

A government by and for the people?

Letter to the Editor

I would like to commend Eric Glatz, the author of a long letter to the editor, published in the May, 2012 edition, titled, "Do Political Parties Matter Anymore?" While I am only an honorary member of the Fruitport area community, and live in New Jersey, I receive FAN and enjoy reading the political analyses that are printed from time to time. Mr. Glatz's letter is in fact a brilliant political analysis that, with perhaps more civility than I would have, takes apart the right-wing tea party ideology brick by brick. He begins with a succinct and correct summary of the Keynesian economic theory that shaped American policy from the 1930s to 1980, and still forms the current administration's economic policies: In good times, be frugal (that saves money, right?); in bad times pump money into the economy (from the surplus saved during good times). That's common sense. But it also involves government involvement in the economy, both to regulate it and to stimulate it.

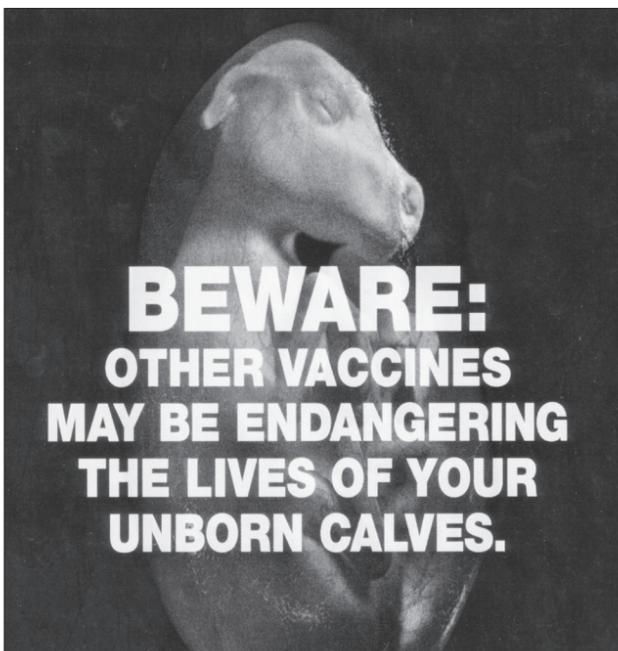
This approach was not only adopted by Democratic administrations, like Franklin Roosevelt's, but also shaped the policies of Republican Richard Nixon. Ronald Reagan began the movement away from this sensible view of government's role and responsibilities and, under the influence of anti-government and anti-tax ideologues like Grover Norquist, who fetishize money, promote an abstract rejection of government involvement in our lives except when it is their turn to collect Medicare or unemployment compensation or utilize public highways.

As Mr. Glatz points out, the Occupy Wall Street movement, with whom I align myself, has focused on the Wall Street and corporate domination of government, which has diminished the power of representational democracy. If we want truly to have a government by and for the people, we must resist the takeover of government by these corporate interests,

Mr. Glatz concludes his letter with a call for all of us to get involved in government, beginning with our own communities, perhaps by contributing to local food pantries and other local efforts to take back our government. I know the good people of Fruitport do just that, and I only would suggest that Mr. Glatz has provided a framework for understanding how such local work is in fact a form of resistance to corporate domination.

The same issue in which you published Mr. Glatz's commentary, you also published a wonderful article by Bethany Beachum about her work in Nicaragua. She displays a sensitivity to poverty and oppression, and describes the hard work she has done to help the people there as a volunteer. That is one example of the many ways people in Fruitport can resist the ideology of selfishness that characterizes so much of the corporate discourse.

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**BEWARE:
OTHER VACCINES
MAY BE ENDANGERING
THE LIVES OF YOUR
UNBORN CALVES.**

This picture is from a Bovi-Shield Gold ad in a farm magazine, warning farmers to be careful what medication they give their cows so that the unborn calves are not endangered.

Shouldn't we humans be as concerned about negative effects on our unborn babies as farmers are about their unborn calves?

A lot of the lifelong mental and physical problems children have today are directly traceable to their mothers and what she consumed before her baby was born.

STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT OF AN UNBORN CHILD

- *Day 18* after conception - Heart begins beating
- *5 weeks* - Tiny arms and leg buds have formed
- *6 weeks* - Face has two eyes
- *7 weeks* - Pain sensors appear
- *2 months* - Brain begins to form

CAUTION:

The first three months of a child's development are the most critical. Many things the mother intakes can have a negative effect on her child for its entire lifetime!



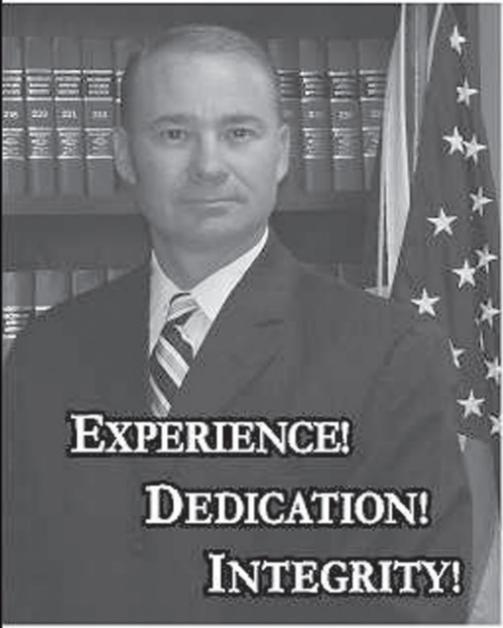
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