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Back in 1993, the people of Wisconsin definitely and emphatically said no, in the form of a binding referendum, to any further expansion of gambling in Wisconsin. That was quite a while ago, so the proponents of gambling are probably hoping that this is forgotten and can be ignored. As of press time, at least 4 different casinos are now in the works. The voice of the people in '93 has thus far been completely ignored.

In a July 28, 2000, letter to PARR, Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson assured us that "No new Casinos" would surface without the shut-down of a casino by the tribe involved. Seems this letter was sent while he was negotiating in private with the Menominee Tribe for a second mega-casino in Kenosha.

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## No-New-Casinos Tommy!

*(By Bob Manzke)*

As a reward for spending a lifetime on vacation, e.g., hunting & fishing while the majority of people (over 99%) worked hard and paid the taxes that fed and housed our vacationing red brothers, they again are being rewarded by being elevated to another new level of supercitizenship. The higher on the dole you get, the higher the rank you achieve, that's the way liberalism works.

The current elevation being referred to here is allowing the tribes to procure parcels of property, and then taking them off the tax rolls by turning them into satellite reservations. This is all done with the intention of creating mega-casinos. Satellite reservations apparently are in conflict with the intent of the 1988 Indian Gaming Act. Wonder why this is being ignored in all these negotiations?

Milwaukee's own tribe of supercitizens the Potawatomi found out recently what it feels like to be stepped on like a bug by a group that's achieved a higher level of supercitizenship than they. This reality dropped on the Potawatomi recently when Gov. Tommy Thompson cut a secret deal with the Menominee tribe that opens the door for a massive casino in Kenosha while keeping financial information about the operation under wraps.

The Potawatomi tribe, which is afraid its newly expanded Milwaukee casino could be devastated by a Kenosha competitor, was blindsided by the secret deal. "All I can say from what I've seen is, we're shocked and we're trying to evaluate it," said Jeffrey Crawford, spokesman for the Potawatomi.

Here's exactly what the Menominee and the Chicago-Kenosha investor group financing this \$200 million casino complex won after sitting down at the table with Thompson: The ability to put 60

blackjack tables, plus thousands of slot and video poker games, in the converted Dariyland Park dog track. And, if the tribe finds itself at a competitive disadvantage with a nearby Illinois casino that offers more games, the state promises to negotiate with the tribe so it could add those games to Kenosha.

Isn't there a riverboat casino in Elgin, Ill., where gamblers can lose money playing craps, roulette, poker and baccarat? Doesn't that mean that a Kenosha casino would be at competitive disadvantage the day it opens its doors?

Thompson has negotiated 22 compacts - twice with each of the 11 tribes that have Wisconsin casinos - but the scope and proposed terms of the Kenosha deal are unusual in several ways. For example, Thompson said, it includes "certain things I wanted" in other state-tribal deals, concessions "we've never been able to get before." According to Thompson, those concessions include giving up the false concept of sovereign immunity. That means vendors and others selling services to the tribe at the Kenosha casino could sue the tribe in local courts for breach of contract or other problems.

"No tribe would ever give (sovereign immunity) up," Thompson said "The Menominee have, on this (site)." Paying the state 8% of casino profits - much more than the 3% called for in other state-tribe deals, but, in the case of the Kenosha casino, no less than \$20 million a year. "We wanted a huge amount of money - a minimum of \$20 million, but at least 8 percent of net revenues (and) a guaranteed floor of \$20 million," Thompson said. "All the other compacts together total \$21 million, so this one compact is more than the others combined."

Giving the state the right to sue casino operators "for \$50,000 minimum (and) up to \$200,000 for violations, which we haven't been able to get done in any of the other compacts." Allowing state gaming regulators to shut down the Kenosha casino if it violates the compact. "We've never been able to get that in any of the other compacts," Thompson said. "We'd have to wait until the (compact) is up."

Attorney General James Doyle, who will be running for governor as a Democrat next election, condemned the deal, warning that it will expand gambling in the state, and again called on federal officials to reconsider their approval of the compact.

"By changing the contract in secret, the governor has set the stage to allow poker, roulette, craps, baccarat, dog-track betting and has opened the door to raise the stakes on the level of bets that can be made," Doyle said.

And despite Thompson's strong statements that he won't allow those new games, Doyle said there is little doubt the deal will result in expanded gambling.

"When the governor says that he still retains final approval of such an expansion, he is only kidding himself," Doyle said.

