

Reynolds and probably heard their reassuring executives.

Lynn Beasley, senior vice president in charge of marketing Winston and Camel cigarette brands, R.J. Reynolds. I hope no kid ever smokes, ever. I don't want kids to smoke.

But at three of the company's famous Winston cup races in their own backyard—North Carolina—we found thrills, spills, and the company appearing to break its word.

Christine Coltellaro, 16, Northern Virginia high school student, accepting cigarettes from a cigarette marketer: Do I keep these? Marketer. Yeah.

Christine Coltellaro. Thanks.

Our hidden cameras caught marketers hired by the company handing out Winston and Camel cigarettes to underage smokers—two girls 16 and 17 years old, who simply said they were over 21.

Undercover video shots of the two girls getting cigarettes.

It's a major embarrassment for tobacco giant R.J. Reynolds, maker of Camel and Winston brands.

R.J. Reynolds on site marketing manager Jimmy Holder, as he covers the camera lens. Can we just stop this and talk of camera?

ACA Reporter Salort. No, absolutely not.

Why does he want our camera's off? This manager's company, R.J. Reynolds, has been caught at the worst possible time. President Clinton is trying to ban tobacco promotions from sports events because he feels they convince kids to smoke. The cigarette giveaway appears to be a graphic example of why the President is worried.

Christine Coltellaro. Compared to getting them at gas stations or 7-Elevens, or quickie marts, it was pretty easy.

Christine Coltellaro and Margie Bailey are underage smokers. We hired them to see if they could obtain promotional cigarettes at Winston Cup Races this fall.

Christine Coltellaro. They said, "Well, we need identification." I said, Well I don't really have any on me. They said "Don't worry about it."

In fact, listen close, this man says he's kidding.

Cigarette marketer, handing cigarettes to Christine: I need to see a major credit card and a license.

Christine. I don't have any major credit cards or license on me.

Marketer. I'm kidding.

ACA Reporter Mike Salort confronts marketer who has given cigarettes to the two girls. What are you told by the company that hires you. What you need to do before you give out—

Marketer. We're supposed to check ID.

Salort. You are. Then you're supposed to have a picture ID checked.

Marketer. Yes sir.

Salort. You do that in every case?

Marketer. If they look under 30, yes sir.

Salort, pointing at the two girls. Would you say these two look under 30?

Marketer. No sir.

Salort. They don't look under 30?

Marketer. I wouldn't say so.

So he says these kids look like women in their thirties! We asked the same question of the R.J. Reynolds boss for the race.

Salort, pointing at the girls. Would you say they look under 30?

Jimmy Holder, RJR manager. Yes sir, I would.

Salort. So, what's your policy here?

Holder. Our policy is, we've told 'em all, we stress for everyone to card people who look under age.

That's the official Reynolds policy anyway. Only who can produce a pack of their own, 21 and older are supposed to get the handouts. That's three years more than the

legal age of 18, and it's true when we brought 13 year olds to the races, they were turned down. But it was a rare occasion when cigarette marketers refused our 16 year olds.

ACA Reporter Mike Salort interviewing Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif. Salort, handing Rep. Waxman three plastic bags filled with cigarettes. Ok, you've seen the tape, and this was their haul from three separate races. What's your reaction to that Congressman?

Waxman. There's a lot of cigarettes in this haul. The R.J. Reynolds company has run ads all over the country saying actions speak louder than words, and I think their actions on these tapes speak louder than words.

As much as the cigarette giveaway makes him burn, Congressman Henry Waxman of California suspects it's part of a larger scheme to get kids to start smoking.

Waxman. I just feel that the cigarette companies are hypocrites.

R.J. Reynolds Senior Vice President Lynn Beasley. I am really deeply, deeply upset by it.

She's Lynn Beasley, senior V.P. in charge of selling Camel and Winston brands. But flawed as she says her giveaway program was, Beasley denies it's part of a bigger scheme to expose kids to cigarettes. She says the sample smokes, the colorful booths, and what about this . . . It's Camel's Smokin' Joe Ride, hauled to every Winston Cup stock car race. Inside that ride, on a screen in front, kids will tell you—

Young race fan, waiting in line for the camel ride: "It's a simulator. You start out on a rollercoaster and you go to, like, different rides."

Like an exciting car race video, jam packed with cigarette logos.

Shot of Winston and Camel logos flashing across screen, Audio from ride; "thank you for your support of Winston motor sports."

