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## DIVIDE AND CONQUER

A recent vote in the House was on a non-binding bill to have an immediate withdraw from Iraq; it failed big-time. Even though the Democrats have been demanding withdraw of our troops since Kerry campaign, most voted against the bill. While the Clintons were in the Middle East making statements that the war was a bad idea, the Democrats back at home called the war illegal and based on lies and deceit by President Bush and his Administration.

The President was bastardized by the Democrats at home and overseas, providing fodder for the enemy to empower them and to keep up their efforts. Our enemies have found our Achilles; it's the liberals. The enemy defeated America in Vietnam because we failed to provide South Vietnam with the necessary support after people like Kerry, Clinton and Fonda forced us to surrender.

The gutless pursuits of the liberal left continued when all but three hearty liberal souls voted against the immediate withdrawing of our troops from Iraq. When it came down to crunch-time, the Democrats didn't want their treasonous inclinations to become a matter of public record.

The liberals are the only ones in America that can have it both ways; ridicule the war and make over-the-top accusations on why the war is a failure while "supporting our troops". These same clowns were silent when Clinton was staining a blue dress and leading preemptive strikes in Kosovo, Somalia and Haiti—none of which were threats to America. Yet, they defend each other as if they are all performing some sort of patriotic duty on behalf of the citizens.

It appears the statement by Representative Murtha to demand that our troops be brought home quickly was finally confronted by the typically passive GOP. The apparent last-straw had some profound ramifications that will directly affect the remaining Bush years and the 2006 elections, maybe.

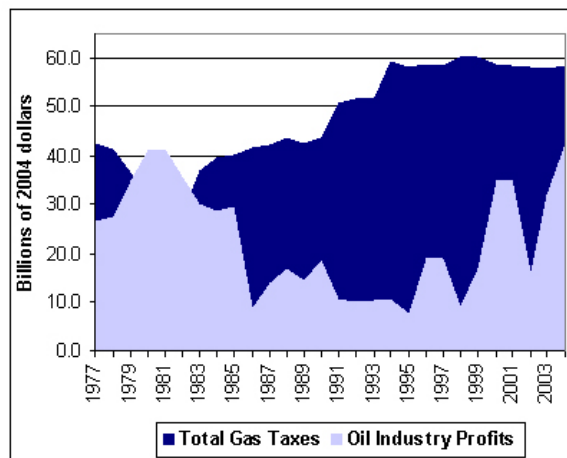
While Kerry stood in front of a podium saying he was not going to stand-by as a war hero was swift-boated by the Republicans, the GOP were up front and about-time-courageous in calling the Democrats to task on their continued whining and unsubstantiated allegations. Murtha was not a victim of defamation, but his stupid ideology was called into question. The main point is the Democrats need a major distraction from their incompetent service.

The underlying movement is not based on any failures on behalf of the troops nor the failure of the Democrats to pay attention to President Bush's continued iteration that our troops will come home when Iraq is sovereign and capable. However, it is based on their need to have the American people completely distracted from the failures of the Clinton White House to properly protect the American people from terrorists, the intentional and incompetent mismanagement of intelligence by people like Gorelick, Albright, Freeh, Cohen, Reno and Rubin.

The failings of the 9-11 Commission due to the interference ran by Gorelick and Sandy Berger are now being scrutinized publicly. Congressman Weldon is heading-up the demand for an investigation, including why the commission ignored Able-Danger. ~JP

## GAS PROFITS

[F]ederal and state taxes on gasoline production and imports have been climbing steadily since the late 1970s and now total roughly \$58.4 billion. Due in part to substantial hikes in the federal gasoline excise tax in 1983, 1990, and 1993, annual tax revenues have continued to grow. Since 1977, governments collected more than \$1.34 trillion, after adjusting for inflation, in gasoline tax revenues—more than twice the amount of domestic profits earned by major U.S. oil companies during the same period:



*Editor's Note: When we hit record high gasoline prices, the government was scrambling to accuse the big oil companies of extortion and predatory pricing practices. The Republicans in Michigan had pushed for a temporary reprieve on Michigan's gas tax, but Governor Granholm merely mentioned it in passing and didn't do a thing to help the motorists.*

