



National Defender

A Transcendental Forum for Unobstructed Opinions and Observations

"We will walk on our own feet; we will work with our own hands; we will speak our own minds ... A nation of men will for the first time exist, because each believes himself inspired by the Divine Soul which also inspires all men." Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Presumptive authority

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First Presidential Debate [Obama v. McCain]
LEHRER: Before we go to another lead question. Let me figure out a way to ask the same question in a slightly different way here. Are you -- are you willing to acknowledge both of you that this financial crisis is g-o-ing to affect the way you rule the country as president of the United States beyond the kinds of things that you have already -- I mean, is it a major move? Is it going to have a major affect? [1]

... Affect the way you **rule** the country as president of the United States? Excuse me?

Obama didn't miss a beat and McCain didn't have a clue about what was just asked.



Then we have the transparent Democratic Congress, which insisted that they needed to pass the health care bill to see what's in it.

So, now that it's the law of the land in no uncertain terms, and even the IRS was expanded to provide direct oversight of its funding, since it's interpreted as a tax by SCOTUS, we need to ask each other if we'd prefer to have Obama appointees on the 15-member health care panel or non-commie Christians? Hmmm.

Summary of tax increases: (ten year projection)

- Increase Medicare tax rate by .9% and impose added tax of 3.8% on unearned income for high-income taxpayers: \$210.2 billion
- Charge an annual fee on health insurance providers: \$60 billion
- Impose a 40% excise tax on health insurance annual premiums in excess of \$10,200 for an individual or \$27,500 for a family: \$32 billion
- Impose an annual fee on manufacturers and importers of branded drugs: \$27 billion
- Impose a 2.3% excise tax on manufacturers and importers of certain medical devices: \$20 billion

Raise the 7.5% Adjusted Gross Income floor on medical expenses deduction to 10%: \$15.2 billion

Limit annual contributions to flexible spending arrangements in cafeteria plans to \$2,500: \$13 billion

- All other revenue sources: \$14.9 billion
- Summary of spending offsets: (ten year projection)
- Reduce funding for Medicare Advantage policies: \$132 billion
 - Reduce Medicare home health care payments: \$40 billion
 - Reduce certain Medicare hospital payments: \$22 billion [2]

Obviously, the Obamacare scheme is nothing more than an eradication of personal health care plans and options. It also bleeds the medical community of much needed funds to pay their light bill and employ medical staff.

On the positive side, it limits the amount an insurance company can charge a family based on their household income.

Now it's only a matter of finding some real stupid insurance company that'll be willing to provide families full medical insurance coverage for \$217 per year.

Perhaps there's a clause written somewhere in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that will permit insurance companies to do the same as the government health care programs; determining how much they're willing to pay for a procedure. Bi-lateral hernia surgery—sure, eight bucks. Quadruple by-pass—twelve bucks.

"Let's see, you're 72 and need a new hip—ahh." (sound of flipping pages), "Oh, here it is—the 15-member medical affordability panel says they can't afford it, but they do recommend contacting St. Vincent De Paul to see if they have any wheel chairs left. If not, the panel will give you \$2 per year to rent one. And one more thing, it states that I'm supposed to tell you that even though they recommended St. Vincent De Paul, they are in no way condoning religion."

The presumptive authority of Congress and the most inept president in the history of the United States of America has been reasonably placed directly on the voters.

Table 1. Maximum Out-of-Pocket Premium Payments Under PPACA, If Currently Implemented for the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia

Federal Poverty Line (FPL)	Maximum Premium as a % of Income (2014)	Maximum Annual Premium (current), by Family Size			
		1	2	3	4
100%	2.0%	\$217	\$291	\$366	\$441
133.00%	2.0%	\$288	\$388	\$487	\$587
133.01%	3.0%	\$487	\$656	\$824	\$992
150%	4.0%	\$650	\$874	\$1,099	\$1,323
200%	6.3%	\$1,365	\$1,836	\$2,307	\$2,778
250%	8.05%	\$2,180	\$2,932	\$3,685	\$4,438
300%	9.5%	\$3,087	\$4,152	\$5,218	\$6,284
350%	9.5%	\$3,601	\$4,845	\$6,088	\$7,332
400%	9.5%	\$4,115	\$5,537	\$6,958	\$8,379

Source: CRS computation based on "Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines," 74 Federal Register 4200, January 23, 2009. <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/09fedreg.pdf>, and PPACA, for the second least expensive silver plan available to eligible individuals. If individuals choose more expensive plans, they would be responsible for additional premiums.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

THINK
while it's still legal



[1] <http://elections.nytimes.com/2008/president/debates/transcripts/first-presidential-debate.html> [2] http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patient_Protection_and_Affordable_Care_Act

SECRET-GATE: How a free society implodes

Who released the information that our military had burned Korans, which held secret messages, ultimately resulting with our troops being assassinated?

Who spewed-out that we had Osama's computer, which contained a great deal of information about rouge terrorists?

Who exposed the good doctor that helped direct our military in order to target Osama bin Laden and then abandoned him?

Who compromised an elite force by saying it was Seal Team Six that did the Bin Laden deed? Three months later nearly two-dozen Seal Team Six personnel died when the helicopter they were riding in was shot-down over Afghanistan.

Who offered-up that we attacked Iran's nuclear program with the Thunderstruck computer worm?

Who was really behind the WikiLeaks drama?

Who permitted NATO to kill the apolitical youngest son of Gaddafi and why?

Who released the information that Obama had taken on the unprecedented direct authority of predetermining drone-strike targets which killed Middle Eastern terrorist leaders?



How serious are these compromises of our national security being taken by our informational sources?

If you Google "Divulged Secrets from Obama White House" you'll have a list of stories regarding Obama's protected honey-beer recipe. Evidently Obama is more capable of keeping his beer recipe secret than secrets that actually affect our national security interests.

The United States of America has a very serious problem; a layer of incompetence that surpasses the degenerates that keep electing these people. The same ilk that went on internationally televised Sunday talk shows to brag that we were tracking Bin Laden through his cell phone have somehow shown up again.

Ironically, the same guy who thought it appropriate to talk about US interrogation techniques in public forums is somehow now outraged by Obama's inability to maintain national secrets. {In case you're stumped; John McCain}

On the eleventh anniversary of 9-11, the ineptitude of the Obama Administration is once again shown in the full-light of day—the riots, murders, and the alleged outrage by Muslims in and around U. S. embassies was attributed to the Muhammad Movie Trailer video on YouTube.

The low-budget video is a humorous and questionably accurate portrayal of Muhammad as a very disturbed, masochistic pedophile with latent homosexual tendencies. However, no one heard of it until it was brought to the world's attention by the Obama Administration and their protective lap-dog media allies.

So now we're left with ash-heaps, which were once U. S. embassies, flag-draped coffins, and a bunch of pissed-off Muslims trying to figure out what it is that they're really pissed-off about these days.

During the first week after the murders in Libya, the leftist media and Obama Administration thought the Muslims were upset because of a movie trailer video, posted back on July 2, 2012, that ignited the revolts on 9-11. If you ask those with any level of smarts, they know it's about the directed killings of Muslim leaders by Obama, et al, and an organized terrorist attack on the anniversary of 9-11.

