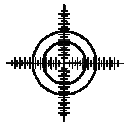


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Delirious Delirium **By J. C. Powers**

Let it never be said that someone didn't warn you to carefully watch the left-hand of Congress as the right-hand dazzled you. After nearly 300 calls for an investigation of the Bush Administration, Congress itself remains unscathed and immune from any form of critique, investigation and punishment. The latest example of Congress' razzle-dazzle is their "investigation" of the Bush Administration's failure to pardon the Border Patrol agents. Rather than investigating Prosecutor Sutton for Duke University level tactics, they chose to focus on the Bush White House.

U. S. Border Patrol agents Ramos and Compean had been charged for shooting a fleeing felon, who was shooting at them. Along with the various stories on the last page under Border Patrol, there are some peculiarities presenting themselves that show a consistency that has no resemblance to protecting the citizens of the US, nor in advocating the fulfillment of the law at many levels.

The War on Drugs began in the 1960s. One of the biggest problems facing the US was the import of illegal drugs across the US-Mexico border. While the rights of citizens were diminished in order to kick-in doors and bust college students for possession of marijuana, nothing was done to strategically fix the porous border problem.

By 1994, the Clinton Administration had signed the Crime Bill. The Crime Bill had a few questionable components. One of the biggest parts of the bill was the destruction of the rights of prisoners. The quiet residuals of the Clinton Administration will leave many Americans standing behind barbed wire fences wondering where their civil rights are at during the national emergency. Keep in mind the Emergency Model Health Powers Act and the Patriot Act are only two of the national policies that destroy, manage or other wise redirect claims of civil rights and afforded liberties.

In order to grasp the bigger picture, the overall premise of incarcerating border patrol agents while giving immunity to a felon needs to be analyzed. More specifically, what purpose did it serve, who benefits and what is the ultimate agenda?

DRUG-TRAFFICKING

Drug trafficking is a major business along the Mexican border. Roma, Texas and other border cities provide human resources and natural resources for the importation and the distribution of illegal drugs. These small cities also provide a safe haven for illegals who need to make arrangements to travel to their ultimate destinations. The sanctuary towns need US protection; not intervention.

The business of illegal drugs provides both lucrative enterprises and substantive legal posturing. As big money flows across the borders unencumbered by law enforcement, the prosperity is realized by the traffickers through sustained profits and by the agents through funding and promotions.

The direct cash or electronic accounts used in the drug world also provides the national government the ability to use monetary transactions to justify monitoring of all transactions by the citizens of the US. Anyone who deposits \$10,000 in their bank account is required to be reported to the IRS.

In the US, people who carry large sums of money for legitimate business transactions end up having their money confiscated by overzealous police departments, prosecutors and judges. Since money is often used for cocaine use or is often in proximity of illegal drugs, most money in the United States will test positive for an illegal substance; which provides evidentiary support for confiscating the money. The War on Drugs, like the War on Poverty, has cost American taxpayers trillions. What was sold as good intentions has failed to show any level of substantive improvements on any of the endeavors.

WAR ON TERROR

During the Carter Administration a cover operation funded radical Muslims. Despite Carter's release of the former Shah's money to the Ayatollah, the U. S. Embassy in Iran was overthrown by his sponsored thugs. During the 1990s, Clinton established many obstacles to prevent intelligence organizations from sharing information.

The attack on the World Trade Center in 1993 should have been enough to compel the various U. S. government agencies to take action and share any relevant information with each other. After the WTC attack in 1993, the 1995 attack on U. S. military personnel in Saudi Arabia, another attack in Saudi Arabia on the Khobar Towers against U. S. Troops, the bombings of U. S. embassies in Africa and the 2000 attack on the U. S. S. Cole were all met with promises of bringing those responsible to justice. In addition, Clinton signed several bills and executive orders, any of which would have prevented the attack on September 11, 2001. Instead, within a few days after the 9-11 attack we ended up with the complex Patriot Act that governs and restricts U. S. citizens.

Again, the porous border came to the front of discussion. The Minutemen who went to the border to help the patrol agents were referred to as "vigilantes" by President George W. Bush, a Texas resident and former Texas governor.

When it comes to closing a porous border and seriously attacking the war on terror, who's zooming who?

In the final analysis, would you be more inclined to trust the TSA to protect your flight from a hostile take over or would you trust the passengers to take decisive action? But then again, we have allowed our courts (lawyers) and the ACLU (lawyers) to create hesitancy when it comes to dealing with those intentionally testing the anti-terrorist system. The significant results of the court battles and the bending over by corporations to provide prayer areas and allow Muslim taxi cab drivers to refuse dogs and alcohol is that both the TSA agents and the private citizens are being exposed to lawyer-induced terror.

Should we really be inclined to trust the same politicians who are the current financial managers of Social Security money to assume control over our health care system? More importantly, should we trust them to oversee our national security, our safety and both our economic and moralistic futures? ~JCP

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PREMEDITATED MERGER

108,000 sign petition against SPP summit
Opposition growing to quiet moves to integrate U.S., Mexico, Canada

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A petition opposing the controversial continental integration initiative supported by the Bush administration, the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America, has garnered 108,000 signatures after less than a week.

