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SURREAL REALITY 2! – MAMA GRIZZLY STRIKES BACK...

OK SARAH... THE JOKE'S OVER... TIME TO WANDER BACK TO YOUR DISFUNCTIONAL FAMILY CAVE IN ALASKA!

I realized on Tuesday that I should have included Sarah Palin in my recent "Surreal Reality" Gazette piece. I had thought about it, and had dismissed her when I wrote it Sunday night as being SOOO irrelevant... And obviously "low hanging fruit" that no one cared about anymore.

And now we get this TRUMP thing!

So Palin OBVIOUSLY can now be included. And I make amends here...

After all... Palin... along with her media partner "Honey Boo Boo"... both had shows at the same time on "The Learning Channel". And although the "Honey Boo Boo" show required actual subtitles to decipher the idiocy... Palin could have certainly used some. Palin's show was yet another "fake reality" show displaying the former "Bronze" place winner in the "Miss Alaska" pageant and current grandmother to THREE grandchildren born out of wedlock shuffling around the wilderness with her husband and her "prop kids".

And I realize that there is NOTHING WRONG with having kids out of wedlock... These things happen... It's nature and all that...

But when she and her daughter previously positioned themselves as our "Apostles of Abstinence"... I feel that it is "fair game".

And wouldn't her kids have maybe benefited from a little Sex Ed?

NO FUCKING WAY!

We don't want THE GOVERNMENT coming into our homes and taking care of our kid's sexual education do we?

THAT'S A "NANNY STATE"!

Palin's reality show was the direct result of one of her final actions before resigning as Governor to make her fortune off of her unfortunate fame generated by John McCain's worst mistake since getting shot down in the Vietnam War. And I mean him no disrespect... I miss him dearly.

In 2008... while still governor... Palin created a state film incentive program whereby the state of Alaska would help

fund "film projects" to help promote tourism in the state.

Which came in handy a couple of years later... after first becoming the laughing stock of the ENTIRE political world... when she "starred" in her own "reality" show on "TLC" (The Lunatic Channel?).

After helping subsidize "Sarah Palin's Alaska"... her home state later paid \$360,000 toward the filming of yet ANOTHER "surreal reality show" which "starred" her daughter Bristol about her life as a single mother and featured the "love child" sired by the infamous Levi Johnston.

After losing his "promise ring" on a "caribou hunt" Johnston had the ring tattooed on his finger. An act I'm sure he must regret to this day.

After their breakup Johnston admitted in interviews that Sarah Palin had to have known that he and her daughter were having sex in the family home... which didn't look too good for Bristol at that point as she had begun her "abstinence" campaign with Sarah's "motherly" support.

The Palin family struck back at Johnston with a release to the press stating...

"We're disappointed that Levi and his family, in a quest for fame, attention, and fortune, are engaging in flat-out lies, gross exaggeration, and even distortion of their relationship.

Talk about "THE POT CALLING THE KETTLE BLACK"...

This family knows NO SHAME.

And THEN suddenly this past week...

The "Mama Grizzly" was BACK...

It was a sad desperate attempt to be somehow relevant in a media world that left her in the dust years ago.

Fox wants NOTHING to do with her. Ailes HATES her. She's last week's bread.

And after moving to luxury digs in the warmth of Arizona she's BACK in Alaska in fucking January? What's THAT about?

The TWELVE MILLION dollars she had amassed after John McCain's horrific mistake may be running out after a probable "white trash" spending spree over the past eight years. And she desperately needed to do SOMETHING... ANYTHING for the "spotlight" again.

I honestly know NOTHING about her finances other than finding two good sources for a net worth of 12 Million online. Which may have ONCE been true. She sold a lot of books... and was still getting about \$10,000 a pop for speaking. But few wanted her. She needed something BIG! She needed TRUMP!

I imagine she BEGGED Trump to accept her endorsement... And I also imagine that he intends to put her out on the curb with the rest of the trash as soon as the early Southern primaries are over. Due to a lack of need and also that by then she will have made several unbelievably misguided and/or incomprehensible remarks.

But it will be GREAT for late night television. For the best recent take on Palin don't miss this Stephen Colbert. <http://www.rollingstone.com/tv/news/watch-stephen-colbert-hail-palins-return-to-campaign-trail-20160121>

At the same time that she was delivering her incomprehensible twenty minute Trump endorsement in her classic "Palin Speak" of animatronic-like spits, sputters, and stammers... Her oldest son Track was being arrested back in Wasilla... For assault... Interfering with the reporting of a domestic violence crime... And a weapons charge stemming from him walking around drunk with an assault rifle.

I suppose this was "BIG DICK PROOF" of his constitutional rights. FUCKIN AYE!

And all of this happened at Sarah Palin's own home. And I do have to wonder if he could see Russia through the scope?

Today... "Track" is a twenty-six year old fisherman... Sire to his own "love child"... And he lives at home with his parents.

