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## Lady Lake Chamber Beautification Award



The Lady Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Beautification Award was presented to Holiday Inn Express after their extensive renovation. They are located at 1205 Avenida Central, The Villages, FL 32159. Left to right: Judy Schell of Ad Specialties by Schell and Chamber President, Alan Patel, Member of the Holiday Inn Express LLC, Jim Richards, Town of Lady Lake Mayor, David Murdock, Holiday Inn Express Manager, Ruth Kussard, Town of Lady Lake Commissioner and Mayor Protem, and Jeanne Lazo, Lady Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Director and Manager of United Southern Bank - Lady Lake & The Villages branches.

## Tom's Picks Work

A gentleman called the other day and said he was sick and could not do his chores and needed someone to help. A handyman came to the rescue from Tom's Picks. It makes us feel good to be able to help people.

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## It's a Small World

Tom Loury

Did you ever wonder what ever happened to this person and that person from high school?

Last year I went back to answer that question. What ever happened to the guy that set next to me in High School Band, or what happened to that bully or are any of the teachers alive any more? What did our classmates do with the rest of there lives? We had a list of celebrities; Bob Butterworth, I believe he was the Attorney General of Florida, BJ Thomas is a famous singer, etc. I met one guy who was with the CIA and another person was a star football player who now, rumor has it, collects money for the mob. Leon Chira owns or did own a bunch of hotels in Orlando, he was real successful.

It was common knowledge that one person I knew was put into the witness protection program. No one has seen him since.

We had a number of mafia kids in our school, most of us did not know it at the time. We lost a large number in Vietnam during the war.

But the big surprise was to see how many classmates lived in the Villages. All were the salt of the earth people who worked hard and made their money the honest way and retired. They went to South Broward High in the 60's.

Early June we went to my wife's class reunion. What a hoot seeing people we had not seen in many years. Tucker Frederickson attended, he was the star football player. One guy was a veterinarian, his father had been my family doctor and again there were a number of my wife's classmates that live in the Villages. Several live in Ocala, one has a horse farm, one retired two years ago from the Marion County Sheriff Dept. One was a teacher in Dunnellon.

The other interesting and thankful feature was none of the Bullies survived or at least they were not there.

There are lots of stories within this story but I wanted to point out that it is a small world. It took over 50 years for "old people" to take over my class reunion. I wonder if there will be another for me????

## Ocala Fire Rescue Receives WTC Artifact

(OCALA, Fla.) When a non-descript cardboard box weighing 40 pounds was delivered to Ocala Fire Rescue recently, Battalion Chief Brian Stoothoff knew exactly what was contained within from looking at the return address: The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey.

This story actually began two years ago. "I read in a magazine an article that the Port Authority was offering steel from the World Trade Center to organizations that would commit to creating a display to preserve the memory of those who lost their lives on 9/11. I immediately drafted a letter and completed the required paperwork. I was elated when we received notification that Ocala would be receiving an artifact" states Battalion Chief Brian Stoothoff.

The piece of steel beam will soon be placed on display inside the Fire Administration building, as a powerful remembrance of the events that unfolded on 9-11-01, where 2,606 civilians including 343 New York

firefighters died in the collapse of the World Trade Center buildings. Although the piece of steel is rusted and battered, the steel beam has special meaning. It is not known which tower the steel is from, however it is marked by investigators in white chalk as piece number H-0061s. "My hope is to eventually create an exhibit to display the steel beam in a fire station where people can sit and reflect on what happened that day. We have photographs and other memorabilia that we would like to have appropriately displayed" states Chief Stoothoff.

This September will mark the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.



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■=A.J. "Tony" Powell

## As I SEE IT

Here's a recent response to a previous column. "In reading your article in the Spectator, I was very happy to see somebody else is saying what I have saying for 2 years. If everyone would do what I have doing then it would start to work. If I want to buy something and can't find 'American made' I tell the manager that I will not buy anything until they have articles made in America. Tell this to the manager because just telling an employee doesn't do any good. If everybody does this and they can't sell foreign material then they will have to start stocking American made.

PC (name withheld).  
I agree 100% with this writer - the so-called 'deficit' is the amount of money that 'big business' and the government sends to foreign countries. That has to stop. No amount of tax increases or budget cuts will ever eliminate that debt. "Buy American" is the only way to go.

By the time this column is published, our elected leaders will have made a fateful choice – borrow more money to pay their bills or go broke.

