

To All Newly Elected Politicians

GET BUSY

Promises! Promises! Promises!

By Tom Loury

OK the campaigns are over, now it's time to make your political promises good! You were elected based on what you said you would do - now DO IT!

Three years ago I made some predictions that I have stuck by ever since. The main one was, I said a third party would emerge. I never expected what did happen. Because the strong two party system works so good, the Tea Party emerged, not creating a third party but a separate entity which had its own opinion not based on either party but on truth and what people believe is good for

the United States. They believe in justice and the good old American way of life. The Tea Party has opened the eyes of voters from both parties and showed them there could be another political party. When I stand back and look at what has happened, it could have not worked out better. All my candidates did not win, but the Tea Party opened some eyes, they said "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it any more!"

When the Tea Party emerged, it was lacking a strong political core nation wide. It was made up of people who were mad

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Jackie Porter Discusses Budget

Bus Purchases Revisited

In September I opposed the appropriation of \$2.6 million dollars for new school buses. On August 19 Marion County Public Schools Executive Director, Tommy Crosby,

sent an email to me reporting 350 buses were being used for active routes. The active fleet consisted of 420 buses leaving 70 buses in reserve. I proposed an amendment to the budget to hold off on the purchase of \$2.6 million dollars in buses this year. The rest of the board voted in support of my amendment proposal.

Recently on September 29 Mr. Crosby reported to the Ocala Star Banner only 300 buses are actually being used for daily routes. This leaves 120 school buses in reserve for the District. Administrators are presenting a revised bus purchase plan to the Board Members at the November 4th workshop.

I will continue to keep a watchful eye on School District expenditures with the current budget situation. I encourage readers to scroll through and view the financial documents regarding School District spending on the Marion County School Board website at:

<http://www.marion.k12.fl.us/dept/fin/finpub/finpub.cfm>

You can also visit www.jackieporter.com for other informative article & links. As always, thank you all for your continued concern & support.

Jackie Porter, Marion County School Board Member, District 2



Floyd Hershberger, owner operator of BJ Trophies, speaking at the Ocala Business Leaders meeting. He gave the audience some history of his company, while giving out four color catalogs. BJ Trophies has thousands of items to choose from.

Senior Fishing Derby



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Pictured is Glenn Thomlinson and staff from Campaign Graphics helping visitors from Ocala Business Leaders during their "Open House".



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Ready to Read: Zero to Three

New Marion County Public Library System Program Prepares Children for Reading Readiness.

MARION COUNTY, Fla. (Oct. 15, 2010) – When do children begin to develop the skills needed to read and be successful in school? Many experts agree that it begins at birth. Recognizing how important these skills are, the Marion County Public Library System has designed a new grant-funded program, "Ready to Read: Zero to Three," for parents and caregivers of very young children.

"Ready to Read: Zero to Three" targets parents and caregivers of children ranging from zero to three years of age. Programs

and activities that promote early literacy development and encourage parents to read, sing and talk with their children will be offered at all public library locations and at multiple sites in the community. Community sites and outreach efforts will be provided in cooperation with partner agencies, including Early Learning Coalition of Marion County, Munroe Regional Medical Center, Healthy Families Marion, Hands of Mercy Everywhere, Inc., Marion County Health Department Healthy Start and Childhood Development Services, Inc., Early Head Start program. The grant is funded under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act from the Institute of Museum

and Library Services and is administered by the State of Florida.

"Public libraries are centers for early childhood literacy development. We look forward to the opportunity to work with our community partners in an effort to help parents to become their child's first teacher and enhance their child's academic success," said Julie Sieg, Director of the Marion County Public Library System. "This grant will allow us to implement additional in-house and community outreach efforts to reach children at the ages when it will have the greatest positive impact on their ability to learn."

Research supports that the more fre-

quently parents read to their children, the more chances they have to develop the skills needed to grow into eager readers. In addition to the "Ready to Read: Zero to Three" program, all nine Marion County public libraries have books, materials, activities and other resources to help parents understand what and how to read to infants, toddlers and preschoolers.

Visit any of the nine Marion County Public Library locations to check out books and materials that will help children get ready to read. For more information, call 352-671-8551 or visit the library website at <http://library.marioncountyfl.org>.

Tea Party March in Washington

Now I know the truth. Not what the mainstream media is telling me but what I saw with my own eyes. When my good friend told me that she was going to Washington D.C. on September 11th with the Tea Party for a „Taxpayers Revolt% on September 12th I thought good grief now what kind of trouble is she going to get herself into. I figured that I had better go along to save her from herself. After all, I read the paper and watch TV and I know that the media keeps telling me that the Tea Party is a radical group of people.

