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America's Second Revolutionary War

The 2008 Presidential Primary is upon our doorstep; opportunity knocks. There is a large field of candidates from both major parties from which to select. Unfortunately, while the numbers are there, the quality is very low.

Several agendas are coming into play this election season; the liberal Democrats want their Party back, the constitutionally-based conservative Republicans want their Party back; none think their salvation lies in the hands of their top candidates—that is a very sour dose of political reality.

In this issue we will do some comparative research regarding the best prospects to lead the nation to safe harbor, but first things first. At this point, discerning whom would be the best person to command the sinking ship is irrelevant; the entire crew needs to walk the plank. That means no incumbent should be elected to return to the capitol; they are all equally responsible, this includes members of both parties.

The Presidential Primary is only the start of what could possibly be dubbed as the second Revolutionary War of the United States. But in order for that to happen, the citizens of the US need to keep up their convictions and be wary of the promises of the incumbents.

The excuse that they're all idiots, but they're our idiots needs to be replaced with no more excuses. Instead, citizens need to vote for an honest, sincere and constitutionally devoted candidate.

Even though we're living in the early years of the 21st Century, Congressional leaders are functioning in the 17th Century. President Bush is ***fiddling while Rome is burning*, but Congress is the orchestra in the background. The constant themes that have been reflected by the Yooper Scooper and other watchdog journals are redefining the nation's dynamics, which have been hindering the prosperity of the citizens and is delineating the sovereignty of the nation in favor of a more superior and controlling government enterprise.

The move away from God toward secular debauchery has devolved through political maneuvering. Although none of us can cast the first stone, it is human instinct to first do what is right whenever doing something on behalf of another. When basic instinct is dissolved into an abyss of self-righteousness and promotion, those who are defecated upon should not learn to enjoy the warmth, aroma and taste, but should retaliate with effective certainty.

The disenfranchised citizens have the right and the authority to set the direction of this nation. Our indebtedness requires discipline and our political systems require loyalty to the citizens first and foremost. The exchange of the interests and needs of the citizens for a sustained livelihood for career politicians will be our demise if allowed to continuously grow without extensive pruning. All those citizens who don't vote for various reasons absolutely must register and go to the polls. Your vote must be their mandates.

***Nero: <http://www.roman-empire.net/emperors/nero-index.html>—[Historians know Romans didn't know what a fiddle was in July of 64 AD, but it is easier and less controversial to say than Bush has mounted his private stage and sang about the destruction of Troy.]*

The Year of the Constitution?

Dr. Ron Paul, Congressman from Texas, has created quite a stir within the GOP and among the disenfranchised voters. He has brought to the discussion several previously unmentionable political problems. Dr. Paul wants the President and Congress to operate within the parameters of the Constitution. He also supports a responsible judiciary that adheres to the Constitution.

The epiphany among many voters should make for an interesting election season. While Ron Paul's advocacy for withdrawing troops from all foreign lands reminds many citizens of military installation closures from the 1980s through the 90s, others support the idea. A strong home-based defense is a necessity. Bill Clinton left our military forces impoverished, which required the activation of our National Guard forces to fight in Iraq.

On the safety and security side of the issue, Dr. Paul wants to protect the sovereignty of both the nation and states. The limited scope and authority of the Constitution denies the national government the right to dictate to the states anything not specifically permitted by the Constitution. This includes education, life issues, firearm ownership, immorality rights, taxation, infrastructure and numerous other rights rendered upon the states by the Tenth Amendment: *"The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people."*

While most presidential hopefuls advocate business as usual and have made their way as political insiders, Dr. Ron Paul has delivered a different message that is empowering the lowly citizens to take action.

Citizens are finally realizing that their rights have been chipped-away at over the years. While some citizens stood mute and others applauded the crack-down on the smokers, they now find their government poised to crack-down on foods and drinks with no essential nutritional value. They witnessed Congress and the states begin to implement domestic violence protection acts and applauded them as a good way to curtail abuse. Then they saw the retroactive disarming of thousands of citizens; who are otherwise law-abiding citizens, again with accolades and applause. Social Security income was taxed retroactively. The state and the national governments sued private industry and citizens, not for violating laws, but for unethical practices, of which no politician is ever guilty. The citizens may have had enough.



New York Senator Hillary Clinton

As a U. S. Senator, Hillary Clinton's performance is less than mediocre. She has had nearly as many No Votes as total Yes or No votes. Her legislative incompetence suggests she is quite capable of doing to America what Jennifer Granholm has done to Michigan. All the failures of liberal chicks are never their fault; their first rule is to blame others and if that doesn't work, they try to create another escape, like pointing to a vast-right-wing conspiracy.

As possibly the third most hated woman in America, led only by Jane Fonda and Cindy Sheehan, Hillary is the Ethel Rosenberg of the 21st Century and would pass into political obscurity if it weren't for the liberal citizens of the State of New York. She is an outspoken advocate of ideologies espoused by communists and is a rabid opponent of the free-market system.

While searching for something positive to say about the alpha bitch, we found that she joined Chucky Shumer in imposing a 108.3% duty on candles from China. The tax on alternative lighting during electrical outages like those caused by hurricanes should set well with coastal residents. Hillary is the wax and wane candidate.

Hillary-care, the plan for universal health care, is based on a European Union model. Like her cohorts, she is electing to punish the working class in order to pay for health care for less than 15% of the population; the way workers do now with Medicare and Medicaid.

The alternative of making all health care costs 100% deductible, to include Medicare "contributions", is passé'. She prefers her own "It takes a Village" scheme; which will be as successful as any mandatory program that is overseen and administered by Congress.

We won't relive her statement to a man in uniform to go and put on something decent, but we are compelled to point out that the reduction in covert intelligence and the cuts to the military by Hillary's husband eventually put us in a compromising state. Although Mrs. Clinton is on the Senate Armed Services Committee, she blamed President Bush for not having the military properly armored prior to going to war.

The citizens of Michigan have lived with a liberal chick at the helm since 2002; we are conditioned to blame others for her failure before she does. We shouldn't have a problem with another Clinton in office; if elected, she can spend eight years laying the blame on both Bush presidents and the highly incompetent Congress. We are still waiting for her to dust-off her Bible.

