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Great Lakes, energy and trail network on 2013 agenda



MEC President Chris Kolb greets Gov. Rick Snyder following the Energy and Environment address.

A slate of environmental and energy policy initiatives was outlined by Gov. Rick Snyder during his Nov. 28 special address on energy and the environment, including stronger clean energy policies and Great Lakes protections, strategic planning for public lands and development of a trail network spanning the state.

The governor's encouraging words on clean energy—particularly his call for stronger efficiency and renewable programs—was welcome tonic for advocates only weeks removed from the defeat of Proposal 3's 25% by 2025 renewable energy standard at the ballot box. Snyder opposed the measure.

During his address, he called for a robust public discussion during 2013 about energy policy. Specifically, the discussion will explore where to go next with efficiency programs and a renewable energy standard that plateaus at the end of 2014 at 10 percent renewable electricity generation.

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Huge win for public transportation

Transit Authority several decades in the making

Legislation creating a Southeast Michigan Regional Transit Authority (RTA), passed in the late 2012 legislative session and signed by Gov. Rick Snyder, is a huge victory for public transportation and the culmination of years of work by the Michigan Environmental Council and its allies.

"This lays the groundwork for a more reliable, convenient and affordable system of public transportation options in our state's most populated region," said Chris Kolb, MEC president. "It is a critical tool to connect people with jobs, neighborhoods, retail and cultural attractions. It will help make Southeast

Michigan competitive with other regions where strong transportation backbones support local economies, reduce congestion and pollution and enhance quality of life," he said.

Gov. Rick Snyder has been an RTA advocate and signed the Authority into law on Dec. 19.

It will be run by an appointed board and a professional staff to coordinate and oversee regional public transit service in Southeast Michigan. It will help ensure the smooth coordination of bus and rail services throughout the region, creating cost savings through efficiencies and the elimination of duplicate and

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Founded in 1980, MEC is a coalition of over 60 environmental and public health organizations with more than 200,000 individual members. For 32 years, MEC has provided a voice for the environment at the State Capital. In addition to serving as a clearinghouse of environmental information, MEC develops public policy, educates elected officials and the public, and provides training and support to member organizations.

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“Energy efficiency is the best example of a no-regrets policy that Michigan can have. It makes us more reliable, more affordable and protects our environment.”

—Gov. Rick Snyder, Nov. 28 address on energy and the environment

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Looking ahead in 2013

When it came to environmental issues, 2012 ended on a positive note. We will work to continue that trend in 2013.

In November, the governor presented his special message to the legislature on energy and the environment. While short on details, its outline offers opportunities to move Michigan forward on many of our key issues. Then in December, the governor signed legislation creating a regional transit authority (RTA) for Southeast Michigan—a key development toward bringing transit to the nation's largest metropolitan area without a reliable system.

It only took 40 years and 24 legislative efforts to accomplish the creation of an RTA, but we did it!

This coming year looks just as busy and productive. We see the governor's message as a jumping off point to help bring back a true conservation ethic to Michigan policy making. Our focus in 2013 will be on energy, water, public lands, transportation and urban revitalization.

After the defeat of Proposal 3's clean energy ballot initiative, it was heartening to hear the governor say that our cur-

rent renewable energy standard of 10% by 2015 is not an endpoint. It was also encouraging to hear that he wants Michigan to forge ahead with a greater emphasis on energy efficiency. Numerous conversations will be held in 2013, and MEC will be at the table pressing for a stronger, sustainable clean energy future.

The governor said he wants to use his bully pulpit to champion the Great Lakes, calling for a summit of the Great Lakes governors and premiers. As the only state entirely in the Great Lakes basin, MEC believes we have a special obligation to champion the health of these magnificent natural resources. It will be important to have a potential partner in the Romney Building to address the multitude of issues facing the Great Lakes.

The reconstitution of the Water Use Advisory Board—announced in November by the governor—is something MEC has been advocating for over the last several years. That board played important roles in the implementation of Michigan's water use statutes and the award-winning water withdrawal assessment tool. MEC will once again be represented on this board. Whether it is protecting the lakes from invasive species, dealing with

nutrient loading, or water use conflicts, no other environmental issue unites our state more than protecting our Great Lakes and waterways.

Likewise, the state's new requirement to develop a strategic plan for our public lands will create both challenge and opportunity. We must highlight the need to protect special places that provide unique habitats, and balance that need with the desire by some to increase timber sales and the extraction of minerals and fossil fuels from state-owned lands. The governor has promised to use an ecosystem approach, utilizing science and data, in the development of a strategic plan for our public lands; we intend to hold him to that.

