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One divided by two equals three; just slice a strawberry two times and you end up with three slices. JCP

PRIMARY ELECTION SPECIAL EDITION

Tuesday, August 5, 2008 is the Primary Election Day. At stake? The Nation.

NAFTA has been a dismal failure and since Clinton and the Democrats brought it to our shores they've added CAFTA, GATT, and other trade agreements.

There has been an explosion of laws and policies that have destroyed liberties and rights beginning with the 1994 Crime Bill. The War on Drugs gave police a no-knock authority and under the Patriot Act, for our safety and security, the government can now enter your home to confiscate papers and computers without your permission or knowledge and don't have to tell you about it for weeks, if at all. Speaking of our safety and security, too many irresponsible people hold office at all levels.

- Members of Congress (Democrats) went on Sunday talk shows to tell America (and the World) that we were tracking Osama Bin Laden through his cell phone.

- John Murtha accused American forces of murdering and torturing the innocent people in the Middle East.

- Democrats in unison called us Nazis.

- John McCain brought the discussion of the military and CIA interrogation techniques to a public forum to help quell the fears believed by our enemies.

- Clinton, Gore, Kerry and now Obama have gone on record in foreign lands to discuss the Bush policies; but their words were ended up denouncing the citizens and the nation of the United States of America.

* Congressman are eligible for retirement after five years of service.

**The current salary (2008) for rank-and-file members of the House and Senate is \$169,300 per year. The Speaker of the House receives \$214,400 salary.

Congressional members do pay into Social Security up to \$97,500 of their income. The amount of a Congressman's pension depends on the years of service and the average of the highest 3 years of his or her salary. By law, the starting amount of a Member's retirement annuity may not exceed 80% of his or her final salary. 413 retired Members of Congress are now receiving federal pensions. We're still paying for all those that brought this nation to this point.

* Retirement Benefits for Members of Congress: <http://www.rules.house.gov/archives/RL30631.pdf>

** Salaries and Benefits for Members of Congress: <http://usgovinfo.about.com/library/weekly/aa031200a.htm>

VOTERS POISED TO CROSS PARTY LINES TO VOTE IN PRIMARY

While the Republicans were unable to muster qualified individuals to run in a significant number of the local seats, they were also very weak at building credibility within the Party. With the exception of Wayne County there will be very few GOP candidates competing against each other for GOP nominations. However, in some of the districts located in Wayne County the Republicans don't have any candidates. Please visit the web site below; you will wonder what the Republicans have been doing for the last two years!

On the other side of the aisle the Democrats have more candidates than they can shake a stick at on their primary ticket. In the 108th State House District, there are four Democrats facing each other August 5th. Many of the local elections also see Democrats challenging each other.

In Marquette County, the 35-year incumbent Prosecuting Attorney retired less than two months after his reelection. His term ended in a retirement and his last term began as a combination retiree and tenured employee. The Marquette County Board of Commissioners did not reduce the Prosecutor's salary to what a beginning Prosecutor would earn; instead they kept his tenure salary intact. He will be challenged by the Steve Adamini "Justice We can Afford" Committee. Mr. Adamini is the former term-limited state representative. All are Democrats, with the exception of one Republican on the County Board of Commissioners.

In the Marquette County Sheriff's race, Democrat incumbent Mike Lovelace is being challenged by his former coworker and Under-sheriff Jim Bjorne.

While the time was ripe to replace all the incumbents holding State office, and most of those representing the State in DC, the Republicans seemed to recruit whomever they could just to fill-up the ballot. Only a hand-full of quality people are on the ballot for the GOP.

The Democrats have been loading up their primary ballots all across the State and it appears that even Republicans will have to participate in the Democrat elections. There will be several seats given to the highest vote-getter in the primary; the winning Democrat will be unopposed by any GOP or other party candidate in the General Election. Republicans do not belly-up to the polls and hold their nose to vote for the weakest candidate in a primary, but if they don't they will have to live with the one winning the primary.

MICHIGAN'S 1ST CONGRESSIOAL DISTRICT



Don Hooper has been a life-long resident of Iron River, Michigan and served in the U. S. Army Aviation Engineers during the Korean War. He has been married to his wife

Esther for 54 years and they have four adult children.

In preparation for the seminary, Mr. Hooper attended North Park College in Chicago where he majored in English Literature with a minor in Speech. He served as a lay-minister for several churches in the Upper Peninsula and Northern Wisconsin and held a position as Director of an Upper Peninsula bible camp.

Mr. Hooper spent ten years as an underground miner, six years as a heavy equipment operator and was a certified high-pressure steam welder. His union memberships included the AFL-CIO, Teamsters, and Operating Engineers.

Mr. Hooper owned his own trucking company for 27 years, which operated 21 semi-tractors and trailers and employed up to 24 people. Esther and Don also manufactured and refurbished goose-down pillows during their 25 years of farming.

