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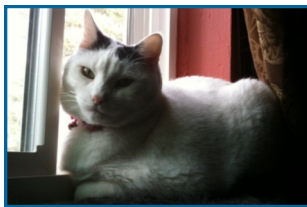
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How long til I get more cat treats??



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Is Social Media a Fad?

In this January issue, I have a heavy slant towards Facebook and similar sorts of social media. By this point and time, social media has become a standard means of communication. Whether or not you like it, it's here to stay and you better get used to it!

Okay, enough soap box. For me, Facebook (mainly) has been the most vital form of communication both in text and in photos to talk to family—but mostly friends—since moving to Colorado and even while I still lived in Lubbock. I have very few family members who even accept Facebook let alone start their own account! That's a shame, but it is what it is.

I joined Facebook in mid 2009, so about 3.5 years now, and it has changed quite a bit in that time. Well, whatever about history of it, Facebook currently uses a timeline setup where everything is organized according to a timetable. While this was controversial at first, I've found it to be a great way to see what goes on over time. I can look back and see a reasonable time organization of my posts, photos, and significant life events all the way back to birth! Now of course to add that kind of earlier stuff when Facebook didn't exist requires dating the information, photos, videos, etc, which then automatically organizes them according to date.



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This is the new way to have scrapbooks in a more comprehensive manner, digitally, and with various multimedia! Now while major life events are important (like engagements, weddings, family photos, etc.), still keep your traditional albums and such, but also add the social media element to give the whole experience more depth.

With some time and effort, you too can reconnect with people in a whole new way!

A Merry Heart Doeth Good Like a Medicine (Proverbs 17:22)

- I changed my iPod name to Titanic. It's syncing now.
- I tried to catch some fog. I mist.
- When chemists die, they barium.
- Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
- A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
- I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop anytime.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.
- The girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club but I'd never met herbivore.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.
- I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- They told me I had type A blood but it was a type O.
- Class trip to the Coca Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.
- The Energizer bunny was arrested and charged with battery.
- Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!
- Broken pencils are pointless.
- England has no kidney bank but it does have a Liverpool.
- I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.
- I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.
- Haunted French pancakes give me the crêpes.

CORRECTION

I put these journals together rather quickly, and while I DO proofread them, I can easily miss something. Part of one of my text boxes was hidden in the December 2012 issue.

The article started on page 1 under the below subheading.

What's that? And dogs too?

... Okay, so we just give it some time. Meanwhile after they got somewhat settled, we had a nice simple dinner of homemade spaghetti, salad, and French bread with Key lime pie for dessert. I eventually found the cat, but still don't know where she was hiding. [...then page 2]

The generic template clip art.



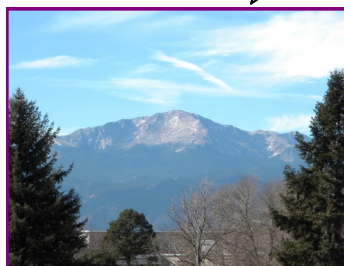
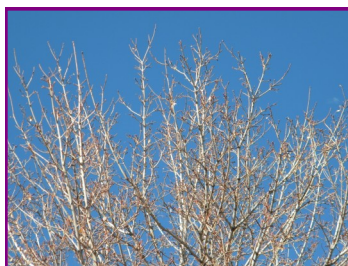
Photos of the Month



In Falcon, Colorado is an old barn and some land that's apparently called Richardson's Western Supply. Now this place appears to be loooong past its heyday of whatever exactly it was. But near the road and in front of the building are these figures. They have definitely seen better days. I passed them many times before I finally stopped on this nice clear day to take these photos.



Just recently, I was with dad while he was doing something at a park near the house, when this beautiful, warmer winter day was awesome to take photos of the mountains, sky, trees, and clouds!



Light winter day.

Continued Culinary Quests

I tried a new cake recipe recently. It's called a Zebra Cake. It's basically a particular mix of yellow and chocolate cakes that bake out as stripes, and if made into a double layer with frosting looks really cool! It's on Pinterest:

<http://pinterest.com/pin/162622236514790461>

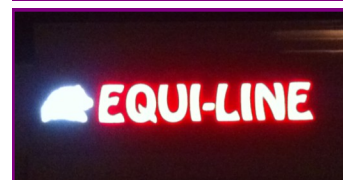


And check out my Pinterest page as well.