Grassfire.org says response to the [petition](#) has far exceeded expectations.

"The response is overwhelming," Steve Elliott, president of Grassfire.org, told WND. "The petition has been up on the website for less than a week and we have been getting as many as 500 signatures an hour."

Elliott originally had a target of 100,000 signatures before the start of next week's SPP meeting in Canada.

As WND has reported, President Bush will interrupt his vacation in Crawford, Texas, next week to attend the SPP's third summit meeting Aug. 20 and 21 in Montebello, Quebec, at the five-star Fairmont Le Chateau Montebello resort.

Bush will meet with Mexico's President Felipe Calderon and Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

"Our team leaders have been urging us to launch a petition against the SPP," Elliott explained. "As we looked into the issue, we decided that this is an emergency issue that Americans need to address."

Elliott says he gets asked all the time why President Bush has not secured U.S. borders with Mexico and Canada, even though the U.S. is six years into a war on terror.

"The explanation is SPP," Elliott said. "When the Security and Prosperity Partnership was declared at the first summit with Mexico and Canada in Waco, Texas, on March 23, 2005, President Bush evidently agreed to open our borders with Mexico and Canada, even though that was never clearly explained to the American people."

Elliott said the petition is designed to let Bush know "the American people are not happy with his aggressive move toward a North American Union that would integrate the United States with Mexico and Canada."



The Grassfire explains the petition is designed to oppose developments to build a North American "framework," including ongoing SPP trilateral working group meetings, structuring NAFTA Superhighways from the existing interstate highway system and encouraging the open borders "migration" within the three countries.

Grassfire introduces the citizen petition with a two-part audio interview with WND staff reporter Jerome R. Corsi.

Corsi is the author of the current New York Times bestseller, "The Late Great U.S.A.: The Coming Merger with Mexico and Canada," published by WND Books.

The Grassfire citizen petition states, "I am signing this petition stating my opposition to efforts that lead to the development and formation of a North American Union combining the U.S., Mexico and Canada. Such a 'union' is a direct threat to U.S. sovereignty, national security and economic stability."

The petition makes four statements:

SPP: I oppose the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP) - a trilateral arrangement formed without congressional oversight designed to create regulatory, economic and other institutional structures that facilitate economic, legal and political integration between the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

Border Security: I oppose proposed regulatory and border security changes that eliminate or reduce U.S. border controls and encourage open migration within a common U.S.-Mexico-Canada region.

NAFTA Highway: I oppose the construction of the NAFTA Superhighway system and other measures designed to create a borderless, open transit system within North America.

Congressional Oversight: I am deeply concerned that the SPP has not been subject to congressional oversight or approval. Any such multi-national agreements must be submitted for congressional approval. As such, I support congressional Resolution 40 which opposes the North American Union and NAFTA Superhighway.

WND has reported Rep. Virgil Goode, R-Va., has introduced House Concurrent Resolution 40, designed to block moves toward a North American Union and NAFTA Superhighways.

Grassfire intends to present the petition to the White House during the SPP summit in Canada.

"We are fighting an information process," Elliott told WND. "The Bush administration has been very secretive about SPP. The substantive meetings in Montebello will be held behind closed doors. As the American people learn more about SPP, they are becoming more and more outraged. That's what we are seeing with this petition."

Editor's Note: Determining the direction of the nation, permitting the implementation of a national vision and restoring and retaining political expectations solely rests with the people.
~ JCP

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Sign the Petition: <http://www.grassfire.org/89/impact.asp>

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Why? A Question not Asked nor Answered

The State of Michigan recently rescinded its Single Business Tax, the SBT. The Democrats, led by Governor Granholm, all asked how they would replace the lost revenue. No one asked them why we should replace the last revenue.

Michigan is experiencing a mass exodus of its citizens looking for work; there have been many closings of manufacturing plants and industrial complexes, most attributable to poor management by the private sector and the government.

Along with the declining factors, there has been a drastic reduction in revenue sharing and the State of Michigan has not been paying its fair share on the land they control. As private ownership of land in the Upper Peninsula dips below 14%, the DNR, who is behind in paying their Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) to the local governments, is taking more land off of the tax rolls by buying up more land.

In the meantime, Governor Granholm has been taking trips around the world, handing out Cool Cities money, increased her executive staff and has done nothing to curb the out-of-control cannibalization of the money taxpayers send to Lansing. Despite the Balanced Budget Amendment to the Michigan Constitution, which requires the state's appropriators to properly manage the taxpayers' money, Michigan has gone on a spending spree of catastrophic proportions.

Governor Granholm and her Democrat colleagues have gone as far as to ask each other to borrow against the huge Tobacco settlement. They want to take the tobacco money and put it into the state's spending coffers and continue to do nothing to help those affected by tobacco use.

However, the Michigan politicians want to impose a Nazi-driven control over private businesses by banning smoking in all public places, including bars and restaurants. There has been an incremental destruction of rights and liberties since 1994. But, despite numerous warnings about what would happen if the Citizens sat on their hands and did nothing to squelch the creeping controls over the industry, business, and ultimately citizens, we now find ourselves watching chunks of our liberty being destroyed.

