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The Middle Path

by Don Perry



"IT'S ON MY MIND.." Danny H. Parris

We are watching with great interest the protests which began at Wall Street, spread across the country and are now resonating in capital cities across the western world.

which depends on consumption, would be destroyed by millions of consumers with less money to spend.

Neither of the above scenarios is realistic. They are given only to illustrate the fact that the solution to the economic problems we now face is beyond the reach of taxation.

But what about the fact that, while the vast majority of us have seen our economic power decline, a small minority is enjoying record profit?

The problem, as we see it, is systemic. It did not develop overnight and the solution will not be forthcoming within a single political cycle.

These numbers are not new to longtime readers of this column. We dusted off the word "oligarchy" almost seven years ago and predicted that economic pressures would lead to protest and unrest.

It is interesting to observe politicians attempting to probe this popular uprising for anything they can turn to their own advantage.

On the other side of the aisle the republican front runner, Herman Cain, has so far attempted to identify with voters who may be uncomfortable with the protests.

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GUEST COLUMNS

From time to time, people in the community have a grand slant on an issue that would make a great guest editorial.

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A simple long term solution to the problem may be in removing the opportunity for participants in our system to become addicted to that participation.

to heal a sickness.

a number of people are trying to figure out how to leave their mark in life there is another group of people that looks at life as being a big question mark.

Life is not all about marks

It seems that a large number of people desire to make their mark in life. Some people are obsessed with inventing something, discovering something, conquering something or breaking some record in an athletic event, or achieving some monumental feat that no one else has ever done, in order to leave their mark in life.

From the Desk of:



Sheriff Clinton of Towns County

the best air will be closest to the floor.

3) Be careful to give heaters and fireplaces plenty of space. Placing combustible material close to a heat source can cause it to ignite and start a fire.

4) Your family should have an escape plan in place, in case of a fire. You should practice this plan with your family so that everyone is familiar with it.

5) "Stop, Drop, and Roll!" By now most of you have heard of this. If your clothing catches fire stop, and drop to the ground, and roll. This is the best way to smother the flames.

6) Candles and cooking often cause house fires. Be careful with any heat source. Never allow combustible materials to get too close to heat or flame.

These are just basic tips. They are not meant to take the place of diligent planning on your part.

1) Install and maintain smoke detectors. Smoke detectors can save your life, but only if they are in good working order.

2) If a smoke detector goes off while you are sleeping remember to roll to the floor and crawl. Do not stand up, as smoke may have already filled the upper part of the room.

doctor: "I don't say you can "always" or "never" trust your doctor; frank conversations with your doctor are essential.

On top of that, much of the research on new medications is done by the universities of our land, and much of that research is funded by pharmaceutical companies.

Send your parenting questions to: DrDon@RareKids.net.

RARE KIDS; WELL DONE

By Don Jacobsen



Q: Dr. Don, are you really against any pills for any kids at any time? In a recent column you made it sound like it.

A: Thanks for your question. It gives me the opportunity to make sure you didn't hear me say something I didn't say.

Two of the most dangerous words in medicine are "always" and "never." Pills are not always, or never, the right answer.

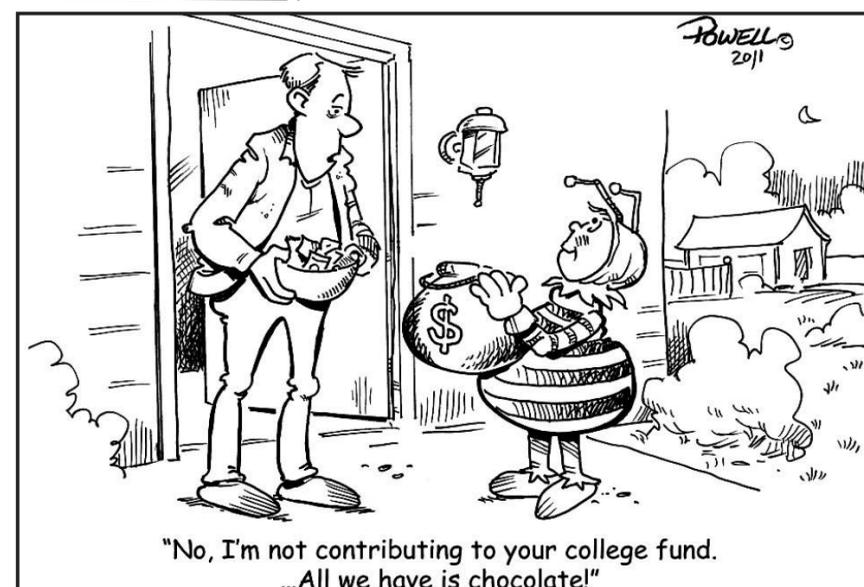
But here's a major caveat. Pills can lend themselves to taking short cuts. Sometimes it's easier to take a pill than to exercise the discipline needed to lose weight.

Now the other question, whether you can trust your

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