

Eye on the World

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"Minority Babies Set to Become Majority in 2010," heads an article by The Associated Press dated March 10, 2010.

According to the article, demographers claim 2010 could be the year babies born to white people could be outnumbered by babies born to minorities.

Over the next 40 years it is expected that minorities will become the majority in the United States.



"EU Condemns Israel's East Jerusalem Construction Plans," reads the headline of the RIA Novosti newswire. The newswire is out of Russia (at en.rian.ru). It was posted on March 10, 2010.

"The European Union condemns Israel's plans to build 1,600 housing units in East Jerusalem and calls on the Jewish state to reverse the decision, the EU foreign affairs chief said on Wednesday," according to the article.

The article goes on to report that the obstacle that is most to blame for holding up negotiations is the Israeli construction plans.

Jerusalem was claimed by Israel as its territory after the Arab-Israeli war of 1948.

"But, according to international law, these territories are considered occupied. Under the internationally agreed road map for Middle East peace, Israel is obliged to freeze all settlement construction activity since 2001 in the Palestinian territories."

An additional 112 housing units are to be built by Israel in the foreseeable future.



"Greece Rioting Against EU Press," reads the title of an article posted at the RT.com Russian Web site. The article was posted March 11, 2010.

"Greece is being brought to a standstill by another nationwide strike against government debt-reduction measures. The 24-hour walkout is already the second in the last ten days."

Flights have been grounded, schools closed, public services shut down and hospitals closed, the article went on to say.

Last week's street protests came about due to outrage over the government's plan to control its debt of \$300 billion plus.

The EU has offered no financial help, although it pressured Greece to take strong action.

The plan includes a pension freeze and a rise in consumer taxes.

One pensioner declared: "They're not [just] difficult. These are inhuman measures."

"Nikos Fytas, a member of [the] Communist labor movement and organizer of the protests, says that by taking such measures the government is playing with people's lives."



WorldNetDaily.com ran an article that was posted on March 10, 2010, written by Bob Unruh, titled "Another State to Feds: Take Your Gun Regs And Stuff 'Em."

Utah joins Montana in standing up to the United States government when it comes to state gun rights. It is felt that the federal government is becoming too involved with local issues.

It is also thought, according to the article, that the federal government is properly there to serve the states.

"The federal government has written gun dealers in Montana as well as in Tennessee when it adopted its own version of the same law that warned against following the state laws.

"The letters were distributed to holders of federal firearms licenses.

"In the Tennessee case, Carson W. Carroll, the assistant director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, told dealers the Tennessee Firearms Freedom Act, adopted, 'purports to exempt personal firearms, firearms accessories, and ammunition manufactured in the state, and which remain in the state, from most federal firearms laws and regulations.' "

The exemption is not right, the federal agency letter contends.



WorldNetDaily.com ran an article on March 10, 2010, titled "FDA Urged to Let Homosexuals Donate Blood" and subtitled "Lawmaker: Not a Single Piece of Scientific Evidence Supports the Ban."

The article was written by Chelsea Schilling.

"Sen. John Kerry is slamming the Food and Drug Administration with letters, demanding that it justify and reconsider its 'outdated' ban on blood donation by men who have sex with men," Ms. Schilling reported.

The ban has been in place since 1977 in accordance with FDA policy.

"In response, the FDA released a statement explaining that 'while FDA appreciates concerns about perceived discrimination, our decision to maintain the deferral policy is based on current science and data and does not give weight to a donor's sexual orientation.' "

The article continued: "Research published in the journal *Sexually Transmitted Infections* found that more than half of new HIV infections diagnosed in the U.S. in 2005 were among homosexual men, and as many as one in five 'gay' men living in cities is thought to be HIV positive."