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The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by Yahweh as in former days, as in the years of old. I mean to visit you for the judgment and I am going to be a ready witness against sorcerer, adulterer and perjurer, against those who oppress the wage-earner, the widow and the orphan, and who rob the settler of his rights—no need for you to be afraid of me, says Yahweh Sabaoth. Malachi 1:17



DON'T DRINK THE KOOL-AID!!!

A wave of depression is sweeping across the Untied States of America; we have narrowed our choices for President—a fascist, communists or a fascist-commie. Most conservatives must have stayed home and let the whacky liberal independents determine who the Republican candidate would be for 2008. The fascists and communists turned out in droves to anoint one of their prime ministers.

What is sad is that we are left with people who only want to be President; not a President.

Fear not! Conservatives still have a few other options. Conservatives can write-in a candidate or vote for a third-Party candidate. However, whatever is decided, all conservatives have to do it exactly the same way.

Dr. Ron Paul already stated he would not run in a third-party bid; Romney is a quitter and is an unlikely third-party possibility. Alan Keyes? As far as other third-Party candidates go; who's up? There is a link below that should help voters determine who may be better suited to represent the vast rightwing conservative movement.

Barack Hussein Obama has yet to tell anyone what his great ideas are for change and as far as we can tell he's in way over his head. This is of course aside from the fact he is a DC insider. Hillary Clinton is layered with scandals and is perhaps the stupidest woman in America; well at least a close second to Jennifer Granholm.

John McCain's first claim to political fame is his involvement in the Keating Five scandal. He is also known for his public discussion of our military's interrogation and torture techniques.

The possibility of rewarding any one of these candidates with the most important managerial position in the United States has to have most real Americans stunned and flabbergasted. At this point in time, even Michael "Gomer" Huckabee is looking like a viable level-headed candidate.

What is most disturbing is that these final characters are their party's cream-of-the-crop. If we end up with a like-minded Congress, we are in deep trouble—we are already in deep trouble because of these same politicians. Where are the Margaret Thatcher types? It appears as if the women voters in the U. S. are prepared to elect a female, no matter how crazy and dumb she may be—it happened in Michigan, it can happen in the United States. Anyway, hold off drinking the Kool-Aid; it may eventually work out, maybe.

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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Official_and_potential_2008_United_States_presidential_election_third_party_candidates
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barack_Obama—http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hillary_Clinton
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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Huckabee



If you've ever had the pleasure of watching state-controlled Canadian television, you've been treated on numerous occasions to what happens when the digital signals load up to such a point there are huge still shots. The technology for digital is not yet here, at least not to the level that justifies a congressional mandate to switch.

Going Digital

The switch seems to be more of an economic stimulus package, like the ridiculous tax refunds, than a legitimate technological necessity. Like oil, it is certain that the yahoos in Congress have a lot of their money invested in digital companies.

There is another problem; signals are quite capable of traveling two-ways. In other words, as you view something on your television, you may be viewed and heard in your living room or even your bedroom. Since the government now has the ability to turn-on cell phones, it is most likely that they will also have the ability to monitor your home without having your cable box turned-on.

1984? Only a couple of decades late.

While the prices of digital-ready televisions are going down, there is still a mandatory cost in switching to televisions capable of interpreting digital programming and most certainly most reception will require some type of box.

Putting the facts together, that is the push by Congress to impose digital requirements, the facts of two-way transmissions and the need for consumers to dig deep into their pockets for purchasing Chinese televisions and subscribing to the digital world, we have to wonder why we sent any of these clowns to negotiate on our behalf. Seriously, just what is really going on in the United States?

<http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/digitaltv.html>—<http://www.dtv.gov/> - <http://www.digitalbcst.com/>
<http://openbookproject.net/electricCircuits/Digital/> - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Digital_electronics



Who is this Barack Hussein Obama?



Obama won't wear flag pin but displays Cuban Flag in his Houston Office

Barack Obama's Houston campaign office prominently displays a Cuban flag with a superimposed picture of Che Guevara, the Argentine-born terrorist and revolutionary.

Of course, Obama made an issue of not wearing an American flag pin or placing his hand over his heart during the national anthem, quite rightly pointing out that neither gesture is necessary to be patriotic. But it sure makes him look like a fool when his ultra-left supporters go to work every day under the flag of the dictator Fidel Castro.

A *local blogger is appalled:

Che Guevara, the chief executioner of Fidel Castro's brutal revolution, was a bank robber, a cold-blooded murderer, an enthusiastic torturer and generally an evil, sociopathic bastard. He's quite literally the poster boy for everything wrong with socialism.

One of Che's lauded diaries recalls the execution of a suspected counterrevolutionary:

"I ended the problem with a .32 caliber pistol, in the right side of his brain.... His belongings were now mine."

Kooky economic theories, class warfare and forced redistribution of wealth – it's not just a Cuban phenomenon. The revolution has finally spread to the brand new Barack Obama office right here in the Bayou City.

