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When did We
turn into
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AMERICA AT THE CROSS ROADS

Just when did the United State of America turn into a Fashion Foodie obsessed nation?



Was it before the Republicans backed into the candidate of the Aged, John McCain, the Washington insider with the PR brand of a maverick?

Or was it before the Democrats turned all their bandwagons around the extreme left wing of their party by choosing ultra liberal empty suit Barack Obama over the ultra liberal with baggage Hillary Clinton?

Or was it when the internet turned middle American minds to mush?

Or was it when gov-

ernment taxed the people into personal bankruptcy while jobs went overseas?



A LEGACY OF PAIN

In the past term, a bushel of corn has gone from \$1.80 to \$6.00 per bushel. A gallon of gasoline has gone from \$1.75 to \$4.15. Government statistics fail to report people once their unemployment benefits run dry keeping the employment rate

The pain of higher prices, and less stability of employment are real.

high. There are square miles of abandoned neighborhoods in the middle of Midwest Rust Belt cities. More and more people are living beyond pay check to pay check. The pain in their bellies may not be hunger, but ulcer bleeding debt.



It is hard to find anyone accountable for the issues confronting the U.S. in 2008. It is easy for the politicians to blame the Usual Suspects: Big Oil Companies, greedy CEOs and people not paying their "fair share." The old yellowed campus speeches of the 1960s are not relevant or material in today's society. It is mere hollow words uttered by smug demigods from the safety of their high Congressional perches.

The American Way has splintered into several different economies. The Tax Class is the basic middle class, hard working, payroll tax paying income tax filing backbone of the post War economy. This class are the last of the American dreamers who believe in having a good job, owning their own home, getting their children a good education, and retiring before working themselves to death. They are a God fearing, moral principled tribe of community volunteers and patriotic souls.

The second splinter is the Underground or Cash

conomy who used cash as the only means of street currency. There are no payroll taxes, income tax returns or sales tax collection when the products or services being bartered on the street are the illegal variety. Economists dropped quantifying this sub-economy because it may have grown to substantial number like 10 to 20 percent of the gross domestic production. And this segment of society has been growing; through trades who are willing to discount their services for under-the-table cash payments. Illegal workers who don't want to be part of the reported labor pool because that would lead to deportation. And this area also includes the growing white collar criminals who are taking advantage of their trusted positions to embezzle, squander or steal other people's property.

For the past two decades, the fastest growing segment of the economy is the Government sector. Most of the new jobs created in this country are federal, state or local government jobs. Government is the most inefficient business model. It takes 3 to 5 times

more capital than in the private sector to get the same results. Corruption has been institutionalized in the inefficiencies in government actions. The solution for every problem is more spending. But the only revenue resource for government is the citizen-taxpayer. Never in the history of the nation has government spent more money on health, education and defense. Yet, most people believe the health care system is broken and expensive; that their children's education does not prepare them for the realities of the current employment markets; and that America is no safer today than during the Cold War.

Then there is the new Entitlement Class. These people have been brain washed into believing that someone else will take care of their needs and problems. The concept of work fare is no longer discussed when politicians are begging for votes. When an elected official says that he or she is advocating a "free" program of health care for children, or job training for adults, they are lying because nothing is ever free.

There is a final class in society, The Fringe. This group composes those individuals or Outcasts who are above the threshold of Entitlement but below the middle class. This group also includes the new Immigrant classes who are not assimilated into mainstream culture.

George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin would be appalled by today's State of the Union. Washington would be impressed by the fact that the nation had grown and prospered, but he would be outraged at the cost of a huge central government. Jefferson would have been impressed by the technology advances made through American ingenuity, but he would be disturbed by the regulatory barriers to innovation. Franklin would be outraged by the nationalization of the private community institutions he created in the Philadelphia private sector (like public education). All three would be confused by the nonsensical debates of what the Second Amendment means; a citizen's right to keep weapons for protection and for personal welfare

is absolute. It would be confusing that the Court system is the center of debate of simple words rather than the town hall meetings.