*The national gas tax is 18.4 cpg and 24.4 cpg for diesel.*

*Michigan is 19 cpg for gas and 15 cpg for diesel, plus there is a 6% sales tax and a .875 cpg for environmental regulation fee for refined petroleum fund. Michigan is among the top ten in gas taxes at 52.4 cents per gallon; the fourth highest in the nation.*

# HUNDREDS GATHER AT 'CRYING' VIRGIN

Crowds have begun gathering at a tiny Catholic Church on the outskirts of Sacramento to view an outdoor statue of the Virgin Mary that appears to be shedding tears of blood.

Members of the parish -- the Vietnamese Catholic Martyrs Church on Jackson Road -- first noticed the tears last Wednesday, but the statue was wiped clean by one of the parish's priests, fearing it was the work of someone playing a prank.

Over the weekend, the dark streaks returned to the statue and by Sunday afternoon hundreds had gathered to pray at the spot.

Church officials were not commenting on the strange occurrence.



*Editor's Note: This is an unusual phenomenon, especially in the United States. What is usual is that the Virgin Mother often provides warnings directly to the innocent or through a symbolic gesture. In the light that she is now crying in Sacramento, California, it may be a predictive warning for the state that there may be impending doom lingering on the fringes. California is known for its obscenity as they slide into a secular society that has all but eliminated God from every aspect of their lives. We will wait for verification from those spiritual leaders at EWTN before we accept the blood-tears as authentic. In the meantime we suggest prayer, fasting and reverence. ~JP*

<http://www.ktvu.com/slideshow/news/5373288/detail.html?q=1;s=1;dm=ss;p=news:w=400&rss=fran&psp=news>

## Texas Supreme Court rules in school finance case [Jennifer Gordon](#) Houston Business Journal

The Texas Supreme Court on Tuesday ruled that local property taxes used to fund public schools violate the state Constitution, according to a court advisory issued Tuesday.

The court gave the state until June 1 to fix the constitutional problems with the system.

The Supreme Court also agreed 7-1 with one of the arguments brought against the state by hundreds of districts -- that it is the Legislature's responsibility to provide for school financing -- but overall said the state's school finance system is "constitutionally adequate as a matter of law."

"Ultimately the state has to come up with a fix that takes some of the pressure off the local taxpayer," said Philip Fraissinet of Houston-based Bracewell & Giuliani LLP.

While the school finance system was deemed to be adequate, the opinion expressed concern that drastic measures were required to remain that way.

"It remains to be seen whether the system's predicted drift toward constitutional inadequacy will be avoided by legislative reaction to widespread calls for changes," the opinion said.

More than two-thirds of Texas' school districts are taxing at or very near the maximum tax rate.

"The court reaffirmed that the Legislature has a constitutional duty to pro-

vide an adequate level of funding," said George Bramblett of Haynes and Boone LLP in Dallas. "This duty is enforceable by the courts."

Texas Gov. Rick Perry said Tuesday that the court ruling reaffirms that the state's system of educational funding is fair and meets or exceeds constitutional standards.

"And just as importantly, the court ruling validates the demands of Texas taxpayers who are fed up with property tax bills that climb higher and higher with each passing year and who want and deserve substantial and lasting relief," Perry said.

Perry added that the state's entire tax system "needs substantial reform to make it fairer, more modern and that will ensure schools have a reliable stream of revenue. That is why I appointed 24 private sector leaders and experts to the Texas Tax Reform Commission led by John Sharp who will develop tax reform recommendations before the Legislature next meets."

Perry said he will call a special session before the June 1 deadline.

Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington, chairman of the Texas House Committee on Public Education, also applauded the court's ruling.

"I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues and other state leaders to find a more permanent and constitutional solution to the current

school finance system. The Supreme Court confirmed what many of us have said for some time -- Texas has an unconstitutional statewide property tax that must be corrected," Grusendorf said. "I have confidence that our state leadership will work together to craft a system that will address the court's decision."