I really don't know what's worse; displaying the flag of a nation led by a regime that routinely locks people up and executes them for disagreeing with the government or featuring an iconic image of a man who stated on one occasion that he wished he had control of the nuclear missiles

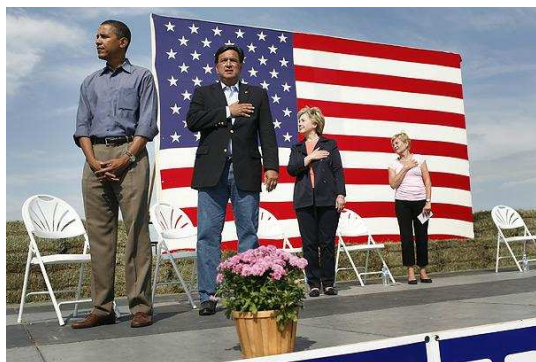
brought in by Russia in 1962 so he could have launched them at American cities.

This fascination with Che Guevara must end. He **executed up to 500 people in a couple of months after the Cuban revolution - many of whom may have been innocent. Whether they were or not was immaterial to him; "I don't need proof to execute a man, I only need proof that it's necessary to execute him," he is said to have remarked.

In his career as a "revolutionary" he robbed banks, murdered innocents, and sought for the rest of his short, violent life to export the Marxist ideal throughout the world. These are not the actions of someone who should be admired. There is plenty of evidence that he was a self-aggrandizing, arrogant, martinet who was condescending toward his "comrades" in the third world and contemptuous of his adversaries - an attitude that eventually got him killed.

It is typical of the left to create a hero out of this murderous thug. What's important to them is that he "spoke truth to power" - i.e., criticized the United States. How shallow and stupid to overlook the crimes against humanity committed by Guevara and celebrate his anti-Americanism.

About what we've come to expect from the left...



<http://lonestartimes.com/2008/02/11/obama-office-adores-psychotic-marxist-thug/> - **http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Che_Guevara
http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2008/02/obama_wont_wear_flag_pin_but_d.html—<http://www.snopes.com/politics/obama/anthem.asp>

Whoa unto all of us, for we do not feed the hungry, cloth the naked or provide drink to those who thirst. Whoa unto us who have passed all responsibility to do such things to the masters of the world.

We can be thankful that the Hero of Chappaquiddick is on our side. He wants to be sure illegals crossing the Rio Grande don't drown. Is it possible that Senator Kennedy has the power and authority to ban the use of an Oldsmobile by illegals?

While Teddy is a compassionate liberal, whatever that means, he has the best interest of the oppressed at heart, unless they're citizens. Illegals need amnesty—just ask John McCain.

Illegals should have full access to health care, Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security—don't worry about those citizens who had been paying taxes for those programs or other programs like education; those people aren't important.

It's the future voters from that great nation of Mexico that the Kennedy and McCain types are concerned with; not some passing fad of disenfranchised citizens.

English will not be the official language of the United States; just ask Deb Stabenow and Carl Levin of Michigan. Ask Bush; we are not just Americans; we're North Americans for crying out loud!

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chappaquiddick_incident
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Io_Kopechne

COMPASSION
I just couldn't bear the thought of anyone drowning in a river while trying to make a better life for themselves.



S. S. John McCain—Flagship of the Neo-cons

Just in case there you're not clear why the poll numbers are down for President GWB, it because he's acting just like a Democrat. The dismal poll numbers for Congress, which are double-digits below GWB is again because they're acting just like Democrats.

So, if the citizens of the United States do not support the politics and policies of the Democrats and the Democrat-types, why do we have John McCain heading back to DC?

Perhaps the nation has the same lack of self respect and esteem as those who pierce and tattoo themselves. Perhaps most are simply a product of public education with an inability to engage in comparative reasoning and doing a little critical thinking.

There is no doubt that the casting of votes by the "Independents" put us in this position. No one can blame the conservatives on this one, no matter who goes to the White House.

However, the conservatives can be blamed for turning their Party (Republican) over to the liberal socialists. The fear of having a GWB return to the White House gave many conservatives pause while looking at the name of Mitt Romney; the only conservative who was a DC outsider; Huckabee is a socialist.

Like being the recipient of a perfectly placed round-house kick to the side of the head, conservatives should be saying, "Whoa!"



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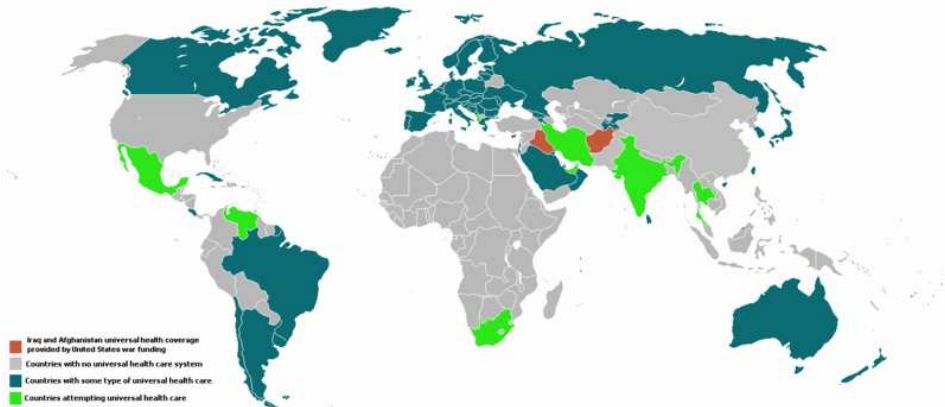
Is America Ready for Universal Health Care?

Is America ready for Universal Health Care? Since we left our strong roots of viral independence and individualism in favor of a mom and pop government, perhaps we do need to have UHC.

