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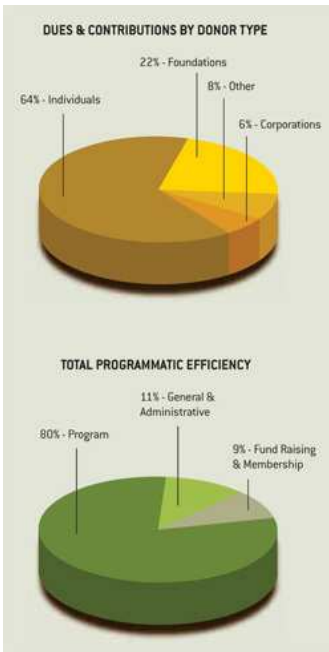
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The Nature Conservancy History

<http://www.nature.org/aboutus/history/>



A request was received from a reader for a quick synopsis of The Nature Conservancy. The link in the headline will give you an overall concept of their history. We hope this helps.

Another request was for an overall review of how TNC is funded. In the above link you will also find "Financials". But here is a rundown of the overall funding and use of the monies received by TNC, a non-profit, 301C3 corporation.

On TNC's 2003 IRS Form 990, they reported direct cash contributions of \$346,250,376 and non-cash contributions of \$90,159,542 for a total take of \$436,409,918. TNC's expenses were \$515,792,021.

\$20,373,673.16 were monies received from you and me through generous contributions by our government agencies.

Contributions using your money are received by TNC through local, state and national governments, including the Department of Defense, EPA, Bureau of Land Management and Fish & Wildlife Service.

Since 1999 through 2002, a period of four years, TNC had received \$1,976,184,176 in gifts, grants and contributions. That would be nearly \$2 billion in four years or an average of \$500 million per year.

The total number of TNC employees in 2003 receiving over \$50,000 annual salary was 1,025 and an additional 181 others received over \$50K for "professional" services.

TNC also receives many cash awards from private corporations like Kellogg, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, Lyndhurst Foundation and others.

TNC is linked to many of the other environmental move-

ments and is strongly aligned with U. N. Agenda 21. TNC is, without a doubt, one of the most intelligently operated eco organizations in the world.

On the face-of-it, TNC and other groups advocating the care and protection of the environment and our natural resources have lead us to believe they are doing an excellent job and have our futures' best interest in mind. But the fundamental principles of the true environmentalist is a ruse, in which many of our government agencies have also bought into.

The primary goal of eco groups is total control over as much property as they can get their hands on, at the expense of private property owners, taxpayers and anyone else who gets in their way. The Nature Conservancy is a big business that buys and sells land, controls land through both easements and buffer zones and ultimately has little regard for private property owners.

Source:
<http://www.nature.org/aboutus/annualreport/>



Senator Carl Levin (D), MI, during Enron Hearings.

No Pension for Reality

Can anyone explain why the Democrats, when they were the majority had failed to prohibit any corporation from having any access or control over the pension plans they have for employees? Now, the Democrats blame the GOP and President Bush for all the retirement woes.

United Airlines, Enron and numerous other corporations have destroyed the livelihoods of former employees through the mismanagement of their pension funds, which were controlled by the corporations. What does the government do to remedy the situation? Hold congressional hearings and offer no alternatives.

In reality, there is no real difference between those that mismanage employees' pension funds and those who mismanage our social security funds. Simply requiring un-touchable accounts at the corporate level would work wonders and the same practice with Social Security money would also show promise.

*** ACTION ALERTS ***

<http://www.unlockingautism.org/grassrootsprcampaign2.asp>

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/06/12/AR2005061201238.html>

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/February2005DraftMinutes_117413_7.pdf

<http://www.numbersusa.com/index>

<http://resourcescommittee.house.gov/>

****Read the TNC Investigation Report:** <http://finance.senate.gov/sitepages/TNC%20Report.htm>

Property rights advocate loses land in Baraga County

By GARRETT NEESE, Gazette Writer

L'ANSE - The Sturgeon River site where Richard and Nancy Delene restored wetlands in the early 1990s will be auctioned off next month in L'Anse.

A \$164,000 judgment lien was recorded against the Delenes in Baraga County in February on behalf of Haywood Harrison, P.C. The Lansing-based legal firm acquired the property after requesting recompensation for legal bills from their 15-month representation of the Delenes during the mid-1990s.

Baraga County Sheriff Bob Teddy will auction more than 700 acres off at 10 a.m. June 24 at the Baraga County Courthouse.

Steven Dresch, a former state representative and a longtime supporter of the Dele-

nes, said the size of the bill was "incredible," considering it came at "a period during which relatively little happened with the case."

The impending sale is the latest in a series of legal actions dating back 15 years.

The Delenes began building ponds for a wildlife refuge on the site in the early 1980s, after getting approval from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In 1990, they applied for an extension through the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Quality. When the agency did not act on the permit after 90 days, the Delenes contended the permit was awarded by default.

The state sued the Delenes in 1992 for alleged violations of the Wetlands Protection Act. (Article End)

The most intriguing information on Delene and his "Sad Saga" can be found through the Mackinac Center for Public Policy: <http://www.mackinac.org/> - Type in the search box, Richard Delene.

AMERICA'S ENVIRONMENTAL THREATS IDENTIFIED!!!