Part of the agreement states that if a Kenosha casino opens; it could offer blackjack and slot machines just like all the other Wisconsin tribal casinos as well as a keno-like game and dog racing. It also outlines procedures for adding games such as craps and roulette, which aren't allowed in other tribal casinos.

Since most of the 11 other Wisconsin tribes have a "me too" clause that allows them to seek a deal that a competing tribe receives; Doyle predicted an explosion in off-reservation gambling.

"If you say 'yes' to Kenosha, you have to say 'yes' to Hudson and Kaukauna," said Doyle, referring to efforts by other tribes to open casinos at Wisconsin dog tracks. "The governor has opened a door I don't know how you can shut."

At least one other tribe said it plans to seek a similar agreement. Henry "Butch" St. Germaine Sr., chairman of the Lac du Flambeau Chippewa tribe, which has proposed several casinos throughout Wisconsin, said if Thompson allows the Menominee to offer craps and roulette, his tribe wants the same thing.

"If that is the case," St. Germaine said of Thompson's agreement with the Menominee, "I sure believe our tribe would like to have the same deal."

**PARR ED. NOTE:** The above statement about the 1988, Indian Gaming Regulatory Act can be further clarified by the following sentence from the actual act. "This act seeks to limit the amount of land which can be acquired in this manner and remain eligible for gambling activities. Certain exceptions are made, but generally no newly acquired Indian Land can be used for gaming purposes."

Furthermore, it certainly appears that Governor Tommy Thompson has surrendered to the lure of money. His actions in the past few months sure are in contradiction to his statement to PARR in the following letter.

Dear Mr. Manzke:

Thank you for your letter regarding off reservation gaming. I appreciate the time you took to contact my office.

I understand your concerns regarding off reservation gaming. In a 1993 referendum, the residents of Wisconsin made it clear they did not support an expansion of gaming.

I will not consider allowing an expansion of off reservation gaming until there is clear local support. Before I would discuss such a proposal with local or tribal leaders, the county board and the city council or other appropriate unit of local government must pass a resolution in favor of the project. If after passage of such resolutions the community still appears divided over the issue, a local referendum may be necessary to measure local support. **Furthermore, an existing casino site must close before a new casino may begin operation.** (Emphasis PARR's) It is also vitally important the tribal leaders have agreements to pay for services provided by local governments. Thank you again for taking the time to contact my office.

Sincerely, TOMMY G. THOMPSON Governor.

As you just read, Wisconsin Attorney General James Doyle was very critical of Governor Thompson's actions. So PARR sought more illumination on the Attorney General's position on New Casinos. Conse-

quently, on 7/22/00, PARR Chairman Greg Graunke sent the following letter to Wisconsin's Attorney General James Doyle: Dear Mr. Doyle:

PARR is requesting a legal opinion, or an explanation, as to how Governor Thompson is continuing to negotiate with various Indian tribes on new gambling contracts! Wisconsin had a state referendum that stated there would be **NO** expansion of gambling. Equally Yours, Greg Graunke Chair PARR.

This request was made again 9/16/00, and again on 11/7/00. As of press time, Mr. Doyle has seen fit to ignore our request. Seems strange for Mr. Doyle who has strong ties with Indian tribes, especially the Navajo, to be so adamantly opposed to expanded Indian Gambling. It would be refreshing, if in fact, he were actually aligned with law.

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## THE U.S. CONSTITUTION..

(By Victor Bellomy)



Bellomy

We need to study and actively practice our citizenship and constitutional rights in direct proportion to the aggressive activities of Tribal Government's efforts to:

1. Control and govern non-Indian persons, businesses and properties;
2. Control electrical utility with no public oversight or voice of non-Indians;
3. Control water quality and usage.

Regarding citizen rights on these reservations - - If we snooze, we lose! - period! And should agree with principles more consistent with the U.S. Constitution:

First, we should STOP referring to these Indian governments as "sovereign" because they are not. Tribal governments are dependent, non-democratic government entities, on land reserved for Native Americans that is held in trust by the United States. The key here is that the land is OWNED and held in TRUST by the United States...It is not "foreign" or "sovereign" soil.

Second we should STOP identifying any Indian Reservation as "Indian Nations" because they are "NOT Nations" according to our Constitution. The term "nation" probably assists these Tribal Councils in their effort to enter the global marketplace, but every enrolled tribal member is FIRST, a U.S. citizen, as of 1924. Self-determination and self-government is a right conveyed by Congress to tribes by the U.S. government, and is practiced on lands held in trust by the U.S. government.

