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Global warming is part of a natural cycle

In a 04/28/07 Associated Press article, Dr. William Gray, a Physical scientist and respected Hurricane Forecaster stated that humans are not responsible for Global Warming. I can only say right on, man!

Most pro-human influence proponents have Social Science background and are drawing money from the government to do research or are politicians, as evidenced by the 85 percent plus social signers of the Kyoto Treaty. They, also, quote their own personally designed computer models to show that man is a major component of Global Warming. If you know anything about computers, you can recognize a possible "Garbage In - Garbage out" situation!! Those that believe that man has a very small input (2 percent or less) into Global Warming have mainly physical science backgrounds.

I am a retired Naval officer with a BS in engineering and a



MS in Meteorology/Oceanography. Additionally, I have a Masters in Psychology, but that has nothing to do with Global Warming. I spent two tours with Operation Deep Freeze in Antarctica and flew ice observation missions in the Arctic area during my 20 years career.

I'd be glad to discuss Global warming with you, if you have a science background and can sensibly challenge the below



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items.

(a). Why are Antarctica and the Greenland ice caps increasing, while surrounded by your bad air? This is occurring while the floating ice fields (90 percent under water) are decreasing? Could it be that warmer ocean currents, influenced by solar rays, are warming the water?

(b). Why are Mars, Mercury and Venus heating up just as we are - SUVs out there?

(c). Both CO2 (carbon dioxide) and O3 (ozone) are clear gases - how are they affecting the earth's heating? Put glasses with clear water and tea outside and see which heats up faster and higher.

(d). Why did the UN, after years of inclusion, decide to remove the Medieval warming/Ice cycle from their climatic journal? Was it that this historical event did not fit their theory on Global warming!! I think so! Are they hoping to steal more dollars from the U.S? Why not!!

If you really want to see a scientific explanation, go to Videogoogle.com and enter "The Great Global Warming Swindle." Here you'll view a presentation by Dr Gray and other physical scientists (meteorologists, oceanographers, climatologists, etc.) on what is naturally occurring. Quit listening to people who are not trained in the fields they are talking about.

My personal scientific opinion is that we are into a precursory warming cycle for the next few decades to be followed by a fairly strong cooling cycle. This cycle has been going on for eons.

Hydrogen not suitable as transportation fuel

While the "hydrogen economy" receives much media attention, there are serious problems with hydrogen as transportation fuel.

The first is hydrogen gas is extremely explosive. Hydrogen must be pressurized to 250 atmospheres for use as fuel, requiring corrosion-resistant tanks that don't rust, spring leaks, and explode. Hydrogen's low energy density requires fuel tanks 14 times as large to yield the same driving range. To get a 1,000 mile range, a tractor trailer needs 168 gallons of diesel. Hydrogen vehicles would require 2,360 gallons of hydrogen, stored at 250 atmospheres. Dedicating that much space to fuel storage would drastically reduce how much trucks could carry, while the costs of high-pressure, corrosion-resistant storage tanks — astronomical. Hydrogen vehicles (currently \$1 million each to produce) would need a widescale hydrogen fuel distribution system. With a single hydrogen fuel pump costing \$1 million, installing six at each of the 176,000 fuel stations across the US is over \$1 trillion - costs completely avoided with biofuels that use our current infrastructure. The two main options for producing hydrogen, generating from water and extracting from other fuels, both have energy efficiencies below 100 percent, taking more energy to produce than you get.

Tami Freedman
 Ooltewah, Tenn.

'Hats off' to veterans

May is National Military Appreciation Month and a fitting time to recognize the sacrifices American service members and their families make for free-

dom. Our Veterans deserve, and many desperately need, continuing confirmation of the value of their service as they cope with the aftermath of war.

Manhattanville College created a program called Hats off to Veterans ("Hats Off"). "Hats Off" promotes recognition to veterans especially for those home or hospital bound due to injury while serving our country. When a person enrolls in the "Hats Off" program, they agree to mail or deliver a respectful greeting and note of encouragement to a hospitalized Veteran.