Don Hooper co-founded SCUBA, an underwater search and rescue team in the State of Michigan. The team has since been replaced by the State Police and sheriffs' departments dive teams.

Mr. Hooper served as the Iron County Republican Party Chair and is a member of

the RNC. He has been a member of the NRA since 1987 and previously a member of the Committee to Bear Arms. Don has also served on the A.C.E. Board of Directors.

Mr. Hooper's political values include strict adherence to the Constitution, pro-life, 2nd Amendment protection along with all other rights given to us by God, and supports the successful conclusion of the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

This is Mr. Hooper's fourth run for the 1st Congressional seat.

Web Site:

<http://tcoinc.com/hooper/>

Political Philosophy:
Constitutionalist



Tom Casperson was elected to Michigan's 108th District State House of Representatives seat in 2002 in an upset victory over Democrat Laurie Stupak. He was reelected in 2004 and 2006, garnering as much as

68% of the vote.

Mr. Casperson was elected by his peers in the State House to serve as the Assistant Majority Whip and served as the Chair of

the State House Conservation, Forestry and Outdoor Recreation Committee. Tom also served as the Vice-Chair of the Transportation Committee.

Casperson served on several committees that oversaw Agriculture, Energy and Technology, Veterans Affairs, Tourism and Transportation appropriations. Additionally, Tom served on sub-committees that were responsible for Tourism, Alternative Energy, Gas Pricing, Cormorants and the Secretary of State.

Prior to entering politics, Tom worked with his family enterprise, Casperson Trucking, for 27 years; 12 of the years

Tom was the owner-manger of the operation. Tom marked the third generation of log hauling, which began with his grandfather. Tom has been married to his wife Diane for 26 years. They have four children, Ashley, Tommy, Hillary and Dane. The family resides in Escanaba.

Web Site:

<http://www.tomcasperson.com/>
<http://www.gophouse.com/welcome.asp?District=108>
<http://www.michiganvotes.org/Legislator.aspx?ID=1467>

Political Philosophy:
Moderate Conservative



Helmer, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, is home to Linda Goldthorpe. Property in that Luce County community once owned by her great-grandfather, who came to the U.P. from Scotland prior to 1900, has remained in her family for five generations.

Linda, a graduate of Newberry Community Schools, lives on that same property with her husband of 19 years, George Miller, and their two home-schooled sons, Isaac, 16, and Joshua, 11. Mr. Miller, a former underground miner and U.S. Ma-

rine Corps veteran, is employed as a corrections officer at the Newberry Correctional Facility.

Linda grew up working in a variety of U.P. family businesses, including the Helmer House Inn, the latest reincarnation of her great-grandfather's resort, which was also the site of the former Helmer post office.

Linda attended Northern Michigan University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and business administration, and also took additional classes at Ferris State College and Lake Superior State University. After working as an administrator at a residential school for autistic and delinquent children in New York, Linda attended Cooley Law School in

Lansing, where she earned her law degree in 1991.

She has practiced law in Ontonagon and Marquette Counties, focusing on criminal defense, family law, real property and business law. Linda, who currently works as a pro bono attorney, is especially concerned about government denial of citizens' constitutionally guaranteed rights.

Web Site:

<http://www.goldthorpeforcongress.com/>
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Linda-Goldthorpe/14145806950>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wuL.Ce56kBY>

Political Philosophy:
Libertarian

Students reprimanded for singing national anthem Jeff Johnson - OneNewsNow - 7/22/2008

<http://www.onenewsnow.com/Legal/Default.aspx?id=186616>

Officials at the California State Capitol are under fire for stopping a student tour group from singing the national anthem in the capitol rotunda.

Launch into an *a cappella* version of the Star Spangled Banner in the California State Capitol and a group could find themselves facing Capitol Security and officers of the California Highway Patrol. And that is what happened, says Brad Dacus, president of the [Pacific Justice Institute](#), when a group of students touring the capitol, as part of the "City on a Hill" education program, spontaneously began to sing the national anthem.

"Upon hearing the students, a security guard there silenced them and said that they could not sing the national anthem unless they had a special permit to do so," explains Dacus. "This was an egregious abuse of discretion and a violation of the First Amendment rights of these students to be able to express patriotism and their love for their country."

Dacus adds the singing was not planned in advance and was not, in any sense of the word, a protest. "These students were not being disruptive in any way of anything that was taking place. There was no other event going on. There was no function of government that was being interrupted," he contends.

He argues that "[s]uch spontaneous expression of love for...country should never, ever be stifled by government when it's in no way creating a disturbance of any kind...."

Pacific Justice Institute sent a letter to the Chief Sergeant at Arms for the Capitol informing him that citizens have a First Amendment right to express themselves in the capitol rotunda as long as they are not being disruptive, and that any future attempt to interfere with that right will result in appropriate legal action.

Non-citizen voting -- election fraud in the making Jim Brown - OneNewsNow - 7/22/2008

<http://www.onenewsnow.com/Election2008/Default.aspx?id=182682>

A new study warns that fraudulent votes by non-citizens, including illegal aliens, could swing this year's local and national elections.