Next we should NOT consider the entire reservation "Indian Country" because it is not. Only tribal trust properties are "Indian Country." Municipalities of predominantly non-Indian populations, and fee-simple lands within boundaries of Indian reservations are NOT "Indian Country."

Finally we should respect and consider all Native  
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Americans as fellow U.S. citizens, as responsible for compliance with U.S., State and local laws as are all citizens - and EQUAL in rights, NOT "Special," based upon race alone.

**Article IV** of the U.S. Constitution has two particularly important sections that we should be seriously studying and discussing with our local and state elected officials:

**Article IV, Section 3 states:** "New States may be admitted by the Congress into this Union; but no new State shall be formed or erected within the Jurisdiction of any other State; nor any State be formed by the Junction of two or more States, or Parts of States, without the Consent of the Legislatures of the States concerned as well as of the Congress." Recently, the EPA has granted "state status" to many tribes in Wyoming, and in other states as well, an order that the tribes can control air quality over its entire reservation. We understand that other Indians are pursuing "state" status [such as in those here in Wisconsin] from the EPA to fully control water quality upon its reservation. We citizens should be very concerned that an administrative federal agency, such as EPA, has somehow been given the power to designate "state status" within a State, in direct violation of the U.S. Constitution.

**Article IV, Section 4 states:** "The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion; and on Application of the Legislature, or of the Executive (when the Legislature cannot be convened) against domestic Violence." Tribal governments located within the boundaries of any state are NOT "republican forms of government" and ARE an invasion of the State's rights respecting land, water and rightful state government activity, in direct violation of this section of the U.S. Constitution. There's much more, even more distressing violations of the U.S. Constitution inflicted upon States and citizens of states by our Federal government, but these two sections are enough to digest for now.

FINAL THOUGHTS, It's one thing to jump into a parade, or help man a booth, or attend a community event. It's **ANOTHER** thing to make a serious commitment to begin actively practicing our citizenship. It is the very lack of practice of citizenship that has allowed Federal Agencies, Federal Policies and elected officials to run completely amok over the land, property and personal rights of U.S. citizens. It can't be just an occasional fun thing to do, and to be a great bunch of cheerleaders. We must become students, spokesmen and statesmen actively expressing and practicing our American government rights provided by the U.S. Constitution. Sometimes this is not fun, most of the time it's very time-consuming and hard-work, and quite often it's unpopular and comes with personal risk. But what is our alternative? Is there a better country to live in? Is it all right to be a U.S. citizen

governed entirely by a race-based tribal council? The answer to **Whose Land Is It Anyway?** - is entirely up to each of us. And truly, if we snooze, we lose. We're not a group of "sissies!" We're evolving as a voice to preserve and protect appropriate local rights, and to merge our voice with a national dialogue building across the nation with hundreds of groups of US Citizens across this land.

**PARR ED. NOTE:** The Indian Reorganization Act of the early 1930s defines Indian Tribes as Corporations.

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## **Chairman Graunke's Mind Boggler**

(By Greg Graunke)

Back in the spring of 2000, I sent a letter to our state senators in Washington; the following will explain the theme of the letter; following that is the reply I received from Senator Kohl in August. Either this is old stuff from years ago or something is going on that we aren't aware of.

*Dear Senators Kohl and Feingold,  
It has been brought to PARR's attention that certain Indians on reservations are receiving federal grants for housing, up to \$60,000.00, and if they continue to live in the homes for 15 years the grant does not have to be paid back. This would seem rather preposterous but stranger things have happened, such as .8% of 1% of the population getting a so-called 50% of the fish in a lake or having unregulated spearing of musky. Although it would seem at first that the housing grants and so called treaty rights have nothing in common. However, one of the conditions of the super rights enjoyed by Indians is subsistence hunting and fishing. (\$20,000 a year's worth). This would lead one to believe that perhaps the various bands have enough subsistence in the form of government handouts that the rest of the taxpayers do not get, but have to pay for. If your office could shed any light on this subject it would be appreciated and if that is not possible could you direct me to the person who knows of the details. Thank you!*

Dear Mr. Graunke:  
Thank you for your letter on the Indian Treaty Rights situation. I appreciate having your comments. Obviously, no one is happy about this situation. The conflict surrounding Indian fishing rights has been ugly and, so far at least, unproductive despite all the demonstrations and discussions, we do not appear to be any closer to finally resolving this dispute. With frustrations growing on both sides, I fully understand the desire for quick action. I share that desire. But the only way we are going to move ahead is if we develop a package which protects the legitimate rights and interests of all parties. In that context, abrogating the existing Treaties is simply not a viable option. Abrogation would, on its face, take away from the tribes certain, currently held rights without providing any off-

setting compensation. Even if it was desirable option, opposition to abrogation makes it impossible to accomplish quickly. But there is another alternative.