A New Job, Sorta

Starting in December, I sort of started working for a company. Now I say sort of because, it's not a wage job. I only make money by way of commission, and these are not guaranteed by any means! The company is called Equi-Line and is a consignment shop selling

used saddles (English, Western, Aussie), tack, riding clothes, crafts, animal meds, etc. What I do is to sell selected items on eBay and make a commission of what sells. So far it's been fun and interesting to learn new things and to clarify other things I've known.



<http://pinterest.com/cowboyrg>



<http://www.facebook.com/rg.destolfe>



<http://myworld.ebay.com/cowboyrg>

It's for the Birds

Well, you've seen my squirrels of the back yard, now here are the birds of the back yard!

I've had a difficult time trying to identify some of these birds, and have come up with a no clue! There are far too many birds and too many that are too similar! Any help to identify or correct the birds I have here is appreciated!



Above: Okay, so these birds were in Lubbock. But you don't usually see this many out at one time! Burrowing owl, *Athene cunicularia*.

Below left: Mourning dove, *Zenaida macroura*.

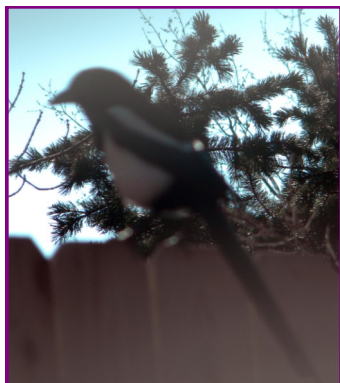
Below right: Eurasian collared dove, *Streptopelia decaocto*



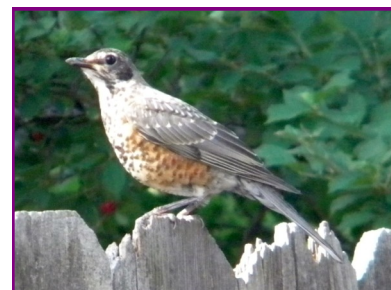
Left: Blue jay, *Cyanocitta cristata*



*Any help identifying the rest of these birds is appreciated!
(I've seen many of them before, but don't know what they are called.)*



Above: This was the only shot I could get of this Magpie before it flew away, *Pica hudsonia*



The strange, goofy, odd, wacky, and stupid posts and photos on my Facebook timeline in 2012!

Just as the title states, these are my posts and photos I made on Facebook in 2012! This is a wide range of comments, statuses, observations, check-ins, and photos during 2012, especially since it became a year of change and various travels.

January 19, 2012

Been a long time since I've been here. Pancakes!
— at Slide Breakfast House.

January 22, 2012

Look at all the fishes!
— at Mr. Aquarium.

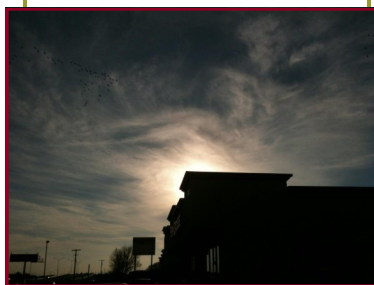
January 23, 2012

Having a freat! Yummy!! (cool process too!) — at Stripes-34Th & Milwaukee.

February 6, 2012 via mobile

near Lubbock

Not quite sunset with Canada geese flying by in the corner (late January in NW Lubbock).



February 12, 2012

near Lubbock

Got a little fire going in the fireplace and choosing to rest today! (First full day I've had off in a while.)

Some mesquite twigs and voilà!



February 12, 2012 near Lubbock via mobile

Well... Finally took down my Christmas trees! Hey! I'm not a redneck! :-}

Illegal activities. Income from illegal activities, such as money from dealing illegal drugs, must be included in your income on Form 1040, line 21, or on Schedule C or Schedule C-EZ (Form 1040) if from your self-employment activity.

