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From: Erica [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 11:47 PM
To: Rampson, Wendy
Cc: Derezinski, Tony; Gianolla Diane
Subject: a good resource

Just started poking around on this site, it seems to have a wealth of information on "Effective Approaches for Getting the Word Out to Citizens"

<http://www.mrsc.org/subjects/governance/participation/effective.aspx>

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Subject: [WBWC] Ghost Bikes

<http://www.annarbor.com/news/ghost-bikes-display-in-ypsilanti-aims-to-raise-awareness/>

As always, there's seemingly no bike-related topic that doesn't prompt comments like this (the very first one): "I see many bikers just blowing through stop signs, wearing mp3 players, texting while riding, impeding the flow of traffic, etc...It would be nice if they spent as much time and effort working on following the law as they do asking others to follow the law."

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From: Kyle V. Mazurek [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 10:53 PM
Subject: Reps. Byrnes & Warren @ Wednesday's Breakfast

Just a FYI that State Reps. Byrnes and Warren will be speaking in their state senatorial candidate capacities at the Chamber's upcoming "Morning Edition" breakfast this Wednesday.

Further details are available via
<http://www.annarborchamber.org/events/details/morningedition.html>.

Thanks,
Kyle

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Blocking Traffic		\$25	\$35	NA	\$40	\$50	\$70	\$90	\$100
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Fire Hydrant		\$25	\$35	NA	\$40	\$50	\$70	\$90	\$100
Fire Lane		\$50	\$60	NA	\$40	\$50	\$70	\$90	\$100
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U.S. Overflowing Prisons Spur Call for Reform Commission

by William Fisher

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NEW YORK - Despite the lackluster performance of so-called "blue ribbon commissions" in the United States over the years, sponsors of the latest proposal - the National Criminal Justice Commission - are optimistic that it will become a reality and that its recommendations will be taken seriously by the president, Congress and the U.S. public.

[Initial contacts with police officers are often driven by racial profiling and other racially tainted practices, and the disparities exist through the sentencing phase: African Americans routinely receive more jail time and harsher punishments. (photo by Flickr user Sirkullay)] Initial contacts with police officers are often driven by racial profiling and other racially tainted practices, and the disparities exist through the sentencing phase: African Americans routinely receive more jail time and harsher punishments. (photo by Flickr user Sirkullay) The reason, says its sponsor, Senator Jim Webb, a Democrat from Virginia, is that "America's criminal justice system has deteriorated to the point that it is a national disgrace".

He added, "We are wasting billions of dollars and diminishing millions of lives. We need to fix the system. Doing so will require a major nationwide recalculation of who goes to prison and for how long and of how we address the long-term consequences of incarceration."

Given the checkered history of blue ribbon commissions in the nation's capital, a spokesman for Sen. Webb told IPS that "with nearly 40 Democratic and Republican cosponsors, there is a strong likelihood of success".

In the past, Congressionally-appointed commissions are typically set up, staffed, complete their investigative and analytical work, make recommendations that are received by a senior official, a press release is issued, and then the commission's report is consigned to a shelf where it gathers dust.

Throughout U.S. history, there have been relatively few bodies that have gained the notoriety, media coverage, and attention from Congress and the president as the 9/11 Commission, established in the wake of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Over time, most of its recommendations were implemented. One reason was the severity of the issue - almost 3,000 deaths. Another was ongoing, well-organized, effective support from the families of the 9/11 victims.

A prison commission has none of those attributes - and prisoners can't vote. So the political incentive appears minimal.

But the issue is not. Statistics compiled by the Congressional Research Service begin to tell the story.

The United States has the highest incarceration rate on the planet - five times the world's average. A total of 2,380,000 people are now in prison. The U.S. has five percent of the world's population, but 25 percent of the world's prison population.

Minorities make up a disproportionately large share of inmates. Black males have a 32 percent chance of serving time in prison at some point in their lives; Hispanic males have a 17 percent chance; white males have a six percent chance.

African American men and boys are grossly over-represented at every stage of the judicial process. Although African Americans make up just over 12 percent of the national population, 42 percent of those currently on death row are African American.

African American women have the highest rate of incarceration among women in the U.S. - four times higher than that of white women.

Initial contacts with police officers are often driven by racial profiling and other racially tainted practices, and the disparities exist through the sentencing phase: African Americans routinely receive more jail time and harsher punishments.

Cocaine laws in particular disproportionately affect African Americans, who account for 25 percent of total crack cocaine users, yet who comprised 81 percent of those convicted of federal crack cocaine offenses in 2007.

Drug offenders in prisons and jails have increased 1200 percent since 1980. Nearly a half million persons are in federal or state prison or local jail for a drug offense, compared to an estimated 41,100 in 1980. A significant percentage of these offenders have no history of violence or high-level drug selling activity.

As a result, spending on corrections rose 127 percent at the state level while higher education expenditures rose just 21 percent.

Prisons and jails have also become holding facilities for the mentally ill. There are an estimated 350,000 men and women prisoners with serious mental disorders - four times the number in mental health hospitals.

It is against this background that Sen. Webb introduced the National Criminal Justice Act, authorizing the Commission. There has been no in-depth or comprehensive study of the entire criminal justice system since The President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration and Justice, impaneled in 1965.

A companion to the Webb bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives with bipartisan sponsorship.

The Senate Judiciary Committee has approved the proposal with strong bipartisan support. The legislation is now awaiting action by the full Senate and is pending in the House.

The Commission would carry out a comprehensive review of the criminal justice system, and make reform recommendations to improve public safety, cost-effectiveness, overall prison administration, and fairness in the implementation of the criminal justice system.

It "would also be charged with looking at how we have arrived at this convoluted mess, how many of our problems are interrelated and often feed off of one another, and how we can correct a system that is badly in need of a new course," Sen. Webb said.

Other powerful actors agree. Among them is Hilary O.

Shelton, director of the Washington Bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

In a telephone interview, Shelton told IPS, "At every stage of the criminal justice process serious problems undermine basic tenets of fairness and equity, as well as the public's expectations for safety."

"Perhaps the most glaring problem inherent in today's system is the number of racial and ethnic minorities who are disproportionately treated more harshly and more often by our nation's criminal justice system," he noted. "From initial contact to sentencing to the challenges facing those reentering the community after incarceration, racial and ethnic minorities are disproportionately represented in the number of people stopped, arrested, tried, convicted and incarcerated."

The Commission would include members appointed by the president and by federal and state politicians, as well as private sector specialists in law enforcement, criminal justice, national security, prison administration, prisoner reentry, public health, including drug addiction and mental health, victims' rights, and social services.

The bill has also been endorsed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the largest organization of police executives. Copyright (c) 2010 IPS-Inter Press Service

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1. UW-Superior Faculty Vote "Union Yes"

May 14, 2010

AFT-Wisconsin
http://www.aft-wisconsin.org/index.cfm?zone=/unionactive/view_page.cfm&page=Media

Superior, Wis.

Earlier today, faculty at the University of Wisconsin- Superior voted 75-5 in favor of union representation through The Association of UW Professionals (TAUWP), a local union affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers and AFT-Wisconsin.

The vote is first of its kind since the 2009 state budget was passed, extending collective bargaining rights to UW faculty and academic staff. While TAUWP-a non-collective bargaining union- has led organizing efforts for years on each of the UW campuses, academic staff and faculty have only been able to form collective bargaining unions since June 2009.

Bryan Kennedy, president of AFT-Wisconsin, stated that today's vote came as no surprise. "For over forty years, faculty and academic staff throughout the UW System have demanded the right to collectively bargain with the employer, a right that TAUWP/AFT-Wisconsin activists won in 2009. "Exercising this right has been a long time coming; today's historic and resounding election results substantiate that."

Marshall Johnson, a UW-Superior sociology professor, believes that the benefits of a faculty union will extend to the entire campus. "Faculty are among the most effective stewards of our campus community, and having a voice at the table will directly impact the success of our students and UW-Superior as a whole. Having an equal voice in issues such as workload will ultimately enable us to be attentive to our students' educational needs on an individual basis." According to Marshall, the faculty union will give UW-Superior a long-term advantage in recruitment and retention. "At UW-Superior, faculty pride ourselves on our tradition of academic excellence.

