac{total\ number\ of\ customer\ interruptions}{total\ number\ of\ customers\ served}$

SAIFI is measured in units of interruptions per customer. It is usually measured over the course of the median value for North American utilities is approximately 1.10 interruptions per customer.

2 http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SAIDI

The **System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI)** is commonly used a SAIDI is the average outage for each customers served, and is calculated as:

$$SAIDI = \frac{\text{sum of all customer interruption durations}}{\text{total number of customers served}}$$

SAIDI is measured in units of time, often minutes or hours. It is usually measured over the course the median value for North American utilities is approximately 1.50 hours.

3 http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CAIDI

The **Customer Average Interruption Duration Index (CAIDI)** is a reliability inde It is related to SAIDI and SAIFI, and is calculated as:

$$ext{CAIDI} = rac{ ext{sum of all customer interruption durations}}{ ext{total number of customer interruptions}} = rac{ ext{SAIDI}}{ ext{SAIFI}}$$

CAIDI gives the average outage duration that any given customer would experience. CAIDI can all CAIDI is measured in units of time, often minutes or hours. It is usually measured over the course the median value for North American utilities is approximately 1.36 hours.

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n 2006 2008	<u>% Change: 04, 08</u>	<u>Medians</u>		% ABOVE Median	% Change in <u>% ABOVE Median: 05, 08</u>
1.68	-0.60%	1.10	1	-52.73%	-26.09%
5.31	-22.92%	1.50	2	-254.00%	-51.19%
3.17	-22.39%	1.36	3	-133.09%	-49.59%
1.83 6.40	-9.58% -48.15%	1.10 1.50	1	-66.36% -326.67 %	-58.70% -94.44%
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