Political Philosophy: Totalitarianism

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hillary_Clinton—http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Political_positions_of_Hillary_Rodham_Clinton

Voting Record: http://www.vote-smart.org/voting_category.php?can_id=WN99268 (Note the number of No Votes—NV)

Other Information: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Hillary_Rodham_Clinton

Illinois Senator Barack Hussein Obama

What stands out most about the Senator from Illinois are his refusals to place his hand over his heart during the National Anthem and to wear a U. S. Flag pin on his lapel. We also noticed that Obama hasn't mentioned his mother too often in his book or in public. Like Bill Clinton, Barack Obama also seems to be a misogynist at heart. His politics is quite reflective of Governor and minister Mike Huckabee's desire to keep women barefoot, pregnant and in the kitchen; the fundamentals of Muslims and Evangelicals.

As a representative from the Great State of Illinois, an agriculturally superior state, he did not vote on H.R. 2419 as Amended; Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act of 2007. His list of "No Votes" statistically surpasses the No Votes of Hillary Clinton. As evidenced by his lack of votes while in the Senate, Barack Obama is a difficult individual to characterize as a politician in general. However, his voting record for and against issues indicates he is nothing more than a Democrat "Yes" man. We cannot differentiate him from Hillary.

Barack Obama traveled a wide-circle in life before ultimately ending up in mainland America. His roots in the United States came as a result of his mother, a U. S. citizen living in Hawaii who mothered Barack while she was married to a man from Kenya. He spent his pre-teen years in Indonesia. Barack's past will raise many questions if he receives the Democrat Party's nomination, but there is no doubt he is far more intelligent than Mrs. Clinton and is equally quite willing to say whatever is necessary to win; an indispensable Democrat characteristic.

Unlike either Clinton, Obama readily admits to inhaling and abusing illegal drugs. That admission puts him in touch with a large segment of the U. S. society, but will not set well with those fighting the war on drugs.

Obama has spent more time trying to disarm the citizens than trying to protect their civil liberties and constitutional rights. There is little interest in supporting private enterprise over government controls.

The additional fact that Barack is a regular user of tobacco sets him apart and should really make him a more likeable, down-to-earth type of guy. Unfortunately, his ties to Occidental College, Columbia, and Harvard have left us with a long-lasting impression on the aspiring metro-sexual; he is not a common.

Like a majority of the 2008 presidential front-runners, Barack Obama is also an attorney. He studied political science and international relations, but again he was influenced by the tenured professors at the liberal universities. The tendency of liberal professors is to spoon-feed students with indoctrinating information while the spend time condemning critical-thinking and any genuine debate.

Among all the Democrat candidates, Barack Obama could have been the most promising. "Could have been" is the key term that will leave Mr. Obama wondering why he didn't grow up faster.

Political Philosophy: Totalitarianism

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barack_Obama—http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Political_positions_of_Barack_Obama

Voting Record: <http://projects.washingtonpost.com/congress/members/o000167/>

Other Information: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Barack_Obama



Former North Carolina Senator Johnny Reid Edwards

Former North Carolina Senator Edwards is a one-term Senator and former running mate of presidential nominee John Kerry. One more attorney in the bundle, Edwards majored in textile technology at Clemson in South Carolina before studying law at the University of North Carolina. Unlike the other top-two contenders for the Democrat nomination, he has roots in only two states, South and North Carolina. Edwards has made a political life in the same state he's actually lived in for most of his life.

His life between the two adjacent states and a stint in Tennessee would eventually lead to fortune first and fame second. In a \$25 million award, Edwards gleaned over \$8 million plus expenses from a family who lost their daughter when her intestines were purged from her when she sat over a pool cleaning intake valve.

The fact that the Sta-Rite company was merely the manufacturer of the drain, and the drain cover was improperly replaced after maintenance was irrelevant. The swim club had not affixed the cover properly and other children had removed the protective cover. It was a tragic accident that Edwards was quite willing and able to capitalize on.

Edwards took his hard-earned dollars that came at the expense of lives and disabilities of others and invested \$16 million in an LLC, Fortress and Fortress. The group was making preparations to buy-up foreclosed properties after Hurricane Katrina forced the residents to evacuate their communities.

The political ramifications were quite apparent to Edwards so he de-invested his \$16 million, or whatever, and gave \$100,000 to start ACORN, Association of Community Organizations to Reform Now.

Since most soccer moms have a tendency to vote for looks and charm over substance, John Edwards will give Barack Obama a run for his money. Neither have any substance, but both have the looks and charm to entice those without a discerning eye.

Voters have to wonder why a candidate belongs to one Party rather than the other. In Edwards' case it would be financial suicide for him and his brethren if Republicans were to head down that road toward tort reform. There is no other industry that can bleed 33.3% out of the pain and suffering of the victims, except government of course.

It's up to the voters, but in our opinion it is not the place of a lawyer to be at the helm in the White House. Congress just can't seem to get one convicted.

Political Philosophy: Communist.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John Edwards](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Edwards)—[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Political_positions_of_John Edwards](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Political_positions_of_John_Edwards)

Voting Record: <http://projects.washingtonpost.com/congress/members/E000286/>

Other Information: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Official and Potential 2008 United States presidential election Democratic candidates](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Official_and_Potential_2008_United_States_presidential_election_Democratic_candidates)

Other Contenders for the Democrat Nomination

This section is dedicated to those still listed as candidates on wikipedia. The link below shows a list of the contenders—when visiting the link please note the Political Positions of . . . ; that will be your link to hours of research. Let no voter ever say again that they had no idea who their favorite candidate really was when they have such an enormous amount of information at their fingertips, literally and figuratively.

Delaware Senator Joe Biden is another lawyer. Unlike Clinton, Obama and Edwards, Senator Biden is about as far left as a Democrat can go without actually wearing a Kim Jung Il leisure suit. The social conscience of Senator Biden and his fellow Delaware socialists is noteworthy.

The State of Delaware runs several casinos where citizens and visitors can gamble away their life-savings while enjoying adult beverages to help numb the pain. However, smoking is not permitted inside the casino.

Like most Democrats, Senator Biden would prefer a gun-free society, remain dependent on foreign oil, provide no accountability among our nation's teachers and has often flipped his flop.

Political Philosophy: Communist–Socialist

Connecticut Senator Chris Dodd is another lawyer and DC insider. Although a staunch supporter of NAFTA, he was apprehensive about supporting a like bill regarding the country of Peru, citing the failure of NAFTA as a main reason. It is quite obvious that he and his Democrat brethren were unable or unwilling to read the NAFTA agreement and gave Clinton a carte blanche to annihilate our national sovereignty and trade policies.