The Democrats want to rob the rich to feed the poor with higher taxes and more

benefits.. The Republicans prefer to rob the poor to feed the rich with lower taxes and fewer benefits.

A week before that fateful day, I anticipated that stock markets around the world would crash for a day or two – This would cost the super-rich rulers of the world billions of dollars. At that point they would force the politicians to pay up.

In the meantime, America's massive racial wealth gap continues to grow. Back in the days of the 'Great Depression', poor white families suffered, but black and Hispanic people did even worse. Since then, not much has got better. Our current 'Great Recession' has turned the wealth gap between white and black families into a gaping chasm. The financial gap between whites and minorities has become increasingly lopsided. The wealth divide between whites and blacks and Hispanic households is bigger now than any time in the past 25 years.

About ten years ago, white households were about 18-20 times wealthier than blacks and Hispanics. Thanks to the Republicans policy of transferring wealth from the poor to the rich, every group's income fell. Over that same time frame, Hispanics wealth plummeted 66%, versus about 53% for blacks and, surprisingly, 54% for Asians.

This is not an argument about a few dollars difference between each racial group, because during the same time period, whites lost only about 16% - less than one third of the other groups.

Probably the most striking difference

is that the average white household had a net worth of about \$113,000, while a black household had less than \$5,700. The Hispanics did a little better at over \$6,000. But how is it that the average Asian household had over \$78,000?

How do you figure out a families wealth?

Typically you'd just add up the value of all their possessions. – a house, a car, money in the bank, and other assets. Then deduct their debts and liabilities like mortgages, car loans, credit cards, etc.).

This is a more reliable indicator of 'wealth' than just looking at someone's income, because eventually, your income stops. But your assets (wealth) can be passed on to the next generation and your children tend to benefit with a better home life, more amenities, and a better education. So these inequalities steadily grow with time. Like the saying goes "The rich get richer, while the poor get poorer".

More recently, the decline in home prices and current recession has taken a greater toll minorities more than for white people. At the same time, the housing collapse was especially hard on Hispanics because they are concentrated in states like Florida, California, Arizona, and Nevada - the same areas where the housing values have really collapsed.

The theory is that white households have more assets, including savings and retirement plans, while blacks and Hispanics had just their homes. Then when the stock mar-

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# The Root of All Evil

By Charlotte Poss

Our nation is fighting over money, which in other terms are called taxes. Why is it that the wealthiest in our nation always get away with the tax breaks?

Just the other day it was stated on the evening news that this billionaire had given twenty million dollars to charity. Therefore, he was entitled to a tax write off for this donation. I am not against money going to charity, but I am interested where this gift of money went. If twenty million dollars went to a charity outside of the United States, should this billionaire have the right to take the tax dollars away from the United States? Helping outside of the country and then using the U.S for the tax deduction is the same as robbing the underprivileged in

this country. Someone has to make up the tax dollars that were not paid. So, if the wealthiest of this nation keep saying that by paying taxes on their wealth, is an increase in taxes, they mean it is an increase in taxes to all who are not this nation's wealthiest. The middle class pay again and the low income pay through cuts in their Social Security benefits.

It has always been said that taking from the rich to help the poor is like Robin Hood. But it is robbing from the poor here to help the poor elsewhere fair? Our modern day Robin Hood does not call it robbing he calls it a legal tax deduction. What a great nation, tax the poor to feed the poor.

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The Lady Lake Chamber of Commerce held their monthly Breakfast with the Lady Lake Kiwanis as the sponsor. Left is Loretta Lembo, President of the Lady Lake Kiwanis and right is the Chamber Breakfast speaker Patrick L. Smith, Attorney & Counselor at Law. Patrick spoke on 'Small Business' and gave some legal tips for businesses.



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“Today You are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is Youer than You.”

“Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.” - Dr. Seuss

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Liars Win!

How true the Dr. Seuss writings are, that is why so many people will sit back and let other do their bidding for all the wrong reasons and they don't like confrontation. There are those who will lie, connive, manipulate

and in many cases they win. Make no mistake it is not for your good it is to further their own agenda. But always remember it always comes out right IN THE END! The GM wants the person that will say anything to him look good when his upper cooperate CEO come to visit.

I have worked for several fairly large corporations. The best story, not the truth, excels and I ask myself why? The only thing I can come up with is that CEOs that run these sub-level corporations like the story they hear. They are being told what they want to hear and the person who tells the truth and exposes the reality gets discouraged and leaves and goes on to be a success somewhere else.