Hundreds of property rich and poor school districts sued the state, saying its method for paying for public schools was inadequate and that the Legislature, not the courts, should fix the Texas school finance system, according to an Associated Press timeline of events.

In September 2004, State District Judge John Dietz said the coalition of districts, including Dallas, Allen, Coppell and Carrollton-Farmer's Branch, had proven that the school finance system fails to provide the plaintiff districts access to funds sufficient to provide a constitutionally adequate education.

The Texas Legislature convened during its regular session to come up with a school finance plan. Two special sessions were called over the summer to consider the issue, but legislators couldn't agree on a solution.

The Texas Supreme Court's opinion also expressed doubt that any of the proposals considered during those sessions would suffice.



"While we express no view on the appropriateness of any of these proposals, we are constrained to caution, as we have before, that a cap to which districts are inexorably forced ... will in short order violate the prohibition of a state property tax," the opinion stated.

Texas Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville, said the ruling has a two-fold effect.

"It takes the option of doing nothing off the table and provides a deadline for property tax reform," said Nelson, a former public school teacher who served two terms on the State Board of Education. "In the larger picture, it affirms what many of us who opposed Robin Hood from the beginning have been saying for a very long time ... Now that this issue has been put to rest, it is much more likely that the Legislature will be able to reach consensus on ways to reduce the property tax burden ..."

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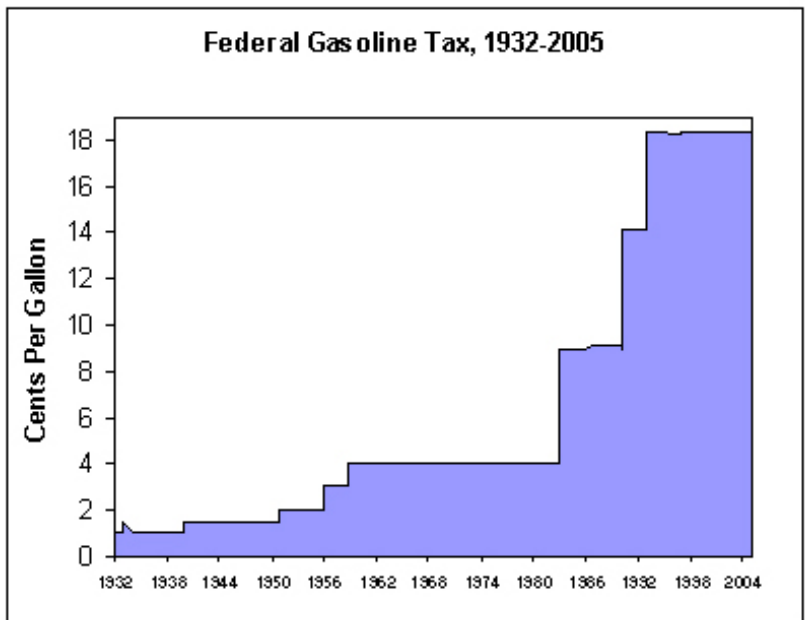
## CAPITALISM OR TAXITALISM?

What better way to keep the poor, poor, than to tax them at the point of most need. The US economy demands a very high level of mobility. In that sense, those who make minimum wage or rely on the less than generous wages that come with waiting tables and relying on tips to off-set the wage disparities, suffer.

Emerging from the worst economy since WWII, the Clinton-years witnessed the middle-income people suffer from high costs and taxation. The unemployment rate plummeted as those on the doles were cut-off and no longer included in the data. Clinton also revised the Uniform Crime Report with electronic data that only allowed one entry per arrest.

Democrats have lauded themselves as being the party of the poor, but every tax increase, regardless on what specific item, has a direct residual on the poorest of our citizens.

A lower-income wage earner has to pay the same for a gallon of gas as an individual that earns as much as a congressman. Many are forced to work for a full day just to fill their gasoline tank. The auto manufactures had let us all down for their failure to develop an engine that would work well on just the fumes produced by the gasoline.



