

Eye on the World

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Luke 21:34-36—“But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”



[Eye on the World comment: Although this week’s Eye on the World does not have any articles about the Muslim mosque and “cultural center” that may be built five blocks away from Ground Zero in Manhattan, there are 13 articles about that subject in the “Among Friends” section.]



An article by Jesus Diaz titled “The End Of Privacy: Entire City to Track People With Public Eye Scanners” was posted at gizmodo.com on Aug. 18, 2010.

It said: “Imagine a public eye scanner that can identify 50 people per minute, in motion. Now imagine that the government installs these scanner systems all across an entire city. Or don’t imagine it, because it’s already happening.

“The city of Leon, Mexico, is doing exactly that, installing real time iris scanners from biometrics R*D firm Global Rainmakers Inc. These scanners don’t require people to stop and put their eyes in front of a camera.”

The article quoted Jeff Carter (CDO of Global Rainmakers) as saying: “If you’ve been convicted of a crime, in essence this will act as a digital scarlet letter. If you’re a known shoplifter, for example, you won’t be able to go into a store without being flagged. Certainly, for others, boarding a plane will be impossible.”

The article later quoted Mr. Carter as saying: “In the future, whether it’s entering your home, opening your car, entering your workspace, getting a pharmacy prescription refilled, or having your medical records pulled up,

everything will come off that unique key that is your iris. Every person, place, and thing on this planet will be connected within the next 10 years.”



An article by Andy Greenberg titled “Full-Body Scan Technology Deployed in Street-Roving Vans” was posted at forbes.com on Aug. 24, 2010.

It said: “As the privacy controversy around full-body security scans begins to simmer, it’s worth noting that courthouses and airport security checkpoints aren’t the only places where backscatter x-ray vision is being deployed. The same technology, capable of seeing through clothes and walls, has also been rolling out on U.S. streets.

“American Science & Engineering, a company based in Billerica, Massachusetts, has sold U.S. and foreign government agencies more than 500 backscatter x-ray scanners mounted in vans that can be driven past neighboring vehicles to see their contents, Joe Reiss, a vice president of marketing at the company, told me in an interview.

“While the biggest buyer of AS&E’s machines over the last seven years has been the Department of Defense operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, Reiss says law enforcement agencies have also deployed the vans to search for vehicle-based bombs in the U.S.”



An article by Bradley Blackburn titled “Nielson Company Data Outlines Cell Phone Usage Across the United States” was posted at abcnews.com on Aug. 24, 2010.

It said: “According to the data, women on the whole are bigger talkers and texters than men. On average, women use 22 percent more cell phone minutes than men, and they even text more, sending 154 more messages per month than the average American man.”

It later said: “African Americans talk and text more than any other racial group, using more than 1,300 minutes per month and sending and receiving 780 text messages per month on average.”

It later said: “According to Nielson, Southerners talk and text the most [of the regional areas], talking more than 800 minutes on average in Gulf Coast states.”



An article titled “Wired Youth Forget How to Write in China and Japan” was posted at breitbart.com on Aug. 26, 2010.

It said: “Like every Chinese child, Li Hanwei spent her schooldays memorising thousands of the intricate characters that make up the Chinese writing system.

"Yet aged just 21 and now a university student in Hong Kong, Li already finds that when she picks up a pen to write, the characters for words as simple as 'embarrassed' have slipped from her mind."

The article quoted Ms. Li as saying: "I can remember the shape, but I can't remember the strokes that you need to write it. It's a bit of a problem."

The article continued: "Surveys indicate the phenomenon, dubbed 'character amnesia,' is widespread across China, causing young Chinese to fear for the future of their ancient writing system.

"Young Japanese people also report the problem, which is caused by the constant use of computers and mobile phones with alphabet-based input systems."

It later said: "Character amnesia happens because most Chinese people use electronic input systems based on pinyin, which translates Chinese characters into the Roman alphabet.

"The user enters each word using pinyin, and the device offers a menu of characters that match. So users must recognise the character, but they don't need to be able to write it.

"In Japan, where three writing systems are combined into one, mobiles and computers use the simpler hiragana and katakana scripts for inputting—meaning users may forget the kanji, a third strand of Japanese writing similar to Chinese characters."



An article by Adam Cohen titled "The Government's New Right to Track Your Every Move With GPS" was posted at time.com on Aug. 25, 2010.

