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Letters to the Editor

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Tuesday: Chicken & Noodles

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Wednesday: Ribeye Sandwich
Thursday: Swiss Steak
Friday: Cod & Ribeye
Saturday: Prime Rib & Ribeye

Saturday Night Mixed Doubles 9 Pin
 Sign up at 6:30, Bowl at 7
Friday, Nov. 14 Smoke River 8:30-12:30
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Will it be capitalism or socialism:

Some time ago in this column, I made reference to economist Peter F. Drucker's book "Post Capitalist Society" (1993). In this book, Drucker made reference to the history of our economy, present day status of our economy, and what he forecasted would take place with our economy in the next 50 and more years. I would suggest, that if you have not read this book, you need to go to our public library and check it out. To date, his predictions have been accurate.

Not only are we on the verge of becoming non-capitalistic, we are nearly becoming a socialist state, with our government buying up stock in the major banks of this nation. One of the candidates has openly stated he wanted to share the wealth in this nation.

I would like to share with you some definitions of political and economic terms that might help you understand what our nation might be headed for if this candidate and his party (if in harmony with him) get complete control of congress.

Egalitarianism: All men are created equal.

Capitalism: Economic system means of production distribution openly competing profit-seeking, private persons, where investments, distribution, income, production, and pricing of goods and services predominantly determined through free market which anyone can participate in the supply and demand. Production and distribution in the capitalism system are governed by the free market rather than state regulation, with state action confined to defining and enforcing basic rules of the market.

Totalitarianism: is a political system where a state regulates nearly every aspect of public and private life.

Communism Socioeconomic: classless society based on common ownership of the means of production and

property in general which all economic and social activity is controlled by a totalitarian state dominated by a single and self perpetuating political party. Elimination of private property, goods are owned in common, available to all as needed.

Marxism: Socialism stage, social and economic development that will replace capitalism, which will be replaced by communism.

Socialism: an ideology or group of ideologies, an economic system, a state that exists or has existed, **Marxist Theory:** society that would succeed capitalism, in some cases develop into communism. It involves public ownership of the means of production and sometimes involves private ownership of some industries.

Many people think that the USA caused Russia to give up socialism. It was really the Russian people that gave up on socialism. They became tired of working hard in the fields to grow food, to feed the nation and some people did not have to work that hard, but ate just as well. Without incentive to produce more, they produced much less, and caused the government to buy crops from other nations. When people are not rewarded for their extra efforts, they are not going to produce like they are capable of. At the present time there are only 4 socialistic countries (China, Cuba, Laos and Vietnam).

Our founding fathers must be turning over in their graves because of the way we have let this country become a beggar nation in this world. What kind of a nation are we leaving for our children and grandchildren?

Tom Evans
Hoopeston

Dem presidencies had share of problems

My "brief" review of the 43 U.S. Presidents is 400 pages of small print and there is a lot more history than See **LETTERS** on other side

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one can imagine or commit to memory.

All terms of presidents had their share of problems, and all was not 'rosy' with Democratic presidents. For example:

World War I began under Democratic president, Woodrow Wilson; U.S. Population = 101,618,000 (approximate average of population over those war years); Total human death and wounded (military and civilian worldwide) = 40, 000,000+; Total U.S. military deaths = 116,708 = .0011% of U.S. population military wounded = 205,690.

World War II began under Democratic president, Franklin Delano Roosevelt; U.S. Population=135,189,864 (approximate average of population over those war years); Total human deaths (military and civilian worldwide) =72,000,000; Total U.S. military deaths = 416,800 =.0031% of U.S. population; military wounded=565,861; military deployed = 11,260,000.

The Korean War began under Democratic president Harry S. Truman (downplayed because of the end of WWII and the scourge of Vietnam later on.); U.S. Population =156,332,560 (approximate average of population over those war years); Total human loss (military and civilian worldwide) = 1,577,000+; Total U.S. military deaths = 36,516 = .0002% of U.S. population; Military

wounded = 92,134.