Perhaps people need to have a Veterans Administration and Medicare form of health care forced down their throats. Why not add to the tax liability because 14% of the people don't have health care? That's approximately 45 million people. Statistics can tell you what ever it is you want them to. The tragic fact that 45 million men, women and children are without health care is fictitious. They may not have health insurance, but no one, not even illegals, go without health care.

45% of 45 million people are illegal aliens, 15% are self-insured and approximately 10% are between the ages of 18–28 and have no inclination to spend their entry-level wages on health care coverage. That means 30% of the 14% of the citizens are involuntarily going without health care insurance, possibly.

Since the estimated tax liability for middle income families is over 40% right now, if we went to a Canadian/European Union type of health care, an additional **28.9% tax liability will be assessed to the taxpayers, which does not include the workers' involuntary contributions.



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Image:WORLDHEALTH2.png>—http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_health_care

Since Mexico is one of the few countries that offers universal health care (indicated with the green highlight), why do herds of illegals come to the United States for health care, including to give birth? Venezuela, home of communist Hugo Chavez, is a model for Democrat-Care.

The United States of America, because of your generosity, is providing universal health care in Iraq and Afghanistan—indicated in red. The dark colored countries offer some form of universal health care. Most of these nations have natural resources (diamonds, oil, nickel, etc.) and with the exception of a few nations like Canada and Australia, most other societies are not necessarily free and peaceful.

And then we have the impoverished nations, like those in Africa. The United Nations, UNICEF, WHO and other groups have been actively involved for many decades in helping the citizens of those nations. According to the WHO: "Neonatal morbidity and mortality rates in the African Region, currently estimated at 45 deaths per 1,000 live births, are among the highest in the world . . ." (2004)

Most disturbing about the Democrats advocating the government taking over the health care system is best measured by their successes regarding Social Security. Please see the movie, "Idiocracy".

<http://www.amsa.org/uhc/CaseForUHC.pdf>—http://www.balancedpolitics.org/universal_health_care.htm—http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Health_care



What's the matter with the economy?

The current price for google.com stock is around \$529 per share—That's the equivalent of buying an advanced stock in a kite-making company on the moon. We have completely forgotten about the dot-com stocks that took a major tumble in 2000 and raided a lot of money from valuable retirement portfolios.



Taxpayers, through the ominous generosity of the government, dole out billions of hard earned dollars to non-profit groups. The citizens don't get to pick and choose who they want to support financially, the benevolent government does that on their behalf. Don't even try to take tax deductions for those government-funded contributions.

The Democrats, led by the intellectual of the "progressive era", Woodrow Wilson, in the darkness of the night, while most of the Republicans were home for their Christmas holiday, the Democrats created the federal reserve system with the Federal Reserve Act.

Charter Communications (CHTR) stock is just over \$1.00 per share. They have millions and millions of dollars worth of tangibles; cables, cable boxes, satellite dishes, trucks, parts, supplies, computers, buildings, etc. Google has a bunch of computer servers.

Taxpayers fund the FDA and the U. S. Patent Office, yet companies and inventors wanting to get an FDA approval or file a patent have to spend time, money and their precious resources to get anything finished. Pharmaceutical companies are frequently challenged with law suits; some legitimate, some not so much.

And then there's the matter research and development. The government has been there to give unfair advantages to companies with the best lobbyists and most generous campaign contributions. We haven't seen anything yet; wait until the liberals take full control of all three branches of government—you don't think that global warming has been brought to the world-wide crises level just for grins, do you? There's money in them-there molecules and it doesn't matter how fictional the whole global warming thing is; we will pay dearly for the whims of the eco-whacks.

The first socialists to achieve power in the United States also implemented a national tax and eventually the next "progressive", FDR, took the United States off of the gold standard and created entitlement programs. In the meantime, the Great Depression came upon America; the banks closed, prohibiting people, particularly farmers, from accessing their money and paying their mortgages. As a result, farms were foreclosed on by the newly created Federal Reserve Banks.

So, after nearly a century of nonsense, the economy is in such bad shape that we have to borrow money from communist China. Although they get back tenfold what we had borrowed through sales at Wal-Mart, we will still have to make good on the "loan".

What's the matter with the economy? The most brief answer: incompetent politicians.

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Best Buy Loses Laptop: Owner Sues... for \$54 Million

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Don't dismiss [Raelyn Campbell](#) as a crackpot. Not yet. Listen to her story, and then decide if she's doing the right thing by asking Best Buy to compensate her to the tune of \$54 million for a laptop that went missing when she took it in to Best Buy for repair under the store's own extended warranty.

Like many people, Campbell bought an [extended warranty](#) for her laptop when she bought it from Best Buy, and she took advantage of that when the power button broke off after a year. Best Buy accepted the machine for repair and said it would be ready in two to six weeks. But six weeks passed and the computer wasn't ready. After three months of ruthlessly hounding the company, Best Buy finally admitted it couldn't find the machine.

Ultimately, Best Buy offered to pay her \$900 for losing the machine... as a gift card. She countered that it had originally cost over \$1,100, not to mention all her data that was now gone for good. She demanded \$2,100, and Best Buy simply ignored her.

