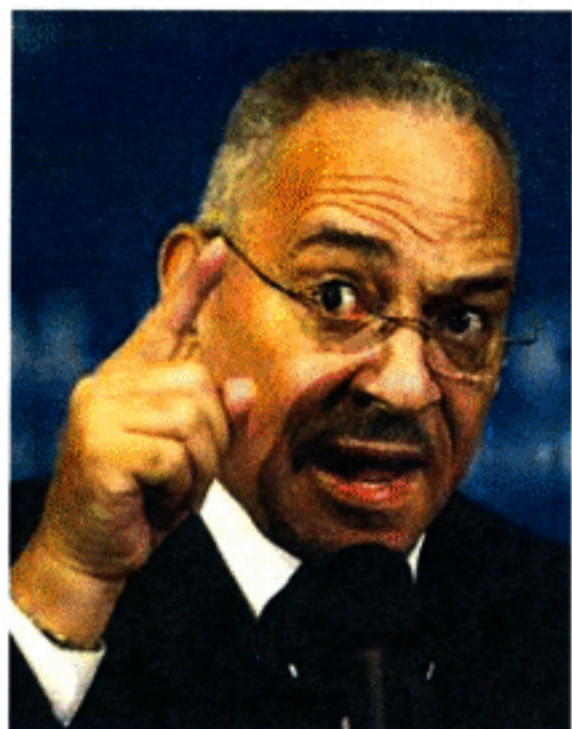


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Jeremiah Wright



Louis Farrakhan



Malik Zulu Shabaz

## Fake attack on Barack Obama

The other day Jeremiah Wright and Louis Farrakhan launched a verbal assault on Barack Obama. Shortly after those two racists attacked Obama the spokesman for the New Black Panthers blasted the president too. It would appear that Barack Obama is the victim of these vicious and unsavory people who are as hostile to him as they are to America. And in Farrakhan's case, white Americans especially.

For a moment I almost forgot my antipathy toward Obama. But only for a moment though. Then I remembered that these two so called ministers have long been friends of his. As for the New Black Panthers, they are a ludicrous bunch of racists with little standing in the black community. They have been denounced by the original Panthers spokesman. (I suspect that if you had a room full of new Black Panthers their combined IQ would be a single digit.)

It was a New Black Panther in Philadelphia who brandished

a police baton at a polling place and was accused of intimidating white voters. He is on video tape haranguing Philadelphians on South Street. He denounced mixed race couples and said that it will be necessary to kill white babies. It should be noted that Obama's Attorney General, Eric Holder, refused to pursue the case against this racist thug. Holder has never explained that decision. Holder obeys Barack Obama.

Now Jeremiah Wright and Louis Farrakhan, followed a day later by Malik Zulu Shabaz, the New Black Panthers leader, denounced Obama disrespectfully. I am convinced that they are attempting to help reelect Obama. Recent polls indicate that the president can not afford to have to defend his decades long association with Wright's church again in the 2012 campaign. Wright and Farrakhan

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# The First Edition

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There is no question about my political orientation. I am a conservative and my writing reflects that point of view. I regret that those who disagree with my views choose not to respond to them in The First Edition.

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## Editor's Note:

Several years ago I bookmarked a list of quotations by the Founding Fathers. At that time it was my intention to include a quote in each issue of The First Edition. Unfortunately I forgot to do that. Then, today, I remembered and went to the site.

I have always believed that Our Founding Documents were divinely inspired. To me it has been obvious that the Founders were prescient because of the things that they warned us about when America was born. Unfortunately America has forgotten the warning against a professional political class.

I read that Ben Franklin, when asked what the Founders had given the American people in the Constitution he responded, "A democratic Republic, if you can keep it." The Founders also warned against a professional political class. Obviously, over time, the warning has been forgotten or ignored and keeping the democratic Republic Franklin referred to is in question.

I ask readers to consider what that political class has accomplished. Today America is on the brink of financial ruin. For the first time in my long lifetime the survival of America is in serious question. I believe that we have the professional politicians to thank for that.