The battle that faces the citizens of the State of Michigan and nationally goes well beyond the spending habits of an addicted government; it enters into the stratosphere of Imposition. Controls on eating, guns, free speech and the Internet are in the offing. Why?

Health care: Government vs. private By Walter E. Williams - 25 July

Sometimes the advocates of socialized medicine claim that health care is too important to be left to the market. That's why some politicians are calling for us to adopt health care systems such as those in Canada, the United Kingdom and other European nations. But the suggestion that we'd be better served with more government control doesn't even pass a simple smell test.

Do we want the government employees who run the troubled Walter Reed Army Medical Center to be in charge of our entire health care system? Or, would you like the people who deliver our mail to also deliver health care services? How would you like the people who run the motor vehicles department, the government education system, foreign intelligence and other government agencies to also run our health care system? After all, they are not motivated by the quest for profits, and that might mean they're truly wonderful, selfless, caring people.

As for me, I'd choose profit-driven people to provide my health care services, people with motives like those who deliver goods to my supermarket, deliver my overnight mail, produce my computer and software programs, assemble my car and produce a host of other goods and services that I use.

There's absolutely no mystery why our greatest complaints are in the arena of government-delivered services and the fewest in market-delivered services. In the market, there are the ruthless forces of profit, loss and bankruptcy that make producers accountable to us. In the arena

of government-delivered services, there's no such accountability. For example, government schools can go for decades delivering low-quality services, and what's the result? The people who manage it earn higher pay. It's nearly impossible to fire the incompetents. And, taxpayers, who support the service, are given higher tax bills.

Our health care system is hampered by government intervention, and the solution is not more government intervention but less. The tax treatment of health insurance, where premiums are deducted from employees' pre-tax income, explains why so many of us rely on our employers to select and pay for health insurance. Since there is a third-party payer, we have little incentive to shop around and wisely use health services.

There are "guaranteed issue" laws that require insurance companies to sell health insurance to any person seeking it. So why not wait until you're sick before purchasing insurance? Guaranteed issue laws make about as much sense as if you left your house uninsured until you had a fire, and then purchased insurance to cover the damage. Guaranteed issue laws raise insurance premiums for all. Then there are government price controls, such as the reimbursement schemes for Medicaid. As a result, an increasing number of doctors are unwilling to treat Medicaid patients.

Before we buy into single-payer health care systems like Canada's and the United King-

dom's, we might want to do a bit of research. The Vancouver, British Columbia-based Fraser Institute annually publishes "Waiting Your Turn." Its 2006 edition gives waiting times, by treatments, from a person's referral by a general practitioner to treatment by a specialist. The shortest waiting time was for oncology (4.9 weeks). The longest waiting time was for orthopedic surgery (40.3 weeks), followed by plastic surgery (35.4 weeks) and neurosurgery (31.7 weeks).

As reported in the June 28 National Center for Policy Analysis' "Daily Policy Digest," Britain's Department of Health recently acknowledged that one in eight patients waits more than a year for surgery. France's failed health care system resulted in the deaths of 13,000 people, mostly of dehydration, during the heat spell of 2003. Hospitals stopped answering the phones, and ambulance attendants told people to fend for themselves.

I don't think most Americans would like more socialized medicine in our country. By the way, I have absolutely no problem with people wanting socialism. My problem is when they want to drag me into it.

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House Democrats Fail Democracy 101 By Tom DeLay - Friday, August 3, 2007



Last night on the House floor – that sprawling, brawling arena that was like a second home to me during my 22 year career in Congress – it

seems pretty clear that a crime was perpetrated against the rule of law and the American people. A combination of arrogance and incompetence on the part of the Democrat leadership left the Rules looking like a prisoner at Abu Ghraib. Not bad for a Thursday night.

Here's how it went down. The House of Representatives, like all democratic legislatures, provides for what is called a "Motion to Recommit." It's one of the many minority rights built into the structure of the legislative process. Basically, a properly led majority party in the House – unlike in the Senate – can pass pretty much any bill it wants to. It can swat down minority amendments, or even disallow their introduction in the first place. In order to give minority members a semblance of dignity in such circumstances, they are usually permitted one more vote, before a major bill's final passage, to send the bill back to committee. A good example of this would be a budget bill: Republicans don't want to just vote against the Democrat budget, so they propose their own in the form of the motion to recommit, so at least they can have something they're for. Now, because majority parties are in control of things and presumably have competent leadership, these procedural votes are typically formalities.

Until this year. In the seven months since the Democrats took control of Congress and, as now appears evident, elected the most incompetent speaker in American history, Republicans have passed one motion to recommit after another. They have cleverly written their motions so as to make it difficult for

Democrats to cavalierly vote against them. Such was the case last night. Before the vote on the Agriculture spending bill for the next fiscal year, Republicans offered a nifty little motion to recommit so that illegal immigrants would not receive taxpayer funded government welfare. (My compliments to whoever thought that one up.)