It said: "Government agents can sneak onto your property in the middle of the night, put a GPS device on the bottom of your car and keep track of everywhere you go. This doesn't violate your Fourth Amendment rights, because you do not have any reasonable expectation of privacy in your own driveway—and no reasonable expectation that the government isn't tracking your movements.

"That is the bizarre—and scary—rule that now applies in California and eight other Western states. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, which covers this vast jurisdiction, recently decided the government can monitor you in this way virtually anytime it wants—with no need for a search warrant."



An editorial by Nat Hentoff titled "Our Privacy Is Vanishing. Anybody Care?" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Aug. 18, 2010.

It said: "The American Civil Liberties Union has been persistently diligent—and accurate—in alerting us to the ever-increasing government invasion of our privacy."

The article quoted the ACLU as saying on Aug. 11: "The government's appetite for our electronic information is out of control. The National Security Agency is intercepting 1.7 billion e-mails, phone calls and other communications per day."

The article continued: "Both Presidents Bush and Obama firmly support the NSA. Nearly all the Democrats in Congress, now under their control, follow their lead in lockstep on privacy issues. Few Republicans voice Fourth Amendment concerns.

"And, as I've reported, with the FBI's Domestic Investigations and Operations Guide, that agency can conduct 'threat' investigations of any American without any reasonable suspicion of criminal activity or intent—and without having to go before a judge."



An article titled "WHO Calls for Monitoring of New Superbug" was posted at breitbart.com on Aug. 20, 2010.

It said: "The World Health Organisation on Friday [Aug. 20] called on health authorities around the globe to monitor a multi-drug resistant superbug that surfaced in South Asia and spread to Britain.

"The WHO said research published in *The Lancet* medical journal on August 11 identified a new gene that enables some types of bacteria to be highly resistant to almost all antibiotics."



An article titled "Doctors Remove World's Largest Tumour From Patient's Womb" was posted at heraldsun.com.au on Aug. 26, 2010.

It said: "Doctors in Argentina have removed what they think is the world's largest malignant tumour from the body of a 54-year-old woman. Weighing a shocking 23kg [50 pounds], the tumour had been growing inside the woman's womb for a year and a half and took four hours to remove."

The article quoted Oscar Lopez (surgical coordinator at Gandulfo hospital in Lomas de Zamora) as saying: "We removed a tumour whose weight is comparable to that of a four-year-old child. In layman's terms, it was as if this woman had been pregnant with quintuplets."



An article titled "Pakistan Facing 'Serious' Threat of Epidemic Disease" was posted at bbc.co.uk on Aug. 24, 2010.

It said: "The UN says more than 17 million people have been affected by the floods, with about 1.2 million homes destroyed."

The article quoted Yousuf Raza Gilani (Pakistan's prime minister) as saying: "As human misery continues to mount, we are seriously concerned with [the] spread of epidemic diseases. There is a likelihood of water-borne diseases such as cholera, diarrhoea and dysentery, especially in children who are already weak and vulnerable."



An article titled "Pakistanis Flee New Monsoon Floods in South" was posted at bbc.co.uk on Aug. 25, 2010.

It said: "Some 200,000 people have been evacuated in the Thatta area of Sindh province, where dozens of villages are submerged. In the north, workers have begun clearing up as the floods recede. The UN has appealed for more helicopters to reach 800,000 people who are cut off."



An article by Carlotta Gall titled "Pakistan Flooding Disrupts Afghan War Supplies" was posted at nytimes.com on Aug. 24, 2010.

It said: "The immense floods that have inundated sections of Pakistan and cut roads and railways have also disrupted the main supply lines for United States and NATO military forces in Afghanistan."



An article titled "Video of Lynch Mob Killing Two Teenage Brothers Sparks Mass Demonstrations Across Pakistan" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Aug. 23, 2010.

It said: "The video, broadcast on Pakistani news channels, shows a lynch mob taking turns to savagely beat the two boys with sticks, drawing blood from them before dragging and hanging their dead bodies from a nearby pole. But perhaps just as shocking is that none of the dozens of people and police watching tried to stop the vicious attack.

"It is now thought the boys, who were on their way to play cricket in Sialkot, an eastern Punjab province, may have been mistaken for robbers by the group who decided to deliver brutal justice for their supposed crime last Sunday."