<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/8164168/>

Truth About Re-Introducing Wolves by Julie K. Smithson

Rural folk nationwide seek to tell the truth about wolves and other large predators currently being "re"introduced in many states.

From Wyoming's Ingalls family ranch, whose years of wolf depredation on livestock and ranch/pet dogs, to Jon and Deb Robinette, whose ranch southeast of Yellowstone near Dubois, has experienced the heartbreak of their livestock and working/pet dogs being seen as a smorgasbord for wolves -- wolves are quickly proving why they must never be mistaken as "large dogs."

Those good families, who choose to "live

rural" and raise the things we eat, are placed directly in harm's way by those Wildlands Project proponents who say we must have "wildlife corridors" with "large predators" "re"introduced to "their historic habitats. The location of most "historic habitats" where this is occurring is FALSE; such species NEVER lived there. Canadian grey wolves were never "native" to the Lower 48 (continental U.S.); they are much larger than the original native wolves of America.

The oddly named "Defenders of Wildlife," who promote/defend only large

predators but never ungulates (elk, deer, antelope and bighorn sheep are wildlife, too), never shows photos of "wolf meals" and "wolf fun," also known as "sport killing," on its website.

<http://propertyrightsresearch.org/> and <http://natureswolves.com/> show the collateral damage wreaked by such "re"introduction.

For all the talk coming from the pro-wolf corner about no people being killed by wolves, a 24-year-old woman was attacked and killed by 5 grey wolves <http://www.wolfpark.org/>

Are you a Yooper? A Self-Test

If you're not sure whether or not you're are a Yooper, born or naturalized, here's a simple test:

You and your best friend are walking through the woods when all of sudden your best friend is confronted by a pack of recently displaced nuisance gray wolves with bad attitudes—

Do you:

- a. Scream like a little girl, drop your L. L. Bean walking-stick and run home while crying.
- b. Draw your weapon from its holster and shoot the first two and empty your gun at the other ones as they run away. (This act is considered as training wildlife in order to imprint fear of man in them and their offspring.)
- c. Immediately get on your cell phone to let the DNR know you found the pack they lost track of and you'll hold them there with your bean sprout and tofu sandwich until they can get there with new tracking collars.

Is your best friend:

- a. Someone of the same sex that you've been kind of getting serious with because they have the prettiest eyes you've ever seen and they "understand" you.
- b. Your dog.
- c. You never had a best friend; you generally hate people, especially pregnant women and Republicans and nature is all the companionship you'll ever needed.

After the wolf attack incident do you:

- a. You tremble and beg to be held and comforted by your gay lover or mommy. You then become angry and call your attorney to find out who you can sue.
 - b. You immediately put the wolf collar on your dog just to screw with the DNR and then call your uncle to see if he has a good recipe for wolf. (The pelts are tanned and added to your collection of hides on your basement wall.)
 - c. You make another donation to The Nature Conservancy, Sierra Club and contact the EPA to complain about how the wolves smelled like they ran through a polluted creek and you think you know who polluted it.
- If you answered "a" to all of the questions, you are what Yoopers would consider the weakest of the species and if you were a part of any other species you would have been killed and eaten by now. If humans did the same, they would have to ensure you've been properly cooked to kill all those nasty little diseases you picked up while you were at a protest rally, in college and/or in prison.
 - If you answered "b" to all of the questions, you are a Yooper. Congratulations! We also thank you for your voluntary military service to our nation and your true sense of community.
 - If you answered "c", you are a neo-Liberal in training to be an "a". It's best if you go camping in Glacier National Park while you're having your period or if you're male equipped, so to speak, re-watch *"Dances With Wolves"* and try that next time you're in the woods.

Mirroring—A Psychological Phenomenon

Three Michigan Republican Senators had recommended the closing of a few correctional facilities in Michigan, including the one in Newberry. The U. P. Democrats screamed partisan politics because both Newberry and Manistique are in the Democrats' district. What the media fails to mention is that Luce County, which encompasses the town of Newberry, is one of the most progressive areas in the U. P. and has the distinction of having pockets in the county with the most educated citizens per capita in the State of Michigan—Luce County is predominately a highly conservative area and consistently votes Republican.

The Democrats argument that the decision to recommend the closings is a partisan effort has no merit. However, the fact that the U. P. Representatives who are Democrat chose to vote with their Party rather than for the good of the U. P. in general, and their district in particular, speaks volumes of what is truly defined as partisan politics.

Without exception, every time a Liberal opens their mouth to denounce their opposition, the citizens can merely hold up a mirror in front of the speaker so he or she can really see who they're talking about. In psychology, this phenomenon is called mirroring.

Mirroring is simply blaming others for one's own weaknesses and frequently the mirroring component comes into effect when there is confusion, delusions of self-worth or low self-esteem. Most citizens have some experience with people who belittle others to make themselves look good; this is one form of mirroring. The most common use of mirroring is among criminals and the disingenuous.

So the next time you see a Liberal on one of those Sunday talk shows, run up to the TV set with your little mirror and hold it up in front of the screen. Chances are 100 percent that you've taken the correct action to identify the real culprit.