The conservatives realize the huge gap between those that have and those that have not, but evidently had not made any attempt to help the poor. They want self-efficient poor people, but offer them no way of surviving.

Regardless who you are, in Michigan everyone has to pay a 6% sales tax, even if it means that poor people won't be able to afford an auto. On top of all of this, our government imposes fines and costs that use no comparative income data. ~JP

## DOES THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM NEED RENOVATION?

How far would you get if you had to spend \$3 million to get a job? How much determination would you have if it cost you \$3 million every two years to keep a job that pays \$160K? What if you had to hand-out a sizable portion of that \$3 million to a variety of people that are compelled to give you a very bad reference and at the same time they give the other guy trying for the same job a glowing, almost saintly, reference?

What if you and most everybody else in the company knew the other guy should have been fired for lying and incompetence, but those that make the decision are so detached from reality they don't see a big enough problem to fire a guy that is running the company into the hole?

Welcome to the world of a political campaign for congress. Money has to be raised through begging, to get a job located a long way from home, and only pays around \$160K per year, but costs you an average of \$1.5 million per year to keep the job. You must spend money in print and broadcast ads with organizations who lie, are highly incompetent, who has no desire to see you win and are in love with the liberal incumbent.

The House, just before a majority of them (403 to 3) voted against an immediate withdraw from Iraq, voted themselves a \$3,100 per year pay raise (392 to 31) to allow most to make at least \$165,200 per year. Yet, a \$50 billion deficit reduction bill had barely passed (217 to 215: Party line).

<http://www.vote-smart.org/> is an excellent source to learn how your representative voted. Vigilance is very important and you should share your findings with those on your email list living in the same district. Some accountability is required to ensure the facts are presented to those trusted with voting; we can not trust the media to do their job.

Most of the media will reprint or simply broadcast any news release from those in office; the incumbent. A significant portion of those in the local media are too lazy, too afraid or just too incompetent to actually dissect an issue and properly present balanced and fair information to their readers, listeners, or viewers, or they mimic biased AP reporters.

One problem in the U. P. is that we have a strong leaning for Democrats in major population areas and that leaning usually determines who the successful person will be right from the get-go.

Although Yoopers are beginning to embrace homosexual marriages, abortion, gun control, anti-tobacco, severe governmental controls and are listening to the spandex crowd, there is still hope. The Yellow Dog Democrats, since the 1950s, are keeping that mentality primarily at the local and state levels. This is reflected in the acts by councils and commissions that are able to find money to buy land, but can't afford services. *Yellow Dog Democrat: Would vote for mangy yellow dog.*

## AN OPEN LETTER TO GEORGE W. BUSH

Here in November, 2005, you are down in the polls, just one year after being elected by the greatest number of votes in U.S. history. Your enemies, Al Qaeda, Fidel Castro, Kim Jung Il, Mohammad Khatami, terrorists everywhere, John Kerry, Ted Kennedy, Bill and Hillary Clinton, Howard Dean, Jimmy Carter, Harry Reid, Michael Moore, the entire Hollywood left, the mainstream press, the New York Times, the Washington Post, CBS, NBC, ABC, CNN, and the Democratic Party are gleeful beyond words.

I would like to remind you about another President, Abraham Lincoln, and what happened to him. Here is what the press was saying about him in the 1860's: *Mr. Lincoln evidently knows nothing of the higher elements of human nature. His soul seems made of leather, and incapable of any grand or noble emotion. Compared with the mass of men, he is a line of flat prose in a beautiful and spirited lyric. He lowers, he never elevates you. When he hits upon a policy, substantially good in itself, he contrives to belittle it, besmear it in some way to render it mean, contemptible and*

*useless. Even wisdom from him seems but folly.* - The New York Post.