Senator Dodd is the closest to mainstream America of all the other candidates. He has voted his conscience for most of his political career and seems to be deliberate.

Political Philosophy: Moderate–Liberal

Alaska Senator Maurice Robert “Mike” Gravel is an economics major. He abandoned his Catholic faith while working in the investment bond department at Bankers Trust. Like Hillary Clinton, Senator Gravel is an opportunist, far more interested in self-gain and self-promotion than taking a strident stance on behalf of his constituents.

Political Philosophy:

An unbalanced blend of Communist–Libertarian.

Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich is probably the only candidate on the DNC ticket that is more politically, and possibly psychologically, unbalanced than Gravel. While he supports banning handguns, he also wants to decriminalize illegal drugs. On a positive note, he wants to withdraw from NAFTA and the WTO. Kucinich is on his third wife, a British babe of sorts. On the plus side, he isn't a lawyer and majored in speech/communications.

Political Philosophy: Totalitarian.

New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson is another DC insider. He served as a Congressman from New Mexico for nearly 15 years. He majored in French and also political science. He earned a masters degree in Law and Diplomacy.

He does not have a link to his political positions, but he does seem to have crawled between the sheets with those wolf-loving environmentalists. He is at best cautiously pro-border control. He is now reaping the wrath of NM citizens.

Political Philosophy: Moderate–Liberal

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Former Massachusetts Governor Willard Mitt Romney

Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney may be the first person so far that some of the U. P. Patriots would support if he was nominated to run for President, with several reservations. This is not any type of recommendation on our part mainly because he has several characteristics of George W. Bush, few of which are positive.

Romney is a centralist, in that he believes the federal government has the right and authority to create demands and controls on states regarding issues like education. But he also supports the up-close and personal oversight of local board members, principals and the school districts' superintendent.

Romney has bought into the notion that humans are the major contributors to CO₂, greenhouse gases, and supports regulations to deter continued contributions toward global warming. This indicates Romney is not an astute researcher and is too gullible to be the nation's president.

On an issue that is dear to the hearts of the U. P. Patriots, Romney's gullibility is iterated in his support of the ban of "assault weapons". This worries us. Romney seems to have no connection with the real world.

Romney has stumbled a few times so far, but not as often as most other GOP Party candidates, actually from either Party. So far Romney is "holding his own" and could very well end-up winning several primaries.

The primary elections that he wins may be challenged on the validity of the win due to the fact the ballot named "Mitt Romney", a nickname, rather than Willard Romney. The issue has already been raised by some of the Party elitists in Michigan.

As a DC outsider, Romney will have to face numerous obstacles from conservative Republicans and from the Democrats for the remainder of the election cycle. He won't be able to appease either side and if the Democrats run someone decent, like Chris Dodd, Romney could be easily defeated.

The media has already portrayed Romney in every light except the proper light in order to prevent the mainstream moderate from being the GOP's nominee. While the media promotes Democrat liberal Giuliani as the GOP's moderate candidate, they spend a lot of time knit-picking Romney with the most superfluous issues like his religion and move to his pro-life stance.

In our opinion, Romney's move to pro-life is not a flip-flop, it's an enlightenment.

The inclination of the media to attack Romney early in the game indicates that if the Democrats nominate a communist, Mitt may seem like a mainstream moderate. He would be especially electable on the issues of health care and his Bush-like stance on the embryonic stem cell research issue; research is ok, just not with taxpayers' money.

His stand on illegal immigration is also a salable quality, even though he is fundamentally flawed in his philosophy of allowing more immigration; just making it legal.

His posture on interrogation techniques is honorable, suggesting he would consult with the experts, not the politicians, regarding the United States policies. Governor Romney criticized Barack Obama for saying that in his first year as president, he would meet with the leaders of several nations hostile to the U. S. Romney said, "Having the president meet with the authoritarian tyrants of the world is remarkably poor judgment."

Political Philosophy: Socialist-Moderate

Former City of New York Mayor Rudolf William Louis "Rudy" Giuliani

Of all the Republican candidates, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani has been dubbed by the U P Patriots as the guy most-in-over-his-head. Aside from his numerous personal indiscretions, the events before and after September 11, 2001 places Giuliani in the Patriot's category of "Most Likely to be Swift-Boated." That is only one step better than Hillary Clinton who tops our "Most Likely to be Indicted" category.

Giuliani started his political career as a socialist Democrat and, while maintaining his socialists roots, became a Republican. The obscurity presented by neo-cons like Rudolf has scrambled the clarity of who and what the GOP really is about overall. Our forefathers may have seemed to be liberal in the 1700s, but the term was redefined in modern times—<http://hafeman.com/>. The result is that conservatives are now progressives and the liberals are the embodiment of the governmental *status quo*. Whoever the 2008 GOP nominee finally is, he will set the Party's formula for decades.

Giuliani is not a conscientious planner; he is reactionary in his political leanings—most typical of a modern liberal. Prior to 9–11 he failed to recognize his responsibilities in ensuring those assigned to emergency services were prepared for another terrorist attack. The 1993 attack on the WTC should have alerted the leadership to the disparities, especially the communications.

Giuliani was more inclined to reopen Wall Street after 9–11 than muster any concern about the air quality in Manhattan. Ultimately, the tests indicated the air quality was equivalent to "drain cleaner".

The certainty of Giuliani being swift-boated is based on his orders to cease searching for bodies and possible survivors after a vault of gold and other precious metals was located. Members of the NYFD and the International Association of Fire Fighters are poised to render their verdict on Giuliani's competency.

What remains a strange phenomenon is that the issue was only mentioned briefly by the news media shortly after he threw his hat into the ring. An enormous eruption is anticipated.

Giuliani has had a history of taking positions and making statements that are liberal in areas of social policy, particularly as relating to abortion, gay and lesbian rights, gun control, illegal immigration and school prayer. Wikipedia.com

Giuliani's attempt to convince GOP voters that he is personally opposed to abortion, but supports *Roe v. Wade* has only baffled the independents. He also supports the funding of embryonic stem cell research with public money.

Conservatives and most Christians will not vote for Giuliani any more than they would vote for George W. Bush if he were able to run a third time. Perhaps Giuliani is the most unequivocally divisive GOP candidate to date and for good reason. There is no doubt that if Giuliani receives the GOP nomination, conservatives and libertarians will go Perotastic on him and on the GOP.