The Obama Administration suggested Mitt Romney shot before he aimed; we vehemently disagree. Mitt Romney is clearly the only adult in the 2012 Presidential Race. Unlike Obama, who had access to daily security briefings but chose to ignore them, Mr. Romney still had a better handle on the Middle East and the catalyst for its eruption.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YoAL4c7uneE>
 Intelligent people in the United States are nervous about the ineptitude of Barack Obama, especially since Obama refused to meet with Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu. The Muslim country of Iran is on the verge of being fully nuclear-weapon capable; a Muslim nation which promised the annihilation of Israel and the United States.

Dunderhead Barack "Skippy" Obama is only the result of an oblivious block of voters who refused to take their right to vote seriously. While we may be amused by those with Obama-Biden 2012 yard signs and bumper stickers, we need to take a mental note so when the manure hits the fan after reelection, we'll have easy targets for our survival.

<http://www.standard.co.uk/news/gaddafis-sons-bury-brother-killed-in-strike-by-nato-jets-6397595.html> - Muhammad Movie Trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qmodVun16Q4&feature=youtu.be&hpctr=1347709132>
 Romney Speech on Libya: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hi_MC6IK5c&feature=rclated — <http://finance.yahoo.com/blogs/breakout/america-heading-towards-collapse-worse-2008-europe-says-155504860.html>

Support Mining & Forestry: Fire Obama!

No matter what the six-figure union bosses and those who made exceptionally bad judgment calls regarding the auto industry pension funds, Obama is bad for workers. He's bad for those who make their living off of this nation's natural resources.

Coal mining is jeopardized as our coal-fired power plants fall victim to the unscrupulous non-law administrative policies of the EPA. Citizens feel the effects of environmental policies every time they pay their electric bill, fill their car with gasoline, or buy a loaf of bread.

Those who believe the middle class has escaped higher tax rates fail to measure the cost of taxes, regulations, and poor policies, which are handed-down to the consumer.



Above: The Empire Mine in Michigan's Upper Peninsula is an environmentalist's nightmare but it's a union worker's bread, butter, and helps pay for his/hers brand new pickup.

Gasoline alone in 2012 directly costs an average family of four an extra \$5,000 per year—we can safely double that rate when we add up the costs of those policies on groceries, transportation, labor, building and construction materials, and even public education, which uses public funds to pay their bills.

\$10,000 per year gone! Flushed-down the proverbial environmental toilet. For some, that's half a year's wages!

Those earning \$10 per hour surrender half a year's wages; deliberately and unnecessarily confiscated by Obama's and his EPA's policies.

¹ <http://washingtonexaminer.com/jeep-an-obama-favorite-looks-to-shift-production-to-china/>

Maybe those making over \$100K per year working in iron mines and putting washers on shock absorbers don't feel the pain, but those striving to achieve the realm near the middle-class levels are held-down because of Obama's and leftists' union-interests.

Now we need to ask why the bailed-out Chrysler Corporation is contemplating sending their Jeep manufacturing to China. 1 Of course we're still feeling the results of closing non-Obama contributing Chrysler dealerships, which effectively eliminated price competition.

The EPA is not a friend of the working man and those that support the EPA whack policies aren't either!



ELECTION 2012



Listening to the political pundits over the last year we're able to discern a clear difference between Democrats and Republicans—the two political parties are as different as black and white; evil and good.

陰 Democrats have become the Party of the *status quo*, conformists, and their teat grasping benefactors. The Democrats have come to represent those citizens with strong negative self-fulfilling prophecies, a lack of luster and drive in their lives, and government-benevolence.

陽 Republicans are the radical group of non-conformists, embracing the ideologies of self-determination, free markets, and self-reliance. Republicans have an appreciation for the need for high expectations within academia, work environments, and even within our private lives.

The new Democratic Party lived a very brief life; essentially dying on November 22, 1963. The Republican Party had also teetered on dying, nearly succumbing to the RINO fungi. Americans nearly lost all principles and traditions as a result.

<http://www.sacredlotus.com/theory/yinyang.cfm>

NATIONAL DEFENDER

The National Defender is a publication of the U. P. Patriots. We are very partisan group of concerned citizens: *partisan (n.) A fervent, sometimes militant supporter or proponent of a party, cause, faction, person, or idea.* Our fervent stance embraces the idea of Creationism, the constant support of the US Constitution, the vocal advocacy of both human and property rights and a commitment to holding an elected or appointed office wholly accountable to those who pay their wages and provide funding for their benefits.

Our goal is to provide our readers with at least one alternative source of news and opinions that is not limited to butt-kissing and ankle-grabbing of most news and opinion providers. We will try to collect revealing and credible news stories from any source to help keep the citizens highly informed. It's an informed public that is an intelligent public—

We hold these values in order to ensure a viable and accountable governmental system. We hold all persons of truth harmless.

Rehashing the litany of failures inflicted upon American society by Obama, Democrats everywhere, and the RINOs, would be a waste of time—those reading newsletters like this one already grasp those realities and they've already been extensively discussed in other parts of this newsletter and in all the other previous newsletters.

Let's take a quick look at what will occur when Mitt Romney assumes the Presidency with a majority of TEA Party conservatives are in both the US Senate and the House of Representatives.

The USD (US Dollar) will become more stabilized and will eventually lead a stronger USD with better purchasing power.

The US will regain Triple-A ratings as Congress and President Romney work together to balance budgets, reverse the National Debt, curb unnecessary spending, eliminate punitive taxation and regulation policies, and restore the duties of coining of money to the Treasury.

Stressed retirement portfolios will see unprecedented returns to help seniors financially survive. Those seniors collecting living on only their Social Security incomes will undoubtedly see a raise in their monthly incomes to coincide with their needs.

In all likelihood, individuals with good to excellent retirement plans would see a decline in SS benefits, but would not lose the security of retirement checks because their retirement accounts would be far more stable. Their investment returns would more than make-up for the loss of an apportioned part of their monthly SS checks.

Commodity markets would soon find a surplus of oil; an increase in supply would reduce the value of a barrel of oil. Consumers would see an eventual decline in gas prices, which would in-turn, reduce the costs of consumable products.

China would recognize that they're now dealing with adults and would make necessary adjustments to the value of their Yuan. Trade between the US and China would level-off and US manufacturing and industry would realize an increase in sales.

US manufacturing, industry, and businesses will notice a significant decline in rules, regulations, fees, and taxes in the New America. They will be able to plan, invest, and even hire with confidence.

Medical services rendered to those citizens falling under Medicare will be compensated at fair-market value. Insurance companies will no longer have to absorb the losses suffered by medical facilities and doctors and can safely reduce their premiums.

Citizens utilizing Medicaid to pay for their medical services will be required to invest in their service through a co-pay deduction. The simple requirement of co-pays for Medicaid recipients will deter abuse and will virtually eliminate fraud; those not receiving services, but who are billed for a co-pay, will be very quick to alert authorities that they didn't receive any services.

Foreign policy, or if you prefer, the Romney Doctrine, will be easy for all nations to understand. Allies are allies; enemies are enemies—pick your side carefully. Allies will be the benefactors of free-trade, visits, and military support when needed. Enemies will no longer prosper, nor will they be rewarded.

Immigration policies will revert back to the pre-Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965.

God and His citizens will be primary benefactors under President Mitt Romney. Two, perhaps as many as three, Justices will be appointed to serve on the US Supreme Court. The US Circuit Courts of Appeals and other Federal Courts will have individuals more capable of reading and understanding the Constitution.