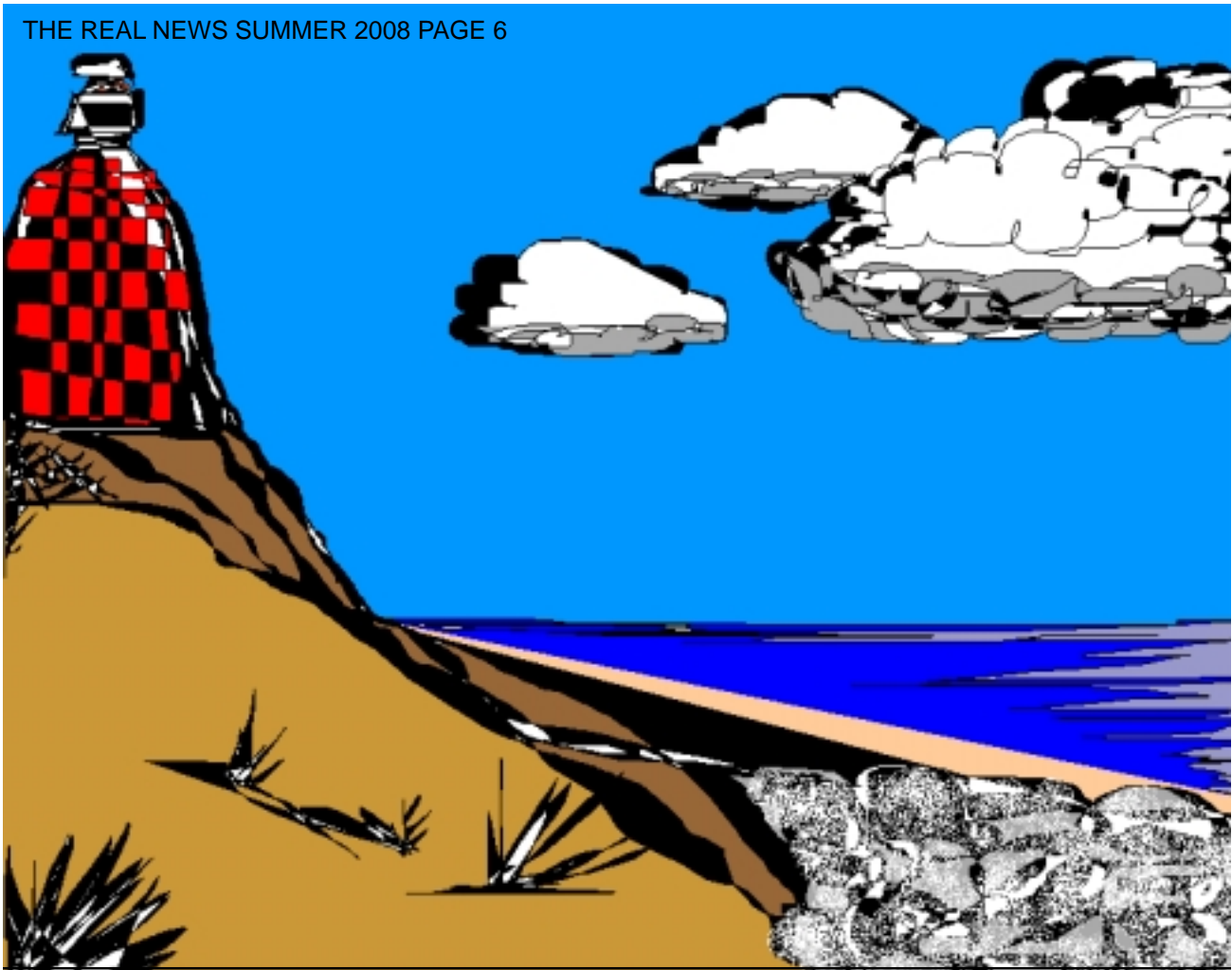
They would be interested in the fact that all men are created equal has freed mankind from color barriers after a horrific Civil War, but they would be scratching their heads on why race has been institutionalized in Court remedies since the War had ended. The concept of principle, a man's word as his bond, has been so diluted that none of the founding fathers would recognize their American way of life today.

They would find a United States in name only. There were no such thing as a career politician. There is no reason why politicians preach to segments of society like judging various produce in a market; Latinos, Asians, Blacks, Women, Students are all narrowly stereotyped and never called by one name, Americans. It is a simple divide and conquer strategy. Each class is promised more than an another classification so in the end no class is ahead.

A LETTER FROM THE PUB

A nation of whiners, who high unemployment, a growing *laissez faire* attitude toward big government entitlement programs, with a falling reputation, forced part time employees, high labor costs, artificial cost structures, high taxes, and a growing angry underclass of new immigrants. The Country? France, for the better part of two decades.