Today, Lincoln is considered, by virtually every survey, to be the greatest of all U.S. Presidents. One of his speeches, The Gettysburg Address, is considered among the greatest speeches ever given, but here is what the press said about it at the time: *We did not conceive it possible that even Mr. Lincoln would produce a paper so slipshod, so loose-joined, so puerile, not alone in literary construction, but in its ideas, its sentiments, its grasp. He has outdone himself. He has literally come out*



*of the little end of his own horn. By the side of it, mediocrity is superb.* - The Chicago Times about The Gettysburg Address

President Bush, please take heart; ignore your critics and continue to do the right thing. As Harry S Truman said, "It will gratify some and astonish the rest."

Richard H. Francis Jr.

Holt, Michigan 11/19/05

## The Meaning of Words; Contrarily Speaking of Course

Let's review one of the more recent perversions of the neo-political movement. Congressman Murtha stated President Bush engaged in a military action based on lies and his administration had a long litany of deceptive issues leading up to the war in Iraq. Mr. Murtha said that President Bush, who had five deferments during Vietnam, was not able to accurately determine military action. The personal attack on the President was by-passed, but those on the left went berserk when the Representative from Ohio, Jean Schmidt (R), read a note she received from one of her constituents.

<http://thepoliticalscene.net/2005/11/18/cowardsnevermin/>

The note read on the floor stated, "Only cowards cut and run; Marines never do!" We here at the Yooper Scooper were pleased when those on the left took it as a personal attack on Mr. Murtha. Unfortunately, the congresswoman requested that her reading be stricken from the record. The left insisted that the right was picking on their war hero and John Kerry compared it to "swift-boating" the gentleman and HE wasn't going to stand-by and let the rightwing conspiracy groups do that to another war hero. (Evidently Kerry is seeking protection by the DNC in 2008.)

The bad thing about Republicans is that they had not yet learned how to get out and profess their stance on various issues. It is tough to compete against the left, who are able to create talking-points in a matter of hours. The GOP character and honesty compared to the Democrats' is a lot like Mahatma Gandhi campaigning against Adolph Hitler or Joseph Stalin; passive resistance has little influence over podium pounding zealots who make hollow promises while working the masses into frenzy. The GOP has plenty of sincerity, but little fortitude for deceit; the Democrats have no sincerity, but loads of deceit.

This latest bill proposed by Murtha suggested we pull out of Iraq and keep forces in neighboring countries in case we had to respond. Like moving the Detroit PD to Cleveland to stand-by for something that merits a law enforcement response, the obvious goal of the Democrats is a far cry from supporting the troops, even though their words state that they do. The Democrats are jumping on the defense, not to define some off-the-wall statement, but to state that the right should not question their patriotism. What is said is evidently not what is said, but what is not said that is said to be said.

## SEEKING ADVICE; CHOSE WISELY GRASSHOPPER

In consideration of younger readers, we would like to take this opportunity to discuss methods for obtaining good, sound advice about their future.

The transition between young adult to full-blown adulthood consists of a series of stumbles, embarrassments and self-doubt mixed in with a great steadiness, proud recognition for achievements and monumental strides toward self-confidence.

Most of your information will come from friends, teachers and whatever media you find most enticing. Friends have little experience, teachers are monolithic in many respects and the media is strictly self-promoting. Seek and ye shall find.

There are several sources available to you if you're willing to take the chance to open a conversation. In the business world it's called networking, in D.A.R.E. it's called a support system and in life it's called necessity.

Every challenge and decision that lays ahead for you has been experienced by someone you know—you just need to find out who is that someone?

In all matters throughout your life you will be required to make decisions, some you will be able to ponder for a long time and others will require an instantaneous judgment. The key to success lies in an individual's ability to make good decisions that come from excellent judgment skills.

In the modern era many of the critical components that provide you with experience in making good decisions and sound judgments are not available for two reasons; first many in your life, including the government, find it their duty to make the decisions and judgments for you and second, most of those making those decisions and judgments have no clue.

One of the peeves of the Yooper Scooper staff is the inability among those in policy-making and decision-making positions to properly plan. PLAN: Purpose, Lay-out, Analysis and Note.

**Purpose** is the reason for making a decision or a judgment.

**Lay-out** is the method utilized for its achievement. As an example, if you want to go to college, earn a specific degree, work in a specific job in a specific location, your lay-out will begin with meeting the requirements you need to go to college. Where to go comes next.