Then, this morning I finally remembered to include a quotation in this issue of The First Edition. I went to the site and this was the first quotation in those listed.

*"On every question of construction, let us carry ourselves back to the time when the Constitution was adopted, recollect the spirit manifested in the debates, and instead of trying what meaning may be squeezed out of the text, or invented against it, conform to the probable one in which it was passed."*

There is no more appropriate time for us to consider that advice. For years some people have been working to reconstruct the Constitution. The allegation that our Constitution is "A living, breathing document" never fails to grate on my nerves. Those who express this view have depended upon the judicial system and activist judges to make that revision a fact.

I was amazed that the above quotation was the first one listed when I remembered to find a quote to use in this publication. It seems entirely appropriate and never more relevant for this nation than it is today.

# Op-Ed

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have attempted to insulate Barak Obama from reexamination of his long standing association with them and their radical views. Shabaz followed suit.

It remains to be seen whether voters accept the notion that Obama is being unfairly attacked by these racist hustlers. Obama will always be tied to them. This transparent attempt to distance him from their odious history should not be successful. These three hateful anti-Americans know how the majority of voters feel about them and Obama's association with them.

People who follow events know that Obama has deliberately associated himself with the most radical people he could find. Van Jones, for example, is a self proclaimed Communist revolutionary. Obama hired him as a presidential advisor and paid him with American tax payers' dollars.

A great deal of time and energy has been spent attempting to label those on the left. Are they Communists or Socialists? It really doesn't matter. One source describes the difference between Marxism and Communism this way:

"Communism is really based on Marxism and the two cannot be separated. However, one can see that Marxism is the theory and Communism is the practical implementation of Marxism."

That is good enough for me. The real question is what was Van Jones doing in the White House as a member of the Obama Administration? Throughout the president's murky history, most of those he has chosen to associate himself with are hostile to the concept of the democratic Republic that is America.

Racists, Communists and radical environmentalists are among his current advisers. They were preceded by individuals he has described as mentors. People like the communist Frank Marshall Davis, who sold marijuana and engaged in sexual encounters with his wife and a thirteen year old girl. Davis confirms that he was the author of a hard core pornographic autobiography titled "Sex Rebel Black", in 1968.

In short, for all of his adult life Barack Obama has chosen to closely associate himself with criminals, radical leftists and individuals with anti-American views. These associations have largely been ignored by the media. The recent efforts by Wright, Farrakhan and Shabaz are just an attempt to shield Barack Obama from his bizarre past affiliations. It will not succeed.

There is no way that the American people will permit another collaborative effort by the Obama team and the main stream media to keep his sketchy and highly questionable history as secret as they did during his first campaign. They can try, but Wright, Farrakhan and Shabazz will never be able to erase their close relationship with Barack Obama.

Neither can his long association with the terrorist Bill Ayers and people like Van Jones, Cass Sunstein and other advisors he appointed as czars so that they would not face Congressional examination. They are writing policies that will achieve the total transformation of America Obama wishes to achieve. If they are successful America will not survive.

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## Op-Ed



# No-Hackle Zone



So once again, I find myself vowing to wipe out the entire fashion industry and anyone remotely associated with it. This time they've gone too far, and I can't sit on the sidelines any longer waiting for others to act.

The French and the British won't be taking the lead in this war. I won't be waiting for approval from NATO, the UN, the Arab League, the Russians, the Chinese or any other agency, government or individual. They have no authority over me, and this situation calls for true leadership.

No prisoners will be taken, no mercy given or expected. Either I will destroy them, or they will destroy me.

Wow. That sounds harsh. What could the fashion industry do to generate such an angry outburst?

Imagine someone ruining your livelihood, shattering your dreams, taking away your babies, and leaving you an empty, soulless shell of a person.

Well...it ain't that bad. But it is annoying.

Turns out, the latest fashion trend is wearing hair extensions with long feathers dangling from them. This hot new look in hair accessories, recently worn by Aerosmith lead singer Steven Tyler on American Idol, has exploded over the past year or so.