What I saw was amazing. People from all walks of life, blacks, Asians, whites, families with school age children, teenagers, young and middle age adults, seniors, ve-

terans and handicapped all marching down Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol singing patriotic songs. No radical signs. Signs yes but in good taste. No swearing, pushing, shoving or disrespect did I see anywhere. These were citizens, Republicans, Democrats and Independants who are concerned about where this great country of ours is heading. There are no jobs. People,s homes are going into foreclosure. The insurmountable debt we are incurring more and more every day, a million here a billion there, that we are borrowing that has to be paid back by who, the next generation, or the generation after that, or the generation after that. The general state of the economy and the massive health care bill that we have no idea what it will cost or what is even inserted in it that has nothing to do with health care. The war in Afghanistan. People are afraid that the nest egg they have saved for or are saving for will disappear because those in Congress and the President are not listening, don,t care and keep spending.

There were some wonderful speeches and the entertainment was great. When it was over, not one piece of garbage was left on the Capitol grounds. Needless to say I had a wonderful time and met some very nice people from California, Arizona and many other states. I thank my friend everyday for helping me open my eyes regarding the truth about the Tea Party.

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Tom's Picks

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Tom's Picks is helping about 100 readers every 90 days. It astounds me that we are getting calls at this rate. I will refer you to my customers first. Then I look for services under well known Business Clubs and Chambers of Commerce to try to get you the Best of the Best. Part of the weeding process is they must be highly visible in the community, like active in the Chamber, or other large groups that screen their members.

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OCALA – The Marion County Health Department has confirmed a positive case of West Nile virus (WNV) in Marion County.

The positive case is the first of the year for Marion County and was present in a horse. The case was found in a horse in Reddick.

West Nile virus is a mosquito-borne virus that can be transmitted to humans and horses by the bite of an infected mosquito.

Earlier this week, Marion County experienced its fifth case of Eastern Equine En-

cephalitis (EEE) for 2010, also a mosquito-borne virus, in a Marion County horse.

The health department advises the public to remain diligent in their personal mosquito protection efforts against WNV, EEE and all other mosquito-borne viruses. These efforts should include the “5 D’s” for prevention:

Dusk and Dawn – Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are seeking blood. For many species, this is during the dusk and dawn hours.

Dress – Wear clothing that covers most of your skin.

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PUBLISHER'S NOTES

DON'T MAKE ME COME OVER THERE!

Don't make me come over there! Many times I have heard this used jokingly said by friends or acquaintances, but sometimes true. The more you come over there, meet and greet, the better off you are. In politics, business, family life, etc., we see people making what we think are mistakes. Before you make a negative decision, take a good hard look at whether or not what the person is doing is working. I'm not an expert on business success by no means, but I see people in business who are doing things that work and things that don't work. If you do the same thing next year that you did this year, why would you expect a different result. In covering three counties and talking to many business people every day I can see the difference in businesses working or not working. What's working is motivated people who meet and greet many people every day. A handshake and a smile never hurts. The person you greet will know that you're sincere. Your business relationship from that point on will usually work.

I was broke down in a parking lot the other day with my pickup truck. Hood up, very hot day, a friend trying to help, a man drove up and said can I help? He was a mechanic picking up lunch. His shop was

two hundred yards around the corner that I could not see. The truck would run about ten miles per hour and chug. I drove it in the shop and he set his lunch down and went to work on my truck. This is a stranger! He said in a couple of minutes, your battery is bad, it was four years old so you know it's time. He charged me for the battery, no labor and said the computer indicates a couple of other problems you're going to have that could leave you sitting along the road. What do you think I'm going to do? I bonded with two people in one hour, a mechanic and the guy who was trying to help me, Leo Linbeck from Americans for Fair Tax.

With the change of weather I almost always have multiple mechanical problems with several vehicles on the road. My son and I normally do a lot of our own work. The delivery van was different, it has been problematic, stopping and starting and being unpredictable. I have had it to many mechanics, they would work on it and later it would do the same thing. The fuel pump (being in the gas tank) would stop working. Two times it proved to be a bad fuel pump. This time I took it to Doug Moore of Moore automotive, he assured me he could fix it. Sure enough he found the problem that no one else had found. It was a crushed wiring harness and a dirty ground. Thanks Doug!