**Analysis** quantifies the information needed to make the decision or the judgment; a cost-benefit analysis, impact statement or consequence. What if you go this way rather than that way?

**Note** requires you to make a conscientious decision or judgment. Just simply remember the reason why you made the decision or the judgment so you have a future reference. *You will always regret and never forget a bad decision. ~JP*

Do you have a tough decision to make and need a little advice? Just send us an email and we'll do our best to address your concern: [yoopscoop@yahoo.com](mailto:yoopscoop@yahoo.com)

## WHERE IS GENERAL H. NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF?

We have to wonder where the booming, patriot General H. Norman Schwarzkopf is today. The good general was one of the few to acknowledge that troops were sick as a result of the conflict between Kuwait and Iraq; General Schwarzkopf wanted no stone unturned for seeking a cure. (01-29-97) General Schwarzkopf may have signed his obscurity notice as a result of his amazing honesty.

After his testimony on behalf of his troops who came home suffering from Gulf War Syndrome, he simply faded away.

At this time in our nation's history we need a man with staunch constitutional and patriotic convictions to be heard. His analysis would be a breath of fresh air in the midst of the wavering and gutless dialogue contaminating our airwaves and news articles.

Perhaps the one man alive in the United States that not only commanded respect from those who served under him, but a respect throughout the international circles, needs to be brought back before the American citizens.

Jimmy Carter answer the call when America thirsted for an honest man; unfortunately he was just another gutless prodigy of the Democrat Party.

By 2008 we will seek a presidential candidate



that is honest, respected and not afraid to tell us where the bear craps. He is also a man with vision, purpose and integrity. We hope, no, we pray, the GOP at least asks the General to run for President in 2008. ~JP

## CNN MARKS CHENEY: NETWORK FLASHES 'X' OVER VP'S FACE DURING LIVE SPEECH

At 11:04:45 AM ET Monday CNN was airing Vice President Dick Cheney's speech live from the American Enterprise Institute in Washington -- when a large black 'X' repeatedly flashed over the vice president's face!

[The 'X' over Cheney's face appeared](#) each time less than a second, creating an odd subliminal effect.

As this DRUDGE REPORT screen capture reveals, while one 'X' flashed over Cheney's face CNN ran a headline at the bottom of its screen: "CHENEY: I DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS WRONG TO CRITICIZE."

One top White House source expressed concern about what was aired over CNN.

"Is someone in Atlanta trying to tell us something?"

A CNN spokesman did not return repeated calls late Monday night.

DRUDGE REPORT - MON NOV 21, 2005 21:25:35 ET

*Editor's Note: Anyone familiar with computers would know that in order for a graphic of this type to be brought up over a video or photograph, it would have to be fully intentional, not a technical glitch that is claimed by CNN.*

*While the Democrats are trying their best to bring back political cynicism, alleged news outlets like CNN are helping the media cynicism to fester. From the fictitious service record of President Bush to the narcissistic Bill O'Reilly who refused to allow Curt Weldon (R—PA) to go on his show because he had to finish his job and was late for the "Factor".*

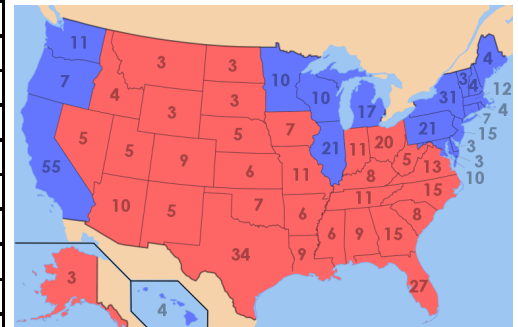
*We have noticed an intentional and blatant disrespect for those who the citizens have elected by those who are the least competent among us to judge character. This profound truth seems to lead us to the realization that the those on the left are clearly descendants of monkey-people—they climb to the highest branch and screech as they watch their young being eaten by a leopard. While the liberals like John Kerry and Ted Kennedy urinate on themselves in the face of danger, citizens are left wondering how these clowns ever earned the right to serve their people. But, after a brief analysis we understand the least charitable prefer underachievers like Kerry, Kennedy and the Clintons. We at the Yooper Scooper refer to this odd phenomenon as the East-Coast Simplex. The Salt-water Syndrome also applies to the East Coast liberals as well as to those on the West Coast.*



