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Broadband Scandal

I don't normally push a book, but this article caught my eye. Ed.

Bruce Kushnick has a new book out called "The \$200 Billion Broadband Scandal". In it he talks about how the Bell (telephone) companies made promises in the early 90's to upgrade their entire infrastructure to fiber optics and in return received tax breaks and were given permission to raise rates in order to pay for these upgrades. They promised 45 Mbps in both directions by 2006. They promised fiber optics in all areas, rural, suburban, and city. And they promised that the lines would be open to competition. So where is this Information Superhighway that was promised? The book's author calls it the biggest scandal in American economic history. Here's a story about the book: <http://muniwireless.com/community/1023>.

Something's Rotten in Beverly Hills

Call us crazy, but something's rotten in Beverly Hills. Oscar nominations were announced this week and conservatives are once again left shaking their heads. "Brokeback Mountain," the homosexual cowboy movie that finally topped \$50 million after nearly two months, snagged eight Oscar nominations, including "Best Picture." "Capote," about a homosexual author, received five nominations and "Transamerica," in which the lead character undergoes a sex change, received two. Tellingly, the summer comedy "Wedding Crashers" did better at the box-office than all five "Best Picture" nominees combined. Furthermore, a wildly successful and wholesome picture, "The Chronicles of Narnia," which currently stands at \$278 million (\$634 worldwide, or more than ten times "Brokeback's" worldwide gross), was nominated in the make-up category. Call us crazy, but something's rotten in Beverly Hills.

On the small screen, ABC's "Commander in Chief" was pulled temporarily for low ratings.

"Commander" is not just about a female president, but about a *feminist* president and is clearly a tool for the feminist agenda. When one considers the recent poll numbers on Hillary, the show's failure comes as no surprise. From email PatriotPost.US (was Federalist)

Comment: It just makes me sick to see the steady drift to a Sodom and Gomorra society in this country. Where is the outrage from all the churches in this country. Surely they can see this move to depravity. Ed.

Judge Gone Wild

a Citizen magazine special report

SUMMARY: Ruling against parental rights is just one way Judge Stephen Reinhardt is trying to overturn American values.

He's the judge who says parental rights end at the schoolhouse door and that the Pledge of Allegiance in public school classrooms is unconstitutional.

He admires an Israeli judge who's outlawed spanking and radically expanded the power of the federal judiciary.

He considers an opinion he wrote in 1996 in favor of assisted suicide his greatest achievement.

He's Judge Stephen Reinhardt of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals -- the most infamous member of the most radical court in America. He's notorious because he's caused real harm -- to parental rights, public safety and the reputation of the federal courts. But one of his colleagues says he's a "mastodon," soon to be "extinct." President Bush could hasten that day by appointing more conservatives to vacancies on the 9th Circuit, but Reinhardt and his political allies aren't quite ready to surrender. They're intent on transforming America, with Reinhardt the master architect. *Plus much more.*

Comment: This is an excellent reason for congress to use the "Impeachment" option. When a judge gets so far out of line why don't we fire him/her. Ask your congress man/woman. Ed.

Redistribution of Your Income...

After being criticized (mainly by the partisan press) for not responding quickly enough to Hurricane Katrina, FEMA has announced plans to start housing displaced folks in 325 damaged apartments left empty in New Orleans after the storm. Contrary to normal policy, FEMA will determine if the program succeeds and then may house up to 20,000 people in similar homes. Of course, the apartments are "free" for those in need for at least 18 months.

Taxpayers will foot the bill of about \$1,000 per month per apartment, translating into possibly hundreds of millions of dollars over the next 18 months. We offer our great sympathy for those displaced by Katrina, but we also hold that churches and private charities would do this work better and much more economically. From email: PatriotPost.US (was Federalist)

Super Bowl Delayed 5 s.

ABC announced it will employ a five-second delay for the telecast, which will allow the network to cut any objectionable language or other content before it goes out.

That's good news for families who plan to tune in, but who may be wary after Super Bowl XXXVIII in 2004 -- a telecast in which singer Janet Jackson's breast was bared during the half-time extravaganza.

The decision reflects the outrage of millions of families in 2004, according to L. Brent Bozell, president of the Parents Television Council.

"ABC has wisely decided to ensure that this year's Super Bowl is not hijacked by raunchy performers as it was in 2004," he said. "Now, we hope that millions of families can safely watch this family program without the worry of seeing inappropriate sexual content or hearing vulgar language."

