

Award-Winning Cartoons

2012 PULITZER PRIZE



MATT WUERKER

Editorial Cartoonist
Politico

Staff cartoonist for Politico since its founding in 2006; provides editorial cartoons, caricatures, illustrations, and web animations for print and web; twice a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize; winner of the Herblock Award for Cartooning and the National Press Foundation's Berryman Award, 2010.

2011 SIGMA DELTA CHI AWARD

(Selected in 2012)

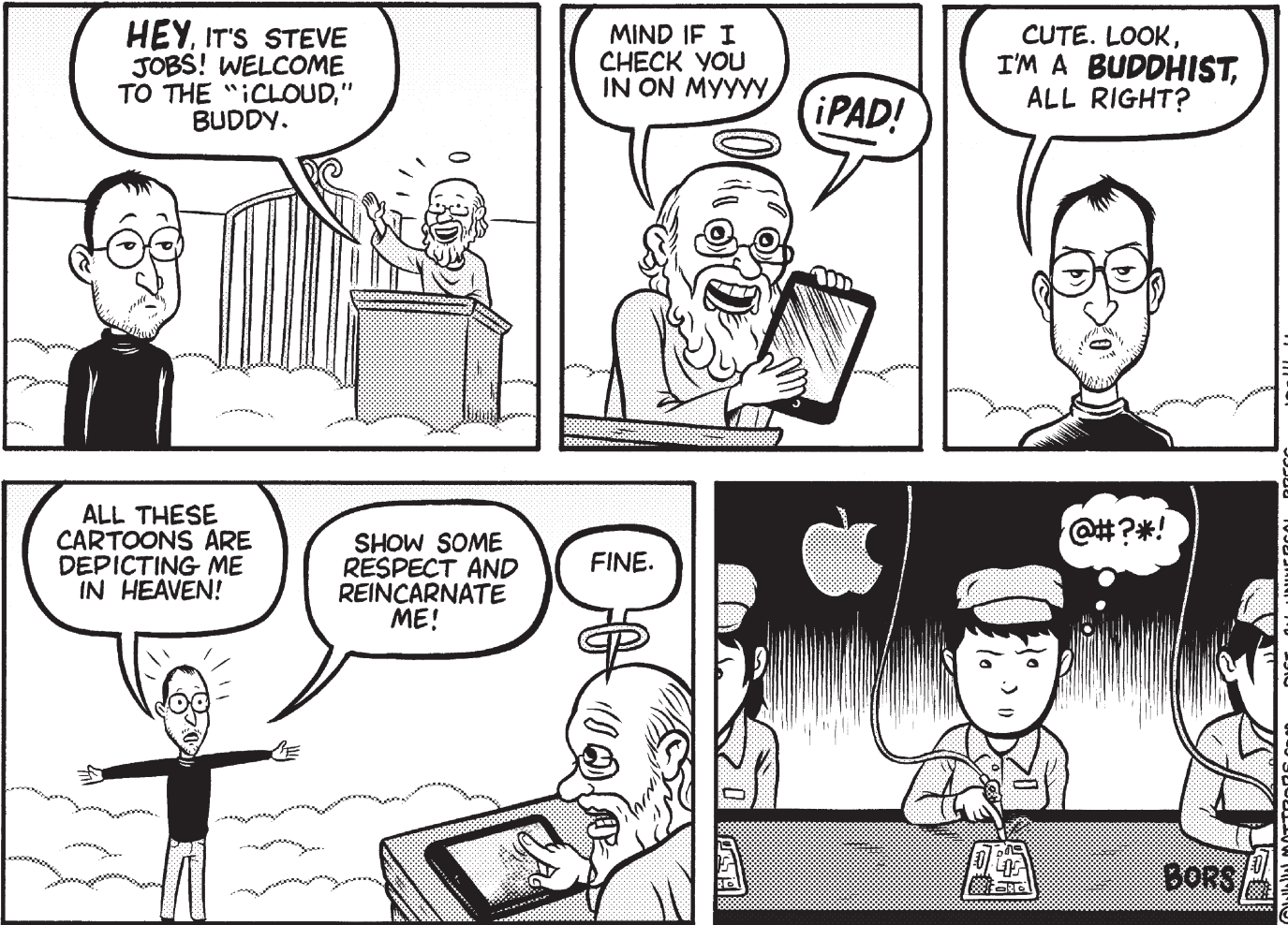


MATT BORS

Editorial Cartoonist
Universal Uclick

Graduate of the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, 2003; cartoonist, journalist, and editor in Portland, Oregon; draws the weekly comic strip "Idiot Box"; his work appears in the anthology *Attitude 3: The New Subversive Online Cartoonist*; comics journalism editor for Cartoon Movement, which is devoted to international political cartooning; also winner of 2012 Herblock Award for Cartooning; work distributed by Universal Uclick.

