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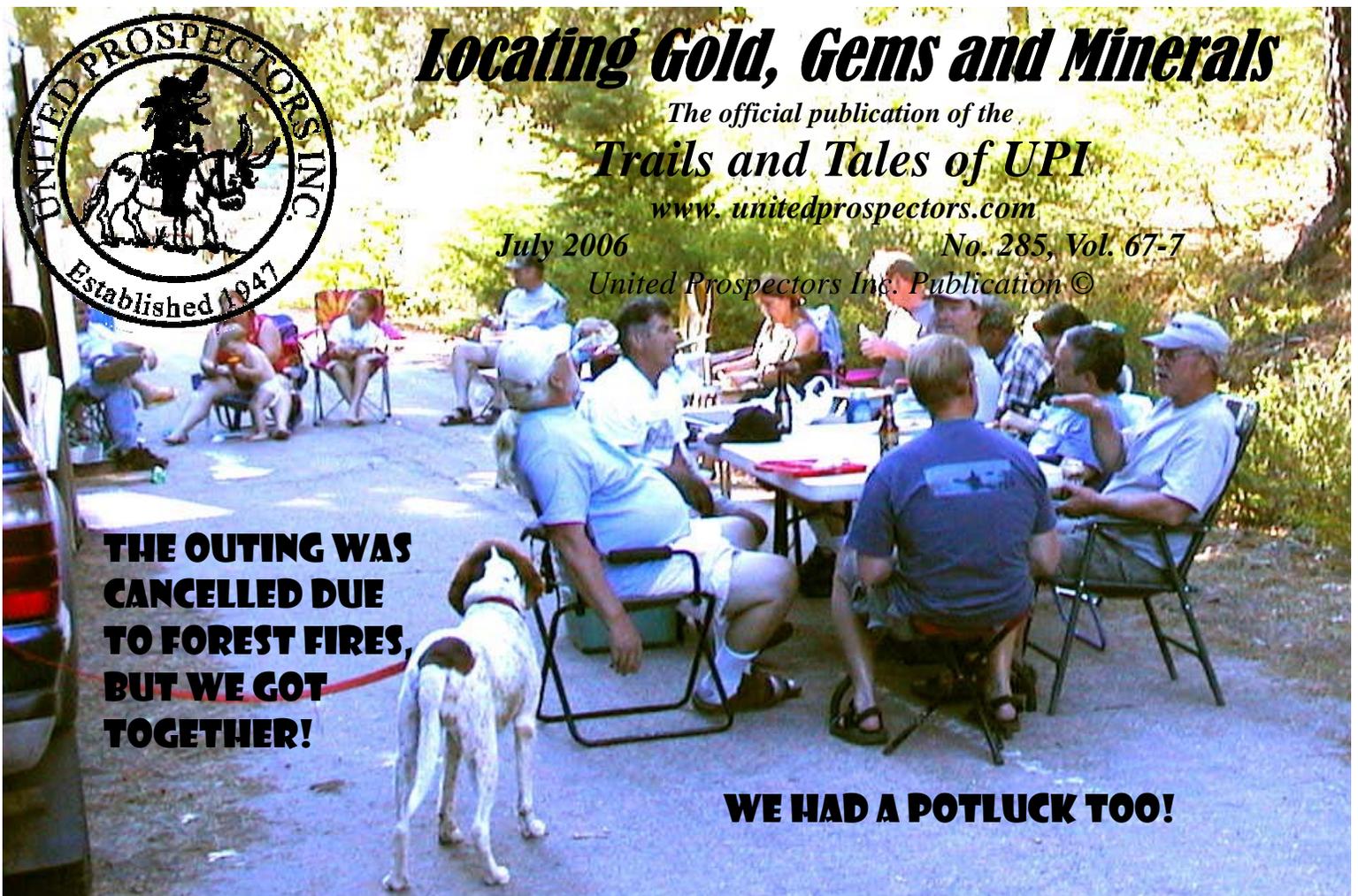
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**THE OUTING WAS
CANCELLED DUE
TO FOREST FIRES,
BUT WE GOT
TOGETHER!**

WE HAD A POTLUCK TOO!



**THERE WAS MIN-
ING AND SOCIAL
TIME AS WELL.
SOME FOUND AU
OTHERS DIDN'T**

**NEXT OUTING IS:
SQUIRREL CREEK,
AUG. 4 - 6,
SEE YOU THERE!**

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The recent fires in the Plumas National Forest caused the cancellation of our favorite outing, Genesee. Very unfortunate, and because of the timing of the road closures we were not able to get the word out to all of you that planned to attend. For this I apologize, not all members have access to e-mail, and the US mail is too slow.

