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UPCOMING EVENTS

MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS

Quarterly Membership
Meeting

September 24, 2009

Lansing Lexington Hotel
Lansing, MI

WORLD ASSOCIATION OF DETECTIVES

Conference

September 1-5, 2010

Rio, Brazil

2009 MICHIGAN LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- 1:30 pm - Wednesday, August 26

SENATE

- 10:00 am - Wednesday, August 26
- 10:00 am - Thursday, August 27 (tentative)

JOBS AND TERROR

Here in Michigan, debate over whether to jail POWs in the war on terror at Standish has taken on a new political overtone.

For folks in Standish and Arenac County, the issue mostly boils down to jobs. Standish's prison is closing to save the state money, which means workers there will lose jobs. But if we bring in prisoners from other states, such as California and Pennsylvania, then the jobs in Standish will remain active.

Not according to a lot of politicians, however. Bring in the Crips and the Bloods, they say, but Al Qaeda is another kettle of dangerous fish altogether.

The issue reached a new level of discussion this week when a House subcommittee heard testimony on the issue and federal authorities toured Standish to see if it could house the detainees. In response to the federal visit, U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra (R-Holland) — who is running for governor and was one of the first to blast the idea of jailing Gitmo goons here — called for local officials and reporters to be granted access to the Cuban prison so they can see for themselves the special security requirements held there.

The hearing this week overall did not do much to answer that question. But the election season has not rendered a verdict, and every political issue is a lifer coming up for review.

*The following excerpt was originally reported by Gongwer News Service on August 14, 2009.
For the complete report, go to <http://www.gongwer.com>*

ISABELLA COUNTY OFFERS HISTORIC BARN TOUR

MT. PLEASANT, Mich. - Isabella County's round roofed barns will be featured as part of a historic barn tour scheduled for Sept. 19.

Registration will take place at the 4-H food stand at the Isabella County Fairgrounds (500 N. Mission Rd.) from 9 to 9:30 a.m., with a cost of \$6 per person or \$20 for families of four or more (limit one vehicle per family). Steve Stier, a noted barn restorationist and founding member of the Michigan Barn Preservation Network, will give a presentation on curved-rafter barns at 9:30 a.m. at the registration site.

After the presentation, participants will have the opportunity to go on two self-driven tours that will both include six to eight stops. One of the stops on the tour will be the Hovey Barn, the last curved rafter, hip-roof barn still standing in Isabella County. The tour will also feature several other barns available for photo shoots only.

For more information please contact Wiltse at the Isabella County MSU Extension office at 989-772-0911, ext. 302 or by e-mail at wiltsev@msu.edu.

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day you have your
first real laugh
- at yourself."*

~ Ethel Barrymore