Well, because a few of the Democrats can't afford to have an ad in their next campaign saying he wanted to give illegal immigrants federal funds, Nancy Pelosi's duct-taped majority sprung another leak. The motion to recommit, whose passage would scuttle the Democrats' bill offering taxpayer benefits to illegal immigrants, was on the verge of passage, with 215 votes in favor and 213 votes opposed. Yet another ring was about to run around Pelosi and her bumbling leadership team. Then it happened.

The presiding officer, the guy in the big chair with the gavel, was Democrat Congressman Michael McNulty, who would apparently make a compelling contestant on *Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?*, gavelled the vote closed – repeat, closed – when it was 215 to 213. Republicans win. Except when McNulty got the tally from the Clerk and realized what happened, he and the Democrat leader conspired to "correct" their mistake, after the gavel had fallen.

Angry Republicans started asking questions, primarily one beginning with the words, "what" and "the". Republican Leader John Boehner stood up and asked the same question, politely, and all McNulty said was that the "voting machine is down." (The House's electronic voting machine doesn't just "go down", incidentally: it was more likely turned off to hide the evidence of the crime.) A few minutes of strange rustlings over on the Democrat side of the dais ensued until finally Rep. McNulty spoke up again and said, "The Chair prematurely called the vote at 214-214 [a lie], while there were votes being entered [illegal]. After all the

cards [whose?] were added, the final [illegal] vote was 212 to 216, nay. Sorry suckers, it's Schlitz O'Clock!" (Okay, I added the last part.)

Except here's the thing. The vote was closed. Not open. Not ajar. Closed. The rules don't allow for McNulty's personal problem with premature e-gavel-ation. He screwed up and cost the Democrats the vote. But in Nancy Pelosi's America, votes only count when Democrats win: so she cheated, and bent a once-proud and honorable political party into an instrument of despotism. Jaw-dropping as it may sound, it's not an exaggeration to say that for a few minutes last night, the United States was not a representative democracy. Democrats came out to the floor this morning, admitted they made an honest mistake, and suggested we let bygones be bygones. That's all well and good, except for this: when a motion to recommit passes, no other votes are taken! The Agriculture bill is sent back to the House committee, not to the Senate for further action. And on top of that, the Democrats even tried to expunge the record. They're hoping the American people don't notice. In short, they think you're even less on the ball than Congressman McNulty.

(And for those of you who are trying so desperately to compare it to the Medicare vote that was held open for three hours, I give you this. The House requires a minimum of 15 minutes for a vote; however, the vote can stay open as long as needed, until the strike of the gavel when the vote is properly tallied. That early morning in 2003, we won, fair and square. Democrats had every right to find it annoying – I would have in their shoes –, but what we did was no way illegal or unruly. What's amazing is that after we took the Democrats to school for 12 years, they'd still rather cheat than learn.)

Tom DeLay is the former House Majority Leader, the second ranking leader in the United States House of Representatives, and co-author of [No Retreat, No Surrender: One American's Fight](#).

CORRECTION: Whales Blow; Michael Moore Sucks

CORRECTION: In our last publication, July 2007, in the article *Whales Blow; Michael Moore Sucks*, the following paragraph was found to be inaccurate:

There is a more regional example of what is referred to as free national health care and it's right next door in Canada where those earning more than \$50,000 (about \$41,500 US) are taxed at 50%. Those living-in and visiting Canada are charged 19% sales tax to help pay for the "free" programs.

The previous info came from data acquired in 2002, before the Canadian government was taken over by the Conservative Party. We were unable to determine the exact amount a Canadian would have to earn before paying a 50% tax, so we'll have to leave it at that.

We also found that the highest sales tax is only 16.6%; a 6% national sales tax. The Conservative Party plans to reduce the national sales tax to 5%.

Ontario levies a 1.95% Employer Health Tax on payrolls over \$400,000. Ontario also collects a health system tax for incomes over \$20,000, varying from \$300 to \$900. The province also requires citizens to purchase prescription insurance.

The income tax burden in Canada averages 31.6% for a single person. The income tax burden in the United States is only 29.1% for a single person on average. A married couple with 2 children average 21.5% and 11.9% respectively. The reduction of 5.1% for two non-aborted children in Canada isn't nearly as generous as the 17.2% reduction in the U. S.

Here in the United States, before the implementation of a national health care program on behalf of 10% of the American population, citizens are paying 6.2% Social Security tax and a 1.45% Medicare tax, both of which are matched by the employer for a total of 15.3% of every dollar earned by participating employers.

We apologize for any unsubstantiated data that we publish. We would prefer to provide our readers with facts to use in daily debates. Again, we're sorry. ~JCP

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Anger, Contempt and Loathing

Rodney King once uttered the words, "People, I just want to say, you know, can we all get along?" http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rodney_King

Recently, Zogby polled 7,590 Americans. Three percent of them approved how Congress was handling the war in Iraq. President Bush had a 24% approval rating. The headline read; *"Poll Finds Americans Lack Confidence in President Bush..."*

Although it has been suggested that journalists write at a lower level so even the reading-challenged can understand what they're reading and illiterate can understand what is being read to them, we speculate it's because journalists are actually writing and broadcasting at their highest level and ability. Most Americans are not stupid, but thanks to the media they are just ignorant.