The difference between perception and reality: Perception is never real! Reality is never nice to hear!

Apply this to what is going on in the White House and you will see a good example. Most CEOs don't want the whole truth and nothing but the truth!

Be true to yourself and to God, the rest will take care of itself, you have no one else to please but yourself to sleep at night.

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Missouri has NO ILLEGALS, WHY.

First no illegals demonstrate. The state government put a proposed constitutional amendment designating English as their official language it passed by 98%.

Now law enforcement officials check the immigration status of any person arrested and if illegal they inform federal authorities.

Illegal immigrants have no access to tax-

payers' benefits such as food stamps and state health care. The state has passed legislation to make it a crime to give financial aid illegals. No school financial aid.

Bottom line is that Missouri has no non-tax paying citizens.

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We have the greatest nation ever mustered anywhere in the world. There are forces that want to change us and bring us down to their level. The real force in this nation is the people. We have been tested before, we're being tested now and will be tested again. We must stand for what is right, expose the untruths and move on. In charm school they teach you to say untruths in stead of calling someone a liar. Candy coated, it all means the same thing! A Liar is a Liar!

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Anyone know a good fair veterinarian. I took my dog to the vet last week and on the first day we gave them \$400 and he was diagnosed with stones which is what we said was going in. The second day was an operation to flush the stones out. I was told maybe \$500 or \$600 at the most, but it was \$900. I was looking for a fair vet when I went in there and if he was, and charged what he said, I would still go back. I'm damn sure not going back now. \$1300 - that's why people won't keep pets because they get leaned over and their pocket cleaned. We had a good vet that was fair, he sold his business and the new guy wanted to get rich quick. So if you have a good fair Vet let me know.

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Media Matters

Media Matters is a 501C3. It is Government funded which means we, the tax payers, are funding the organization. Their stated mission is to shut down Fox News. The start up funds came from George Soros. He is the Puppet Master.

David Brock is the CEO and is a higher up in the Soros Group. 2nd in command is Ari Rabin-Havt and in my opinion is a right wing hit man that brought down Clinton.

Sources say they are targeting Fox News staff, staff's family, friends, clients, management and owners. Maybe that is why Glenn Beck is leaving, because he has been exposing Soros, maybe Beck was making it to hot for Fox News.

Rupert Murdoch who owns Fox Media Group worldwide had to shut down his tabloid newspaper in the UK because of the wiretapping scandal. Murdoch says he knew nothing of the wiretapping and fired

