



The election

I could almost laugh at some of the blame being placed regarding the Republican losses Nov. 6.

Mitt signed off the presidency when he chose Paul Ryan for vice president. Rep. Ryan is very anti-working class, and with the pathetic state of employment (or lack thereof), workers are not going to elect candidates who pledge to take away what benefits that are left.

Many of us who are pro-life were still very disillusioned with the Republican platform, reluctantly voting GOP. If we had a party befitting that of the late Gov. Robert Casey Sr., we would have a happy home. I've spoken with several undecided voters who went with Obama for this very reason.

Lesson to the GOP: Tax multi-million-dollar-plus bonuses of CEOs, and keep exemptions for those wealthy individuals who actually create jobs. This would be a wonderful compromise with Obama that might win you some support. Maybe taking an equally respecting position between business and workers would help a bit. Wise up!

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The end is near?

Now that the election is over, and Obama has won a second term, there is only one thing left to hope for: that the Mayans were right.

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Ban handguns

The number of recent convenience store crimes is very unsettling, especially the one that took place outside Mechanicsburg. There a woman, who was only doing her low-paid job, was murdered by lowlifes who got away with nothing -- nothing!

Now there is a family without a wife and mother, a woman who was only doing her job, looking forward to the holidays. Here's a novel idea -- outlaw handguns.

I know the Constitution guarantees the right to bear arms. My question is, why do you need a handgun? At the time the Constitution was written, it was a time of war, a time to defend against invaders. We all know politicians are in the pocket of the National Rifle Association. Handguns/assault weapons should only be possessed by law enforcement.

Why don't you lazy politicians do something? Resist those NRA luncheons and payoffs. Gov. Corbett, how would you feel if your wife just happened onto a robbery and was shot dead by someone wielding a handgun? You just might feel differently.

Jeff Hanna, West Hempfield Township

The real takers?

Throughout the recent election process, we heard about makers, takers, and the 47 percent victims. After the election, candidate Mitt Romney offered that the opposition used "extraordinary financial gifts" to buy the votes of the takers and victims, those who selfishly

consume rather than carry their share of the burden.

Google "state by state return of federal tax dollars" and get the true story.

States voting red in the recent election got an average \$1.41 return on their \$1 of taxes in 2010 and \$1.59 from 2007-2009. Blue states in the 2012 presidential election received an average return of \$1.15 on their dollar in 2010 and \$1.26 from 2007-2009.

If candidates can buy an election through offering "extraordinary financial gifts" to their devotees, in this case the real takers, the Republicans, lost one more battle in 2012.

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