Having a meaningful voice in our workplace will augment that tradition by attracting and retaining top-notch faculty." With a majority of faculty having voted in favor of collective bargaining representation, contract negotiations with the employer will commence shortly.

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2. Hoffa Affirms Ouster of Teamsters Local 743 Reformers Monday May 17

http://www.inthesetimes.org/working/entry/5994/hoffa_affirms_ouster_of_teamsters_local_743_reformers/

By Kari Lydersen

It seems to be a never-ending saga.

The quintessential Chicago labor drama that hit the public consciousness after a 2004 election-rigging scheme cooked up in a pancake house now has a new chapter.

On May 14, Teamsters president Jimmy Hoffa Jr. approved the ouster of Local 743 reform president Richard Berg and secretary Virginia "Gina" Alvarez, barring them from the union for two years. Berg likely would have won the 2004 election if the old guard leadership hadn't stolen ballots and had their friends and family fill them out.

Teamsters for a Democratic Union (TDU) members Berg and Alvarez were elected to lead one of the country's biggest locals in 2007 after the Department of Labor intervened to ensure what ITT Senior Editor David Moberg called possibly the "local's first honest election."

Nonetheless the old guard fought viciously to revoke the reform slate's victory.

In 2009, former president Richard Lopez and two other employees were sentenced to federal prison for the 2004 election-rigging. Another former president, Robert Walston, was sentenced to five years in prison for trying to buy \$135,000 worth of cocaine. As part of his plea bargain, Walston filled federal agents in on the election-rigging details.

After taking office, Berg reduced his own salary by \$70,000, fulfilling a campaign promise to slash bloated officer pay. But according to a release from TDU, some of his own running mates did not appreciate this move and, he says, filed the complaints that led to his ouster in retaliation.

In January, the Joint Council 25 removed Berg and Alvarez from office and banned them from Teamster membership for five years because of improper conduct charges that stemmed largely from a procedural violation in January 2009. Berg fired and gave severance pay to an officer without official approval from the executive board. He has said he discussed the settlement with the board but they never took a formal vote.

The council also charged that Berg improperly denied two former business agents union membership under a rule that bars them for 18 months after leaving their business agent positions. The council maintained the rule should not have been applied to the two in question.

Berg says that in both situations, no one protested his actions at the time and the issues were only dredged up later - along with eight other charges later dropped - as a pretext to remove him from office.

TDU's website says:

Some officers, like VP Larry Davis, went along with the New Leadership platform when they thought it was just a campaign promise. But once they were in office, they demanded higher salaries and defended union reps who didn't do their jobs. While Berg and Alvarez are moving the local forward, they want to go backward to the old ways.

And it quotes member Maxine Norris saying:

When the New Leadership Team cut officer salaries and insisted on holding our union staff accountable, this new crew that is making the power grab complained.

They're in it for themselves--not the members. That's not what we voted for.

Berg appealed to Hoffa to overturn the council's decision. As announced May 14, Hoffa upheld the charges but reduced the ban to two years.

The 12,000-strong local, which represents mostly hospital workers including at the University of Chicago, had taken a progressive bent under the reform slate leadership. They participated in immigrants rights struggles, protested lay-offs and formed more alliances with other labor groups. Last year the local won a significant victory at SK Hand Tools where workers' health benefits were protected after a 10-week strike.

According to Fight Back! News, Hoffa agreed to the deal during a conference in Las Vegas, and local members learned of it about a week before the formal announcement. On May 9 Fight Back reported:

While the immediate impact of this is a blow to efforts to rebuild a fighting workers' movement in the Teamsters, the members of Local 743 are not likely to watch the sell-outs turn back the hands of time. At the members meeting last week, worker after worker rose from the floor to speak against threats to remove Berg and Alvarez. Black, Latino and white, workers remember what the union was like under the old gangsters, with sweetheart deals that favored management, and crummy contracts.

Chicagoans won't have to wait long for the next installment in this narrative. Local 743's next election is scheduled for fall, and TDU has vowed to run another reform slate.

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Free Kentucky's Forgotten 44

By FRANCES X. CLINES

May 14, 2010

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/05/16/opinion/16sun4.html?emc=eta1>

Most people in Kentucky are unaware that "seducing or enticing slaves to leave their lawful owners" was once such a grievous crime that scores of abolitionists suffered long years behind bars for their common-sense daring. One of them was forgotten in his cell until five years beyond the end of slavery and the Civil War.

Others emerged to tell of bleeding under the warder's lash in a "jaws of hell" torment delivered by the state as the appropriate penalty for urging blacks to find freedom.

Modern Kentucky is blessed that some citizens -- including an archivist and a public defender -- are roiled enough to be campaigning for a just postscript to that horrendous era: an official pardon for 44 abolitionists long dead and gone. The campaign is a welcome contrast to thoughtless proclamations that embarrass Old South statehouses with salutes to a Confederate history often omitting the towering facts of slavery.

"To be totally forgotten -- where nobody today even remembers their names -- it seems an incredible injustice," James Prichard, a retired state archivist, told The Lexington Herald-Leader about his research on the 44, 24 of them whites. Mr. Prichard's work inspired Rodney Barnes, the public defender in Frankfort, and Jared Schultze, a Kentucky-born college intern determined to set his state's history right. Distracted though he is by current criminality, Mr. Barnes presses for the pardons as time-defying challenges for the halls of justice.

"These people are heroes -- they did the right thing," said Mr. Barnes, laboring for this chance for Kentucky to stand tall. The office of Gov.

Steve Beshear admits to being "intrigued" and is reviewing the pardon request.

Cold cases from slavery days truly come alive in the details Mr. Prichard has gathered. Tales of Tom Johnson, "a free man of color" who fell in love with Amanda, the property of F. B. Merriman of Marion County. The freed slave was imprisoned for wooing Amanda into elopement. And the black matriarch Julett Miles, who doubled back from freedom in Ohio when she heard her enslaved family was up for resale in Kentucky. She did three years for the crime of "stealing" some of her own children. She was buried with her history, until now.

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"The first hurdle is the people who will not accept the change that's already happened." -- Joss Whedon

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East Side, West Side at Congress in Rostock, Germany

Berlin Bulletin 2010 No. 9

By Victor Grossman,

Wily media experts hunted breathlessly in the big congress hall for a split, either between delegates from East Germany and West Germany, between party currents of "Realo" realists versus "Fundi"- Fundamentalists, or maybe between personalities; just any old split weakening or even crippling this nasty young interloper which was causing so much trouble for Germany's four traditional parties.

In Rostock, a port city on the Baltic Sea, 558 delegates gathered for the second congress of the party, founded just three years ago, called Die Linke, The Left. It had been a hasty marriage; one partner was a large East German party which, in the years since it severed ties with its deceased parent, the old ruling party in East Germany's GDR, had moved into second place, sometimes first place in the five eastern states and the boroughs of East Berlin. The other far smaller partner was a mainly West German amalgam of disgruntled Social Democrats, militant union members and various leftist groups and grouplets. Under the leadership of the East's Gregor Gysi and Lothar Bisky and the West German Oskar Lafontaine, the two had joined together.

The charismatic Lafontaine from the far western state of Saarland, the Social Democratic candidate for chancellor in 1990 and its head for four years, had quit that party when it veered sharply to the right. He retired for a few years until the chance for a new party arose. In no small measure due to his popularity, this newcomer had overcome anti-GDR, anti-Communist emotions enough to win 11.6 percent of the vote in last September's nation-wide elections, placing

76 delegates in the Bundestag, more than the long-established Greens, and creating an unaccustomed, complicated five party situation. It was also able to overcome the five percent hurdle in 13 of the 16 German state legislatures thus far, most recently in the key state of North Rhine-Westphalia.

But now in Rostock the two co-presidents, in their mid-60s, bade their farewells, Lafontaine for health reasons after a cancer operation, Bisky because he is active in the European parliament and heads the European Left Party. Would the party break in two without them?