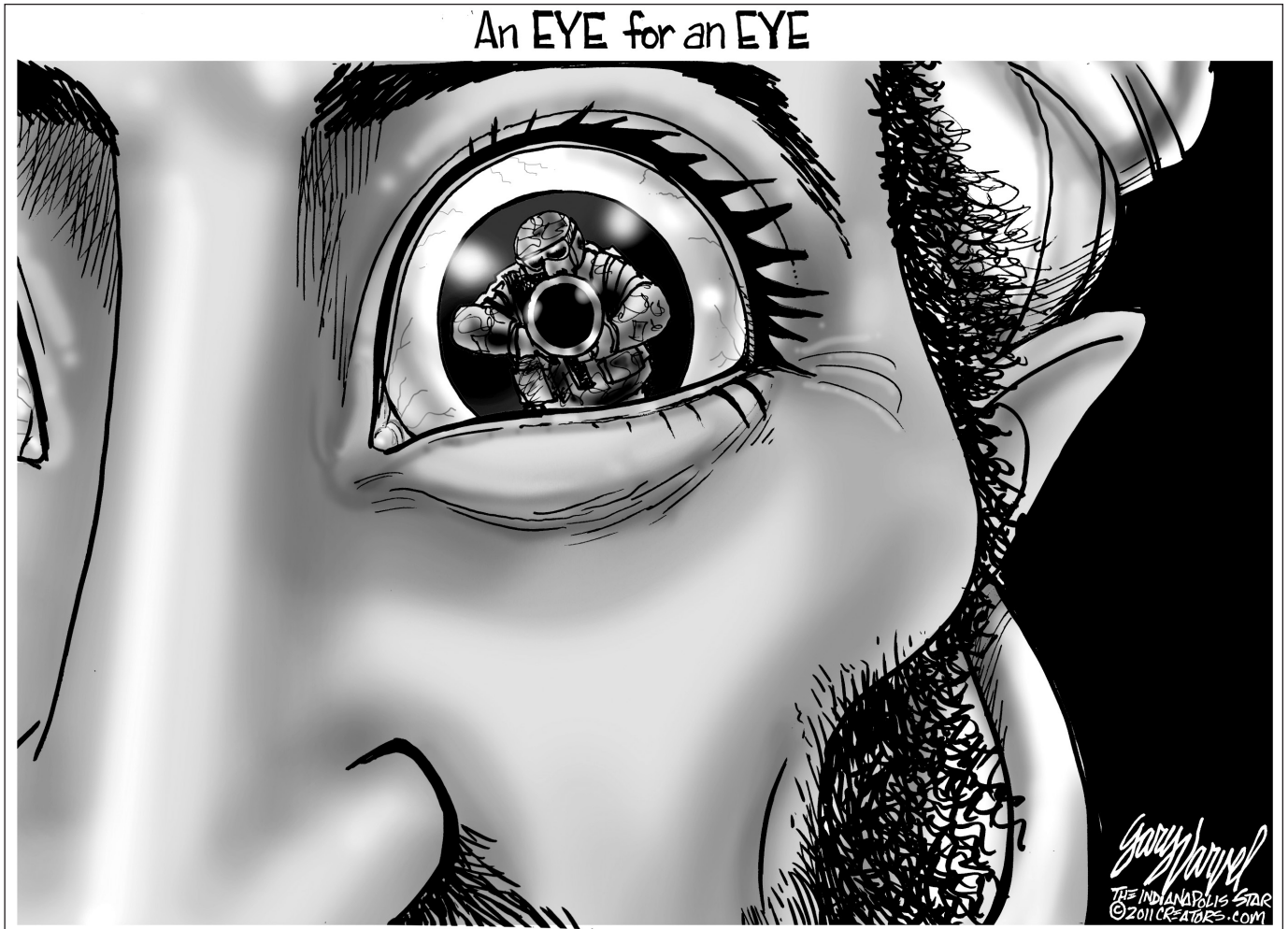
2012 HERBLOCK AWARD



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2012 NATIONAL HEADLINER AWARD



GARY VARVEL

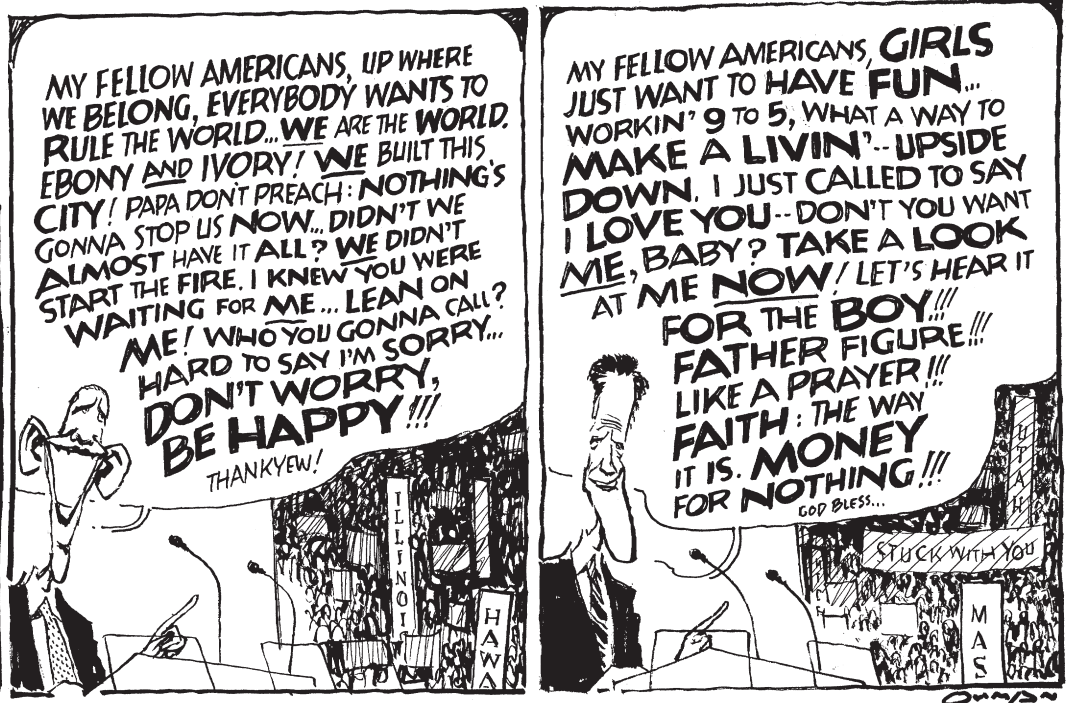
Editorial Cartoonist
Indianapolis Star

Born in Indianapolis, Indiana, 1957; artist for the *Indianapolis News*, 1978-84, and the *Indianapolis Star*, 1984 to the present; nine-time winner of the Indiana Society of Professional Journalists Award; eight-time winner of Best Editorial Cartoonist in the Hoosier State Press Association Competition; motivational speaker; cartoons distributed by Creators Syndicate.