At this point, Campbell was made aware that all her personal data on the machine could lead to a major identity theft issue, though Best Buy never filed their legally required notice that she was at risk. That was the last straw, and she filed suit for \$54 million, representing herself. Best Buy has since upped its offer to a total of \$4,100 if she withdraws the case. She says she doesn't expect to win, but wants to go to court anyway to force Best Buy to explain how her laptop was lost.



I have to agree that \$54 million seems wildly optimistic, but it's amazing to hear how smug Best Buy has been throughout this process. Lowball, "go-away" offers that don't even value property properly, much less the value of the data inside it, are frankly embarrassing, and good for Campbell for making an issue out of it... even if she doesn't ultimately prevail.

Read the full story at <http://redtape.msnbc.com/2008/02/a-lost-laptop-a.html#posts> *Editor's Note: While preparing to purchase a LCD television at the Best Buy in Green Bay, Wisconsin, the clerk asked the customer if he wanted a surge protector. Not a real concern until the clerk suggested the expensive protector actually "cleaned the electricity" and would help the TV last another ten years. Scam artists!*



The summary of Pelosi's HJ RES 166, which is a carbon copy of her 1992 attempts, reads as follows:

"Declares that effective follow-up to achieve the goals of the agreements reached at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) will depend on the following actions by the President and Congress: (1) adoption of a national strategy for environmentally sustainable development; (2) facilitation of a means for adopting individual Agenda 21 plans of action; (3) the establishment of an effective mechanism to plan, initiate, and coordinate U.S. policy for implementing Agenda 21; and (4) the formulation of policies to help developing countries implement Agenda 21.

Supports: (1) pursuing the research and policy initiatives urged in Agenda 21; (2) the Congress adopting a system to reallocate an appropriate amount of savings from reduced defense spending to achieve its goals of global environmental protection and sustainable development over the next decade; (3) the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development; and (4) rules of procedure for the Commission which ensure the participation of nongovernmental organizations.

Calls on the President to: (1) actively participate in multilateral efforts aimed at creating a

more favorable international economic climate for developing countries to practice sustainable development; (2) affirm strong U.S. commitment to the Commission by appointing a high-level representative to the Commission and by supporting the Under Secretary General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development in coordinating the implementation of Agenda 21 in the United Nations system and heading the secretariat support structure for the Commission; (3) submit a national report to the Commission on activities the United States has undertaken to implement Agenda 21 both domestically and internationally, on progress made toward fulfilling other commitments undertaken at UNCED, and on other environmental and developmental activities."

Of the sixty-seven co-sponsors of HJ RES 166, the following twenty-nine are still in office and some are now seeking re-election: Gary Ackerman (D-NY), Robert Andrews (D-NJ), Xavier Becerra (D-CA), Howard Berman (D-CA), Sanford Bishop (D-GA), Pete DeFazio (D-OR), Eni F. H. Faleomavaega (D-AS), Bob Filner (D-CA), Wayne Gilchrest (D-MD), Maurice Hinchey (D-NY), William Jefferson (D-LA), Edward Markey (D-MA), Jim McDermott (D-WA), George Miller (D-CA), Jim Moran (D-VA), Jerold Nadler (D-NY), Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), John

Olver (D-MA), Major R. Owens (D-NY), Collin Peterson (D-MN), John Porter (R-IL), Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA), Bobby Rush (D-IL), Bernard Sanders (I-VT, currently a senator), Charles Schumer (D-NY), Bart Stupak (D-MI), Edolphus Towns (D-NY), Lynn Woolsey (D-CA), and Albert Wynn (D-MD).

Additionally, former Democrat Cynthia McKinney (GA) is now seeking nomination for the Presidency on the Green Party ticket, and Constance Morella, a former Republican representative from Maryland, became Permanent Representative to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation & Development (OECD).

The OECD was formed in France in 1961. On its Website, it describes itself as an organization that "provides a setting where governments compare policy experiences, seek answers to common problems, identify good practice and coordinate domestic and international policies.

The OECD's Washington Center Website "About" link at the bottom of the Home Page will take inquisitive minds to another page where manipulative OECD "Decisions, Recommendations and Other Instruments of Force" can be viewed.

"THE 545 PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR AMERICA 'S WOES" By Charley Reese

Politicians are the only people in the world who create problems and then campaign against them.

Have you ever wondered why, if both the Democrats and the Republicans are against deficits, we have deficits? Have you ever wondered why, if all the politicians are against inflation and high taxes, we have inflation and high taxes?

You and I don't propose a federal budget. The president does. You and I don't have the Constitutional authority to vote on appropriations. The House of Representatives does. You and I don't write the tax code. Congress does. You and I don't set fiscal policy. Congress does. You and I don't control monetary policy. The Federal Reserve Bank does.

One hundred senators, 435 congressmen, one president and nine Supreme Court justices - 545 human beings out of the 300 million - are directly, legally, morally and individually responsible for the domestic problems that plague this country.

I excluded the members of the Federal Reserve Board because that problem was created by the Congress. In 1913, Congress delegated its Constitutional duty to provide a sound currency to a federally chartered but private central bank.

I excluded all the special interests and lobbyists for a sound reason. They have no legal authority. They have no ability to coerce a senator, a congressman or a president to do one cotton-picking thing. I don't care if they offer a politician \$1 million dollars in cash. The politician has the power to accept or reject it.

No matter what the lobbyist promises, it is the legislator's responsibility to determine how he votes.