They sign up at www.mysoldier.com to receive a "Hats Off" starter kit containing Veteran contact information, guidelines for letter writing and optional care package preparation, a My Soldier bracelet (to wear in support of Veterans and American service men and women) and a specially designed My Soldier baseball hat to include with the greeting they send to their Veteran. The program and kits are free to all who register, but donations are appreciated. Participation is not limited to Manhattanville College, but is open to the public. In fact, it is the goal of the program to have participants from all 50 states. We hope every American registers to use "Hats Off" to honor, support and thank a Veteran. It's an easy way for anyone to do his or her part to recognize and cheer a hospitalized Veteran.

Richard A. Berman
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Trailers are being squeezed out

There is a game being played by contractors, land buyers and land developers throughout these great United States of America.

It is a very immoral and inhumane game and yet it is an every day reality. It is specifically targeted towards the mobile home communities of our nation, and more over the young families and senior citizens who cannot afford the costs of higher income living conditions. The majority of these residents consists of our senior citizens who have given so much throughout their lives and have received so little in return. The first step in this catastrophe begins with a former mobile park owner selling his park for millions to a land developer, who is over anxious to earn many more millions by creating commercial type buildings for either sale or rental purposes.

There is nothing wrong with gaining a profit on ones monetary investment, but please consider these proven facts and the moral aspects of this type of community conversion. The occupants, who are mostly in the age categories of 55 up to 90 years young are left without any shelter to live in the remaining few years of their lives.

Consider the cities and townships that control the zoning factors of their building and planning departments who are normally in favor of rezoning the park for the developer because of the extra goodies he donates to the municipalities coffers

such as more taxes, better sewage provisions including new lift stations, new water hydrants, new paved sidewalks and extra lawned areas. Maybe to top off the rezoning approval the city may recommend that the developer provide a park or recreational area. Let us not forget another factor in the rezoning area, most of our cities and townships do not relish the thought of mobile home communities within the cities surroundings, many believe in the old philosophy "it's Trailer Trash, lets get rid of it!!!"

Please be aware of the fact that your senior citizens cannot afford any other type of housing that is as fair for their fixed income lifestyle as a mobile home or manufactured type unit. There are not enough low income housing units to be found because of persons from other countries and people in higher income lifestyles purchasing them. Let us be motivated and get involved and halt this uncivilized act to these human beings and demand new legislature in this state of Florida and set a precedence for many of our other states who I know have the same identical problem. Demand that these developers and previous mobile park entrepreneurs stand up to the moral responsibilities of relocating the occupants within the community or pay the owners of said mobile units and manufactures homes the current market value for their units. This could also determine that the state would be relieved of the burden and expenses to relocate these seniors with disrupted pted lives. Thank you.

Daniel R. Micucci
 Coconut Creek

On the Spot:

WHERE WE PUT PEOPLE "ON THE SPOT" TO ANSWER A QUESTION "ON THE SPOT."

By Franklin Hayes

What do you think about the recent capture of a 12-foot shark near Pensacola Beach?



"I'm glad I wasn't swimming out there. I would hope they used good judgment when they killed it. There are other sharks out there. That's not going to put an end to the sharks."

-Jack Booking
 Gulf Breeze



They [sharks] have a right out there too. I just returned from Gulf Shores and I saw people on inflatable things way out in the gulf. They have no business being way out there. People should use common sense on things like that.

-Carlos Shannon
 Pensacola



"That's good. Shark huggers can go hug a shark and see what happens. If they like it they can go let their kid pet it. It's absurd to let that thing go. I understand tree hugging, but come on.

-Brian Rawson
 Tulsa, Okla.



"It's good that it's gone. We (my family and I) swim and I fish out there at the beach. I think it could be a danger to the public.

-Dan Knaul
 Gulf Breeze