There were undeniably problems and disagreements, some based on the very different backgrounds of Westerners and Easterners (or "Wessies" and "Ossies"). Ironically, most East German leaders tend to be more reform-minded, or, as some would say, less revolutionary. The Left is already junior partner in the city-state of Berlin and in Brandenburg, the state surrounding Berlin. It just missed government leadership in Thuringia after the Social Democrats finally preferred a coalition with the Christian Democrats. Next year, after state elections in Saxony-Anhalt and Mecklenburg-West Pomerania, both in the East, The Left has good chances of joining or even heading two more government coalitions.

But such successes are also a main source of problems and disagreements. Once in government, tight budget pressures can cause The Left to take positions contradicting its own policies, like laying off government workers, reducing some social programs or continuing the open-pit

mining of lignite coal to save jobs. Some party members, mostly in the generally more militant West, look askance at such compromises and stress opposition, extra-parliamentary actions, including civil disobedience, and even a possible future general strike, now forbidden in Germany.

Suddenly, after elections a week ago in North Rhine- Westphalia, this problem also arose in a West German state. The Social Democrats and Greens could now govern there, but only with The Left and its eleven legislature seats. Will they accept such an alliance?

And if so, should The Left accept it? Social Democrats and Greens used leftwing slogans and made progressive promises in the election campaign but have been known to forget such promises when in office. This also raises a deeper question: should The Left work for reforms here and now, tacitly accepting the present social system, or rather reject any role as "doctor at the death-bed of capitalism", as such a policy was once optimistically described. These and similar questions were discussed in a surprisingly militant draft program by Lafontaine and Bisky, now up for debate in the party. Not a few in the East are very critical of its unusual militancy. That too is where the media hunters searched for splits.

Not every "Realo" loves such strong positions of Oskar Lafontaine. But his half-hour farewell speech was so analytical, vigorous and moving that he brought the house down, for many, many minutes, making it difficult for anyone to say anything against him or, more important, against his views.

Yet Oskar, as everyone calls him, attacked no one in the party. His scorn was reserved for those financial speculators largely responsible for the economic woes in Europe, the USA and elsewhere. In recent years, he claimed, they have gained such immense power that "the parliaments and governments are now no more than marionettes panting to keep up with the finance markets". He spoke of athletes honest enough to wear the names of company sponsors on their jerseys and suggested that politicians do the same. Foreign Minister Westerwelle, for example, might wear the logo of the big hotel chain which paid for much of his campaign and was rewarded by special tax treatment.

Lafontaine demanded global regulation of the financial markets, whose international nature made it impossible to solve the problem on a purely national basis. He pointed out that when he and The Left warned of the crisis well in advance they were dismissed as fools or demagogues.

Oskar spoke of the party's goal, democratic socialism, meaning an end to exploitation and oppression and as much freedom as possible for every individual, limited only where it impinged on the freedom of others. The traditions of The Left, he maintained, did not only reach back to the history of the two German states with all their differences, or to the older working class movement, but also to the slave revolts in ancient Rome, peasant uprisings in the Middle Ages, the French Revolution, the November revolution in Germany and the freedom fight in the GDR in 1989. This freedom struggle will never be ended, he stated.

He also outlined current goals of The Left: a minimum wage law, reversal of the increased pension age to 67, cancelation of laws forcing the unemployed to accept any and every job at ridiculously low wages. He called for the withdrawal of German troops from Afghanistan, saying with pride, "We are the only anti-war party in Germany!"

And like so many speakers he stressed the need to oppose Neo-Nazis wherever they showed their heads. He praised the achievements of the party in only three years, which often forced other parties to improve their programs. And he thought The Left might join coalition governments with Greens or Social Democrats, but only if they were willing to revert to their own principles, siding not with the shareholders, financiers and speculators who seize the wealth, but with the working people who create it, who must one day control their own labor. Not new words, perhaps, but daring ones.

There were other impressive speeches, especially by Gregor Gysi , who will remain leader of the party's Bundestag caucus. None of them dwelled on differences, all stressed the need for East and West members to grow, work and fight together, with a stress on the grass roots membership.

The first months of 2010 had seen difficult times for the party after both Lafontaine and Bisky announced they would resign. The vacuum needed a quick response. There had been recrimination among some leaders, including Lafontaine. Though not completely forgotten, these were now smoothed over in a conciliatory manner; all those involved got ovations. As a result of these tremors over 80 percent of the participants in a postal referendum had agreed to elect a new double leadership. This was accomplished at Rostock. One new chairperson is the universally popular Gesine Loetzsch, a Bundestag delegate from the borough of Lichtenberg in East Berlin who, with one other woman delegate, spent three isolated and discriminated years as the lone party representatives in the Bundestag. In Rostock she received 92.8 percent of the separate vote. The other chairperson is Klaus Ernst, a metal workers union leader from Bavaria, more controversial than Loetzsch, whose total was 74.9 percent, far below that of Loetzsch but well above the 60 percent he received three years ago. A third largely unknown candidate got 13.9 percent and was applauded but not elected.

For the job of managing secretary this pattern was maintained: a man from West Germany and a woman from East Germany (who had moved there from the West).

Elected as vice-chairs were a parliamentary delegate from West German Saarland and three women from East Germany, the fiery Sara Wagenknecht from the Communist Platform, Halina Wawzyniak from the reformist or Realo wing and the Dresdener Katya Kipping. A financial expert (whose father was from India) became treasurer, and the executive committee was a large mixed team, with 17 women, 17 men, and about the same East-West ratio. Election rules in The Left prescribe at least half women in elections; in the Bundestag caucus the ratio is 40 women to 36 men.

The problems and disagreements did not disappear; there is plenty to argue about in the draft program before it is voted on next year. But at the congress there was a constant call for respectful dialogue and for unity in working towards the main aims of The Left, a better life for all without war or poverty. The party defied some hopes and predictions and stayed together so the media hunters, in their persistent search for some kind of split, will have to settle this time for a banana split.

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Taking Back Homes From the Banks: Exercising the Human Right to Housing

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May has seen an upsurge in local organizations exercising their human rights to housing. Most people recognize that international human rights guarantee all humans a right to housing. With millions of homeless living in our communities and millions of empty foreclosed houses all across our communities, groups have decided to put them together.

Organizations across the US are engaging in "housing liberation" and "housing defense" to exercise their human rights to housing. Here are a few examples.

Madison

In Madison, Wisconsin, the grass-roots organization Operation Welcome Home helped Desiree Wilson, 24, a mother with small children, to move into a vacant house, hook up utilities and change the locks, according to nbc15.com in Madison. The home was vacant due to foreclosure. Bank of America owns the home now. "It's not against the law," said Ms. Wilson. "This is above the law. It's just so much bigger than me. Housing is a human right."

Operation Welcome Home held a press conference criticizing the billions of dollars in bailouts to mortgage lenders. "We're asking them to turn over the property to the community whose tax dollars are funding what they are doing." One of the spokespersons for the group, Z!Haukness, reminded people that, "Housing is a human right, no matter what income, no matter what rental history." The group plans more "liberations" of other vacant property.

A local land trust, Madison Area Community Land Trust, says if the activists convince the bank to donate the home, the trust can find the resources to turn it into affordable housing. Taking over the vacant foreclosed property is "a brave move," says Michael Carlson of the Madison trust. Carlson told the Madison Cap Times, "They're compelling the citizens of Dane County to confront the very real contradictions in the way we provide housing - massive surpluses in the market that led to a collapse in credit and simultaneously people without shelter and permanent affordable housing."

Toledo

A Toledo, Ohio, factory worker named Keith Sadler lost his home of 20 years at a foreclosure sale for \$33,000. When it came time to be evicted, Keith had had enough.

According to the toledoblade.com, he and six friends barricaded the house up to resist the foreclosure eviction. All were all members of the Toledo Foreclosure Defense League. After 5 days the house was raided by the local SWAT team and all were arrested on misdemeanor charges and released.

