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Babies need loving homes

The "poor children" left behind of a murder-suicide. When is it going to end? The drugs, weapons, fraud and illegitimate babies.

When a couple choose to adopt, the paperwork is endless screening up and down, and left and right, to ensure the child(ren) has a wonderful home with loving parents with a solid foundation. Help us to understand why is it permissible for a girl/woman to have an illegitimate baby at the expense of the taxpayer. Everyone makes mistakes, but more than once? If they want to play, they should have to pay the consequence and provide for their own. Then, maybe - just maybe - they would think twice before getting pregnant again. Now, here are three innocent children without a warm and loving home, a mother that had some problems, and a father with a long police record. Do you think the state would have allowed them to adopt a child or children and put the child at risk?

My condolences to their families. Such a sad story with a terrible ending ... a nightmare that will never end for those children.

Sherry Trentadue-Forman

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Changes needed in Washington

Somewhere I read that there are 535 congressmen and senators, I don't recall anything about representatives. They are all on the board of directors of Corporate America. Each of them have a staff of three or four people to check on what benefits they are missing out on for their term in office. Last year they received their automatic raise, but didn't say anything about raises for staff. How did Joe Citizen like that, especially those on Social Security?

I would suppose most of the In group are millionaires and most of the Out group are, also. Think about it, if we vote the Ins out, and the Outs in, we will be giving the Ins pensions and benefits for the rest of their lives. They have voted for this in the past and will be on our payroll forever.

Now we increase our payroll by voting the Outs that now will be the Ins. An idea would be for only one

senator, congressman and representative from each of the 50 states. This won't solve the national debt, but it would be a start.

However the 150 Ins would find another way to put us deeper in debt.

Clifford Haas

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Tea Party should be independent

I attended the Tea Party meeting March 23 in Franksville. If you are a lover of KRM and commuter rail, and want to stay that way, it was a meeting you definitely needed to avoid. Randal O'Toole of the Cato Institute made a hilarious mockery of rail projects across the country and around the world. Commuter rail is a universal failure.

The sobering content of the meeting I found in some of the statements by Robin Vos and his touting the Republican Party as some sort of answer to the folly of the Democrats and commuter rail. As much as I like Robin and consider him a valuable member of our state Assembly, I hope the tea partiers question his misplaced confidence in Republicans.

The last time the Republicans held power in both the state legislature and governor's mansion, they gave us the stadium tax.

When last the Republicans held power at the federal level, they gave us the Patriot Act. The darling of the Republican Party, our very own Paul Ryan, led the charge out of Congress demanding we bail out the bankers to the tune of hundreds of billions of dollars.

The Tea Party movement will be most effective staying independent of any partisan tag and continue relentless in their demands that those in government adhere to the Constitution, respect individual rights and stop spending money they don't have.

George Meyers

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Goldberg piece was way off

As I read the opinion piece, "Two Americas" by Jonah Goldberg (March 22), I had to keep asking myself if it was a well crafted satirical piece or an Ioneso-ish absurdity. Imagine my surprise when I realized Goldberg was serious.

Let me just concentrate on two points of the article, though there is so much more I could comment on. Point number one: He seems indignant that the "Democrats insist that health care is a 'right.' "

Goldberg, at last count everyone of the population in America was found to be a human being, sentient and reasoning child of God. Of course, in a civilized society, health care for humans must be a "right." This is a priori knowledge based on the American concept, "We hold these truths to be self evident."

Point number two: Goldberg attempts to be a historian when he says, "Keep in mind that the 1920s was a

decade of roaring economic growth" and President Calvin Coolidge's claim to fame was that by "minding my own business" he did not bridle financial institutions and companies. Goldberg must be very young. Please Google any of the following: "Black Thursday, 1929," "October 24, 1929," "The Crash of 1929," or "The Great Depression." You will find what the outcome of the Roaring '20s was.

I am not arguing for or against the health care bill which just passed. Rather, I am upset that The Journal Times would have allowed such an insensitive and ignorant article.