March 8, 2012

Really IRS?? You think people will actually report this?? (I don't know... there may be one or two!)

March 12, 2012

Gittin da clothes clean!
— at Southwest Laundry.

March 16, 2012

Mar 16, 2012 6:05pm
Well... will you look at that! What's that stuff coming from the sky? :->

March 22, 2012 near Lubbock via mobile

Saw my first robin today! (The first in several years, actually.)



April 9, 2012 near Lubbock

What's that liquid stuff coming down from the night sky?? :-)



April 14, 2012

Anyone hungry for a steak? How about some chicken or shrimp or salmon? How about some cheesecake or our decadent chocolate chip cake for dessert? Mouth watering yet??
— at Steak Express.

April 19, 2012 via mobile

near Raton, NM

Raton Pass, Colorado.

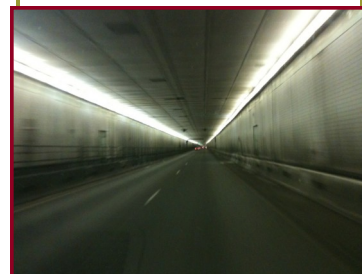


April 21, 2012 near Colorado Springs, CO via mobile

Well... Leaving Colorado Springs to Grand Junction on this leg of the trip! Up to Denver then I70 the rest of the way. Should be a good drive!

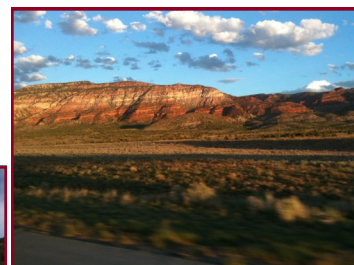
April 21, 2012 near Keystone, CO

Excellent example of one point perspective!



April 23, 2012 near Grand Junction, CO via mobile

For some unknown reason, we are leaving this early in the morning to go to Las Vegas! From 3ish on, we'll get there about noon!



April 23, 2012 near Sigurd, UT

My morning view in Utah.

April 23, 2012 near Paragonah, UT

80 mph!



On my Facebook timeline in 2012

April 23, 2012 near Las Vegas, NV via mobile

Finally got into the room and cleaned up after having a full, delicious 10 oz sirloin dinner for \$7.99 at a place called Ellis Island Casino!

April 23, 2012 near Paradise, Nevada

Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas sign near the airport at one end of the strip. We started at one end and drove straight down Las Vegas Boulevard to this sign (a little backwards perhaps, but whatever).



April 24, 2012 near Paradise, Nevada

Yum yum!



April 26, 2012 near Paradise, Nevada via mobile

Leaving Las Vegas. It's been fun, but it's now time to go! A little of Las Vegas is plenty enough!

April 26, 2012 near Richfield, UT via mobile

Just rolling along watching the various landscapes as they go by. These parts of Utah have pretty mountains and valleys; full of farming (hay mostly) and cows and horses.

April 26, 2012 via mobile

Still going down the road. It's a long drive from Las Vegas to Colorado Springs!

April 26, 2012 near Colorado Springs, CO via mobile

After about 18 hours, finally back in Colorado Springs!

I do not recommend ever doing this again!

April 28, 2012 near Colorado Springs, CO

Here's an interesting photo of my dad's cat. Cats are too funny when they're chasing a bug!



April 28, 2012 near Colorado Springs, CO via mobile

Well, the past 10 days have been awesome with the many things we did. But it's time to go back home. So, I'll be on my way back on Sunday. I know there are some out there who will be glad for me to be back! :->

April 29, 2012

Finally in Texas (well, have been for a while) and now I'm hungry! Time to eat! Just south of Amarillo. — at Whataburger Restaurants.

April 29, 2012 near Lubbock via mobile

Well, I'm back home safe and sound. Wow, what nasty weather to drive through south of Tulia to Lubbock! (My truck is super clean now of bugs!) had a similar episode between Raton and Clayton, New Mexico.

May 8, 2012 near Lubbock via mobile

Welp, I have one week to pack and take care of the things needed for moving out of a house. Tonight, it's more sorting and packing. I have my garage sale on Friday. I hope (and need) to make some money from that sale.