Political Philosophy: Liberal-Communist



Texas Congressman Dr. Ron Paul



Dr. Ron Paul may well be a DC insider since he has spent so much time in Congress, but that label does not fit him very well because he is anything but an insider. The UP Patriots could easily support Dr. Paul or a like-minded individual for President of the United States. He is our first choice.

As with any candidate out there, most people will not agree on several platforms, but in Dr. Paul's case it pretty much rests on one of his key issues; abandoning both Iraq and Afghanistan before the mission is fully completed. This would be a non-issue if the citizens elected a responsible, pro-America Congress, but it still concerns some of us. Unlike the anti-war citizens, the pro-mission citizens understand that there were many mistakes. However, most think that our obligations and commitments need to be brought to a successful conclusion—as they were defined by GWB several times since the successful defeat of two standing armies by our military and our allies. This may be one of Ron Paul's Achilles, but being Ron Paul, he will not easily back—down from his stated position.

The disbanding of military operations in other foreign theaters is understandable. After the Democrats closed numerous bases in the United States in favor of foreign and UN operations within the US, the thought that those sworn to uphold the Constitution will be protecting our soil should help us all sleep better at night. So the weight of leaving Iraq and Afghanistan balances the secondary position of Dr. Ron Paul. It is reasonable to believe our allies are capable of taking care of themselves and the US will always remain prepared to assist if Congress gives them a go.

Other issues that have been up for debate, especially among the Romney supporters and other neo-cons, is that several of Ron Paul's contributors are linked to supremacist groups. In reality, if every contributor to any campaign were vetted there would be whacks giving to candidates from all spectrums. As an example, George Soros and MoveOn.org are perhaps best described as fascists, yet they are not even mentioned as being such by the media nor are their contributions to Barack Obama and other Democrats called into question. This supports the notion that campaign contributions should be limited to individuals

Dr. Ron Paul has done something that no other candidate has done in decades; made the Constitution the center of a campaign. The liberals and neo-cons can run, but they can't hide—the Constitution will remain intact as long as Congress keeps the Supreme Court honest and they themselves abide by its contents.

There are several certainties that must occur in the next two years or the United States, as we know it, will no longer exist. First, the Constitution must be fully applied to all branches of government. Second, individuals who are deliberate and fortitudinous must deal with our national security interest, which includes our illegal immigration problems. Third, the US economy is in peril, especially against foreign trade and currencies, and the citizens should have little hope if our nation continues going in its present direction.

Finally, there is no doubt that the next president will nominate at least two justices to the U. S. Supreme Court. Conservatives and liberals alike should embrace justices who are strict Constitutionalists.

Political Philosophy: Constitutional—Republicanism

Other Contenders for the Republican Nomination

Dr. Alan Keyes has done for the debate of morality what Ron Paul has done for the debate on the Constitution. He is spirited and devoted to his belief that the nation is in dire need of divine intervention. American citizens have become morally impoverished and have also been swept away from their sacred constitutional rights. There is no doubt Dr. Keyes would be the most favorite orator during a State-of-the-Union address and would have a come-to-Jesus meeting with the US Supreme Court, Congress and the American citizens.

Political Philosophy—Republicanism

Former Governor Mike Huckabee is perhaps in need of quality psychological care and in dire need of adult supervision. While the nation awaits our government to impose taxes on sugar products, Huckabee wants to ban smoking in public altogether. The lack of concern for the Constitution in favor of personal and religious agendas is scary.

Political Philosophy: Oligarchy—Theocratic



Congressman Duncan Hunter of California carries the mark of an insider, but like Ron Paul he has been on the side of sanity for most of his political career. Also, he is a lawyer, which is another mark against him, but he seems to have a better handle on the functions of lawyers.

As a former Vietnam Veteran and a victim of a wildfire, Hunter seems to have an intimate knowledge of how to operate a government responsibly. He is our second runner-up for the nomination.

Political Philosophy: Constitutional—Republicanism

Senator John McCain of Arizona may not be as crazy as Mike Huckabee, but he's really close. Aside from discussing interrogation techniques in public forums, McCain has latched on to the most liberal side of the Democrat Party in order to accomplish ineffective and useless legislation.

Although McCain thinks it wrong to torture captors, he is comfortable with bombing them.

Political Philosophy: Socialist—Moderate



Former Senator Fred Thompson has a rather mundane political record. He has espoused his believe in federalism, which is a centralized government, but in Thompson's ideological mind it should have strict controls like those in the Constitution.

Thompson is a global warming skeptic, is pro-2nd Amendment and seems to be a staunch advocate of better immigration enforcement.

In our book, Senator Fred Thompson is the third runner-up.

Political Philosophy: Moderate—Conservative

Several other GOP potentials remain out there, including Newt Gingrich, who would be an outstanding and resourceful president, but his private life may obscure his chances even though they were minor compared to Giuliani's. Former Senator George Allen of Iowa would also be a very welcomed candidate to the fray. Both Newt Gingrich and George Allen share Republicanism philosophies.



There is a doctor in the House! By Vladimir Treskov, Ballwin, MO

America generously gave us, the immigrants from the former USSR, not only a place to live, but also, by making us their citizens, the right to participate in its political life. I, however, have to confess that I previously avoided voting because I did not find substantial differences between the candidates. Sure, there were Democrats and Republicans, but for me they differed only in name; their attitude towards the key problems, which determine the future of America, was the same. This future does not look so bright today. "War on Terror", the war in Iraq, tense relationships with Iran, huge national debt, inflation, and the falling dollar - these are all the symptoms of a serious ailment. Do I see any candidate who proposes something effective to resolve these problems? Yes, I do. That is why I am not going to stay home on this Election Day. My candidate is the Republican Congressman Ron Paul. It is significant that he comes to us, not from the TV, not from the newspapers or from the radio, but from the Internet community that discovered him.



What is so appealing about this 72-year-old Congressman from Texas? Why did nearly 60,000 of us pour an incredible \$6,000,000 into his campaign in a single day, on December 16, 2007? (The average donation was around \$100. This event sets a record of raising money through the Internet for Republicans, and gives Paul a chance to financially compete with other candidates who accept large donations from big corporations).