There's nothing new about putting feathers in your hair. In the 70s, Hippies frequently wore them braided into their long locks or clipped to their tresses with a roach clip.

So why does any of this matter to me?

The feathers that these fashion zombies are snatching up left and right are the same ones used in tying flies. The particular type coveted by both wanna-be rock stars and fishermen is called a hackle feather.

Up until now, there's only been one use for hackles - flies. With this sudden new demand, there's a serious shortage across the country. Salon owners are calling fly shops and buying them out completely.

Now these aren't your ordinary chicken feathers. They come from chickens that have been specially bred for generations to produce long, skinny feathers that have fibers that are roughly the same length from one end to the other.

Since they take about a year to grow, these plumes aren't mass produced, and only a

handful of companies raise these types of birds.

Whiting Farms in Delta, CO is the largest producer of quality hackles in the country, shipping about 65,000 bird hides a week. But that's nowhere near enough to satisfy the demand of today's TV-idolizing, Miley Cyrus-loving, Twitter-obsessed youth.

You can see now why I must annihilate the fashion industry - for the sake of fly fishing and everything that's good decent in the world.

My only other hope is that this fad, like so many fashion trends before it, will pass quickly, and things will return to normal. Maybe, now that the media have declared the look stylish, cutting-edge fashionistas will say it's "so last week."

That got me to thinking.

Are death, destruction and mayhem on a global scale the appropriate response to a shortage of hackle feathers? I think so, but others may disagree. Just like some might disagree with our response to the Libya situation.

Don't get me wrong - I'm all for removing Qaddafi and using American military might to do it. But the problem is that's not what the President says we're doing over there.

According to Obama, we're enforcing a UN resolution declaring a no-fly zone to keep Qaddafi from bombing his own people. By people, he's referring to the rebels who want to overthrow the Libyan government.

If that's our mission, why are we bombing Qaddafi's residential compound in Tripoli? And why are we bombing ground forces in support of rebel attacks? I don't see where any of that fits into strategic air defense.

The President has yet to explain to the American people what our goal is, how long will it take, and what needs to happen for us to say, "We're done now." But back in February, he did say that Qaddafi has lost the legitimacy of his rule and must leave now.

Once you've said something like that, if you don't get rid of him, you're not living up to your ideals. Plus, if he remains in power, you'll have absolutely no diplomatic relations and no leverage to deal with him.

I wish the President would be more open and honest about what he's doing. Something he promised he'd try harder at after the mid-term elections.

Now if we could just get a UN resolution declaring Hollywood as a no-hackle feather zone, we'd be in business.

I don't know, I guess I think too hard about these things.

*Dusty Winslow*



## RAMBLINGS OF A CONSERVATIVE COW DOCTOR

The Whitehouse proposes spending \$3.729 trillion in 2010 against estimated revenues of \$2.627 trillion with a \$1.01 trillion short fall simply rolled into the \$14.2 trillion national debt -- let our grandkids carry the load. In response to tea party pressure, the GOP is proposing \$60 billion in budget cuts; a meager 1.6 reduction in expenses. Portraying this decrease as extremism, Rajiv Shah the head of the U.S. Agency for International Development, said such draconian cuts "would lead to 70,000 kids dying" world wide. (That sounds like a bit of a stretch to me.)

Understanding trillions can be confusing to us rednecks more familiar with bullets than budgets, so let me put a Montana face on the federal spending. Suppose your ranch job combined with income of your trophy wife's employment as a Wal-Mart greeter, yields a family annual gross income of \$40,000. In 2011 you resolved to get your financial house in order so your family agreed to the same GOP 1.6 percent reduction in spending. Divided over 365 days your draconian family budget cuts amount to \$1.76 per day -- one half the price of a latte. That's it. Compared proportionally to the national debt, your family credit card, auto

loan and mortgage debt would total \$262,719.70 and would take 408 years to pay it off at \$1.76 per day. Do you see the problem?