A CONFIDENCE CONSPIRACY Those 545 human beings spend much of their energy convincing you that what they did is not their fault. They cooperate in this common con regardless of party.

What separates a politician from a normal human being is an excessive amount of gall. No normal human being would have the gall of a SPEAKER, who stood up and criticized G.W. BUSH for creating deficits.

The president can only propose a budget. He cannot force the Congress to accept it. The Constitution, which is the supreme law of the land, gives sole responsibility to the House of Representatives for originating and approving appropriations and taxes.

Who is the speaker of the House? She is the leader of the majority party. She and fellow Democrats, not the president, can approve any budget they want. If the president vetoes it, they can pass it over his veto.

REPLACE THE SCOUNDRELS It seems inconceivable to me that a nation of 300 million cannot replace 545 people who stand convicted - by present facts - of incompetence and irresponsibility.

I can't think of a single domestic problem, from an unfair tax code to defense overruns, that is not traceable directly to those 545 people.

When you fully grasp the plain truth that 545 people exercise power of the federal government, then it must follow that what exists is what they want to exist.

If the tax code is unfair, it's because they want it unfair. If the budget is in the red, it's because they want it in the red. If the Marines are in IRAQ, it's because they want them in IRAQ ..

There are no insoluble government problems. Do not let these 545 people shift the blame to bureaucrats, whom they hire and whose jobs they can abolish; to lobbyists, whose gifts and advice they can reject; to regulators, to whom they give the power to regulate and from whom they can take this power.

Above all, do not let them con you into the belief that there exist disembodied mystical forces like "the economy," "inflation" or "politics" that prevent them from doing what they take an oath to do.

Those 545 people, and they alone, are responsible. They, and they alone, have the power. They, and they alone, should be held accountable by the people who are their bosses - provided the voters have the gumption to manage their own employees. We should vote all of them out of office and clean up their mess.

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<http://www.lewrockwell.com/reese/reese-arch.html>
<http://www.antiwar.com/reese/>

Editor's Note: We're pretty much stuck with one of the three top communists heading for the White House. John McCain is a moderate Commie--We need a Congress to offset the incompetence of the next President.

Pork for Pellston or Sovereign Deed? By C. J. Williams



While reviewing recent Michigan “pork” liberally handed out by three of the state’s federal bacon slingers, yours truly took time to research some places that Rep. Stupak, Sen. Stabenow and Sen. Levin gifted with taxpayer money.

To better understand abusive “pork barrel” spending, here’s some of what Rep. John Shadegg (R-AZ) had to say: “As they left town for Christmas, Congress passed an unprecedented end-of-the-year appropriations bill with billions in wasteful spending designed principally to benefit incumbent Members of Congress...”

The 3,417 page bill (34 pounds) was dropped barely 20 hours before final consideration by the House. It included 9,170 Member-directed spending projects. Over 300 of these had never been made public, seen by rank-and-file Members, or passed by either House.

Combined with the 2,161 passed earlier, Members gave themselves a total of 11,331 self-serving projects, costing Americans over \$20 billion this year...

This legislation continues an embarrassing trend in government pork-barrel spending, funneling untold billions into pet projects designed to re-elect incumbents...

Because Congress chooses to spend far more than is collected in current taxes, the government must borrow money to fund our largess.

And borrow we have, to the point where our current national debt is a whopping \$9.2 trillion dollars - or more accurately \$9,193,315,468,899.43 as of December 21, 2007. That translates to \$30,323.94 of debt for every man, woman, and child in America.

Who, exactly, is lending us all this money? Well, Japan has lent us \$586 billion. We owe communist China \$400 billion. Our “friends” in Saudi Arabia and other oil producing nations have lent us \$123 billion. And here is the really bad news: they expect us to pay them back - with interest. In fact, we paid \$430 billion in interest on our debt last year alone.”

While some Michigan earmarks were directed to worthy projects, many others are questionable when America’s breadwinners are having trouble putting food on their table. For instance, the joint Stabenow-Levin press release regarding a lengthy list of pork indicates that \$1,786,000 was gifted to com-



plete a permanent exhibit for Alpena’s new visitor center, another \$1,033,000 was earmarked for eggshell pasteurization, and several more million was directed to historical renovation projects.

Among pork earmarks announced by Rep. Stupak was his \$2 million gift to the non-profit Nature Conservancy that recently reported \$4 billion in assets. The taxpayer-funded present is another installment payment on Stupak’s 10 million dollar federal commitment to Gov. Granholm’s “U.P. Big Deal”, which fattened the Conservancy’s “Forest Bank”.

There’s also the \$953,000 annual “earmark” for the B. J. Stupak Olympic Scholarship Program, named in honor of Bart’s 17-year old son who committed suicide in 2000 after an all-night post-prom party chaperoned by another son and his friends.

In 2004 ExpectMore.gov, a program developed by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget and federal agencies to evaluate other government programs, reviewed the Stupak Olympic Scholarship program, described it as dismal in effectiveness, and suggested it be shut down because it duplicates other efforts.

However, Stupak’s \$600,000 earmark for northern Lower Michigan’s Pellston Airport, the nation’s “Icebox”, was the most interesting to research.

In recent years various legislators have directed millions of tax dollars to the once tiny airport just outside of Pellston, population 771 as of the 2000 census. Why?

