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Dear Mr. Lamb;

I saw this this A.M. and, thought of you. You see, out here in these wonderful United States, Americans are awakening to the surprises which inevitably attend apathy and, inattentance to the vital issues.

Please allow me to take this opportunity to send you all encouragements and thanks for your fine efforts and those of your devoted colleagues at C. Span. "bout damn time we started choosing to inform ourselves". A great pity the lesson of the seven "P's" will probably come and go unnoticed when these trying times have passed. However it is quite riveting to be alive in such times.

Best Wishes to you Sir!

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THE REDNECK FACTOR:



Bill Morris

Watch out, incumbents: Gargan wants you gone

I have some bad news for Jesse Helms, Steve Neal, Howard Coble, David Price — and every other incumbent in Congress who's running for re-election this year. Jack Gargan is not alone.

In fact there are signs Jack Gargan is the leader of a vast and growing army, that he has tapped a raw nerve in the American psyche, a rich lode of outrage, resentment and just plain disgust with the way business continues to get done in Washington.

Last summer Gargan, 59, a retired financial planner now living in the Tampa Bay area on Florida's west coast, borrowed a famous line from the 1976 movie

"Network" — "I'M MAD AS HELL AND I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE IT ANYMORE!"

Using that as the headline, Gargan spent his own retirement money to take out a full-page ad in the St. Petersburg Times.

After the screamer headline, the ad begins: "Hello, my name is Jack Gargan. I'm just a recently retired 'working stiff.' Like most of the people I talk with, I'm fed up with members of Congress who care more about getting re-elected than they do about what's happening in our country."

"Specifically, I'm appalled that Congress continues to hock the future of our children and grandchildren. Our national debt is now over 3 TRILLION dollars, and going higher by the minute. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!"

After assuring readers that he's not running for any office or supporting any individual or party, he closes with this:

"Our only hope is for a CLEAN SWEEP, and start over from scratch. The only party I'm for is the huge party this nation is going to throw on Election Day when we throw those arrogant bums out on their collective butts!"

Then readers are asked to sign a pledge: "I therefore pledge to vote against all incumbents, and only vote for new candidates who pledge to strictly limit the term of office and prohibit deficit spending except in case of real national emergency."

The day after the first ad appeared, Gargan received 1,000 letters of support and contributions. Since then he has received 40,000 letters and more than \$300,000. His "grass-roots petition" has appeared in 158 newspapers from San Diego to Minnesota to Miami. In its Sept. 10 issue, Time magazine crowned him the Hero of the Week. The ad ran in the Chicago Tribune last Monday and in USA TODAY last Wednesday. By Thursday, Gargan was on the CBS Evening News.

By today he has probably unplugged his telephone.



Jack Gargan with stacks of mail from disgruntled voters

Luckily, I caught Gargan as he was leaving his Tampa office late Thursday to catch a plane to New York, where he had yet another TV talk show to do. Munching a cookie, he talked about the mushrooming support for his movement. Throw the Hypocritical Rascals Out (T.H.R.O., Inc.).

"There's no description for the response," he said. "It's phenomenal, incredible, spectacular, heart-warming. It tells me I've struck a nerve. I can judge by the mood of the nation there's going to be some real shock waves on Capitol Hill in November."

I asked Gargan, a silver-haired grandfather, if there was any one thing that moved him to mount his crusade.

"I've been bothered by the way our country's been going for a number of years," he said. "I'd just retired. The savings and loan scandal had just hit. Then the congressional pay raise. And now the budget debate absolutely underscores everything I've said about how rotten, stupid, politically expedient Congress is, collectively. There are so few good ones."

Gargan feints when asked about his own political beliefs, saying only that he's an "independent."

But his newspaper ad also vents his outrage at government waste, food stamp cheaters, political action committees, congressional pensions, and our "bankrupt" Social Security system.

It's quite a smorgasbord. But then, Washington nowadays is quite a place. Such a place, in fact, that it's hard not to believe some strong medicine is in order and that Gargan just might be the man to administer it. Yet he remains a realist.

"There's no way we can get them all out this go-round," he said. "But we think we can make a significant impact. I just pray to God when this thing is over I can enjoy my retirement."

Come Nov. 7, a lot of incumbents might be saying the same thing.

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sites that Dalton nominated earlier in the year. Those included the old Melver School on Lee Street, the 16th and East Bessemer railroad overpasses, Fisher Park and Aycock neighborhoods, the Lake Daniel Reservoir, various buildings on the University of North Carolina at Greensboro campus, including the power plant and smokestack, the Mabel Merritt House on Spring Garden Street, the Vesterwood

city connected with the historically important World II Overseas Development Depot," Dalton says. "A lot of the soldiers and their families found a home here."

The old East White Oak School, now a community center, is believed to be the city's oldest surviving school house, dating to near the turn of the century. It is also the only surviving structure from the old East White Oak community, where black Cone Mills workers lived.

Dudley and Grimsley high schools, completed in 1928 and 1929 respectively, were picked because of their outstanding designs and because Dudley was the city's first public high school built for blacks. Grimsley's college-like campus has many interesting architectural features, including murals in the auditorium painted in the 1930s by artist James McLean of Raleigh.

Proximity and Ceasar Cone schools are cited for their links to the mill villages and because they are reminders of mill-sponsored education. Likewise, the domed Proximity United Methodist Church on Vine Street is the only surviving religious institution established by the mill, according to Dalton's report.

St. Mary's Catholic School on Gorrell Street, a simple brick structure built in 1928, served the black community for 50 years. The building is still part of the St. Mary's Catholic Church complex.

The old Burlington headquarters, now the home of the county health and social services departments, is an example of the Moderne architectural system. It also cited because of the textile industry's importance to the city.

The issue sparked council discussion on the city's possibly preparing a brochure to instruct people who want to use the petition provision of the city charter to try to overturn zonings or change other ordinances.

The city rejected a petition Thursday from opponents of planned development around Lake Jeanette on the grounds that the petition was not in the form specified by the city charter.

In other business, Assistant City Manager Ed Kitchen told the council the city has eliminated six vacant positions, at an annual savings of \$347,500, and eliminated eight occupied positions by transferring or promoting those people to other vacancies at an annual savings of \$204,100.

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