Portland

In Portland, Oregon, a local group, Right 2 Survive, seized control of vacant land in front of an abandoned school. They set up tents for the un-housed. "This is a celebration because we are taking our rights back," Julie McCurdy told Take Back the Land. "What we're doing is coming up with the solutions tailored for our community. We are tired of waiting for city hall to come up with revised plans and rehashed ordinances that do not meet the needs of un-housed Portlanders."

Sacramento, Philadelphia, Chicago, Atlanta

A faith-based group has been moving families into vacant homes in Sacramento. The Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign moved a family into a vacant home in Philadelphia. The Chicago Anti-eviction Campaign marched to protect a family from eviction and the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement protested auctions of family homes on the county courthouse steps of Atlanta. Other community actions across the country are expected during the rest of May.

Housing as a Human Right

Housing is a human right recognized by a number of international human rights laws. For example, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted after the Second World War, promised "Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood."

Still, the National Coalition for the Homeless estimates of the number of homeless people in the US range from 1.6 to 3.5 million.

Foreclosures are soaring. Some housing experts say 4 million foreclosures are possible in 2010. There were

3.4 million homes that got foreclosure notices, auction sale notices or bank repossessions in 2009.

In the first quarter of 2010, RealtyTrac reported there were 932,000 foreclosures. Auctions were scheduled on 369,000 homes in the same time. Banks repossessed 257,000 homes during that time

Organizations working to exercise peoples' human rights to housing include Take Back the Land and the US Human Rights Network. Both are working with local community organizations to support their campaigns.

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Obama's Flailing Wars
A Study in BP-Style "Pragmatism"

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On stage, it would be farce. In Afghanistan and Pakistan, it's bound to play out as tragedy.

Less than two months ago, Barack Obama flew into Afghanistan for six hours -- essentially to read the riot act to Afghan President Hamid Karzai, whom his ambassador had only months before termed "not an adequate strategic partner." Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Admiral Mike Mullen followed within a day to deliver his own "stern message."

While still on Air Force One, National Security Adviser James Jones offered reporters a version of the tough talk Obama was bringing with him. Karzai would later see one of Jones's comments and find it insulting. Brought to his attention as well would be a newspaper article that quoted an anonymous senior U.S. military official as saying of his half-brother, Ahmed Wali Karzai, a reputedly corrupt powerbroker in the southern city of Kandahar: "I'd like him out of there... But there's nothing that we can do unless we can link him to the insurgency, then we can put him on the [target list] and capture and kill him." This was tough talk indeed.

At the time, the media repeatedly pointed out that President Obama, unlike his predecessor, had consciously developed a standoffish relationship with Karzai. Meanwhile, both named and anonymous officials regularly castigated the Afghan president in the press for stealing an election and running a hopelessly corrupt, inefficient government that had little power outside Kabul, the capital. A previously planned Karzai visit to Washington was soon put on hold to emphasize the toughness of the new approach.

The administration was clearly intent on fighting a better version of the Afghan war with a new commander, a new plan of action, and a well-tamed Afghan president, a client head of state who would finally accept his lesser place in the greater scheme of things. A little blunt talk, some necessary threats, and the big stick of American power and money were sure to do the trick.

Meanwhile, across the border in Pakistan, the administration was in an all-carrots mood when it came to the local military and civilian leadership -- billions of dollars of carrots, in fact. Our top military and civilian officials had all but taken up residence in Islamabad. By March, for instance, Admiral Mullen had already visited the country 15 times and U.S. dollars (and promises of more) were flowing in. Meanwhile, U.S. Special Operations Forces were arriving in the country's wild borderlands to train the Pakistani Frontier Corps and

the skies were filling with CIA-directed unmanned aerial vehicles pounding those same borderlands, where the Pakistani Taliban, al-Qaeda, and other insurgent groups involved in the Afghan War were located.

In Pakistan, it was said, a crucial "strategic relationship" was being carefully cultivated. As the New York Times reported, "In March, [the Obama administration] held a high-level strategic dialogue with Pakistan's government, which officials said went a long way toward building up trust between the two sides." Trust indeed.

Skip ahead to mid-May and somehow, like so many stealthy insurgents, the carrots and sticks had crossed the poorly marked, porous border between Afghanistan and Pakistan heading in opposite directions. Last week, Karzai was in Washington being given "the red carpet treatment" as part of what was termed an Obama administration "charm offensive" and a "four-day love fest."

The president set aside a rare stretch of hours to entertain Karzai and the planeload of ministers he brought with him. At a joint news conference, Obama insisted that "perceived tensions" between the two men had been "overstated." Specific orders went out from the White House to curb public criticism of the Afghan president and give him "more public respect" as "the chief U.S. partner in the war effort."

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton assured Karzai of Washington's long-term "commitment" to his country, as did Obama and Afghan War commander General Stanley McChrystal. Praise was the order of the day.

John Kerry, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, interrupted a financial reform debate to invite Karzai onto the Senate floor where he was mobbed by senators eager to shake his hand (an honor not bestowed on a head of state since 1967). He was once again our man in Kabul. It was a stunning turnaround: a president almost without power in his own country had somehow tamed the commander-in-chief of the globe's lone superpower.

Meanwhile, Clinton, who had shepherded the Afghan president on a walk through a "private enclave" in Georgetown and hosted a "glittering reception" for him, appeared on CBS's "60 Minutes" to flay Pakistan. In the wake of an inept failed car bombing in Times Square, she had this stern message to send to the Pakistani leadership: "We want more, we expect more..."

We've made it very clear that if, heaven forbid, an attack like this that we can trace back to Pakistan were to have been successful, there would be very severe consequences." Such consequences would evidently include a halt to the flow of U.S. aid to a country in economically disastrous shape. She also accused at least some Pakistani officials of "practically harboring" Osama bin Laden. So much for the carrots.

According to the Washington Post, General McChrystal delivered a "similar message" to the chief of staff of the Pakistani Army. To back up Clinton's public threats and McChrystal's private ones, hordes of anonymous American military and civilian officials were ready to pepper reporters with leaks about the tough love that might now be in store for Pakistan. The same Post story, for instance, spoke of "some officials... weighing in favor of a far more muscular and unilateral U.S. policy. It would include a geographically expanded use of drone missile attacks in Pakistan and pressure for a stronger U.S. military presence there."

According to similar accounts, "more pointed" messages were heading for key Pakistanis and "new and stiff warnings" were being issued. Americans were said to be pushing for expanded Special Operations training programs in the Pakistani tribal areas and insisting that the Pakistani military launch a major campaign in North Waziristan, the heartland of various resistance groups including, possibly, al-Qaeda. "The element of threat" was now

in the air, according to Tariq Fatemi, a former Pakistani ambassador, while in press reports you could hear rumblings about an "internal debate" in Washington that might result in more American "boots on the ground."

Helpless Escalation

In other words, in the space of two months the Obama administration had flip-flopped when it came to who exactly was to be pressured and who reassured. A typically anonymous "former U.S. official who advises the administration on Afghan policy" caught the moment well in a comment to the Wall Street Journal. "This whole bending over backwards to show Karzai the red carpet," he told journalist Peter Spiegel, "is a result of not having had a concerted strategy for how to grapple with him."

On a larger scale, the flip-flop seemed to reflect tactical and strategic incoherence -- and not just in relation to Karzai. To all appearances, when it comes to the administration's two South Asian wars, one open, one more hidden, Obama and his top officials are flailing around. They are evidently trying whatever comes to mind in much the manner of the oil company BP as it repeatedly fails to cap a demolished oil well 5,000 feet under the waves in the Gulf of Mexico. In a sense, when it comes to Washington's ability to control the situation, Pakistan and Afghanistan might as well be 5,000 feet underwater. Like BP, Obama's officials, military and civilian, seem to be operating in the dark, using unmanned robotic vehicles. And as in the Gulf, after each new failure, the destruction only spreads.

For all the policy reviews and shuttling officials, the surging troops, extra private contractors, and new bases, Obama's wars are worsening. Lacking is any coherent regional policy or semblance of real strategy -- counterinsurgency being only a method of fighting and a set of tactics for doing so. In place of strategic coherence there is just one knee-jerk response: escalation. As unexpected events grip the Obama administration by the throat, its officials increasingly act as if further escalation were their only choice, their fated choice.