According to Stupak, “Rural airports like Pellston are essential to the necessary business travel that occurs in and around smaller communities. Having an exceptional facility and the proper equipment to keep traveler’s safe,

while also working to improve services, will only make Pellston that much more critical to surrounding communities.”

The same could be said about Escanaba’s Upper Peninsula airport, which, unlike Pellston, has no nearby airports. However, millions of dollars likely aren’t funneled to that U.P. city because Pellston’s nearby areas, such as Harbor Springs and Petosky, cater to upper crust millionaires, while Escanaba and nearby towns and villages are primarily home to low to mid-income working class families.

After only a brief online search, it was learned that at least \$11 million in Federal appropriations and grants, along with several state grants were given to the Pellston Airport over the past few years. There were other appropriations, too, but no dollar figure was given.

Part of the money was used to remodel and triple the terminal building’s size by August 2003 to 34,548 sq. ft. at a total cost of about \$8.4 million, including \$600,000 worth of items airlines often have to pay for. Emmet County provided \$370,000, but the rest came from federal and state funds, aviation fuel sales, and user-fee based sources.

Although passenger traffic was down by at least 6,000 in 2007, another multi-million dollar expansion, paid for in part through Stupak’s latest earmark, is in the works.

Government extorted taxpayer money has been granted to buy adjacent land for a new access road to the white cedar lined, two-story terminal that now houses three cozy stone fireplaces, rustic Old Hickory furniture, including rocking chairs, terrazzo flooring, red plaid carpeting, mood lighting, a log staircase, wrap-around phone booths made of huge logs, free Wireless Internet service kiosks, a full-service restaurant and bar, gift shop, conference room, and donated trophy head mounts.

Taxpayer money has also been used for a back-up generator, snow removal equipment, expanded parking lot, runway improvements, and a braking action device so pilots know what to expect when their wheels touch the ground, etc., ad nauseum.

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Pork for Pellston or Sovereign Deed? By C. J. Williams

In fact, Pellston's airport has been improved so much that on April 7, 2007, State Sen. Jason Allen (R-Grand Traverse, Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Chippewa, and Mackinac counties) proposed special legislation (SB400) to allow a \$5 million property tax break for a specific company that wants to set up business on airport property. The tax break was to be added to a state incentive package already estimated at about \$6 million.

The MI legislature, which couldn't resolve the state's recent budget crisis in a timely manner or without wrangling, quickly combined Allen's bill with a "companion bill" (HB-4629) introduced on April 24th by Rep. Gary McDowell (D-Emmet, Chippewa & Mackinac counties), and passed the legislation in record time. It was on the Governor's desk by May 18th and approved by her May 29th.

Prematurely jumping the gun, Allen and McDowell issued a joint May 11th press release announcing that Chicago-based Sovereign Deed, a security company, was interested in setting up its national headquarters at the Pellston airport, and that the two men had arranged for tax-abatement legislation to chum the company to Emmet County.

One might even think it's a set-up deal because although no proof can now be found anywhere online, it's claimed that Pellston, along with Wisconsin and Illinois sites, was one of three finalists for Sovereign Deed's headquarters.

Sovereign Deed intends to provide privatized security assistance to supplement government

efforts to keep people safe when there's a national disaster, such as happened when Hurricane Katrina hit the southland, or would happen if terrorists launch another attack on American soil.

According to its Website, Sovereign Deed "empowers its members to succeed when the normal infrastructure breaks down and when local emergency response services are overwhelmed... Our services are delivered by duty-bound specialists committed to helping our members stay safe before, during and after a catastrophe."

Those who want to become an empowered member of the company's client list will need to pay an initial \$50,000 membership fee and an annual fee of at least \$15,000. In other words, Sovereign Deed caters to the wealthy for whom money is no object; it doesn't cater to financially challenged folks who've provided federal and state tax dollars and grant money to make the nation's "Ice Box" an aesthetically pleasing, state of the art facility in rural Northern Michigan.

According to Anne Stanton's article, 'Is Survival Only for the Rich?', "The aim of Sovereign Deed is to give its wealthy clients an edge during a catastrophe. The base package includes one-on-one training, early notice of a catastrophe to allow escape before roads are clogged, emergency updates, food supplies, a survival kit and satellite phone, if necessary. At the highest level of service, a member would be personally rescued and evacuated."

If it's any indication of the hanky-panky going on in Pellston to hoodwink the sheeple, Emmet

County's Board of Commissioners modified Sovereign Deed's development plan by renaming the training center as a private school and the crisis action center as an office building.

Sovereign Deed is a spin-off of Triple Canopy, both founded by Barrett Moore whose family has owned property on Burt Lake near Pellston and Petoskey since the 1800s.

Triple Canopy is one of a few companies like Blackwater that received government contracts to provide security for American workers in Iraq. It's steeped in controversy and some of its employees stand accused of shooting at innocent Iraqis.