"When you learn that half of the 9/11 hijackers were registered to vote, that's when you realize that the honor system the country has for its voter registration system is broken," explains Hans von Spakovsky, a visiting scholar at the Heritage Foundation and author of a new report titled "The Threat of Non-Citizen Voting."

The study says tens if not hundreds of thousands of non-citizens, including illegal immigrants, are registered to vote nationwide. Former Federal Election Commission member von Spakovsky points out the U.S. expects individuals, when they register to vote, to comply with the law and not register if they are not American citizens -- but people are clearly

breaking that law and there is no way for the government to detect it, he states.

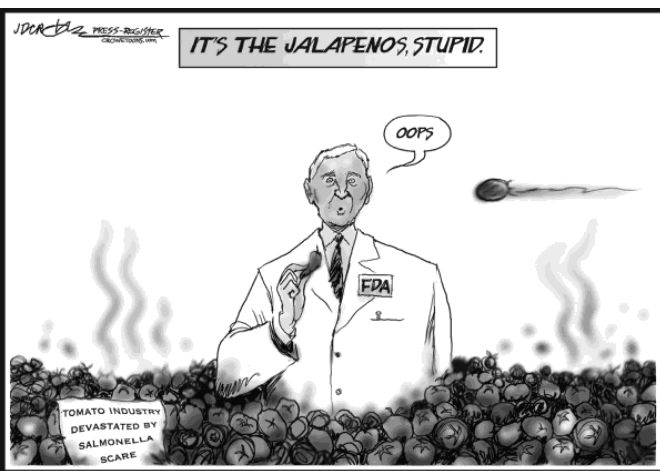
"The state of Utah did a limited audit just of their DMV records," von Spakovsky contends. "That limited audit showed hundreds of aliens who were registered to vote, and one of the state senators said that if you extended that audit to the entire DMV records, he estimated that there were five [thousand] to 7,000 aliens registered to vote in that state."

Von Spakovsky says non-citizen voting is likely growing at the same rate as the alien population in the U.S.

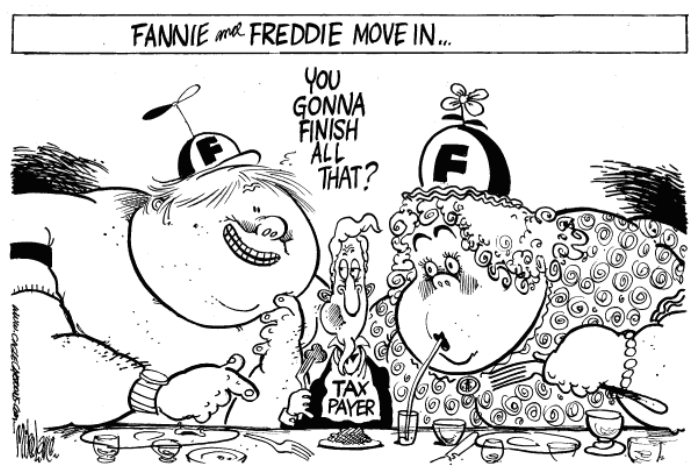
Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren (D-California) believes the study is an effort by Republicans to disenfranchise minority voters. Von Spakovsky says Lofgren's

claim is simply untrue. "The federal government requires all employers, before they can employ any American, to have that American present proof of citizenship. Now the states should be doing the same thing," von Spakovsky points out. "And I think it's pretty hard to claim that if the states were to ask for a proof of citizenship before you registered to vote in exactly the same way as the federal government requires you to provide proof of citizenship before you're able to get a job, that that somehow is discriminatory."

Von Spakovsky notes that one of the closest congressional races in recent years -- the Loretta Sanchez-Bob Dornan contest in 1996 -- was "almost stolen" by non-citizen voting in California.



<http://www.politicalcartoons.com/cartoon/d73408e9-a06b-4f52-a064-9819830986c4.html>



<http://www.politicalcartoons.com/cartoon/7a1e2726-f1d2-475e-b8da-069b1c90916d.html>

GETTING OUT OF DEBT; SLOW, STEADY AND SURE

If you find yourself over your head in unnecessary bills like credit card debt and non-mortgage loans, there are some good suggestions out there to help you manage your debt. More importantly, there are organizations that will help you accumulate savings, maybe even wealth over a prolong period.

Visa, MasterCard and several other credit cards and credit card companies penalize their clients with Guido-level interests rates. Get rid of those cards as quickly as possible; hang on to only one you may need in emergencies.

Discover Card may or may not offer you an excellent rate if you get their card and transfer your card debt from other companies. Try them 1st!



The plan you should develop is rather simple; consolidate your debt

and pay-off 10% of the debt each month if possible—5% minimum. If your debt is so high that 5% is not a possibility, you need professional help in managing your finances. But the first step is to get rid of the means you have to accumulate debt.