An article by Josh Kron titled "At Least 150 Women Raped in Weekend Raid in Congo" was posted at nytimes.com on Aug. 22, 2010.

It said: "A mob of Rwandan rebels gang-raped at least 150 women last month during a weekend raid on a community of villages in eastern Congo, United Nations and other humanitarian officials said Sunday."



A Reuters article titled "Saudi Couple 'Hammer 24 Nails' Into Sri Lankan Maid" was posted at reuters.com on Aug. 26, 2010.

It said: "A Saudi couple tortured their Sri Lankan maid after she complained of a too heavy workload by hammering 24 nails into her hands, legs and forehead, officials said on Thursday."

"Nearly 2 million Sri Lankans sought employment overseas last year and around 1.4 million, mostly maids, were employed in the Middle East."

The article mentioned that the woman returned to Sri Lanka "after five months in Saudi Arabia."



An article titled "Al-Shabab Avow 'Massive' Somali War" was posted at aljazeera.net on Aug. 24, 2010.

It said: "Al-Shabab fighters have attacked a hotel in Mogadishu, the Somali capital, killing at least 31 people, a day after declaring a massive war."

"Members of al-Shabab, disguised as government workers, launched the attack on Tuesday at the Muna Hotel."

The article said that two suicide bombers detonated themselves.



An article titled "Taliban Attacks NATO Supply Convoy" was posted at aljazeera.net on Aug. 24, 2010.

It said: "Taliban fighters have attacked and burned 24 trucks carrying fuel and supplies to US troops in southern Afghanistan."



An article titled "Dozens of Bodies Found at Mexico Ranch" was posted at bbc.co.uk on Aug. 25, 2010.

It said: "Mexican troops say they have discovered 72 bodies [58 men and 14 women] at a ranch in the north of the country. The bodies were found after a shoot-out with suspected drug cartel gunmen in which three gunmen and one marine were killed, the military said."

It later said: "More than 28,000 people have died in drug-related violence in Mexico over the last four years."



An article titled "Spanish Hostages Freed by Al Qaeda Return Home" was posted at france24.com on Aug. 24, 2010.

It said: "Two Spanish aid workers abducted last November in Mauritania by al Qaeda's north African wing have returned home after they were released by their captors, reportedly in return for a multi-million-dollar ransom."



An article by Gaelle Le Roux titled "Pope Joins Other Priests in Opposing Sarkozy's Roma Policy" was posted at france24.com on Aug. 23, 2010.

It said: "Pope Benedict XVI voiced his discontent with French President Nicolas Sarkozy's policy of deporting Roma people on Sunday, echoing numerous similar statements from French clergymen over the past few weeks."



An article titled "Thousands Flee South Yemen City" was posted at aljazeera.net on Aug. 24, 2010.

It said: "Nearly 80,000 people have fled the southern Yemen city of Loder where clashes between al-Qaeda-linked fighters and government forces has killed dozens of people"



An article titled "Report: Yemen Sacrificing Rights" was posted at aljazeera.net on Aug. 25, 2010.

It said: "Yemen's government has sacrificed human rights to preserve security in its battle against Shia rebels in the north and al-Qaeda fighters in the south, a new report by Amnesty International has alleged."



An article by Adam Entous and Siobhan Gorman titled "U.S. Weighs Expanded Strikes in Yemen" was posted at wsj.com on Aug. 25, 2010.

It said: "U.S. officials believe al Qaeda in Yemen is now collaborating more closely with allies in Pakistan and Somalia to plot attacks against the U.S., spurring the prospect that the administration will mount a more intense targeted killing program in Yemen.

"Such a move would give the Central Intelligence Agency a far larger role in what has until now been mainly a secret U.S. military campaign against militant targets in Yemen and across the Horn of Africa. It would likely be modeled after the CIA's covert drone campaign in Pakistan."



An article titled "Ban on Mocking Brazil Politicians" was posted at aljazeera.net on Aug. 25, 2010.

It said: "It's Monday night in Brazil and that means one of the countries most popular weekly comedy shows is on the air. The satirical news programme is called *CQC* where hosts dish out edgy comedy. The most popular segments are when the comedian-reporters use humor to ridicule the country's politicians.