The policies of the media initiated several generations ago may have become necessary since few people graduated the 6th grade. So why are the dumb-down journalism practices continuing today? Where the obvious problem lies is that a significant portion of the U. S. population is not able to identify personal agendas, insults, digs, innuendos and other journalistic bias.

The U. S. Census Bureau provided statistics of illiteracy in the 1920s, 30s and 40s. Their survey was of "The Civilian Noninstitutional

Population. According to the World Socialist Web Site it was suggested that in the United States illiteracy was on the rise in 1998.

The study by the National Institute for Literacy indicated that 44 million Americans are illiterate and another 50 million cannot read or comprehend at the 8th grade level.

The rise in illiteracy was suspected since Clinton was elected in 1992 by 43% of the voters because too many people voted for Ross Perot (nearly 19%) and then he was reelected in 1996 and then confirmed when the five U. S. Supreme Court justices couldn't differentiate between Public Use and Public Purpose. The average citizen on the other hand is capable of figuring out that who they elect appoint judges and that we all have to live with our poor decisions.

President Bush is no longer perceived as a conservative president. He is actually closely aligned with his dad's most favored adopted son, Bill Clinton. The policies emerging out of the White House seem to indicate that W is impervious to the will of the people and that he even has an outright disregard for the conservatives who put him in office. In the final analysis, it is not the American people who lack critical thinking skills, fortitude and honor; it's those holding office, appointed to an office, and their counterparts in the media.

The anger, contempt and loathing that is permeating America's landscape is not by any measure a progressive ideology; they are far more counterproductive.

- Mandatory breast-feeding of babies
- Banning donuts from senior citizens centers
- Banning trans-fats
- Banning smoking
- Banning spanking
- Ban holding-hands and kissing on playground
- Ban teachers from hugging a child
- Ban aspirin and other OTC meds in schools
- Require seatbelt use
- Require motorcyclists wear helmets
- Permit gay marriage
- Permit gays to adopt



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The Triangle Project Comes to Lansing

\$45 million Cop Shop to revitalize inner city Lansing By C. J. Williams



a headquarters building for MSU's campus police. Another possibility is that MSU, which is crying the blues over the lack of state funding (a.k.a. taxpayer money), might even tear the building down to make way for a 1,300-space parking lot.

Two other Lansing-area state police facilities, which are being leased for \$2 million annually with taxpayer

dollars, will move into the new headquarters building, but it will not house a necessary Emergency Operations Center, warehouse, or helicopter pad. Are taxpayers to pony up more money for those needed structures, too?

Preliminary plans for the new inner city project are for developers Joel Ferguson and Gary Granger to bid out construction on the five-story, 148,000 square-foot building that Ferguson says will cost \$39 million to erect. An additional \$6 million will be spent on new furniture.

In a deal that made very little sense, Ferguson and Granger bought the oddly shaped property from the city of Lansing about 5 years ago for \$2.18 million after then Mayor David Hollister rejected other offers of up to \$4.2 million.

At that time, the developers also managed to get another piece of property on Grand Avenue with city council approval. That chunk of land, which the city had improved to the tune of \$6.3 million, was sold to Ferguson and Granger for a cool \$2 million so they could build an 80-unit apartment building and town houses (and maybe even a doughnut shop for the cops) on it.

In a sort of rent-to-own arrangement, the State will use taxpayer money to pay the developers \$3.7 million per year in rent for 25 years, with the right to buy the white elephant with all the 25-year old furniture in it for \$1 at the end of

the lease agreement. Do the math, people, and understand how much it's costing all of us taxpayers to help revitalize inner city Lansing.

Ferguson, by the way, is Chairman of MSU's Board of Trustees and in 1967 became the first African-American elected to the Lansing City Council after making a name for himself during a period of civil unrest that same year.

He went on to become a powerful force in state and national politics and is well known for lavishing tons of money on Democrats statewide. In fact, in 2006 Ferguson gave the maximum donation possible, \$3,400, to Granholm's political campaign and also donated another \$5,000 to her leadership political action committee. In July of '07 he gave \$10,000 to the House Democrats' Leadership Fund after giving another \$10,000 to the state Democratic Party's central campaign committee in 2006.

When it comes to raking in rent-to-own money, however, he's apparently bipartisan because, you see, the rumor is that a deal was worked out with Governor Engler, too, whereby taxpayers would pay Ferguson and Granger several million dollars every year for 25 years for the House of Representatives office building.

According to Gov. Granholm, this newest taxpayer-funded project is going to provide construction jobs for 500 people during the 21 months it takes to build it. Wonderful! That means within two years there'll still be 500 people unemployed who can look forward to paying 25 years worth of rent on the Michigan State Police Headquarters that they helped build.



Last spring Governor Granholm made a decision to lay off 29 State Police officers to help resolve the state's budget crisis and ordered the law enforcement officers to cut their patrol mileage.

In order to save those jobs and keep even more families out of the ever-lengthening cheese line, the Michigan State Police Troopers Association donated \$400,000 to the state, and it appeared for a short while that all involved had kissed and made up.