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about the negative direction our country was headed in. As the Tea Party has grown a core started, sort of like a hurricane forming. The conditions are right for that hurricane to out grow both parties. If the Republicans and the Democrats don't stop fighting each other and get busy with our nation's needs, our economy and our recovery, the Tea Party will grow stronger in the direction they are headed in right now. Our Country is the most proactive country in the world. We have resilience no other country has. Head us in the right direction and we will show the world how fast we can recover.

Two more points, I would like to make.

1. Earmarks are ruining our political system and our country. Let's make them ILLEGAL! Because right now no one has to answer for them. An investigative reporter

finds an outrageous earmark and reports on it and then everyone around it gets amnesia. Meanwhile the money is running into someone's pocket. If we make them illegal and we put one or two politicians in jail that are involved, we can slow the stealing of our tax money.

2. The other point is keeping bids local. A lot of bidding going where a contractor wins a bid and then hires out of state or out of country subs to do the work or they hire out of state labor. The labor force should be hired within a certain radius of the project, maybe 50 or 100 miles. Especially when you need skilled labor, and certainly don't hire across state lines. If the labor force is willing to move and live near the project, that would help the economy in the area. If you hire local labor it will help the local economy. BUY LOCAL! HIRE LOCAL!

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Take A Hike Ocala

By Ken Tipper

Book lovers and hikers are invited to meet Sandra Friend, a prolific writer of books on hiking in Florida and other parts of the country, when she is the guest of the Friends of the Ocala Library on Sunday, November 14, at 2 p.m. in Room C of the main library on Silver Springs Boulevard. The title of Ms. Friend's program is "Take a Hike Ocala", which will give her the opportunity to talk about some of the best places to hike around our area.

An Ocala resident and a graduate of Forest High School and the College of Central Florida, Ms. Friend spent several years hiking and writing about the outdoors in Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic states. She re-

turned to Ocala after a 13-year absence, and has written eight books on Florida hiking in the past decade, covering more than 2,500 miles of exploration on foot from Pensacola to Key West. She declares our region one of the best in Florida for hiking and backpacking.

Ms. Friend has written a total of 25 books on various topics over the past 12 years, published by a variety of mainstream publishers. Several of her books will be available for purchase and signing after her presentation. Refreshments will be served by the Friends.

For more information about the Friends, which support the main library with the proceeds of books sales and sales at their Book

Market in the foyer of the main library, log on to www.friendsoftheocalalibrary.org. Individual membership costs only \$5 a year, and includes a copy of the quarterly "Words" magazine.

PUBLISHERS NOTE: The story written

last month titled "From a Legal Immigrant" was not tagged with the writers name. The writers name was Ken Tipper. I apologize for leaving his name off the story. The story was well written and full of fact. An award winning piece for sure. Thanks!

TomL

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Residents and Resident Council Presidents were in attendance from 16 facilities from the area accompanied by facility staff. The meeting room was filled to capacity.

The propose of this meeting was to offer an opportunity for residents from different facilities to share areas of concern and best practices.

Three questions were presented to the residents'.

Why are residents' rights important to you?

What would you like staff members to

know about your rights?

How has your Resident Council resolved complaints about meals and dining services in your facility?

Each resident present had the opportunity to answer these questions, and have their opinions heard. All residents were eager to share their information with us and each other.

Drawings for gift baskets were done and every resident went home with a gift.

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My vacation in the Smokey Mountains.

By Tom Loury

Above is the cabin that was available for our stay. Six bedroom, six baths, three stories. We used 4 of the bedrooms. Each floor had a balcony on three sides. The first floor had two bedrooms and two bath, clothes washer and dryer, full kitchen with dishwasher, dining room with large dining table, and a fireplace. The first floor porch deck had a hot tub. Wait . . . there is more.

The second floor had two bedrooms two baths, two living rooms, wet bar and of course the porch.

The third floor had two bedrooms, two baths, a pool table, living room lounging area and of course the porch.

There were nine TVs. One in each bedroom, one in each living room on all floors.

The cabin was set up with wireless Internet. Does this sound like it's a commercial? Well it could have been, everything worked like it was supposed to. The view of other mountains was great. The weather was perfect. I wanted to just chill and not leave the cabin everything was so nice there.

This whole thing was located in Sevearville Tenn. in the Smokey mountains. Twenty minutes from Dollywood, Gatlinberg and Pigeon Forge, and Smokey Mountain Knife Works which was three stories. It would take the whole day to see everything. It is a great location for sight-seeing and shopping and more shopping. The meals were a new experience every time. Several were all you could eat. Most was very good food.