Forests are more than timber sales. They provide outdoor recreation and tourism opportunities and habitat for a wide diversity of flora and fauna. They also purify our air, filter our water, and help reduce flooding, among numerous other benefits. MEC will champion a strategic plan that recognizes the diverse

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Chris Kolb



Bell ringers! Environmental successes won in recent weeks

In each issue of the *Michigan Environmental Report*, we celebrate accomplishments by MEC and member groups.

Transit treat

A monumental obstacle to good public transportation in Southeast Michigan—the lack of a coordinating agency—was bulldozed when a Regional Transit Authority was signed into law in late 2012. It was the 24th legislative attempt over several decades, proving that persistence pays! As Deadline Detroit's Jeff Wattrick reported, "Virtually every first-, second-, and third-rate metropolis has such an authority to efficiently manage public transportation." Now we're in the game!

On energy

We won't lie. The defeat of Proposal 3's renewable energy plan was disappointing. So it was especially welcome news that one of Prop 3's highest profile opponents, Gov. Rick Snyder, voiced support for exploring and likely increasing Michigan's energy efficiency and renewable energy standards only weeks removed from the election. His sentiment echoes those of post-election polls showing Michiganders support clean energy, but they don't want it in their State Constitution.

Climate action

President Barack Obama identified climate change as one of his top three priorities for the coming term. Of course, we've heard this before, but it is a welcome change in tone at a time when the effects of an altered climate are becoming apparent even to skeptics. November, by the way, was the 333rd consecutive month with global average temperatures above average.

Agenda 21: Smart planning or insidious U.N. plot?

Depending on where you hang your political hat, United Nations Agenda 21's non-binding set of environmental recommendations is one of two things.

It could be the playbook of a shadowy global elite working to achieve total "global control," in the words of Fox News provocateur Glenn Beck. This is a commonly held belief if you're a conservative activist dutifully tuned in to Tea Party-type groups. These groups and their elected allies have put anti-Agenda 21 activism to work throughout Michigan in recent months with a bill in the Michigan Legislature (HB 5785), resolutions in local governments like Charlevoix County, and in protesting forest management plans put forth by the Department of Natural Resources.

Or, if you happen to be one of the thousands of wildlife management professionals, land protection advocates or local land planners, Agenda 21 is (based on the Google search you probably just had to perform) an obscure 300-page document that neither you nor anyone you know had ever heard of. Suddenly, it is being portrayed as the driving force behind your entire profession. You hear about it at every presentation and community meeting you host or attend.

The document in question is a 20-year-old nonbinding resolution that emerged from the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (the "Earth Summit") in Rio de Janeiro in 1992. It was signed by the first President Bush and languished in relative obscurity until this

recent, new and bizarre wave of publicity.

Those representing the two views of Agenda 21 are dangerously far apart right now. The first group is so convinced Agenda 21 will be the "end of America" that they see bogeymen behind every door. It is blamed for DNR limits on horseback riding in Michigan's Pigeon River Country, for local land use ordinances and for programs that help people get programmable thermostats.

The second group is so dismissive of the mentality of these conspiracy adherents that they derisively dismiss the growing numbers of Agenda 21 agitators as akin to alien abduction believers or moon landing deniers. In doing so, they pour more fuel on the fire of anger and resentment burning hot in an increasingly organized group of anti-government activists.

Which is why Agenda 21 is truly a dangerous issue after all.

Not because it's a roadmap to world domination hatched by a shadowy global elite (it's not). But because it's being used as a tool to drive a bigger and possibly permanent wedge into one of America's most unique, authentic and homegrown institutions: the conservation and environmental community that protects our great outdoor heritage.

We shouldn't let it happen. Americans' interest in securing great wild places and providing opportunities to experience natural beauty was alive and strong long before Agenda 21. America's conservation ethic was solidified in the preservation policies of Republican leaders like Teddy Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln.



Managing Michigan's public lands requires thoughtful policies, not contentious rhetoric.

Ken Burns' documentary series, *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*, highlights the uniquely American approach that has historically been supported by a strong bipartisan movement of folks who simply love the great outdoors.

It's easy for progressives to mock or ignore Agenda 21 conspiracy believers. In doing so, they too often miss the underlying desires of many of these people to maintain access to the outdoors, to secure their freedoms to hunt and fish, to pass on to their children an outdoor experience similar to theirs.

