



## The Ehlers e-Newsletter

For the Week of October 11, 2004

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Due to the Congressional recess, the Ehlers e-Newsletter will be on hiatus until November 15.

*News from Congressman Ehlers ...*

### **HOUSE AUTHORIZES CONSTRUCTION OF ASIAN CARP BARRIER –**

Congressman Vernon J. Ehlers said legislation approved by the U.S. House of Representatives Oct. 6 will allow the Army Corps of Engineers to combat the spread of the Asian Carp, which is threatening to become the Great Lakes' latest invasive species.

*For more information, please view the press release on our website:*

[http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/mi03\\_ehlers/100604CarpBarrier.html](http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/mi03_ehlers/100604CarpBarrier.html)

### **THIS WEEK IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

*The U.S. House of Representatives is in recess until the week of November 15.*

#### **Historical Tidbits**

##### **On Oct. 11 ...**

**1779** - Casimir Pulaski, a Polish nobleman, was killed while fighting during the Revolutionary War Battle of Savannah, GA. He was fighting for American independence. The Pulaski Days Polish Heritage Festival in Grand Rapids is named in his honor.

**1886** - Thomas Edison, 19 years old, filed for a patent on his first invention. The electric machine was used for counting votes for the U.S. Congress, however the Congress did not buy it.

1939 - U.S. President Roosevelt was presented with a letter from Albert Einstein that urged him to develop the U.S. atomic program rapidly.

##### **On Oct. 12 ...**

**1492** - Christopher Columbus, an Italian explorer, sighted Watling Island in the Bahamas. He believed that he had found Asia while attempting to find a Western ocean route to India. The same day he claimed the land for Isabella and Ferdinand of Spain.

**1989** - The U.S. House of Representatives approved a statutory federal ban on the destruction of the American flag. It was later deemed unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court.

**1998** - The U.S. House of Representatives passed the Online Copyright Bill.

**2000** - In Aden, Yemen, the *USS Cole*, a U.S. Navy destroyer, experienced a large explosion while refueling. The explosion was the result of a terrorist attack using a small boat. 17 crewmembers were killed and at least 39 were injured.

**On Oct. 13 ...**

**1775** - The U.S. Continental Congress ordered the construction of a naval fleet.

**1792** - The cornerstone of the Executive Mansion was laid in Washington, DC. The building became known as the White House in 1818.

**1989** - U.S. President George Bush called for an overthrow of the Panamanian ruler Manuel Antonio Noriega.

**1999** - The U.S. Senate rejected the ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT).

**On Oct. 14 ...**

**1912** - Theodore Roosevelt was shot while campaigning in Milwaukee, WI. Roosevelt's wound in the chest was not serious and he continued with his planned speech. William Schrenk was captured at the scene of the shooting.

**1960** - U.S. presidential candidate John F. Kennedy first suggested the idea of a Peace Corps.

**On Oct. 15 ...**

**1883** - The U.S. Supreme Court struck down part of the Civil Rights Act of 1875. It allowed for individuals and corporations to discriminate based on race.

**1914** - The Clayton Antitrust Act was passed by the U.S. Congress.

**1966** - U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a bill creating the Department of Transportation.

**1993** - U.S. President Clinton sent warships to enforce trade sanctions that had been imposed on Haitian military rulers.

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