Perhaps in Granholm's book "cutting to the bone" involves that sort of blackmail, but her attempt to balance the budget by hacking away at law enforcement funding has now been made even more ridiculous in light of a decision to build a new \$45 million State Police Headquarters building on a triangular piece of property in downtown Lansing so she can make good on her intention to revitalize inner cities.

The plan for the "Triangle Project" is to bring approximately 560 state police employees downtown to the northeast corner of Kalamazoo St. and Grand Ave. along the Grand River. No alternative location was considered and there was no competitive bidding on the project.

The current State Police headquarters on Michigan State University's campus is presently being leased at a cost of \$1 per year, an arrangement that's good for the next 23 years, and though it's said it's outdated and in need of repair, it's at least good enough that it's being considered as

Letter to the Editor—From Dave Kaltenbach

Being a tax and spend liberal democrat, State Representative Mike Lahti isn't evaluating the state budget situation correctly.

The democrats' solution to all problems is a tax increase. This is exactly the wrong approach. The correct approach is for government to actually cut spending.

When government raises taxes on businesses, the consumer is actually paying for all tax increases.

Michigan's over taxation and restrictive environmental laws do have an impact on development, jobs, and the economic growth in Michigan. These cause businesses to move to Indiana, Texas and other states, not overseas as Granholm stated.

Michigan's poor management has led to the highest unemployment in the nation and we're still losing more jobs.

Before raising taxes on "working" citizens and businesses in Michigan, all taxpayer-funded pro-

grams, including contracts, must be examined. First, determine if the program is necessary. Secondly, determine if the program is a duplicate program. Third, review cost overruns, fraud and if any politician's friends or relatives are benefiting from the program or contract.

Michigan was one of many states that "illegally" sued the tobacco industry and won. Michigan receives \$271 million a year starting in 1998, for 24 years. This money was to be used for "alleged" smoking related illness, but isn't.

Granholm recently appointed 5 people to a commission on Spanish speaking affairs. How many millions of taxpayer dollars for this program? Is this program needed or is it government waste?

Illegitimate children are a financial drain on taxpayer programs. The mother usually doesn't become a productive

member of society due to lack of education. The "Kids First" program is a 19-year handout to females in lieu of work just for having a child. Another taxpayer funded program that is abused.

How many millions of taxpayer dollars are spent on social services for illegal aliens?

The State of Michigan should stop supporting the acquisition of land by an international conservancy that's already purchased nearly 2.5 million acres in the UP. Property tax isn't paid on those 2.5 million acres, so the "stupid" private property taxpayer assumes more tax liability.

In Oct 2000, Michigan had a "rainy day fund" of \$1.29 BILLION. Due to poor management in Lansing this rainy day fund has now been spent.

City, county, state, or federal governments can NEVER do with less; only the "STUPID" taxpayers can.

Hate Groups Permeate U. S. Landscape

We can now add the Saudi Arabian airlines to the list of hate-groups. The airlines is now prohibiting any non-Muslim religious artifacts from their aircraft. Crucifixes, rosaries, Bibles, Stars of David and all other religious symbols and artifacts are now prohibited by the Saudi Arabia's customs.

Besides the zealots driving taxis at the M-SP airport in Minnesota, we have proponents of illegal immigration and supporters of Chinese products, which includes a majority of the vitamins available in our stores, rallying against our civil society.

The de-evolution of the US society and the all but total elimination of our progressive nature has to create a wonderment amongst those who have a copy of the Constitution of the United States of America next to their Bible or Talmud. While the ACLU proclaims a standard separating church from state, they remain quiet when it comes to protecting the rights of all Americans.

The city council in Hamtramck, Michigan recently authorized the mounting of loud speakers throughout the City to call the Muslims to prayer. It would be reasonable to allow the placement of chimes, much like the church bells used by Christians, atop of the mosques, or even have a radio station that broadcast to the Muslim community and then alerts them to engage in prayer. But loud speakers?

We here at the Yooper Scooper wonder what the reactions will be when soldiers who had been wounded in Afghanistan or Iraq all of a sudden experience violent flash-backs when they hear the Muslim chants throughout the City. There is no doubt that any protests against the Muslim's explosive (literally and figuratively) whims will be met with cease-and-desist orders, law suits and legislative action to protect the Muslims.

The Muslim hate groups are given free reign in a nation that once cherished everyone's right to religious freedom. The Mormons were one of the first religious sects to be ignored by the ACLU and other organizations. Perhaps the leading hate-group in America is the ACLU. Even though the separation of church and state is the ACLU's mantra, when the government imposes fines and imprisonment for those practicing their faith, the ACLU remains quiet and when religious freedom burdens one of their clients they use the state to decide the cases against a religion. Ironic.

While hate-groups that support unethical, immoral and illegal movements like the those forcing gay rights up our butts, advocating voting by illegal immigrants and other felons, murder of unborn children, human genome projects to help create a superior race, and euthanasia of non-productive citizens, God-fearing citizens have no voice and no representation. Even our private property is now up for grabs.

So, whom do we blame and where do we go from here to recuperate some of our lost rights, sovereignty and freedoms? It would be a waste of time to point fingers; it is far more productive to contemplate action.

