

SIGN ON...

FIRST OFF, I WANT TO EXTEND MY SYMPATHIES AND CONDOLENCES TO THE SEEMAN FAMILY IN THE TRAGIC LOSS OF THEIR WIFE, MOTHER, AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AND ALSO TO THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF THE OTHER TWO LADIES WHO WERE SO SEVERELY INJURED IN THE TERRIBLE HIT AND RUN ACCIDENT LAST WEEK. I USED TO LIVE A SHORT DISTANCE FROM WHERE THE ACCIDENT OCCURED, AND WHILE I AM IN NO WAY CRITICIZING THEIR RIGHT TO RUN ALONG MYRTLE AVENUE/OLD ARCATTA ROAD, IT IS A NARROW ROAD, EVEN WITH THE WIDENING THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE. IT WAS ALSO DARK AND FOGGY. MY WIFE HAS KNOWN THE SEEMAN FAMILY FOR YEARS AND, AGAIN - WE ARE KEEPING ALL THE VICTIMS, INCLUDING THE DRIVER OF THE CAR, IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. I HAVE HAD A COUPLE OF CLOSE CALLS WITH PEDESTRIANS AND I KNOW HOW SCARED I WAS AFTER THE MISS, SO I CAN'T IMAGINE HOW THIS DRIVER FEELS. WAS HE OR SHE IN SHOCK? DID HE OR SHE HAVE A RECORD WHICH WOULD BE COMPLICATED BY AN ACCIDENT? OR IS HE OR SHE JUST AN UNFEELING OR UNCARING JERK WHO NEEDS TO BE RUN OVER HIMSELF (YEAH YEAH - I KNOW - TURN THE OTHER OTHER AND ALL THAT - BUT THERE IS A REDNECK DOWN IN THERE SOMEWHERE). I CERTAINLY HOPE THE PERP IS APPREHENDED AND GETS WHAT HE OR SHE DESERVES. I HAVE KNOWN MANY OF THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS OVER THE YEARS, AND WHILE I DON'T ALWAYS AGREE WITH ALL OF THEM, I THINK THEY DO A PRETTY FAIR JOB. I KNOW THE JOB ENTAILS MUCH, MUCH MORE THAN JUST SHOWING UP FOR THE MEETING AND KISSING BABIES AND SHAKING HANDS. THE ONE THING I DO TAKE ISSUE ^{WITH THEM} ~~WITH THEM~~, IS ON THE CARE GIVER SITUATION. CARE GIVING IS A HARD, COMPLI-

CATED JOB. BEING PRETTY MUCH IN NEED OF A CAREER ~~WALKER~~ ^{GIVER}
MYSELF AND HAVING AN RN NURSE FOR A WIFE TO
TAKE CARE OF ME, IF SHE WAS GETTING PAID, SHE'D BE WORTH
MUCH MORE THAN EIGHT DOLLARS AN HOUR. I CERTAINLY
WISH THE SUPERVISORS WOULD RECONSIDER THEIR OPPOSITION
TO A FAIR AND JUST PAY SCALE FOR HOME-BOUND AND OTHER-
WISE NEEDY FOLKS. I AM GOING TO REPEAT MY OPPOSITION TO CUTTING
BACK ON FOOD STAMPS, AS DER MITT-MAN HAS PROPOSED. MY
FIFTY YEARS IN THE GROCERY BUSINESS HAS SHOWED ME THAT
A HUGE MAJORITY OF FOOD STAMP USERS ARE USING THEM TO
FEED THEIR FAMILIES IN A WAY THAT INCLUDES MORE RIGHT-
EIOUS, FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM, SELECTIONS OF NOURISHMENT.
I'D LIKE TO SEE ANY POLITICIAN TRY TO RAISE A FAMILY ON
FIFTEEN OR TWENTY GRAND A YEAR. THEY'D BE SCREAMIN' THEIR
BRAINS OUT IN AN HOUR! THE EUREKA CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES
~~STARTS~~ ^{STARTS} OUT AGAIN - THE BOREALIS STRING QUARTET WILL BE AT
CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH - SOUTH AND PROSPECT STREETS RIGHT
ACROSS FROM ALICE BIRNEY SCHOOL. ^{THIS FRIDAY} THE TIME IS 7:30^{PM} AND A
"MEET THE ARTIST" RECEPTION FOLLOWS RIGHT AFTER THE
CONCERT - BE THERE! THAT'S CALVARY LUTHERAN - SOUTH AND PRO-
SPECTS STS. 7:30 ^{THIS FRIDAY} PM. I READ WHERE PRO BASKETBALL PLAYERS ARE
"FLOPPING". THAT'S FALLING DOWN AFTER A BUMP TO FAKE OUT THE
REF INTO ~~CALLING A FOUL~~ ^{IN FOOTBALL} CALLING A FOUL ON THE OPPOSITE TEAM.
BOUNSY PLAYS TO HURT OPPONENTS - FLOPPING! WHAT ARE
PRO SPORTS COMING TO? ONE LAST THING - IF YOU DON'T WANT
SOME JERK WITH A CAMERA TO TAKE YOUR PICTURE TOPLESS - KEEP
YOUR SHIRT ON - EVERYONE HAS A CAMERA THESE DAYS - EXCEPT ME!

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