And when it's over, step outside and find yourself conveniently close—to one of those cigarette booths.

Lynn Beasley. We are not trying to appeal to kids.

ACA Reporter Mike Salort. So who does this ride appeal to?

Beasley. Adults. Ninety-seven percent of the people at these events are adults.

Salort standup. Even so there are still hundreds of kids at these events being exposed to that colorful Camel campaign. It's emblazoned on sweatshirts, banners, even pins. It's a sponsorship the government wants to ban because it believes the campaign pushes kids to smoke.

While R.J. Reynolds says giving cigarettes to kids was wrong, the company's Lynn Beasley makes no apologies for the festive tobacco marketing at sports events.

Beasley. Advertising does not cause kids to smoke, it doesn't. Look at the facts. Every study that has been done, study after study, shows the reason kids smoke is because of peer pressure and family influence.

Salort. Every study?

Beasley. Yes!

Incredibly Beasley says she hasn't even heard of a paper unveiled for the press just weeks ago, and published in the prestigious Journal of the National Cancer Institute. That report says promotions like these may well affect kids. It even says the number of kids smoking Camel's jumped after the introduction of the Joe Camel ad campaign, which Beasley worked on.

Salort. Does it disturb you that there's a study out there that says that what you're saying is absolutely wrong?

Beasley. I will take a look at it. I'm telling you, what I have seen is that the overwhelming evidence is that advertising does not cause kids to smoke.

And for that reason, Beasley says her company will still sponsor sports events. But after seeing our footage, she plans big changes for her cigarette giveaway.

Beasley. I think where we went wrong was not in absolutely requiring ID for everyone, regardless of what age they looked.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Connecticut [Ms. DELAURO] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. DELAURO addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. ROHRABACHER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. ROHRABACHER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. KIM] is recognized for 5 minutes.

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AN INCREASE IN MEDICARE PREMIUMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PALLONE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to address the fact that today, once again, but this time in the context of the continuing resolution, the Republican leadership has imposed the increase in Medicare part B premium payments under Medicare. As we know, when the Medicare bill that was sponsored or that was advocated by Speaker GINGRICH and also by the Republican leadership came to the House floor a couple weeks ago, it actually doubled part B premiums under Medicare. That is, the Medicare Program that covers physician care, over the next 7 years would essentially double for Medicare recipients and those who participate in the Medicare Program.

We know that at this point the legislation, both the budget and the Medicare bill, are in conference. It was also included in the Budget Act, and the Senate and the House have yet to meet on the budget which includes those Medicare provisions.

But while that is pending, today in the context of the continuing resolution, the Medicare premium increase

was included. Essentially under current law, as of January 1, the part B premium drops from 31 percent, 31.5 percent of the cost, down to 25 percent of the cost, which is what was scheduled under current law.

But the continuing resolution today would put the 31.5 percent back into law as of January 1, which is essentially an increase for millions of senior citizens who simply cannot afford to pay for that increase that would occur if this continuing resolution ultimately becomes law, which I hope it does not.

I wanted to point out—that so far the conferees on the budget—which includes the Medicare part B increases as well as the tax cuts for the wealthy that will be offset for the cuts in Medicare—so far the budget conferees have not met, and what we believe is happening is that the Republican leadership is essentially making Medicare deals in secret, meeting behind the scenes to see how they are going to implement this tax cut for wealthy Americans in order to offset the cuts in Medicare that are going to devastate the Medicare Program.

I was actually appointed by the Democratic leadership to be one of the conferees, but we have yet to have a public session. I think the reason for that is obvious, that they would rather meet behind the scenes. The Republican leadership would rather meet behind the scenes to see how they are essentially going to destroy and make these severe cutbacks in both Medicare care and Medicaid without the public and the media really knowing what is going on.

One of the things I am most concerned about as a conferee, and I hoped was going to take place, is we find some way, when we bring the two budget bills together between the House and the Senate, to continue entitlement status for Medicaid, for disabled people, for children, and also for pregnant women.

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Right now, if an individual meets certain income requirements under Medicaid, they are entitled to Medicaid and they do have their health insurance coverage. Well, the House bill, the House budget bill basically eliminates that entitlement status and just gives money in block grants to the States and hopes that the States will provide Medicare health care coverage for various indigent people. But the Senate bill, fortunately, does continue to provide entitlement status, guaranteed health care coverage for children for the disabled and for pregnant women.