Hopefully everyone took advantage of the inspiration of the planned outing and got out and went to one of our other great claims. I took off Friday and went to Bull Creek, we still have plenty of water and I was fortunate to be joined by several UPI members. I was very surprised by the emptiness of the forest and I believe our National Forest officials were also surprised, they had nothing to do, so they came to visit us everyday during our 5-day stay.

Please don't miss the next outing, many of you have never visited our Squirrel Creek claim and you will be pleasantly surprised at its beauty. The claim has 3 different areas to camp, bottom of the claim, middle of the claim (the largest area, I had my 23ft. trailer in this area last year), and the upper end much more tree cover but smaller areas to set up. Also as we approach our elections it is important that we hear from you our members and get your nominations on record, if you are not able to attend the outing, please contact Gerald Hurt our election chairman and make yourself heard. See you at the outing;
Don Siegel

THE Substitute OUTING

Well there was no official outing in July. As most of you probably know by now the scheduled outing, Genesee was canceled because we could not get to the claims. The Forest Service closed down the road that goes past the claims for fire control and public safety. I can't tell you how badly I wanted to go there, I really like the area. It is somewhat remote, quiet and usually cool.

As things occurred, we were not aware that the area was closed off due to the fire until Tuesday evening prior as I recall. Too late for a USPS mailing, and the Director of Membership was away on personal business and was not available for e-mailing to all of the members on file for a change of venue. What a quandary. As a last resort there was a posting made in the Talk and Trade page on the website that there was going to be a gathering at the Greenhorn or Squirrel Creek claims, ten minutes from each other. This along with a bunch of e-mail from member to member we ended up having a turnout of 27 plus members gathering at Greenhorn. A counter-effort dealt by Mother Nature turned into a positive happening by the membership.

To make a long story short, "the potty" was delivered to the Squirrel Creek site but everybody ended up at Greenhorn Creek. A few members formed a potty rescue squad and brought it to Greenhorn. This is the second time in as many



The old miner sez: When the goin get tough, the tough get goin. We sure done thet.

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August 4, 5 & 6: Squirrel Creek. No Board meeting,
Sept. 1 - 4: Bull Creek. Tentative depending on stream conditions. Board meeting at 9:00 AM Saturday, 9/2.
Oct. 6 - 8: Spanish Creek. Elections, be there. Board meeting at 9:00 AM Saturday, 10/7.
Nov. 10, 11 & 12: Coulterville 7th annual Pre-Thanksgiving. Board meeting at 9:00 AM Saturday, 11/1.

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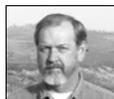
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BOARD NOTES

There are no Board meeting notes due to the outing cancellation. The notes from the special Board Meeting held on July 30th will be published in the #286 August issue of the newsletter.

(Continued from page 2) **The substitute Outing Cont.**

years that the potty had to be moved. At last years Greenhorn outing the potty was delivered to the end of the road area at the southern reaches of the claim. We had to move it to where it was ultimately put this time, kind of halfway between the camp set-ups. This being done we had everything we needed and we proceeded to do what we intended to do. Mine for gold, visit; enjoy the site and the people or just sit and watch.

The following are layman's observations: This old rascal decided to do a little exploring while there. I hiked up the dry gulch that begins a couple of hundred feet south east of the claims corner markers about mid-road. This means that I went easterly on this dry gulch, there were a couple of small panning puddles, over the road and over the railroad tracks. I went several hundred yards, I guess somewhere between a quarter and half mile, up this gulch and came to an area where it appeared that ancient stream gravels had been moved in an attempt to tunnel under them and connect with bedrock and locate gold. There were old scraps of iron up there from some form of operation. Perhaps detecting the area may provide one with some finds of various kinds. Gold and or coins or other old mining era items may possibly be found.

I also did some reconnoitering on the most southerly stretches of Upper Greenhorn. Our upper Greenhorn claim goes past where the creek goes under the railroad tracks through a good-sized culvert. The southern limits are virtually under the Highway 89 Bridge crossing the creek.



I have never seen any members mine this stretch of creek. There is vehicle access to this portion of the claim. The first road on right after crossing over the bridge, like if you were headed toward Squirrel takes you there.