This response is eerily familiar. It permeated Washington's mentality in the Vietnam War years. In fact, one of the strangest aspects of that war was the way America's leaders -- including President Lyndon Johnson -- felt increasingly helpless and hopeless even as they committed themselves to further steps up the ladder of escalation.

We don't know what the main actors in Obama's war are feeling. We don't have their private documents or their secret taped conversations. Nonetheless, it should ring a bell when, as wars devolve, the only response Washington can imagine is further escalation.

Washington Boxed In

By just about every recent account, including new reports from the independent Government Accountability Office and the Pentagon, the U.S. mission in Afghanistan is going dreadfully, even as the Taliban insurgency gains potency and expands. This spring, preparing for his first relatively minor U.S. offensive in Marja, a Taliban-controlled area of Helmand Province, General McChrystal confidently announced that, after the insurgents were dislodged, an Afghan "government in a box" would be rolled out. From a governing point of view, however, the offensive seems to have been a fiasco. The Taliban is now reportedly re-infiltrating the area, while the governmental apparatus in that nation-building "box" has proven next to nonexistent, corrupt, and thoroughly incompetent.

Today, according to a report by the International Council on Security and Development (ICOS), the local population is far more hostile to the American effort. According to the ICOS, "61% of Afghans interviewed feel more negative about NATO forces after Operation Moshtarak than they did before the February military offensive in Marja."

As Alissa Rubin of the New York Times summed up the situation in Afghanistan more generally:

"Even as American troops clear areas of militants, they find either no government to fill the vacuum, as in Marja, or entrenched power brokers, like President Karzai's brother in Kandahar, who monopolize NATO contracts and other development projects and are resented by large portions of the population. In still other places, government officials rarely show up at work and do little to help local people, and in most places the Afghan police are incapable of providing security. Corruption, big and small, remains an overwhelming complaint."

In other words, the U.S. really doesn't have an "adequate partner," and this is all the more striking since the Taliban is by no stretch of the imagination a particularly popular movement of national resistance.

As in Vietnam, a counterinsurgency war lacking a genuine governmental partner is an oxymoron, not to speak of a recipe for disaster.

Not surprisingly, doubts about General McChrystal's war plan are reportedly spreading inside the Pentagon and in Washington, even before it's been fully launched. The major U.S. summer "operation" -- it's no longer being labeled an "offensive" -- in the Kandahar region already shows signs of "faltering" and its unpopularity is rising among an increasingly resistant local population. In addition, civilian deaths from U.S. and NATO actions are distinctly on the rise and widely unsettling to Afghans. Meanwhile, military and police forces being trained in U.S./NATO mentoring programs considered crucial to Obama's war plans are proving remarkably hapless.

McClatchy News, for example, recently reported that the new Afghan National Civil Order Police (ANCOP), a specially trained elite force brought into the Marja area and "touted as the country's best and brightest" is, according to "U.S. military strategists[,] plagued by the same problems as Afghanistan's conventional police, who are widely considered corrupt, ineffective and inept." Drug use and desertions in ANCOP have been rife.

And yet, it seems as if all that American officials can come up with, in response to the failed Times Square car bombing and the "news" that the bomber was supposedly trained in Waziristan by the Pakistani Taliban, is the demand that Pakistan allow "more of a boots-on-the-ground strategy" and more American trainers into the country. Such additional U.S. forces would serve only "as advisers and trainers, not as combat forces." So the mantra now goes reassuringly, but given the history of the Vietnam War, it's a cringe-worthy demand.

In the meantime, the Obama administration has officially widened its targeting in the CIA drone war in the Pakistani borderlands to include low-level, no-name militants. It is also ratcheting up such attacks, deeply unpopular in a country where 64% of the inhabitants, according to a recent poll, already view the United States as an "enemy" and only 9% as a "partner."

Since the Times Square incident, the CIA has specifically been striking North Waziristan, where the Pakistani army has as yet refrained from launching operations. The U.S., as the Nation's Jeremy Scahill reports, has also increased its support for the Pakistani Air Force, which will only add to the wars in the skies of that country.

All of this represents escalation of the "covert" U.S. war in Pakistan. None of it offers particular hope of success. All of it stokes enmity and undoubtedly encourages more "lone wolf" jihadis to lash out at the U.S. It's a formula for blowback, but not for victory.

BP-Style Pragmatism Goes to War

One thing can be said about the Bush administration: it had a grand strategic vision to go with its wars. Its top officials were convinced that the American military, a force they saw as unparalleled on planet Earth, would be capable of unilaterally shock-and-awing America's enemies in what they liked to call "the arc of instability" or "the Greater Middle East" (that is, the oil heartlands of the planet). Its two wars would bring not just Afghanistan and Iraq, but Iran and Syria to their knees, leaving Washington to impose a Pax Americana on the Middle East and Central Asia (in the process of which groups like Hamas and Hezbollah would be subdued and anti-American jihadism ended).

They couldn't, of course, have been more wrong, something quite apparent to the Obama team. Now, however, we have a crew in Washington who seem to have no vision, great or small, when it comes to American foreign or imperial policy, and who seem, in fact, to lack any sense of strategy at all. What they have is a set of increasingly discredited tactics and an approach that might pass for good old American see-what-works "pragmatism," but these days might more aptly be labeled "BP-style pragmatism."

The vision may be long gone, but the wars live on with their own inexorable momentum. Add into the mix American domestic politics, which could discourage any president from changing course and de-escalating a war, and you have what looks like a fatal -- and fatally expensive -- brew.

We've moved from Bush's visionary disasters to Obama's flailing wars, while the people of Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq continue to pay the price. If only we could close the curtain on this strange mix of farce and tragedy, but evidently we're still stuck in act four of a five-act nightmare.

Even as our Afghan and Pakistani wars are being sucked dry of whatever meaning might remain, the momentum is in only one direction -- toward escalation. A thousand repetitions of an al-Qaeda-must-be-destroyed mantra won't change that one bit. More escalation, unfortunately, is yet to come.

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[Note on Sources: Let me offer one of my periodic appreciative bows to several websites I rely on for crucial information and interpretation when it comes to America's wars: Juan Cole's invaluable, often incandescent, *Informed Comment* blog, *Antiwar.com* (especially Jason Ditz's remarkable daily war news summaries), the thoughtful framing and good eye of Paul Woodward at the *War in Context* website, and Katherine Tiedemann's concise, useful daily briefs of the most interesting mainstream reportage on Afghanistan and Pakistan at the *AfPak Channel* website. A special bow to historian Marilyn Young, author of the classic book *The Vietnam Wars*, who keeps me abreast of the latest thinking on all sorts of war-related subjects via her own informal information service for friends and fellow historians.]

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Subject: Re: Back Lunch OK

amy and i will not be there. AAUW lunch. see you all on May 25. mlwalz

--- On Mon, 5/17/10, Gwen Nystuen [REDACTED] wrote:

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Date: Monday, May 17, 2010, 9:27 PM

Hi All,

I am back. Please come to lunch. Too late to call I think, but we are back so lunch is fine. That is if OK with Helen and Andrea. We didn't get stuck in Amsterdam. Marianne got our email, but later she called the airline and was told we would be on a Tuesday flight. We got to Athens airport at 4:30 a.m. this morning for a 6:30 flight to Amsterdam and that flight was canceled. After some two hour or so delay we were booked on a 11:30 flight from Athens to Philadelphia, and from there to Detroit. A long day, but all fine. I called Barbara as soon as got home, but no answer and then I check email and found that I was missing. Hope to see youu.

Gwen

On 5/17/2010 3:18 PM, Barbara Bach wrote:

> Dear Tuesday's Lunch...

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> Marianne just called and said Gwen and John are delayed in Shkipold (Netherlands) because of the volcano ash ...

> SOOOOO she is NOT going to be home!! Maybe tomorrow.

> Therefore...

> can anyone else host it??? at this short notice?

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> I could but I need to make it 12:30 in order to get home from my Docent Tour (every Tuesday AM)

> SOOOOO

> Please get back to me... the food sounds toooo good.