I have no problem answering this question. Never in my life have I seen a politician so unflinchingly principled and honest; Ron Paul is a man of seamless integrity. The profession of a politician and qualities referenced above are very difficult to find in coexistence in one person in real life. It is rare for an honest man to go into politics. It is even rarer for a politician to stay honest after decades in office. I can recall the only man of comparable stature from Russian history - academic Andrei Sakharov, an advocate of civil liberties and 1975 Nobel Peace Prize winner. Unfortunately, Russia never gave me a chance to vote for him. Now in America I have a chance to vote for a truly great man.

Here are some facts about Ron Paul:

- Ron Paul is a retired medical doctor - an obstetrician. He has delivered over 4,000 babies. He has been married to his wife for 50 years. They have 5 children and 18 grandchildren.
- He served our nation as a flight surgeon in both the Air Force and the Air National Guard.
- During 10 terms in Congress, Ron Paul has never taken a government-paid junkie, has never voted himself a pay raise, and has not participated in the lucrative congressional pension program.
- He has never taken a dime from a lobbyist.
- He has never voted to raise taxes and National Taxpayers Union rated him "Taxpayer's Best Friend".
- He has never voted for an unbalanced budget.
- He has never voted to increase the power of the executive branch.
- He voted against the Patriot Act.
- He voted against regulating the Internet.
- He voted against the Iraq war.
- He returns a portion of his annual congressional office budget to the U.S. Treasury every year.
- Congressman Paul introduces numerous pieces of substantive legislation each year, probably more than any single member of Congress.

His nickname as a Congressman is "Dr. No" because he always says 'NO' to lobbyists, 'NO' to bills that increase bureaucracy and 'NO' on bills that decrease freedom.

Russians used to say, "Good man is not yet a profession", and I agree. However, when such a man has a strong program and is ready to lead a great country that is in trouble, every patriot of that country should do whatever he or she can to ensure his election.

Is America in trouble? David M. Walker who is the current Comptroller General of the United States, in his TV interview said, "The most serious threat to United States is not someone hiding in a cave in Afghanistan or Pakistan, but our own fiscal irresponsibility". When he was asked what to expect in near future, he answered that "If nothing changes the Federal Government is not going to be able to do much more than pay interest on the mounting debt and some entitlements benefits. It wouldn't have money left for anything else".

Ron Paul's program is the change we need to save America from fiscal (and moral) bankruptcy.

- Here are its three main points:
- Restoration of the Constitution
 - Phasing out the Federal Reserve System and the return to sound monetary policies
 - Foreign policy based on the principle of nonintervention

I have to note that Ron Paul proposed all these for years, and I hope America will hear him this time so that we can have this doctor in the White House.

Those like me, who studied history of the USSR in our Russian schools, remember reading in every textbook that a "planned economy" was superior to a "free market" economy. Life proved otherwise in every country that tried to follow this system of central government control. Seeing that some Americans advocate for a bigger and stronger Government, I am concerned that they do not pay attention to this lesson. Moreover, I especially worry that they do not understand or honor their US Constitution, a document which importance we never knew in Russia, but which I consider the foremost achievement of the American People. This document defines the agreement between the citizens and their elected Government. It is a law, which applies to all - citizens and the Government. It provides a structure, which limits the power of the government and therefore secures the liberty of citizens.

To compare, the Constitution of the former USSR resembles just a wish list and completely misses all the substantial elements needed to create the checks and balances necessary to prevent the misuse of power.

Government, using power beyond the limits specifically given to it by the Constitution, breaks the law. A current example is the war in Iraq. The USA should not go to war without a declaration of war. Only Congress has authority to declare a war. Congress in this case avoided the responsibility of making the decision to declare war and left the decision to the President. Now we have a mess. Ron Paul foresaw this and forewarned the Congress in his speech to Congress on Oct 8, 2002.

As a strict Constitutionalist, Ron Paul is an advocate for small government. In an interview, he was asked, "If you propose to limit the role of the government, does that mean that you are going to be a "weak" President"? Ron Paul smiled and answered: "We need a strong President, strong enough to resist the temptation of taking power the President shouldn't have." The monetary system of the USA is a convoluted topic for many people. However, the truth is that the so-called "Federal Reserve Bank" is 'federal' by name only. In reality, it is a private banking cartel, that loans money to the American Government. Does the

government need to cover expenses caused by the war in Iraq? No problem, they can print money out of thin air. As result, this devalues every dollar we have. The Fed can drastically affect the economy at the drop of a hat, simply by making decisions about the money supply and interest rates. The profits of war go to the corporations selling arms and the oil companies with interests in Asia and the Middle East, but the costs are borne by the American people whose savings are being devalued in order to pay for the war. Such a monetary system allows American Government to live beyond its means and soon will make us bankrupt. Before the Federal Reserve Act of 1913, an act pushed through Congress by the big bankers, gold and silver backed America's money. The return to a sound commodity based monetary system is an absolute necessity to heal the economy. Happily, we do have a doctor in the House who has been prescribing just this remedy for years!

With the huge existing budget deficit, where would our candidate get money?

Here is the main force of the proposed reforms - radical change of foreign policy. To be friends, to trade, but to stay away from the internal affairs of other countries - that is what the Founding Fathers of the Constitution have taught us. American Armed Forces have to defend American borders, not police the world. This will help to save hundreds of billions of needed dollars. That will not only return money, in time that will also return prestige to America, prestige based not on military force, but on example to the rest of the world of what a free and just society should represent.

Today we do not have any candidate whose program to heal the economy could compete with program of Ron Paul. He is the "Hope for America". However, will he get the needed popular political support?

Today Ron Paul is already the most popular candidate on the Internet. He has received more contributions from military personnel than any other candidate has. He is gaining in the polls and may have more money on hand than so-called "top-tier candidates" such as John McCain.

The activity of Ron Paul's supporters gives hope for success. The money they raise will provide him with more visibility in the mass media. I have read on the Internet that Larry Lepard, a 50-year old investment manager, Harvard Business School MBA, and a Ron Paul supporter not associated with the official campaign, brought support to a completely new level. Lepard invested approximately \$85,000 of his own money to send a message to the voting public: "Ron Paul is the best hope America has to restore the Constitution and get our country back on track." The full-page ad, published on Nov. 21 in USA Today, is entitled "An Open Letter to the American People," and reads as though the Founding Fathers penned it. In an interview, Lepard said, "I view this expenditure as an investment in the future of this country and of my children."