Thinking like a piece of Au if I was moving down the stream in a high water condition I would probably have an inclination to take a rest and fall out on either side of the culvert under the tracks. If the culvert is backing the stream up because it's full then the water is going to slow down on the upstream side. On the downstream side the creek widens out considerably, kind of forming a large deep pond area, again slowing the flow down for possible settling out of Au. This might prove a good area to spend a week of dredging. There appears to be a country rock dike at the downstream end of this pond, though I didn't hike down there to fully investigate. If this be the case this may be the place to set up the dredge, and just follow the dike down to the bottom.

The father and son team of Dean and Jack Fallen, left, re-newed their Membership at the site and found their first piece of gold ever, below, power sluicing, in the dry feeder gulch. I think this gulch needs more attention than it gets. It is perceived that because it is wide open, and has no shade that it may be being avoided. This completes this layman's observations of Greenhorn.

What was found: There were several dredge set ups and some found gold and some didn't I don't think that anybody actually found true bedrock though it appears that a hard pack layer with clay found by some produced some color for them. This old rascal broke out the backpack and crevicing tools and did three pans and found three small pieces of Au in one of the few exposed bedrock areas on the claims.



The leisurely mornings and the campfire chat after dinner were just great. Absolutely refreshing! Sorry we missed you.

TOMS STORY

One of UPI's old timers, a former Director told me about Greenhorn Creek. The story was " There are good size pieces of Gold but you need to get down to the bed rock and break it up".

I have always wondered about Greenhorn. When Genesee was closed due to a forest fire, it was the perfect opportunity. So we made our way to Greenhorn, set up camp, carried our equipment down to the creek and started dredging. I hit bedrock about 3' deep. It appeared that someone was here not long ago. The hard pack was in only a few places here and there.



MEET HOOKA!
A model with their hooka. This was a first time experience.

Our first clean out was good, some larger pieces, and not very many smaller flakes. Mercury showed up in small round BB's you could see it laying on the bottom of your hole. The Mercury balls grew larger in our pans as it accumulated the few pieces of gold.

Down stream Kit and Pat worked together to find BEDROCK! I think I heard Kit say he could hear someone speaking in Chinese down in their hole. Yes it was deep but no bedrock, and very little gold. Christa and I did better, we found some nice gold right away but it dried up. Up stream Dennis and Patty were doing well, some nice clean ups. We later moved up stream and found very little gold.



In all, it turned out to be a great trip. You could not have wanted better weather, nice and cool at night and warm during the days. Over 20 UPI members were present. There was a great Pot luck dinner, and a few people found Gold, and a few found very little! I guess that's how gold mining is. - - - Tom

NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWING MEMBERSHIPS

This section is devoted to acknowledging and welcoming all new members and those renewing!

Welcome aboard for a year of fun.

Information is from 06/12/06 to 07/10/06

New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Mike Ancona	Fremont, CA
Peter Conroy	San Jose, CA
Michael Helt	Greenville, CA
Keith Lysak	Fremont, CA
Randy Marble	Quincy, CA
Lonnie Miles	Angles Camp, CA
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Anthony Pizzola	Susanville, CA
David Smith	Wilsonville, CA
Rick Stellmacher	Cupertino, CA
D Waelder	Quincy, CA
Ned Zoller	Foresthill, CA

Renewing Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Roy & Marti Dunston	Coulterville, CA
Kenneth Evans	Windsor, CA
Karl Fierling	Oakdale, CA
James & Karen Haring	Northfork, CA
Kerri Landry	Quincy, CA
Jack & Kay Lapham	Redlands, CA
Sid Parrish	Morgan Hill CA
Joe W. Rowell	Strathmore, CA
Ted Stolling	Fernley, NV
Brian Trailer	Hanford, CA
Mark E. Weber	Vacaville, CA
Rod Zook	Stockton, CA

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Al Harris	Kevin S. Jackson	Steven & Marie Kleszyk
Harold Lancaster	Wellington Louis	George Lyman
Brian Newhouse	Ivan & Diane Perkins	Bill Poore
Al Reynolds	Paul Rupf	Derald H. Smith
Trevor Stanley	Hirotaaka Takaseki	Jerry Zachery

Welcome aboard for another year of enjoyment with UPI, the small-scale miners advocate.

We desire to see you at the outings and the Board meetings to help us guide the organization the way you would like to see it go.



Left: One of the many camp sites at Greenhorn.



Below: A piece of iron found in my wandering up the dry gulch.

It may be a bit difficult to see in the picture, but these big rivets were not set with a modern rivet setting tool. They were set with a hammer, the strikes are visible.



