



**New Prices
Effective
May 1, 2010**

Martin Cleaning Service

**Carpet & Upholstery
Cleaning
Residential &
Commercial Services**
Minimum Service CHG.
\$45.00

A small distance/travel charge
may be applied

CARPET CLEANING

**2 Cleaning Areas or
more \$30.00 Each Area**

Pre-Spray Traffic Areas
(Includes: 1 small Hallway)

1 Cleaning Area (only)
\$40.00

Includes Pre-Spray Traffic Area
(Hallway Extra)

**Stairs (12-16 stairs - With
Other Services): \$25.00**

Area/Oriental Rugs:

\$25.00 Minimum

Area/Oriental Rugs (Wool):
\$40.00 Minimum

Heavily Soiled Area:

Additional \$10.00 each area
(Requiring Extensive Pre-Spraying)

UPHOLSTERY CLEANING

Sofa: \$69.00

Loveseat: \$49.00

Sectional: \$109 - \$139

Chair or Recliner:

\$25 - \$49

Throw Pillows (With

Other Services): \$5.00

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

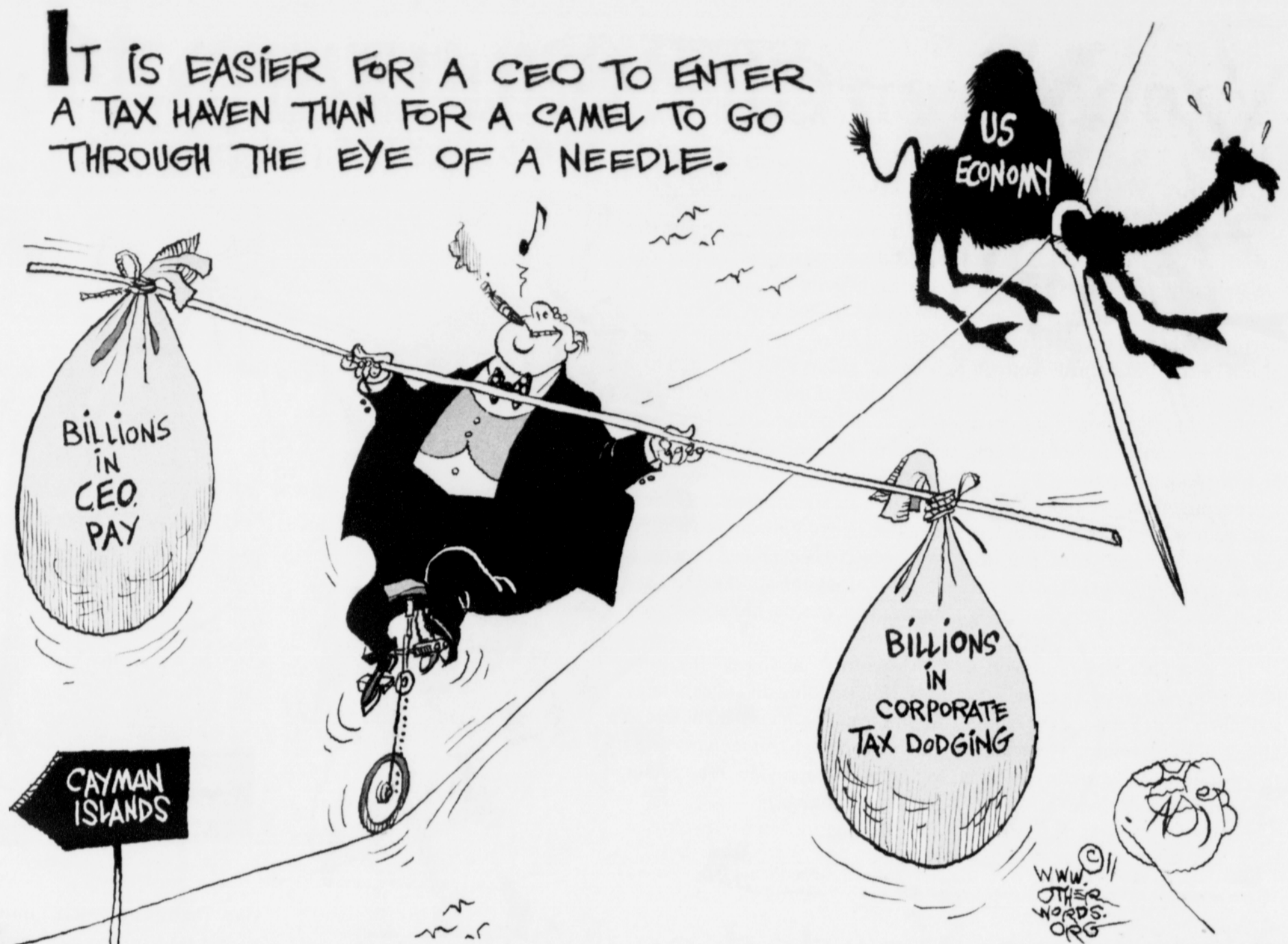
- Area & Oriental Rug
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Odor Treatment
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Removal Service
- Scotchguard Protection
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**IT IS EASIER FOR A CEO TO ENTER
A TAX HAVEN THAN FOR A CAMEL TO GO
THROUGH THE EYE OF A NEEDLE.**