2012 SCRIPPS HOWARD AWARD

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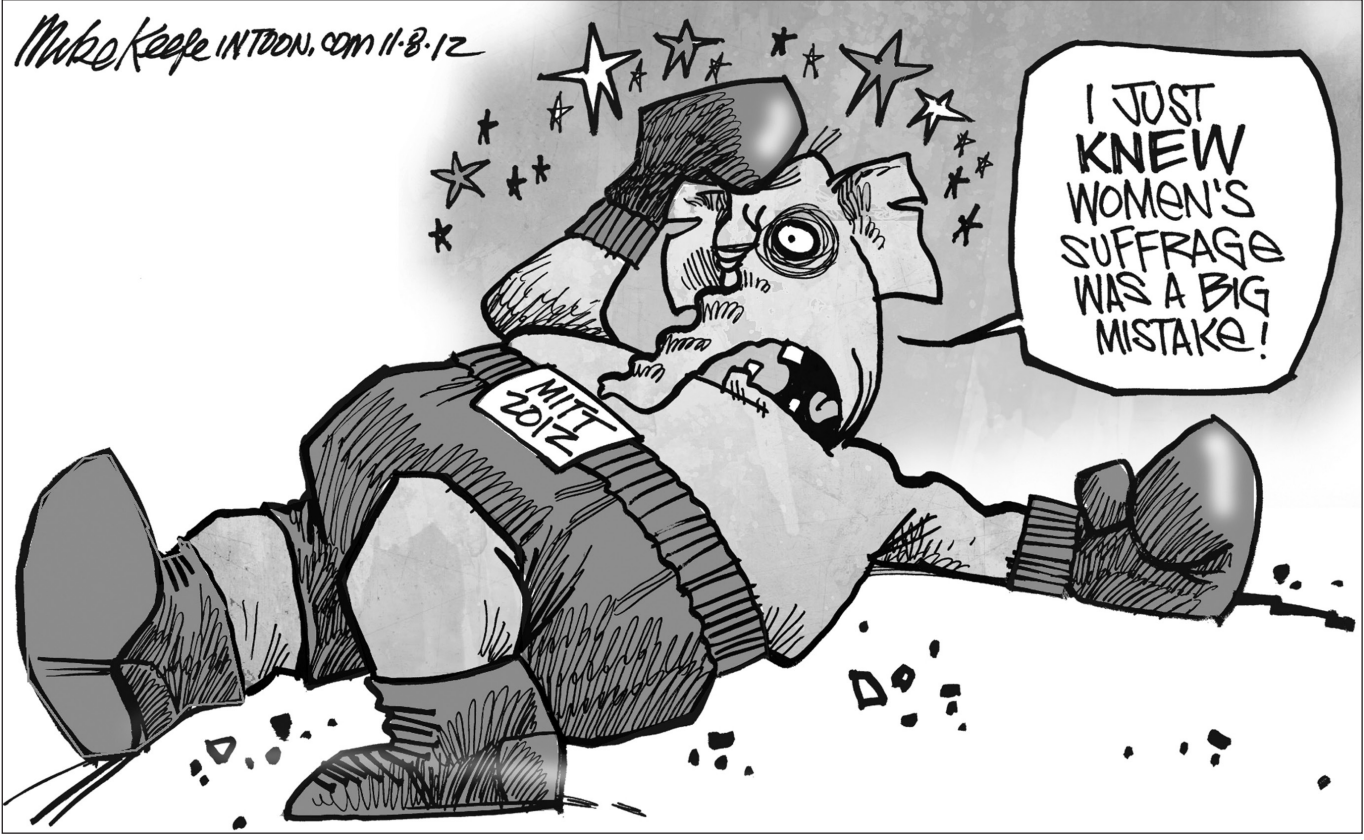
JACK OHMAN

Editorial Cartoonist
The Oregonian

Born in St. Paul, Minnesota, 1960; graduated with honors from Portland State University; editorial cartoonist for the *Columbus Dispatch*, 1981-82, the *Detroit Free Press*, 1982-83, and *The Oregonian*, 1983 to the present; winner of the Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence Award, 1980, the Thomas Nast Award, 1995, the National Headliner Award, 2002, and the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award, 2009; cartoons syndicated by Tribune Media Services.