Through attrition, redundancy and expensive duplicate government agency and department services will be eventually phased-out. Most governmental authority will be returned to the States, and to the citizens of the States.

Honor and respectfulness will be returned to the White House.



Federal spending will be limited to those goods and services directly or indirectly provided to federal government departments and agencies—no longer will the citizens be forced to finance non-profit organizations or fund ideological enterprises. States will see fewer strings attached—highway funds can be used for roads or for bridges; it's what the State sees as being necessary.

The US military will become far more capable, responsive, and will not be victimized by ideological social engineering. Personnel will enjoy the benefit of having their votes counted.

National secrets will be classified as such and will be kept secret.

Executive Orders won't negate the duties and responsibilities of our elected members of Congress.

The most amazing features of the United States of America is that we not only enjoy the limitations of our government provided in the Constitution, and the protections under the Bill of Rights, but those who have been born and raised here, or who have successfully assimilated into our culture, have an appreciation and respect of others under the same premises. We have a final chance for redemption.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/110th_United_States_Congress—<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cloture>—<http://www.fedprimerate.com/crude-oil-price-history.htm>

The Conservation Easement Con Game

by Carole "CJ" Williams

Step right up, folks. Sign your property rights over to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources agency, which will ensure you're managing your property as the United Nations World Conservation Union wants it managed. Certainly, you didn't think the MI-DNR conjured up its eco-system land management scheme all by itself, did you?

On February 23, MI-DNR officials announced that the agency's application to nominate forestland for enrollment in Michigan's "Forest Legacy Program" is available online at its Website. (Google Michigan DNR Forest Legacy Program Information)

The state program was developed through a national partnership with the U.S. Forest Service, which is a partnering member of the UN's World Conservation Union. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has a similar program for farmland through its Natural Resources Conservation Service. Both programs are UN treaty-driven land-control initiatives designed to help implement the UN's land policy.

The UN land policy first surfaced at its Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat I), held in Vancouver in 1976. Agenda Item 10 of the Conference Report sets forth the UN's official policy on land. The Preamble states:

*"Land...cannot be treated as an ordinary asset, controlled by individuals and subject to the pressures and inefficiencies of the market. Private land ownership is also a principal instrument of accumulation and concentration of wealth and therefore contributes to social injustice; if unchecked, it may become a major obstacle in the planning and implementation of development schemes...**Public control of land use is therefore indispensable...**"*

The purported purpose of the MI-DNR's Forest Legacy Program is to use federal funds (extorted tax revenue) and matching funds from various sources, including grants from the accommodating Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board, to purchase development rights, conservation easements or "fee simple interest" from landowners. Fee simple interest is ownership of the full surface and mineral rights to a piece of property.

Unless fee simple interest is bought, these woodland parcels are to remain in private ownership except for the conveyed ease-

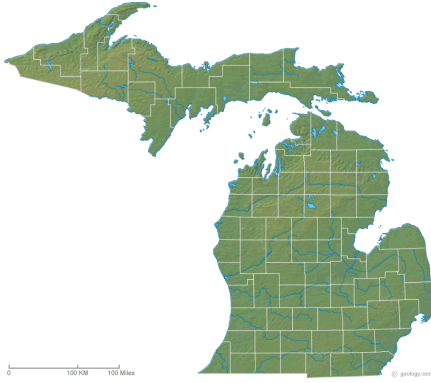
ment items, such as development rights, which would become state-owned. This allows the sly fox to get its nose in the hen house door.

The purchases are to be made in environmentally important forested areas purportedly threatened by conversion to non-forest uses within designated geographic areas known as Forest Legacy Areas. A map at the MI-DNR Website indicates that virtually every acre of the Upper Peninsula's mineral-rich land is of interest to the stealthy land rights thieves. Most of the Lower Peninsula is of interest, too, particularly in the northern half of the mitten where much of the state's gas and oil wealth is located.

Michigan's Forest Legacy Program requires that the rights of public access be conveyed to the state on all land or interest in land acquired with program funding. Since humans and their invasive "activities" are considered to be the biggest stress factor on habitat, it's not out of the realm of possibility that there'll come a time when those enrolled in the Legacy Program will stand accused of doing harm to the habitat on their own land by those who are monitoring it to ensure that all terms of the easement are being followed.

Perhaps grandma will have yanked out some endangered, or threatened, or sensitive vegetative species where she started a new garden, or grandpa will have allowed his grandkids and their friends to muck-up a wetland (swamp) area on the property with their off-road vehicles. Maybe the couple will have built a new pole barn only to learn later that they shouldn't have. Repeat offenders will be dealt with harshly, perhaps through a lengthy and costly court battle, as will those who don't remedy the situation within the time allotted for them to do so.

As the MI-DNR claims to already be hard-pressed to meet its financial obligations, it would stand to reason that the monitoring onus would have to be farmed out to some other entity, perhaps volunteers with the ever-accommodating Na-



ture Conservancy (TNC), which is also a partnering member of the UN World Conservation Union.

It's important to note that all easements and interests in land bought through the land control program are conveyed in "perpetuity" (forever) and must contain such an agreement and language to ensure heirs or new owners will never be able to reclaim the property rights.

In order to participate in the national Forest Legacy Program, Michigan had to perform an "Assessment of Need". This was done based on a report developed for the MI-DNR by its resource management pal, the Michigan Chapter of the Nature Conservancy. Among a plethora of other things, the December 2002 report includes relevant information about both public and private lands.

Not all forestland owners will want to sell their private property rights through conservation easements, but those who find themselves surrounded by government controlled land will eventually feel the pinch. This is because managing land by the ecosystem scheme can't be done with 40 acres here and 40 acres there. It must be done in great swaths, preferably on a regional multi-state, or in some cases binational, basis to achieve ecosystem management on a landscape scale, or so it's claimed.

To qualify for the MI-DNR's socially just, redistribution of land wealth program, landowners are required to prepare a costly multiple-resource management plan. However, to make it more financially palatable, the federal government may use your tax dollars to pay for up to 75 percent of that cost, with at least 25 percent coming from private, state or local sources.

Along with the MI-DNR, land trusts and conservancies are also playing the conservation easement con game. Typically and like government resource management agencies, the trust will buy some, or the entire "bundle", of a property owner's rights. Upon signing the agreement, the owner's rights become subservient to the new land management partner, the conservancy or trust.

Owners may make this trade to reduce the property tax burden, to protect their property from development, or to avoid the threat of government land acquisition or regulation. They might also need to raise some cash. A word of warning, though – the IRS has been taking a very close look at the appraisal process involved with the selling of these easements, in some cases causing more headaches than they're worth.

To receive the bennies and among other duties, the owner agrees to one or several of the following: to protect animals, plants or ecosystems, to preserve forestland for future generations of the world's people (or "open spaces" for farming), to provide access for public recreation, to safeguard historic preservation, and to follow "best land management" practices.

Over time, "best land management" practices can change and possibly drive up the cost of compliance. Land encumbered with loss of development rights and conservation easements loses its value, but even at a reduced price such land may be difficult to sell unless one practically gives it away.

Conservancies and land trusts, however, have no trouble flipping conservation easements to a government entity. For instance, in one deal the non-profit Nature Conservancy paid \$1.26 million for an easement and promptly sold it to the Bureau of Land Management for \$1.4 million.

When it comes to the conservation easement con game, it's a matter of "seller beware", not "buyer beware". Landowners had best research diligently and know the way by which the game is played before divesting themselves of their property rights, which are the very foundation of freedom.