On a final note, never refinance your home—pay it off as soon as you can. Those mortgage payments will eventually become savings and cash. Here are a few helpful links to help you get started:

<http://www.discovercard.com/>

<http://www.hantzgroup.com/>

<http://articles.moneycentral.msn.com/Savinganddebt/Managedebt/Managedebt.aspx>

INTERNATIONALISTS WANT YOU IN DEBT

After President Nixon pulled us off the gold standard, which really didn't mean much since FDR confiscated the gold, the dollar has been taking a beating. It isn't the currency of the United States, but it is the currency of the Federal Reserve Bank which is plummeting.

Combined with the Democrats' practice of rewarding entry-level employees with a minimum wage and the escalation of the cost for goods and services in the nation, the worthless Federal Reserve Note has put us in dire straights. But that pales in comparison to the amount of money the government takes from the pockets of the average American wage earner; nearly 50%, whether you think you pay only 28% federal income tax or not—there's a lot of other taxes that drain you and your family.

Charlotte Thomson Iserbyt suggest there is no difference between a the two major political parties. She stated that several years ago; today we can see that is the case more clearly than ever. Jim Hafeman wrote about the people in the two major political parties, "They're like Ken and Barbie dolls; flip them over and you can't tell the difference."

So, where does this revelation lead us? Right back to your pocketbook, but more importantly, in the direction of complete control of the masses by the political elitists. Through economic restructuring the globalization of America is on our doorstep. The "on-paper" collapse of the U. S. dollar will cause alarm which will lead to support for an international level currency; regionalized amero first.

The enticements of credit cards, the refinancing of homes, purchasing of vehicles at twice or thrice their actual value and monthly obligations for cable, internet, garbage, water, sewer, electric and other services, including taxes for government-provided services, leaves a considerable chunk of earned income out of investment and savings accounts. To make matters worse, even the credit union provides less than 3% interest on savings accounts and some have given up on giving members interest on their checking accounts.

Government and marketing interests want to keep track of you and your transactions; electronic and on-line banking helps them generate a paper trail on you. Please, don't go for broke.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taxation_in_the_United_States



Would you vote for this stupid man?

http://www.spectator.org/dsp_article.asp?art_id=11523—http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bart_Stupak—http://votesmart.org/bio.php?can_id=26912

How about this one?

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carl_Levin—http://votesmart.org/bio.php?can_id=53307



Please,
JUST
SAY
NO
TO
VOLUNTARY STUPIDITY!

August 5th Primary – Get Out and Vote

By C. J. Williams

Americans for Constitutional Enforcement (ACE) of Iron Mountain recently sponsored a public forum for the three Republican candidates who want to replace Bart Stupak as 1st District Representative. Only one will survive the August 5th primary and it is now more critical than ever that voters make a wise choice, particularly with the looming transformation of Canada, Mexico, and the United States into a North American Union.

Shall we go willingly into the night and drink the kool aid we're handed, or take a stand against those Democrats and Republicans In Name Only who are herding us toward fascism and a police state by producing legislation that kowtows to UN treaty mandates?

Do we want to allow the Agenda 21-ers to redevelop America into a "democracy" or continue pledging our allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and the Republic for which it stands? If you don't know the difference between the two, bear in mind that a Democracy is "We, the Sheeple" and a Republic is "We, the People".

For two of the District 1 Republican candidates, Constitutionalist Linda Goldthorpe and Don Hooper who is known as a conservative Reagan Republican, the battle to come out on top has already been an onerous one. Neither has received the endorsement of or any support from the Michigan GOP or 1st Republican Congressional District leadership. That privilege has been reserved for the MI-GOP's cultivated favorite son and current State Rep. Tom Casperson who is term-limited out of state politics for the time being.

It's the same format Stupak used to get elected as a Democrat; a stunt at the state level as a party "yes man" first and then on to the nation's capitol where's he's continued since 1993 to say "yes" to party politics as usual, and to hell with safeguarding the American people against UN treaties and nanny-state legislation that undermines the U. S. Constitution and our nation's sovereignty.

That Casperson would allow the MI-GOP to invoke what's known as the Republican National Committee's (RNC) Rule 11 and show favoritism exclusively toward him when two other Republican candidates are in contention for the same position is sad testimony to his character. Rule 11 states that "*The Republican National Committee shall not, without written and filed approval of all members of the Republican National Committee from the state involved, contribute money or in-kind aid to any candidate for any public office except the nominee of the Republican Party or a candidate who is unopposed in the Republican primary after the filing deadline for that office.*"

Casperson is not unopposed and certainly must be aware of the fact that over one year ago MI-GOP Chairman Saul Anuzis and other state RNC leaders sent a letter to the Republican National Congressional Committee endorsing him even though they knew others would be running on the same ticket for the same right to stand off against Stupak this November. That letter set in motion the targeting of Tom Casperson for the 1st District seat through pleas for financial contributions and name recognition saturation in press releases regardless of the other contender's qualifications, regardless of whom the constituents might decide is the best candidate when they go to the polls on August 5, 2008.