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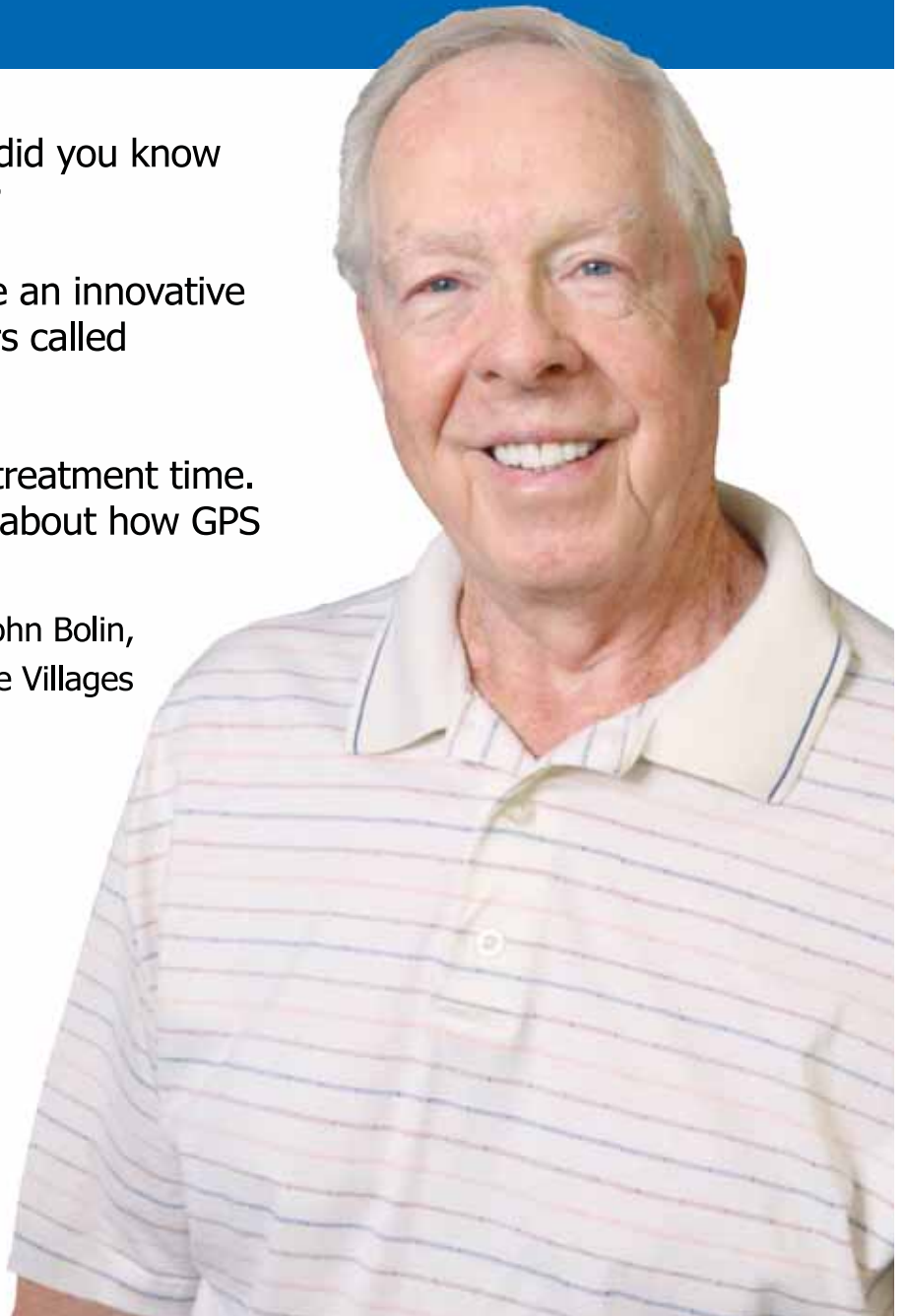
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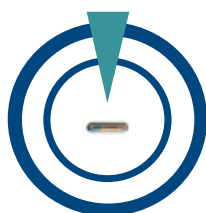
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Tom Loury

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everyone visibly connected which started an exit of high ranking employees. Murdock quickly shut down the tabloid, shuttered the windows and apologized.

Fox News here in the United States is not part of the network involved. Media Matters are trying to connect the two.

Fox News is eating everyone's lunch on news here in the United States and is a pain in the current administration's side. They are exposing his high ranking people and replaying tapes of the promises made dur-

ing speeches, many did not come true, and exposing the current administration's facts and figures as wrong.

The most important part that a lot of people are missing is the structure of Soros' group. They start group with Soros' money and use it against the faction they want to boost or ruin then figure out how to turn it into an organization paid for by the taxpayers. Why do you think Soros is one of the riches men in the world? Because he is working with tax payer money.

Ellen B. Wilcox

## MONEY MATTERS

Most folks don't plan to fail, they just fail to PLAN!

The heat and the hurricane season are upon us now as the recent Equinox has passed and Summer has officially arrived. Along with Summer comes kids out of school, Vacations and outdoor barbecues with family and friends.

All of this spells delight for most, but can also be a source for experiencing extra stress physical, emotional and financial.

Dealing with financial stress is not physically and emotionally healthy, and one kind of stress may indeed precipitate another. In fact, some reports show that financial stress is often the cause of physical and emotional disturbance to the point of actually generating symptoms needing medical attention.

So what is the best way to enjoy the visits, the vacations, the kids, and our friends without stressing out financially?

Let's begin with the idea that we all have a well defined and well known quantity of financial assets upon which to call as our daily lives unfold. Necessities, by their very nature, require financial satisfaction first. No need to list them here; we all know what they are.

Next in line are the nice-but-not-necessary things. Dining out, a movie, tickets to a special performance, golf, tennis and health club memberships, special interest classes, and hobbies fit into this category. Higher up

the pyramid such things as travel, gourmet foods and wines, and gifts or treats for family and friends can be added.