Conservative policymakers, by feeding the unreasonable fears of anti-Agenda 21 activists, risk rolling back

decades of improvements in forest health, community economic development and natural resource management.

While global conspiracy theories make entertaining talk show rants, they make terrible public policy.

Stripped of political gamesmanship, Agenda 21 is just another take on the idea that people need to take a hand in nurturing and protecting our places and our planet. It's a concern mirrored in local garden club meetings and deer-camp conversations across Michigan and the U.S.

The reality is that managing our land, wildlife, and energy systems is getting more complicated. More users

demand access to landscapes for often incompatible activities. Sometimes triathlons are staged in areas open to hunting. Specialized outdoor pursuits like horseback riding and elk hunting, bird watching and ORV scrambles must all be accommodated on one Michigan landscape.

This balancing act requires thoughtful policy. The conservation and environmental communities, progressives and conservatives, hunters and planners, need to come together now to make sure that our shared outdoor ethic doesn't get trampled by the distraction of UN Agenda 21 rhetoric.

—By Brad Garmon, MEC

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uses of our public lands and the careful stewardship that is required to manage them.

In the wake of the passage of the RTA, transportation funding will take center stage in the legislature. MEC will work with our Transportation for Michigan partners to ensure that the focus is on more than just maintaining our current roads and bridges. Increasing funding for public transportation and providing alternatives is more important than ever if we are going to build a truly interconnected, multi-modal transportation network that provides access to jobs, housing, education, shopping, entertainment and opportunity.

Urban revitalization also is on our plate. We'll work to build stronger, healthier communities; help to launch the new RTA for Southeast Michigan; reduce lead exposure and incidents of asthma; provide greater access in our urban communities to the outdoors and fresh food; and develop a greater sense of place through the creative re-use of existing buildings, infrastructure and public spaces. We want to build—and in some cases rebuild—communities in which our children and grandchildren will want to live, work and play.

That is our agenda for 2013. I hope that you will join us in helping to protect the "pure" in Pure Michigan. ■



Talking energy

Michigan Environmental Council Energy Policy Director David Gard, center, participated in a discussion of energy priorities recently with environmental and public health allies strategizing for the 2013-2014 legislative session. The Lansing event brought environmental groups from as far away as the Upper Peninsula. At left is Marty Kushler, senior fellow at American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy; at right is John Kinch, executive director of Michigan Energy Options.

Michigan Parks and the Power of Place

Significant changes may be afoot for Michigan's state parks, following the recommendations of the Michigan State Parks and Outdoor Recreation Blue Ribbon Panel sent to Gov. Rick Snyder in late 2012.

MEC's Brad Garmon was part of that Blue Ribbon Panel, putting in a year of work alongside appointed representatives from MUCC, NOAA's Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, and the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, as well as an Eagle Scout, a flyfishing guide and others.

Garmon said one challenge really stood out: Michiganders, even those dedicated to outdoor issues, think of our parks and forests and beaches and rivers as amenities. They're nice to have, but don't rate as high as jobs or potholes on anyone's list of top-tier issues.

That view is outdated, though. The world has shifted.

Michigan should be putting its "outdoor recreation" assets front and center in every conversation about economic recovery, business attraction and community redevelopment.

This vision became central to MEC's contributions to the Parks Panel's final product. It can be traced through many of the recommendations being highlighted in news coverage of the parks report, from creating a "Pure Michigan Places" program at the state level to developing Signature Parks in our big cities to simply adding more photos and stories about Michigan's amazing outdoor assets to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's "Why Michigan?" business attraction website.



Brad Garmon

Our state's economy was once driven primarily by access to raw materials (timber, minerals) or by recruiting big manufacturers with industrial parks and tax breaks. But today's economy is primarily driven by talent. And talent is mobile, often choosing a place to live first, and then either finding or creating a job after they arrive.

Right now, unfortunately, that talent is largely not choosing Michigan.

The typical thinking—even among other members of the Parks Panel at first—is that Michigan can't attract talent because the state doesn't have jobs. It's a common refrain: talented workers, especially young ones, leave Michigan to find jobs.

But that's not the real story.

According to a presentation given to the Governor's Executive Growth Group in September, there are 97,249 job openings in Michigan right now. It's not that we don't have jobs available. It's that we have a hard time attracting or keeping the skilled workers needed to fill them.

