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# Happy Easter! Welcome Spring!

## From Left Field...

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### BYE BYE RUSHIE!

**PEOPLE WATCH** and listen to Rush Limbaugh for a number of reasons. I personally listen to catch the day that Rush's head explodes from his body. Now, with "Nobama Care" looming and it's imminent signing, one would think I have finally stumbled upon the day I waited so long for. His top must blow! Socialism has descended on America!

**BUT WAIT...IF** I remember correctly America will be spared the gruesome video evidence and I, wasting countless hours listening, will miss what I waited for. If you're asking yourself why this event will go unseen, you must have forgotten what Rush said to the loyalists weeks ago: he'd leave if Obama passed his health care initiative. Health care passed. Rush is leaving America. Right?

**WE'VE HEARD** many lay down the ultimatum: if Bush gets reelected I am moving to Canada or if Obama wins I'm leaving the country. Nonetheless, it is an interesting position Rush put himself in because Obama and Congress will get healthcare reform passed and Rush will have to eat his words. The real wonder for Rush is where will he go? What first world country is he going to go to that doesn't have some sort of socialized healthcare?

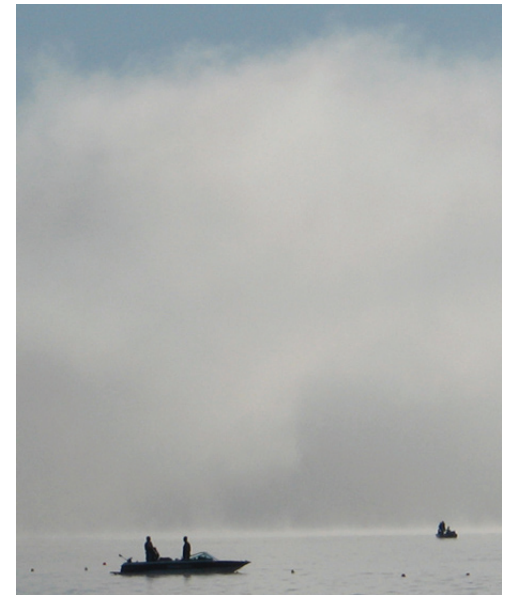
**AMERICA IS** the only superpower in the world that doesn't have some sort of medical plan for all of its citizens. It's obvious that Rush was trying to stir the ever-boiling pot that is conservative radio. Rush knows that by striking fear into his listeners—making absurd claims that he would travel to Costa Rica to get health care—he can turn his loyalists against the bill. For a long while he did: tea parties were out in full force (with the exception of their rifles), racial and bigoted remarks were thrown, fear seized the soul of Americans and without a doubt Armageddon descended, but then, in the end, the fear he spat dried. Light showed and reason won.

**WHY DID** reason win out? Because everyone knows it is a ridiculous claim to say you'd rather spend thousands of dollars to travel out of the country (which Rush is more than capable of doing) than give every citizen of your country health care. Near the end those who didn't drink the fear-aid leveled out, and in the end, Congress knew the time had come and health care needed to be passed.

**WHEN RUSH** is hurried to the nearest hospital after his heart gives out again, him and his family won't refuse treatment and board a plane to Costa Rica because it was all a sham in theatrics. Fear and theatrics is how the right will try to stamp out Obama, but for now I can enjoy being added back to that insurance plan I just got



READYto Ski? Photos by Anne laquinto



FISHING Begins on Whitmore Lake

## EDITORIAL

GARY WELLINGS, Chief Editor

**THE HEALTH** Care Reform is now passed. Despite the majority of Americans not wanting it the Democrats in Washington passed it thinking they know better than you about running your health care. They want you to believe that adding 32 million people to the health insurance rolls will reduce the deficit. Do you really believe that? I for one do not.

**YOU THE** voter are now only seven months from having the ability to vote the Democrats in the House and Senate out of office. The latest Congressional Budget Office (CBO) rating states that the bill will run close to a trillion dollars and we're finding that's changing by the day. Not even a week into this fiasco the numbers from the CBO are creeping up so fast that now the whole price tag is in doubt. Nice of Congress to rush a vote based on less than well rounded facts. Either way that's a trillion dollars that this country does not have. That's a trillion dollars going onto the country's credit card bill that your children and grand children will have to pay back out of their future salaries.

**IN ADDITION** the IRS will now be responsible for making sure that small businesses and private individuals are buying their mandated insurance. The IRS will spend an additional 10 Billion dollars to enforce this buying of insurance. They may hire up to 17,000 more agents to enforce this, as if they didn't have enough control over your lives already.

**HERE IN** our own congressional district, our survey shows that well over 60% of residents will actively campaign against Congressional candidates who voted to force mandates and abortion funding on us. 7th District Congressman Mark Schauer has ignored you the voter. He has ignored your wishes and your calls. Ignored your emails and letters, and ignored Common Sense by proudly voting for this travesty of a bill.

**THIS BILL** begins taxing us immediately and doesn't give benefits for 4 more years. That alone should tell you something is wrong about their math. The numbers they are using to say it will reduce the deficit is a pure fabrication. 10 years of revenue to pay for 6 years of expenses is a disaster in the making. What would happen to you if you only paid bills 8 months a year? If that's not cooking the books I don't know what is. Frankly this kind of financing put Bernie Madoff and other financiers in jail and yet our Washington Representatives go scott-free.

**AT THIS** point many of us may have the feeling that it's time to give up. Let me assure you that if you do not get active now this Health Care Bill will be only the beginning. Congress is already stirring the Illegal Immigration Reform pot. Liberal Republicans and far left Democrats are already looking for ways to allow illegal immigrants to get amnesty. Instead of enforcing the many laws we currently have to control illegal immigrants they want new laws which will allow more people to access our health care and social services. Instead of building a wall on our Southern Border they choose to roll out the welcome mat. Cap and Trade (Tax) is on their agenda as well. Now is not the time to rest. Now is the time to get active and work to defeat those politicians who want to rob your children's bank accounts and who want to rob you of your freedom.

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