> I could provide mango sherbet and storebouth cookies?

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> I I don't hear from everyone... but we DO have a place.... I can put a sign on Gwen's door as to where to

come.

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> Barbara

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> On May 16, 2010, at 10:45 AM, Gwen Nystuen wrote:

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>> Hello from Greece,

>> Thank you for the news on Tuesday lunch. That makes life very easy Tuesday,


>> and maybe I will even be wide awake. It did rain a bit yesterday, but over

>> all the weather has been near perfect and the sights wondrous. I look

>> forward to catching up on life in Ann Arbor.

>> Gwen

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>> On Fri, 14 May 2010 12:45:16 -0400, Helen Hill- wrote:

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>>> Dear All,

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>>> I will bring a hearty pasta salad for lunch on Tuesday and Andrea

>>> will bring a green salad. Any one for dessert?

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>>> Helen

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Subject: PACE Act
Attachments: 2009-HEBH-5640-as passed by the house.pdf

John -- here's the PACE bill (HB 5640) as passed the house.

Full info from the state legislature site is here:

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/%28S%28atatriya1onan1fh0m5rpxrq%29%29/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=2009-HB-5640>

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Okay... everyone... this is not a hoax... Gwen IS really back... so all those other arrangements can disappear if you wish.

See you tomorrow.

BBB

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Subject: A2DDA/Council Conflict of Interests

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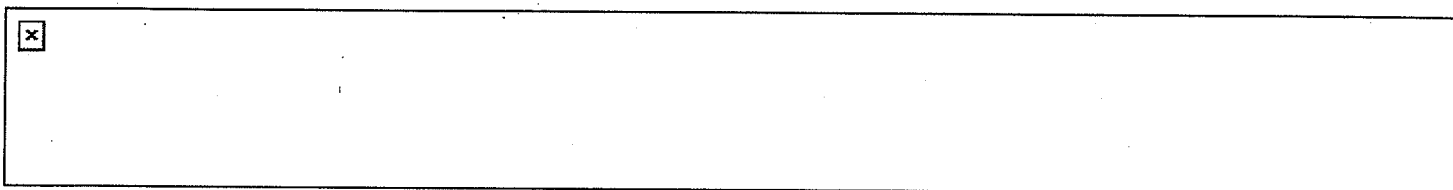
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May 17, 2010



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Lawmaker Blurs the Lines with Activism



When a Member of Congress is arrested, it's usually a scandal they try to cover up.

For Rep. Luis Gutierrez, it was a photo opportunity.

In the days leading up to a May 1 protest, the Illinois Democrat's staff carefully planned out his arrest for a misdemeanor trespassing charge, even notifying the police department of their intentions.

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Track Your Lawmakers

Along with other activists at the event, Gutierrez was trying to draw attention to a movement to overhaul federal immigration laws. But it was unusual for a sitting Member of Congress to be picked up by the police.

"I think in order to win we have to give up our own comfort and challenge the system," Gutierrez said as he reflected on his arrest a week later.

[Read more about Rep. Gutierrez and activism.](#)

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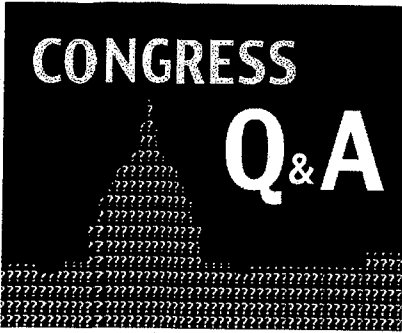
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This week's question:

"My unemployment runs out in a few weeks. I have had 73 weeks ... Is there any plan to extend that before the end of May?" — Patricia Bolles, Bronx, New York.

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Moultisas: How Polling Helps Activists



The man behind the popular liberal blog Daily Kos says

his polls are legitimate.

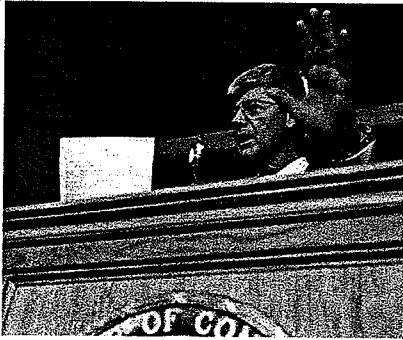
In response to a [recent Congress.org story](#) about public opinion polls being used by advocacy groups, Markos Moulitsas argued that they can be more up-to-date than surveys by traditional news media.

Moulitsas said that the news media and advocacy groups often misrepresent public opinion. He argued that polls by the Daily Kos help test the "conventional wisdom" of Beltway insiders.

In an interview conducted via e-mail, Moulitsas also talked about his website's mission, values and contribution to the political conversation.

[Read more about Moulitsas' thoughts on polling and activism.](#)

House Pro-Life Caucus on Shaky Ground



A bitter fight over the Democratic health care overhaul has left a bipartisan group of antiabortion lawmakers with poor vital signs.

Lawmakers say a dispute over whether the landmark legislation would allow federal funding of abortion seriously damaged relations among Democratic and Republican members of the House Pro-Life Caucus, once known for its ability to cross party lines.

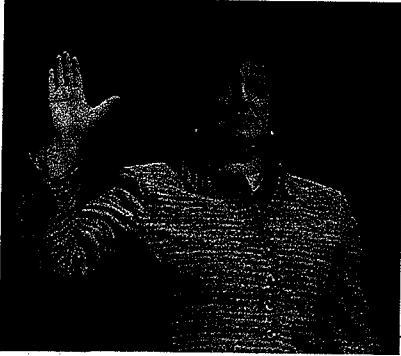
Some members say they're not sure whether the group will continue to function.

"Whether or not ... we'll continue working together, I don't know," said Rep. Steve Driehaus (D-Ohio). "I would hope so."

Driehaus, who voted for the bill, said he thinks the group's fate may rest in the hands of antiabortion groups such as National Right to Life and the Susan B. Anthony List, which have taken a strong line against the bill.

[Read more about the future of the House Pro-Life Caucus.](#)

Take a Stand: Kagan's Nomination



The Senate will soon decide whether Elena Kagan is confirmed to the Supreme Court.

Many senators have not yet said what they think of her nomination, so now is the time to write.

As a former Supreme Court law clerk to Justice Thurgood Marshall and a one-time nominee to the U.S. Court of Appeals, Kagan will be prepared for tough questions from the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Click the appropriate link below to send your letter to your senators.

Support Kagan's Nomination

Vote for Obama's nominee for the Supreme Court

Oppose Kagan's Nomination

Vote against Obama's nominee for the Supreme Court

So far, Congress.org users have sent 778 letters, with 80 percent opposing Kagan's nomination and 20 percent supporting it.

Health: States Opt Out of High-Risk Pools



At the end of April, states had their first opportunity to opt out of one of the overhaul's first major programs to help the uninsured—creating high-risk insurance pools.

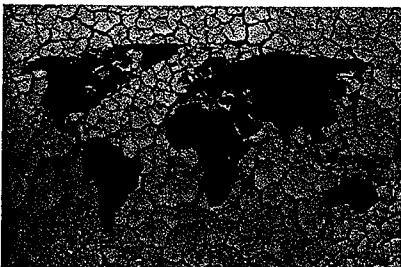
So far, at least 18 have decided not to participate, but their reasons vary. Some state officials said they think the health care bill will be declared unconstitutional, while others said they're already doing a good job helping the uninsured with existing programs.

It's not clear whether the high number of states not participating could throw any kinks in the federal plan.

By 2014, all insurance companies will have to provide insurance to citizens with pre-existing conditions, but until then each state must be able to offer temporary insurance coverage to these individuals, funded by federal dollars. The programs will go into effect July 1.

[Read more about high-risk insurance pools.](#)

Environment: Climate Bill Faces Uphill Battle



After months of negotiations and delays, the Senate finally has a climate bill to debate.

The political climate has changed quite a bit since Sens. John Kerry (D-Mass.), Joseph Lieberman (I-Conn.), and Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) began work on the legislation, a fact most apparent by Graham's absence at the bill's standing-room-only unveiling Wednesday. And the bill shy of 1,000 pages gives lawmakers a lot to debate.