Prognosis of a Dying of a Nation

By J. Powers (A site to help us to remember: <http://prorev.com/legacy.htm>)

It is never too complicated to assess the methodologies that lead to the ultimate death of a nation. Nations die for six primary reasons;

1. Poor management caused by either a collective or individualistic desire for power.
2. Sustained political division and a long-term animosity of opposition.
3. Lack of fundamental convictions (apathy) by the citizenry. This also includes permitting an indoctrination of children.
4. Encroachment and elimination of core values and traditions resulting in the evolution of immorality and an eventual exodus of the moral.
5. Unguarded trust in outside forces, especially foreign governments and leaders, including outside controls and an external monetary system.
6. An ineffective or corrupt military.

The sustainability of the Republic is jeopardized when divisional lines are obscure. In a Republic, responsibility and accountability to the people must always be the main component of any government. [Imagine where we would be in world affairs and competition if China were a free nation?]

Poor management is the first devastating feature of a dying nation. Since this writing focus is primarily on the United States of America, there are several relevant key points that are both current and relevant.

Under the category of poor management, there are three subcategories, a) collection of money, b) disbursement of money, and c) retention of money. The best example to highlight an abuse of power based on controlling ideologies are the federal highway funds. States have lost their sovereignty through the jingling of the purse. The federal funds would be withheld if the drinking age wasn't 21, no seatbelt was required and federal speed limit guidelines were not adopted, among many other controls.

The second method for destroying a nation is a sustained political division and a long-term animosity of opposition. This simply means that the ability to govern is prevented because the opponents are so distant in philosophy from one another that it is impossible to compromise and properly debate important issues.

The lack of fundamental convictions (apathy) by the citizenry, including turning a blind-eye to the indoctrination of the children is the third and most critical methodology for destroying a nation. The recent appointment of Pope Benedict had given us a glimpse of what happens when we allow our children to be indoctrinated by a government described in #1. The children of Nazi Germany were required to be a member of the Hitler Youth.

In modern America, children are now in a transitional period. The honor of scouting has been corrupted and replaced by an indoctrination of a non-judgmental acceptance of immorality, secularism, environmentalism (not conservation) and a defiance of individualism. Parents have embraced the "It Takes a Village" mentality to avoid the demands placed on them by parenthood. This apathy by the parents and those old enough to know better fosters a weakness that is now showing up in our military recruiting efforts.

The encroachment and elimination of core values and traditions resulting in the evolution of immorality and an eventual exodus of the moral is number four. The years of family values and traditions have been compromised. Children have no sense of awe in church and the lack of discipline demonstrated in public places is the direct result of taking the right of parents to parent away from them. In public venues, values and traditions have been striped away from the righteous and handed over to the secular misfits.

Children are no longer allowed to be children for the full duration. Oral sex and sexual intercourse are becoming the norm in the upper grade school classes and the middle school. Another result of #1 is that adults are no longer allowed to be adults.

Number five is an unguarded trust in outside forces, especially foreign governments and leaders, including outside controls and an external monetary system. This is rather self-explanatory, but with the recent defeat by the French to enter into a European Union, the efforts to influence independent nations have come to the forefront. We are no exception in this desire and there has been serious discussion of consolidating both Mexico and Canada into a seamless America.

Although it would be a good idea to swap California for Ontario, the move to destroy three wholly independent nations to make one is the same idea that the Communists in Russia and China had, and we need not forget Hitler. A massive consolidation does nothing except eliminate individual rights and the sovereignty of the state (See #1).

Finally, number six; the last bastion of hope by the people to have protection by their military from an unconstitutional government may falter itself one day. During the Clinton Administration, the best and brightest leaders would not compromise their patriotism and duty to the people they serve. We lost many good people, from generals on down, as a result of a #1 in our lifetime.

The current War in Iraq provides a good tool to measure the effectiveness of the military and explore potential corruption within the ranks. The fact that our troops are killed frequently by an IED (Improvised Explosive Device), some of which are detonated by cellular telephones, is a strong indicator our military leadership has become inept. A simple signaling device that emits a constant variance of radio frequencies would have prevented most, if not all casualties, caused by a frequency activated IED.

The military leadership that climbed the ladder under Clinton, the environmentalists, the Democrats who have turned political debate into venomous attacks in Congress and in small towns across America and our steadfast apathy indicates we are indeed a dying nation.

The Nature Conservancy Launches Biggest Conservation Campaign in State's History

Group Announces \$78 Million Goal to Protect Michigan's Last Great Places; 35th Annual Earth Day Celebration Comes Early.

LANSING, Mich.—April 19, 2005—Leaders and supporters of The Nature Conservancy today announced a plan to protect Michigan's most ecologically sensitive areas by raising an unprecedented \$78 million by the end of 2006.

"Today, a new vision is taking root in Michigan," said Steven J. McCormick, president and CEO of The Nature Conservancy (worldwide). "Increasingly, we are working on a larger scale because we recognize that small steps and piecemeal conservation isn't going to be enough to protect our natural heritage for future generations. When the Michigan Chapter's campaign for conserva-

tion is complete, we will have protected four times what we have conserved in Michigan since The Nature Conservancy started working here in 1960."

More than \$68 million has been raised to date, leaving \$10 million to be raised from private individuals and philanthropic organizations. The funding will help protect priority landscapes across the state, from the Detroit River, to the Saugatuck Dunes, to the tip of the Keweenaw Peninsula.