In truth, conservation easements purchased by a government agency and those bought and flipped to those agencies by nongovernmental land management organizations are no different. Both entities are playing on the same team to help the UN carry out its scheme to gain control of all land and the resource wealth on and under it.

The Man at the Tire Shop by Jen Kuznicki

I went to the tire shop to get a tire for my truck. I talked to the man at the counter and found one they had in stock that would work.

As I sat, waiting for the men in the back to install the tire, another customer walked in, obviously a friend of the man at the counter, and he said, "Obama just killed the Keystone Pipeline."

The man at the counter did not respond, he just looked up at the man who wore dark brown Carhartt bibs, work boots, and a Carhartt insulated jacket. The Carhartt man said, "That would have put me to work."

I sat by the coffee maker, interested in what the Carhartt man had to say, and he came over to lean against the coffee table.

I said, "I heard today that the company may forego the federal requirements and make a line from Montana to the Gulf."

"Well, it doesn't matter," he said. "It has to have federal oversight because it crosses the border. It was a political move," he offered, "it just doesn't make sense."

He looked down at his steel-toed boots and moved his weight from one leg to the other. My husband asked him if he worked on a lot of pipelines.

"I've worked on them all," he said, "all the big ones," and he began listing names of pipelines he worked on. He was a man in his fifties with gray/white bushy hair, probably a grandfather. The lines on his face told of his relationship with Mother Nature, and he was clearly depressed.

"What I don't understand," he said, "is why Obama shot it down. He would have gotten a lot more votes if he hadn't." He went on, "I haven't worked

since December 31st, 2010. I was hoping that it would have gone through." He focused on the floor, his mouth turned to a frown, and when the man at the counter said his truck was ready, he shuffled slowly to the counter.

The Carhartt man asked the man at the counter about a mutual friend, Bob. "Well," said the man at the counter, "Bob has another year of unemployment, so he isn't exactly too motivated to find work right now."

The Carhartt man paid, walked to the door, dragged his feet, his head down, and retrieved his pickup.

I wanted to tell him that Barack Obama wasn't interested in his vote. I wanted to tell him that the company was obviously trying to put people to work by working around the Federal Government to come up with an alternative route for the pipeline.

I wanted to tell him that things may be bleak now, but perhaps in the future, we can elect a man who has his interests at heart.

But, I hadn't the time or opportunity.

This nation is filled with men who shuffle, worry, get frustrated and angry about how the government works to hurt their ability to provide meaning to their lives.

There are also men who take unemployment as a free ride, uninterested in who is paying for their vacation, leaving the worry of a job to the government, who will extend their vacation.

Barack Obama has not only killed jobs in the Keystone Pipeline decision, he has killed men's self-worth.

2012 ELECTION

Political Gleanings by Francis Lide

The October 31 issue of The *Wall Street Journal* carried an editorial of twelve column-inches titled "Michigan's Supreme Showdown," with the text box: "Unions try to depose conservative justices at the ballot box."

Against the background of the attempt to "enshrine collective bargaining rights in the state Constitution via Proposal 2," unions are also trying to unseat Justice Steve Markman, "a veteran of the Reagan Justice Department . . . and an intellectual heavyweight," as well as Brian Zahra, a Rick Snyder appointee. (The other Republican nominee is Colleen O'Brien.)

After noting Michigan's process of nominating candidates for the state Supreme Court at the party conventions but running them on the nonpartisan portion of the ballot, the editorial notes that: "The court is a particular union target this year because of Proposal 2, which would apply retroactively.

If it passes, unions plan to challenge as illegal as many as 170 current state laws, sending an unprecedented wave of litigation to the state Supreme Court. Big Labor wants its judges making the calls."

So far, Michigan has resisted efforts by the tort bar to push its Supreme Court to the left, "rejecting new theories of civil liability and [declining] to overturn laws limiting non-economic damages."

"Governor Snyder has consciously sought to avoid a confrontation with union power, trying to dodge the polarizing controversies in Wisconsin. He "lobbied business groups not to put a right-to-work law on the ballot, for example, but unions have taken this to mean that he's a soft touch who can be beaten."

"Mr. Snyder and his GOP legislative majorities have done much to bring Michigan

back from the Jennifer Granholm depression, but most of it will be undone if he can't rally voters to defeat Proposal 2 and keep a conservative Supreme Court."

Pennsylvania's Fading Presidential Blue

Matthew Kaminski of the WSJ editorial board published an op-ed by this title the same day datelined Bristol, Pa., the scene of a congressional debate in Bucks County. Bucks County is one of the state's "collar counties" around Democratic stronghold Philadelphia, home of Dem Congressman Chaka Fatah, whose district has a generic Cook Partisan Voting Index of D + 38 (MI 01 is R + 3). There has been some talk recently of apportioning electoral votes in Pennsylvania by congressional district, the way Maine and Nebraska do already. (Nine of that state's 19 congressional districts are generically Republican by at least R + 3, while another is R + 1.)

The text box of the piece reads: "Romney-Ryan and the GOP see an opening for a stealth victory in the Keystone State."

At the debate, Kaminski stood next to a supporter of the Republican incumbent, a software provider, who said that he knew only one businessman who is doing better than four years ago: "a bankruptcy lawyer."

Former governor Rendell on the mood among fellow PA Democrats: "We're nervous."

Pennsylvania's senior Senator Robert Casey, Jr., is being challenged by 65 year-old businessman and political newcomer Tom Smith, who made millions in the coal business in the western part of the state. Casey had been considering himself safe as the incum-

bent and son of an iconic father. The results of that race should be interesting.

No Registration by Party in Ohio

Like Michigan, the state of Ohio that we are hearing so much about these days is one of the 20 states in the country without registration by party (*Almanac of American Politics*). That means that the early voting there by Democrats, Republicans, or Independents is based on self-identification to pollsters or reporters, not the public record.

MICHIGAN'S CONUNDRUM

By J. C. Powers

Presidential candidate Mitt Romney has roots in Michigan. The Democrats are campaigning on the premise the Mitt Romney didn't support the bailout of the auto industry. Mr. Romney was right before the auto bail-outs and he's still right today.

Mr. Romney suggested immediately that GM and Chrysler needs to go through bankruptcy before receiving federal money. What he had suggested came to an eventual fruition; both GM and Chrysler went through bankruptcy.

Chrysler dealerships were closed; oddly enough it seems because those dealerships didn't contribute to the 2008 Obama Campaign. The American icon and military mobile unit Hummer is being cloned in China. A debate is developing after the secret of Chrysler sending their Jeep manufacturing to Italy has come to public knowledge and talked about on the campaign trail.

Delphi, an auto parts manufacturer, also felt the residuals of overzealous federal infringements.

The State of Michigan is still trying to recover from the 8-years of Governor Jennifer Granholm and Democrats in the State Houses. What Granholm did to the State of Michigan in 8-years, Obama did to the nation in less than 4.

Michigan's conundrum is that we have an auto industry controlled and overtly manipulated by the Obama Administration.

Poor representation by unions nearly threw the workers' pension plan into the soup line. Obama simply kept the union bosses from being hanged by union workers, temporarily. It's evident the union bosses learned nothing from the Enron scandal, and if union workers haven't figured it out yet, their pensions are still in jeopardy.