As a matter of law and history, most disputes about treaty rights are resolved through negotiations between the affected states and tribes. That is precisely what ought to be done in Wisconsin. And indeed there have been negotiations between the state and the tribe and some progress has been made - not as much as we need, not as quickly as we want, but progress has been made. I believe that we need to allow those negotiations to continue and, as they continue, all parties ought to show restraint no action ought to be taken by either side to inflame an already volatile situation.

While the primary responsibility for resolving this issue rests with the state, the federal government has a role as well. Recently, along with virtually every member of the Wisconsin Congressional delegation, I introduced legislation designed to help the Indians and the State reach a negotiated solution. Essentially, this legislation makes it clear that the federal government should, and would, be willing to take responsibility for funding a substantial portion of any "buy-out" of Indian fishing rights that might be included in a comprehensive agreement. I hope that this promise of federal support will encourage negotiations and reduce the financial burden that an agreement might impose on the state.

In closing, let me simply indicate that I understand your concerns and will do everything I can to support the state as it seeks to discharge its primary obligation to negotiate an end to this dispute.

Again, thank you for contacting me. I appreciate knowing your thoughts on this issue.

Sincerely, Herb Kohl U.S Senator.

**PARR ED. NOTE:** So, there you are, folks; does this letter have any substance or is it just election year rhetoric? Apparently mostly rhetoric, because our question about the \$60,000 grant was artfully dodged, and then in his letter, Kohl makes the following statement: "As a matter of law and history, most disputes about treaty rights are resolved through negotiations between the affected states and tribes." That's what Kohl says. Here's what the U.S. Constitution, Article 1, Section 8, says: "The Congress shall have power...to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes."

Well, now who's right, Kohl or the Constitution? In fact, Kohl and cohorts have used the Commerce clause to control so much of our lives that the tenth Amendment to the Constitution has become known as the "forgotten Amendment." Anybody got an extra copy of the Constitution that they can send to Herbie?

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## **Woods Workers are Uneducated Bumbling Buffoons...USFS!**

(By Don Barker, National Chair / Northeast Regional Director Pulp and Paperworkers Resource Council & Cheryl Russell, Executive Director American Loggers Council)  
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### Pulp & Paperworkers Resource Council & American Loggers Council Joint Resolution in Response to the United States Forest Service Roadless Area Conservation Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Whereas, the Pulp and Paperworkers Resource Council (PPRC) and the American Loggers Council (ALC) representing over 400,000 skilled mill workers and professional timber harvesters nationwide, take great offense to the tone conveyed in portions of the Roadless Area Conservation Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

Whereas, in the section, Social Effects Related to Timber Harvest (page 3-190) the USFS displays a patronizing and elitist attitude toward forestry workers and the communities where they reside. Not only does the Administration label us as uneducated, migrant, poor, divorce-prone, apathetic to our jobs and the communities, but also they wrongly conclude that stable zero harvest levels would be best for American workers and rural communities.

Whereas, it is grossly arrogant for the Forest Service to imply that mill and forestry workers would prefer any "reliable" Forest Service policies to their job security. For the Administration to conclude that we are "uneducated and unstable" and that we will adjust and find another job on our "route to a middle class life style" is deplorable. We depend on timber harvesting for our economic stability and to remove such jobs would only exacerbate the conditions that plague some of our communities, including the health of our forests. Therefore, absent reliable information supporting their social effect commentary, the USFS should remove such unfair statements from the final draft and issue a public apology to avoid undermining an already tenuous relationship between the Forest Service and those most affected by the road less initiative. Those responsible for this poorly prepared section should be censured for poor workmanship and reduced in grade. The USFS should create and mandate ongoing training for all USFS personnel in communication skills and respectful relationships with taxpayers.

The USFS should hold annual workshops and field tours in each region and USFS personnel would learn exactly the crucial role skilled mill workers and professional loggers provide to America's economic viability and the health of our forests. The USFS should host an annual national symposium on Forest and Community Health with the Pulp and Paper Resource Council and The American Loggers Council.