**BEST
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OF THE YEAR**

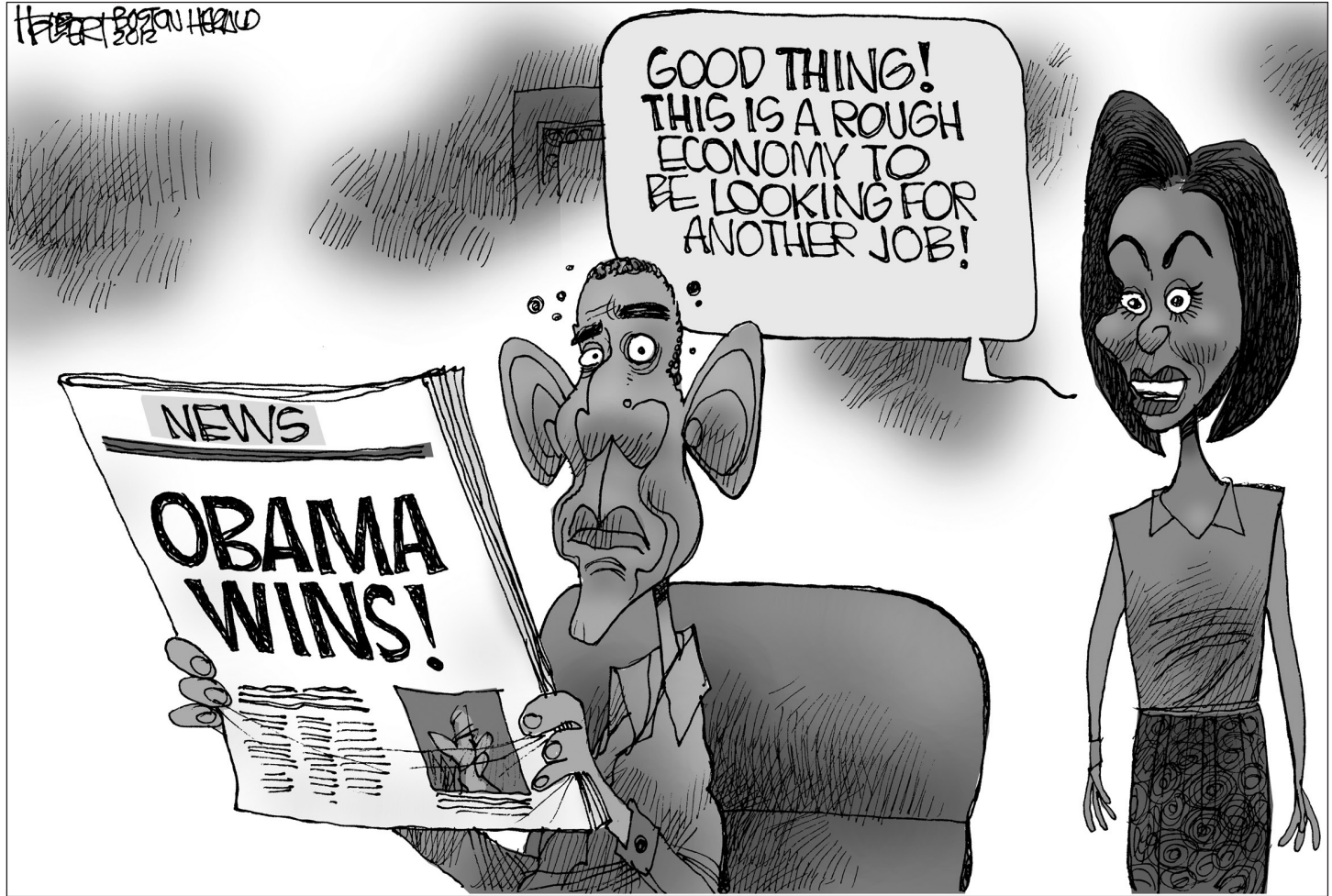
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MIKE KEEFE
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The Winner