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We will not stand by and watch this. We are writing the leaders of the Democratic and Republican parties. I am asking the Democratic Party to stop the attack ads because they are full of lies and they misinform voters about the FairTax. I am urging the Republican Party to respond and correct

these attacks against the FairTax. Both parties have room to campaign strongly on their support for the FairTax because we have a nonpartisan plan that would help all Americans.

I invite you to read copies of the letters we have posted online. Please make a contribution to FairTax so that we can educate voters who deserve the facts <<http://www.fairtax.org/site/R?i=JLiVmHI8KVF-lu-vkQyOvtQ..>> .

Thank you,
 Leo Linbeck, Jr.
 Chairman, Americans for Fair Taxation

Letter to the Editor:
 I have been a resident of Marion County for almost 30 years. What amazes me is the

amount of money being spent by candidates to businesses out of the area. Dennis Baxley did his printing and direct mail in Leesburg. Kathy Bryant has spent 85% of her campaign money out of Marion County. At the last Republican Executive Committee meeting, Roy Abshier Chairman, along with the support of George Albright, Mike Amsden and Stan Mc Clain decided to have a mail piece and printing done in Tampa for the Republican party. Obviously, none of the above people are interested in jobs for Marion County citizens.

Regards
 Stan B

Publishers Note: Hi Stan, the printing and paying postage out of town is certainly a good argument. I have complained about that for years. The problem I have with it is I ask why are they going out of town? Better prices? Are the locals dropping the ball.

There has to be a reason. We will investigate.

TomL

 Editor Tom Loury
 AMENDMENT 4

It's interesting to examine who's supporting and who's opposing Florida constitutional amendment #4, the controversial land use change proposal sponsored by Florida Hometown Democracy that will appear on our November ballot.

A couple of newspaper articles/stories from the fall of 2007 (yes, FHD has been trying to get this amendment onto the ballot for four years) were headlined "Proposed amendment pits builders against voters", and "Businesses look to defeat Hometown Democracy". The latter headed a story by syndicated columnist Carl Miaasen of the Miami Herald, and it observed that of \$841,000 raised to keep this amendment off of the November 2008 ballot (it succeeded) major contributors were the National Association of Home Builders, the Florida Chamber of Commerce, and U.S Sugar Corporation.

Closer to home at least 10 letters on this have been published during the past few months in Marion County's daily newspaper, with about twice as many for as against. Most of the "for" letters have come from educators, environmentalists, housewives, and retiree like myself, while four of those "against" have been specifically identified as having come from the office manager of local home builder, an office worker for another home builder, an employee in an architectural office, and the owner of a small building supply store.

Sort of makes you wonder.
 Thank you very much,
 Howard M., Ocala

Letter from Reader
 Anne Wortham is Associate Professor of Sociology at Illinois State University and continuing Visiting Scholar at Stanford University's Hoover Institution.

She is a member of the American Sociological Association and the American Philosophical Association.

She has been a John M. Olin Foundation Faculty Fellow, and honored as a Distinguished Alumni of the Year by the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education.

In fall 1988 she was one of a select group of intellectuals who were featured in Bill Moyer's television series, "A World of Ideas." The transcript of her conversation with Moyers has been published in his book, A World of Ideas.

Dr. Wortham is author of "The Other Side of Racism: A Philosophical Study of Black Race Consciousness" which analyzes how race consciousness is transformed into political strategies and policy issues.

She has published numerous articles on the implications of individual rights for civil rights policy, and is currently writing a book on theories of social and cultural marginality.

Recently, she has published articles on the significance of multiculturalism and Afrocentricism in education, the politics of victimization and the social and political im-

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It's true - the kitchen is the heart of the home. Ever notice how people always gather there? Whether baking treats, making dinner or spending time with family and friends, the kitchen is my favorite place to be. Since my day job is Consumer Test Kitchen Project Manager for the Nestlé Test Kitchens, you can bet I love to stir things up. This column lets me pass along to you some of my best recipes, tips and baking secrets.

(Family Features) When I was growing up, we had certain Thanksgiving traditions. Most memorable for me was that our extended family would often gather at one of my aunts' houses. The adults would squeeze together around the dining room table and the kids would sit together at a smaller table on folding chairs. To this day I wonder just how everyone fit into their houses! We always ate on the good dishes, one of my uncles would always carve the turkey, and we kids always tried to hide our green vegetables under the mashed potatoes. Sound familiar?

I'm thankful for these memories and the comfort of family traditions. And I'm grateful that as our families grow, we can share these memories and make new ones together.