Chief Dombek should personally take the lead in recognizing that it takes skilled, professional forest workers harvesting the taxpayer's forest to ensure a healthy forest for all Americans.

**PARR ED. NOTE:** The folks in the previous article are annoyed by the United States Forest Service's  
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arrogance. PARR is not astonished by Federal Government arrogance; for the past eight years the present administration brought you flagrant acts of arrogance ranging from massive land grabs and high energy prices to Ruby Ridge and Waco.

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### Private Property Given to Tribes

(By Bob Manzke)



Manzke

Springstead- Sherman Town Chairman Bill Lindsay told residents attending a town meeting Tuesday, Aug 8, that the town will lose revenue from the DNR's transfer to Lac du Flambeau tribal ownership of 40 acres that was part of a 5000 acre purchase by the DNR. "I can't figure out how the state can buy

land with tax dollars and give it to the Indians, effectively taking it off the tax rolls" Lindsay said. He said something similar happened in the Saxon area, where he said about 900 acres is to be given to the Bad River Tribe. He said the DNR's actions generated a protest movement in the Saxon area.

**PARR ED NOTE:** This is a sad commentary on just how far out of control many bureaucracies have spun.

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### ISSUE ITEM

ALBUQUERQUE -- A federal judge who sentenced a convicted perjurer to one year in prison instead of the recommended five said he based his decision partly on the fact that President Clinton asked for leniency when facing perjury charges.

Chief U.S. District Judge James Parker told prosecutors it seemed "terribly unfair" that the Department of Justice was trying to "pillorize" Ruben Renteria Sr. when Clinton was asking for leniency, according to the Albuquerque Journal.

Clinton was found in contempt of court and fined \$90,000 by a federal judge in Arkansas for lying about his affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case. A state court panel has recommended he be disbarred.

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Following is a breakdown of votes for the candidates in the recent presidential election. These figures are quite interesting, the only thing Gore won was the high crime cities with large minority "victim" populations.

The population of counties won by Gore: 127 million

The population of counties won by Bush: 143 million

The square miles of countries won by Gore: 580,000

The square miles of countries won by Bush: 2,427,000

The states won by Gore: 20

The states won by Bush: 30

The average Murders per 100,000 residents in counties won by Gore: 13.2.

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The average Murders per 100,000 residents in counties won by Bush: 2.1.

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**ISSUE ITEM**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed that 189 miles of Great Lakes shoreline be set aside as critical habitat for the piping plover. The approximately 7-inch-long, pale-colored bird with a distinctive "piping" melodic mating call would have protected coastline for breeding in Wisconsin, that would include stretches of beach in Manitowoc County along Lake Michigan, in Marinette and Oconto counties along Green Bay and in Ashland and Douglas counties along Lake Superior.

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**ISSUE ITEM**

Overriding objections from top National Park Service (NPS) officials, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt has ordered promulgation of a special rule to allow removal of golden eaglets from a national monument in Arizona, according to documents released today by Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER). This unprecedented special order, ending the status of national parks as wildlife sanctuaries, was held for release in mid-November, after the presidential election.

The special order would allow the Hopi tribe to take golden eaglets from the Wupatki National Monument for purposes of ritual sacrifice. While the wording of the order is limited to Wupatki, the rationale cited in the proposed rule would justify opening any unit of the National Park System to hunting by Native Americans. Now we understand why Clinton has established so many National Monuments...To provide private hunting areas for Indians, as a payoff for political support \$\$\$, no doubt.

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**GUN BAN RESULTS IN TRAGIC DEATHS**

BOSTON. - National Guard units seeking to confiscate a cache of recently banned assault rifles were ambushed on April 19th by elements of a paramilitary extremist faction... Military and law enforcement officials estimates that 72 were killed and more than 200 injured before government forces were compelled to withdraw.

Speaking after the clash, Massachusetts Governor Thomas Gage declared that the extremist faction, which was made up of local citizens, has links to the radical right-wing tax protest movement.

Gage blamed the extremist for recent incidents of vandalism directed against the internal revenue offices. The governor, who described the group as "criminals", issued an executive order authorizing the summary arrests of any individual who has interfered with the government's efforts to secure law and order.

The military raid on the extremist arsenal followed widespread refusal by local citizenry to turn over recently outlawed assault weapons. Gage issued a ban on military-style assault weapons and ammunition earlier in the week ... This decision followed a meeting earlier this month between government and military leaders at which the government authorized the forcible confiscation of illegal arms.