So sure are they of his win that an invitation was issued on July 17th by the 1st Congressional GOP Party to attend an August 29th dinner hosted by the Houghton County Republican Party, where for \$50 a pop, guests can meet the invited post-primary election candidates. Casperson's name is among them and unless they're hosting a commiseration dinner, and not a celebratory one, the 1st District GOP and Houghton County Republican Party are quite obviously planning on him winning the primary since neither Goldthorpe nor Hooper has been invited.

Evidently, Casperson is willing to allow the MI-GOP leadership to treat 1st District voters like mindless sheeple, herded to the voting booth where they can dutifully put an "x" by his name.

Those who attended the ACE public forum, however, didn't appear to be mindless sheeple. Rather, they appeared to be very concerned about the direction in which our country is headed and very dissatisfied with the current Democrat and Republican leadership at all levels of government.

In addressing the dissatisfaction, Casperson placed blame for the mess our country is in on bureaucrats and environmentalists, not on the politicians. He said not all politicians are bad, but there just aren't enough good people with the backbone to step up to the plate. With that we can concur. There just aren't enough politicians like Representative Ron Paul who have the backbone and strength of character necessary to safeguard our constitutional rights rather than bow down to the UN and its many cockamamie, "double-speak" treaties.

On the other hand, there are far too many politicians who are willing to make laws that aid and abet the globalists who are implementing the United Nations' Agenda 21-Sustainable Development Programme. Laws having to do with "sustainable forestry" are among them, and it was Tom Casperson who introduced legislation in the Michigan House of Representatives that ultimately placed our state land under the thumb of such globalists through an international sustainable forestry initiative ushered in by Gang Green during the 1992 UN Earth Summit.

In explaining his actions to the public forum audience in Iron Mountain on July 15th, Casperson, who took over his grandfather's logging business before becoming a lawmaker, told the public forum audience that he perceived the initiative as a form of blackmail in that Home Depot would sell only forest products that carried a sustainable forestry certification. Therefore, presumably in order to push Michigan forest products, he apparently felt it was necessary to pass a law requiring that our state land be put to the test through the sustainable forestry certification process.

In other words, Casperson and those state lawmakers who supported and passed his sustainable forestry legislation chose to spinelessly succumb to blackmail rather than establishing a "not in Michigan" precedent that other states could easily have followed.

Is this the person voters in the 1st District should send to the nation's capitol to look out for their best interest? Seems to me Bart Stupak, the man Casperson wants to replace, also knuckled into globalists when he co-sponsored Nancy Pelosi's pro-Agenda 21/Sustainable Development legislation, HJ RES 166, only a few months after taking office in 1993. Although Stupak now claims it was only a resolution and therefore meaningless, the facts speak otherwise, and regardless of the fact that it purportedly died in committee, HJ RES 166 is being implemented anyway.

Whether it is through legislation concocted as a result of environmental blackmail designed to destroy our nation's economy and the financial solvency of the citizenry or an overt acceptance of Agenda 21/Sustainable Development by means of a Congressional resolution, we are facing a test of wills between We, the People and the globalists who want to turn us into We, the Sheeple. Unfortunately, with congressmen and women and state legislators either knowingly or ignorantly siding with the enemy of We, the People, there is no way we will win the war unless we weed out the entrenched traitorous incumbents and aspiring, but spineless, political candidates by making wise choices when we vote.

We need to elect people with a back bone strong enough to stand up to the likes of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and those of her ilk at all levels of government who have found a comfy berth between the sheets with other fascist obstructionists. Research your candidates' stand on issues, get out to meet them and ask pointed questions related to how they will preserve your constitutional rights and America's sovereignty. The vote you cast may be the one that tips the scales in favor of We, the People. ~CJ

The Ad

Maybe you're a conservative Republican?

In today's America, ask a growing number of high school and college students, their teachers and professors, the self-anointed media elite and/or hard working men and women of all ethnicities, the question, 'What is a Republican?' and you'll be told '... a rich, greedy, egotistical individual, motivated only by money and the desire to accumulate more and more of it, at the expense of the environment, the working poor... and all whom they exploit...'

I am a Republican - and I am none of those things...and I don't know any Republicans who are!

WHAT I AM, first and foremost, is a loving husband of some 52 plus years, the father of four, and an American who's proud of his country...and his country's heritage.

WHAT I AM is the grandson of immigrants who risked everything, including their lives and those of their children, to escape tyranny in search of freedom.

WHAT I AM is a man who grew up during the Depression and witnessed first hand the effects of the Stock Market crash and the soup lines that followed. I watched as both my parents and grand parents, who had very little themselves, shared what food they had with a half dozen other families who had even less.

WHAT I AM is someone who worked his way through college by holding down three and four jobs at a time and then used that education to build a better life.