Cost is implicit in this latter category, often manifesting itself most obviously in Summer and at Holiday time. No one wants to have the kids visit and not be able to take them for a movie, an ice cream sundae, or a nice family dinner at a good restaurant. Its not the time for scrimping, BUT there is no need to go overboard with a two week cruise to The Bahamas, or a Three-Park Pass to local attractions 55 miles away. All of this is perfectly fine and a loving gesture IF it is affordable without changes to ones everyday living standard.

After thirty years as a Financial Advisor, I am forever amazed at the lack of pure pragmatic common sense that flies out the window when adults, especially seniors, allow themselves to be put in the position of truly needing to say a polite but firm "No." Maybe an all-day romp at the local pool is more cost-appropriate than the cruise vacation for seven or eight people. Think it through before agreeing or being tethered into the unaffordable activities, places or events. After all, just being together is the true goal.

A sixty-seven year old single woman of limited means recently came to me distressed that she felt the financial need to downsize her already small home and re-

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Ellen B. Wilcox

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cate to more affordable quarters in the midst of less affluent neighbors. I know for a fact, that she has spent many years in her current home entertaining beyond her means and traveling more than affordable, all the while gifting well beyond her means to both family and friends.

With Summer now in full swing, family visits prevalent, vacation plans discussed at every gathering, resist being drawn into the world of others. Retain your self-esteem and keep your budget intact. Enjoy each day, but keep a cool eye on your own financial future days as well. Financially, emotionally and physically the end result is healthier.

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## Hearing for FairTax in Ways & Means Committee

It is official, Congressman Dave Camp, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means made the official announcement that the Committee will hold a hearing “on alternative tax systems, with a focus on tax systems that are based on taxing consumption rather than income. Specifically, the Committee will consider the FairTax” For the full announcement go to this website: <http://waysandmeans.house.gov/News/DocumentSingle.aspx?DocumentID=252675>

A number of people will testify before

the committee including former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, Congressman Rob Woodall, the primary sponsor of HR 25 and Dr. Karen Walby of the Florida FairTax Education Association.

### YOU CAN HELP

Are you on Facebook? The House Ways and Means Committee is on Facebook. You can go to their Facebook page by going to this link: <https://www.facebook.com/WaysandMeans> When you are there, you can ‘Like’ the entry about the FairTax hearing.

Also, you can go to the Democrat Ways and Means Facebook page at this link: <https://www.facebook.com/waysandmeanscommittee> Let these folks know you are pleased that a hearing of the FairTax will take place.

Keep your eyes open for a petition on [fairtax.org](http://fairtax.org) that will lend support to Woodall, Huckabee and the others who will be testifying. The goal is to get 100,000 signers of this petition by midnight before the hearing. As of this writing, it’s not there, so keep checking.

We need to get CSPAN to broadcast the hearings. Here is CSPAN’s contact information: <http://www.c-span.org/About/Contact>

C-SPAN/ Call or email CSPAN and ask that they broadcast the FairTax hearing in the Ways and Means Committee next week. A national broadcast of the FairTax hearing will help thousands learn about the FairTax and a video record of this hearing will be invaluable for educating more people about the FairTax in the coming months.

Don’t forget to contact your Representative and if they are a co-sponsor of HR 25, give them a big Thank You. If they are not a co-sponsor yet (such as Daniel Webster) encourage them to become a co-sponsor.

Also, we will update the Marion Co. FairTax website ([http://www.fairtax.org/site/Clubs?club\\_id=1060&pg=main](http://www.fairtax.org/site/Clubs?club_id=1060&pg=main)) so you can send this link to others to keep them informed.

This is a big step in the journey of the FairTax and all the supporters and volunteers deserve a great big THANK YOU for your efforts. Remember the quote by Gandhi “First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win.” We have not won yet, but we are marching forward. Much hard work remains, but again -- Thanks to all of you!

Ron & Elaine Maiellaro

## “Be A Fan” Golf Scramble

The Ocala Palms Community will hold a Best Ball Scramble at 8:30 a.m. at Ocala Palms G&CC, 5000 N US Hwy 27, Ocala on Sept. 17 to benefit Special Olympics Marion County, \$75 pp incl. breakfast & lunch. \$1M Hole-in-One for a man and a woman; 3 Holes-in-One for an Acura TSX, Chrysler 300, & EZGO golf cart. There will be a host of raffles and prizes. (629-5407 or [www.somcmarioncounty.org](http://www.somcmarioncounty.org) <<http://www.somcmarioncounty.org>> for registration.