But the United States is falling into the same socialist, second world import status as France. People are shocked to learn that the U.S. is importing a vast portion of its staple foods from overseas (it usually is disclosed in food poisoning warnings). A large portion of the medical profession is being imported from foreign countries. Most of the investment in U.S. debt (treasury bonds) has been foreign sovereign nations (which are beginning to turn to other investments in Europe and oil, which is weakening the dollar). *C'est la vie?* Not if the American way of life is at stake.



A BEACON FOR THE OTHERS

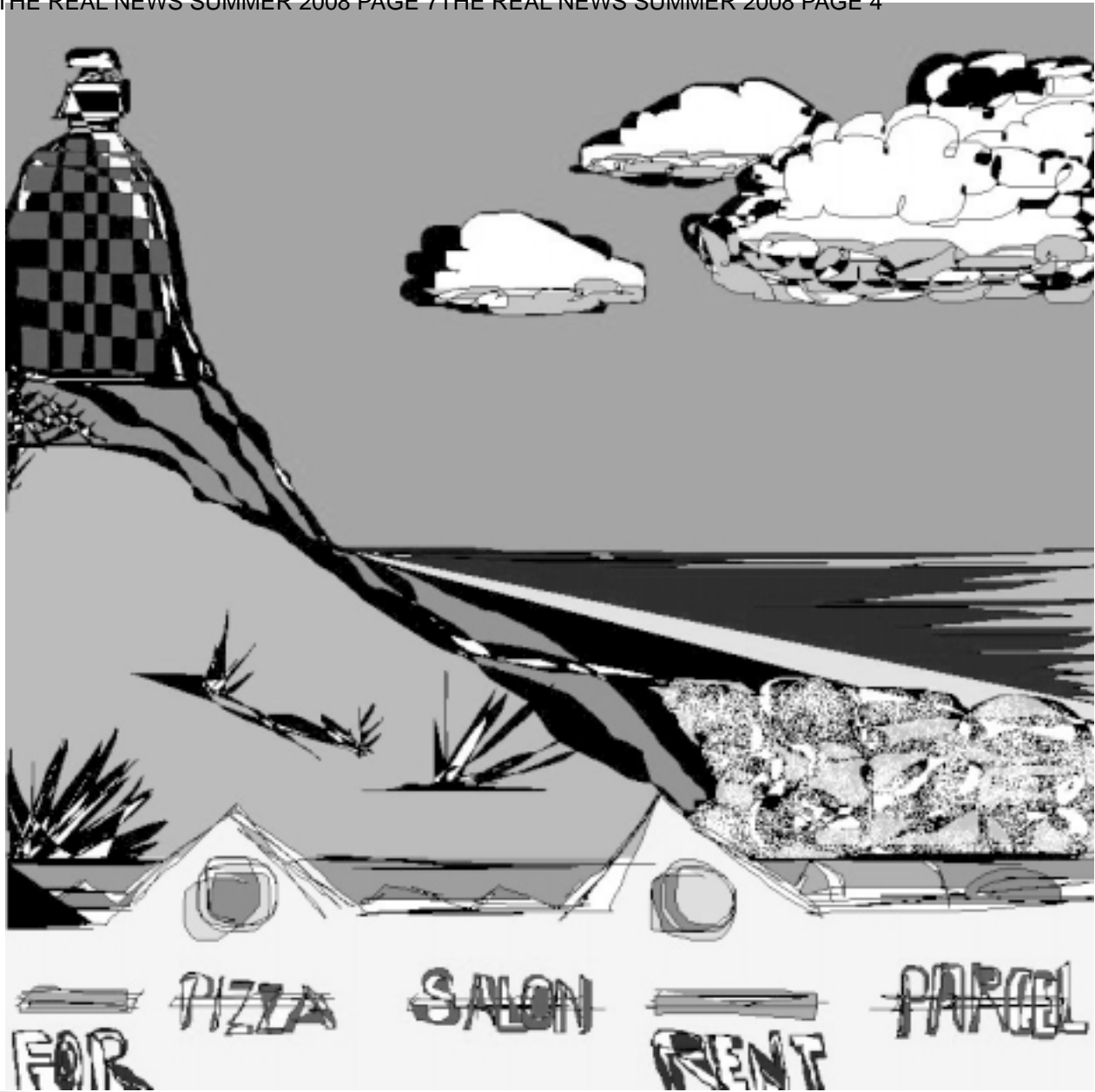
Why do 200,000 legal workers swell to more than 20 million illegal workers in the United States? Even as the light, fluffy clouds mark the azure blue skies on a summer day, the lighthouse remains a beacon for all travelers along its coast. America has been the world beacon of opportunity for people in other lands repressed by economics, religion or war.