McCormick said The Nature Conservancy is building on its recent success protecting more than 271,000 acres (423 square miles) in the Upper Peninsula, a project announced earlier this year with Governor Jennifer Granholm. The project ensures permanent

public access for recreational activities such as hiking, canoeing, fishing, hunting and snowmobiling along designated trails, and allows sustainable timber harvesting. An estimated 3,000 forest-related jobs will be protected by allowing continued outdoor recreation and forestry on the land.

Michigan's leading foundations are helping fund the project by committing \$31.5 million. The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund has also contributed significant funding, and federal appropriations for the project are now pending before Congress.

Editor's Note: Read the whole article at: <http://www.nature.org/wherework/northamerica/states/michigan/press/press1873.html>

Places We Protect - TNC in the Michigan

<http://www.nature.org/wherework/northamerica/states/michigan/preserves/>

TNC Protects Michigan from us and our land usage:

Eastern Upper Peninsula

[McMahon Lake Preserve](#)

[Maxton Plains Preserve](#)

[Carl A. Gerstacker Nature Preserve at Dudley Bay](#)

Western Upper Peninsula

[Mary Macdonald Preserve at Horse-shoe Harbor](#)

[Laughing Whitefish Lake Preserve](#)

[Tip of the Keweenaw](#)

Eastern Lower Peninsula

[Grass Bay Preserve](#)

[Ives Road Fen Preserve](#)

[Erie Marsh Preserve](#)

[Nan Weston Nature Preserve at Sharon Hollow](#)

Western Lower Peninsula

[Zetterberg Preserve at Point Bet-sie](#)

[Ross Coastal Plain Marsh Preserve](#)

[Robinson Woods Preserve](#)

The Political Machine

There was a profound curiosity pointed out recently about political ideologies. Public Television was discussing how the God-fearing Religious Right was taking over the Republican Party. The discussion of core values within society were critiqued by the liberal media in their usual self-righteous fashion. Yet, as pointed out, there was no discussion about how the Communists and Nazis were taking over the Democrats.

President Bush, and now John Bolton, have been mercilessly bashed by both the domestic and foreign liberals. Not that we really give a care whether or not the French, Russians or Germans love or hate us, it does seem to matter to the liberals in the United States that the foreigners love them. Accordingly, the neo-liberals seem to always belittle another person in order to make themselves look good.

The void of discussion about how far left the left has really gone has some interesting overtones. The attacks on progressive conservatives and programs have become the leftists on game plan. The neo-liberals, who align themselves with those that have no respect for the U. S.; have a socialist philosophy. Both socialism and communism are identical. The socialists do allow for some form of voting, like the Democrat Primaries..

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW - CORRUPTING THE CONSTITUTION AND BILL OF RIGHTS

By: Keith Allison, D.Dn. © June 2005

During a recent computer conversation with Nancy Levant, we became embroiled in a discussion on how administrative law was being used to circumvent and prostitute constitutional law and the Bill of Rights. As a result, Nancy suggested that I write an article on how our so-called administrative statutes have no constitutional legitimacy, and are being used to deprive American citizens of their God given rights.

Every American citizen should understand that their individual rights were handed down by God, and guaranteed under the United States Constitution. Further evidence of those rights is contained within the first ten amendments to the Constitution, and declared "unalienable." In other words, no person, non-government organization, no corrupt lawyer, judge, politician, governor, or president has the authority to deprive any American citizen of those rights. Since those rights are constitutionally unalienable, I don't believe any of our rights can be even temporarily taken away by Executive Order, because of some implied national emergency such as the "war on terror," or legislation such as the administrations phony "Patriot Act."

The fact is, for any statute to legitimately pass constitutional muster, it must be in full compliance with the U.S. Constitution. And folks, administrative law fails miserably to meet that requirement. The only thing such laws do, is give our government the assumed authority to deprive us of our rights under the Bill of Rights.

Under Article I, Section 1, "*All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a congress of the United States, which shall consist of a senate and house of representatives.*" Under the various state Constitutions, legislative power is also restricted to the legislature, and must conform to U.S. constitutional restrictions. The powers granted to government actors by the Constitution are limited, and nowhere does it grant them the authority to delegate their legislative powers to any bureaucracy, constitutionally recognized judge, non-government organization, or anyone else, the right to enact statutory law under which American citizens conduct their daily affairs. Therefore, since there is no mention of so-called administrative law or administrative law judges in the Constitution, such artifices are repugnant to the Constitution.

So, if administrative law and administrative law judges hold no constitutional authority, what is administrative law and who are those government actors who hold themselves out to be "administrative law judges?" Constitutionally speaking, since American citizens are obviously not bound by administrative law, what is its the purpose?

Administrative law is, in fact, little more than law concocted under the appearance of official right and under color of law. It is the blatant

abuse of authority by corrupt judges who have allowed their legal hydra to assume unrestricted dominion over the people, as well as legislators and bureaucrats, each desiring to unconstitutionally envelope American citizens in their web of intrigue and usurped political and judicial power. When government entities outside of the legislature enact unpopular administrative laws and citizen complaints are registered with our politicians, they squirm out from under any blame by claiming, "we're powerless to do anything about those laws, they weren't enacted or codified by us, they were enacted at the administrative level of government." This, even though there is no constitutional reference to administrative law, an administrative branch of government, or the authority of administrators to enact statutory law.

Not long ago, this so-called administrative law reared its ugly head with me on three separate occasions. The first time was last year during elk hunting season, when I had a run in with a constitutionally challenged Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife Game Warden.