May 9, 2012

Dinner, cause there aren't any in Colorado! — at Blue Sky.

May 12, 2012

— at On the Border

“Send-off dinner for RG. We ♥ you !!! God bless your journey abundantly in every heavenly way!”

“Our gang out for one last time. End of a season... On to a new one. Thank you, God, for these dear friends!!”

“Best Friends Forever. The Lord has blessed all of us over the past year. Now as we go our separate ways, His hand is still upon us. “

May 13, 2012

My last weekend, but it's all good! — at West Texas Church at the Barn.

May 13, 2012

Need to eat some healthy food! (mental note: stay away from the strawberry pound cake!) — at Souper Salad.



May 13, 2012 near Lubbock

Starting on April 21, 2003 (Easter Monday) at this place, I have been going to West Texas Church at the Barn for just over 9 years now! I have truly understood what it means to have a family! Forever am I blessed with such an awesome church family! Now that a new stage/phase/season is about to start, it's time to be off to greater things as God directs! Thank you WTCB for an excellent and awesome 9 years!! :-]

On my Facebook timeline in 2012

May 14, 2012 near Lubbock via mobile

I want to thank the whole body of WTCB for the wonderful service and send off tonight! I'll be riding down the trail a ways for a while, but the same trail will bring me back for visits!

Thank you church family and thank you Father!

May 18, 2012 near Tyler, TX via mobile

Well, here I am in Tyler, Texas. First time here. Should be a good, relaxing weekend! (I definitely can use it! :-)

May 25, 2012

Love that chicken from p... No wait! Wrong restaurant! :-> — at Chick-fil-A Lubbock (69th & Slide).

This poem requires some explanation. After I moved out of my duplex and after I came back from my trip to Tyler, I found myself in the awkward position of not being able to move yet to Colorado Springs and not able to stay in a motel for more than a night or two. I was in the position that until I could get together what I needed to actually get mobile to move, I would just have to stay in Lubbock for a time. That time was about two weeks. For the majority of that time, I simply had to sleep in my truck. I parked in a relatively safe [undisclosed location] which I will say had pens and a barn. [And to ease any questions, the barn had a shower so I could get clean.] During one of the nights before I went to sleep, I just sat and watched the things going on during that cool evening. Before I went to sleep.

June 3, 2012 near Shallowater via mobile

Well finally, I see Lubbock in my rear view mirror! (actually I see boxes!) Now on my way!

June 4, 2012 near Colorado Springs, CO via mobile

Well, finally in the Springs! Took long enough, but I am finally here! Thank you to all who have helped me over the interim! God has noticed your kindness and willingness, and has great rewards for you even now here in this lifetime, but also jewels in your crown that you will lay at the feet of Jesus! Thank you all so very much! :-]

May 24, 2012 near Wolforth via mobile

In the cool of the night

By RG de Stolfe
5.24.12

A toad hunkers flat
When you get too close
A rock is the act
Especially when poking it so

A cotton tail comes out
From under the shed
And hops all about
With haste and dread

Out in the fields
Crickets chureep
with melodic appeals
And repeating cheeps

In the cool of the night
Under the sky so dark
With many stars
Shining so stark

I rest in wait
For the time to draw near
To load up and see
Lubbock in my rear view mirr!



June 7, 2012 near Colorado Springs, CO

Never could figure out how this happens versus just simply snowing! Especially how the hail forms into such drastic differences of size.

June 8, 2012 via GoRecommend [Smashburger]

Delicious Angus burgers and yummy olive oil and rosemary fries! Can't beat it! (I hear the milkshakes are the best, will try it sometime soon.)

June 10, 2012 near Colorado Springs, CO

Well, tonight it's supposed to be mid 40s for the low! Not bad for late Spring. Should I leave the windows open?

June 20, 2012 near Colorado Springs, CO via mobile

Happy longest day of the year! Here's an idea... Everyone report when the sun visibly goes down in your area by posting the time and your location.

[editor's note: no one posted anything!]