As an industrial nation, America could absorb the hundreds of thousands of new immigrants in the early 20th century. The new charges did the dirty

work, the manual labor, and hoped they could escape the urban slums for the American dream institutionalized by the writings and conduct of Benjamin Franklin more than 100 years earlier.

One word keeps America the destination spot for the world: opportunity. Opportunity to find work; opportunity to buy a home and own land; opportunity to get an education and better one's standing in the socio-economic culture; opportunity for peace and prosperity under a set of justice for all men and women.

The ideals of America are still strong in most parts of the Globe. But there is one part where the American Dream has hit hard times in the minds of its people, and ironically, it is within the United States. Negative reports of a recession, an endless war, the political rhetoric that the world is ending, that the elderly and the children will be soon homeless begging in the street without government intervention, goes beyond the normal political pontificating during an election year. The theme of doom is now part of the U.S. culture.



Even with the negative press, the immigrants continue to cross the borders illegally. The central government has lost track of the exact number of foreigners occupying places in society, but it is clearly assumed that it is more than the standing armies of the United States military. It was a quiet invasion and slow displacement of the American underclasses into a generational poverty class. When a Walmart tries to open in Chicago, there are

more than 10,000 local applicants for the jobs. But when the leaders of Chicago object to Walmart's non-union labor policy, Walmart never opens its store, and the applicants go back to their welfare state. In some aspects of American life, Americans are being as repressed in their individual and property rights as those immigrants who are fleeing their land to come here.

So the trickle down effect

of de-industrialization of the American economy, and the high influx of cheap labor, has turned the middle class worker into a strip center shopkeep in order to get a paycheck when the unemployment runs out. A paycheck, as an owner of a business, which may be less than his worker's minimum wages.

In an economy now dominated by part time, service employment and a bubble financial system, opportunities to suc-

ceed are harder to come by for the average worker.

It is rapidly coming to the attention of the average American family that it costs more to feed the piggish greed of government politics than it is to feed a porker with \$6.00 per bushel corn. The increase in government charges, with names including user fees, value added taxes, sales taxes, income taxes, excise taxes, telecom taxes, fuel surcharges, property taxes, is taking more and more disposal income from the family budget. Add to this the fact that the weakened American Dollar and wholesale prices jumping, the average shopper is seeing sticker shock at the check out counter. Inflation is rapidly eating the shrinking nest egg. Non-retirement savings is at an all time low. Gasoline prices are at an all time high. But elected officials can only squeal for more revenue in order to balance their huge deficit budgets.

They won't tell you this: government tax collectors like higher prices because that increases revenue by the hidden percentage sales, use and income taxation. A weaker dollar, caused in part by massive borrowing, is also driving up the cost of imports (such as oil, food, products) because the dollar's value has decreased 40 percent as compared to the Euro. Also, insane public policy decisions of spending a trillion dollar on the junk science of global warming, or subsidizing the ethanol scam of diverting 30% of the nation's



corn crop to produce 3% of its fuel needs. If a box of cereal now costs \$5 instead of \$2.50, your local tax collector has just doubled the sales tax revenue.