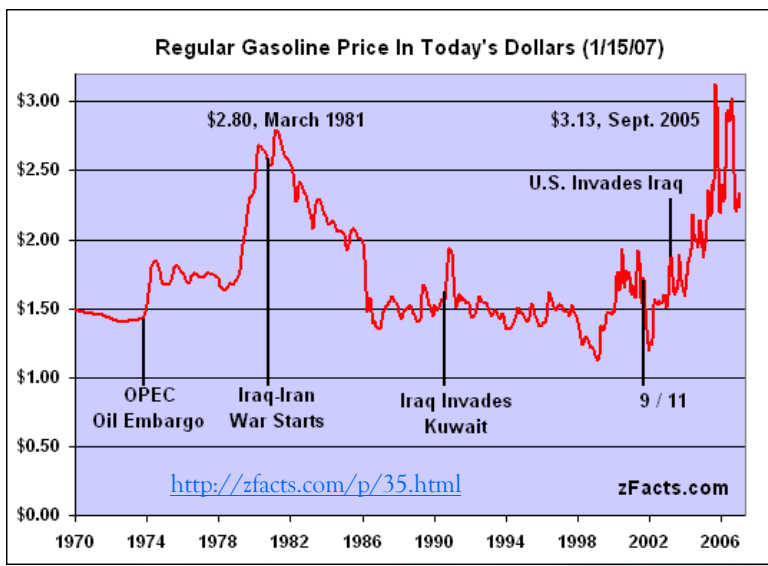
On the topic of private security contractors in Iraq, Brig. Gen. Karl Horst, deputy commander of the 3rd Infantry Division had this to say in July 2005: "These guys run loose in this country and do stupid stuff. There's no authority over them, so you can't come down on them hard when they escalate force...They shoot people, and someone has to deal with the aftermath."

Though it's not quite a done deal yet between the Pellston airport officials and Sovereign Deed, it likely will be, but the company is waiting to find out how much money it can milk from state and federal government coffers for necessary expenses before committing to the deal.

Perhaps Stupak, Stabenow, Levin, Allen and McDowell, et al, can give Sovereign Deed some help in that department since they're so good at giving away taxpayers' money.

~ CJ

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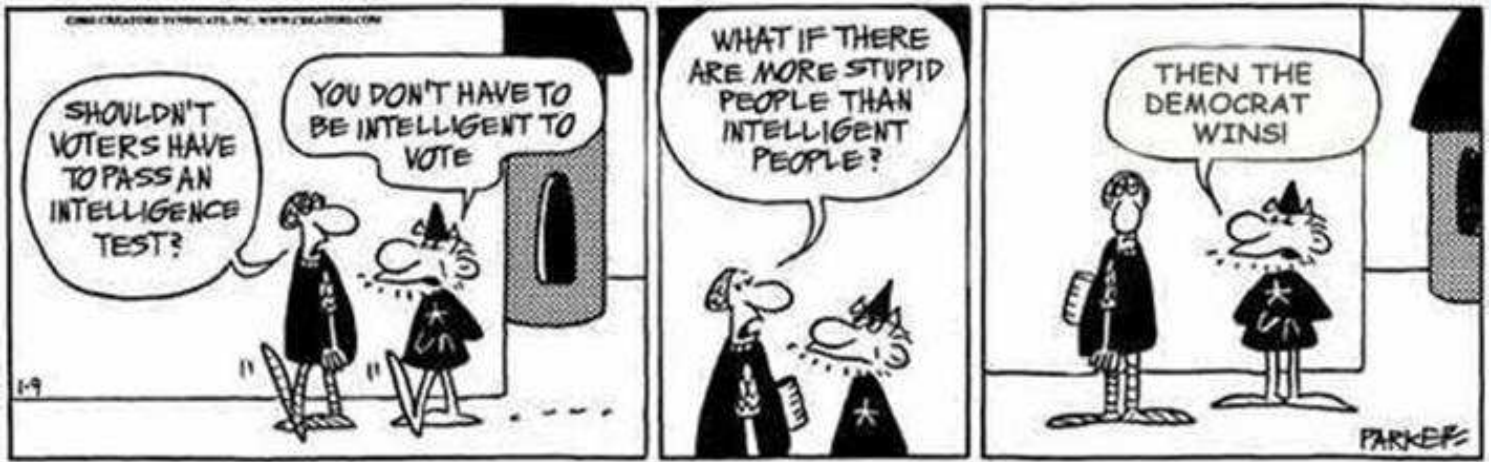
The Democrats have only been in charge of both houses of Congress for just over a year; oil has shot up to over \$100 per barrel and gas prices have soared. We can be thankful that Congressman Bart Stupak (R—Menominee, MI) is on top of it with his investigations.

The Democrats in Michigan, the most economically depressed State in the union, want to increase the gas tax.

When it comes down to it; it doesn't take a private high school or home-schooled grad to figure out that our economic collapse has been driven by Democratic Party politics. The Democrat Party is the Environmentalists Party.

We get most of our oil ** from Canada and now the Democrats want to renegotiate our NAFTA Agreement?

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Loser v. Quitter; The Romney Simplex

Here is a guy, former governor of the State of Massachusetts, articulate and a somewhat conservative presidential candidate, quitting. Mitt Romney withdrew his bid for President on February 7, 2008. MITT QUIT! But why?

On the heels of the next primary round, McCain had 714 delegates—Romney 286. Up for grabs were 1,183 remaining delegates; enough for Romney to clinch the top spot or at least prevent McCain from garnering the required 1,191 delegates. The National GOP Convention would have been a show-case of modern politics if the national delegates had to negotiate the final delegate winner.



<http://news.ask.com/news>

ROMNEY ENDORSES JOHN McCAIN

Evidently failing to remember how the McCain bunch orchestrated the coup against Romney, Romney still endorsed McCain. All the McCain supporters switched and voted for Huckabee so Romney wouldn't win the delegates from the West Virginia.

