

Letter: Artists' view of Mitt Romney out of 'toon

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To the Editor:

The frequent showing of Gov. Mitt Romney in political cartoons as a staring zombie is interesting in that you do not present an equivalent of our "Don't blame me" President Barack Obama. Perhaps a short review of his nearly four years would stimulate one.

Our country has experienced the longest, deepest economic downturn since the 1930s Depression, with more than 8 percent of workers looking for employment and perhaps another 8 percent giving up looking. Typically this situation impacts those at the poverty level most, but it does decrease our average standard of living. Although it is not desired during economic downtimes, government increased costs, taxes, controls and uncertainties with the passage of "Obamacare."

Senior citizens are especially concerned with its uncertain coverage and evolving costs. Also, it requires employers, including the religious, to pay for such procedures as abortions, even though that is contrary to basic Christian beliefs.

Obama's failed economic stimulus plan was part of more than a \$6 trillion increase in national debt. During his years, gasoline prices more than doubled as he opposed increased drilling, etc.

In his 2013 budget, he plans to drastically reduce military spending.

At the Cato Institute, free world economies are rated in such areas as legal system and protection of property rights, freedom to trade internationally, size of government and regulation. Our country was rated in the top three during the years 1980 to 2000. Since then, we have dropped to 18th for the year 2010.

Obama has accelerated our decline by adding more than 100 major federal economic rules and some estimate that more than 4,000 new such rules are in his "government control" pipeline. His backroom czars have been busy!

A political cartoon even more appropriate than those of Romney would be one of "Wild Obama" driving our country off the economic cliff into socialism.

With Obama's re-election, our free-enterprise system will continue to fade away.