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According to the police... Track punched his girlfriend in the head and then kicked her once she was down on the ground.

The police found her hiding under a bed.

But the Palins are famous for violence.

The family popped up in the news two years ago when it seems that most of them got involved in "a brawl" at a backwoods "snowmobile party" (Read... Loud Obnoxious Assholes!) down the road in Anchorage.

It seems it had something to do with a past boyfriend of Bristol's showing up... Whom she apparently punched in the face six times as the whole "clan" joined in the ruckus leaving Todd (The family "patriarch")... Bleeding from the nose... And Track with a broken tooth.

Trying to break up the fight, Sarah was said to scream... "Don't you know who I am?"

To which one of the other "party" attendees responded... "This isn't some damned hillbilly reality show!"

And yet it WAS ACTUAL "REALITY"!

WHERE WERE THE CAMERAS?

From the years before he was a legal adult there is quite a lot of "smoke" about incidents involving Track's supposed vandalizing of school busses. Which required Wasilla schools to close. Maybe that's the day they all missed Sex Ed class?

But although those records are sealed... many in Wasilla believe that Track was shipped off to the military so that the "troubled" teenager could be taught some discipline. It works for a lot of kids.

But apparently not for Track.

The family has a further history of criminality... As Todd's half sister Diana Palin pleaded guilty to burglary and reckless endangerment in 2009.

Think of the story, which THAT might have been for the "First Dude" if Sarah and Todd had been living at the Naval Observatory at the time.

But of all of the egregious and despicable acts that Palin has committed over the past eight years... NOTHING quite tops what she did the day after her rambling endorsement of Donald Trump.

In an Oklahoma "speech" the next day...

With her FINAL shot as a "star" glistening before her like a Vegas show-girl...

Palin had the NERVE to use her own son's violent drunken incident as a "political tool" to blame President Obama for the beating of his girlfriend and brandishing of an weapon while drunk in her own home.

It's INDECENT beyond words!

And she didn't even fly home immediately where her "heroic" veteran son was sitting in jail without bail. She had "bigger fish to fry"... and a "career" to resurrect.

This is verbatim from Palin's "speech" the next day concerning her son's arrest...

"My son, a combat vet having served in a Stryker brigade fighting for you all, America, in the war zone. But my son, like so many others, they come back a bit different. They come back hardened. It's a shame that our military personnel even have to question, have to wonder if they're respected anymore. It starts from the top. The question, though, it comes from the top, the question, though, that comes from our own president where they have to look at him and wonder, 'Do you know what we go through? Do you know what we're trying to do to secure America and to secure the freedoms that have been bequeathed us?'"

So... IT'S ALL OBAMA'S FAULT!

Isn't the reason possibly that Sarah and her husband Todd have been truly awful parents without any "moral center"?

Apples don't fall far from the trees.

So let me get this straight...

The woman that has been preaching for nearly a decade about keeping the government out of our lives and letting families and American businesses take care of their own concerns... is now blaming President Obama and THE GOVERNMENT for not stepping in and helping her son by way of the Veterans Administration? And because President Obama doesn't respect our troops?

While he was living with her in her own house at the time? WHAT DID SHE DO?

But let's follow her little fantasy a bit further... and imagine that her son wasn't ALWAYS socially defective and the result of bad parenting... and that it IS the government's fault for not supporting our veterans.

Unbeknownst to most... the V.A. has actually had HIGH marks from veterans concerning their care recently.

A survey of veterans being treated taken a little over a year ago showed that 92 percent of respondents said VA medical providers are highly courteous, while 91 percent said the same of appointment personnel. Additionally, more than 95 percent of the survey takers said they

would use a VA medical center the next time they need care.

SOURCE: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/federal-eye/wp/2014/04/17/va-hospitals-on-par-with-private-sector-for-patient-satisfaction/>

True... there have been horrific issues recently over the lack of funding to handle the returning destruction from two wars at the same time that Vietnam veterans with Agent Orange issues late in life are flowing into the system at an unprecedented rate. The system is maxed out and needs help badly. IT NEEDS PROPER FUNDING!

One of the major factors behind hyping up the negativity on the Veterans Administration is a movement funded by the Koch Brothers (Them AGAIN!) to PRIVATIZE the Veterans Administration.

In the same way that they want to privatize EVERYTHING. It is the reason that conservatives restructured the budgeting of the Post Office to make it impossibly unprofitable in the hopes of destroying and replacing it with private companies like UPS and FEDEX... Who today regularly use the Post Office for smaller packages!

But on the privatization of the Veterans Administration the Kochs have the quiet support from all of the current GOP candidates... except Trump apparently.

Source: <http://m.dailykos.com/story/2015/11/12/149233/-Veterans-Reject-Koch-Brothers-Plot-to-Privatize-Health-Care-POLL>

And of course these SAME people want to take away Obamacare. So you have a guy in his late 50s or early 60s... who fought in Vietnam... now has cancer related to Agent Orange... and they think he can just waltz into an "Obamacare-Free" world and buy insurance on the open market? WTF?