As it turns-out, Romney is the Ross Perot of the 21st Century. Now we're stuck with Clinton-types in both major political parties.

The act of political suicide by Romney had two blades; first was that he quit and second that the question of Romney's conservative values were exposed when he endorsed the leader of the neo-cons.

Crippling Ignorance; The Management Factor

While it may seem like a good thing, those involved in the line-work are not the best managers. However, they may become some of the best managers after appropriate OJT (on-the-job-training) and an internship.

Private sector people have worked in the trenches for several years and were promoted or they began their own business; primarily based on what they had learned during the previous jobs. In some cases these managers are the best for several reasons, but the most paramount reasons are based in their respect and empathy for the worker. They have learned that micro-management is hazardous and quality depends on attitudes.

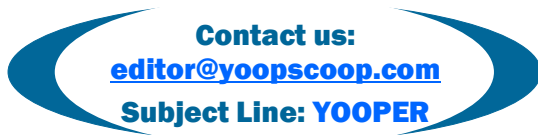
The worker is the base for all organizations. Auto maker boards could not sell cars if it were not for the people who assemble them.

Likewise, a great deal of potential among our civil servants has been lost because of the 1939 Hatch Act <http://www.osc.gov/hatchact.htm>. The revised act of 1939 had its origins in the *Pendleton Act of 1883 and the Hatch Act of **1887. While attempting to alleviate rampant corruption within the ranks of government, the act also denied well qualified individuals from seeking public office. Who knows best on how to fix a broken system than those that have to function and survive within the system?

We are also subject to crippling ignorance among the average voters in the United States. Voters should be no more willing to elect a small engine repairman to be the prosecuting attorney or a judge than they should be to elect a legislator to be the governor or president. The roles are narrowly specialized.

Within most workforces there are people with diversified talents and interests. It is the responsibility of any good manager to identify and funnel those various talents and interests in such a manner as to not only help elevate the organization, but the person possessing those talents and interests as well.

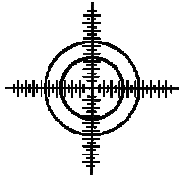
The Management Factor has been key to the demise of the national government and to some of the state governments. The three separate branches of the government were developed to put people who are the most competent into positions of authority. Experts in the law were placed in the courts, individuals who were living within a community brought their neighbors' interests to the legislative body and those with management skills were placed in executive management.

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Videos about America's "Progressives" Fascism Movement:

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<http://www.petoskeynews.com/articles/2008/02/20/news/doc47bc365430320692192229.tx>

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TOP TEN REASONS TO NOT VOTE FOR MCCAIN

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This Side UP By J. C. Powers

There may be a misconception about the women who hail from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

If you watch TV-6 or channel 10 News, you've seen the watermelon babe spewing visceral, biased and misleading information about mining and environmental "concerns" as perceived by the loonies.

The National Wildlife Federation and other eco-whack groups are engaged in facing these sensitive issues on behalf of the UP citizens. Please, don't confuse environmentalists whacks for an ecologist; there is huge difference—the first one is based in fascist, anti-capitalist ideologies and the second one is based on studying facts and realities. But, I digress; so let's return to talking about the real women who rule in the UP.

On her 49th birthday, one Yooper babe was out walking on the mud-snow covered hills behind her mother's home. The day was beautiful; sunshine and spring-like temps was a cure for the long winter behind her. As her and her dog headed down a steep hill her leg slipped and she ended up violently sitting down on top of as she coasted to the bottom of the hill. Her leg was broken.

She didn't want the cell phone when her husband offered it to her—she'd be all right. No cell phone and her dog was no Lassie. The pooch licked her face now and again and went about looking for the scent of rabbits. The Yooper gal was nearly a quarter mile from her mother's.

On her hands and knees she crawled over the still frozen ground, over a rock pile and through the field back to her mother's. She was not wearing a snowmobile suit; she had on a regular pair of pants. A plate and seven screws later, she recovered from her 49th.

That, ladies and gentleman is a Yooper babe.

Then there are the men. You won't catch a red-blooded Yooper running around in a pair of spandex pants unless they're actually in some kind of competition that requires it—so I'm told. Yoopers men are not fancy dressers and most may own only one sport coat, commonly worn with freshly washed blue jeans and a dress shirt that hasn't been worn enough to require washing.

Yooper men, except maybe for their politics, are hardy, rugged individuals who know their way around the woods and fishing holes all over the UP. They're fierce survivors.

A logger working on a job a long ways from civilization had a felled tree pin him to the ground. With the assistance of his handy pocket knife, now banned in most locations, he separated his leg from the rest of his body, drug himself to his pickup truck and drove himself to town to seek medical assistance.

Per capita (percentage based on the total number of people), more Yooper men and women have served in the military. We had the highest per capita Congressional Medal of Honor recipients—a large percentage of those who served earned purple hearts, bronze stars and numerous other military honors. Outside of the union influences, a majority of our population are god-fearing, patriots with a strong conservative system of values and principles.

So, those of you who read this newsletter in areas outside of the imaginary boundary of the UP, please don't judge us based on what you read or hear from the liberals out there—they're not liked or even respected by most Yoopers. If we could, we would have a trapping season on them. Doubt we could get much for their pelts though. ~JC