WHAT I AM is a husband who, at age 24, started his own business for the 'privilege' of working 60, 70 and 80 hours a week, risking everything I had, including my health, in search of a better life for myself and my loved ones.

WHAT I AM is a businessman whose blood, sweat and tears...and plenty of them..., made it possible for me to provide a secure living, not only for my family and myself, but also for literally hundreds of my employees throughout the years, employees who in turn were able to buy their own homes, raise their own families and give back to their communities and their country.

WHAT I AM is a man who believes in God; a God who has blessed this country...and all for which it stands.

WHAT I AM is someone who knows, if you doubt miracles exist in today's world, you need only to look into the face of those who received them ... and the eyes of those who give them.

WHAT I AM is an American who's proud that his President embraces a belief in God; proud of a President who understands, as 'politically incorrect' as it may be, there is evil in this world, and for the security and safety of all freedom loving people everywhere, it must be confronted ... and it must be defeated.

WHAT I AM is an American who takes comfort in the knowledge that our President refuses to allow decisions concerning the very safety and security of this nation to be governed by the political whims of foreign governments.

WHAT I AM is tired of hearing from leading Democrats who see only negativity in America, racism in her people, class warfare in her society and 'political incorrectness' in her character.

WHAT I AM is a former Democrat who now understands that it is the soldier and not the reporter

that guarantees us our freedoms of the press, speech and dissent.

WHAT I AM is a man who believes in the sanctity of life. A man who is repulsed by the pandering of the political left for votes, at the expense of the unborn.

WHAT I AM is a husband and father who believes in the sanctity of marriage and the preservation of the family unit.

WHAT I AM is an ex-movie goer who is repulsed by those insecure, socially inept, elementary thinking, ego-inflated 'entertainers' who have appointed themselves 'experts' in the fields of national security and geo-politics and then use their forum to attack this nation, its leaders and its actions, much to the delight and encouragement of our enemies.

WHAT I AM is an American who understands the difference between 'censorship' and 'choice.' Evidently, these individuals do not, because when these same 'celebrities' receive public ridicule for their offensive actions, the first thing they yell is 'censorship.' What they seem incapable of understanding is that the right of free speech and dissent is shared equally by those offended, as well as those who offend. I support and will continue to support those films and performers whom I choose to and refuse to support those I don't. It is my right as an American, a right I will continue to enthusiastically exercise.

WHAT I AM is a voter, tired of politicians who, every time their voting records are subjected to public scrutiny, try to divert attention from their political and legislative failures by accusing their opponents of 'attack ads' and 'negative campaigning;' and the news media who allow them to get away with it.

WHAT I AM is a Catholic who loves his God and his Faith, and who's been taught to respect all religions whose teachings are based in love, peace and charity. As such, I am embarrassed and ashamed of those individuals in both private and public life whose decisions and actions are devoid of any sense of character or morals; individuals who are only driven by what's best for them, rather than what's right, often times at the expense of many, including our national security.

WHAT I AM is a realist who understands that the terrorist attack that murdered hundreds of innocent Russian children could have occurred here, in our heartland. That's why I sincerely believe America needs, now more than ever, a President who sees with a clear and focused vision and who speaks with a voice, when heard by both friend and foe alike, is understood, respected and believed.

WHAT I AM is eternally grateful to Ronald Reagan for having the bravery to speak out against Communism and the courage of his convictions in leading the fight to defeat it; and to George W. Bush for the vision, courage, conviction and leadership he has shown in America's war on terrorism amidst both the constant and vicious personal and political attacks both he and his family are made to endure.

WHAT I AM is a human being, full of numerous faults and failures, but a man, nonetheless, who though not always successful, has continually strived to do 'what's right' instead of 'what's easy.' A man who is challenging the religious leaders of all faiths

to not only preach to their congregations the fundamentals of 'what's right' and 'what's wrong,' but to also then hold them accountable for their actions in both the public and private sectors.

WHAT I AM is disgusted with the Courts who, on one hand, call the murder of a pregnant woman a 'double homicide,' but then refer to the abortion of her baby as 'pro-choice.'

WHAT I AM is someone deeply troubled by a political party which embraces a candidate whose primary 'leadership' qualities center around his protesting of the Vietnam war and his labeling the honorable men and women who fought in it, (50,000 of whom gave their lives in that action), as rapists and war criminals (John Kerry). That same political party then stepped forward this year to block the appearance of a true Vietnam war hero, retired Admiral and former United States Senator, Jeremiah Denton, (a man who spent seven years and seven torturous months in a North Vietnamese prison), from speaking before an open session of the California Legislature as part of that state's 4th of July celebration. The reason Democrats gave for refusing to allow this American hero to speak before their state legislature was because of the 'conservative' nature of his views. As an American, that troubles me deeply, as well it should you. (Are you listening Mr. D?)