The 2004 Super Bowl not only included the infamous wardrobe malfunction and the accompanying suggestive dancing, but also a spate of raunchy commercials. From email PatriotPost.US (was Federalist)

The Armed Citizen

The two masked men who burst into a North Fort Myers, Fla., pharmacy demanding drugs didn't notice the pharmacy technician, who was a concealed-weapons permit holder, crouched in the back. When one robber leapt onto the countertop and waved a pistol at the clerk, the technician took action, opening fire with a .45-cal. pistol and hitting the armed man in the stomach. Both suspects fled the scene. Police believed the wounded man was a career criminal with 14 felony convictions since 1990 who was released from prison in January. "I knew for sure this guy was going to kill me," the technician said. "I was so afraid. I knew if I died, [the clerk] was going to die." (*The News-Press*, Fort Myers, FL, 06/07/05)

How the U.S. Military Became a Tool of the United Nations

by John F. McManus

HR1146, the bill introduced by Congressman Ron Paul to have the U.S. withdraw from the United Nations, deserves much greater support than it has gained.

Nothing could be more incompatible than swearing an oath to abide by the Constitution of the United States and simultaneously tolerating U.S. membership in the United Nations. Congressmen must be reminded that their oath binds them to an independent U.S., not to a subservient role as a member of the world body. While there are many reasons why our nation should withdraw from the UN, we present below a short explanation of the completely wrong way our nation's military is being used. Each should be firmly exhorted to cosponsor H.R. 1146.

The U.S. Must Withdraw from the United Nations

U.S. membership in the UN began in July 1945 when the Senate approved the *UN Charter* by the lopsided vote of 89-2. A few months later on December 20, 1945, Congress passed the little-known United Nations Participation Act,

immersing our nation ever more deeply into the world body.

The most important provision of the UN Participation Act supplies a President with authority to ignore the Constitution's strict requirement granting Congress alone power to send the nation into war. Soon after this Act gained approval, presidents began placing our military in conflicts ranging from Korea in 1950, to Vietnam in the 1960s and '70s, to Iraq in 1991, and to the current War Against Iraq. In each of these conflicts, a docile Congress stood by and allowed a President to launch military action without any declaration of war but, instead, with authorization supplied by the United Nations Security Council. It is hardly surprising that each of these conflicts resulted either in stalemate or defeat.

Currently, the House of Representatives has before it a bill numbered "H.R.1146" calling for the United States to withdraw from the UN. The measure contains 13 short paragraphs, the first of which merely identifies the bill by name as the "American Sovereignty Restoration Act." But its second paragraph, the most significant of its provisions, calls for "Repeal of United Nations Participation Act." Additional provisions address other steps needed to disentangle America completely from the UN.

Section 6 of the UN Participation Act pointedly requires "approval by Congress" should a President desire to provide American forces for a UN standing army. Though many UN partisans have wanted the world body to have its own instantly available force, there has never been a UN standing army. Hence, Congress has never been requested to give approval to such a move.

But the second portion of the Act's Section 6 states that a President "shall NOT be deemed to require the authorization of the Congress" (emphasis added) to supply military personnel to enforce Security Council resolutions. It is this grant of power given to a President that has been relied on for six decades to sanction the sending of America's armed forces into a variety of police actions, limited wars, peacekeeping forays, and other missions.

The effects of this appalling increase in presidential power are many.

The most notable are:

- Attainable victory was denied in the Korean "police action." This costly conflict has never been settled and could be reignited at any time.
- Our forces were completely hamstrung during the Vietnam War and eventually required to pull out by the politicians.
- The U.S. led "coalition" invading Iraq in 1991 was halted on its way to Baghdad because the Security Council resolution authorizing its action called merely for forcing Iraq out of Kuwait.
- The goal of the 2003 UN-authorized War against Iraq started as a war on terrorism and has become a war to change the government in that tortured nation.

No one serving in the military should be sent into harm's way without a clearly stated goal of victory. Our nation should never be at war without a congressional declaration, the last of which was approved in December 1941 after the attack at Pearl Harbor. Using the U.S. military to enforce UN Security Council resolutions - with or without any requirement for donning blue helmets - can never be justified. Real support for those who serve in the U.S. military can be provided by requiring them to defend only the Jives, liberty and property of the American people.

The proper course for America is spelled out in H.R. 1146. Members of Congress who support this incredibly important measure by co-sponsoring it in the House or by introducing similar legislation in the Senate will earn the deep gratitude of the American people - especially those who wear the uniform of our nation. It's time for Congress to act to *GetUSout!* of the United Nations!

Comment: Please write to your congressman/woman and ask them to co-sponsor Rep. Ron Paul's bill HR 1146. It is critical to saving our country. Ed.

Don't reform the UN

The United Nations Reform Act of 2005 would actually strengthen the UN. Rep. Ron Paul's bill HR 1146, The American Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2005, would get the US out of the UN. Urge your senators to vote against the UN Reform Act, S 1394. The House has already passed a similar version so the Senate is our last hope. Bush will sign. Ed.