The Vietnam War began under Democratic President Lyndon Banes Johnson. The reason for the war was "A resolution to support freedom and protect peace in S.E. Asia". U.S. Population=202,090,572 (approximate average of population over those war years); Total human loss (military and civilian worldwide) = estimated in the millions; Total U.S. military deaths = 58,203 = .0003% of population; number of U.S. military deployed = 8,744,000; 8,744,000 military served; 153,452 wounded; 1,947 reported missing

The Iraq War began in 2003 under Republican president George W. Bush due to the terrorist attack on the U.S. in 2001; U.S. Population = 300,980,230 (approximate average of population over those war years); Total human loss = (military and civilian worldwide) = 101,500; Total U.S. military deaths = 4,734 = .00001% of population; 190,000 military deployed; 30,275 wounded

Since 1775, there have been many wars and battles in United States history. In fact, there have been hundreds of instances of the deployment of U.S. military forces abroad and domestically:

- 285 extraterritorial and major domestic deployments
- 85 battles of the native people of America

- 34 armed insurrections and slave revolts
- 9 range wars
- 2 bloody local feuds
- 8 bloodless boundary disputes
- 18 terror, paramilitary groups and guerrilla warfare
- 4 Labor-management disputes
- 9 State and national secession attempts
- 5 riots, disorder and natural disasters
- 22 covert operations, coups and miscellaneous uprisings

What have we accomplished about the highway and home accident, gang related, drug an alcohol abuse and domestic violence statistics? (There are approximately 50 million domestic violence cases alone!)

Why is Illinois in such bad shape under Democratic Governor Rod Blagoevich with Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama as one of our senators?

We have had a Democratic Congress for the past two years and that's when everything escalated. Could it be the Democratic Congress not cooperating with President Bush? The least number of war casualties has occurred in the past five years under President Bush.

There have been many great Republican presidents. Lincoln ended slavery and Ronald Reagan ended the Cold War and was the one instrumental in attacking

Communism, terrorism and the war on drugs.

We could go on and on with facts and figures, but we cannot go on and on about the Democrats being so great. There are many questions we should be asking and research we should be doing. We cannot take anyone's word when 'all' the facts are not presented!

We have to read, study, compare and decide for ourselves! It takes a lot of time, but our country, our safety and our future depend on our efforts.

An idiotic political attack comes to mind which I feel was a waste of time and money. The media questioned Sarah Palin's wardrobe; a 'big' story! (Get real!) What about the wardrobes of Obama and Biden, their spouses, their travel and publicity expenses? What about the cost of the big planned Grant Park celebration, "The Obama no matter what" party following the election?

When are we going to get real about everything, work together and combat the real problems?

Destruction of any civilization begins with corruption from within.

We are supposed to be civilized. Statistics of everything going on in our country and the world more or less destroy that theory.

Janet Hatfield Haggerty
Hoopeston

Briefly

Calendar winners

Recent winners of \$100 in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing were: Fall Concert winner, Sandy Trimmell, Hoopeston; Oct. 31, Richard Mayer, Berea, KY.

Soccer team tryouts

Hoopeston FC, Hoopeston's traveling soccer program, will hold tryouts for a U11 (9 and 10 year olds as of August 1, 2008) and a U13 (11 and 12 year olds as of August 1, 2008) team for the spring season. Tryouts will be at 3 p.m. November 9, For more information, contact Bob Brown, 217-283-5475.

Correction

The name of Travis Taylor, candidate for District 1 of the Vermilion County Board, was listed incorrectly in Monday's issue. Just the facts regrets the error.

Police News

An employee of Casey's General Store, 225 E. Orange, reported at 8 a.m. Saturday that the driver of a dark gray extended cab truck failed to pay for \$42 in gas.

An 82-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Saturday that her cell phone was lost or stolen.

Two 18-year-old Hoopeston men were arrested at home after an incident at 10:14 p.m. Saturday at McDonald's, 1016 W. Orange.

Darrell F. Richardson and Cody R. Mikeworth were each charged with disorderly conduct on complaints from Hoopeston boys, ages 13 and 14.

The men were each released on a notice to appear.

Linda S. Daniels, 52, of Cissna Park, was arrested at 4:59 a.m. Sunday at the police station. She was charged with five counts of deceptive practice after complaints made by BJ's Pump on October 30 and both Casey's

General Stores on Oct. 31. Police said checks were also written at Jerry's IGA.

Daniels was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Douglas G. Land, 64, of Hoopeston, was taken to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital after police said he was found lying in the street in the 100 block of West Lincoln, allegedly intoxicated.

Land was later charged with disorderly conduct and was released on a notice to appear in city court.

Weather



Sunny today. High 75. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 52. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 73, low 53.

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