WHAT I AM is a man who feels the need to spend ONE HUNDRED & FOUR THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED & FIFTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$104,655.60, tax paid) of his own money, to purchase this advertisement in order to set the story straight. Some may say this money would have been better spent feeding the world's poor. At the risk of sounding self-serving, as an American and as a Republican, for the last six decades of my life, I have done exactly that ... and more. Following the examples of my parents and grandparents, I have used my earnings to feed the poor, shelter the homeless, provide housing for the elderly and medical care for the sick... and continue to do so... and I'm not alone in that work.

WHAT I AM is someone who is paying for this announcement at my sole expense in hopes of opening the eyes of those led blindly by ill-informed elements of our great nation, who through either ignorance or malicious intent, repeatedly attack and belittle those of us who belong to a political party that holds true to the belief, 'The rights of the governed exceed the power of the government.' For those interested, I am speaking only as a tax-paying individual who is in no way associated with the Republican National Committee, nor with any of its directors or delegates.

WHAT I AM is a man who understands, 'the American way of life' is a message of self-empowerment for all.

WHAT I AM is an American who is grateful that our nation gives each of us the opportunity of self-determination and the right to benefit from the fruits of self achievement.

WHAT I AM is an American who wants to preserve that way of life for all who seek it.

WHAT I AM is blessed to be an American... and proud to be a conservative Republican.

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EDITORIAL: Bailouts and Fannie, Freddie

Revelations that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) authored faulty and improper sub-prime loans to consumers after it took over operations of Hinsdale, Illinois-based Superior Bank FSB could not be more troubling and should signal Congress that rushing to pass reactionary bailout provisions and new regulatory legislation will likely be inadequate.

More than 6,700 mortgages worth in excess of \$550 million were doled out to consumers under FDIC authority, and hundreds of those borrowers who couldn't afford the loans have been foreclosed on, according to the Wall Street Journal. The FDIC is being sued by Texas-based Beal Bank that bought 5,315 of the loans from Superior alleging that half of them originated while the bank was under FDIC control. The FDIC, in an initial report, estimated it could be liable for about \$70 million. An agency official said the case could be settled for about \$23 million.

IndyMac Bancorp Inc. was taken over by the insurance agency earlier this month, and there are several other banks on the FDIC's list of troubled institutions. That coupled with these new troubling revelations about the FDIC's handling of Superior raises some serious questions for the federal insurer. Taxpayers should pay close attention.

The current balance of the FDIC insurance fund stands at an estimated \$53 billion. If IndyMac folds, and it is highly likely that it will, the FDIC could be on the hook for about \$6 billion to \$7 billion - roughly 12 percent of the fund - to repay customers of one bank. At that funding level, the FDIC can currently insure about 10 bank failures. Then what?

What is the government going to do if the number of home foreclosures that have risen every month this year, 53 percent in June, continue to rise at a record pace launching even more banks toward the brink? The Bush administration opened the treasury coffers more than a week ago to allow Fannie Mae and

Freddie Mac to borrow at reduced rates to save themselves from collapse, even as the two mortgage giants proclaim strength, as their liquid capital outpaces their obligations.

The Democrat-controlled Congress wants bailouts across the board and wants to hire more regulators to fix this mess. In this case, the 53 elected representatives and senators are going to have to sit down and think long and hard about reforming the entire structure and duties of the regulatory agencies.

Proclamations that everything will work out coming from Senate Banking Committee Chairman Chris Dodd, who wants bailouts and more regulation, won't cut it. Neither will Republican proclamations that the Democratic Congress is responsible, because Richard Shelby was the chairman of the committee for the majority of the time that these sub-prime lenders were doling out bad loans. Pennsylvania Avenue is flush with finger pointing. Taxpayers and conservatives want solutions, not buck passing.

<http://insider.washingtontimes.com/news/2008/jul/22/bailouts-and-fannie-and-freddie--oh-my/>

WHO WILL RESPOND TO THE WHIMPERS?

Imagine, it's Christmas Eve in the year 2021. You and your family have been separated for more than six months now; they went to one facility and you to another. You crouch in the corner of your sterile room and ponder the past years with your family. Though your tears have but all dried up, you still have a few left. As you close your eyes you remember something funny that your child had done when they were much younger—you smile, briefly.

As you reflect on your surroundings and how you came to being there at this time in your life you have to ask why you didn't recognize the signs. They were everywhere! The signals as to what was going to happen were subtle, slow and deliberate, but nonetheless, there for all to see. It wasn't a big deal; it was always for our own good, on our behalf, for the children's sake.

While cowering in the corner in the dark of that Christmas Eve, feeling sorry for yourself and your family, you remember for some reasons all those 4th of July parades you had gone to, your family's summer visit to DC; especially the awe of the Arlington National Cemetery.

You catch yourself whimpering. You hope no one else heard—"Memories can be dealt with accordingly!" That's what the international handler said in broken English. "Keep all your memories to yourself!"

All those years of saving for your retirement, the money you put into Social Security—all those investments and stock portfolios—gone, totally worthless. All that you need is now given to you by your government; but not just your government, everyone's government. Everyone's!