The question for miners, foresters, auto and paper mill workers, and a significant percentage of other people who rely on natural resources, is this: "Do those supported by environmentalists have our backs?"

The answer is an absolute "NO!"

Politicians embracing agendas of the leftists have no interest in a semblance of sustaining a free market; contrarily. All we need to know about which side the Democrats stand is grounded in the Keystone Pipeline.

We can add the propensity of the left to come up with some of the most stupid programs ever imagined, like the Cash-for-Clunkers program. That idea took several hundred thousand autos off the used car market and sent tons of iron to China. Goofballs.

With “friends” like this... By Carole “CJ” Williams

Because of the results of the 2010 census and need to meet required equal population quotas of 705,000 people, some Michigan congressional districts have been redrawn. One such is the massive thirty-one and a half county First District. The next largest, the neighboring Fourth District, is comprised of just fifteen counties.

While eliminating some mid-state counties, the First District now includes northwest Lower Michigan's Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Manistee, Leelanau, and Benzie Counties, as well as half of Mason; all except Kalkaska are situated along the sandy shores of Lake Michigan. Citizens who live there tend to vote Republican, which might possibly cause some aspiring left-leaning politicians to become RINOs (Republicans in name only).

The new counties being welcomed will join the fifteen U.P. counties, as well as the L.P. counties of Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, and Presque Isle. The change won't become official until January 2013 when the 113th Congress assembles to swear the oath of office.

In terms of landmass the First District may well still equate to almost half of the State of Michigan, which has the dubious honor of being the only state in the Union to have lost population over the past decade. Just one U.S. Congressman, Dr. Dan Benishek of Crystal Falls, represents all citizens within the sprawling district regardless of their political party preference, or lack thereof.

On Jan. 2, 2012 Larry Inman, a retired banker and chairman of the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners, contacted county GOP chairpersons throughout Michigan's 1st Congressional District. He indicated via email that he was considering running against incumbent Benishek in the primary and was in the process of evaluating what support he might receive from his fellow Republicans.

Unless a seated congressman suddenly becomes an evil-eyed monster, this is seldom done. Regardless, Inman from one of the new-to-the-district counties claimed he was being encouraged to do so by elected officials and community leaders within the district.

He attached a copy of a scanned newspaper article written by Brian McGillivray that was published in the Traverse City Record-Eagle on Jan. 2. While it was quite flattering to Inman, it was most unkind to Dr. Benishek. In it Mr. Inman was quoted as saying that major donors, prominent Republicans and elected officials, whose names weren't disclosed, are disappointed in their current congressman. “They're sick of Benishek”, Inman said. “They said he's arrogant, doesn't spend any time in the district, isn't accessible, and they're worried that if he's the Republican nominee we'll lose the seat in November.”

What sheer and utter hogwash!!! Yours truly was privileged to read some of the replies Inman received from county chairpersons. Not one of them voiced displeasure with Rep. Benishek or the job he'd done during his first year in office, and my bet is that all would tell you he's among the most humble people they've ever had the honor of knowing and working with.

Needless to say, within nine days Mr. Inman had issued a press release announcing that although some elected officials, community leaders and “friends” had encouraged him to do so, he would forego adding his name to the ballot, primarily because of “thoughts and comments” he'd received from constituents in support of Benishek. In fact, he claimed he was looking forward to talking with the congressman and personally giving him his endorsement.

As it turns out, one of Inman's very good “friends” is none other than former U.S. Rep. Bart “Benedict Arnold” Stupak, a Democrat who twice, on Feb. 15, 2007 and again on Sept. 30, 2008, glowingly praised Inman for posterity's sake in the Congressional Record and acknowledged him as a good friend. A simple Google online search for both names should provide the links where both full accolades can be read. If not, add Congressional Record and the date of the one you're searching for.

The following excerpts are from the Feb. 15, 2007 “Extensions of Remarks” section, page E353, under the heading “Tribute To Larry Inman”. The lengthy remarks made by Stupak in honor

of Inman's retirement were uttered in the House the day before and in part they read:

Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a northern Michigan citizen who has been an exemplary leader in business, in his community and in his State. Larry Inman will celebrate his retirement this week after twenty-eight years of service to the Huntington National Bank (formerly Empire National Bank)

...

Madam Speaker, I first met Larry Inman when I attended Northwestern College from 1970-1972. Larry and I, along with Tom Wilson, were studying law enforcement, young ladies and the latest night spots. We became good friends in college and better friends in business and politics. I regret that I cannot personally attend his retirement party as my Congressional responsibilities are keeping me in Washington, D.C. Larry knows I am with him in spirit, in friendship and in my heart, because you really do not have that many good friends like Larry Inman!...

Since Inman is a dear-to-the-heart friend of Stupak, who became an even better friend in business and politics, might it be possible that the former lawmaker persuaded him to smear Benishek's reputation in many of the northern Lower Michigan newspapers regardless of whether or not Inman was seriously considering challenging the incumbent?

Certainly, former termed-out State Rep. Gary McDowell, the tax and spend Democrat who has his sights targeted on unseating Benishek, will get lots of mileage by repeating Stupak's buddy's asinine comments. He will, that is, until his malicious spiel is reported in a news article and someone writes a letter to the editor letting it be known that with “friends” like RINO Inman, who might possibly have allowed a friendship to be manipulated in

such a manner, one certainly doesn't need enemies.

Republican, Independent, and even the more moderate empty-pocketed Democrat voters, who want to become less dependent on foreign oil, to put loggers and miners and factory workers back to work – who don't want government meddling in their health care business and are fed-up with taxes, the federal government's massive spending, Gang Green's demands, and liberal progressive politicians (global socialists) all too willing to become Pelosi and Reid “lap-sitters” – have had a belly full of the snarly character assassinations and viscous attack ads.

Contrary to Inman's bogus claims about Congressman Benishek's lack of attention to his constituents, let it be known that during his first year in office Rep. Benishek traveled 24,262 miles through all thirty-one and a half counties in his district and logged thirty-two flights back to Michigan from the nation's capitol. He attended fifty-nine public events, took thirty-six company tours with area employers and visited a dozen classrooms.

Additionally, while working in Washington, D.C., he voted 940 times and gave a dozen floor speeches. He authored seven legislative bills and cosponsored 163 more. He attended 886 meetings, met with 951 office visitors, attended fifty-

one committee hearings, and issued 136 news statements (few of which were published in the local liberal dominated newspapers). He and his staff attended to 68,686 constituent letters, emails and phone calls, and he accomplished all this and more without one iota of arrogance.

Rep. Benishek's 194-page printable 2011 Annual Report for his first year in office can be reviewed online at his Website:

<http://www.benishek.gov.com/>



Repeat & Expanded: List of Citizen Grievances

Unfunded entitlement liabilities near \$109 trillion; congress spent SSTF contributions.
 National Debt near \$14 trillion.
 Unemployment near 10%.
 Millions of business and industrial jobs lost to overseas interests.
 Health Care Reform Act which raises taxes by 2.5% in every home in America; increases the 7.5% medical expense deduction to 10%.
 Abhorrent bail-out of banks and mortgage companies while ignoring citizens struggling to pay mortgages.
 Take over of GM and Chrysler and the firing of private-sector CEOs.
 Over 30 unaccountable Czars who control billions of taxpayers' money without any oversight.
 Ban on incandescent light bulbs by 2014 to be replaced by CFL mercury bulbs.
 Proposed ban on lead ammo.
 Cash for Clunkers.
 Replaced reliable analogue signals with digital television signals before digital technology became reliable.
 Suspension of off-shore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico.
 Anti-Christian legislation, Executive Orders, and judicial decisions.