As a state, we underestimate how important place—great cities, cohesive neighborhoods, beautiful parks and

a culture of outdoor recreation—is for attracting and keeping talented workers.

A recent Michigan Colleges Foundation study shows that Michigan's own college graduates place a really high value on places that provide a "variety of outdoor amenities like parks, bike and hiking trails" when they are deciding where to live. It ranked as more important to them even than good paying job opportunities!

Michigan needs to completely rethink the role our parks and outdoor recreation assets play in our state and local communities. Great places and spaces aren't just amenities; they're vital tools in Michigan's economic development toolbox.

Michigan's outdoor assets are one of its strongest and most overlooked opportunities to reinvent its economy. If we support and promote them properly, they can help us keep and attract the talented, entrepreneurial individuals most likely to create new businesses and support a bright economic future.

Linking the economics of talent attraction to the delivery of natural resources protection and outdoor recreation opportunities is the next frontier of economic development in Michigan. That's the vision we charted in the Parks Panel report, and it's one we at MEC are excited to start implementing.

"Pure Michigan" can be more than a good tagline for our tourism commercials. It can be an identity that changes the way people all over the country and world think about and perceive our state. ■

602 Ionia Open House

MEC hosted an open house in December to celebrate our new digs, the historic Morgan B. Hungerford house at 602 W. Ionia, blocks from the Capitol building. In the next issue we explore the history of the historic building. ■

At right, MEC President Chris Kolb with Dusty Fancher of Midwest Strategy Group (center) and Julie Howe of Pace Howe Design.



Far right, Dan Wyant, director of the Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality with MEC's James Clift and Kim Rustem; at right, MEC's Elizabeth Fedorchuk with Mark Simmer of Public Policy Associates (right) and Tobe Perry of TJP Software Services (left).



Far right: Wendi Tilden of Michigan State University and Julie Lyons Bricker of Michigan Interfaith Power and Light. Right, MEC's Judy Bearup shares a laugh with Melissa Molenda of The Nature Conservancy.



Above, from left, Derrick James of Amtrak, Ray Lang of Amtrak and Ron DeCook of DeCook Governmental Policy & Strategy. At left: Our new home!

Voters reject Proposal 3, but clean energy stays on MEC's front burner

Michigan voters on Nov. 6 said a resounding “no!” to Proposal 3—which would have required 25 percent of the state’s electricity to be generated from renewable sources by the year 2025. The loss, by a 63-37 percent margin, was disappointing for the Michigan Environmental Council and the broad coalition that had worked for months to pass the plan.

There’s a silver lining. Polling conducted after the election indicated that many “no” voters support increased renewable energy in Michigan. They simply opposed changing the constitution to achieve that goal, as Proposal 3 would have done.

The poll, conducted by Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research, showed 73 percent of voters support increased renewable energy in Michigan. That includes 78 percent of Democrats, 76 percent of independents and 65 percent of Republicans. The primary

reason for “no” votes was reservations about changing the Michigan Constitution, respondents said.

The Michigan Environmental Council will shift gears in 2013, working with Gov. Rick Snyder and the state legislature to try and strengthen Michigan’s renewable energy sector and provide cleaner, low-cost energy that reduces our dependence on out-of-state coal and employs more in-state workers.

Gov. Snyder indicated his willingness to pursue stronger clean energy goals in a special address on energy and the environment Nov. 28. He led that speech with praise for energy efficiency and a call to spend 2013 engaging Michiganders in a discussion about strengthening Michigan’s renewable energy standard. That standard peaks in 2015, when Michigan will have met its goal of generating 10 percent of its electricity from renewable sources.

“I believe we made a strong case



MEC's Hugh McDiarmid gave thumbs up. Voters didn't.

for more renewable energy, despite the outcome,” said MEC President Chris Kolb. “We demonstrated through data and analysis that renewable electricity in Michigan is less expensive than most alternatives, provides public health and environmental gains, and creates robust employment opportunities for Michigan workers. That context will be important in the 2013 energy discussions called for by Gov. Snyder.” ■

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overlapping services. This is a vital step to ensure greater efficiency and effectiveness for the region’s beleaguered transit service, improve management of resources, and eventually expand regional transit service.

It was a long time coming. More than 20 legislative attempts to create an authority have failed during the past several decades. It passed during the midst of a chaotic lame duck legislative session when massive protests over Right to Work legislation were dominating the headlines in early December.

It received consistent and strong advocacy from groups across the state, including Transportation for Michigan (Trans4M), a broad coalition which MEC helps lead.