Corporations Not Paying their Fair Share

Revenue needed
for social
programs

BY JUDGE GREG MATHIS

No matter how you look at it, the economy is stalled, and has been for some time. National unemployment rates hover at just over 9-percent – and spike even higher in hard hit cities.

The federal government is unable to balance its budget because it isn't bringing in enough revenue, putting much-needed social programs at risk.

Everyone – from corporate leaders to local politicians to the President is urging us to sacrifice and

make the hard choices needed to ride this recession out. It doesn't appear as if the nation's major corporations are being told the same things.

According to the study released by the Institute for Policy Studies, 25 of the nation's top US companies received

\$300 million each in tax benefits. Most of these corporate refunds are the result of write-offs obtained through offshore income tax income shelters that corporations use.

Additionally, the corporations get tax breaks for a variety of corporate initiatives that may or may not benefit local communities or the federal government. Each of these top 25

companies – which include Verizon, eBay and General Electric – brought in profits of nearly \$2 billion each and paid more to their chief executives than they did in federal taxes.

This practice of multi-billion dollar companies not paying their fair share and it must be addressed. Any reasonable person would agree that, if a company performs well, its leaders should be paid accordingly. However, it is unthinkable that a company bringing in billions of dollars would receive a tax refund, especially at a time when the federal government is frantically searching for revenue.

Small businesses drive the nation's economy – they make up the majority of the country's employers and employ more people than large corporations. Yet, they are not afforded the same generous

tax breaks as large companies.

If our economy is going to rebound, the government has to re-think who and what it supports. The focus must be placed on those entities that invest in their communities and spur job growth.

There is no overwhelming evidence that the monies our nation's top companies saved in federal taxes have trickled down to the common man. That is a travesty. If these corporate refunds are not being granted for programs that help boost the economy or create jobs, this practice should be reviewed and eliminated immediately.

Judge Mathis is a longtime advocate for equal justice. His inspirational life story of a street youth who rose from jail to judge has provided hope to millions.

Letter to the Editor: Go Fix the Problem

Lately, I have seen TV news clips of starving and sick children in east Africa, where a drought and a famine are occurring. It makes your heart want to cry.

Then, I recall that the international oil companies were reporting profits in the \$200 to \$300-billion neighborhood. Isn't it our govern-

ment that created this environment that spins off these fantastic profits?

Isn't it our government that keeps this war machine in gear producing never ending profits? Well, don't you think the good people we elect to represent us should say something to these corporations?

Something like—Hey! You have the money. Go fix the problem. And, if you don't, we will invade and occupy your corporation until you do! How do you like that?

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