One government official, speaking on condition of anonymity, pointed out that none of these people would have been killed had the extremist obeyed the law and turned over their weapons voluntarily. Government troops initially succeeded in confiscating a large supply of outlawed weapons and ammunitions...However, troops attempting to seize arms and ammunition in Lexington met with resistance from heavily-armed extremists who, had been tipped-off regarding the government's plan.

During a tense standoff in Lexington's Town Park, National Guard Colonel Francis Smith, commander of the government operation, ordered the armed group to surrender and return to their homes. The impasse was broken by a single shot, which was reportedly fired by one of the right wing extremists.

Eight civilians were killed in the ensuing exchange. Ironically, the local citizenry blamed the government forces rather than the extremists for the civilian deaths. Before order could be restored, armed citizens from surrounding areas had descended upon the armed guard units. Colonel Smith, finding his forces overmatched by the armed mob, ordered a retreat...

Governor Gage has called upon the citizenry to support the state/national joint task force in its effort to restore law and order... The governor has also demanded the surrender of those responsible for planning and leading the attack against the government forces that had been identified as "ringleaders" of the extreme faction. OH, I forgot to mention the date which was April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1775. This was the start of the American Revolution. Thanks to New American magazine, where we first saw this and to George Schwapach, who reminded us of it (author unknown).

Unfortunately, if you go back in history you will find that both Hitler, Stalin and others formed their "autocratic governments" for the good of the people. What have Clinton and Gore been doing? You have your opinions and I am entitled to mine. The enemies of this Nation of ours are not overseas, but are living and alive in Washington, DC.

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**ISSUE ITEM**

LA CROSSE, Wis. A gambling expert says a proposed Ho-Chunk casino could drain the area economy of \$83.5 million if it is built. Opponents of the casino, called the No Casino Group, paid the expert \$2,000 to examine how the tribe's proposal would affect the local economy.

William Thompson, a professor at the University of

Nevada-Las Vegas, said he estimated the economy would lose \$83.5 million because most of the casino's patrons would live within 60 miles of La Crosse while the casino would spend most of its earnings outside that area.

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## And The Giveaway Goes On

(Submitted By Larry Parks)

Congress has approved giving a New Mexico Indian tribe \$23 million and about 4,600 acres to settle lawsuits over land the tribe claimed under a grant from the king of Spain more than 300 years ago.

The Santo Domingo Pueblo had argued it was the rightful owner of 52,000 acres of federal, state and private land near its reservation between Albuquerque and Santa Fe in northern New Mexico. The area includes shrines and other religious sites considered sacred by the 4,600-member tribe.

The House approved the settlement on a voice vote in mid-October, sending it to the White House for President Clinton's signature. The Senate approved the deal earlier in October. "I hope we have finally come to an end on this long, long, long discussion of the land deal," said Denny Atencio, the tribe's secretary and spokesman.

The deal, which does not require private landowners to sell or give their property to the tribe, also gives the tribe the option to use \$3.7 million of the settlement money to buy 7,355 acres of National Forest Service land in the disputed area. That plot and the 4,577 acres of Bureau of Land Management land the tribe gets will be used mainly for religious purposes Atencio said. "We're glad that some of our land will be returned back to us, even though we will have to pay for it," Atencio said.

The Santo Domingo Pueblo will not build casinos on any of the land, Atencio said. The Santo Domingo Pueblo's land claim stemmed from two transactions: A 1689 land grant from the king of Spain for the tribe's reservation and the tribe's 1748 purchase of a neighboring tract called the Diego Gallegos grant. Congress agreed to honor such land grants in 1858 in a law finalizing U.S. control over the Southwest after the war with Mexico.

**PARR ED. NOTE:** Three hundred years! The reach back gets further all the time. Appears that the art of producing ancient claims is becoming more sophisticated. I thought this was the United States of America, so how can 300 year old Spanish Land Grants be relevant? Only in Clinton's America!

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## King Clinton Decree Adds to Bulging U.S. Land Grab.

(By Bob Manzke)

In a major win for environmentalists, the Clinton administration has added Alaska's Tongass National Forest -- the nation's largest -- to a protection plan for  
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some of America's most pristine lands.