During that confrontation, the Game Warden stopped me under the pretense of checking to make certain I had a hunting license and the requisite elk tag to go along with it. After ascertaining that I did, in fact, possess the proper state approved documents, he asked if my rifle was loaded. I informed him that since I am a disabled hunter, the law says I have the right to ride with a loaded weapon in my vehicle while hunting. He informed me that I had no such right, but when I asked him what statute he was citing, he was unable to tell me which Revised Code he was talking about. Being rather wary of most bureaucrats' sense of usurped authority, I carry a copy of the state statute governing the rights of disabled hunters along with my disabled hunter placard which was hanging in the rear window of the truck. The warden and I had a short verbal disagreement about who was right until he began citing the Washington Administrative Code related to disabled hunters.

As he began his spiel, I pulled out my copies of the Revised Code of Washington and the administrative code to make certain he was citing it verbatim. As soon as he noticed what I was doing, he stopped his recitation of the administrative code and declared that I was illegally carrying a loaded firearm in my vehicle. When I asked him which code took priority, the state statute or administrative doctrine, he at first claimed he didn't know which took precedence. However, after a protracted discussion on the issue at hand, he admitted that state law took precedence over administrative codes. After admitting defeat, he trundled back to his truck and I had no further problems with him, or any other wardens during the remainder of the season.

My second run-in with administrative law took place near the end of the year when I received a postcard from the Department of Fish and Wildlife, informing me that it was the law that I must submit a document to the department telling them (1) if I went hunting, (2) if I didn't go hunting, (3) where I hunted, and (4) if I bagged any game.

I don't know how most American's feel when government starts intruding into their private life, but when it happens to me, I take great umbrage at their hubris and feel duty bound to rake them over the coals for their impertinent behavior. As a result, I wrote a letter to the director of the department telling him that while the department may have a right to know what game I bagged, they certainly had no right to demand to know why I chose to go hunting or stay in bed, or even where I chose to hunt. The letter was more involved than that, but that should be sufficient for my readers to understand my intent.

Several weeks later, I received a letter from some flunky within the department telling me, among other things, not to bother the director with any more questions I might have, but to direct them to the signatory of the letter I received. This pompous bureaucrat went to great lengths to explain to me that they had the authority to fine me if I refused to comply with their demands, or toss me into the local jail if they chose to do so. My adversary within the department went on to inform me that if I refused to comply, they could also refuse to issue me a hunting license for the following year.

As you can probably imagine, this bureaucratic ranting and raving about their presumed authority was beginning to get my shorts in a bunch and cause some uncomfortable chaffing. I therefore chose to write another letter to the department with a copy going to our newly elected state attorney general, telling them that I had no intention of complying with their demands. I also mentioned that if they chose to deny me a hunting license for the 2005 hunting season, I would place the appropriate amount of money for a license and elk/deer tags into an escrow account, and hunt to my hearts content.

Some time later, I interviewed Rob McKenna, the attorney general for the state, and brought up the subject of administrative law. Of course, being the toady that he is, he fell in line with governments position that administrative law was viable law, but he was unable to any cite constitutional amendment or anything else that gave the legislature the authority to delegate their law making authority to the bureaucracy. He did say, however, "that's the way modern government works these days."

So far, I haven't been fined or arrested, but I haven't made application yet for my 2005 hunting or fishing license, so I'll just have to see what happens between now and hunting season. I may choose to challenge the constitutionality of the state's administrative codes, but if I do, it most certainly will not be done in front of an administrative law judge.

Knowledge is the key that unlocks the shackles of bondage.

Editor's Note: In the event the Constitution is declared suspended, it is the duty of law enforcement officers to escort those declaring the suspension off of public property. The declarers have effectively denounced the Constitution and the country.

Infiltrating Michigan—Just CJ Following the Old Money Trail

By C. J. Williams (<http://www.tellusnews.com/ahr/greenwaysnews.html>)

Governor Granholm has appointed Frank Torre, Jr. to the MI Natural Resources Trust Fund Board. Torre, who will represent the general public until October 1, 2008, is president and CEO of Michigan's largest horticulture and landscape contractor, Torre & Bruglio, Inc. How the company came to have such influence, however, causes bells to clang.

Torre & Bruglio have been very successful in contracting work for various urban "conservancies", most recently the Detroit 300 Conservancy, which spent a mere \$20 million in private money to beautify Campus Martius, their new 1.6-acre park along Woodward Ave. The tables and chairs are from France and officials from Detroit 300 Conservancy visited plazas from Luxembourg Gardens in Paris to the Rockefeller Center Plaza and Central Park in New York for inspiration and ideas. "When it is in full bloom and glory, it's going to be comparable on a small version to Luxembourg Gardens," said Bob Gregory, the conservancy's executive director.

Gregory said no breakdown was available on how much of that has been spent on landscaping, irrigation and plants. Torre & Bruglio's workers installed the plants last fall and this spring and handle daily maintenance for this part of a multi-million dollar seven-county Greenway Initiative championed by NR Trust Fund and MI Nature Conservancy Board member, Steven Hamp. The objective is to link these counties with "green corridors" to improve the Troll's quality of life. The millions raised for the project are to be used to secure state and federal matching funds for various individual projects.

Frank Torre, Jr., who knows exactly which side his bread is buttered on, is noted for having contributed to various politicians' campaigns over the years, including that of his friend and political machine maker, former Wayne Co. Executive Ed McNamara.