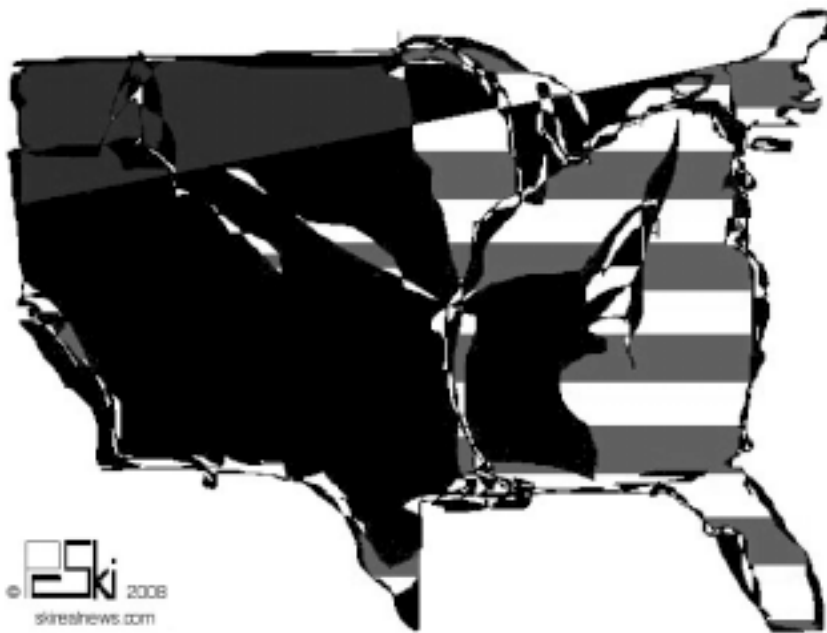
For the past 15 years, Walmart kept the American economy out of a depression by demanding its suppliers squeeze margins to keep final costs down. But when the raw materials and transportation costs are now rising 30 to 300 percent, hyperinflation cannot stop huge increases in final prices consumers

will have to pay.

Like Europe, where its industrial consumer manufacturing has been outsourced to global hinterlands, America cannot work its way out of a deep recession but unemployment also drags the economy down.

The globalists (the neo-socialist communists) cheer the one-world integrated economic system and take glee that the U.S. is hurting; but as an old adapted saying goes: what is good for the U.S. is good for the World.

IT'S IN THE BIBLE, PEOPLE!



Rev. Lovejoy from *the Simpsons* used to shout out “It’s in the Bible, People!” When the end seemingly was coming to Springfield.

There have been some strange events in the first half of 2008. First, a red deer in Europe was captured on film with one horn. Its antlers had fused at birth, creating a unicorn. A unicorn? A mythical animal from old fables? Second, there were biblical floods in the Midwest. At one point, the entire state of Iowa was an ocean. Its major metropolitan areas were under 9 feet of murky flood water. Third, there was a deadly, long tornado season from the Midwest to the South, ripping a part communities worse than a plague of locust. Fourth, the State of California is literally on fire, as wildfires are consuming fabled ocean resorts and towns with a fury.

Ninety-two percent of Americans have religious or spiritual beliefs. However, like the forecountries in Europe, practicing religion is declining in America as institutional religion traditions are being superceded

by other family choices, athletics or the feel-good, non-denomination mega churches made famous by paid television programs.

Some prophets of doom look to the Bible as a source for the destruction of the planet as the only way to save their souls. Other people believe the increasing nuclear conflict in the Middle East is nothing more than ancient blood feuds that will never end. A secular politician believes in micromanaging an unmanageable, chaotic macrosystem as a means of securing his power. Then the archeologists find that the ancient civilizations had their calendars end in the year 2012, which some state may predict a dire end to this human planetary period. No one truly believes the human race are modern dinosaurs, do they?



BASEBALL, APPLE PIE AND

The Cubs and White Sox are in First Place nearing the All-Star Break? This is sign worse than Biblical floods, fires, alien invasions or zombies wandering the city streets. Chicago as the center of the baseball universe is as perverse as the Mayor Daley draining Lake Michigan so he can create the largest martini for the Olympic Selection Committee.

The Cubs swept the White Sox at Wrigley Field; which led to the calls that the 100 year old Cub championship drought would be over. The White Sox were upset that no one in the city gives them enough credit for actually winning a championship in 2005. The White Sox swept the Cubs at Comiskey Park; which led to calls that the Sox are a better club than the vaulted North Siders which meant that the Cubs were doomed to fail.

When fiery managers Lou Piniella and Ozzie Guillen give each other nothing but compliments for two weeks, there must be something strange in the fire water. Two first place clubs in a paranoid city having nothing but praise for each other? Then you get some scribes who tout the city world series this season . . . to the dread of the jinx apologists. Both managers are trying to be coy and try to divert attention to the media and fans that both clubs are at the tipping point; nagging injuries to veteran players are mounting, and start-



ing pitching is becoming more suspect as the weeks go on.

As the New York teams implode with ownership mistakes and offensive droughts as bad as the dust bowls, Chicago baseball has been the consistent front runner this year. And it scares people to no end.

The city championship can only be decided this season in the post season, which would truly be a miracle to happen.

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