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### THE WINDOW TO YOUR BRAIN

Last month we gave you ten principles to live by to help you stay healthier longer as your declaration of independence. Your brain and spinal cord are your master system, but are intertwined with your skin from your earliest development as a embryo. It is that connection, through touch, that sets up a sort of window, so to speak, to your brain and spinal cord that allows the chiropractor to assist your body in getting and staying as healthy as it can be. There are conditions that cannot be changed once you have them -- there is no way to "correct" these, but you can be made to be more comfortable and functional than you would be otherwise by doing nothing or opting for drugs and/or surgical intervention. But prevention, when possible, is your best weapon.

There are other ways to "manipulate" the window to your brain. This is well known in sales and advertising. Many people fall prey to the latest fad -- something that is "new" or "improved". Sometimes these are good, but many times this is just an opportunity for the uninformed (or misinformed, if you think you can get all the right answers just using the Internet or reading lay articles, watching TV infomercials, or newspaper advertisements) to be taken, so to speak. To give an example, take spinal decompression. There are companies out there that sell doctors equipment that does spinal decompression.

This "therapy" is not covered by insurance, is costly -- thousand of dollars -- and, no matter what is said, must be repeated after the initial sessions, which are many, in the future for any continued favorable outcome (since we live on Earth and are constantly affected by gravity). However, there is a chiropractic adjusting technique called Cox flexion distraction that is also a form of spinal decompression that has been shown to be of greater clinical effectiveness, is a safe and gentle form of treating back pain, disc injuries, spinal stenosis, degenerative disc disease, sciatica, etc. to stave off surgery and is much more cost effective.

Ultimately taking proper care of yourself is more than taking a pill or laying on a machine; it is eating right, exercising, thinking good thoughts, taking care of your frame, getting proper medical advice, etc. and is different for every person. Just as we all have thumbs, we all have different thumb prints. So I ask you, what are you allowing to come into the window of your brain?

Next month we'll be discussing what I call the "George Burns" Effect. So until then, I'll leave you with one of his gems:

"You can't help getting older, but you don't have to get old"

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## AS I SEE IT

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ket recovered over the past year, the wealth gap widened even more because, it's a sad fact, minorities don't have the disposable income, to invest in savings and the stock market.

The question for us all to answer is, why is there such a measurable difference in the expectations of young black people and other minorities?

Is it the responsibility of the prospering 'majority' to pro-actively dictate to the disadvantaged minority how to live their lives? How to get better educated? How to invest their income? How to raise and educate their children?

These are difficult questions. The studies referred to in this article make no mention of the most 'disadvantaged' group – the American Indians. Mostly because, as a group, they have no voice. They have no wealth and they have no influence. Can you imagine the outrage if I wrote something like, "A Federal Judge in Miami rejected bail for a young Jewish Rabbi ..?" Quite rightly, the question asked would be, "What does the fact that the defendant is Jewish or a Rabbi have anything to do with the fact that he's

accused of a crime?"

But, in fact those words are a direct quote out of the Daily Sun Newspaper except that the story was about a "young Moslem Cleric..." In our society, Christians and Jews have a strong voice to protest abuses and prejudices against them. But so-called 'Indians, and Moslems and other minorities do not.

As I See It, either it's 'ok' to discriminate against someone because you see them as 'different' or, it's not. If you believe in freedom and equality for all, then you should be outraged when anyone is disrespected, regardless of which 'minority' group they belong to. Is there an answer? I don't know . . . .

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Society in Haiti is mostly divided into just two classes – The super rich who own the land, the businesses and the government. These people rule over a penniless, impoverished population of under-employed peasants. A disturbing trend in the USA suggests that we have started down the same path.

There are reports every day of huge 'bonuses' being paid to executives of big US corporations based on their ever increasing

'profits'.

One example is Philippe Dauman, the CEO of Viacom. In 2010 he pocketed a reported \$84.5 million. The New York Times reported that high-ranking executives at 200 of the biggest U.S. companies enjoyed pay increases averaging of 23 percent.

At the same time, the average working American gained less than a 1 percent pay increase. While millions lost their jobs completely. Occidental Petroleum CEO Ray R. Irani wasn't suffering with the rest of us – he got a pay increase of over 140% from the previous year. Poor old CBS' leader Leslie Moonves had to scrape by on an increase of only a 32%.