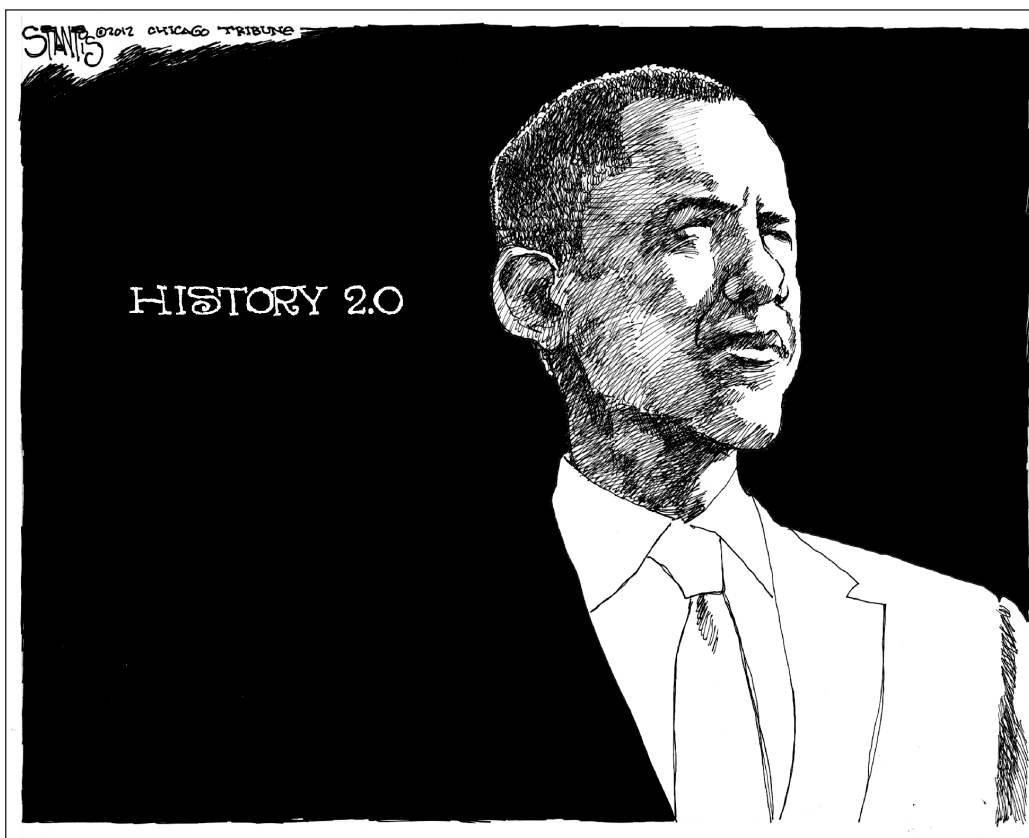
President Barack Obama withstood a strong October rally by Republican challenger Mitt Romney to win re-election November 6 to four more years in the White House. Women, Latinos, and the young turned out in large numbers and provided Obama's margin of victory.

It was a come-from-behind victory of sorts. Obama's standing in the polls had plummeted for a time in early October after his poor performance in the first of three televised debates. The president was roundly criticized, even by members of his own party, for what was generally seen as a lackluster effort. He recouped his standing somewhat in the final two debates.

