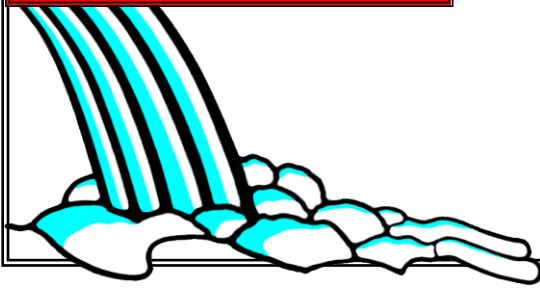


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Southampton City Council changes position on fluoridation



On 14 September 2011, in a complete volte face, Southampton's City Councillors by a majority of 2:1, carried a Motion opposing the addition of fluoride to tap water for the purpose of reducing tooth decay. Councillors also agreed to use any powers they may be given in future to prevent the implementation of the proposed fluoridation scheme.

Congratulations and thanks are due to Hampshire Against Fluoridation who sent letters to all 48 elected members of the Council and, on September 14th, presented them with a 6,500-signature petition which forced a fresh debate.

The fact that Southampton City Council, representing over 200,000 people, supported the

proposed fluoridation scheme was one of the reasons given by South Central SHA for over-riding the opposition expressed by 72% of local respondents to the (2008) statutory consultation. Following the failure of Geraldine Milner's legal challenge, South Central Strategic Health Authority intended to press on with plans to fluoridate. Hampshire County Council, several local councils and the district's Members of Parliament and MEP Nigel Farage had all expressed their opposition. It remains to be seen whether the SHA will continue to profligately spend taxpayers' money in pursuance of its iniquitous agenda now that the last vestige of public support for its fluoridation proposal has crumbled.

The tide has turned 6 October 2011

In continuing to support fluoridation, the UK Department of Health is way behind the science and the times. Fluoridation is opposed wherever it is threatened and wherever it is practised. Since 1990, over 250 communities have rejected fluoridation including two just this week. In Spencer, Indiana, the rising cost of fluoride was cited as a major reason for ceasing to fluoridate. See – <http://tinyurl.com/5tq2mgb>

The Health and Social Care Bill

The Health and Social Care Bill has now progressed to the House of Lords. Following its second reading, its committee stage will begin on 25 October 2011.

When the Strategic Health Authorities and the Primary Care Trusts are abolished in April 2013, responsibility for the proposal of new fluoridation schemes (and termination of existing schemes) will pass from these unelected NHS bodies to local authorities (Clause 26). On the face of it, elected representatives would be unlikely to propose fluoridation against the wishes of their constituents. However, some councils may find themselves under pressure to support fluoridation from their 'embedded' Directors of Public Health, who are likely to spend much of their time in council offices.

Functions relating to dental public health and fluoridation in

particular will be the responsibility of Health and Wellbeing Boards, which local authorities will be required to establish (Clause 191).

On 16 March 2011, the Department of Health announced on its website details of the 132 early implementer local authorities who will create 'shadow' Health and Wellbeing boards in their councils. See - <http://tinyurl.com/6at4a6y> We understand Southampton City Council's Health and Wellbeing Board is already up and running.

We have heard concern from some quarters that there is no clear provision to ascertain 'public' opinion in the Bill. There is no clear provision to ascertain 'public' opinion in the *existing* legislation – the Water Industry Act 1991 (as amended by the Water Act 2003) and yet we have had a Consultation in Southampton and south west Hampshire according to regulation.

Under the Bill, the Secretary of State for Health (currently Andrew Lansley) will, by regulation, make provisions as to the procedure local authorities (acting singly or jointly) will follow when exercising their functions. This will include "consulting and ascertaining opinion in relation to a proposal" (Clause 33 - 88E (2)). To prevent a re-run of what happened in Southampton, a clear margin of public support should be an absolute requirement.

The Health Secretary cannot initiate or terminate a scheme without a proposal from a local authority (or local authorities acting jointly) (Clause 33 – 88B (1) and 88I (2) respectively).

NPWA considers any legislation purporting to enable water companies to medicate their customers with fluoride to be bad law that should be repealed at the earliest opportunity.

Members are asked to write to their MPs and councillors, urging them to become fully informed on the arguments against fluoridation and asking them to support NPWA's call for a repeal of all UK fluoridation legislation and for fluoridation to end.