The income of the average American worker was just a 0.5 percent raise over the previous year. In fact, adjusted for inflation they lost money. While the rest of us are suffering from hard times, profits for big business in the fourth quarter of 2010 increased by nearly 30% - This is the fastest growth in more than 60 years.

Are those same businesses passing along some of that money to their workers? The Chamber of Commerce reports less than 2% is shared with the rest of us.

Proof that the Republican politicians are lying when they claim that more money in the hands of the rich (by reducing their taxes) will result in more jobs. In fact, businesses increased spending on equipment and computerization by about 25%. And, over that

same time frame, those 'efficiencies' have resulted in the loss of a whopping seven million jobs. Mostly because the 'patriotic' leaders of big business have exported our jobs overseas. Cheaper labor means higher profits – just ask Walmart .....

The last census reports that personal income ranged from about \$3,300 for a married Asian woman up to almost \$56,000 for a full-time, year-round employed Asian male. As expected, men have higher incomes than women. And Asians and Whites earned more than African Americans and Hispanics. Why is it that Asian Americans earn roughly 10% more than whites?

The largest racial gap was between whites and African Americans with the former earning roughly 22% more than the latter. Did you know that the average income for the overall population in the USA was less than \$27,000? I thought it would be a lot more than that. Who gets what? - White people earned just over \$31,000, Black people got just over \$18,000 and Asians got just over \$30,000. Hispanics did the worst at \$15,600.

The science of 'equalateralism' in finance, politics and government was born here in this column. Rich or poor we're all rowing the same boat so we'll sink or swim together. . .

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1. Make up your mind about your turn before you get to the turning point. Turn signals are required when changing lanes. Never make "last minute" turns.
2. If you must change lanes, look behind

and to both sides to see where other vehicles are located before making your turn.

3. Move into the correct lane as you near the intersection. The correct lane for the right turn is the lane next to the right edge of the roadway. On a two-lane road with traffic in both directions, an approach for a left turn should be made in the part of the right half of the roadway nearest the center line.
4. Give a turn signal for at least the last 100 feet before you make your turn. Let other drivers know what you are going to do. Be sure that the drivers around you have time to see your signal before you move.
5. Slow down to a safe turning speed.



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8. Make the turn, staying in the proper lane. Yield the right-of-way to vehicles (including bicycles) coming from the opposite direction or vehicles lawfully passing on the left.

9. Finish your turn in the proper lane. A right turn should be from the right lane into the right lane of the roadway entered. A left turn may be completed in any lane lawfully available, or safe, for the desired direction of travel.

If you reach an intersection where you wish to make a right or left turn and are not in the proper lane, you should drive to the next intersection. Then make the turn from the proper lane.

For additional information, you can stop by your local drivers licenses bureau and pick up a copy of the Florida Driver's Handbook or you can access it by going on-line. Should you desire to go on line, simply type in Florida Drivers License Handbook, then when the web page opens, select and click

on Florida Driver Handbook online, then when that opens, scroll down to section 5. Driving Safety and click on 5.24 Making Turns. Once you have clicked on making turns, simply scroll down towards the bottom of the page and you will find the above listed information to include illustrated examples of the proper ways to make turns. Additionally, while you are still at that web site, you can also click on the Listen to this chapter button and the computer will tell you all about it while you listen.

When it comes to traffic, safety is the name of the game and voluntary compliance is truly our goal. Unfortunately, enforcement is sometimes a necessary evil. I believe that whenever traffic laws are violated, especially a moving traffic violation such as turns, there is a great potential that an accident will be the result. Roadway safety is the responsibility of all drivers.

Always remember that together we can make a positive difference!

Until next time - Let's be safe out there!

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## ONE PERSON'S OPINION

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

What matters? Where are our priorities?

The world is on the verge of financial collapse, and a political upheaval, and a possible holocaust. But, does anyone take note of these facts? Very few. Very, very few. You could ignite an atomic bomb under people, and they would just yawn.

However, televise a murder trial, and people become transfixed. Some are greatly inconvenienced when it becomes necessary to visit even the doctor.

While waiting in a doctor's office, for a friend, this is what transpired:

Patient enters spouting "Why isn't that TV on? I am missing the trial. I will have to be briefed by someone on what I am missing." Next patient: "Hope they can get me in quickly, I am missing the trial." Patient taken in quickly, and states: "Good now I won't miss much of the trial."

This dialogue is heard repeatedly, in various locations. Anywhere, any place, any

time. The obsession was palpable.