Using taxpayers' money to fund non-profit organizations.
 38 unconfirmed & unaccountable czars.
 Contributions of Taxpayers' money to non-profit organizations like the ACLU, ACORN and environmental groups.
 No social security cola for the second year in a row, for the second time since it began (?). That hurts the elderly, including my elderly mom, God bless her.
 Government control over nutrition
 Federal intrusion into states' education curriculum
 Implementation of UN treaties of which Americans want no part
 Federal government manipulation and intrusion into states' rights.
 Mismanagement and misuse of the Endangered Species Act.
 Befriending Venezuela.
 Letting Iran develop the bomb.
 Mismanaging both Iraq and Afghanistan.
 The "Privately" owned Federal Reserve should be abolished and "Honest Money" brought back!
 Onerous financial regulation.
 Quadrupling of national debt.
 Out of control spending.

Withdrawing DOJ prosecution of New Black Panther voter intimidation.
 Staffing executive offices with socialists, communists, Marxists, and terrorists.
 Race baiting.
 Class warfare.
 Increasing taxes on low and middle income citizens in addition to overtaking successful citizens and corporations.
 Stacking Supreme Court with a wise Latino, woman, and a law school professor that never served as a judge for political reward.
 Consistent anti-capitalist behavior.
 Apologizing for America.
 Wrecking our economy.
 Pursuing ideology, not jobs.
 Union payoffs.
 Offending our allies; Israel, Poland, and Great Britain while coddling the axis of evil.
 Refusing daily security briefings.
 Many vacations, golf outings, and campaign rallies, but very few media briefings.
 Desecration, malfeasance, and abuse of the office of the President.
 Redundancy of government services.
 Every aspect of the current tax code is very punitive and deters personal viability.

Separation of church and state by having the state determine what to separate, yet government employees still enjoy their religious holidays off or get extra pay to work them.
 Requiring religious organizations to compromise their moral conscience in order to fulfill social engineering.
 21st Century Strategy for America's Great Outdoors; Obama's memorandum on America's Great Outdoors Initiative. <http://americasgreatoutdoors.gov/>
 Congress has failed to pass appropriate laws preventing governments from suing private businesses, industries and even citizens; punitive laws evidently don't generate enough revenue and provide enough to do for government lawyers.
 Confiscating private property for public "purpose" rather than specified use.
 Suing the State of Arizona for taking the actions against illegal immigration, which should be the responsibility of the national government.
 Providing amnesty from prosecution for illegal immigrants using stolen SSNs in order to get a job.
 Implementing Fast and Furious in order to justify the signing of the UN Small Arms Treaty to regulate the sale of guns and ammo in the United States.
 Opposing State Voter ID laws.

2008 IN RETROSPECT

In retrospect; America had no good final choices for their President in 2008, except Libertarian candidate Bob Barr. Thanks to Sarah Palin, the conservatives thought they had a fairly good ticket—unfortunately, John McCain was still John McCain.

After booting Newt Gingrich out of office, the RINOs had no clue and no direction. It was only the residual parts of the "Contract with America" that manifested a relatively successful presidency of Bill Clinton and gave the do-nothing leftover GOP members of Congress a little sense of accomplishment.

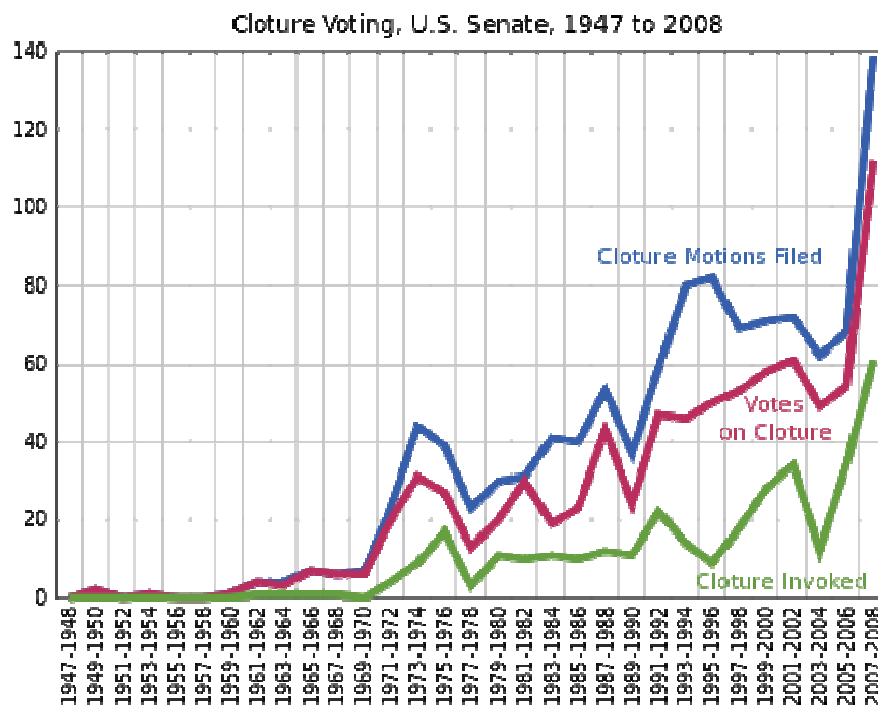
Once George W. Bush was elected and then reelected, the Republicans had a chance to shine; but the congressional dimwits were not capable of acting like winners and getting necessary legislation passed, which would have given some sense of their usefulness. During those six-years of full ownership of Congress and the White House, the Republicans wasted their time. The Democratic wing of Congress had complete control over the spineless Republicans.

The cries for bipartisanship echoed from the Democrats through the leftist media; but of course bipartisanship became moot once the Democrats had an operational majority in Congress.

During the 110th Congress, a record number of cloture votes were cast; effectively neutering the Republicans. On January 19, 2007, oil prices were at \$51.99—by the end of the Democrat's first year of control, oil prices on December 31, 2007 hit \$95.98. By July 4th, 2008, oil hit a whopping \$145.29.

Just as is going to happen this election year, prior to the 2008 elections, oil prices dropped from \$106.89 on the 26th of September to \$67.81 just prior to the

Americans was, "when there are hard



November election—only the dumbest voters were fooled as the Democrats and Obama blamed GWB for the congress-induced woes.

With both Houses of Congress and the White House now in the hands of the hard-line communists of the Democrat Party, things were about to drastically change and there was nothing citizens or Republicans could do to stop it.

The fascists (Clintonistas) and the Obama communists joined forces to put America on a one-way path to asset confiscation and their ultimate goal of the total elimination of values, family traditions, land-rights, and Christianity; Americans were too ignorant to know that capitalism was a covert form of colonialism and enslavement.

The mantra that seemed to persuade

economic times, the people tend to turn to the Democrats.

That suggestion failed to mention that FDR (D), did end the long-term Great Depression with a huge rise in jobs among the lower and middle-class citizens all across the United States; that stimulus package was called WWII.

2007-2008 were very bad years for middle-class Americans. Half of their retirement portfolios disappeared, oil prices tore a hole in their discretionary household income, and transportation costs for household, business, and industry consumables rose dramatically.