At the press conference, Kerry and Lieberman framed the American Power Act as a bill that will boost jobs, create revenues to reduce the deficit and taxes, increase America's global competitiveness, and responsibly limit carbon pollution.

"We're caught today in an economic downturn that has left millions of people searching for the next new engine of growth and jobs," Kerry said, flanked by what he called a "never before seen coalition" of business executives, religious leaders, and environmentalists.

[Read more about where the climate bill stands today.](#)

The Hopper: Resolution Roundup

Members of Congress introduce resolutions on a broad array of topics.

Some are cyclical and routine, others are timely, and others support miscellaneous events, achievements and people.

Here is a sampling of recently introduced resolutions:

* [H. J. Res. 84](#), introduced on Thursday by Rep. Kurt Schrader (D-Ore.), is a joint resolution that would propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States giving Congress power to regulate campaign contributions for federal elections.

* [S. Res. 524](#), introduced on Thursday by Sen. Ted Kaufman (D-Del.), would support the goals and ideals of National Stuttering Awareness Week. The resolution was agreed to in the Senate the same day as its introduction.

* [H. Res. 1351](#), introduced on Wednesday by Pete Stark (D-Calif.), would congratulate Dallas Braden and the Oakland Athletics baseball team for pitching a perfect game against the Tampa Bay Rays on Mother's Day. Stark introduced the measure with two other California members.

* [S. Res. 523](#), introduced on Wednesday by Sen. Mary L. Landrieu (D-La.), would honor the crew members who perished aboard the off-shore oil rig, Deepwater Horizon. The resolution was agreed to in the Senate Wednesday. A similar resolution, H. Res. 1347, was introduced in the House on Tuesday.

* [H. Res. 1310](#) passed the House on May 4. The resolution, introduced by Rep. Vernon J.

Ehlers (R-Mich.), recognizes the 50th anniversary of the laser.

How They Voted

Motion to Recommit; America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010

The House voted to send this bill that would reauthorize science and technology research programs back to the House Science committee with instructions to freeze funding at fiscal 2010 levels and to only fund the bill for three years, rather than the original five. House leaders are planning to bring the measure to a vote again this week.

Vote: 292-126 in the House, 12 Not Voting

Durbin Amendment; Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2010

The Senate adopted this amendment to the financial reform bill that would require the Federal Reserve to establish rules for "reasonable and proportional" fees that credit card networks, such as Visa and Mastercard, charge to merchants. The Senate continues work on the bill this week.

Vote: 64-33, 3 Not Voting

McCain Amendment; Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2010

The Senate rejected this amendment to the financial reform bill that would have established a time frame for ending the government's support of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Vote: 43-56, 1 Not Voting

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Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 9:23 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: Last Chance! Facebook, YouTube & Twitter: Next Step to Reach & Connect with Citizens-5/26 Webinar

Dear Marcia Higgins,

Last chance. There are only 5 days left to register for:

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Wednesday, May 26, 2010- 1:00 PM ET

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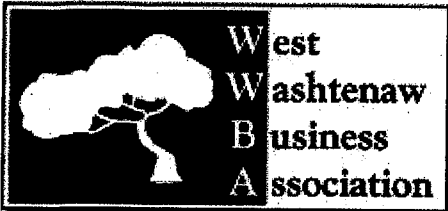
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Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 9:09 PM
To: info@wwba.biz
Subject: WWBA--Cruise Volunteers Needed! Sat. May 22
Attachments: image001.jpg



WWBA ANNOUNCEMENT

This Saturday, May 22 is the second annual Jackson Road Cruise! We are in need of volunteers for various areas.

The WWBA will have a table setup at the vendor area at Bel Mark Lanes from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. to sell t-shirts. We need volunteers for 1-2 hour blocks of time. Please contact the WWBA at info@wwba.biz if you can help.

We also need help at the various tables below. If you can help, please contact the JR Cruise Volunteer Coordinator & also WWBA member, Sue Salaniuk of The Yoga Space, at ssalaniuk@mac.com.

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Subject: FW: Successful TIGER Applications
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FYI – just wanted to make sure that you have this as you prepare for round II. By the way, excellent work last week !!

Kirk




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Best regards,
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Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 8:55 PM
To: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com
Subject: Re: [lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation] Photo gallery of the Rose-White clean up

Todd,
Thanks, the pictures turned out great. Lots of variety.
Dave

On Mon, May 17, 2010 at 8:05 PM, Nancy [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi All,

Here are pictures that Todd took at the park clean-up:

<http://gallery.me.com/todd.leff/100064>

I forgot to thank Helen for the donuts and Anne for the Coleman coolers – Thanks!!!!

I love LoBuPa too. We definitely need a logo and T-shirts. Any artistic types out there who want to take a stab at the logo?

Nancy

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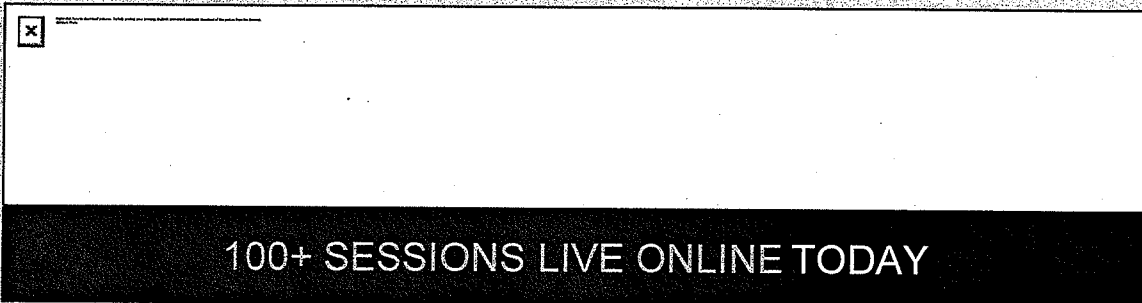
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Greenshields, Rachel

From: SAP [sap@mailsap.com]
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 8:28 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: Streaming live Tuesday, May 18: Watch SAP Co-CEO keynote

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LIVE KEYNOTE 15:30 CET/9:30 A.M. EDT/
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Dear John Hieftje,

Live today, May 18, SAP Co-CEOs Bill McDermott and Jim Hagemann Snabe discuss how aligning your IT investments can help you leverage the economic recovery to grow your business. Go to www.sapphireNOW.com and view their keynotes from Orlando and Frankfurt at 15:30 CET/9:30 a.m. EDT/9:30 p.m. SGT.

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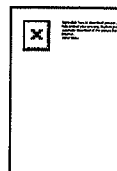
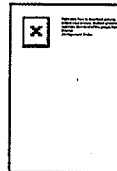
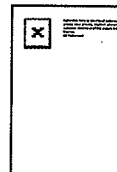
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- **"Return on Sustainability," 22:00 CET/4:00 p.m. EDT** – hear two expert opinions on how companies can identify an appropriate sustainability strategy and leverage IT to improve their operations. **Presented by:** Peter Graf, EVP and Chief Sustainability Officer, SAP, and Andrew Winston, **Co-Author of *From Green to Gold***.

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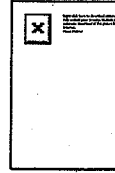
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Greenshields, Rachel

From: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 8:23 PM
To: Hohnke, Carsten
Subject: 10 days is from publication date...not Council approval

We would publish it on the Thursday following Council approval...so it would be 10 days from the Thursday after Council.

Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk

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Greenshields, Rachel

From: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com on behalf of Nancy
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 8:06 PM
To: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com
Subject: [lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation] Photo gallery of the Rose-White clean up

Hi All,

Here are pictures that Todd took at the park clean-up:

<http://gallery.me.com/todd.leff/100064>

I forgot to thank Helen for the donuts and Anne for the Coleman coolers Thanks!!!!

I love LoBuPa too. We definitely need a logo and T-shirts. Any artistic types out there who want to take a stab at the logo?