The coverage was so over saturated, it was sickening. It seems each time one of these incidents occurs the media notches up the hype, and the public follows right along. Where will it all end?

What is this fascination with mayhem, all about?

Our country is in dire straits. Does anybody care?

Part 2:

America is broke, folks. Broke, broke.

Embed that fact onto your brain.

You can yell and scream all you want about whether something is an entitlement, or, an investment. There is no money for either. You cannot get blood from a turnip, nor, money from an empty fund.

The time for yelling, and screaming is long past. This should have been done when our illustrious government began to raid the funds from the SS piggy bank. The govern-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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ment wasted {excuse me: spent} all our SS money. There are no funds. They smashed the piggy bank to smithereens.

Not only has the government raped the SS system, but the financial funds of every stripe.

How are you living on your stock funds, your money market funds, and CD's? Living high on the hog? How far is that .01% taking you?

Last month I received one whole cent interest on my checking account. I am salt-

ing that straight into my retirement account. Some day the interest on it may save my life.

{Joke.}

Nanny is broke. The government cannot pay anyone anything. Get it?

The government must stop spending. Pay off its credit cards, and shred them. "We the people" must pay attention henceforth. Keep bureaucrats on a very short leash. They cannot be trusted. You see where trust has gotten us, thus far.

Our inattention has brought us a gigan-

tic headache. Anyone have an aspirin big enough, or a couple extra trillion to spare? I have .01 I might consider contributing.

Part 3

Yippee!!!

I have found it. A sure cure for voter apathy.

Watch: www.thefloridachannel.org, Bright House 78.8, Cox 115, or, any other channel that carries the redistricting, and other government meetings. If you can stomach these for even one day, and not be jolted out of your disinterest in the voting process, you are made of stone.

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The cheering for more government

The bang your head against the wall factor

The disgust factor

The Florida Government waste factor

The loss of FREEDOM factor

Do not take anyone's word for what goes on in government. WATCH IT YOURSELF.

If you are happy with what you see, then go on your merry way. If you take umbrage, get up, and do something about it.

Voter apathy is killing America. If you are enjoying your freedom, you had better takes steps to preserve it. FREEDOM IS NOT FREE. Even if is for only a few years. You will miss it when it is gone. That is a guarantee. Life will not be pretty.

D.I. L.

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Dear Editor,

In your estimation what is more impor-

tant safety or aesthetics? Since CR466 was widened from a two lane to a four lane in 2009, residents in the Villages have been pushing for a traffic signal at Chula Vista Avenue and CR466. Lake County hired a consultant to perform a Signal Evaluation Study and the study was completed in February 2010. Lake County Public Works then recommended installing a full traffic signal with the time frame for the installation by the end of 2010. To date this has not happened. It seems that Lake County uses the standard concrete poles with overhead wire. The Villages prefers painted steel mast arms, which are more expensive. The Villages is not willing to pay the difference and the County cannot make an exception, as it would start a precedent. Between January 18th and January 22nd residents of the Villages had petitions signed for and against the traffic signal. There were 916 signatures. Of those signatures 864 were for the traffic signal and 52 were against. Copies of those petitions were then sent to Lake County. Lake County then sent a letter to the Village Community Development District asking for the needed easement for the installation of the traffic signal poles. The issue of an easement was then addressed at the June 22nd Amenity Authority Committee Meeting where three members voted for the easement and three members voted against it. One of the members who voted against it mentioned that she was concerned that the County would not put the landscaping back to meet their standards. There have been three accidents at that intersection with one causing over \$10,000 in damages to the car. Thank goodness no one died. It is unconscionable to put aesthetics before safety. Hopefully, the people in power will readress this issue and do what is right for the majority of its residents.

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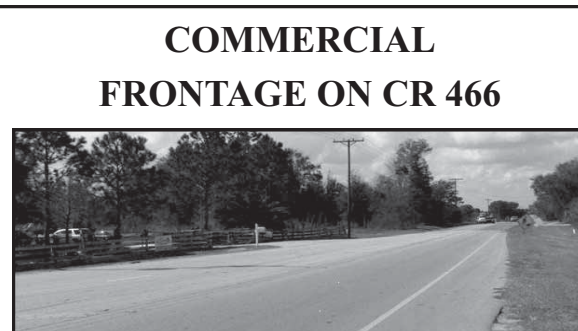
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