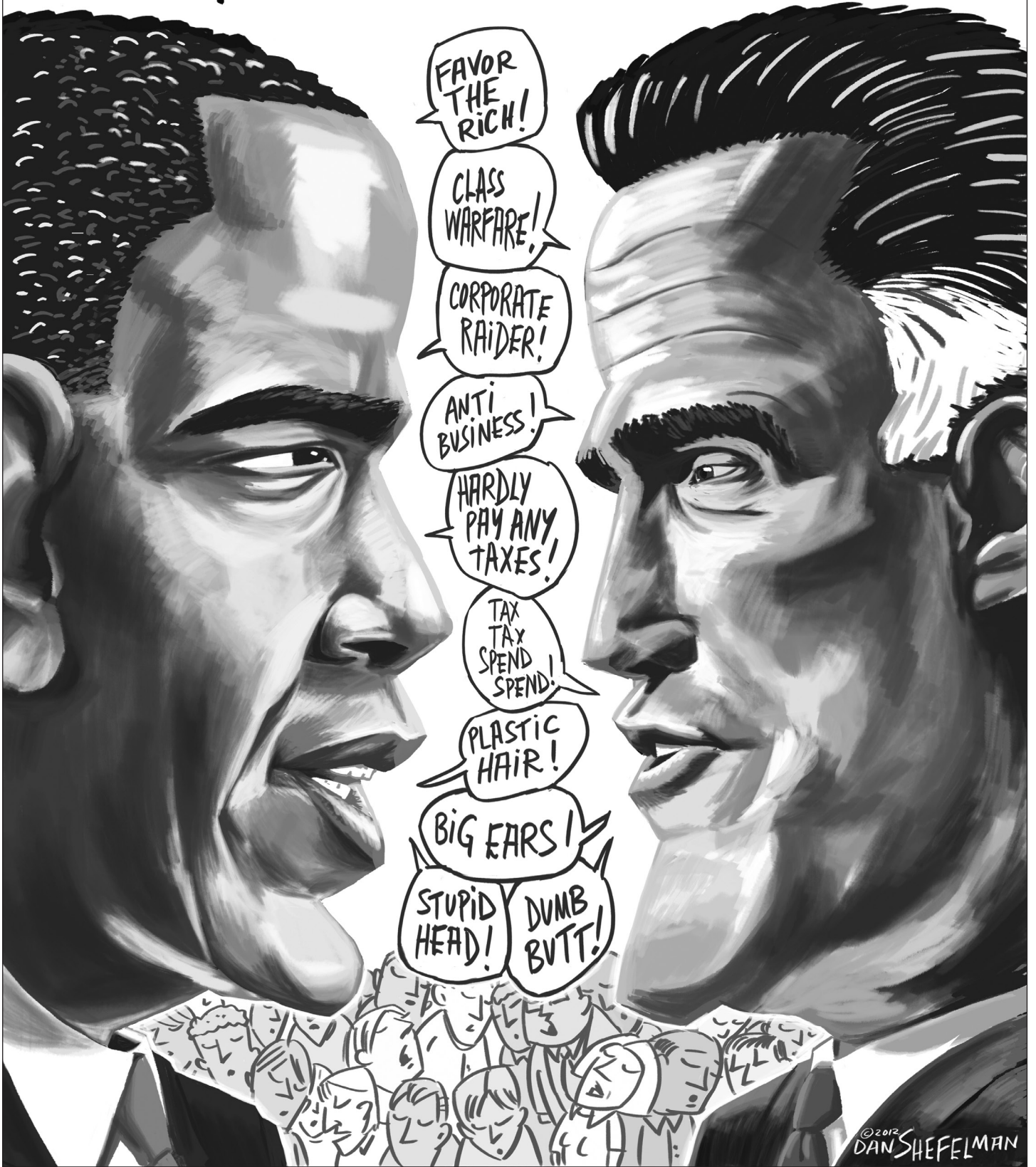
The major issues centered around jobs, a four-year-old recession, and the Obama administration's lack of genuine achievements. On election day, the unemployment rate remained stuck at 7.9 percent, slightly higher than when the president took office in 2009. A \$16 trillion national debt and a shaky foreign policy added to Obama's campaign challenge.

The destruction caused by Hurricane Sandy along the Eastern Seaboard at the end of October and the president's subsequent response lifted Obama's campaign, and by election day most pollsters gave him a slight edge.

SCOTT STANTIS
Courtesy Chicago Tribune



CAMPAIGN 2012: A NEGATIVE SPACE RACE



DAN SHEFELMAN
Courtesy Kenyon College Alumni Bulletin

Campaign 2012

The race for the Oval Office featured issues ranging from serious to silly. The sluggish economy threatened to derail President Obama's bid for reelection as unemployment remained around 8 percent and the national debt soared past \$16 trillion. Foreign affairs also presented problems for the president's campaign. On the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the American consulate in Benghazi was attacked by terrorists. Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other Americans were killed.