NB This article refers to the Health and Social Care Bill as it

left the Commons, 12/9/11 – <http://tinyurl.com/3we4c8z> The Water Industry Act 1991 (as amended) can be viewed here – <http://tinyurl.com/669f4dq>

Chester Douglass publishes

Fluoride Action Network News Release, 2 August 2011

A paper in the Journal of Dental Research by dentist Chester Douglass and colleagues – *An Assessment of Bone Fluoride and Osteosarcoma*, (28/7/11) claims to show no association between fluoride bone levels and osteosarcoma, a form of bone cancer. However, Douglass' study has serious scientific flaws and is incapable of disproving a previous study (Bassin et al., 2006) which linked water fluoridation to osteosarcoma. Bassin found a 500% to 600% increased risk for young boys, exposed to fluoride in their 6th to 8th years, of later developing osteosarcoma. Douglass' study does not address exposure during this critical period because it measured the level of fluoride in bone, which accumulates fluoride over a lifetime. These bone levels provide no information about when the person was exposed to fluoride.

Not only does Douglass' study fail to refute Bassin's main finding, it suffers from other serious weaknesses:

- 1) Douglass' study was much smaller and weaker than Bassin's. It had only 20 control subjects under age 30, a fifth of Bassin's. For this key age group, Douglass' study was so small it could provide no reliable conclusions. Even Douglass admitted this serious limitation.
- 2) Douglass' choice of comparison group is suspect. Douglass compared the bone fluoride level of patients with osteosarcoma to "controls" with other forms of bone cancer. If fluoride also causes these other

bone cancer types, then one would not expect to find any difference in bone fluoride between these groups. It is biologically plausible that fluoride could cause other bone cancers because it reaches such high concentrations in bone. One of the few studies of fluoride and non-osteosarcoma bone cancers did find a link, but this evidence was never mentioned by Douglass.

- 3) The controls were severely mismatched to the cases. Controls were much older (median 41 yrs) than the cases (18 yrs). The risk of osteosarcoma is highly age-dependent. Also, fluoride builds up in bone with age. Given Douglass' small sample size, it is unlikely he could have adequately compensated for the gross mismatch in age, especially because of these two simultaneous age dependencies. The groups were also mismatched on sex ratio, and osteosarcoma risk is well known to be sex dependent. Properly adjusting for sex and age would be virtually impossible.

In 2001, Douglass signed off on Elise Bassin's PhD dissertation which found the strong association between fluoride and osteosarcoma. When it was later published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal in 2006, *Cancer Causes and Control*, an accompanying letter from Douglass claimed that his "larger" study would eventually refute Bassin's findings. But Douglass also told a Fox News reporter that Bassin "... did a good job. She had a good group of people advising her. And it's a nice-it's a nice analysis. There's nothing wrong with that analysis." Now that Douglass' study is finally published, it is clearly incapable of refuting Bassin's work. According to FAN Director, Paul Connett, PhD, "Bassin's study was a high quality product, Douglass' study was not."

Recent Activities

Looking back over the months since the Royal Wedding and the election which gave us the present coalition in Parliament, I have to report that NPWA has been as busy as ever. Soon after the publication of the last Watershed, we heard that Gerri Milner's Appeal had failed, leaving the way open for South Central SHA to fluoridate parts of Southampton and its environs. The fact that it hasn't happened yet is, we believe, because there are still some technical issues to be resolved and the SHA is having another look at the costs. However, they have not relented in their determination to press ahead with fluoridation.

In July, NPWA attended three water company AGMs (Severn Trent, United Utilities and Northumbrian Water) where we expressed our views in the form of questions to the respective Chairmen and Board members. They were all made aware of the book by Professors Connett, Beck and Micklem and of George Glasser's treatise on Dental Fluorosis.

We spent many hours on the preparation of a Submission to the Commons Select Committee for Health who were consulting on Public Health. There were a number of 'hoops' to be gone through in order to satisfy the Committee's preferred format. We were pleased with our completed document which ran to 9 pages (41 sections) with references and a list of recommended reading. We would like to have sent members a copy but government rules forbid.

A reply was sent to the Daily Mail after its publication of a pro-fluoride letter. However, the letters editor chose not to publish.

We supported HAF in its successful effort to get 6,500 signatures for a petition calling for Southampton City Council to debate fluoridation. NPWA representatives were there on 14

September when the petition was presented and they also attended the subsequent Council debate. Our leaflets *Cathy's Horses* and *Smile Please* have been re-printed.