Thanksgiving dinner wouldn't be the same without the familiar dishes that everyone loves. One recipe that is a tradition

with us is this classic Pumpkin Roll. It's got that terrific spiced pumpkin flavor, a sweet, creamy filling and it looks fantastic when you serve it. It's fun to make, too. If you want some helpful tips, watch the how-to video online at <http://www.verybestbaking.com/video>.

What are some of your favorite Thanksgiving traditions? You can share some of them, along with favorite recipes, at www.VeryBestBaking.com/Community.

Libby's Pumpkin Roll

Makes 10 servings

CAKE

- 1/4 cup powdered sugar (to sprinkle on towel)
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2/3 cup Libby's 100% Pure Pumpkin
- 1 cup walnuts, chopped (optional)

FILLING

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, at

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room temperature

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6 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Powdered sugar (optional for decoration)

FOR CAKE:

PREHEAT oven to 375° F. Grease 15 x 10-inch jelly-roll pan; line with wax paper. Grease and flour paper. Sprinkle a thin, cotton kitchen towel with powdered sugar.

COMBINE flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, cloves and salt in small bowl. Beat eggs and granulated sugar in large mixer bowl until thick. Beat in pumpkin. Stir in flour mixture. Spread evenly into prepared pan. Sprinkle with nuts.

BAKE for 13 to 15 minutes or until top of cake springs back when touched. (If using a dark-colored pan, begin checking for doneness at 11 minutes.) Immediately loosen and turn cake onto prepared towel. Carefully peel off paper. Roll up cake and towel together, starting with narrow end. Cool on wire rack.

FOR FILLING:

BEAT cream cheese, 1 cup powdered sugar, butter and vanilla extract in small mixer bowl until smooth. Carefully unroll cake. Spread cream cheese mixture over cake. Reroll cake. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate at least one hour. Sprinkle with powdered sugar before serving, if desired.

TIP:

Be sure to put enough powdered sugar on the towel when rolling up the cake so it will not stick.

Nutrition Information per serving: 370 calories; 150 calories from fat; 16g total fat; 10g saturated fat; 105mg cholesterol; 280mg sodium; 52g carbohydrate; 1g fiber; 43g sugars; 5g protein; 50% Vitamin A



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The collision happened in the 300 block of Southeast 17th Street. Heavy afternoon traffic on the busy roadway was diverted by the Ocala Police Department.

In the inserted photo, two of the four damaged vehicles can be seen.



October 13, 2010 Ocala firefighters visit schools to teach Fire Prevention

(OCALA, FLORIDA) Thousands of children in schools located within the City of Ocala for October were learning about fire prevention and safety. Firefighters were visiting with children sharing tips on when and how to call 911, and how to react should they experience a fire. Coloring books containing a safety theme were distributed.

"Establishing an escape plan with your family and having a meeting place outside is something that every family should discuss, whether you have children or not in your home", states Fire Chief Dan Gentry.

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Fri., November 12th at BGWSAC "THE LAST SONG" Starring: Miley Cyrus, Greg Kinnear, Bobby Coleman, Liam Hemsworth, Hallock Beals, Kelly Preston, Nick Lashaway, Kate Vernon and others. Ronnie Miller (Miley Cyrus) stars as a teenager who reconnects with her father after her parents go through a nasty divorce in this adaptation of the Nicholas Sparks novel. RATED PG

When: Tues. & Wed., November 16th & 17th at 8th Ave. Sr. Center "COP OUT"

Thurs. & Fri., November 18th & 19th at BGWSAC "COP OUT" Starring: Bruce Willis, Tracy Morgan, Sean William, Adam Brody and others. Bruce Willis and Tracy Morgan team up for the Warner Bros. police buddy movie "COP OUT" in this Kevin Smith directed production. The story centers around police detectives Jimmy (Willis), a no-B.S. divorced dad, and Paul (Morgan), a crazy-talking loose canyon. Despite nine years as partners, the two lawman can still sometimes seem like polar opposites -

especially when Paul's unpredictable antics get them suspended without pay. Already strapped for cash and trying to pay for his daughter's wedding, Jimmy decides to sell a rare baseball card that's worth tens of thousands. Unfortunately, when the collector's shop is robbed and the card vanishes with the crook, Paul and Jimmy end up going rogue, tracking down the card and the drug ring behind its theft, all on their own time, and without any backup - except for each other. RATED R

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TRIP: KENNEDY SPACE CENTER

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Where: Kennedy Space Center
Leave from 8th Ave. Sr. Center