The first place to affect change is to start at the beginning and work forward. Each violation of our rights and liberties had a beginning; it should now have an end.

We have been receptive to governmental trends. To our ultimate demise we have even been supportive of the "War on Drugs", allowing the government to sue tobacco companies and spending the awards and newly imposed taxes indiscriminately, the ban on "assault" weapons, fuel additive requirements, seat belt and helmet use, permanently disarming citizens for acts of ambiguous domestic violence, the prohibition of spanking children, requiring mothers to breast-feed babies, and the list goes on and on.

The Republicans had been our last great hope, but with the exception of Ron Paul, Tom Tancredo and Duncan Hunter, we have only a sense of foreboding. At the state and local levels we need candidates that have a strong, outspoken sense of both where we are and where we're heading if we don't straighten up. We may soon hear, press '2" for French, press "3" for English.

Shhhhh...it's the "U" word By C. J. Williams

An article written by Ontonagon resident Michael Genrich regarding Trans Superior Resources' interest in mining beneath national forest land southwest of Ewen along both sides of the Matchwood Tower Road (Forest Road 6930) was published in the August 1st issue of the Ontonagon Herald, roughly two weeks prior to the end of the Forest Service's public comment period.

Since not everyone subscribes to the Herald, or to the Ironwood Daily Globe in which the National Forest Service (NFS) saw fit last July to publish formal notice of Trans Superior's mining interest in part of the Ottawa National Forest, yours truly will attempt to shed a little more light on what's afoot with Trans Superior Resources in the Western U.P.'s Jacobsville Basin.

In a nutshell, Trans Superior is planning to explore ore bodies in their Matchwood Tower Road area of interest that encompasses 3,086 acres along the Ontonagon-Gogebic County border about ten miles southeast of Bergland and 15 miles northwest of Watersmeet.

Maps, including one showing involved creeks and wetlands, and a NFS scoping letter can be seen online at the first link at the end of this article. An online copy of the NFS Draft Environmental Assessment report regarding Trans Superior's exploration plan can be easily accessed through the second link. Copies of the 39-page report can also be obtained at the Ontonagon District Ranger Office.

Exploration, development, and production of mineral and energy resources and reclamation of such activities are part of the Forest Service ecosystem management responsibility. All NFS lands which (1) were formerly public domain lands subject to location and entry under the U.S. mining laws, (2) haven't been appropriated, withdrawn, or segregated from location and entry, and (3) have been or may be shown to be mineral lands, are open for prospecting for locatable, or hardrock, minerals.

To quote from the NFS scoping letter, "The minerals are reserved and outstanding to the State of Michigan and have been leased to Trans Superior Resources, Inc. Reserved mineral rights are those that are retained by a grantor in a deed conveying land to the United States and outstanding mineral rights are those owned by a party other than the surface owner at the time the surface was conveyed to the United States." In this instance, the Forest Service owns the surface rights and the State owns the mineral rights.

At present, Trans Superior is only planning to conduct exploration activities that include a geophysical survey and core drilling. If it finds anything worth mining, the company will then need to submit a plan to do so and the Forest Service will have to conduct another site-specific analysis to determine stipulations regarding everything that process would affect on the surface. Should that happen, let's hope the NFS sees fit to post notice of intent and timely information about a public comment period in more than one U.P. newspaper.

What isn't being told in any newspaper or NFS press release at this time, however, is some of the history of Trans Superior, nor is any information being given about what the company is looking for far underground, and therein lays the rub.

With all the recent hoopla over a plan for sulfide mining in the U.P.'s Yellowdog Plains, an important issue is being overlooked and it's that uranium is also a non-ferrous metal that presents far greater environmental and human health impacts than sulfide ore mining, but there are no rules on the books regarding uranium mining in Michigan.

Trans Superior Resources is owned by Bitterroot Exploration, Ltd., which issued an April 10, 2007 press release indicating that it and its joint venture partner, Cameco Corporation, had recently completed a seven-hole drilling program in Michigan's Jacobsville Basin confirming that uranium-bearing fluids have been active in that area (see third link).

Cameco, a Saskatchewan based global giant that boasts of being the world's largest low-cost uranium producer, claims it will dominate nuclear energy in the future by producing uranium fuel, no doubt some of which will come from the U.P. unless the NIMBYs ("Not In My Backyard") keep them out of Yooperland

According to Jon Nones' 4-11-07 ResourceInvestor.com online article headlined "Bitterroot and Cameco Strike Uranium at Michigan JV", Gold Stock Mining Report's editor Robert Bishop said earlier in April that "discovering any uranium in (Bitterroot's) recent drill program, however low grade, will be a major success, one that strongly implies that a uranium deposit remains to be found in close proximity" and that finding any uranium in the first drill program is significant (fourth link).

Also according to information in that article, Cameco has the option to acquire a 65% interest in all targets within Bitterroot's area of interest by incurring total expenditures of \$20,000,000 (US) over the next 14 years (originally \$23.6 million over 18 years beginning in 2003 when the deal was made). As of the date of Nones' article, Cameco had to incur expenses of \$500,000 (Canadian) before August 2007 and another \$500,000 before 2008.