“The Motor City metropolis is the only major U.S. region without rapid transit,” reported Trans4M. “Yet people there, and all across Michigan, have decided the time for transit has come. Volunteer advocates put in hours of work to speak up for transit, coming from a sweeping array of organizations.”

It was the capstone achievement for the coalition in 2012, whose victories included fully restored state funding for existing transportation systems and improvements along the Pontiac-to-Chicago rail line that will improve both passenger and freight rail service. The rail improvements, with the help of federal funding leveraged by state dollars, will significantly cut travel times along the route. Gov. Snyder has been a consistent supporter of both the

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“We will be in a good position to set higher goals” for efficiency and renewable energy after 2013’s dialogues, Snyder said.

An expansion of the state’s fledging energy efficiency programming is a win for ratepayers, the economy and the environment, analysts said.

“Michigan has made enormous strides on energy efficiency over the past three years, earning a ‘most improved’ ranking in the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy’s annual scorecard of state energy efficiency performance,” noted Rebecca Stanfield of the Natural Resources Defense Council in a post-speech analysis. “Since Michigan’s energy efficiency standard was passed in 2008, the utilities have saved enough energy to power more than 200,000 homes for a year, and have avoided five dollars for every dollar spent on saving energy. This is a good foundation to build on....”

Policy priorities highlighted by Gov. Snyder included much more than energy. He keyed in on:

- **Strategic planning for public lands**—which requires a balancing act among competing interests for uses of our state forests and other properties;
- **Great Lakes protection**, where the governor has called for the re-establishment of a stakeholders

Transit Authority and improved rail transportation in Michigan. His staff helped push the Authority bills through the legislature, even as political fallout from the Right to Work controversy threatened to derail it.

“This is one of the governor’s highest priorities,” Snyder’s senior policy advisor, Bill Rustem, told members of a key legislative committee days before its passage. “You need to know that. We need to get this done.”

Kolb praised Snyder and the Trans4M coalition for moving the issue forward.

“Michiganders wanting better transportation options have for too long felt like Charlie Brown—always getting the football yanked away at the last minute,” said Kolb, who served as state representative from the 53rd District from 2001 to 2006. “It feels good to finally kick one through the uprights.” ■

Water Use Advisory Council and a convening of Great Lakes premiers and governors;

- **Non-ferrous mining severance tax**, a good idea as long as the tax is substantial enough and the money is directed into ventures that help build an economy that is not dependent on the boom/bust cycles of mineral extraction;
- **Recycling**, where Michigan has for decades abandoned any pretext of leadership or vision;
- **Trail development**, including a statewide trail linking the Western Upper Peninsula border with the Ohio state line, understanding that trails can be a key economic tool and marketing opportunity; and
- **Funding and policies to protect low-income residents** from arbitrary and dangerous utility shutoffs.

Skeptics noted that Governor Snyder’s address was short on specifics and long on initiating “discussions” during 2013 that will, presumably, result in action on specific legislation or other binding measures late that year or in 2014.

That makes 2013 an opportunity for the governor to step forward on a handful of these important issues and make them priorities for the state, lawmakers and his administration. The dialogue must lead to substantive and forward-looking legislation that moves Michigan forward. Otherwise, all the good ideas will remain only ideas.

The Michigan Environmental Council will be working with the governor’s staff, legislative leaders and our allies across the state to achieve good policy outcomes that strengthen and diversify Michigan’s energy mix and establish strong policies that protect our Great Lakes and other key assets.

We’ll be pressing the administration to make good on its promises, follow through on its commitments, and invest the energy necessary to move Michigan out of its moribund lethargy when it comes to protecting the natural resources that are so vital to our health, economy and quality of life.

It was heartening to see the state’s top elected official step forward and deliver a big-picture vision on issues so vital to our quality of life. Now comes the hard part.

The ball is in your court, Governor. ■

MICHIGAN WONDERS QUIZ

How well do you know Michigan's coolest and most popular attractions, offbeat quirks and interesting wonders? Test yourself with these odd Michigan facts.

1 We have numerous Paul Bunyan statues in Michigan, including ones in Ossineke and 40 miles north of there in Oscoda. Which ONE of the following is NOT TRUE about Paul Bunyan's Michigan statues?

