

The Shoreline

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Hello everyone,

Recently, while reading an article on Daily Finance about taxes, my wife commented that 2010 would be the perfect time to die, if you must. She reminded me that in 2010 all estate taxes (death tax as she calls it) will be suspended. Congress, she said, will re-visit the matter early next year. Taxes, I thought, always more taxes even in death. This reminded me of a quote by Ronald Reagan. He said, "The most terrifying words in the English language are I'm from the government, and I'm here to help."

I have no intent to write to you about the government or taxes. I want to write about the them in Us & Them. Who are they? Are they from another planet, here to visit, torment, then leave? I have many friends I've known since high school. I've noticed over the years in conversation that some of them are "Us" and some, "Them". I find this curious because all are great friends. Within our group I've identified what differentiates "Us & Them". If you were a member of the executive branch (Administration), you are "Them, if not, you are "Us". Confused yet?

While on vacation recently, I noticed the executive guys (them) and there were three of them, have a way of being in charge. They like to decide what, where and the time we eat, and what we wear. Because we love them, we, to some extent go along with the program. Every now and then we, the "Us" group, get great pleasure when their decisions tank.

One morning, they decided we should take a tour bus. The cost was \$50.00 per person, which included tour guide and refreshments. There were approximately 40 tourists on the bus. This was one of those times the group said, "Thanks, but no thanks." Having made the decision, they went without us. We found two guys on the street with vans, and agreed to pay \$20.00 each for their knowledge of the town and the use of their vans. We purchased our own refreshments as needed. At days-end we saw every notable site in town and had our own one-on-one tour guide. It was fantastic. "They" on the other hand had issues with the bus, got to see just two sites and someone forgot to load the refreshments – ugly huh? We will remain "Us & Them", but now and then we'll continue to zing our old bosses with a good laugh.

REAL NEWS

Wilmington Planning Study is conducting its first community workshop on Saturday June 5, 2010 at 10:00 am to 12:30pm. The meeting will be held at the Wilmington Recreation Center at 325 Neptune Ave, Wilmington, Ca. The workshop is to gather responses regarding the redevelopment of the port soil disposal site across from us. For more information contact Cecilia Moreno 310 732-7659.

On June 05, 2010 take a sail over to Two Harbors for the 9th Annual Summer Wine Festival. There will be fine wine and music. For more information call 310 510-4205.

Until next time, be happy it goes fast.
Jerry, HHW Marina