The Rev. Yeprem Kelegian

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Violence not Christian

Now our nation has another demented enemy - the Mutarees. Their agenda is to shoot policemen all over the country - and then bomb the large crowds attending their funeral. How low can you go! If this diabolical plan succeeds, it will leave our nation defenseless against violent criminals, and open the gates to total havoc and destruction! Worst of all these killers add horrible insult to injury, by presenting themselves as Christians. They claim to be fighting a holy war against the coming world master - the Anti-christ - by placing a rifle in the hands of Christ, and fighting alongside Him! What a mixture of blasphemy and stupidity! Don't they know that just a word from our Lord could instantly incinerate an entire army? Furthermore, don't they know that the weapons of Christians is to be entirely non-physical.

I believe that the worst thing about this open assault on our nation is that it will create an anti-Christian climate which, in turn, will pave the way for severe persecution of believers. Already, in our schools and even in the White House, anti-Christian religions are accepted and honored far above the faith that founded our once-blessed nation! I sure hope and pray that our mad dash into the jaws of damnation will somehow be arrested, and our nation spared from extinction!

Jack Madahgian

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Time to invest in KRM, RTA

Racine is a beautiful city with many assets such as our Lake Michigan shoreline, our revitalized Downtown, and our active art community, but the welfare of our city is in jeopardy. We need jobs.

Improving our bus system and bringing the KRM to Racine is a wonderful opportunity to invest in the future of our city. A strong transit system will attract developers, businesses, and tourists to our area. It will create jobs, and connect people to these jobs.

Other metro areas that have invested in solid transit systems have benefitted greatly. It is Racine's turn to enjoy the jobs that will be created if we invest in the KRM and RTA. Don't let Racine miss the bus!

Julie Krautkramer

Racine

Health care reform can be blamed on Obama

In the end it doesn't matter that a majority of the American people don't want this health care bill.

It doesn't matter that droves of doctors will elect to retire.

It doesn't matter that if we like it or not, we will have to enroll in this health care plan, or be penalized (which by the way is unconstitutional).

It doesn't matter that it will cost us thousands more in taxes, because how else will the government pay for it and the extra 30 million people it will cover.

It doesn't matter that we will have to wait longer for procedures and some of us will be denied special care, because we are too old or too feeble, too weak or just don't have the doctors to do the procedures.

It doesn't matter that our government will be managing this massive program the way they have managed Social Security, Medicare and all the other programs they have taken on (badly).

Let me tell you, it matters very much to a majority of Americans.

All who have bought into this, believed all that has been promised, seen all the bribes and coercion that went into getting this bill passed . . . this one you can't blame on the Republicans or George Bush. This one is on President Obama and the Democrats.

Enjoy it or vote out the congressmen/women who decided that our conservative voices didn't count and that we needed this massive program even though we said no.

Margaret Hannon

Racine

Democrats had wrong agenda

Many of the responses to the new health care reform legislation are so self centered and short sighted. Maybe that is OK for a person that sees this new entitlement as the answer to all their problems, but guess what - It isn't all about you.

This legislation comes at a high cost for Wisconsinites and America. In the first week we saw the tremendous cost to large companies like John Deere and Caterpillar. These costs will again reduce jobs. It is jobs that drive our economy. In Wisconsin, seniors will lose their Medicare Advantage. The cost of health care will go up, causing many businesses to move their employees onto the restricted government controlled exchanges where they will tell us where and when we can get services. So much for being able to keep what you have if you want to.

The process was an embarrassment to our nation, the product is heartbreaking. The Democrats who lied through their teeth, was proof that they believe in their minds "the end justifies the means." The problem is that the end is still a ways off and it will mean a deficit that may destroy our country and the destruction of our health care system as we know it.

I for one am thankful for the honest, common sense debate that Congressman Ryan brought to the table. Time will show that the democrats were more interested in wealth redistribution ideology than for reform to fix the problems we all know exists in health care today.

Lorna Klein

Williams Bay

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