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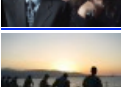
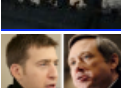


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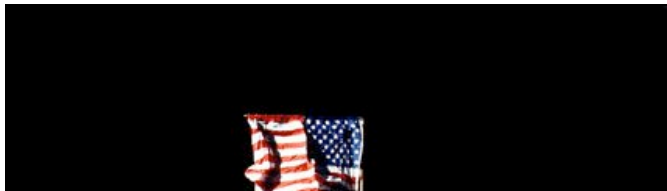
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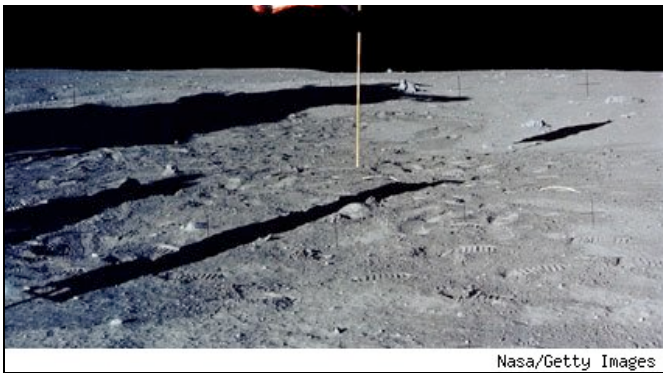
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President Obama's budget proposal due out next week will not include money for NASA to fund a new mission to the moon, it was reported Wednesday.

There will be no funding for the Constellation program, which was to



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return humans to the moon by 2020, or the Ares I rocket, the replacement for the space shuttle, the [Los Angeles Times](#) reported.

"We certainly don't need to go back to the moon," one administration official told the paper.

Instead, the White House will direct NASA to develop new technology "designed to someday enable human exploration of asteroids and the inner solar system."

The space agency will also devote resources to earth-bound projects, such as researching and monitoring climate change.

In addition, the administration planned to extend the life of the International Space Station to at least 2020.

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Chuck

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The NASA budget is peanuts. People in America spend more money on Pizza each year than NASA gets. I guess we can just wave at the Chinese when they go to the Moon.

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grrywalk

8:22PM Jan 27th 2010

The space agency will WASTE resources to earth-bound projects, such as researching and monitoring climate change.


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becalew

8:27PM Jan 27th 2010

Typical of this administration. Space exploration is a sign of forward thinking and new technology. This administration and it's cohorts would be happy if we were all shoved back to a third world country anti industrial age.... "because it's not fair we are so rich and the rest of the world isn't." Idiots. Backward thinkers and socialist. Can not wait until the next election to get these people out of power and us back on the road to prosperity.

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Rheinart Moxon

9:18PM Jan 27th 2010

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I hear you - all this "Green Technology", "Cap & Trade", "Solar Power", "Hybrid/Electric Engine Technology" being pushed by the Obama Admin is nothing more than going back to the early-industrial, coal-fired, Golden Age.

Honestly, we will never get back on the road to prosperity until all vestiges of Socialism, like paid vacations, workplace safety laws, 40 hour week, child labor laws, clean food laws, clean water laws, medical insurance laws, etc., etc., and all the laws that restrict the banks and investment houses from doing exactly what they want with our money are cleaned away!

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rann948

8:36PM Jan 27th 2010

How unfortunate that the fate of a program that inspired so many children to soar will be decided by a bunch of fat heads in the White House. I wonder if they have calculated how many thousands of people will be out of work if this happens. Maybe many thousands. Here's how it works: thousands are employed in the actual program, from design to manufacture, to operations. Many more thousands are employed peripherally from those who provide support to the various parts of the program, including raw materials providers, local shops who benefit from the employees of the program. etc. etc. If you have ever been in a town that lost its big employer, you would see how many more are affected financially by the loss.

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Rheinhart Moxon

9:08PM Jan 27th 2010

Are you saying that cutting Federal spending on a Government Agency is NOT a good idea?

Most of those NASA workers are UNION members - no big deal if they are replaced with cheaper labor when the Private Sector takes over NASA.

As for those children - imagine how their imaginations will soar when NASA is privatized and they learn that stock-options are even more important than moon rocks!

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sandsnydz

12:19PM Jan 28th 2010

rann948

I grew up here in Central Florida everyone I knew at one time or another had parents who worked at the Cape. I live in Central Florida and we know people who are going to be directly effected by this unfortunate choice. I could not agree with you more what a shame from a so called PROGRESSIVE enlightened thinker as Obama likes to think of himself?

Obama mentioned how far behind we are in Science in comparison to other countries?