McNamara is credited with launching and nurturing Jennifer Granholm's and former Wayne Co. Prosecutor Michael Duggan's political careers. Torre is credited, too, with co-hosting a \$1,000 per couple fund-raiser while enjoying benefits of a \$2.1 million summer landscaping contract overseen by Duggan without benefit of a competitive bidding process.

In a 10-25-01 article, Detroit News investigative reporter Paul Egan wrote that Wayne Co. took out highly unusual loans from its former airport parking contractor, APCOA Inc., totaling about \$660,000, nearly half of which was paid to Contractor Associates Inc., owned by McNamara's brother-in-law. The two loans, negotiated in 1996 and 1997, were used to pay for expansions to two parking lots. It appeared APCOA didn't write the county any checks.

Instead, it paid the cost of parking-lot improvements and then billed the cost, plus interest, back to the county in monthly installments. Auditors calculated the county paid interest of \$53,202 on the two loans totaling \$661,563.

MI Auditor General Thomas McTavish said the identities of contractors who did the parking lot work were among details he couldn't obtain from airport officials. But, records showed that of the \$306,563 the county borrowed from APCOA in June 1996, \$293,268 went to McNamara's brother-in-law. The remaining \$13,295 went to Torre & Bruglio, owned by McNamara's campaign donor buddy. Invoices showed APCOA paid Contractor Associates for paving work and Torre & Bruglio for installing the guardrail.

A Dec. '01 Detroit News article told of how Torre & Bruglio had a six-year lock on a landscaping contract for the Detroit Metro Airport worth at least \$600,000 annually. According to Egan, "The Pontiac firm, headed by Frank Torre, even beat a company with a price that was \$102,000 less.

The example of Torre & Bruglio, Egan wrote, demonstrated how contractors with ties to McNamara tend to secure work at the airport. Torre & Bruglio had held the contract for six years without submitting a low bid and while benefiting from contract add-ons and extensions worth \$1.5 million.

Even Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, son of McNamara's Chief of Staff, Bernard Kilpatrick, found himself the object of a 2002 lawsuit instigated by the city employee's union for hiring outside contractor's to do the worker's jobs. The issue centered around the fact that in July '02 the mayor had allowed the Detroit Building Authority to hire three companies at a cost of \$1.1 million to mow grass and remove weeds around various city parks. One of the companies was Torre & Bruglio Landscaping Services.

Kilpatrick, it seems, is another McNamara protégé who sootied Granholm's race to the Governor's office with a memo from his administration proposing "a detailed campaign to generate as many as 280,000 votes for her in return for guarantees that African-Americans would play a significant role in her administration and that Detroit minority-owned businesses would reap substantial benefits from state contracts."

In September '04, nearly two years after federal agents raided McNamara's offices over the metro airport scam, Detroit News staff writers MaryAnne George and M. L. Elkrick reported that "a jury found one of his former top aides guilty of extorting cash, home im-

provements and other pricey perks from a county contractor. Wilbourne Kelley III and his wife, Barbara, were found guilty on 14 counts of extortion, bribery and making false statements in Ann Arbor's U.S. District Court.

McNamara wasn't charged, but the investigation clouded his relationship with Kelley and also caused problems for other elected and appointed officials, including Granholm, Duggan and Kilpatrick. Apparently, the investigation isn't over yet and political consultant Sam Riddle has said he expects more indictments before it is.

Perhaps most damning to Torre's reputation is that Torre & Bruglio brings several hundred Mexicans to Oakland and Wayne Counties as "guest workers" each year, and in 2002 housed at least 134 of them in eight houses; seven owned and one leased by Torre's company. Each worker, contracted to work April through November at \$7 to \$9 per hour, had to pay Torre & Bruglio \$30 per week to live in squalid houses. In one house twenty-six men shared a bathroom and in another, they shared 18 beds until investigators forced the company to clean up its act.

Torre isn't just another horticulture/landscape company owner earning extra income as a slumlord, though. This past month he's also been negotiating a deal with the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, which covets an easement from Torre and Cullan Meathe, partners in 100 Riverplace Associates L.L.C., which owns Talon Centre situated at the foot of Joseph Campau and the Detroit River. The Conservancy's CEO, Faye Nelson, said she excepted it was a done deal and that "to date, the conservancy had raised more than \$80 million of its \$110 million goal to cover the cost of building the east Riverwalk, as well as operating costs and a \$30 million endowment to fund upkeep and programming."

The Senate must intervene or Frank Torre Jr. will climb between the memorandum of understanding sheets and help his new partnering eco-playmates spend millions of poor MI citizen's gas and oil revenue money to build the U. N.'s Bio-Reserve buffer zone on the south side of the Isle Royale Biosphere and north side of the one just below the Troll's bridge, that is if the oil and gas well doesn't soon dry up, which, God willing, it will.

You see, last February the MUCC, the Nature Conservancy, National Wildlife Federation, and others scrambled to file an amicus brief with the Michigan Supreme Court in an appeal of the *Comben v State of Michigan* case, which has disallowed the taking of gas and oil rights along with surface property forfeited as a result of tax-foreclosure. Interesting! ~ CJ

House Will Vote on UNFPA \$, Forced Abortion Concerns Continue by Steven Ertelt (<http://www.lifenews.com/nat1382.html>)

Washington, DC (LifeNews.com) -- The House of Representatives will vote as early as Wednesday on a measure to restore taxpayer funding to the United National Population Fund, but pro-life lawmakers hope to prevail because they say the agency continues to support China's policy of forced abortions.