Thanks are due to all those members who sent our statement calling for the repeal of the fluoridation legislation to their MPs. We have received copies of some of the replies and would be grateful to receive more of these. Many people responded to the Chairman's questionnaire. Very few offered help, only one said he might be prepared to join the Committee but there was considerable support for the retention of a hard copy of Watershed as many members are not on line.

We have held two Committee meetings and had stands at the Health and Healing Festivals in Buxton 25 - 26 June and in Harrogate 24 - 25 September. Thank you to all who took part in these activities and thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Petition to President Obama

Fluoride Action Network reported on 17 October 2011 that over 5,000 Americans have already signed a petition calling for the White House to: "prohibit all federal agencies from promoting, endorsing, or funding fluoridation of the public drinking water."

This number is sufficient to illicit an official response to the petition from the Obama administration.

Sad news

We are very sorry to report the deaths of three NPWA members, P D Hancock, Les Gough and Rudolf Kirst. Our thoughts are with their families and friends. Members who attended last year's 50th anniversary luncheon in York will remember Rudolf's lovely speech of encouragement for NPWA's campaign and tribute to those who have led the Association since 1960.

Better than fluoridation? August 2011

NHS dentists in England performed almost 850,000 fluoride varnish treatments on children in 2010 - 2011. This was an increase of 55% over the previous year. Varnishes contain 22,000 ppm fluoride but the amount used per treatment is very small - 0.3 to 0.6 ml to treat an entire dentition. The varnish is painted on to the teeth but sets almost instantaneously, sealing in the fluoride so that none is likely to be ingested. It is usual for varnish to be re-applied after six months. Some varnish treatments are said to be so effective against tooth decay that a child need visit the dentist only once every two years. The treatment is painless and reported by the children as "nice and minty."

Research led by Dr Jennifer Kirkham at Leeds University's Dental Institute and described as a 'breakthrough' is expected to lead to the development of a completely new filling method which actually repairs decayed teeth and requires no drilling. The scientists have reproduced the natural protein matrix on which tooth enamel grows, in a form which can be painted on to teeth. When this is applied to the teeth it soaks into the holes created by the action of bacteria on the enamel and new enamel builds upon it, restoring the enamel layer within a few weeks.

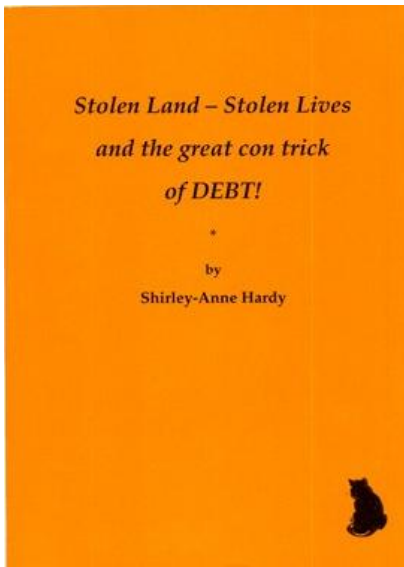
A Swiss company has licensed the technology for tests worldwide and hopes that this new and painless treatment will soon be available to dental patients.

Cash for poisoning

Watsonville City Council in California last year approved a plan to accept \$1.6 million from the California Dental Association to fluoridate the city's water. Californian State law requires cities to fluoridate if given the funding to do so.

Books

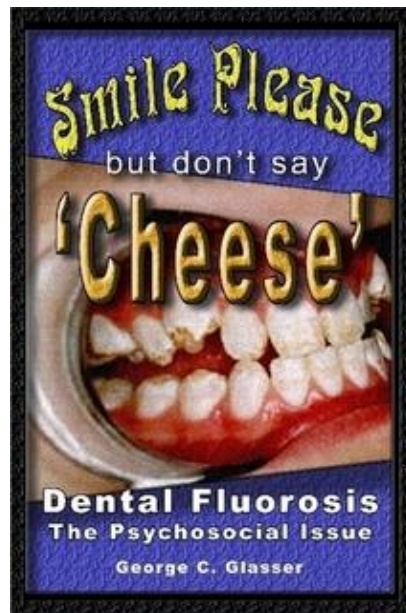
Congratulations to member **Shirley-Anne Hardy** on her new book – *Stolen Land - Stolen Lives, and the Great Con Trick of Debt!* (Peregrine Press ISBN 978-0-9535426-1-1 £7.95) published in July.