The plan covers 58.5 million acres of national forests that do not have roads. It prohibits road-building; bans logging except when such activity is deemed to help maintain or improve areas; seeks to improve habitats for threatened, endangered or sensitive species; and attempts to reduce the risk of severe wildfires. Environmentalists have been pressing for years for a road ban because they believe the pathways increase erosion, disrupt wildlife habitat **and make it easier for logging trucks and mining operators to reach remote public lands.**

About 140,000 acres in Minnesota and Wisconsin would be affected: 60,802 acres in 13 areas of the Superior National Forest, 77 acres on three islands in the Chippewa National Forest, and 69,000 acres in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National-Forest in Wisconsin.

Unlike the earlier draft, the latest plan won't allow any timber harvesting in these areas except for stewardship purposes, according to Duane Lula, forest planner for the Superior National Forest in northeastern Minnesota. "There are more restrictions in this than were identified as preferred in the draft," Lula said.

Administration officials released the new version of the plan after receiving an avalanche of comments at public hearings and through written correspondence, mainly from environmentalists seeking a broader plan.

Forest industry officials said many people who want the option of building roads did not comment because they felt Forest Service officials already had made up their minds.

The plan is a "far stretch" from what Clinton originally proposed and will block access to some forest areas where local Forest Service officials would otherwise allow some roads to be built, said Chris West, vice president of the American Forest Resource Council, a Portland, Ore., group that represents timber companies in 12 states.

This is the next-to-last step in the process for crafting a roadless rule without the involvement of Congress. Agency officials will decide whether to make still more changes before they publish a final rule in mid-December, just a month before President Clinton leaves office.

**PARR ED. NOTE:** PARR has to disagree with the environmentalists' claim that eliminating roads will reduce wild fires. Once the fire is started how do you access the fires to fight them? No, this has nothing to do with fire fighting, or erosion, this is about creating a personal almost pristine exclusive forest for the self -- anointed to backpack into, excluding all taxpayers who might have an interest in the forest other than theirs. To hell with the majority, some of who may need the forest to make a living, or those who aren't physically able to backpack.

I was amazed while examining the voting numbers in the recently concluded presidential election. Many

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counties, whose main source of income comes from the forest, voted for Al Gore. Talk about cutting off your nose to spite your face. If you think what's going on with Clinton's presidency is intolerable, you ain't seen nothing yet. Perhaps Al Gore won those counties by counting pregnant chads?

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## Understanding Florida's Voodoo

### Politics

(By Bob Manzke)

The following from a couple of elections back should help explain how the recent presidential election fiasco, in Florida, that brought the prestige of The United States of America, down to that of a South American Banana Republic throughout the world, happened. MIAMI - A Florida woman running for state office against a U.S. congressman's son has told election monitors that her opponent is dead, and she is competing with an impostor paid by her opponent's father, party officials said. In a recent communication to the Citizens for Fair Campaign Practices in Pinellas County saying Gus Bilirakis died in 1995 and the Republican candidate she opposed was actually an impostor. "The Republican candidate Gus Bilirakis is a fake. Congressman Michael Bilirakis is paying him to replace his son who DIED in 1995. He wants to win the seat," she said in the letter, obtained by local newspapers.

Diane Ellis, a Democrat who described herself as a "self-employed legal assistant," is running for a seat in Florida's House of Representatives against Gus Bilirakis, a Republican lawyer, and son of U.S. Rep. Mike Bilirakis of Palm Harbor, on the state's West Coast. Bilirakis said he was surprised by Ellis' contention, and that he was very much alive. "I'm shocked. I'm speechless. It's incredible, unbelievable," he said.

With people capable of this, the claim to determine just whom folks intended to vote for by looking at their unmarked ballots, with a magnifying glass, is well within the realm of reality.

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## ISSUE ITEM

Isn't it just amazing? Al Gore thinks that a partially delivered baby isn't a full human being, and thus can be killed (partial-birth abortion). But yet, when it comes to stealing an election, Al Gore considers a pregnant chad on a ballot to be a fully—delivered vote, and to hell with voter intent: What utter hypocrisy! Oops! Maybe Al Gore invented voter Intent.

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## Enough to make your Blood Boil

(Source...The Internet)

The USS Cole could not shoot back at attackers in a small boat. The rules of Engagement would not allow ammunition for guns. The sailors probably would be courts-martialed if they would have shot the people in  
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the small boat containing the explosives before they blew up the destroyer. A Sailor with the blood of one of the mangled sailors on his face was kept from pointing an empty machine gun at a second small boat that appeared to be starting another attack.