Baby-boomers were retiring and wanting to sell their homes, but new houses and condos were being built so their home values collapsed as well. On top of the decline of home values were mandatory lending requirements which compromised stabilities in mort-

gages.

Ignoring warnings and refusing to pass any substantial form of derivative regulations, derivatives were passed back and forth between investors and eventually caused a loss of their value worldwide and the ultimate collapse of numerous banks.

"Too big to fail", which cost Americans over a trillion-dollars through Democrats' TARP I and II, could have been far more effective if Congress decided instead to provide substantial relief to the taxpaying households. Congress bailed-out credit card companies, Wall Street, and banks, including many overseas, while citizens remained in debt and unable to pay their bills.

The results of TARP I and II were very similar to programs put in-place by FDR, which closed banks, locked-out farmers from accessing their money in order to pay their mortgages, and the ultimate confiscation of their land and sale to large conglomerations.

Providing American households that paid taxes with a \$50K voucher to catch-up on their mortgages, credit card debts, school loans, and auto loans would have only cost \$94 billion. Stimulating the auto industry through direct-buying, rather than Cash for Clunkers, could have been accomplished by permitting taxpayers to use any left-over voucher money to buy a new vehicle made in the USA.

The fact that the President and some of his friends in Congress have chosen to take care of their campaign donors and bundlers over the citizens by spending taxpayers' money as political paybacks to ensure their campaign coffers remain well-funded, helped in the motivation to create a the New TEA Party movement.

December 21, 2012—Goodbye?

<http://www.december212012.com/>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_phenomenon

What do you expect to happen on December 21, 2012? The 5,125 years-long Mayan Calendar is coming to an end; is this the end of the planet earth as we know it.

The significant loss of snow and ice in the Arctic and the build-up of record snows and ice in Antarctica could cause the earth to flip.

We're already aware that true north has shifted about 9 degrees and the sun is rising and setting further north than it did only a decade ago, suggesting that the earth has already tilted in preparation of the ultimate flip of the earth. But what would help cause the flipping of the planet earth?

Perhaps the gravitational pull from the sun, or perhaps from the passing of earth by Planet X-type object, could effectively cause the flipping of the earth. That event could potentially throw everything off the planet that isn't securely anchored down.

Edgar Cayce's prediction that the Great Lakes would empty into the Gulf of Mexico and Japan would be cast into the sea after a cataclysmic event may serve as a reinforcement of an possible event, or only show that the Mayan's simply lacked of any enthusiasm for extending-out their calendar.



The predictions of Nostradamus were in agreement with the scientist of today that the solar system will pass through the galactic plane of the Milky Way galaxy, as the earth enters its 25,800 year precession.

<http://2012wiki.com/index.php?title=Nostradamus>

Essentially, the sun will rise on the morning of December 21, 2012 in the center of the Milky Way. This predicted event is accordance with both scientists and prognosticators.

If any of these predictions come to full fruition, global warming becomes an incidental and insignificant contributor to the end of times despite the religious fervor that has been created by the profiteering carbon credit globalists.

So, are the signs here today that would suggest we are on the precipice of the last days? Soulless Muslims acting-out with the promise of 72-virgins, UN-induced religious persecutions around the world, including the United States, Iran prepared to annihilate Israel, people, including Christians, willing to bargain away their soul for the godless ideologies of communism—the answer is yes; all signs point to our demise.



Obama: The messiah of the godless

The filtering by the media of Obama's prominent inclinations against the rights of self-determination, his embracement of personal and national immorality, and his overt contempt against the nation's traditions and Judeo-Christian values, which are coupled with his empty words in his campaign speeches, goes without recognition by the media.

The numerous promises made and broken by the leftists' dreamy Ken doll is not a relevant consideration for them in the 2012 election. Despite abandoning the working-class in favor of societies' leaches and non-citizens, the Democratic Party has lost their identity.

Worship of the godless messiah is a very curious anomaly not seen since Hitler. The left's religion of Liberalism has been replaced with the religion of Obamaism; a cult-like enthrallment with an inept mortal.

Citizens on the right are amazed by the despondent and protective left. It's as if the left is intentionally ignoring the ineptness of the best liar to walk the face of the earth since the competitive John "Liar Johnny" Graham won seven Liar trophies for his abilities. Obama could give him a run for his money. It's also suggested we know more about Christopher Rocancourt than Obama.

The godless Obama Administration is on the side of the Islam-movement toward international theocratic dominance; this is also a curiosity—the Muslims are cuddling-up to the godless communists to help their efforts and the godless communists have no problem supporting them.

The soullessness of America will no doubt be a collective consideration on Judgment Day. We will be judged on our lives as well as the votes we cast; what we support will be judged. It's possible those for Obama the first time may be forgiven because of their ignorance, but this time it's unforgivable.

An Inconsequential America

Not only have we become a society that is seemingly immune from any sort of consequences for our bad and immoral behavior, we have also become inconsequential on an international level as a result of our impunities.

If we continue on our current path, to whom do the oppressed of other nations turn to help restore their freedoms? If our allies have no confidence in us, what level of threat are we to our enemies?

There is always an eventuality; what we decide to do during the 2012 Election will have residual consequences, if not for generations, then forever. Seriously, have we become a nation of wimps?

What will those who have been allowed to be born today do with the trillions of their inherited national debt? Pay it off? How would they pay it off if our tax base is gone because fewer than half of those living the United States can't find work or won't find work?

Promises of a brighter tomorrow, like those we heard in 2008, does not feed the coffers. In-fact, those promises have become unsustainable liabilities.

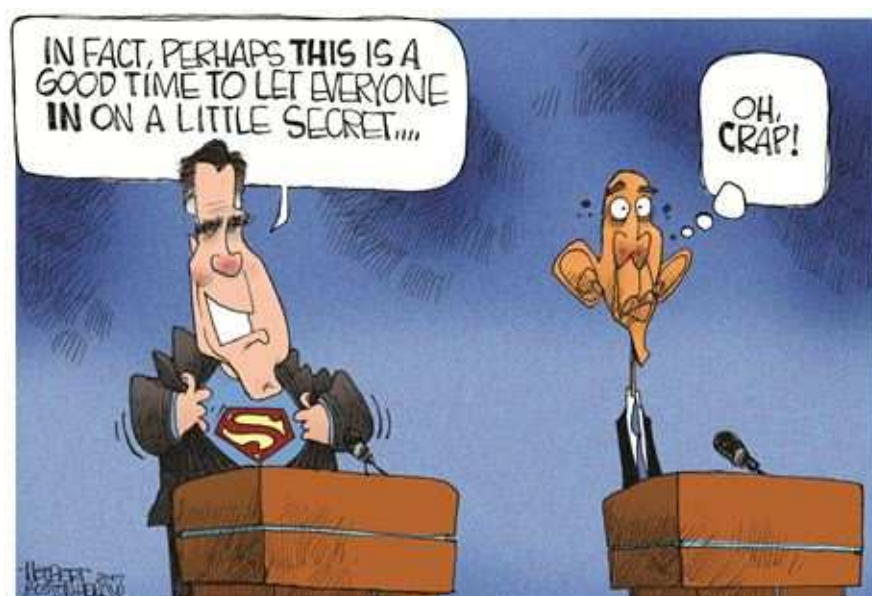
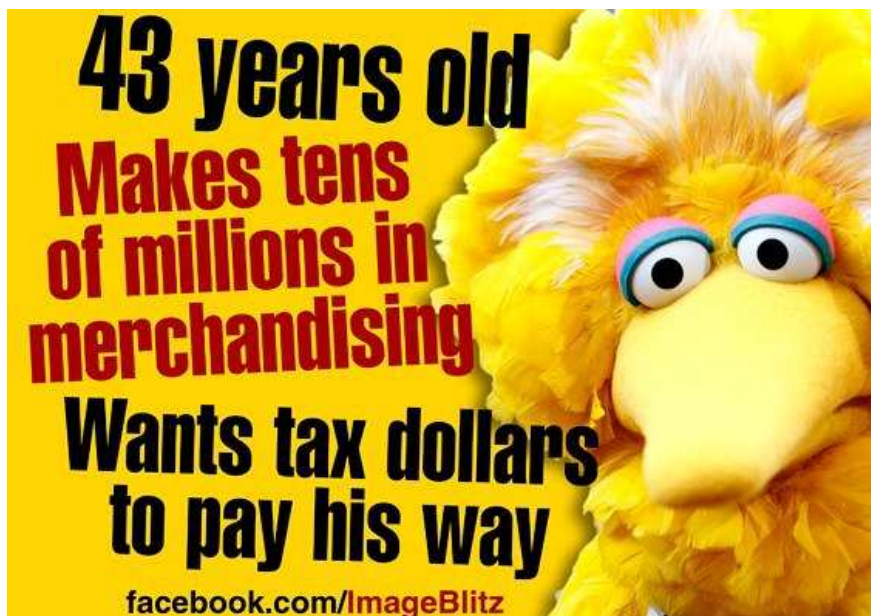