An intriguing tapestry of interwoven ideas, anecdotes, statements, writings, verses, historical accounts, biographical notes and even the odd cartoon; it may be regarded as a sequel to her much larger – *Birthright in Land* by William Ogilvie... and *The State Of Scotland Today* (1999) (Peregrine Press ISBN 0-9535426-0-2 around £11.95) Shirley-Anne has been an active campaigner against fluoridation since the 1960s and pages 567 - 584 of *Birthright in Land...* are devoted to that subject. She refers to it again (pp 301 to 303) in her new book. Shirley-Anne's case is that people should own what they create, but that land belongs equally to all humanity. She recommends, as particularly pertinent to our times, Henry George's book *Progress and Poverty* (1879), a treatise on inequality, the cyclical nature of industrial economies, and the use of the 'community ground rent' as a possible remedy. Shirley-Anne's books may be ordered from Waterstones, Edinburgh, high-street bookshops or via inter-library loan. Amazon does not list

them but, when I looked, copies of *Birthright in Land...* were available from an Amazon associate bookseller for around £20. Amazon does list *Progress and Poverty* by Henry George. The latest edition costs £12.71 new; used copies are available from as little as £3. An edition produced in 2006, is abridged and perhaps less authentic than others. *An Essay on the Right of Property in Land*, published anonymously in London in 1782 was actually written by William Ogilvie of Pittensear (1736 - 1819). It was republished in 1838 and again in 1891, this time as the heart of a much larger work entitled *Birthright in Land* and it is this to which Shirley-Anne's first title refers. Recently, facsimile editions of *Birthright in Land* by William Ogilvie have become available via Amazon.

George Glasser has published a new book – *Smile Please but don't say Cheese*.



Jane Jones and her husband, George Glasser, authored our leaflet *Smile Please but don't say 'Cheese'* about dental fluorosis and its psychosocial aspects. George has now expanded on the subject in a 35-page book published by Lulu. The shiny back-cover illustrates, in colour, eight examples of dental fluorosis. Chapter 5 – *Potential*

Legal Remedy, outlines the problems which confront anyone who tries to get legal redress for dental fluorosis but also offers guidance in the apportioning of blame. A useful table of case-law is included and the text is fully referenced. The book may be downloaded for £1 from – www.lulu.com or one may order a hard copy, well worth the reduced price of £2.47. Lulu publications are printed electronically to order so a time-lag of 3-5 business days is to be expected before despatch. George has also written a couple of novels – *The Other Side to This Life* and *After the Rain*. See – www.lulu.com for more details.

So much for BBC Wales

The Health Correspondent for BBC Wales asked us to supply a short statement as a contribution to a programme where the Chief Medical Officer for Wales was to promote fluoridation. We wrote:

"A spokesperson for National Pure Water Association said:
Fluoridating water supplies in Wales would involve Welsh Water medicating its customers without their individual, informed consent and this would be fundamentally wrong.

Unlike topical treatments with very high levels of fluoride, there is not one high-quality scientific study to show that fluoridation actually works (York 2000) and 99% of the water that goes in to supply networks is not drunk.

Fluoridation is ethically wrong, ineffective and a complete waste of money, which explains why over 250 communities world-wide have either stopped or rejected the practice since 1990."

Dr Tony Jewell, CMO for Wales, spoke during *BBC Wales Today* on the evening of 10 October. BBC Wales used our time and our goodwill but did not use our statement. Unbelievably, "Critics say the benefits are unclear" was the only comment on his call for fluoridation. We do not know who those critics are or were but please be assured that NPWA was not one of them.

Nestlé sued in US fluorosis case

On 29 August 2011, a legal action for damages was filed in the Federal District Court in Maryland against Nestle USA Inc., Nestle Waters North America, Inc., and Gerber Products Company on behalf of a teenage girl who has multiple permanent teeth disfigured by dental fluorosis. The allegations are:

- that around 90% of the water consumed by the girl as a baby and young child was fluoridated bottled water sold by the defendants.
- This water had been purchased by the girl's parents because of its advertised dental benefit for children.
- Fluoridated at 0.8 ppm, the water carried no warning that it could potentially damage teeth, cause cognitive impairment and lead to psychological distress, though the defendants knew or should have known of fluoride's harmful consequences.