"But Brazil's election commission doesn't see it as a joke and has long had a law on the books that demands stiff fines—as high as of 100,000 dollars per infraction—for any television channel that mocks any politician with caricatures in the final three months of the national elections, which conclude in October.

"As Gabriel Elizondo reports from Rio de Janeiro, comedians say it's an attack on free speech."



An article titled " Hamas: Talks With Israel Fatal" was posted at aljazeera.net on Aug. 25, 2010.

It said: "The exiled leader of Hamas has warned that talks between Israel and the Palestinian Authority could be a 'fatal blow' to the Palestinian cause, and urged the Egyptian and Jordanian leaders to boycott them.

"Khaled Meshaal, who lives in exile in Syria, said that Mahmoud Abbas, the Palestinian president, was too weak to stand up to Israel and negotiate a fair deal at the coming talks in Washington."



An article by Bridget Johnson titled "Iran Fires Up Reactor, Promises 'Painful' Response If Attacked" was posted at thehill.com on Aug. 21, 2010.

It said: "Iran's leaders warned that [an] attack on the reactor would be met with a global and 'painful' response, but reaction to the news in Washington was muted."

The article quoted Iranian Defense Minister Brigadier General Ahmad Vahidi as saying: "Now, more than ever, we are vigorously standing up to arrogant regimes."



An article by David Lev titled "US: Iran's Nuclear Plant 'Safe,' But Weapon Could Be a Year Away" was posted at israelnationalnews.com on Aug. 21, 2010.

It said: "Iran reiterated Saturday that an attack against its Busheher nuclear plant would be considered an 'international crime,' now that it has become operational. Iran celebrated the loading of enriched uranium into the reactor for the first time Saturday.

"Meanwhile, the United States sought to reassure Israel and other Middle Eastern countries, saying that it posed 'no threat' to anyone's security."

It later said: "While the threat is not immediate, Israel was not out of the woods—with Obama administration officials saying that Iran could, if it wanted to, develop nuclear weapons in about 12 months, perhaps a bit more."



An article by Roe Nahmias titled "Bahrain Says Won't Allow US Strike From Its Territory" was posted at ynetnews.com on Aug. 21, 2010.

"[Bahraini Foreign Minister Sheikh] Khalifa was quoted by the London-based Arabic-language Asharq Al-Awsat as saying Saturday that the existence of an American military base in Bahrain does not mean his country would permit it to be used 'to attack Iran or other countries.' "

It later said: "Khalifa added that foreign military bases in Bahrain 'do not even hold offensive weapons.'

"In early 2010 American officials said the US expanded land-and sea-based missile defense systems in and around the Gulf to counter what it sees as Iran's growing missile threat. The deployments included expanded land-based Patriot defensive missile installations in Kuwait, Qatar, UAE and Bahrain, as well as Navy ships with missile defense systems within striking distance in and around the Mediterranean.

"Meanwhile, the Kuwaiti newspaper Al Qabas reported that Bahrain's security establishment has informed Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the rest of the Persian Gulf states that armed terror cells are prepared to strike within their territory in the event of an attack on Iran's nuclear facilities.

"According to the report, Bahraini intelligence agencies arrested 250 people who are suspected of belonging to a terror network operating in the country.

"The suspects admitted they were part of a 'military organization in one of the region's countries' and that they were coordinated with sleeper cells in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, the report said."



An Associated Press article titled "Ahmadinejad Unveils New 'Ambassador of Death' Unmanned Drone Bomber" was posted at foxnews.com on Aug. 22, 2010.

It said: "The 4-meter-long drone aircraft can carry up to four cruise missiles and will have a range of 620 miles (1,000 kilometers), according to a state TV report—not far enough to reach archenemy Israel."

The article quoted the Iranian president as saying: "The jet, as well as being an ambassador of death for the enemies of humanity, has a main message of peace and friendship."

He explained that the aircraft will be a deterrence because it will "keep the enemy paralyzed in its bases."



An article by Tzvi Ben Gedalyahu titled "Iran Adds Missile-Launching Assault Boats to Arsenal" was posted at israelnationalnews.com on Aug. 23, 2010.

It said: "Iran announced Monday its growing arsenal soon will include home-made two high-speed missile-launching assault boats to patrol the Persian Gulf . . . The new assault boats are aimed at fending off any attempts by the West to impose a blockade of the Gulf, through which 40 percent of the world's gas and oil flows in tankers."

