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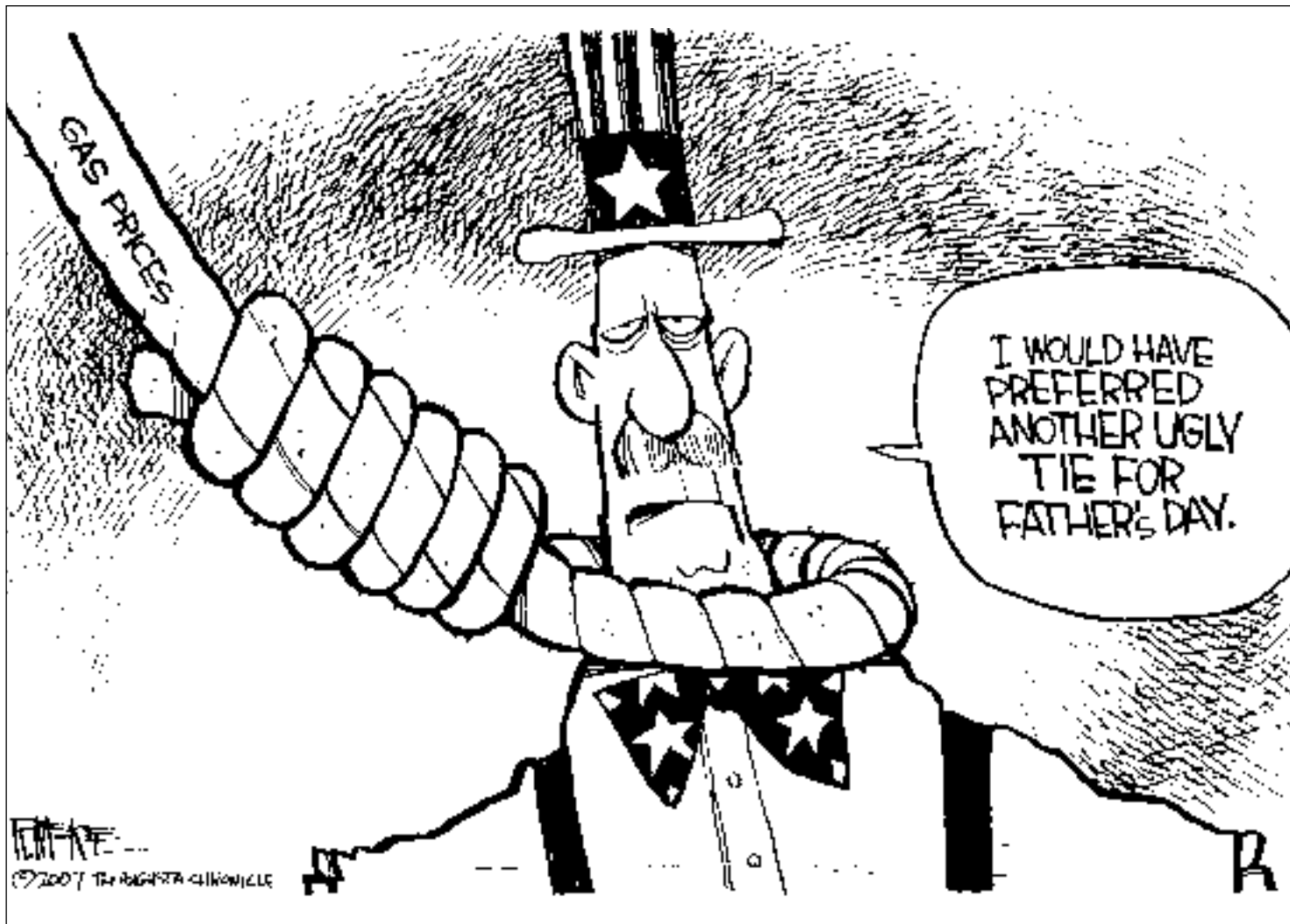
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## Take control of rising gas prices

Soaring fuel prices have motorists scrambling to find ways to save money by using less gas. Sure, you can simply stop driving as much, but for many consumers, that's not an option. But you can fight skyrocketing gas prices by taking control of your vehicle's unnecessary fuel consumption.

Performing simple and inexpensive vehicle maintenance will not only save gas money, perhaps as much as \$1200 per year, but will also improve a vehicle's safety and dependability.

The Car Care Council offers these gas-savings maintenance and driving tips:

1. Check your vehicle gas cap. About 17 percent of the vehicles



on the roads have gas caps that are either damaged, loose or are missing altogether, causing 147 million gallons of gas to vaporize every year.

2. When tires aren't inflated properly, it's like driving with the parking brake on, and can cost a mile or two per gallon.

3. A vehicle can have either four, six or eight spark plugs,

which fire as many as three million times each 1,000 miles, resulting in a lot of heat, electrical and chemical erosion. A dirty spark plug causes misfiring, which wastes fuel. Spark plugs need to be replaced regularly.

4. An air filter that is clogged with dirt, dust and bugs chokes off the air and creates a "rich" mixture - too much gas being

burned for the amount of air, which wastes gas and causes the engine to lose power. Replacing a clogged air filter can improve gas mileage by as much as 10 percent.