The reduction of our economic ratings place us on the same plane as nations suffering under the European Union. It is undoubtedly an attempt for us to join our own American Union; fortunately Canada and Mexico are too smart for to absorb our debts.

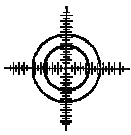
Our discombobulated management style and broad protections of special interests over citizens and those who employ our citizens is also evident among our allies and enemies.

Now we're on the precipice of losing many of our national identity rights through various UN treaties; Law of the Sea Treaty, Small Arms Treaty, internet taxation and regulation and numerous other international agreements. Does anyone think that the imposition of the digital television signal requirement is nothing more than an innocent act in order to ensure access? Digital signals permit two-way dialogue—notice no one gets Neilson Rating forms any longer?

Reestablishing our place in the world is a necessary priority. What we all should be empathetic about is what the President will inherit on January 20, 2013. Obama would inherit his own failures.



John Adams in a speech to the military in 1798 warned his fellow countrymen stating, "We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion . . . Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." *John Adams* is a signer of the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights and our second President.



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I DIDN'T TURN DOWN THE KEYSTONE PIPELINE - REPUBLICANS DID.



MY MOTHER WAS DENIED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE AS SHE WAS DYING OF CANCER.



SOLYNDRA WAS NOT OUR PROGRAM PER SE.



I WILL HAVE THE MOST TRANSPARENT ADMINISTRATION IN HISTORY.



SINCE I'VE BEEN PRESIDENT, FEDERAL SPENDING HAS RISEN AT THE SLOWEST PACE IN 60 YEARS.



I WILL CUT THE DEFICIT IN HALF BY THE END OF MY FIRST TERM.



FAST AND FURIOUS WAS BEGUN UNDER A PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION.



OBAMACARE IS NOT A TAX.



THE LIBYA ATTACK WAS SPONTANEOUS.



OIL PRODUCTION IS THE HIGHEST IT'S BEEN IN EIGHT YEARS BECAUSE OF ME.



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THIS SIDE UP

BY J. C. POWERS

The Upper Peninsula of Michigan; perhaps one of most beautiful and rugged places in the continental United States. Just on our natural resources alone we could separate from the United States and thrive.

There is no doubt we would have a hit TV series if there was a reality show called "Real Housewives of the UP". Those born-and-raised in the UP are unique and for the most-part their work ethic is in high demand.

Other than perhaps Alaska, where else would you find a man with balls enough to cut off his own leg after it was crushed beneath a felled tree so he could drive himself to a doctor?

Where else would you find a woman like Carole "CJ" Williams, who'll skin and cook anything her husband Mike brings home after a long day in the woods hunting and trapping?

CJ may have been born way down in Southeastern Michigan, but unlike many of her counterparts that moved to Marquette, CJ embraced the culture, the people, and those plentiful natural resources. In-fact; she has spent years involved in sporting groups and battling against those groups with not-so-honorable intentions, like the MUCC, Sierra Club and The Nature Conservancy.

I guess I'd like to tip my hat to CJ and to let our readers know she's fighting a personal battle with cancer. She's a tough old bird; crotchety, determined, and bit put-out by the inconvenience of the illness.

What's disappointing is that many of our so-called non-profit organizations will spend millions to put football players in pink, which would have been better spent on mammograms. Or those who should be finding actual cures instead of expensive life-long treatments while their ads on TV and radio only remind former smokers about smoking, while doing nothing to combat the Fire Safe Cigarette crap being forced into cigarettes.

We are in our own battle here in the United States; the self-important weak-minded people challenging the willfully informed. The metro-sexual and homosexual yielding to cultural influences and trends over their own personal identities and social status.

Where we went wrong as a society is when we replaced what we thought with how we feel. A bricklayer should only "feel" something when a brick slips and lands on his toes; he should not be forced to feel something, other than perhaps recoil, when he drops a 12-point buck with his 30-30 and when he feels hungry for venison.

Unaware citizens of the UP have let themselves become entrapped in all kinds of liberal games. The Wildlife Federation, along with manipulated Native Americans, are subjecting the citizens to Delphi Techniques.

Our natural resources no longer belong to the land owners nor to the citizens of the State; benevolent non-profit environmental groups have latched onto land all over the country, especially in the UP.

Citizens like CJ have spent hours upon hours researching, compiling, writing, and sharing discoveries with other citizens. She has spent a small fortune to obtain copy rights and ensure most disseminated facts and information is legally blessed and completely accurate.

Unfortunately, opportunists rise-up once in a while to jeopardize those types of investments and legally binding agreements. Most recently an unscrupulous individual, who had promised to abide by the restrictions laid-out by CJ, took it upon himself to violate copyright laws. He made copies of maps sent to him by CJ.

Of course, copies of the maps were put into packets and disseminated by the culprit, giving some inference that he knew what he was talking about. Most know he doesn't.

So here we are, on the heels of the most important election in our lifetime. We've already sacrificed numerous liberties and stand to lose more of them in the very near future.

The oblivious citizens are indeed our Achilles Heal. Enthralled Obama supporters exhibiting no common sense are another major obstacle. Those who would gladly surrender their rights as citizens in favor of civil recognitions and tolerance are also detractors. Sluts wanting birth control and abortions on demand jeopardize the sanctity of the taxpayers' right to not fund such immorality.

Our only option is to ensure that patriotic citizens vote, watch the polls and whistle-blow corruption at their polling stations, and be ready to challenge those trunk loads of ballots with votes only cast for one candidate.

Steady—cautiously. The channels of these rivers are deceptive. The times may very well be some of the worst since the Great Depression where only a world war was able to put people back to work.

Pray—for our nation, for CJ, for all those experiencing physical and mental ailments, and for all those willing to serve us in the military.

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