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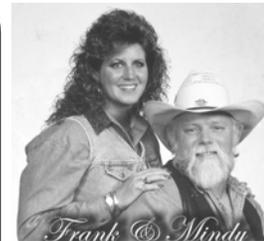
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Christa Sez

Yes, the gold you saw in my vial was all I got. This was my first time with a hookah, and I love it. I still plan to use my hat/can (sniping scope) though.

Tom and I moved up near Dennis and Patty and Tom found more gold, but only a few pieces. Dennis and Patty found the most, and she was long arming it. Dennis did well also until his hole caved in. They stayed a day longer than we did, so I don't know how much they have.

Pat and Kit never got to bedrock, and never found gold.

Christa



Chris above, Pat below!



we'll never know.

There were evaluations going on about Squirrel Creek, the site of our next outing. The evaluation was no gold based on a few days dredging. Has the creek been methodically mined by UPI? No. Has any member seriously mined anywhere on the one mile length of the claim (s) any place on the creek other than where they can set up camp next to the creek and have their dredge in the water less than a hundred yards from their camp? Has anybody hit bedrock? I don't know the answers to the questions. The answers to these questions would help in evaluating the site.

In driving both sides of the length of the claim, and what can be seen by observing, it certainly appears that there was enough metal being found in the past to account for the numbers of tailings piles. This is overburden piles. This is material moved to get to bedrock. If you haven't hit bedrock, or a false bedrock in the hole you punched, haven't ventured deep enough.

What is the purpose of a suction dredge. It is to help you get to bedrock and the crevices in the bedrock where the gold has found its way. Just punching a hole in the stream gravels without hitting false or real bedrock and finding nothing proves nothing. This is not a real and true evaluation of any area being mined, claimed or not. The evaluation of placer deposits cannot be made wholly on the overburden gravels. There

is the possibility that small quantities of flood Au or recently deposited larger pieces, can be found in the overburden, but the larger pieces continually work their way down in the gravels to where it either hits hard pack or bedrock. Hit that bedrock!

A good idea for the outing may be to form a couple of teams of two or three per 4" dredge with two air supplies per dredge. This way the material that has to be hand moved in the downward decent to bed rock will go much faster than one person doing it all themselves. A good hole can be punched this way, and in the process a lot more material run through the dredge, and who knows what will be found?



Bill Sez!

Who knows, had they hit bedrock they might have been the big scorers for the get-together. Bedrock is where it usually is unless you hit a layer of false bedrock.

So unless these overburden openings are pursued to bedrock

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Rich Andrews and Rick Nieni had a team effort going at Greenhorn and they were moving the material pretty quickly. While one was running the nozzle the other was receiving material too large for the dredge and tossing it far enough away that it wouldn't find its way back to the hole.

They set up a bag so that more than one cobble at a time could be moved, a bunch could be lifted out at one time. The down side to this is while the bag was being filled the

nozzle was idle. This is where two airs comes into play. The nozzle could be kept busy while the bag is being filled.

I think Squirrel should attacked this way.



Right: Dennis should get a kick out of this pic.



Correction Notice

Though nobody has brought it to my attention yet there was an error in the newsletter found after it had gone to the printer. The error was on the cover page. April 2006 was indicated as the month of issue and it should have been June of 2006.
Sorry, EIC/Pub

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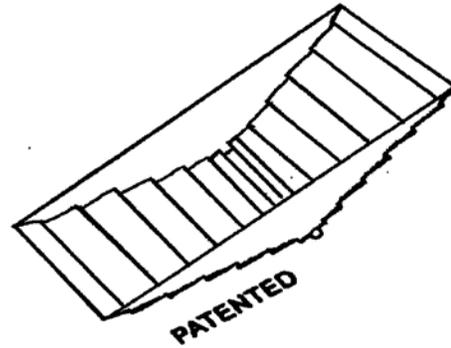


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The railroad tracks are behind the trees on the left. This is looking north.

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UPI ROLL CALL

List of members and guests present at the Substitute Outing and Potluck that ended up at the Greenhorn claims.

There was no raffle.