Supporters call Ron Paul's program a "Revolution" and it really is. I feel there is a wind of change everywhere. I am seeing more support groups on <http://www.meetup.com/> created here locally and all over the country. For me support of Ron Paul means making more people aware of his program and voting for him. The fact that Ron Paul is running as a Republic should not put anybody off. Today the character of the candidate and his program is much more important than to which the political Party he belongs.

See for yourself; choose for yourself. Now that I learned about Dr. Paul, I can hardly wait to vote. The "Good Doctor" has cured my apathy. Google him and he just might cure yours. America needs to move this doctor from the House to the White House. The whole world will benefit.

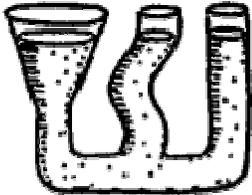
Editor's Note: Thanks Vladimir--Welcome to America!

“Water seeks its own level” or Why the SPP Can’t Work!



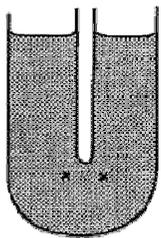
By Melanie K. Wooten, Iowa

We learned in school that “water seeks its own level” but I could not explain how that works, even to myself. In an effort to coalesce my own thoughts and knowledge on this subject (physics was not one of my favorites in school), I went to an on-line *Physics Lab and here is what I found out:



Water pressure depends on depth, so only at equal depths of water will the pressure be equal. Consider the U-tube. If water is at rest where each x is, the pressures must be equal ~ otherwise a flow would occur from the region of higher to the region of lower pressure until the pressures equalize. For this to happen, the depths below the surfaces must be equal.

This is true whatever the density of water or whether or not there is atmospheric pressure.



This is all well and good and is what the PTB (Powers That Be) expect to happen with the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP), which involves the US, Canada and Mexico. I personally find the first picture very on point because the US has the most ‘water’; Canada has the second most, and Mexico is in the middle, getting its ‘water’ from the other two. So far, so good, and this is more true than any of us believe ~ until we realize the huge hole in the statement as it applies to the SPP: there is no equalizing flow between the three nations because we have BORDERS!

In an effort to logically refute what our president is doing, I searched the Internet. I found another **web site which had a simple method of understanding the theory of osmosis. I want you to pay particular attention to the third and fourth paragraphs of this lesson (emphasis added):

Diffusion is the net movement of molecules from a region of high concentration to a region of lower concentration due to random motion of molecules.

In a solution with equal concentration at all places, some molecules will be moving out of a region at the same time other molecules are moving into that region. Molecules move in all directions and are in continual motion.

When there are fewer molecules in one region than in another, there are more molecules moving into that area than moving out at any one time but very few moving (sic) back in.

This continues until the concentration in all regions are the same and then the motion in and out of that region is equal and the concentration (sic) stays the same.

Now, I don’t care how you slice it, the SPP is going to be the death of the US, literally. Bottom line: our borders must be removed in order for this scheme to work and by appealing to the greed of our congress critters, the president has been able to do exactly that in a mere two years. We cannot stop this process without closing our borders, period.

I want you to picture a single large container (the North American Union) with two dividers in it, representing the respective BORDERS of the three member nations. I want you to fill each portion with water equal to the aggregate wealth of each respective member nation. Without a doubt, the US will have the most; Canada will be second, and Mexico, the least. All well and good until you remove the dividers (BORDERS), even in increments as is being done now.

What happens is that the nation with the most water/wealth LOSES the most water/wealth, the second in line LOSES the second most water/wealth, and the winner is the third nation who GAINS the volume/wealth lost from the other two ~ whether instantly or in controlled stages. I repeat:

THE OTHER TWO NATIONS LOSE!

Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution for the united States of America states in part that “He [the president] shall have power, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to make treaties, provided two thirds of the Senators present concur; ...”. In a few words, the Senate must take back its authority to make treaties and kill the SPP. Additionally, we must insist that the federal and state executive and legislative branches demand the commitment contained in Article IV, Section 4 of the Constitution for the united States of America: 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.

We must put down our beers, move away from the reality television that is what passes for entertainment these days, and go to our respective state legislatures once they are in session. Be there while they meet and if they will not demand compliance of the president, go to the respective governors after the session ends and insist that they demand protection against the invasion that is already upon us. It is not enough to ask and frankly, they don’t listen to “ask”.

This is only option available, save one, if we want to have a “united” States of America after this next election cycle.

Editor’s Note: While the neo-cons and liberals pooh-poooh the North American Union and the amero, we recognize it is a severe threat.

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READER'S OPINIONS

Even a learned man from the Netherlands supports Ron Paul as the next American president, and for every reason every other learned American has come to support Ron Paul as well.

I've had a lot of people write to say they support Ron Paul, but they don't think he can win. Many of these people, in spite of their very well-learned skepticism, still contributed a week's grocery money to support Ron Paul's campaign.

I'm here to tell anyone who will listen that Ron Paul can win the United States presidency, whether it is by traditional means, or even as a write-in candidate. Frankly, I believe Ron Paul will rise to the top like cream for no other reason than the American people are finally ready to support a presidential candidate they can believe, not by what he says, but what he has demonstrated and done as a Congressman.

I just wish more Americans had the depth of religious training to understand that a good tree bears good fruit; while a corrupt tree bears corrupt fruit. All one must do to determine the truth of a man is to examine what he has done, in comparison to what he says. In that light, Romney is an opportunist, willing to say whatever he must to get elected. The other Republican candidates either support the same policies of George Bush, or they claim a Christian rhetoric like Huckabee.

We have had it with those who claim religious affiliations. Remember that Jimmy Carter was a devout Christian Democrat who turned out to be one of the weakest presidents America ever had.

Ron Paul isn't your normal feel-good Christian. The man is a King David version of a man who fears God more than man, and he comes from a position of strength in God that no previous American president ever displayed. Ron Paul is a lion in sheep's clothing, and we need him.

Carl F. Worden

Watch this video titled "Ron Paul Rising" made by a young man from The Netherlands. It is addressed to the people who say Ron Paul doesn't stand a chance in the upcoming primaries. Very inspiring presentation...

Ron Paul Rising

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MRTDyhbHVYQ>
Interesting info by the video producer:

My name is Gérard Hoeberigs. I'm a 25-year old historian, born and raised in the Netherlands. I have no specific ties with the USA, but I have a general interest in politics, economics and of course history. I'm currently occupied writing a thesis to complete my Master Degree in International Relations.