State	Having Rank	Giving Rank	Rank Relation	Generosity Index
Mississippi	50	6	44	1
Arkansas	46	5	41	2
South Dakota	44	9	35	3
Oklahoma	42	8	34	4
Tennessee	35	3	32	5
Alabama	38	7	31	6
Louisiana	43	12	31	7
Utah	30	2	28	8
South Carolina	39	13	26	9
West Virginia	48	22	26	10
Idaho	41	20	21	11
Texas	22	4	18	12
Nebraska	34	17	17	13
North Dakota	45	29	16	14
Wyoming	17	1	16	15
North Carolina	28	16	12	16
Kansas	27	15	12	17
Florida	23	14	9	18
Georgia	18	11	7	19
Missouri	31	24	7	20
Kentucky	40	33	7	21
New Mexico	47	40	7	22
Montana	49	45	4	23
Indiana	29	31	-2	24
Alaska	25	28	-3	25
New York	5	10	-5	26
Iowa	36	42	-6	27
Nevada	13	21	-8	28
Ohio	32	44	-12	29
Maine	37	49	-12	30
California	6	19	-13	31
Maryland	4	18	-14	32
Washington	11	25	-14	33
Vermont	33	47	-14	34
Oregon	26	41	-15	35
Pennsylvania	19	34	-15	36
Virginia	7	23	-16	37
Arizona	21	37	-16	38
Delaware	14	30	-16	39
Illinois	9	26	-17	40
Michigan	16	35	-19	41
Hawaii	24	43	-19	42
Colorado	10	32	-22	43
Minnesota	12	36	-24	44
Connecticut	1	27	-26	45
Wisconsin	20	46	-26	46
Rhode Island	15	50	-35	47
New Jersey	2	38	-36	48
Massachusetts	3	39	-36	49
New Hampshire	8	48	-40	50



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### WHEN IT COMES TO GENEROSITY

The entire first half of the states earning top honors for their generosity with charitable contributions were the same states President Bush won in 2004. There is hardly any recognizable disparity between the 2000 election and the 2004 election results and the overall generosity among the citizens of the states.

Although the people in the *State of Connecticut* have the most to give, they are 45th in the area of generosity while the people in the *State of Mississippi* have the least to give, they are ranked 1st in the generosity. What is most interesting is the *State of Massachusetts*, the liberal breeding ground, has the third highest rating among those that have and are 49th in their overall generosity.

We here at the Yooper Scooper suspect that the level of generosity among the citizens of the *blue states* is low because most feel they provide charity through the government. In contrast, those living in the *red states* are predominately Christians and are hailed as making up a significant portion of the “*Bible Belt*”.

The secular society that has manifested itself, even among our Commonwealth States founded on behalf of religious freedoms, have emptied the hearts of the citizens as they filled their pocketbooks. In the lands where the ACLU and liberal politics prevails, there is also a movement away from any sense of humility; the liberals have essentially become their own gods.

Despite the fact that many of those elected to the state and local governments of *Louisiana* are Democrat, the citizens are still ranked the 7th most generous while being ranked as the 43rd least able to give. The other underlying difference is that the least able to give states seem to have a far less greedy government; the opposite applies among the wealthiest states. Mark 10:25— *It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God!*



## U. P. Patriots

### Disclaimer—KOA Statement

The Yooper Scooper is a private newsletter to be exchanged among friends and like-minded individuals via the internet or through a hard copy printed at personal expense. Even though Democrats can campaign from the pulpit while Catholic Priests have to remain silent with threats of being removed from their non-profit status by the Democrats, the freedom of speech still has meaning and relevance among the people. We would like to take this opportunity to stress that if you take offense to the content of this newsletter you are probably indeed a descendent from monkeys. As for the rest of us, we hold the truths of God, Creationism, Free Will, Ten Commandments and the Constitution close to our hearts and within our souls. ~J. Powers, Editor

