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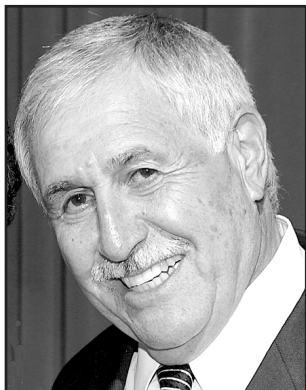
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## Here are a few of my favorite things I hate

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Vice Mayor

It's great writing for a newspaper. As well as a huge paycheck (\$000.00), I get to vent all my frustrations. I used to do it on the radio and, of course, everybody wanted to chime in. You can do the same thing in print so here goes my list of things that I hate.



- Those stupid buttons just above the cuffs on men's long sleeve shirts. They are almost impossible to button once the shirt is on and what purpose do they serve anyway? I estimate that I have spent a total of 20 days doing this in my lifetime. As I get older those days become even more precious.

- The lady in front of me in the check-out line who wants to use up the change in her purse to give the cashier the exact amount. See how long she takes next time she is in front of you.

- The driver who rushes to get into the lane in front of you and then drives

10 mph below the speed limit.

- My dryer that makes single socks disappear. I did a radio show on this one time and got continuous calls for five hours from people with the same problem.

- Those frozen food packages with the delicious looking photos on the outside. We all know what is actually inside. Blech!

- Those things that fall out of the magazine as I am trying to read them. (Don't mention this to my wife. She works for a company that arranges to insert them.)

- Neighbors who somehow don't hear their own dogs barking. How come I can hear them so clearly?

- The tons of junk in my mailbox everyday. Frankly, if they cut delivery to once a week, I will not complain.

- The emails that you must send to everyone you know as soon as possible or the earth will end or something worse. Yeah, sure! If you really want stuff to forward, I have a friend in Nigeria with millions of dollars, which he just has to send to the U.S. and needs a bank account number to send it to.

- People who attend meetings just for the opportunity to speak on and on. They use words like paradigm. Partnering, weighing in on a subject, etc., they usually have nothing new to

contribute but take a long time doing it. I just attended a conference full of people who speak archispeak (architects). I have never seen a bunch of people who can take so long to say so little.

- People who are against just about anything new. In politics they are called CAVE people. Citizens Against Virtually Everything, and a new one — Banana People: Build Absolutely Nothing Anywhere Near Anything. Every town has them. (Please readers, I'm not talking about you!)

- Very rich people who tell you that they have had to cut their vacation to Capri this year to two months because of the economy. Boo hoo.

- People who build gigantic homes for just the two of them. I think we should pass a law that a sign be placed in front stating exactly how they got so rich. Some examples: Drug dealer, indicted public official, crooked banker or lawyer, Medicare cheat. You know, just so we have an idea and won't feel so jealous.

I just returned from a beautiful town where no one lives except in the summer months. The homes were beautiful and charming little cottages but empty 10 months of the year. Give me one and I'll promise to use it all year long. What a waste! You probably can pick one up for under \$2 million.