It later said: "Defense Minister Ahmad Vahidi said that the Zolfagar vessel 'is designed for quick assaults on ships, and is equipped with two missile launchers, two machine guns and a computer system to control the missiles.' It is to be equipped with a marine cruise missile that Vahidi claims 'has high destructive power.' "



An article by Elad Benari titled "Ahmadinejad: We're Not Afraid of Israel or the US" was posted at israelnationalnews.com on Aug. 23, 2010.

It said: "Iranian President Mohmoud Ahmadinejad continued his attacks against Israel and the US on Sunday."

In an interview he gave to the Al-Jazeera network, the Iranian president said that Israel was "too weak" to attack Iran's nuclear facilities.

The article also quoted him as saying: "America is not interested in sparking a military confrontation. There are no logical reasons for the United States to carry out such an act. Do you believe an army that has been defeated by a small army in Iraq can enter into a war with a large and well trained army like the Iranian army?"



An article by Sergei Balmasov titled "Iran Expects Attack Every Second" was posted at pravda.ru on Aug. 24, 2010.

It said: "The risk of causing a military strike on Iran is more relevant than ever. The U.S. is trying to keep Israel from the immediate reaction to the

launch of the Bushehr plant. According to *The New York Times*, [the] Barack Obama administration was able to persuade Israel not to attack Iran within the next year. They said that during this time Iran will not have time to build its nuclear weapon.

“However, Mossad experts believe that this Islamic state is able to acquire it before the end of this year. And that means that nobody, not even the U.S., can guarantee that its ally Israel does not start a preventative war.”

The article quoted Israeli political analyst Avigdor Eskin as saying: “From a practical point of view, everything is ready for an attack. Moreover, such countries as UAE and Saudi Arabia, fearful of Iran, are urging us to attack and if anything happens, they are even willing to provide our planes with the air corridors for the passage into Iranian airspace.”

The article quoted Vladimir Khrustalev (an expert on nuclear technology of the Maritime State University) as saying: “Regarding the possible strike on Iran, the Israelis are in a position to seriously suspend its nuclear program, even without U.S. assistance . . .

“Israel has not only necessary military equipment, information and personnel for planning and conducting successful raids, but also the determination of the political leadership to make such a decision, if necessary.

“The question is the price. And it can be rather high. Iran may have big surprises for Israel. The Iran-Iraq war in [the] 1980s showed that the level of organization of defense planners in terms of reducing bureaucracy in this type of the armed forces is head and shoulders above Iraq.

“In addition, we should not forget about the asymmetrical impact. I mean not only medium range ballistic missiles such as Shebab, but also short-range missiles located in Lebanon [in] the territory controlled by Hezbollah . . .

“There is another way to impede the implementation of Iran’s nuclear program: the attacks on scientists. And judging by the suspiciously high mortality rate among Iranian scientists, secret services of the countries hostile to Iran have already achieved some success.”



An article titled “Rangel Criticizes Obama for ‘Dignity’ Remark” was posted at cbsnewyork.com on Aug. 24, 2010.

The article mentioned that Barack Obama three weeks ago had commented that Mr. Rangel should “end his career with dignity.”

The article quoted Mr. Rangel speaking at a candidate’s forum in Harlem on Monday night as saying: “[The president hasn’t] been around long enough to determine what my dignity is.”



An Associated Press article by Christina Hoag titled "LA Unveils \$578M School, Costliest in the Nation" was posted at yahoo.com on Aug. 22, 2010.

It said: "Next month's opening of the Robert F. Kennedy Community Schools will be auspicious for a reason other than its both storied and infamous history as the former Ambassador Hotel, where the Democratic presidential contender was assassinated in 1968.

"With an eye-popping price tag of \$578 million, it will mark the inauguration of the nation's most expensive public school ever."

It later said: "The pricey schools have come during a sensitive period for the nation's second-largest school system: Nearly 3,000 teachers have been laid off over the past two years, the academic year and programs have been slashed. The district also faces a \$640 million shortfall and some schools persistently rank among the nation's lowest performing."



An article by Mark Tapscott titled "Little-Known Fact: Obama's Failed Stimulus Program Cost More Than the Iraq War" was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on Aug. 23, 2010.