- a. The Oscoda statue was quarantined from 1988-1990 because of peeling lead paint that had to be removed by specialized contractors at a cost of \$25,000. Almost half that money was raised through sales of Bunyan-themed baked goods.
- b. The first recorded story about Paul Bunyan was published in the *Oscoda Press* in 1906, which is why the Michigan Legislature named the town the "official home" of Paul Bunyan.
- c. Someone shot the testicles off of Paul's "Babe the Blue Ox" companion statue in Ossineke in the 1950s. They were never replaced.
- d. A Bunyan statue that was built in the 1960s in Gaylord was made from Kaiser Automobile hoods and fenders.

2 More than 100 miles of underground tunnels snake below the City of Detroit. It's part of a mining operation for what?

- a. Gravel
- b. Lithium
- c. Salt
- d. Limestone

3 Lake Michigan's Sleeping Bear Dunes is regularly named one of the nation's top natural wonders. The Ojibwe legend of Sleeping Bear holds that the great dunes are a mother bear mourning her two cubs who didn't make it to shore while swimming across Lake Michigan. The cubs in the legend are what?

- a. Two sinkholes—260 and 310 feet deep—immediately offshore
- b. The Door and Garden peninsulas across the lake
- c. North and South Manitou islands offshore from the dunes
- d. Fossilized bear cub remains, recovered at the base of the dunes and displayed at the dunes museum

4 Sanilac Petroglyphs Historic State Park boasts Michigan's only known rock carvings attributable to Native American Indians. Dating back between 300 and 1,000 years, the carvings include all of the images below, with the exception of which ONE:

- a. Birds
- b. Bow-wielding men
- c. A mythical underwater panther
- d. A spineless wolverine

5 Among the historic but macabre attractions at The Henry Ford in Dearborn is the chair in which President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated. Other exhibits include all of the following except which ONE:

- a. The Oscar Mayer Wienermobile
- b. Scale model Ford Nucleon, which was to be powered by an in-car nuclear reactor
- c. The Kitty Hawk plane, flown by the Wright Brothers in the first transcontinental crossing
- d. The limousine in which President John F. Kennedy was assassinated

6 The Mighty Mackinac Bridge is a state icon and one of our most visible symbols, opening to traffic in 1957. Which TWO of the following statements about the bridge are NOT TRUE?

- a. The bridge can sway up to 35 feet from side to side during heavy winds.
- b. A young Matty Moroun filed an unsuccessful lawsuit to stop the bridge in 1955.
- c. On its first year anniversary, beauty queens from every Michigan county crossed the bridge in white Oldsmobiles.
- d. During the annual Labor Day Bridge Walk in 2003, then Gov. Jennifer Granholm angered some traditionalists by breaking tradition and riding a bicycle—not walking—across the span.

7 Michigan's state stone is the Petoskey, only found in Michigan. Which TWO of the following statements are accurate?

- a. Petoskeys are fossilized coral that lived in the warm shallow seas that covered Michigan 350 million years ago.

- b. Petoskey stones were responsible for several skirmishes during the War of 1812, because the British appetite for Petoskey-studded ornaments and decorations made Northern Michigan a valuable territory.
- c. Laws limiting the annual harvest of Petoskey stones passed by the Michigan Legislature in the 1930s were nullified as unconstitutional by the U.S. Court of Appeals.
- d. Metaphysical qualities ascribed to the Petoskey include its ability to stimulate the third-eye chakra and heighten psychic awareness.

8 In the early 1800s, Congress gave Michigan its glorious Upper Peninsula, ticking off Wisconsin (eat it, Cheeseheads!). What did Michigan give up during the Congressional horse trading in exchange for the U.P.?

- a. Toledo
- b. Its exemption from a federal logging and trapping tax
- c. Control of commerce on most of the Great Lakes waters
- d. The right to have a winning pro football franchise

9 The southern Michigan city of Colon is known internationally for what?

- a. Its most unfortunate name
- b. Its standing as the world's largest manufacturer of magic supplies
- c. The reputed healing properties of its well water
- d. The world's largest annual cross-stitch festival

10 The University of Michigan in Ann Arbor is one of the state's fine higher education institutions. But in the early 1800s it was located in Detroit and had a different name. What was it?

- a. The Leaders and the Best
- b. Nothrastremadeaus
- c. Runtilliouctious
- d. Cathelepistemian

Answers: 1 - A; 2 - C (salt); 3 - C (the islands); 4 - D; 5 - C; 6 - B and D; 7 - A and D; 8 - A - (Toledo); 9 - B (magic); 10 - D (Cathelepistemian. As the *Chicago Tribune* reported, "no one knows what it means")

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