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When: Friday, November 19th at 12:00 Noon

Where: 8th Avenue Senior Center

Cost: Free

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The program kicks off Oct. 18 with an initial focus on professional and business services and law enforcement. Rolling enrollment continues through April 2011, targeting different industries or occupations each month. The second track, which starts Nov. 15, is geared for employers in the transportation, utilities, manufacturing and distribution industries. Employers interested in hiring through Learn and Earn On-the-Job Training (OJT) may receive re-

imbursement of up to 90 percent of new employees' wages while they're being trained. The program may also cover costs for certification classes, equipment and clothing/uniforms as well as funds needed to conduct job and background checks.

The Internship Program meets the needs of employers unable to commit to hiring. Workforce Connection will pay interns an incentive of up to \$400 weekly for a maximum of 40 hours per week. In exchange, employers provide interns with three months of work-based training. All interns will be adults ages 18 and older who have recently graduated from a Workforce-sponsored training program.

Job candidates will be chosen from a pool of screened applicants who are unemployed or economically disadvantaged and who meet other Workforce eligibility criteria.

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ONE PERSON'S OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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part of political correctness. Shortly after an interview in 2004, she was awarded tenure.

This article by her is really, really something.

Fellow Americans,

Please know: I am Black; I grew up in the segregated South. I did not vote for Barack Obama; I wrote in Ron Paul's name as my choice for president. Most importantly, I am not race conscious. I do not require a Black president to know that I am a person of worth, and that life is worth living. I do not require a Black president to love the ideal of America .

I cannot join you in your celebration. I feel no elation. There is no smile on my face. I am not jumping with joy. There are no tears of triumph in my eyes. For such emotions and behavior to come from me, I would have to deny all that I know about the requirements of human flourishing and survival - all that I know about the history of the United States of America , all that I know about American race relations, and all that I know about Barack Obama as a politician. I would have to deny the nature of the "change" that Obama asserts has come to America .

Most importantly, I would have to abnegate my certain understanding that you have chosen to sprint down the road to serfdom

that we have been on for over a century. I would have to pretend that individual liberty has no value for the success of a human life. I would have to evade your rejection of the slender reed of capitalism on which your success and mine depend. I would have to think it somehow rational that 94 percent of the 12 million Blacks in this country voted for a man because he looks like them (that Blacks are permitted to play the race card), and that they were joined by self-declared "progressive" whites who voted for him because he doesn't look like them.

I would have to wipe my mind clean of all that I know about the kind of people who have advised and taught Barack Obama and will fill posts in his administration - political intellectuals like my former colleagues at the Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

I would have to believe that "fairness" is equivalent of justice. I would have to believe that a man who asks me to "go forward in a new spirit of service, in a new service of sacrifice" is speaking in my interest. I would have to accept the premise of a man that economic prosperity comes from the "bottom up," and who arrogantly believes that he can will it into existence by the use of government force. I would have to admire a man who thinks the standard of living of the masses can be improved by destroying

the most productive and the generators of wealth.

Finally, Americans, I would have to erase from my consciousness the scene of 125,000 screaming, crying, cheering people in Grant Park, Chicago irrationally chanting "Yes We Can!" Finally, I would have to wipe all memory of all the times I have heard politicians, pundits, journalists, editorialists, bloggers and intellectuals declare that capitalism is dead - and no one, including especially Alan Greenspan, objected to their assumption that the particular version of the anti-capitalistic mentality that they want to replace with their own version of anti-capitalism is anything remotely equivalent to capitalism.

So you have made history, Americans. You and your children have elected a Black man to the office of the president of the United States, the wounded giant of the world. The battle between John Wayne and Jane Fonda is over - and Fonda won. Eugene McCarthy and George McGovern must be

very happy men. Jimmie Carter, too. And the Kennedys have at last gotten their Kennedy look-a-like. The self-righteous welfare statists in the suburbs can feel warm moments of satisfaction for having elected a Black person.

So, toast yourselves: 60s countercultural radicals, 80s yuppies and 90s bourgeois bohemians. Toast yourselves, Black America. Shout your glee Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Duke, Stanford, and Berkeley. You have elected not an individual who is qualified to be president, but a Black man who, like the pragmatist Franklin Roosevelt, promises to - Do Something! You now have someone who has picked up the baton of Lyndon Johnson's Great Society.

But you have also foolishly traded your freedom and mine - what little there is left - for the chance to feel good.

There is nothing in me that can share your happy obliviousness. God help us all.

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