It said: "Expect to hear a lot about how much the Iraq war cost in the days ahead from Democrats worried about voter wrath against their unprecedented spending excesses . . .

"The key point in the mantra is an alleged \$3 trillion cost for the war. Well, it was expensive to be sure, in both blood and treasure, but, as Hoven notes, the CBO puts the total cost at \$709 billion."

It later said: "Obama's stimulus, passed in his first month in office, will cost more than the entire Iraq War—more than \$100 billion (15, percent) more."



An editorial by Byron York titled "Cut Spending Without Cutting Services? Start Here" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Aug. 17, 2010.

It said: "Whenever a conservative suggests reducing the federal deficit by cutting spending rather than raising taxes, there's always someone to ask, 'Well, what would you cut?'

"Americans may say they want less government spending, the argument goes, but they don't want anyone to touch their services and subsidies and monthly checks.

"Fair enough. But there's a persuasive counterargument going around in conservative circles these days: You can't start cutting government spending

without cutting anyone's services or subsidies or monthly checks. Just bring the pay of federal workers into line with pay in the private sector.

"A recent Heritage Foundation study found the average federal worker (excluding the uniformed military) makes \$78,901 a year in wages and salary versus \$50,111 for the average private-sector worker. When you count generous health and pension benefits, the average total compensation of federal workers comes to \$111,015 a year versus \$60,078 in the private sector.

"In recent years, that disparity has been fueled by an explosion of federal generosity on the high end of the pay scale. For example, *USA Today* recently reported that, in December 2007, a total of 1,868 civilian workers in the Defense Department earned \$150,000 or more; by June 2009, the number was 10,100. In late 2007, the paper says, just one employee at the Transportation Department earned more than \$170,000. Less than two years later, 1,690 workers earned that much.

"Other studies have come up with slightly different numbers. But there's no doubt that federal pay is higher than private pay across the board, not just in the upper brackets. If Congress were to freeze federal pay raises until the private sector begins to catch up, the savings to taxpayers would be considerable.

"Heritage scholar James Sherk estimates that ending the disparity could save the taxpayers \$47 billion a year. (An American Enterprise Institute study puts the figure at \$40 billion.) That won't get close to balancing the budget, but add up 10 years of that and the government will save significant money.

"And it's done without cutting government services or subsidies."

It later said: "While the private sector has shed millions of jobs in the recession, the federal government has added nearly 200,000 employees to its rolls. That's more salaries, more benefits and more pensions. And the pay problem is replicated in states across the country; most of them have similar public-private disparities, and many of them are facing calamitous budget deficits.

"Pay equity between government and private workers would help solve those problems. The next time someone asks, 'Well, what would you cut?'—conservatives have an answer."



An editorial by Michelle Malkin titled "And Now: The Stealth Obama Ocean Grab" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Aug. 20, 2010.

It said: "It's not enough that the White House is moving to lock up hundreds of millions of acres of land in the name of environmental protection. The Obama administration's neon green radicals are also training their sights on the deep blue seas.

"The president's grabby-handed bureaucrats have been empowered through executive order to seize unprecedented control from states and localities over 'conservation, economic activity, user conflict and sustainable use of the ocean, our coasts and the Great Lakes.'

"Democrats have tried and failed to pass 'comprehensive' federal oceans management legislation five years in a row. The so-called 'Oceans 21' bill, sponsored by Democratic Rep. Sam Farr of California, went nowhere fast. Among the top reasons: bipartisan concerns about the economic impact of closing off widespread access to recreational fishing.

"The bill also would have handed environmentalists another punitive litigation weapon under the guise of 'ecosystem management.' Instead of accepting defeat, the green lobby simply circumvented the legislative process altogether.

"In late July, President Obama established a behemoth 27-member 'National Ocean Council' with the stroke of a pen."

The article quoted Mr. Farr as saying: "We already have a Clean Air Act and a Clean Water Act. With today's executive order, President Obama in effect creates a Clean Ocean Act."

The article continued: "And not a single hearing needed to be held. Not a single amendment considered. Not a single vote cast. Who gives a flying fish about transparency and the deliberate process? The oceans are dying!"

It later said in conclusion: "Now, the same forces behind such job destroyers will have free reign over a national ocean policy established by administrative fiat. Viva la Summer of Wreckovery."



Isaiah 55:6-11—Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.