You close your eyes to help you garner some hope—hope that there will be someone out there who will respond to all the whimpers, yours and everyone in your facility who are forced to be away from their friends, family, homes.

So you think—you force yourself to think—Who? Who is out there who can help us? You pull your knees closer to your body with your arms and rock back and forth—anyone? There must be someone!

You whisper out loud, "Maybe the Canadians! No. No, they're in it as deep as we are." You spend hours on the hopeful contemplation and are struck with the realization that there is no one left out there to answer the whimpers of the oppressed, the murdered, the controlled. Only God's Hand can save you now.

U. P. PATRIOTS

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~ J. C. Powers, Editor

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NOSTALGIA: When U. S. money was worth more than its weight in gold.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Image:US100000dollarsbillobverse.jpg>

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Great Video of the Gore Hypocrisy!

<http://capwiz.com/americansforprosperity/issues/alert/?alertid=11678181&PROCESS=Take+Action>

UNITED NATIONS MONETARY AND FINANCIAL CONFERENCE

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Nations_Monetary_and_Financial_Conference

BRETTON WOODS SYSTEM

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bretton_Woods_system

GLOBALIZATION

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Globalization>

GOLD STANDARD

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gold_standard

BILDERBERG GROUP

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bildeberg>

INDEPENDENT TASK FORCE ON NORTH AMERICA

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independent_Task_Force_on_North_America

SECURITY AND PROSPERITY PARTNERSHIP OF NORTHAMERICA

<http://www.spp.gov/>

WORLD GOVERNANCE

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_government

NEW WORLD ORDER

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_World_Order_%28conspiracy%29

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Monetary_Fund

UNITED NATIONS PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

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WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Health_Organization

UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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THIS SIDE UP

BY J. C. POWERS

<http://www.wluctv6.com/news/video.aspx?id=97766>

Bam!!! Bret Clayton, the CEO of Rio Tinto Cooper Group, the parent company of Kennecott Minerals Corporation, spoke in Marquette on July 23, 2008. He spent time talking about the proposed mine on the Yellow Dog River Plains. Clayton said the mine is projected to go well beyond the previously estimated eight years and the mine may end up a lot bigger than the small snot-slot in the middle of forty acres.

Jerry Hume of WLUC TV-6 reported on the CEO visit (see link below). KMC and Rio Tinto flew over 150,000 acres to evaluate nickel, cooper and other natural ore deposits. There is an air of optimism in the north-central U. P.; our natural resources may actually once again become a major source of income for both the residents and businesses in the area rather than being merely an environmentalists' mission to keep the UP poor and eventually vacant — Bam!

KMC purchased the old CCI Headquarters building in Ishpeming and are in the process of major renovations. The historic building is adjacent to the CCI Mining Museum.

Finally, there are unconfirmed reports which suggest KMC may build a nickel ore processing plant in the Humboldt Township area. This will limit the ore that will be sent to Canada for processing. Once again—Bam! And thank you.

On the same topic, CCI is investing \$500 million to increase iron ore pellet production at the Empire Mine. Emily Pace of TV-6 News interviewed CCI President Donald Gallagher (see link below). Unfortunately the news story included interviews with the U. P.'s most famous environmentalists, Congressman Bart Stupak and State Senator Mike Prusi.

The iron ore production has went from the predicted 2011 closure date to 2018; a few more years to enable other mining interests to get established in the Upper Peninsula. The 550 employees with CCI on the Marquette Range will be retained and another 375 jobs will be added to the mix.

Along with the possible addition of six other KMC mining operations in the U. P., Prime Meridian and Bitterroot is also exploring the UP for minerals:

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The victims of the environmentalists are plentiful. The Thunder Inn in Big Bay closed its doors. Henry Ford sat on the steps and talked to the kids, Anatomy of a Murder film showed the historic hotel built in 1910. The history of Big Bay and its rich heritage has been turned over to the environmental elitists who share very little with the locals.

As the clouds of the National Wildlife Federation clear from the skies above, the citizens of the Upper Peninsula may once again enjoy a booming economy that isn't like the service-oriented based economy that the pathetic little Democrats want us to be.

There is cause for subdued celebration in hopes one day the UP will see an interstate highway running east and west and another north and south. We have enjoyed the peace and quiet of the north woods for years, but we only did so because we could afford the luxury of a camp, cottage, boat, ORV and other outdoor recreational equipment.

While the liberals are distracted with trying to ban smoking, keeping us from building outhouses at camp, proposing to meter our well water, take away our pickup trucks and SUVs, cluster us into condominiums, reduce the "human footprint" in OUR forests and on OUR lakes and streams, there are still well financed capitalists out there who are willing to fight the bastards to the last. I can't help but get a chill of pride knowing that our demise will not be at the hands of a bunch of eco-whacks and their bought-and-paid-for politicians and attorneys. As Willie Nelson sung; "Nothing but blue skies do I see . . ."