



# Monday's letters to the editor

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## Increased violence in U.S. a cause for major concern

I've been so blessed over my 85 some years to experience the many wonderful facilities, medical, travel and communication advances made through testing and education.

I cannot say I am as joyful over the violence that has exploded world-wide, for some reason, over the last three years. It has recently reared its ugly head in our country - by large unruly street mobs running amuck, looting stores, and burning property in Chicago and Ohio. For some reason, this has not been greatly followed or publicized nationally by most of our "public" radio and television facilities.

There's a catchy advertising slogan that says something like "coming soon to a neighborhood near you." I pray this not be allowed to become the battle cry for these somewhere funded mobs throughout our blessed country.

Ed Evert

Lansing

**Liberals insist on pushing views every chance they get**

Liberals never pass up an opportunity to push their political views. A "wit from DeWitt" (Letters, Aug. 4) could be classified as a bully if you read between the lines in his recent dissertation on conservative contributors to the opinion page. A real comedy expert? Always leave them laughing! I'm pondering if the "wit from DeWitt" will still be laughing on Nov. 6, 2012.

Eve R. Ranney

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## Obama can't be blamed for nation's financial woes

This letter is in response to Michael Danek's letter (LSJ, Aug. 21) "Obama is no visionary." "Free trade" agreements are different than the "free market" agreements that George H.W. Bush and Republicans pushed through the early 1990s. The "free market" agreements are why when I call customer service most of the time, I usually

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talk to someone in India or Mexico, because that's where all our jobs went.

Mr. Danek also claims the \$2.5 trillion deficit is Obama's fault. When Bill Clinton left office, we actually had a budget surplus. It took eight years for George Bush to reverse this into a deficit. We have only given the current president two and a half years to rectify this situation.

The Republicans (and some Democrats) have taken the "no new taxes" mantra and turned it into "no new taxes for big corporations," which is why America is going to become a province of China soon.

If I can make another point, if Congress would have properly funded education in the Republican eras, maybe Mr. Danek would be able to spell "Colombia" properly.

Michael Hallas

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### **No-fault insurance law serves those who need help**

In 2006, my husband was involved in an auto accident at the age of 75. His vehicle was rear-ended by a vehicle traveling 80 to 100 miles an hour. It was a hit and run. The driver was never prosecuted. As a result, my husband suffered eight fractures and five surgeries. It took one and a half years in hospitals and rehab facilities before he was discharged from care. He suffers from a TBI and needs assistance in bathing, dressing and walking. Because of Michigan's no-fault insurance, we were

able to bring my husband home to live out his remaining years with his family with 24/7 care.

We need to keep this no-fault system so those injured in the future have access to the care they need. Vote "no" on Senate Bill 293. I'm so thankful for Michigan's no-fault law. My husband's quality of life is greater because of it.

Delilah Farhat

Lansing

Government facilitates gap between rich, middle class

In a letter (LSJ, Aug. 15), L. Hoover states that "we have had liberalism shoved down our throats for more than 40 years."

Really? If this person is speaking of who is in charge of the government, I will remind the readers that in the last 40 years, Republicans have been in the White House for 26 years and Democrats for 14 years.

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(It will be 15 at the end of this year). So, if you are going to blame a group for the mess the country appears to be in, you can't blame the liberals.

Also, I don't think our country is turning to socialism. Instead, we are developing into that type of government where there is a large gap between the rich and average working people. The middle class is shrinking. The sad thing is that many people in the middle class don't see the danger and they are very gullible politically.

B.J. Moline

Williamston

Curtailing pregnancies would limit children living in poverty

I get disgusted with constantly being reminded of the poverty among children.

Solution: Women keep their legs together and this would not happen.

So many children in a family have different last names.

Why do so many women keep having children? I work with people like this - love to say something to them, but can't. Someone give me permission to say something to them.

Or else, give the OK to give agencies the power to get them fixed. No more children to be born into poverty would cut down on the expenses.

Rep. Joan Bauer, friend, knows what I think.

Why can't some agencies put a stop to this? I would like an answer.

Gertrude Mitchell

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Bachmann, Palin starting to sound a little too similar

Michelle Bachmann promises that gas will be under \$2 gallon under her imagined administration. Oil prices fluctuate according to market, weather, etc. as do other commodities. Therefore, the only two ways her promise could be realized are - either an extreme recession (which Republicans seem to want so they can get elected), or a government takeover of the oil industry (which doesn't sound like Republican doctrine to me). A Sarah Palin clone is sure not what the GOP needs.

Peg Gentry

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### Tax money shouldn't be used to subsidize Michigan Flyer

Some people are in favor of tax dollars going to Michigan Flyer to improve their business. I see Michigan Flyer as competition for the Lansing airport, which is already being subsidized with tax dollars. Why would we want our money going to two competing entities, both after the same customers? Michigan Flyer is a great option but it should be paid for only by people who use it.

Evelyn Stoffer

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