July 14, 2012

Time for a Dr Pepper. — at Pak A Sak. [Amarillo]

July 16, 2012

Finished up with the class a while ago. Went pretty well. Did pole bending and had the Masked Rider come! — at National Ranching Heritage Center.

July 19, 2012

We no have these in Colorado! — at Whataburger Restaurants.

July 20, 2012

Finished up with the classes. The kids and helpers had a great time! Another year for the Summer Youth Classes! — at National Ranching Heritage Center.

July 22, 2012 near Lubbock via mobile

On my way out from Lubbock. It's been a nice visit, but time to leave. Y'all have a good day!

July 22, 2012

Gas n bath. — at Pak A Sak.

August 18, 2012 near Colorado Springs, CO

I was at smash burger last night, and the last of my fries sort of looked like a character from the far east! Not certain what language, though.



September 9, 2012

Always yummy pizza! — at Borriello Brothers Pizza.

September 22, 2012

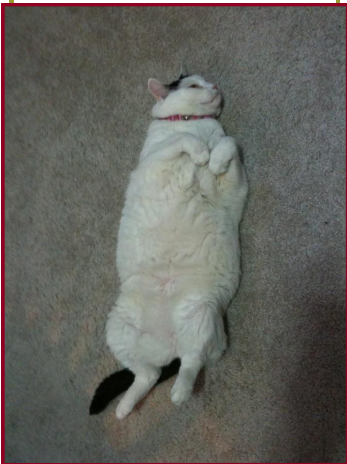
Well, today was a happy kitty this afternoon in the sun and rolling in the grass and dirt!



On my Facebook timeline in 2012

October 3, 2012 near Colorado Springs, CO

This is our cat's impression of road kill! :-}



October 11, 2012 near Colorado Springs, CO

Tell you what, Terry Bradshaw on the Tonight Show... AWESOME! Jay had his hands full with him!

November 3, 2012 near Colorado Springs, CO

Time for some yummy bread!

[Comment]: "That scared me,..... It looks like the top of a bald man's head!"

November 4, 2012 at 1:16am

Rg de Stofle: Ha, ha, ha! Now that you said it... yup! Ha, ha!

November 4, 2012 at 2:04am



November 19, 2012 via Dole Bananas Monday Friday

"World's most perfect food." Don't know about that, but they are tasty!

November 22, 2012 near Colorado Springs, CO via mobile

To everyone out in Facebookland, I hope you have had an excellent, fantastic, über great holiday full of friends, family, and God!

Now don't forget to turn back the scales 10 pounds tonight and underestimate your bank account to 25% of what you think you have for the weekend!

December 5, 2012 via GoRecommend

Smashburger is yummy! 'nuff said!



December 11, 2012 via Friskies Catify Yourself



December 11, 2012

Just got in my new iPhone 4! It's about time I got caught up!

December 27, 2012 near Falcon, CO

Once again, it's cold enough for snow to fall in nice, unique hexagonal designs!



December 28, 2012

Yummy burgers and custard! And they're in Texas too! — at Culver's.

December 29, 2012 near Colorado Springs, CO

Really??? Pretty cold! No wonder that the leftover snow still blows around like sand! (And still looks like snowflakes.)



December 31, 2012 near Colorado Springs, CO

Happy New Year to all those in Facebookland!

January 1 near Colorado Springs, CO via mobile

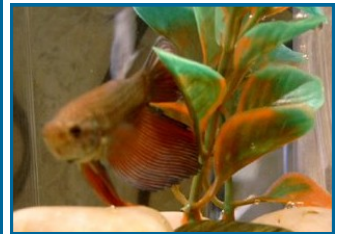
Happy New Year 2013!!

Mes Poissons

Over the past few years, I've had some fish in my one gallon fish tank. And yes, I named them!



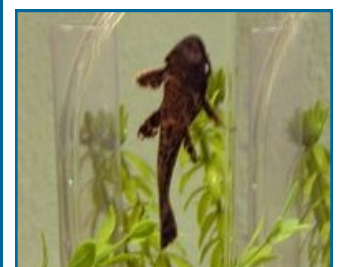
This was my first Betta. His name was Jake. He was a red and blue Siamese fighting fish. I had him for about two years.