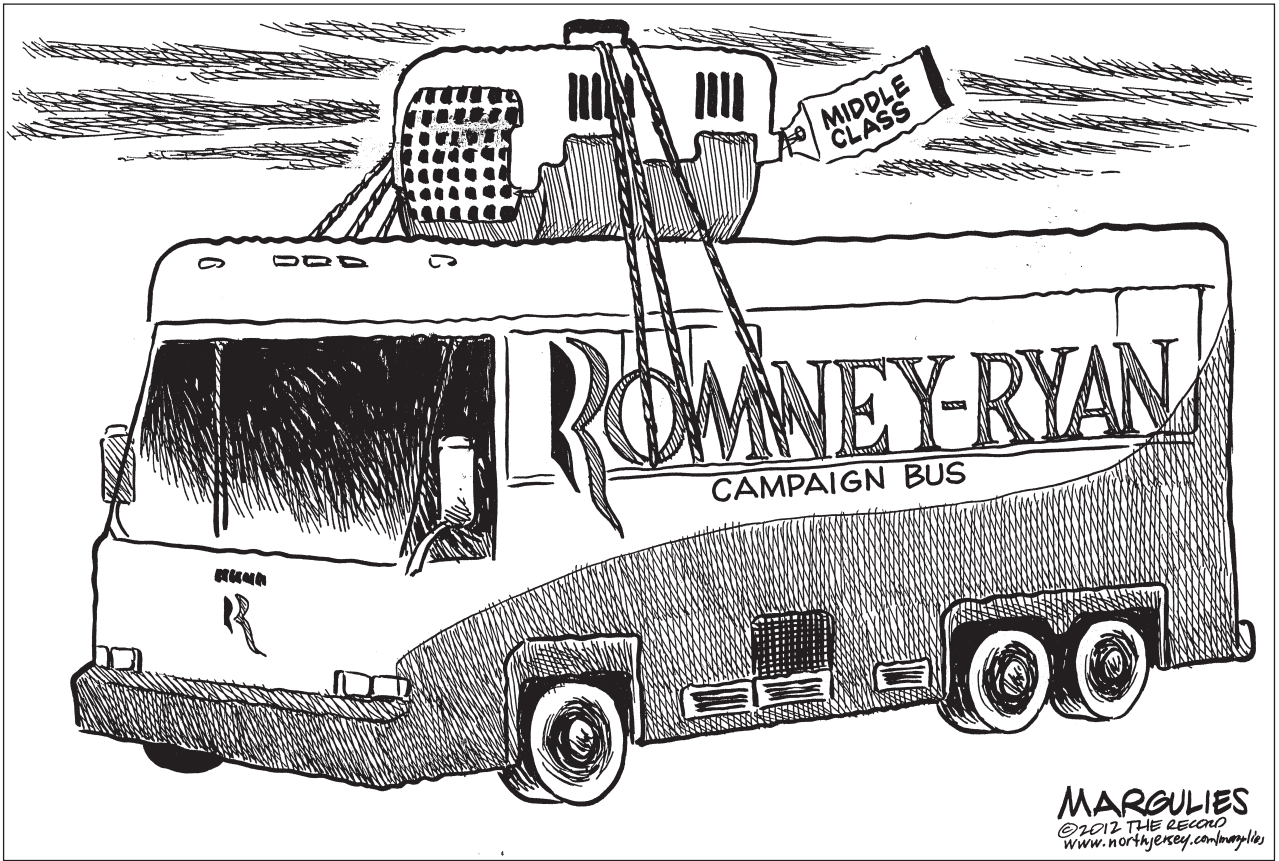
There was plenty of mudslinging. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, citing anonymous sources, claimed that Romney had paid no income taxes for years. The former head of Bain Capital, Romney was portrayed as a wealthy, uncaring businessman. Republican support for voter ID laws was characterized by Democrats as voter suppression.

Republicans seized upon a speech by Obama in which he said that businessmen owed their success to government assistance. The GOP made Obama's "You didn't build that" remark a key theme of its convention. Vice President Joe Biden maintained his propensity for misstatements and outright gaffes.

Romney was criticized for transporting his dog in a carrier on top of his car, and for trying to kill Sesame Street's Big Bird character. Romney's running mate, Rep. Paul Ryan, portrayed himself as a steadfast opponent of government spending.

ROBERT ENGLEHART
Courtesy Hartford Courant





JIMMY MARGULIES
Courtesy The Record (N.J.)

ROB ROGERS
Courtesy Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