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**Have a comment to share with us or other Yooper Scooper readers?**

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[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clinton\\_Administration](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clinton_Administration)

<http://thepoliticalteen.net/index.php>

<http://www.gandhiinstitute.org/>

<http://www.cmif.org/Default.asp>

<http://www.ftc.gov/os/comments/dncpapercomments/04/notforprofit.pdf>

<http://www.allheadlinenews.com/articles/7001123510>

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[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Deer\\_Population\\_Goals\\_141443\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Deer_Population_Goals_141443_7.pdf)

<http://www.nathanielfick.com/more/more.asp> (Recommended Reading)

<http://www.au.af.mil/au/aul/bibs/great/schwar.htm>

<http://www.military-quotes.com/Schwarzkopf.htm>

<http://www.nytimes.com/2005/11/22/nyregion/22camden.html>

<http://msnbc.msn.com/id/9981885/> (Youngest Mayor—Hillsdale, Michigan)

[http://www.ci.hillsdale.mi.us/mayor\\_citycouncil.htm](http://www.ci.hillsdale.mi.us/mayor_citycouncil.htm) (Hillsdale, Michigan)

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## SESSIONS ELECTED HILLSDALE MAYOR BY LEAH WILD, COLLEGIAN REPORTER



After all the mayoral election votes were counted Tuesday, Michael Sessions had 732 votes to 668 for Mayor Doug Ingles, according to unofficial figures posted on the city's Web site. The 18-year-old high school student was elected mayor after mounting a write-in campaign to oust the 51-year-old incumbent.

Before the results were announced Sessions said his stomach "was butterflies all over the place."

Sessions first received the news of his election by phone at his home among family and friends. Sessions' cousin Jeremiah Newsome said Sessions was mostly shocked at the news.

"He was really happy with the outcome," he said.

Newsome, 25, started the family trend of running for office at a young age in 2002 when he was elected as a trustee on the Springport, Mich., village council where he still serves. He said he thinks Sessions will be able to handle both going to school and serving as mayor. Newsome was a student at Albion College while acting as a trustee.

Pending clearance by the County Board of Canvassers today, Sessions will be the youngest mayor in Hillsdale's history, and perhaps the youngest ever recorded.

Newsome said the family is researching the matter and has not found a mayor younger than Sessions' 18 years and 47 days.

Sessions was 17 and not yet qualified to get on the ballot in the spring. But on Sept. 22, one day after his birthday, he registered to vote.

The next day, he signed up as a write-in candidate.

Sessions' political experience consists

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of job shadowing his cousin and the American Legion's Boys State Program held on the Michigan State University campus. He said he plans to eventually expand his political career beyond mayor.

"I'd like to [go to school] at Hillsdale and study politics," he said. "This is just a stepping stone," Sessions said of the recent election.

Sessions said he hopes his new responsibilities will not hinder his high school career, and he said that school will come first.

"I'm a student from 7:50 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. I'm the mayor of Hillsdale," Sessions said. "I think I'm going to be able to juggle this just fine."

On Wednesday, Sessions was interviewed by Good Morning America at The Annex in Hillsdale, a small town business that has helped Sessions in his campaign.

"People came in [to the Annex], heard about my campaign and spread the word," he said.

Sessions has also been contacted by CNN, the L.A. Times and USA Today, and he was featured on NBC Nightly News on Wednesday.

Sessions said he and his family were "blindsided" by all the media attention, but he has managed to handle the attention so far with the help of Newsome.

In regards to the city's motto, "It's the people," Sessions said: "It's who I represent. I represent the people of Hillsdale now."

*Editor's Note: Tried as we did, we were unable to determine Mr. Sessions' political party at the time of this writing. It is suspected that he had to run as a non-partisan but has strong conservative leanings. We are waiting for his reply. ~JP*