**PARR ED. NOTE:** We understand that appeasement is the preferred method of our liberal Commander-in-Chief, but appeasement with the blood of our young men? Remember the guy that is sending these boys in harm's way without the ability to defend themselves, is the same guy that hid when it was his turn to get shot at.

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The Ten Commandments contain 297 words. The Bill of Rights is stated in 463 words. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address contains 266 words. A recent federal directive to regulate the price of cabbage contains 26,911 words." Aren't lawyers grand?

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## Proof - White Man's Burden

(BY Victor Bellomy)

This should be sent to every person in the U.S.A., to let all peoples know what the federal government is advocating, condoning and perpetrating across this land. Where are the Equal rights of the US citizens? Why must only the non-Indian have to shoulder the burden of proof? Why does the US government set a policy of racism? This is unconstitutional in anyone's language. If anyone cares enough to go to their county seat and check the section, in their law library, where US codes can be found, they will find this discriminatory section under title 25-sec-194

Title 25-Sec.-194. Trial of right of property; burden of proof In all trials about the right of property in which an Indian may be a party on one side, and a white person on the other, the burden of proof shall rest upon the white person, whenever the Indian shall make out a presumption of title in himself from the fact of previous possession or ownership.

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## U.S. Royalty Reward Themselves

Our Senators and Congressmen don't pay into Social Security, and, of course, they don't collect from it. The reason is that they have a special retirement plan that they voted for themselves many years ago. For all practical purposes, it works like this: When they retire, they continue to draw their same pay, until they die, except that it may be increased from time to time, by cost of living adjustments. For instance, former Senator Bradley, and his wife, may be expected to draw \$7,900,000, with Mrs. Bradley drawing \$275,000 during the last year of her life. This is calculated on an average life span for each. This would be well and good, except that they paid nothing in on any kind of retirement, and neither does any other Senator or Congressman. This fine retirement comes right out of

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the General Fund: Our tax money. While we who pay for it all, draw an average of \$1000/month from Social Security. Imagine for a moment that you could structure a retirement plan so desirable that people would have extra deducted so that they could increase their own personal retirement income.

A retirement plan that works so well, that Railroad employees, Postal Workers, and others who aren't in it, would clamor to get in. That is how good Social Security could be, if only one small change was made. That change is to jerk the Golden Fleece retirement out from under the Senators and Congressmen, and put them in Social Security with the rest of us. Then watch how fast they fix it. If enough people receive this, maybe one or some of them along the way, might be able to help.

**PARR ED. NOTE:** I suppose our elected officials deserve these outlandish pensions, because they are the pinnacles of integrity and honesty, with only the best interest of the majority of their constituents in mind. Sure, booby! And there really is a Santa Claus.

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### **Forest Fire Fighting Clinton Style**

Firefighters say the use of bulldozers to draw fire lines was severely restricted and they were forced to chop trees by hand. The use of fire retardant is prohibited near Montana streams containing Bull Trout, which are listed as a "threatened" species under the Endangered Species Act.

"Once the fire starts and you have all these criteria, it just throws out every fire plan and training about how to address wild-land fires," said Cy Jamison, former director of the Bureau of Land Management.

"If you put all these caveats on what fire bosses can do and what equipment is used you just tie the hands of the professionals whose job it is to put the fire out," said Mr. Jamison, who served under President Bush.

Westerners, who are accustomed to assertive fire fighting policies under previous administrations, say environmental policies of the Clinton-Gore administration are crippling efforts to extinguish fires which added up to 97 last summer, some of which burned for two months or more.

**PARR ED. NOTE:** This is the same Clinton-Gore Administration that claims the removal of forest roads will reduce destruction by fires. Well I suppose if the removal of roads will guarantee no more forest fires, perhaps the above-mentioned rules make sense, and the whole forest fire fighting apparatus can be scrapped.

### **Odds and Ends**

George Meyer, Chairman Wisconsin Department of Natural resources took offense to Parr's claim that Pittman-Robertson funds were used for the \$100,000 payoff to the Lac du Flambeau. We will be addressing that in the next issue.

Mr. Manzke, who sold his property in Ashland County last spring, is in need of a place to vacation next summer. So, it would be appreciated if PARR members, who have resorts, would send me their brochures. I want to deal with PARR members.

**From the PARR officers Greg, Larry, Bob, Jerry and the PARR board:**

*Merry Christmas &  
A Happy New Year*