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Editors Note

It was a sad week for me. I watched very good friends bury their 35 year old daughter after she lost her 5 year battle with breast cancer.

The young woman was one of the most joyful, loving, and courageous people I've ever had the privilege to meet. Her courage was evident in her tolerance for pain. She endured more than any human should have to, so that her 5 year old son would have the opportunity to know his mother.

Death is a part of life and illness is a reality of our existence. With that said, this one is on us! This pain could have been prevented. While our political leaders talk about limiting diagnosis for women under 50 and insurance companies focus on profits, we watch our friends and family die.

It's time to focus on early diagnosis and be damned the cost. Why are we still using mammograms when ultrasounds are far more reliable? Why are we not funding the technology (256bit scanners) that would see the first stages at the molecular level? We need to stop being okay with acceptable losses to prevent false positives and extra testing. What we need is to get ahead of this and other observable diseases, instead of letting them stay ahead of us.

It's time to tell our elected officials to stop the politics around healthcare reform. The most effective way to lower healthcare costs is to dramatically improve early diagnosis and that is done through technology. I'm tired of hearing how we need to cover the uncovered. Let's use the technology we have, and should have, to protect all our citizens from these horrible diseases. ■

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Merry Christmas!!!

Oops, is that politically incorrect? Should I be more sensitive to others? Well, I'm sick and tired of being told to say Happy Holiday's, because I'll somehow offend someone else's beliefs. Get over yourselves!

First of all, most people separate the festivities of Christmas from the religious connotation. When most people are wishing you a Merry Christmas they are thinking of the tinsel tree, sleigh bells ringing, and eggnog. They're not thinking specifically of Christ's birth. Christmas, as we know it, only started after the Civil War to encourage a very slow economy. An ad company designed the concept of St. Nicholas to encourage gift giving.

So, my question to you is, "What's the problem?" If you want to say Happy Hanukkah, Merry Ramadan, or Happy Kwanzaa; great! I accept well wishes from anyone. If you want to display your symbols of celebration, then go for it, but lighten up and realize that this is a country based on freedom of speech and freedom of religion. Read that again, because it doesn't say, "be afraid to speak and freedom from religion." ■



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Here goes Chris Matthews again. He actually had the audacity to call West Point the “Enemy Camp”. This is what’s wrong with today’s media.

Events

12/08 – Political Common Sense for America Video Series is now available.

12/08 – WCIT – Ron Williams Show at 3:30pm EST www.940wcit.com

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Surprise – Less Transparency

In an attempt to promote more transparency the House of Representatives posted their quarterly expense reports online. The only problem is they scrubbed all of the detail first.

Does this really surprise anyone? When each of the representatives receives a budget between \$1.4M and \$1.9M for expenses, you would think there would be a little more open oversight. This comes just after some discrepancies came to light that the Speaker used taxpayer dollars to buy flowers for Jack Kemp’s funeral. Considering she is a multi-millionaire in her own right, you would think it should have come out of her own pocket. For more details check out this article [– Click Here –](#) ■

Where is our Energy Plan?

Did I miss the memo? Wasn’t Energy one of the biggest issues of the presidential race? Weren’t we all concerned with the price of oil and its effect on the environment? So, where is the plan? The EPA was created in the 1970’s with the sole purpose of finding a solution to foreign oil dependency. It’s time for courage and strategic thinking, instead of this kowtowing to special interest groups and foreign governments.

We at the Franklin Party announced our strategy for solving this long festering problem over a year ago and it has fallen on deaf ears. We are now going to try to make it easier on the simple minded politicians in hopes that this time they will see the light. The first step to energy independence is natural gas. Here’s the plan:

All new heavy trucks (18-wheelers) after 2015 must run on natural gas.

What will that gain us? About 70% of the oil we import is used for car, light trucks, and heavy trucks. Almost 50% of the oil used in transportation is turned into diesel fuel and is used in 18-wheelers. This change, for heavy trucks, would reduce our dependence on foreign oil from the Middle East by half in about 7 years.

This would also create jobs by driving an infrastructure build for greater distribution of natural gas stations. By focusing on commercial heavy trucks, the roll out of pumping stations could be easily managed by focusing on major interstate highway truck stops.

So I ask, why not focus on a change that has real measurable impact? Domestic natural gas is abundant, cheap, and emits 30% less CO₂. Isn’t it time we use our own resources and stop funding war lords and terrorists? Isn’t it time we had a real Energy Plan? ■

Sen. Chris Dodd (D-Conn) in 2006 collected \$56,700 from a dozen AIG Executives and their spouses. These are the same people who received bonuses after AIG had to be bailed out by taxpayers. [- Reference Article](#)

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Dean Needs a Civics Lesson

Howard Dean, during a speech in France, suggests that we're stuck with capitalism because it is part of human nature. He went on to say that we have a natural desire to embrace community, so we need to find the right blend of Capitalism and Socialism. Did Howard sleep through his civics class? Did he ever take Economics 101?

Capitalism is an economic system in which the means of production and distribution are privately or corporately owned and development is proportionate to the accumulation and reinvestment of profits gained in a free market.

Socialism is a political system which uses a centralized government to capture wealth and redistribute it through social programs to elevate overall well being of the population.

I can't blame Howard Dean for getting it wrong. Even Wikipedia has it wrong. Capitalism is an economic model and Socialism is a model of government. These two have never been at odds, and just to be clear, Socialism has never worked. Government provided services have failed consistently. Let's look at the examples: Social Security is running out of money and provides people with only a 2.5% return on their money. Medicare and Medicaid have both needed to be bailed out. The Public School System has failed both academically and economically. ■

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Opinions and Editorials

Is There No Pride Left?

By the Old Grumpy Guy®

I spent what should have been the last years of my childhood in the South Pacific fighting for my family, my neighbors, and my country. I've done many things in my 80+ years on this planet, some better than others, but I can always look back at that time with pride. I share this background, so you can better understand my perspective on the following story.

Recently, I was in my car outside the bank getting my papers together and I watched as one person after another sidestepped something lying across the sidewalk. I notice these things because I don't walk very well anymore. Between a war injury and too many years of climbing ladders in a power plant I have to plan my pedestrian journeys carefully to insure my safe arrival.

I got out of my car and walked towards the door, having decided that I too would have to work my way around the obstacle. To my horror, I walked upon what everyone was avoiding and ignoring. It was an American flag that had fallen over. Slowly, and I emphasize slowly, because the slightest slip and I would have joined "Old Glory" on the ground, I picked up the flag by the wooden pole it was on and planted it firmly back into the ground.

This is what is wrong with this country. Everyone wants to talk about this issue and that. They want to blame the right and the left, but the real problem is that there is no respect for what this country stands for and the men and women who have died in that cause. By my rough count, almost 20 people walked right by the symbol of our freedoms without even a second thought. It makes me wonder, "If I had fallen next to The Star Spangled Banner would they have just ignored us both lying there on the ground?" ■

Almost \$400 Billion in Social Services have been spent on Illegal Aliens since 1996 and the number is growing exponentially as the number of Illegal Aliens grows to 22.5 Million. Check out the Immigration Counter - [Click Here](#) -