This is my next betta. His name was Red (duh) or sometimes Fishy, an all red Siamese fighting fish. I had him for over a year. While I had this betta, I also kept two different snails at different times, a black shelled snail and a yellow shelled snail. The snails were very active, then had periods of no movement at all! Each lasted two to three weeks.



At another time while I had Red, I had a plecostomus, a suckerfish, I called Shimmy. He was very active to keep the tank clean. I noticed that Shimmy liked to "play" with Red. One day, I found Shimmy at the bottom of the tank. I guess Red had enough!



Back Page Literature

These are some other Facebook posts from 2012 that I thought were interesting for the Back Page Literature.



November 13, 2012

Rg de Stolfe: Hello all, I'm just starting to hear about this. I would like to know what all y'all's opinions are about Texas seceding from the United States back into its own country (like in 1836 to 1845). Besides all the technical issues, what are your general opinions about the issue?

Person W comment:

According to the news agencies, there are 23 or so states that have filed for leaving the union. As for Texas, I wish we could leave the union. My entire life I have heard that Texas could leave the Union if it so choose. Supposedly, it is written in the Texas Constitution. I have researched and read all of the parts of our

December 30, 2012 near Colorado Springs, CO

Weekly Scripture, December 30, 2012

I am not a political person, nor do I ever want to be! But, one issue must be addressed in order for the people of today in the US to have some sort of hope. As I'm writing this, we have our elected officials discussing how to thwart the so called fiscal cliff. Sadly, with the current state of affairs with these discussions, as well as the last minute timing—considering they truly had years to solve this—It will literally take plunging deep over this financial crag for any real change to happen. The change that needs to happen is not about this current issue, but about the complete dysfunction of government to do its job without self-sanctified, reserved gluttons and greed! This

stronghold is evil controlled and driven, and the evil one has no intention of letting go easily!

Now here's the hope!! John 16:33 (Amplified) states, "*I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world, you will have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I [Jesus] have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]*"

No matter how the fiscal cliff issue turns out, we are obligated—and have the right!—to give and be more giving to other people! We do not have the right to cling to what we have left out of fear for what we think we will lose! The more we give willingly, the more we

constitution that would contain this statement. No where in our Constitution does it have an amendment that states Texas can secede from the Union. What have I found is that all of the states that returned to Union after the Civil War are considered conquered territories. AND according to this we cannot leave the Union even if we wanted to. Personally, I WANT TO LEAVE THE UNION.

November 13, 2012 at 6:43pm

Rg de Stolfe: Interesting. I have heard about an update of the Texas constitution sometime in the late 1800s or early 1900s (?) that could have changed that Re-Admission dominance if it actually was set up that way for Texas. Does anyone know anything more about this?

November 13, 2012 at 6:49pm

give God the right to take care of us richly to where the world cannot harm us! We must understand this basic Biblical concept if we are to live according to how God desires us to function! God will take care of us, but we must have an open heart and must be willing! Sorrowfully, most of us—even devout Christians—out of deep-seated fear truly are not open and willing! >:-{



Person X comment: I have a friend who writes history curriculum books. I'll tag her in and see what she knows...

November 13, 2012 at 7:00pm

Person Y comment: No state will be allowed to secede from the union, peacefully at least. It is not true that the Texas constitution allows for secession. No matter what we think about the present situation in our country, we are stuck with it until we can change things.

November 13, 2012 at 7:56pm

Person Z comment: Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia says that no state can legally secede. I say that elections can't be allowed to be stolen. If widespread voter fraud - possibly leading to a stolen election - is allowed to stand without a complete review of the alleged fraud, then states can secede - regardless of what the law or a Supreme Court Justice says.

November 13, 2012 at 10:10pm via mobile

Rg de Stolfe: Again, interesting. No doubt that there was voter fraud. With such a perceived close race, no one would generally suspect a small percentage of votes frauded in favor of a certain candidate! The real question is more with the electoral college. I wonder who was paid off to vote a certain way to make the majority in favor of a certain candidate! In any case, to secede requires a thorough examination to limit the damage caused by such an act.

November 13, 2012 at 11:14pm