In the Netherlands there aren't any libertarian politicians and since I support small and local government, I was very happy to find out that there is one politician who does share most of my ideas.

In the field of the International Relations, I usually clash with professors and students regarding sovereignty and interventions. I don't believe that 'peace-enforcing missions', in which states force their system of government (democracy) upon other states, are effective. Just look at Vietnam; the USA were unable to force capitalism on Vietnam, but what couldn't be done by coercion, did happen without American interference: decades later, Vietnam turned itself to a more capitalistic economy.

I'm also concerned about the ever-growing governments. From a historical point of view, it's easy to notice that states have always been trying to enlarge themselves. Since the beginning of the 19th century there has been an exponential growth of state-power, taxes and civil servants. Big government is often counterproductive, but nobody is going to downscale it, because which civil servant likes to fire himself or his colleagues?

Except for that, I'm concerned about the devaluation of the dollar due to the trade deficit combined with inflation; the patriot act which undermines the rule of law (trials/lawyers aren't necessary anymore to be put into custody) and the unpopularity of the United States around the world. Not only in muslim countries, but also in Europe the USA have reached an all-time low in popularity.

When I tell my friends in Europe I support a presidential candidate most people immediately ask whether it's a democrat or a republican. When I answer it's a republican, people tell me I'm crazy. Yes; all over the world people have a tendency to judge on their prejudices rather than actually investigating the other point of view.

The thing is; even today most people don't know Ron Paul. I honestly believe that if Ron Paul ends up as the next president, he will not only ensure peace, prosperity and freedom, but on top of that he will restore the popularity of the USA around the world like when JFK was president. Ron Paul being the president will not only be good for the USA, it will be in the best interest of the rest of the world as well.

That's why I support Ron Paul.

Best regards, Gérard Hoeberigs

Resubmitted by a Ron Paul supporter:

Dear Friend,

The next presidential election is approaching rapidly, and I'm writing to let you know that I am strongly supporting the candidacy of Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX).

I hope that after hearing a little more about Ron Paul's background and principles, you will want to do the same.

Ron Paul has spent 30 years as a practicing OB/GYN doctor and has delivered over 4,000 babies. He and his wife Carol have been married for over 50 years, with 5 children and 18 grandchildren.

Congressman Paul is known among his congressional colleagues and his constituents for his consistent voting record. Dr. Paul tirelessly works for limited constitutional government, low taxes, free markets, and a return to sound monetary policies.

For more information on Ron Paul, visit his website at <http://www.ronpaul2008.com>.

Some highlights of Ron Paul's record include:

- * Ron Paul is in favor of allowing Americans to keep more of their own money by eliminating the IRS.

- * Ron Paul is well-known among his colleagues for never having voted for higher taxes or unconstitutional spending.

- * Ron Paul is a strong proponent of a secure border and against extending welfare to illegals.

- * Ron Paul supports putting doctors and patients back in charge of health care decisions. He is a staunch defender of health freedom and against government-managed medicine.

- * Ron Paul adamantly defends our 2nd amendment rights and opposes federal gun regulation.

- * Ron Paul is strongly pro-life and in favor of repealing Roe v. Wade.

- * Ron Paul does not support a military draft, and strongly opposes going to war with Iran.

- * Ron Paul is in favor of capturing Bin Laden and believes that it is critical for the United States to have a strong national defense.

- * Ron Paul is for protecting individual rights and opposed to unnecessary violations of our privacy like the ?Patriot? Act.

- * Ron Paul supports removing troops from Iraq as soon as possible and allowing Iraqis to take responsibility for their own protection.

- * Ron Paul believes that it is important to maintaining our national sovereignty by opposing trade organizations like NAFTA, the UN, and the WTO.

- * Ron Paul wants to stop corporate and banking interests from controlling the U.S. economy. He supports eliminating out-of-control inflation by getting rid of the Federal Reserve.

Thanks for your help! Feel free to e-mail me back if you have any further questions!

Your friend,

John

Michigan

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READER'S OPINIONS

It is my opinion that a Paul/Keyes ticket would be disastrous for Ron Paul. This country will not support a black President or Vice President. Contrary to what the media portrays, we are still a segregated country.

People in the company of others try to give the appearance of being politically correct. When alone or with close friends, they drop their political correctness and return to being themselves.

Even people that work and associate with black people put on a show which ends when they get home. At work they tell everyone sure I'd vote for a black person if they were the right person for the job, but when they enter the voting booth and no one will ever know, they would never vote for a black person.

That's the way it is and anyone that says different is just trying to show they are not that way. With roughly 20 million blacks in this country, they would not make up for the loss of white votes on a Paul/Keyes ticket.

Obama has the black vote tied up. If it were a Paul/Obama ticket, that would make more sense even though they are different parties. Though it still would not fly, a Paul/Obama ticket would fair much better than a Paul/Keyes ticket.

But the biggest problem with a Paul/Keyes ticket is Keyes himself. People that watched the Iowa debates knows Keyes is a loose cannon. He doesn't have the mentality needed for a Vice President that may become President in the event something happened to Ron Paul. With Paul being as old as he is, death in office is a very good possibility. Ron Paul would be spending most of his time trying to get out of trouble caused by Keyes.

Keyes spends a lot of time showing he is a racist. Most people like to see people that stand up for themselves. Most people wish they were more like the people that do. They do not care for people that carry it too far as Keyes does.

He was more interested in being loud and boisterous and being a spectacle when he was overlooked on a question than he was in getting his time. It showed he is ridiculous.

That was no more disgusting than Hilary Clinton laughing the whole time everyone else answered a question but that only showed there are two idiots running for office.

But the question is a Paul/Keyes ticket. Keyes would be the last person of all the candidates Paul should be aligned with. Paul is having enough trouble getting media attention. Keyes would get him attention, unfortunately it would be all bad.

hglover, Dayton, Ohio

Editor's Note: There is no doubt racism is still alive and well in the United States, but this hatred is limited to those who are descendents of monkeys.

Between Huckabee's "Paul is dead" quote and Tim Russert's admonition to Ron Paul on Meet The Press to "Stay safe on the campaign trail" it is time to say that there can be no doubt about it: These are threats. The establishment is delivering a big time message to Ron Paul.

They know what is really going on. They know the real poll numbers.

Ron Paul is doing very well and they are very worried.