The life-time cost of remedial dental treatment (veneers) for the teenager has been estimated at over \$100,000. Redress is also being sought for "debilitating injuries, pain and suffering, economic loss..... emotional distress and anxiety". Section 15 of the Complaint reads: "Fluoride is a drug, which has not been subjected to current United States Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") regulations for approval of new drugs." and Section 16: "The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC" estimates that it[dental fluorosis] affects 41percent of children between the ages of 12 and 15, and the prevalence has been increasing."

To access the full text of the Complaint and a photograph of the teenager's teeth, go to - <http://www.nidellaw.com/blog> Daniel G. Stockin of The Lillie Center Inc., commenting on the case, said "I believe water utilities

will note that the bottled waters that are the focus of this complaint contained around 0.8 parts per million of fluoride, which is right near the amount that public utilities add to their water. We know that millions of people have dental fluorosis, and that minority populations are disproportionately harmed by it. I think it will be very interesting to see the revelations that come out now, as fluoride product sellers and fluoridated water endorsers begin to be placed under oath in all sorts of fluoride-related legal actions. There were also warnings in dental and other publications that fluorides could potentially cause bone disorders, kidney harm, and thyroid impairment. I believe we'll quickly see fluoride lawsuits grow way beyond fluorosis cases."

The lead attorney in the legal action, Washington DC-based Chris Nidel has said: "We're at the beginning of what looks to be an absolutely enormous wave of new fluoride litigation. There are so many harmed teenagers with fluorosis. We have the government's own data to prove that. Potentially millions with fluorosis will want to talk to an attorney, and believe me, plaintiff attorneys and the plaintiffs' bar are beginning to educate themselves about all this."

"The National Research Council's 2006 fluoride report raised concerns about possible harm that goes well beyond dental fluorosis," he continued. "It appears that millions of kidney patients and diabetics were not told about their increased susceptibility to harm from fluorides by their water providers or healthcare professionals."

Must see videos

In a relatively new video, two members of Fluoride Free Austin relate how Mosaic, the supplier of hexafluorosilicic acid to the City of Austin, has modified its Material Safety Data Sheet to warn of the possibility of dental

and skeletal fluorosis. This is an excellent video to show to your councillors –

<http://tinyurl.com/5tqfvcy>

Vince Eastwood's record of a speech given by Dr Paul Connett in New Zealand can be seen on Youtube by following this link – <http://tinyurl.com/5upw86d>

New Plymouth District Council in New Zealand has heard two full days of presentations on fluoridation of which around 90% were opposed and were said to be 'of the highest calibre'. To access the video-recording of the event (in five parts) please see – <http://tinyurl.com/6z5g7x3>

STOP PRESS – New Plymouth DC stops fluoridation. See page 7.

Manchester spared – for now

The North West Strategic Health Authority (NWSHA) has shelved plans to fluoridate the Manchester area. An NHS North West report says: "In transition it is unlikely that NHS North West would have the workforce capacity and capability to support a high quality, authoritative consultation exercise. All documentation on the feasibility assessment of a new scheme will be handed over to local councils, who now have responsibility for initiating any fluoridation scheme."

Moms Against Fluoridation

A new anti-fluoride organisation, Moms Against Fluoridation (MAF), has been set up in America and hopes to gain a million supporters through its cheery website –

www.momsagainstfluoridation.org

A special feature of this movement is the intention to document incidents of harm from fluoridation sent in by the public. The FDA collects no such data. In a 'Call for Action', visitors to the site are asked to write to Dr Thomas Frieden, Director of the Center for Disease Control asking for an end to fluoridation.

SCHER sits on the fence

On 21 May 2011, the EU's Scientific Committee for Health and Environmental Risks (SCHER) published its Opinion on fluoridation: *Critical review of any new evidence on the hazard profile, health effects, and human exposure to fluoride and the fluoridating agents of drinking water*. Following our participation in the Committee's consultation on the issue and our representation in an international team of anti-fluoride activists who put the case against fluoride to SCHER at a hearing on 17 September 2010, in Brussels, we had been hopeful that SCHER would declare against fluoridation. We were not the only people to be disappointed. Here (abridged) is what Dr Paul Connett had to say on reading SCHER's report. "Opponents of fluoridation will be able to find sentences in the SCHER review - like crumbs from the master's table - that will aid in the effort to fight water fluoridation. For example:

'Fluoride is not an essential element for human growth and development...', *'Systemic exposure to fluoride through drinking water is associated with an increased risk of dental and bone fluorosis in a dose-response manner without a detectable threshold.'*, *'Scientific evidence for the protective effect of topical fluoride application is strong, while the respective data for systemic application via drinking water are less convincing. No obvious advantage appears in favour of water fluoridation as compared with topical application of fluoride.'* and *'For younger children (1-6 years of age) the UL (The upper tolerable intake level) was exceeded when consuming more than 1 litre of water at 0.8 mg fluoride/L (mandatory fluoridation level in Ireland) and assuming the worst case scenario for other sources. For infants up to 6 months old*

receiving infant formula, if the water fluoride level is higher than 0.8 mg/L, the intake of fluoride exceeds 0.1 mg/kg/day, and this level is 100 times higher than the level found in breast milk (less than 0.001 mg/kg/day).'

However, these crumbs leave a bitter taste in the mouth because they come at the expense of a truly scientific review of fluoridation's effectiveness and safety. In my opinion, SCHER's agenda was to say enough against the so-called benefits of fluoridation so as not to encourage the vast majority of European countries to start this foolish practice, but not to say enough about its dangers to force those countries (Ireland, England and Spain), who are fluoridating, to stop.

On 24 June 2010, FAN provided a list of over 150 animal studies showing the fluoride can enter and damage the brain. Yes, 150! Imagine our shock when we read in SCHER's final report that: 'There are only limited data on the neurotoxicity of fluoride in experimental animals.' Apparently the panel's prestigious experts can't count!

In SCHER's preliminary report, they state when discussing the Chinese IQ studies:

'All these papers are of a rather simplistic methodological design with no, or at best little, control for confounders...' On June 24, 2010, FAN pointed out that one of the Chinese studies (Xiang et al. 2003) did control for lead, iodine and several other important factors. However, in SCHER's final report the panel neither reviews nor cites the Xiang study and simply repeats the criticism 'All these papers are of a rather simplistic methodological design with no, or at best little, control for confounders...' SCHER's conclusions on neurotoxicity include the following:

SCHER agrees that there is not enough evidence to conclude that fluoride in drinking water at

concentrations permitted in the EU may impair the IQ of children. SCHER also agrees that a biological plausibility for the link between fluoridated water and IQ has not been established.' The only change from the conclusion of SCHER's preliminary report is the addition of the phrase 'at concentrations permitted in the EU' - this despite the fact that we had gone to some lengths to underline the fact that there is a difference between concentration and dose. These are just a couple of examples; there are many others where SCHER blatantly ignored our input.

When SCHER issued this report it was a sad day for science in Europe but an even sadder day for the notion that the public has a role to play in this kind of deliberation. Governmental bodies go to the public and say we would like your input, but with fluoridation, again and again, their appeals for 'public participation' are only lip service. It is a sham. This has happened to me with: The Fluoridation Forum in Ireland (2000); ATSDR (2002); the UK's South Central Strategic Health Authority (SHA) (2009) and Health Canada (2011).

This experience reminds me of a short black and white film I watched in the 1960's. A hand beckons to the person behind the camera. It beckons him forward. He starts to move. The hand beckons more. Our anonymous hero behind the camera moves and struggles across fields, rivers and mountains and still the hand beckons him on. Eventually the person behind the camera stops. At this point a huge fist smacks him right in the face.

I am beginning to think it is a hopeless task trying to provide honest science to these agencies that deal in self-fulfilling prophecies. They have the power and for whatever reason they have chosen to use that power to keep fluoridation going at all costs. We cannot deny these bureaucratic

Stalins their power but we can deny them our participation in their show trials. When another of these bodies asks for my input I am going to say "get lost".

I will continue, in future, to share my knowledge with citizens, communities, independent scientists, the media and genuine decision makers. If the audience has ears, it is worth every ounce of effort to try to uphold integrity in science and public health policy. Without that, it will be sad, sad world. Eventually the truth will out and the bureaucrats may come to realize what it means to our society for government agencies to lose the public's trust."

Controversy at LULAC

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is the largest and oldest Hispanic civil rights organization in the United States. At their 2011 National Convention in Cincinnati in July 2011, a Resolution against fluoridation was passed by the membership and posted on the LULAC website but it was removed after the issue was given some publicity by Fluoride Action Network and the Lillie Center.