Tax-and-spenders at every level and their media accomplices are accusing budget cutters as being heartless, mean-spirited, misers balancing the budget on the backs of the poor, the disabled, sexually active college students and seniors. This is all instinct and spending your money is all they know.

During a recent Senate floor debate on Montana's biennial spending bill, Senator Mitch Tropila proposed an amendment increasing spending to the Montana School of the Deaf and Blind by \$64,000. It was defeated. He immediately fired back a second amendment increasing the spending only \$34,000. His oration was spiced with tearful emotion and the Senate Republicans, acting like young pups learning to chase cows from an old Border Collie, began collapsing like a house of cards. In a mere three minutes and forty seconds, Montana taxpayers spent \$34,000 and this is why it is so easy to grow government.

*Krayton Kerns DVM*

*Montana State Representative HD #58*

## What About the Birth Certificate?

A certification of birth is a document that proves someone's existence—the fact that Barack Obama exists is not being called into question! Why has the anointed one refused to release his actual birth certificate? Two clues to start off with: The liberal press slavishly takes his cues and pushes facts under the rug, and his team of lawyers has blocked all appeals to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees.

Additionally, the stench of fraud emanates from the following facts:

During the 2008 campaign he released a brief document detailing personal health. John McCain released a 1500 page file.

His campaign refused to give Columbia University permission to release his transcripts. Such transcripts would reveal his grades.

His college dissertation titled: "Soviet Nuclear Disarmament" has disappeared from Columbia archives.

He refused the release of his application to the Illinois state bar, which would clear up allegations his application may have been inaccurate.

He has not released records from his time at Harvard Law School.

Ad nauseum, etc. etc.

More facts:

1. Obama's father was not a citizen of the U.S.
2. His mother had not lived in the U.S. for the required time after attaining the age of consent when her baby was born, meaning that she could not legally pass her citizenship on to him!

It seems that he is not a citizen of the United States, meaning that he is not eligible to serve as president of the United States. If this proves true, he is committing the most massive fraud in the history of our nation. Therefore his promise that he would make his White House "the most open and transparent administration in history" is a cruel joke.

*Bruce King*



*Nancy Balance is running for a seat on the Hamilton School Board.  
Ballots were mailed on Monday, April 18, 2011.*

## HISTORY AND PURPOSE OF OUR LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS

Have you ever attended a school board meeting? Have you ever wondered: what are the responsibilities of the school board; to whom is the board responsible; and who is responsible to the board? These questions deserve more than just a passing interest. The local school board should be viewed as one of the most important factors in the future viability and sustainability of our community even if you do not have children in school.

When the first Montana Territorial Assembly met in 1864, they created the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and County Superintendent of Schools. The Assembly also provided for the organization of counties into school districts and the election of school board trustees.

The establishment and maintenance of public schools was a requirement for Montana to become a state under the Enabling Act of 1889. School boards have been a feature of Montana education since Montana became a state. The duties and responsibilities of the local school board are defined in the Montana Constitution and written into state law. Many people would be surprised to learn that their local school board trustees have the ultimate authority over the employment and dismissal of teachers, principals, administrative personnel, teacher's aides, custodians, school bus drivers,

food service personnel, nurses, and any other personnel needed to provide services to the district.

The school board is responsible for adopting and administering the annual budget and conducting the fiscal business of the district. The length of the school term, school day, and school week are set by the school board. They approve school curriculum and textbooks. They negotiate labor contracts and ensure state law is enforced.

The tremendous responsibility entrusted to the local Montana school boards has been supported by the Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA) since 1926. The concept of public education policy being determined by locally elected school board members is the key to making decisions that meet the education needs of our community.

The board encourages public involvement in the monthly school board meetings. Please consider attending and becoming involved in the education of our future leaders. Even if you do not have children or grandchildren in our local schools, you will be affected by the outcome of our educational system.

*Nancy Balance*

**Op-Ed**

# THAT'S MY STORY AND I'M STICKING TO IT! ... BUT I COULD BE WRONG

EASTER. Christians celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. Regardless of your belief, Happy Easter to all.