Bitterroot and Cameco's deal, known as the "Great Michigan Peninsula Joint Venture", includes an area of interest of at least 784 square miles. It's a complex deal whereby Cameco is allowed to vest in various U.P. land units by spending \$1 million to \$10 million depending on the land unit.

Through the deal made, it's possible for Cameco to "sterilize" exploration on the entire package by focusing on one claim area where its vesting cost is only \$1 million. These low-cost units tend to be public lands (i.e., National Forest or State land) within an area of interest that Bitterroot didn't have title to when the deal was made. Because of this, Cameo has been eager to focus exploration

on public land that's near privately owned land where mineral rights have been obtained and/or land owned by Bitterroot's two subsidiaries, Trans Superior Resources and the Voyageur Land Corporation, which are both Michigan companies (fifth link).

According to a 2002 information report issued by Bitterroot in December '03, the corporation's mineral title interests at that time covered 100% interest in about 460 square miles of the western U.P., assets that were held by its two Michigan subsidiaries (see map at fifth link).

As of that time, Bitterroot was also leasing over 1,700 acres of mineral rights from the State of Michigan at a cost of \$3 per acre per year for the first 5 years and held prospecting permits covering about 2,100 acres of U.S. federal mineral rights in Michigan at a cost of fifty cents per acre per year (sixth link).

Since 1995, Bitterroot has been quietly acquiring and exploring gold, uranium, copper and nickel/copper/platinum element group properties through its two Michigan subsidiaries, but it would certainly appear from recent press releases that the company's interest is pretty much focused on uranium. (seventh link).

In fact, at the November 2006 meeting of the Michigan Natural Resources Commission, a Bitterroot representative told the commissioners that the company was "looking forward to moving on in the U.P. and looking for uranium". At that meeting, language was inserted into the metallic mining lease that extended such leases beyond a ten-year limit to twenty years and more. (eighth link)

When the uranium mining issue was raised at public meetings regarding sulfide mining in the Yellowdog Plains, the DEQ's response was that while "the rules should address the specifics of uranium mining", no action would be taken until uranium mining appears to be imminent, at which time the DEQ will review the rules for their adequacy to regulate such mining and determine the revisions that may be needed (ninth link).

It certainly makes one wonder if the bureaucrats at the DEQ and NRC really believe that Bitterroot and Cameco, along with several other mining exploration and mineral extraction corporations, are poking holes all over the U.P. just to burn up millions upon millions of dollars without good reason.

Personally, yours truly isn't against mining, but if it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, you can bet it's a duck, and perhaps it's time for the State of Michigan to get its ducks in a row. Not mentioning the "U" word just doesn't cut it anymore. ~CJ

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~ J. C. Powers, Editor

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What's UP? By J. C. Powers

The Department of Natural Resources has once again made a deal to purchase land for deer management. Although the deer already use the land, it has been there since the last great glacier episode, and will continue to be there, the DNR is compelled to buy land. Of course the land is taken off the tax records and the DNR can continue being delinquent on their PILT obligations to the local governments to offset the largest land baron in the State.

The DNR purchases property while failing to pay their obligations according to law. The county and city commissioners elect to turn their heads as the state grants the money in the form of community development and Cool Cities grants and purchases plane tickets for another world tour by the Granholm clan.

Every county and local government who has fallen victim to delinquent PILT money needs to take decisive action. The only course of action left to take is to auction off "state-owned" land in a tax sale. Let your courts and sheriffs take over—along with reviewing the Michigan Constitution pertaining to revenue sharing and a balanced budget.

Local and county governments have been constantly victimized by the state and by the federal governments. You can't fight them at the ballot box because morons keep electing their peers. The "superior" governments just keep dangling that money carrot. Organizations like the Michigan Townships Association (MTA) and the Michigan Association of Township Supervisors (MATS) need to shed their apathy and take a different approach.

The first order of business by local and county governments should be taking a hard and definitive look at the Michigan Constitution. By forming a state-level continental congress the local and county governments can get back their lost sovereignty. Along those same lines, the State of Michigan also needs to reclaim its lost sovereignty.

The second obligation would require the Michigan legislators to form a group of other state legislators. Collectively they should look at each Amendment of the Constitution of the United States that was ratified by the states. It should be their duty to overturn the ratification on those conflicting Amendments.

The states should repeal Amendments XVI (taxes), and XVII (Senators).

Amendment XVI should be replaced with Amendment XXVI, which mandates county and parishes to collect all taxes and send 50% to the State. The states will send 50% of the taxes they receive to the feds.

Amendment XVII should be replaced with Amendment XXVII, which goes back to appointing U. S. senators by the state legislators. Additionally, the Amendment should provide the rights of the governors to override the Congress, override a veto by 2/3s vote, allow for the impeachment of members of Congress, the judiciary and the President and/or Vice-president. The state legislators should be afforded the right to compel the governor to take action as directed by 2/3s vote.

The United States of America needs to return to its roots in Constitutionalism. There is no harbor deep enough to allow the vessels of political irreverence to dock. It's time to take back America. ~JCP