Three pro-abortion Democrats, including New York Reps. Carolyn Maloney and Joseph Crowley and Illinois Rep. Bobby Rush, along with 10 other members, have introduced legislation to restore \$34 million in taxpayer funds President Bush has repeatedly withheld from the UNFPA.

Since July 2002, the Bush administration has denied sending the annual funds to the agency because it is supportive of China's coercive population control policies.

Under that policy, Chinese women have been forced to endure abortions, sometimes in the later stages of pregnancy. Both Chinese women and men have been forcibly sterilized, their families have been jailed or faced with employment discrimination, and one woman has been jailed for years and been subjected to severe torture.

The problems were documented by the Population Research Institute in 2001 and verified in a 2002 and 2004 investigation launched by the State Department.

Despite those problems, pro-abortion lawmakers say the UNFPA money should be restored.

"If UNFPA wants U.S. funding, it must cease aiding human rights abuses in China," said PRI President Steve Mosher.

"At a time when the United States is promoting vigorously human rights around the world, it's not a positive step to overturn the U.S. law that tries to keep American money out of coercing Third World women," Mosher added.

Mosher refers to the Kemp-Kasten anti-coercion law that prohibits federal taxpayer funds to subsidies programs that force people to undergo abortions or sterilizations. That's the law the Bush administration has cited when withholding the funds.

The president diverted the \$34 million allocated to the U.N. group to a USAID program that provides health care for poor women and children in other countries and for a program that combats the sexual trafficking of women - another problem in the destroyed region.

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The pro-abortion lawmakers plan to restore the funds through an amendment to the State, Justice, Commerce appropriations bill.

"We are not able to fund UNFPA right now. The restrictions apply across the board until there's a change in the Chinese policies that UNFPA participates in," said Robert Hilton, a spokesman for the State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration.

At a meeting of the House International Relations Committee in December, Congressional leaders looked into the continued human rights abuses under China's population control programs.

Representative Christopher Smith, a New Jersey Republican pointed out that the UNFPA did not accept an invitation to attend the hearing to explain its support for China's controversial policies.

"Despite numerous credible forced abortion reports from impeccable sources, including human rights organizations like Amnesty International, journalists, former Chinese population control officials and, above all, from the women victims themselves,

high officials at UNFPA always dismiss and explain it all away," he explained.

MORAL VALUES DETRIMENTAL TO WORLD'S MORALITY?

God-fearing and life-respecting people may be the world's biggest problem. The moral people, referred to as the religious-wrong, may be responsible for prolonging the inevitable. Clearly, those who stand firmly on the right and oppose abortion, homosexual marriages, godless schools and government, condom distribution and sex education in public schools, etc., may be on the wrong side of each of these issues. In fact, if the moral right would advocate such social issues the liberals would die off at a far more rapid rate.

Unfortunately AIDS has found its way into our blood supply and infected some

innocent conservatives. AIDS may also infect some conservative woman who had a moment of weakness and slept with some part-time colon-puncher. But we need to ask ourselves one profound question, "Is the result worth sacrificing a few good conservatives?"

We need to encourage Bill Clinton and Dr. Jocelyn Elders to get out there and talk up oral sex among the little liberal children. Oral STDs are at an all time high thanks to Bill and Monica for doing their part to spread diseases among the young; some STDs actually help by sterilizing the little liberals.

Hillary should also be elected in 2008 so she can bring her Chinese sterilization and female abortion policy to Liberal America. The environmentalists advocate killing does to reduce the deer herds and they actually may be on to something that could help control the Liberals.

I think it's time that conservatives wake up and smell the dysfunction. If liberals that breed abort, great! If the liberals mate for life with same-sex partners, great! If the lesbians and faggots want to adopt little liberal kids, I say go for it! We conservatives are really missing the boat on this one. ~ J. Powers

Are Our Politicians Illiterate or Just Lazy?

Senator Carl Levin was written a letter asking him to get legislation through that would stop the use of mercury in childhood vaccines. His reply:

Thank you for contacting me about funding for autism research. I appreciate hearing your heartfelt concerns about this important matter.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, it is estimated that as many as 1 in 500 children will be diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. Autism is a biochemically-based developmental disease that impacts the normal development of the brain. It generally manifests in young children during the first two years of life and autistic individuals

typically have difficulties communicating with others and relating to the outside world. Today, approximately 500,000 people in the United States have autism, however, many Americans are still unaware of how this disease affects people and how we can effectively work with autistic individuals.

The Children's Public Health Act (P.L.106-310), which was signed into law in 2000, expanded the activities within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) with respect to autism and authorized the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to award grants to public and private nonprofit organizations to assist with autism research and monitoring programs. The Fiscal Year 2005 Omnibus Appropriations Act

(P.L.108-447) allocated \$1.28 billion to the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the division of the NIH that primarily conducts research into autism.

I believe it is important to expand and intensify research that would provide comprehensive information about the nature and cause of this disease. Only after we fully understand autism can we hope to reduce the incidence of this disease.

I will keep your views in mind as we continue to work to protect and improve the health care system of our children.