But is the overloading of the Veterans Administration President Obama's fault?

Or is it rather the fault of Republicans in congress that have regularly stood in the way of veteran's benefits while preaching from their ideologically bankrupt pulpits about the need to "support the troops"?

They want to kill the V.A. to privatize it.

Just like the Post Office.

And unfortunately necessary organizations like "Wounded Warriors" have to go on television to BEG for money!

WHY isn't the government funding the costs of those that have paid the most?

And why doesn't the entire country KNOW how the GOP is screwing over our vets?

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FIVE EXAMPLES OF GOP ACTIONS AGAINST VETERANS CARE IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS ALONE...

I thank independent journalist James Woods and the terrific website "U.S. Uncut" for this great research on congressional actions against veterans. <http://usuncut.com/author/james-woods/>

1. Veterans Affairs Funding Bill (2015)

The House Appropriations Subcommittee, met with VA Secretary Bob McDonald to remove more than \$1.4 billion in veteran services from President Obama's proposed 2016 budget. **Included in those cuts** was more than \$690 million earmarked for direct VA medical care and \$582 million in VA construction projects. As a result of the cuts, it was estimated that 70,000 fewer veterans would be able to receive care.

2. Women Veterans and Families Health Services Act (2014)

This bipartisan bill would have provided fertility treatment and counseling for severely wounded veterans and their spouses. However, **the bill was killed** before making it out of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee after Republicans proposed an amendment to prevent any involvement with Planned Parenthood.

3. Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Act (2014)

This bill, proposed by Senator Bernie Sanders, was a piece of sweeping legislation that would have expanded healthcare and education for veterans. After clearing a procedural vote by a 99-0 margin, the bill was hijacked by Mitch McConnell and Senate Republicans who attached an amendment to the bill, which would have levied sanctions on Iran. While arguing over the proposed amendments, other Republicans took to the floor to raise concerns over the cost of the bill, and it was ultimately defeated with 41 of 45 Senate Republicans voting against the bill.

4. Veterans Jobs Corps Act (2012)

Originally submitted by democratic Representative Bruce Braley of Iowa, **this bill** would have established the Veteran's Jobs Corps to provide gainful employment to more than 20,000 veterans through public works projects in their own communities at a cost of \$1 billion over 5 years. Ultimately, Senate Republicans blocked the bill because it was unpaid for... while simultaneously proposing a bill to increase military spending with no way to pay for it. "We Republicans remain resolute in our commitment to deny the Democrats anything that looks like an

accomplishment in an election year," said Republican leader Mitch McConnell.

5. Homeless Women Veterans and Homeless Vets With Children Act (2010)

Originally proposed to **expand assistance** for homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children, as

well as increasing funding for federal grant programs to address the issues surrounding homelessness amongst veterans, this bipartisan bill made its way through the **Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee** with strong support from members of both parties. However, the bill was promptly killed as Senate Minority leader Mitch McConnell, on behalf of Senator Tom Coburn, objected based on the cost of the program. "If we don't start paying for new programs and continue on our path to bankruptcy we'll have a homelessness problem beyond imagination," Coburn spokesman John Hart **told HuffPost**. "The old Washington excuse that it's too hard to cut spending is undermining our troops"

WE DO HAVE THE MONEY!

America's 21 B2 stealth bombers have been built at a cost of around 42 billion dollars. The planes have had trouble flying in the rain... have major technological issues... AND both China & Russia have now developed military technologies that render "stealth" worthless! America has also spent over \$1 TRILLION dollars on stealth FIGHTER programs as well. Which... if you are keeping score... is MORE than the cost of the entire Iraq war! But we can't spare money for the vets?

We shouldn't have to see organizations BEGGING for money to help them when we are spending 4.5 times the defense budget of China and 8 times that of Russia.

Unfortunately... the care for our veterans isn't profitable like the building of useless futuristic warplanes with the price tags of entire wars. And the military industrial complex has gotten itself spread out across so many Congressional Districts that there is simply no stopping it. And yet the GOP candidates all scream about how our military budget needs to be INCREASED! Because there is always MORE money to be made off of the whole thing.

And these increases aren't meant for vets. Veteran's groups and PTSD sufferers are already coming out and condemning Palin for using the issue as a "political prop" and implying that returning troops are "hardened" and prone to violence.

Palin is giving vets a bad name.

Hopefully... Somewhere... Someone...

Is looking into Track Palin's military record so that we might learn if indeed he has a reason to suffer from PTSD...

Or if he's just another fucked-up kid with shitty parents.

I suspect it is the latter...

AND THIS JUST IN!

Palin is now FUNDRAISING for her own "Sarah PAC" off of the Trump endorsement to "help out with her travel costs"... AS IF Donald Trump wouldn't pay for it? She obviously needs the cash.

And also obviously just another part of the ongoing Sarah Palin swindle...

PAY UP IDIOTS!

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