5. Keep your car properly tuned. A 21st Century tune-up can improve your gas mileage by an average of four percent. Fixing a serious maintenance problem, such as a faulty oxygen sensor, can improve your mileage by as much as 40 percent.

These simple vehicle maintenance steps can add up to serious savings.

To learn more about how to maintain your vehicle and reduce your fuel expenses, visit www.carcare.org.

## The Senate is not listening to America

No, No, No! Why can't the Senate hear the voices of the American public? Could it be that they are so engrossed in pontificating that they can't hear the very people that elected them? Or, is there another reason?

The Senate's "grand bargain" on immigration isn't a bargain for anyone involved, especially law abiding Americans. Since last week, my offices have been inundated with calls from outraged constituents expressing opposition to the proposal.

Amnesty pardons those who have broken a law. Ignoring the fact that illegal aliens are working in the United States illegally, and making them eligible for legal status and citizenship is de facto amnesty. And if past is prologue, it is clear that this amnesty proposal



will encourage even greater numbers of aliens to enter our country illegally. Simply put, we cannot continue to allow our immigration laws to be violated and ignored-- illegal aliens are by definition criminals.

I'll give you a mere three reasons showing that the Senators who drafted the bill do not have the interest of the American people at heart. Besides giving general amnesty to all the illegals, the

bill specifically grants amnesty for gang members and for fugitives who have been ordered deported by an immigration judge, but have refused to leave. There are over 30,000 illegal-alien gang members in over 33 states, who would only have to sign a "renunciation of gang affiliation" to be granted amnesty. These are the same folks who are destroying our neighborhoods with the use of guns, drugs, and other violent means. Do you

want them as your neighbor?

Second, the Senate bill allows the government only one business day to conduct a background check to determine whether an applicant is a criminal or terrorist.

The federal government does not have a comprehensive, searchable database with all the treacherous people in the world that it can quickly reference for background checks.

The whole point of immigration laws is to know who is coming into our country. It is important to remind folks that it was just during the 1986 amnesty that Mahmoud "The Red" Abouhalima was granted legal status upon forged documents. He became the terrorist leader in the 1993 terrorist attack against the World Trade Center.

## Voter is happy with job done by council

It was with interest that I read recent letters to the editor in the last two weeks' edition of the Gulf Breeze News. The first one dealt with the Sports Association's endorsement of the newest City Council member. The letter this past week concerned the "powerful people who are in control of Gulf Breeze".

In response to Mr. Fisher's comments regarding the Sports Association backing one candidate over another. I say "amen." I was delighted the Sports Association endorsed the candidate who backed the Sports Association policies and perhaps subsequently helped get him elected. One reason Mr. Henderson was defeated was his apparent reluctance to support the expansion of the over crowded ball fields at Shoreline Park. Fearing what repercussions might develop over a foe of the ball park, the members of the Board of the Sports Association reacted appropriately. The complex at

### Letters to the Editor

Shoreline Park North is truly a tremendous asset to our area and one in which all of us can be proud. Not just the facility which is top drawer, but the way it is run. Just visit other parks and you will realize how blessed we "Breezers" are. If you have lived in Gulf Breeze as long as I have you can remember all of the various stages of development to get to where it is now.

As for who runs the City of Gulf Breeze, I really don't know, but these responsible folks do a great job. If you live in the city most of us really appreciate all of the services that we enjoy due to the directions that our elected officials have taken us. I guess that Mr. Henderson was alluding to a "good ole boy network" and if that is the case, those "good ole boys and girl" seem to be looking

out for us. Term limits - we don't need them - "if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

However, if you need to be heard attend the council meetings. The City Council and administrators are very cordial and willing to answer any question and help when they can.

Maureen S. Hill  
Gulf Breeze

### Set the example

Memorial Day has passed again -shopping deals are over-replacing flags in the cemetery and remembering our heroes- is that over too? Please don't let another holiday slip by without taking time to volunteer or make a difference in some way with those who serve. They are the reasons we are here to enjoy all the freedoms and fun of summer and the

## On the Spot:

WHERE WE PUT PEOPLE "ON THE SPOT" TO ANSWER A QUESTION "ON THE SPOT."

By Hannah Bunning

What have you done to prepare for hurricane season 2007?



"Absolutely nothing at my house, but I work at a hotel on the beach and we are prepared out there."

-Kathy Briske  
Pensacola



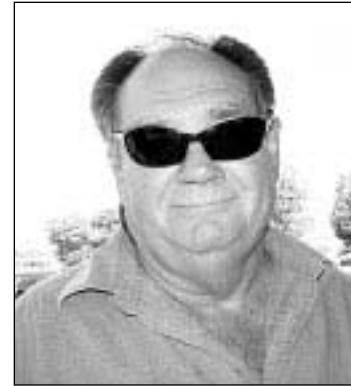
"We just moved this weekend, so we haven't done much to prepare yet"

-Gina Lister  
Pensacola



"We have done a few things in our house to try and make things easier to put away, and we have a list of things to do."

-Jane Herman  
Gulf Breeze



"Absolutely nothing. I've been through about 20 hurricanes and when it looks like one is going to come here, I just sit on my front porch."

-Jerry Williams  
Gulf Breeze