

## "Inconvenient Truth" - A HOAX

The global-warming issue headed by Al Gore's book is based upon bad and faulty science. "Greenhouse warming in the tropics should register at increasingly high rates as one moves from the earth's surface up into the atmosphere, peaking at about six miles above the earth's surface," states esteemed professor S. Fred Singer. At that point, the level should be greater than at the surface by about a factor of three, according to all the computer models. In reality, however, there is no increase at all. In fact, the data from balloon-born radiosondes show the very opposite; a slight decrease in warming over the equator.

In the past few years there has been increasing concern about global climate change on the part of media, politicians and the public. It has been stimu-

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## Your Health at Risk

Governor Schwarzenegger called the State legislature into two special sessions in mid-September to address health care coverage and extension of term limits and redistricting of assembly and State senatorial districts. The legislature failed to agree on the health issue by the August recess, so once again the public's health is at risk as the Governor and legislators try to work out a compromise for health care for all Californians, and to specifically address the health needs of some 6 million uninsured, especially children, in the State.

The insurance package being discussed has the following elements.

- a) State to mandate that everyone have a health insurance policy.
- b) Tax employers payrolls in order to pay for employee insurance. Employers pay a penalty charge for the state-

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## Assessor's Revolving Door

Personnel have been going in and out (mostly out) of the County Assessor's Office recently. Something peculiar has been happening there. The office is under the direction of Bruce Dear, who was elected Assessor in 1990. His office includes an assistant assessor, a key chief appraiser and a number of staff appraisers. For some 20 years, the chief appraiser position, customarily a long-term position, was held by Warren Burns, but beginning in 1990 the chief appraiser position has revolved through six others including Darrel Holmes, Charles Mather, Mary Solseng, Kristin Spears, Mark Newell and the present occupant. Some have remained only a few months or less than two years.

In addition, a number of assessor's staff

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## Hiding Term Limits

The California Legislature is obscuring its goal to extend term limits of its top players with a reapportionment measure that that claims to provide more open and fair elections and more candidate competition.

The proposed measure, to appear on the 2008 ballot, will be touted as term limit reform by limiting legislators to 12 years in office (in either house) rather than the present 14 year tenure limits of 6 years in the Assembly and 8 years in the Senate. This would allow the present key players an extended term in office before being "termed-out"—and to collect a larger retirement, benefits and other goodies.

The Governor wants a reapportionment change to ensure more competitive elections rather than continuing the present career political class elections that enables entrenched legislators to remain in office

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