When asked why the resolution was removed, the LULAC Director responded that it was viewed as controversial and the validity of the vote that approved it was questionable. A week later the resolution was back up on LULAC's website. On 6 October 2011, the *Register Pajaronian* published an article in which LULAC's communications director was quoted as saying that the resolution was written by a single member and approved at the National Convention without debate, nor had it been given a thorough read-through by the national committee. She said "It does not depict the entire LULAC national agenda, and we do not support what the local chapter did."

The writer of the Resolution, Henry Rodriguez, state civil rights chairman for Texas and the organizer for the San Antonio

branch of LULAC stated that the issue was debated and approved unanimously. He does not claim to be an expert on fluoridation but considers it a violation of human rights.

LULAC's national committee decided in September that the resolution had been duly passed and would, at least for the current year, represent the national organization's policy but it will be debated again next June.

To see the LULAC resolution, visit – <http://tinyurl.com/3qd9lfg>

To see the *Register Pajaronian* article, visit – <http://tinyurl.com/6bcnubq>

Wining, Dining and Motoring on the NHS

According to the Daily Mail (27/4/11), Freedom of Information requests have revealed that Strategic Health Authorities (SHAs) spent £13 million on lavish dinners & hospitality in the last 4 years - enough (says the paper) to pay for 120 nurses or 600 hip operations. The article also says that ten SHAs have spent £1million every year since 2007 on luxury cars (BMW's, Mercedes etc) for staff.

Fluoridation on BNP website

An article posted on the BNP website – *The systemic poisoning of our public water supply* by physicist and retired engineer Michael Clark has quickly attracted 130 comments and 244 'like' registrations. However, there was nothing against fluoridation in the BNP's 2010 Manifesto.

New Plymouth DC stops fluoridation

New Plymouth District Council, New Zealand, voted on 13 October to stop fluoridation after over 40 years of adding the chemical to its water supply. Currently, over half of New Zealand's population is fluoridated. In rejecting fluoride, New Plymouth joins Christchurch, Tauranga, Whanganui, Rotorua, Whangarei, Timaru, Nelson, Napier, Greymouth and Ruapehuas which do not fluoridate. See the link on page 5 for all video coverage.

Quotes and Quips

"I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts" – **Will Rogers**

"A lie can be half way round the world before the truth has got its boots on" – **James Callaghan**

"Even when all the experts agree they may well be mistaken" – **Bertrand Russell**

"The longer I live, the more keenly I feel that whatever was good enough for our fathers is not good enough for us" – **Oscar Wilde**

"If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed. If you do read the newspaper you are misinformed" – **Mark Twain**

"Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a Member of Congress...but then I repeat myself" – **Mark Twain**

"A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always count on the support of Paul" – **George Bernard Shaw**

"If you want to succeed in politics you must always keep your conscience well under control" – **David Lloyd George**

"Democracy means government by discussion but it is only truly effective if you can stop people talking" – **Clement Attlee**

"Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner" – **James Bovard**

"True equality exists in the treatment of unequal things unequally" – **Aristotle**

"Too bad all the people who know how to run the country are busy driving taxicabs and cutting hair" – **George Burns**

"Committees are a group of the unfit appointed by the unwilling to do the unnecessary" – **Carl C Byers**

"If you can't help out with a little money, at least give a sympathetic groan" – **Jewish saying**

A day in Southampton, 14 September 2011



Campaigners, including NPWA's George Pinnell, outside Southampton Guildhall. The demonstration was in protest against South Central SHA's decision to fluoridate the district after 72% of respondents to the Autumn 2008 consultation had opposed fluoridation.



Professor Paul Connett was in attendance, having spoken against fluoridation to a well-attended meeting organised by Hampshire Against Fluoridation on 10 September.



Hampshire residents of all generations refuse to be used as fluoridation guinea pigs!



On behalf of Southampton City Council, Cllr Jeremy Moulton receives a 6,500-signature petition on fluoridation from HAF Chairman Stephen Peckham. Cllr Moulton is Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group and Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Learning.



Campaigners await the start of proceedings in Southampton City Council's Guild Hall.



Will there be a satisfactory democratic outcome? That depends on whether South Central SHA listens and reverses the decision to fluoridate, for which it now has no support.