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When the time came to make the first presidential endorsement in the history of *The Northwestern Flipside*, we knew is was necessary to bear this duty with the utmost gravity.

Our choices seemed bleak: on the one hand, our sitting president has been a dreadful disappointment; aside from an economy that is stagnant and a prison at Guantanamo Bay that is still open, Barack Obama has proved himself to be utterly unremarkable and competent. On the other hand, his opponent is rich, robotic, and rarely shows a natural emotion or idea.

When Barack Obama was elected in 2008, those of us in the satire community were presented with a mixed blessing. We understood that Vice President Biden would shower

us with many opportunities for easy, low-hanging-fruit jokes. We also accepted that President Obama would pose a relative challenge. Let's be honest: most of us end up secretly asking ourselves whether the joke we just made about the Socialist Kenyan Muslim was racist or not

Meanwhile, Governor Romney has shown that he can provide some of the best material for satire. His real first name is—contrary to those who speculate that it is Mittens—Willard. He once tied his dog onto the roof of his car. He carries around binders full of women. We hear from unconfirmed sources that, if elected, he plans to install an elevator for cars in the oval office.

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for vice president. While Paul Ryan's addiction to P90X provided a week's worth of jokes, there are only so many "muscle confusion" jokes one can write. Biden's tendency to swallow his own foot provides us an endless possibilities of comic potential. We still remember Biden smiling his creepy-smirk behind the president during the State of the Union speeches. Imagine the faces he would make behind Romney.

For these reasons, we enthusiastically support a Romney-Biden ticket. In order to achieve the necessary electoral college tie, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Michigan should vote for Obama, while Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, Iowa, Colorado, and Nevada should vote for Romney.

Romney Promises Undecided NU Voters to Open Frontera Fresco "Soon"

BY SAM BLOCK

EVANSTON—With only days remaining until the election, presidential hopeful Mitt Romney stood outside Norris University Center and promised Northwestern students he would ensure Frontera Fresco opened before Election Day.

"I'm a businessman," Romney said. "I know how create jobs in this country and I'll do it here, with Frontera Fresco."

"Construction jobs," he added. "Do those count as manufacturing?"

Explaining the delays in construction, Sodexo claimed they had not realized students would

be returning to school as early as October. Construction has further been delayed by the incredibly complex feats of engineering needed to turn the former restaurant space into a new restaurant space.

The delays have been especially problematic for tour guides, who have had to justify why the ugly construction is loudly occurring in an already ugly building, according to anyone who is not blind.

"Due to advances in demographic targeting," explained Romney aide Joseph Smith, "we are able to make localize messages to attract undecided, absentee voters ages 18-22 who live in swing states who like Mexican food and go to Northwestern."

"It makes a big difference," said Smith. "And it allows us to get out important messages that are vital to the health of this country, such as why Frontera Fresco has not opened yet."



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Biden Accidentally Declares War on Iran at Campaign Event

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER

WASHINGTON—Vice President Joe Biden may have instigated World War III last night during a last-minute campaign stop at Georgetown University. The gaffe-prone politician was delivering a short speech encouraging students to vote when he accidentally declared war on Iran.

"We're still not entirely sure what happened," an unnamed aide reported. "One minute he's reading from a prepared statement about the Founding Fathers and the next he's assembling the Joint Chiefs of Staff to authorize a pre-emptive strike against Iran's nuclear facilities."

"Honestly, the transition was so smooth I hardly noticed."

Although an official declaration of war requires authorization by Congress and cannot be issued by the executive branch, many analysts have noted that "that's never really stopped them before."

Georgetown students criticized the event as disappointing; organizers were not only forced to cancel a highly-anticipated Q&A with the Vice President, but all draft-eligible attendees were rounded onto Fort McNair-bound buses for basic training the next morning.

Insiders are comparing this latest incident to a similar

faux pas in December of last year, when Biden accidentally launched a nuke at China. Aides blamed the incident on a "hilariously tragic" floor plan involving a misplaced footstool and a giant glowing red button.

The Romney campaign immediately called an emergency press conference to denounce Biden for his ill-thought actions.

"I've been saying it since 2008, and I'll say it again!" Romney bellowed from his makeshift podium. "The Obama administration has employed a foreign policy so harsh and... and *punitive* that it borders on criminally irresponsible! Our nation is

on the brink of collapse, and we need leadership that won't take part in the sort of... provocative sabre-rattling that created these Middle-East conflicts in the first place!"

"I promise that if... sorry, when elected, my very first action as President will be to fly to Iran, sit down with the Ayatollahs, and make sure he understands how deeply sorry America is for this little 'mistake."



Obama Implores Americans to Temporarily Halt New Jersey Jokes

BY DEAN MEISEL

HOBOKEN, NJ—Last week, after Hurricane Sandy flattened the Jersey Shore, President Obama kindly requested that Americans stop making "Jersey" jokes for at least a week.

"Out of respect for our fellow citizens in this time of crisis, I implore you all to stop making fun of New Jersey. Stop making fun of their terrible and confusing highway system. Stop making fun of the fact that the only thing in Newark that's growing is the crime rate. Stop making fun of those Oompa Loompas along the shoreline," zinged Obama with a sly smile.

During the time of panic, Obama reached out to New Jersey Governor Chris Christie. Governor Christie explained the crisis of having very little to eat or drink as grocery stores around the state were destroyed. Obama, in turn, was about to make a fat joke, but was silenced by a slight cough from his press secretary.

Horrified by the damage, President Obama declared a "State of Emergency" while he whispered under his breath to Vice President Joe Biden, "Should have declared that one when he was elected back in 2009."

After spending a couple hours in the wreckage, President Obama took a cue from the New Jersey Nets and left as soon as he could.



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Nation Eager To Return To Not Giving A Shit About Ohio

BY MATT CLARKSTON

COLUMBUS—After months of acting like the state actually matters, Americans are ready to once again completely disregard Ohio come Wednesday morning. Due to its electoral significance, pundits, candidates, and campaigns have descended on the cultural wasteland, attempting to woo the votes of disappointed Browns and Bengals fans in every county.

Privately, however, campaigns have expressed dissatisfaction with their Ohio operations. As Shelia Bowerton, a senior Romney staffer in Akron, put it, "It's awful trying to pander to these people. They have this ridiculous sense of political entitlement... I just don't know where it comes from."

A worker at Obama's Bowling Green field office added, "It's like they think they are doing something to deserve this attention, when really, the only reason Ohio is important is because there are millions are people so politically uninformed that need someone to spoon feed them opinions that they can latch onto, and it makes the state competitive."

This was reflected in much of the advertising done in the state. A Toledo area radio ad for the Obama campaign advised voters to "pick Barack Obama, the one with the 'D' by his name." Similarly, Romney supporters ran a statewide commercial featuring a School House Rockstyle music video highlighting expansion of the national debt under Obama with the refrain, "When we borrow, it's bad for tomorrow"

The end of the campaign is welcome news for a nation weary of pretending a state full of drunk Ohio State fanatics and deserted cities is actually a worthwhile place. Staffers on both sides have reiterated their desire to "leave this urban hellscape called Cleveland and get back to somewhere civilized, like LA."

As one aide who wished to remain anonymous summarized, "I mean, just look at that stupid pennant thing they call a flag. How can you even take a state like that seriously?"