Mr. Speaker, today in the Washington Post there was an article that basically summarized what was in the Journal of the American Medical Association that pointed out that Medicaid has been a significant factor in guaranteeing health care coverage for children. Over the last few years, the number of children that have been provided

with health care coverage, because their parents worked, through additional private insurance, has actually decreased and Medicaid has taken up the slack. The Federal Government has provided for the expansion of Medicaid and given money to the States so that they can provide that coverage for children.

Without the entitlement status, which is what we have in the House bill, without the guarantee that children would be covered, which is in the Senate bill, if for some reason the conference comes together and does not provide that guarantee for children, we are going to see that safety net for children, where they have the guaranteed health insurance, probably continue to be whittled away. Because States with the limited amount of block grant money they get from the Federal Government would not be able to continue to cover all the children that will continue to lose health insurance as the numbers continue to decrease of those who are covered by private insurance.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say lastly that yesterday in New Jersey we had elections at the State as well as the county and local level. It was abundantly clear that the message that Democrats have been trying to make, that Republican Medicare cuts and Medicaid cuts are really going to hurt people, we got that message, because a number of Democrats were elected yesterday because they made the point on the Medicare message and the fact that the Republican leadership is cutting Medicare.

AMERICAN WEST SEEKS TO REDRESS WRONGS PERPETRATED AGAINST ITS CITIZENS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Arizona [Mr. HAYWORTH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening on behalf of an oft misunderstood segment of our society, those who live in the American West. I bring before this House tonight a document signed by many of my constituents. The document, on parchment, was taken off the No. 2 liner board machine, which is now out of commission at Stone Container in Snowflake, AZ.

The document starts, in its preamble, with a quotation from our Declaration of Independence and then, in the main portion of this document, a statement of concerns about our freedoms issued October 6 of this year, the following is stated:

In this year 1995, we again find a need to petition our government to redress wrongs being perpetrated against its citizens:

1. Congress has passed laws establishing Federal agencies, then has not monitored the severe impact of regulations put forth by the agencies which go far beyond the intent of the Congress. This represents a usurpation of power by agencies not delegated by Congress nor established by a vote of the people.

2. Congress has passed laws which are severe and inflexible, causing major economic

and social damages to our citizens and to our communities. The Endangered Species Act is one such law.

The Endangered Species Act is being used to stop all natural resource development; mining, oil, timber, farming and ranching. Destroying the wealth of our Nation and breaking economic hardship upon Americans.

The Endangered Species Act is being used to close our forests, denying access to all people in Arizona for wood products necessary to sustain their families. Leaving our forests without the tools necessary to thin and maintain forest health.

The Endangered Species Act is being used to deny citizens the right to protect their property from flooding.

The Endangered Species Act is being used to take patented water rights and to stop development on private property.

The Endangered Species Act is being used to close land to livestock use.

At every stage of these oppressive actions we have petitioned for redress in the most humble of terms. Our repeated petitions have been answered by repeated injury. We, therefore, the undersigned citizens of the United States of America, appealing for the rectitude of our problems, do solemnly publish and demand that our rights be restored and that the abusive power of the numerous Federal agencies be curtailed and brought into conformity with the law; that severe and inflexible laws such as the endangered Species Act be reformed.

We do declare this day that we the people will use every lawful means to bring our elected officials to accountability.

As one of those elected officials, Mr. Speaker, I was pleased to sign this document, because I believe it resonates with the freedoms outlined in this document, the Constitution of the United States, a document sacred in the eyes of many which is a document of limited and enumerated powers. And this Congress must stand, as we prepare to face a new century, to recognize the fact that, as this document outlines, quite often regulatory agencies have overstepped their bounds, especially in the western United States.

Mr. Speaker, I said at the outset that the citizenry of the western United States is oft misunderstood; that their intent is often maligned. It comes as no great surprise. Indeed, one such person, once called an advocate for Arizona, has become a disciple of the District of Columbia. The Secretary of Interior has told the American people at least on two occasions, once at Tufts University, he said and I quote, "Those holding opinions of the environment different from ours", and he was addressing people who felt as he did about the environment, and this is a direct quote, "are guilty of the worst sneak attack upon America since Pearl Harbor".

Mr. Speaker, that type of extremist rhetoric has no place in this debate. Good people can disagree, but there is no sneak attack being launched by the citizenry of the western United States. Instead, by regulatory fiat self-appointed legislators, both in the regulatory agencies and, indeed, on the Federal bench, have stepped forward to declare a war on the way of life, to declare a war on the hard working law