Obama is just one big contradiction.

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Rheinhart Moxon

9:02PM Jan 27th 2010

What... folks on the RIGHT are upset that there won't be Government funding of a new Moon Program?? Considering that NASA is a government program and we all know that the Government can't run anything, because that is what the Republicans keep telling us, we must wonder why the Right are upset?

Maybe they don't really want Federal spending reduced? Or perhaps they don't want Big Business to take over NASA?

How strange the Right have become.

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brandyn

7:19AM Jan 29th 2010

you clearly have no idea what your talking about

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Rheinhart Moxon

2:46PM Jan 29th 2010

brandyn

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Did your forget to add the paragraph in your reply that details WHY you think I have no idea what I'm talking about?

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nickie2920

12:07AM Feb 6th 2010

Reinhart: You clearly have no idea what you're talking about because the space program and the technologies developed from it have generated far more benefit to mankind than what it costs. Microwave ovens, velcro, GPS, satellite TV, high efficient solar panels, Kevlar armor, carbon-fiber plastics, high temperature paints, and so much more, including the Internet (Oh wait, I forgot, AL GORE invented the internet while he was in Vietnam!) all developed or refined by the space program. So much better use of taxpayer money than shuttling Mrs. Obama on Air Force One to London so her kid could see "Lion King" for her birthday. Or the White House Wednesday night celebrity parties!!

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Nickie - You might have a point if YOU new what you were talking about!

NASA had nothing to do with microwave ovens - the first one hit the market in 1954.

Velcro was invented by a Swiss citizen and hit the market in 1955.

The DOD invented GPS (at a cost of only 12 million dollars - amazing)

Sat TV - credit Hughes and Bell with that, tho' they did work in conjunction with the DOD and NASA.

HE Solar panels: came out of research from the 30's, research by the US Signals Corp in the 50's and HE cells developed by the Japanese in the 60's, research by Exxon in the 70's, ARCO, US Dep't of Energy and the Univ. of Delaware in the 80's and of course the work by the Univ. of Florida that broke the 15% efficiency barrier in the early 90's.

KEVLAR Armour: Kev was invented by a woman working at Du Pont. NASA had nothing to do with it.

Carbon Fiber: From research by a Scotsman working for DuPont - earlier types of CF came out in the early 1950's.

High Temp paints: First patented by GE in early 1980's - NASA may have had a part in that since they needed the paint.

Internet: That was a DARPA project that refined the ARPANet. The web was developed for a European research group (CERN)

You might want to research the accuracy of your beliefs. NASA has had a hand in development of many things, but most of what we use today did not come along just because of NASA!


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MILTON

9:21PM Jan 27th 2010

It is to bad people don't have a clue as to what we have in our common life to make life better due to the exploration and research that has occurred due to NASA. From simple thing as our heat pump to more complicated things like MRI'S CT scans when you talk about waste just the savings of a heat pump for your home has saved as much money as the space program has cost just remember the old window units for AC and how expensive they where to run back when electricity was cheap and how about the life's that have been saved please learn more before you act ignorant because it makes you look even more stupid that you are.

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P.S. The world is flat!

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markushka1

9:28PM Jan 27th 2010

Two Birds One Stone, Send Obama

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Janeyre

10:09PM Jan 27th 2010

So let China go to the moon... Then what? Humans have messed up this planet, now they seek to mess up the other planets...

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frustration24

10:10PM Jan 27th 2010

I am highly saddened by the White House response to NASA's proposed moon mission. The moon is the first step to exploring the asteroid belt and the inner solar system. Yes, we have been there before, but we thought of it as a barren rock. We now know there is water. New Technologies must be tested. This is how they are tested. It is costly and seldom profitable. I feel that funding for the exploration of space, including this first step back to the moon, should be part of our government and not the private sector, where the choice is always about immediate profit, not long term importance to society.

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Andy

10:20PM Jan 27th 2010

Just say that the moon's climate is changing and poof! Money for NASA!

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Cutie

10:47PM Jan 27th 2010

Space exploration is exciting, fascinating and satisfies the questions we have about our solar system. Unfortunately, we cannot afford it with a \$14 trillion dollar debt. China owns \$800 billion of this. They could come into this country and buy railroads, property, etc. Let's save this country before we return to the moon.

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MILTON

10:52PM Jan 27th 2010

To those that think its sad or a waste for NASA to go to the moon lets not forget that there is a much greater universe to explore and that the president wants NASA to focus on going further than the moon. Money spent to go back to where we have been when we can go much further should not be looked down on but embraced for a more successful venture into deep space where we might achieve greatness to find in our selves what will achieve a greater achievement for humanity on earth.

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