Sincerely, Carl Levin

Congressman Bart Stupak was written a letter asking him to investigate federal agencies like the EPA that have given taxpayers' money to non-profit groups like The Nature Conservancy and Sierra Club. His reply:

Thank you for contacting my office. I appreciated hearing from you on issues relating to federal donations to organizations.

Please know I value your opinions, and will keep your comments in mind if your concerns are discussed in the House.

Again, thank you for sharing your comments. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I or members of my staff may be of service.

Sincerely,

BART STUPAK, Member of Congress

Do you have some correspondence from your illiterate politician that you wish to share with our readers? Just e-mail us your letter and their reply to yoopscoop@yahoo.com

A Covey Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

Recent information has linked the United Nation's beloved Secretary-General Kofi Annan with the Oil for Food Scandal and it appears as if his authorization for the corruption had been conveniently overlooked by the Volker investigation. Paul Volker is a former Federal Reserve Chairman.

We need to back up a generation to the days of FDR. FDR took us off the gold standard, effectively confiscated gold coins owned by citizens, created the Federal Reserve Bank (a non-government entity), began the Social Security Administration and he was up to his keester in Communists who were appointed by him to work for his Administration and influenced his decisions.

Another brilliant move by FDR was the creation of the United Nations. The concept was to combine 26 nations to combat the axis powers of Germany, Italy and Japan. Communist Russia and China (before Mao was dissed by the US and turned commie) were part of the bonding of nations. After

FDR's death, the U. N. Charter was considered ratified on October 24, 1945. The UN was born even though the agreement occurred after the war in Germany ended in May and the war with Japan ended in September, 1945.

As we fast-forward to the era when the U. N. passed 17 Resolutions that warned Iraq to comply and get with the program, we had witnessed first-hand the high level of incompetence that continues to linger. Even with the resounding evidence that Iraq not only possessed, but used WMDs, the UN leadership, along with our own FDR Democrats, choose to make money rather than take any action that would jeopardize their wealth.

Clinton, the Democrats and the UN knew that Bin Laden was linked to the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center. The Clinton group and UN failed to perform their jobs and left us with OBL and the September 11, 2001 residuals. We would also lose a lot of men and women in the eventual war on terror.

The Kurds had planned to launch an attack which would have had Saddam Hussein flee to one of his safe houses, where they would have him cornered. The CIA agents involved in the request for authorization from Clinton were ignored and when the attack failed because of no effort on Clinton's part, the CIA agents were brought back to be prosecuted by Janet Reno.

The most-favored connections are quite simple; Muslims and Communists are the benefactors of the UN and the Democrat doctrines. Is there an identifiable irony that we received support when we invaded the sovereign nations of Serbia, Kosovo, Haiti and Somalia to kill Christians, but are scorned for invading Iraq?

Neither the UN nor the Democrats stand-up for peace, accountability or responsibility. In particular, just like the ACLU, they all noticeably lack balance and consistency. Quite simply, there is no profit in peace or acceptance, but tons of money to be made with various conflicts that arise at home and abroad. President Bush has only 3.5 short years to clean-up their mess.

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LIBERAL CONTROL TRIANGLE



In order to control the breeding and advancement of Liberals, the Liberal Control Triangle to the left depicts three elements required for Liberals to thrive. Just like the Crime Control Triangle, by eliminating one of the three elements, Liberals will not be able to function outside their own little world and would have nominal influence among their victims; the electorate.

Please help—Remember: Only you can prevent Liberalism!!!

Granholtz, Nature Conservancy Announce Deal to Protect UP Land, Economic Interests:

<http://www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/michigan/press/press1733.html>

LANSING, Mich.—January 6, 2005—Governor Jennifer M. Granholtz and representatives of The Nature Conservancy in Michigan announced today that a legally binding purchase and sale agreement had been reached with The Forestland Group, LLC, to protect more than 271,000 acres through a working forest easement on 248,000 acres and acquisition of 23,338 acres in the Upper Peninsula.

Known as the Northern Great Lakes Forest Project, the parcels stretch over eight counties—from Chippewa to Ontonagon—and link together more than 2.5 million acres of protected federal, state and natural areas across the UP. The Forestland Group was the successful bidder on the land in a 2002 auction conducted by its former owner, the Kamehameha Schools of Hawaii.

This agreement:

- Keeps the land in private ownership and on the local tax rolls;
- Ensures that the land will remain open to the public for hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and other outdoor recreation activities;
- Allows for continued timber harvesting according to the standards established by a widely recognized sustainable forestry certification program; and
- Limits development and protects environmentally sensitive forest land from fragmentation and conversion to non-forest uses.

According to an economic impact assessment commissioned by The Nature Conservancy and conducted by Public Sector Consultants, the 271,000 acres covered by the agreement produce approximately 6% of round wood taken from UP forests.

Based on this market breakdown, it can be assumed that the lands covered by the agreement account for \$200 million of associated economic activity each year and support 3,000 total jobs. The total economic impact of these lands is even greater if you consider the impact of natural resources recreation, according to the assessment.

The mission of The Nature Conservancy is to preserve the plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. The Nature Conservancy counts at least 1 million members worldwide, including 30,000 in Michigan. The Conservancy and its members have protected more than 80 million acres on Earth, including 84,759 acres in Michigan. The Nature Conservancy embraces a non-confrontational, market-based approach for accomplishing its science-driven mission.