The reason that the Ron Paul revolution is so worrying to the members of the Establishment is because this revolution is the most disturbing in history.

What I mean is that this revolution is the most disturbing to them.

The Ron Paul Revolution is the first web based revolt. This is the first truly post-modern political movement.

Pundits declare that Ron Paul is the Internet's choice for the Presidency. But when I drive to the store, in my very liberal town, I don't see any yard signs for Rudy, Hillary or anyone but Ron Paul and he has five signs. If this is an Internet revolution it is now threatening to break through to the larger outside world.

The meaning behind being the Internet's choice is what is interesting here. Like it or not, in my own decidedly unscientific polling of people, I have decided that those people who get most of their information about current events from the internet are better informed. I have also discovered that those people who get most of their information from TV or the newspapers are the most ill informed.

So if Ron Paul is the Internet's choice, and the people who get their information from the internet are better informed, than that can only mean that Ron Paul is the choice of the best informed of Americans.

And this is what is rubbing Paul the wrong way with those in charge.

This is not a revolution like anything that has occurred in the past. This rebellion, best personified by Ron Paul, is a knowledge-based revolution.

This is a rebellion based on the facts.

In a sense it is the worst possible nightmare for the elites.

This is a rebellion by the most intelligent of the population.

And they will out-think everyone else.

This is a rebellion of the intelligent against the plans of those who are also intelligent.

But unfortunately for them we have the numbers. There are more of us than them. And we are also putting up our own money for this rebellion.

Because the elites know all of this they are stymied. They don't want to resort to violence, yet, but they are resorting to threats. They are trying to unnerve Ron Paul. But history is on our side and we have a candidate who is smart, like us.

Give your money to Ron Paul. Write to Tim Russert and tell him what you think. Thank the universe every day for the Internet and do everything you can to make sure that the monkeys in Congress don't let anything happen to it.

But most importantly join the Ron Paul revolution.

Ron Paul Revolution - The Rebellion Of The Intelligent

<http://rense.com/general79/rebel.htm>

Jay Weidner

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As a supporter for Dr. Ron Paul, I appeal to your readers to please view his speech given at the Iowa Straw Poll on August 11, 2007:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HXkVJtz0bNI>

It is good to hear what he has to say.

Ron Paul supports our constitution. He is against entangling alliances with nations and for bringing our troops home from Iraq. He is against giving foreign aid. He is for protecting and defending our borders, ending amnesty and financial support for illegal aliens. He supports allowing people to get out of social security if they choose, and supports giving social security to those who are expecting it and depending on it. He is for reducing the size of government to its constitutional limits.

He is for personal responsibility and liberty, getting the government out of our private lives. He supports our right to bear arms. He is for protecting the lives of all Americans, including unborn Americans.

Eb Hoehl

Lafayette, Louisiana

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Editor's Note: A recent controversy has arisen regarding FOX News and their decision to lock Dr. Ron Paul and Duncan Hunter out of their roundtable debate just before the New Hampshire caucus on Sunday January 6th.

<http://www.cnn.com/2007/POLITICS/12/31/debate.limits.ap/index.html>

Obviously the Yooper Scooper has received feedback from individuals who all support Ron Paul; this suggests our readers are superior in their political prowess and that Dr. Paul is being snubbed for a reason, or FOX knows better than the American citizens who they should elect as their next president. I would lean toward the former more so than latter.

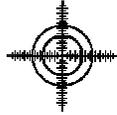
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~ J. C. Powers, Editor

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<http://hafeman.com/2008%20Presidential%20Candidates%20Political%20Tendencies.pdf>

Year of Global Cooling

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071219/COMMENTARY/10575140>

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Thomas: An Inconvenient Truth for Gore

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Wolves at the City's Door Tear into Dog Population

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This Side UP By J. C. Powers

Devoid of wisdom,
 sequestered days of peril,
 undistinguished hues of character,
 morality extinguished.

All compromised.

All forgotten,
 all left behind,

all left to chance.

Yeah, we're getting pretty bored and a lot tired of winter already; it's a melancholy generated by the peak global warming season and we're rapidly approaching two months of snow cover, already.

What has been foremost on our minds, other than Christmas and snow, snow and more snow, is the 2008 election season. In certain polls, the guy who portrays the chef in the Campbell's Soup sea salt commercial, Mike Huckabee, seems to have gained a great deal of media-induced momentum. The most beatable guy on the GOP ticket may indeed come out on top. Where in God's Name is Pat Paulson when you need him? Huckabee seems to be a Paulson reincarnate without the sustained demeanor, but with a Bible and an unintelligent look.

Michigan's 1st District Congressional race is looking up for the GOP. There are three viable contenders ready to replace the cartoon character and soon to be out-going environmentalist groupie, Bart Stupak. Clearly we have a very profound problem in the Upper Peninsula. Several articles revealed Mr. Stupak is far more interested in appeasing special interests over the economic survival of the UP.

While touting agendas from the National Wildlife Federation, Huron Mountain Club, Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve and Keweenaw Bay Indian Community members, Mr. Stupak may have finally emancipated himself from his working-class constituency.

Mr. Stupak not only insists on negating the authority of the State, but has positioned himself for sizeable rewards from the environmentalists. While the four groups enter litigation against the Michigan DEQ, Stupak is concerned about the state's economic situation; insisting Kennecott Minerals pays the expenses for state mine inspectors. One question: which will cost the taxpayers of Michigan more, a couple of full-time inspectors dedicated to the KMC operation or a team of lawyers to defend the DEQ in a lengthy civil action?

The opposition of the Eagle Project by elected officials, particularly Bart Stupak, justifies the requirement to have all elected officials spend most of their time in the district, if nothing else to allow the people who are paying their wages to keep an eye on them.

Along with other citizens in Stupak's District, we have to wonder what he has done to show cause why he shouldn't be fired and replaced in November.

The three candidates, so-far, for the 1st Congressional District are Don Hooper, who will be at it again for the fourth time, along with Tom Casperson, current 108th District State Representative from Escanaba and Linda Goldthorpe, an avid Ron Paul supporter and constitutionalist.

Casperson's political career may very well end if he does not win the primary; the statement across the 1st District will be reflective of his chances as the 38th District State Senator in 2010. Tom has a lot of qualities and would be an excellent State Senator; that is his forte'. The primary in August is still a long-way away, so we'll hold discussions to a minimum in the meantime.