Nancy

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From: Rapundalo, Stephen
To: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 7:49 PM
Subject: Read: Communication regarding Police and Fire budget

Your message

To: Anglin, Mike; Beaudry, Jacqueline; Bowden (King), Anissa; Briere, Sabra; Dempkowski, Angela A; Derezinski, Tony; Fraser, Roger; Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; Hohnke, Carsten; Kunselman, Stephen; Postema, Stephen; Rapundalo, Stephen; Satterlee, Joanna; Schopieray, Christine; Smith, Sandi; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Teall, Margie; Wondrash, Lisa
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Greenshields, Rachel

From: Performance Network Theatre [chelsea@performancenetwork.org]
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 7:45 PM
To: Smith, Sandi
Subject: E-blast: BETTIN' ON BROADWAY, the 2010 Tony Party

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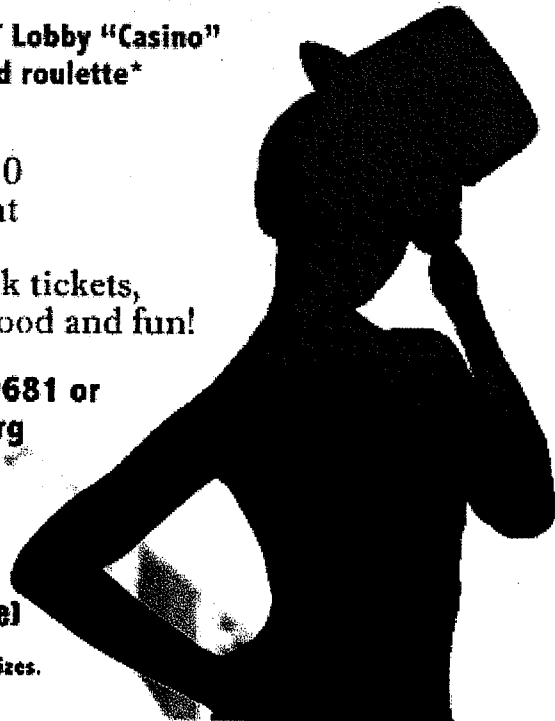
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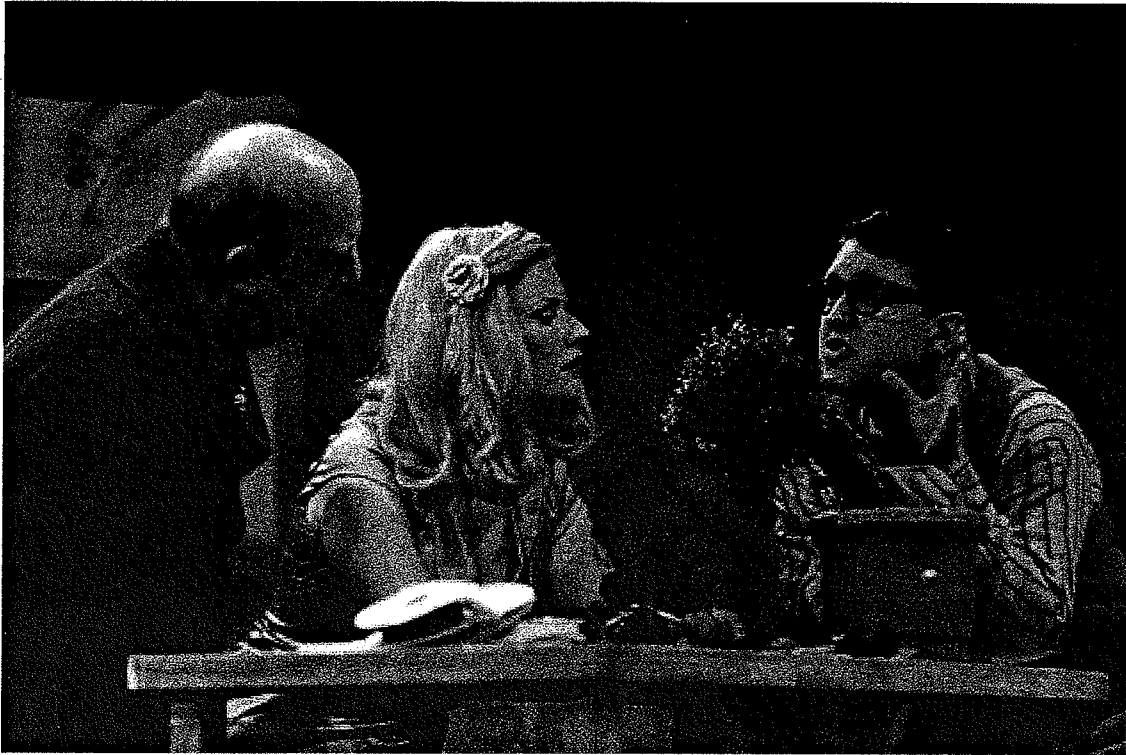
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Greenshields, Rachel

From: Meg Crawley [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 7:38 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: Re: FW: [lowerburnsparkneighborassociation] Rose White Park Beautification

Thanks for helping us out on Saturday, and for facilitating the clean up of the brush by the curb. I'll let you know if it's still there next week. I hope we do this again next year.

Meg

On Mon, May 17, 2010 at 5:43 PM, Teall, Margie <MTeall@a2gov.org> wrote:

To Allmendinger and Rose White neighbors. I certainly enjoyed working with you at our parks last Saturday, and the City has certainly benefitted from your extraordinary efforts! Please let me know if the brush isn't picked up this week. (There were some questions on Saturday about how this was going to happen.) Thanks for all of your work!

-Margie Teall

From: Frenzel, Jason
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 4:55 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: [lowerburnsparkneighborassociation] Rose White Park Beautification

Thanks for the kudos Margie!

We'll certainly be cleaning up the brush ASAP!

Best, ~Jason

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Saturday, May 15, 2010 1:10 PM
To: Frenzel, Jason; Smith, Colin; McCormick, Sue
Cc: Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; Fraser, Roger
Subject: FW: [lowerburnsparkneighborassociation] Rose White Park Beautification

Hi Folks:

We had great crews out at both Rose White and Allmendinger Parks today. Both neighborhoods worked very hard and did a lot of cleaning out of overgrown brush and trees. As a result, there are piles of branches out on the streets and lawn extensions, surrounding Allmendinger Park, and on Rose Street. I think they were under the assumption that these piles would be picked up and ground by the city. I hope this is correct, and that it can be taken care of at these and other participating parks. Thanks.

-Margie

From: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com
[mailto:lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com] **On Behalf Of** [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 15, 2010 12:53 PM
To: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com
Subject: [lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation] Rose White Park Beautification

All,

Thank you to everyone who participated today in the Rose White Park clean up! At one point we had over 40 people from the neighborhood at the park working and the park looks fantastic! Again thanks to everyone for helping today and a special thanks to Chris for organizing this and for all the work he does throughout the year in maintaining the park.

Graydon

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Greenshields, Rachel

From: Crawford, Tom
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 7:12 PM
To: Smith, Sandi
Subject: RE: Street Lighting Services as GF expense.docx

Sandi – I sent all of council a separate email with language which will work if Amendment #3 passes. If it doesn't pass you could use the language below:

Amendment 8 –

Increase the General Fund Expenditure Budget for maintaining existing Street Lighting Services.

Whereas, The City Administrator's recommended budget included a reduction for de-energizing certain lighting on DTE poles, and the cost of restoring those would be \$120,000;

Whereas, De-energizing certain light poles will cause confusion to the general public in reporting bulb outages, and may diminish a pedestrian's feeling of safety at night;

RESOLVED, That the plan to de-energize certain lighting on DTE poles be abandoned; and

RESOLVED, That the expenditure budget in the General Fund Public Services Field Operations unit be increased by \$120,000 and the source of funds for this change be an increase in revenues from the General Fund Use of Fund Balance from recurring revenue identified in amendment #1.

Sponsored by: Council Member Smith

From: Smith, Sandi
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 7:00 PM
To: Crawford, Tom
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If no surplus is left, is this OK?

Sandi Smith
Ann Arbor City Council
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