Republicans claim to be the party of smaller government and fiscal responsibility. Democrats grow government, tax and spend. A prime example, right here in Ravalli County was the skillful manipulation of the voters in '07. Friend, Brandborg, and his FOB organization, sold the idea of increasing the Board of County Commissioners from 3 to 5 members. The public bought it. A 40% increase in government and expense in that office. That fits the Democrat agenda. With that, the Friends elected their candidates to fill those newly created seats, and controlled the Board, and Ravalli County for the next three years.

A poll revolt in 2010 changed that to an all Republican Board. During the campaign, that year, the three successful candidates each professed support for a return to a 3 seat Board.

On 7 March of this year, an email was sent to the three freshmen Commissioners. Asked if they were still in favor of returning the Commission to just three seats when their terms were up. Yes or No. Simple question, requiring a simple answer. Politicians are not known for simple answers. Nine days later, one responded with a phone call. Fourteen days later, a second email was sent to which one other official responded. Neither had a short answer, but an obvious change of position. The third Commissioner has yet to respond as of 13 April. Constituents deserve better.

At a recent gathering, one Commissioner gave a glowing report of all the good work and long hours of the new members and how it now appeared that the job of serving the population of 40,000 in Ravalli County took a full complement of 5. (Yellowstone, with 140,000 population functions with 3, as does every other county in Montana.) No mention of a return to three. Even Stevie Wonder could have seen through that skillfully veiled message in support of 5.

Well, don't blame those three Commissioners for their change of attitude. No one wants to lose an annual salary of \$50K plus benefits. Times are tough. Still comfortable, for them, with over 2 ½ years remaining at that wage.

That does not, however, seem to be either the platform they ran on, nor the Republican agenda, and supports the premise that all politicians, at all levels, are fully capable of speaking from both sides of their mouths.

And how about Donald Trump on the national level? First thought was that he was another nut like Ross Perot, or Ron Paul. Both had some good ideas, but were unelectable due

to their perceived idiosyncrasies, real and imagined. Recent interviews indicate perhaps this guy may be a serious contender. But probably not electable. Certainly has business smarts. Does that translate into political smarts? Trump appears to be a "Git 'er Done" kind of guy who speaks his mind, honestly. Or he may just enjoy feeding his ego by being in the news. Same as with his beauty pageant, TV show, marital adventures. He may not be as rich as he claims. If he were, he could certainly afford a better barber.

School Board elections are upon us. Decline of American education in relation to some other countries of the world is no secret. It is imperative that the best qualified and most dedicated individuals be identified and elected to local school boards. They control the curriculum, staffing and financing of the school in their district, and thus the quality of education for the youth of that district. Every child will not go on to college, but they all must graduate from high school with the skills necessary to become productive members of society in their chosen field. We tend to whine about the loss of local control in many facets of our lives. Here is the perfect opportunity to take control of one of them. Scripture says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Hosea 4:6

Apparently Missoula Democrat Senator, Dave Wanzonried gathered his followers, to include Ravalli Republican Senator Shockley, at the First Self-righteous Church to support the repeal of the death penalty – SB 185 -- .

Ronald Allen Smith has been a guest in the Crowbar Hotel the past 28 years at taxpayer expense. He continues to challenge the state's method of lethal injection, arguing that it constitutes cruel and unusual punishment. Putting a thumb tack on Old Sparky before he was seated, WOULD be "cruel and unusual." So, here's a bulletin....give him another choice.....any choice..... perhaps a new rope. Then get the job done the same day. Just don't tell Wanzonried and Wimps until later.

Fortunately the Wanzonried bill died in Helena this month. Unfortunately, in Deer Lodge, Smith did not.

Gasoline prices. How about the current resident at the White House? Leadership in the right direction? Where? Meddled in the automobile and financial businesses, but has been a total failure in keeping energy prices down. Gasoline prices seem to jump a nickel about every 10 days. Regular is \$3.59 in my town and diesel over 4 bucks, with farming and tourist seasons upon us. No Hope of getting any Change back at the gas pump.

*Dave Hurtt*

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