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|---|--------------------------|--|
| 1. Kit and Rita Perry | 6. Rich Andrews | 12. Tom and Christa Eastland and Howard |
| 2. Tony, Teresa, Jacob and Josh Mc Donald | 7. Gene Bianchi | 13. Joel, Laura, Ashley and Brittany Orona |
| 3. Sid Parrish | 8. Pat Avilla | 14. Dean and Jack Fallen |
| 4. Dennis and Pat Mobley | 9. Wes Smith | 15. Bill Reboin and Samantha |
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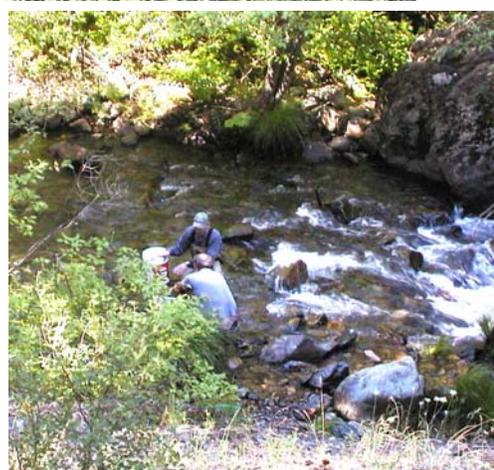


Left: Polka Dot drive in. Great food, good quantities. I remember days when members flocked there to eat in-between all else. They usually came back with gift certificates for the raffle.

Right: Unlaxing!



Left: This is the pooling area downstream from the culvert I was talking about on page four. To the right is to the right side of the left pic and shows what appears to be a country rock dike helping to form the pooling area. I don't know but it could use some investigating at least.



There were campers all over.

A message from Mindy at Pioneer Mining Supply

Hi Everyone:

Just a gentle reminder, the bike trek is approaching fast and I am working very hard at reaching my goal. Without your help, I'm not going to make it. I will be participating in the 20th annual ETBT fundraising event. This is my 5th year of not smoking and my 5th year to ride the Trek. Please support me and help me reach my personal goal of \$15,000, with your support I know we can do this. The funds raised will allow very important programs to continue to help many people.

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Mindy



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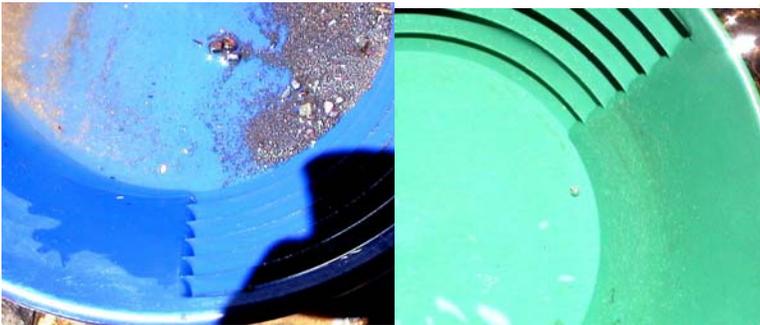
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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST©

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This is my playground! Some may like it, some may not. I hope it starts you thinking, taking responsibility for the group, and enjoying life and livingness and finding Au.



Bill Reboin, Ed/Pub and his pooch Samantha.

UN Follow Up

Last issue I wrote an article on the UN and its goals based on some subject matter from several sources that because of the perhaps biased tilt of these sources I did not quote. I have subsequently received e-mail from **Honorary Ron Paul, TX**, U.S. House of Representatives, that verifies my other sources. Following are excerpts of information from his website:

June 26, 2006

The United Nations is holding a conference beginning this week in New York that ironically coincides with our national 4th of July holiday. It's ironic because those attending the conference want to do away with one of our most fundamental constitutional freedoms—the right to bear arms.

The stated goal of the conference is to eliminate trading in small

arms, but the real goal is to advance a worldwide gun control movement that ultimately supercedes national laws, including our own 2nd Amendment. Many UN observers believe the conference will set the stage in coming years for an international gun control treaty.

Congress Rejects UN Taxes

June 19, 2006

Understand that the UN views itself as the emerging global government, and like all governments, it needs money to operate. The goal, which the UN readily admits, is to impose a comprehensive set of global laws on all of us- laws that supersede sovereign national governments. To do this, the UN needs a global military, a global police force, international courts, offices around the globe, and plenty of highly paid international bureaucrats. All of this costs money.

Rest assured that the UN is absolutely serious about imposing a global tax. In fact, it has been discussing a global currency tax for years. The "Tobin tax," named after the Yale professor who proposed it, would be imposed on all worldwide currency transactions. Such a tax could prove quite lucrative for the UN.

Fortunately, the House of Representatives last week passed my language in the 2007 Foreign Operations bill that prohibits the Treasury from paying UN dues if the organization attempts to implement or impose any kind of tax on US citizens. But that only protects us for another year. Given the stated goals of the UN, it would be foolish to believe the idea of a global tax will go away.

YES, WE HAD A POTLUCK!



And there was no waiting on Sausages

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