## Couple has chance to climb out of debt

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A PORTION of the inheritance will be used to fund their daughter's first year in college. After that, the receiving on their income to prosent of the property of the p

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From a financial perspective, we recommend viewing the family unit as a business. As with all businesses, there are sources of income and certain definite expenses and also the need for periodic major capital expenditures.

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To the extent possible, all future spending decisions should be made in advance and money set aside. By assessing their linaucial resources and then allocating them to the highest priorities, they should be able to meet most of their short term and long term goals.

In deciding which debts to pay off the first, they should retire those carry-first, they should retire the first, while also going aware of the first, while also going aware of the first, while they have been decided by the should retire the second the first, while have been decided by the bank loan and finely the auto loan and second mortgage.

THEY ARE fortunate in having an excellent pension plan. After 30 years of teaching, both will receive almost one half of their salaries. They both elected an optional provision that increases their monthly pensions each year after retirement. For this benefit, they pay 4 percent of their incomes during their working years. In their creamstances, we be cholce.

Along with Social Security, their pensions will provide them with nearly all of the income they anticlipate needing at retirement. Nevertheless, we would suggest they make

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modest contributions to a personal retirement plan. This will help provide them with a cushion and flexibility should any major expenditures be necessary or desired at retirement. It also begins the habit of saving something from their income. The most efficient savings vehicle for them at this time is the tax-sheltered annutites available through their school districts. These provide for tax deducibile contributions and tax-deferred earnings. We would suggest that perhaps \$100 per month deducted from each income is a reasonable target, given income is a reasonable tax perhaps \$100 per month deducted from each income is a reasonable tax perhaps. Bill and \$310 per juckly that the other demands on their cash colleg, they should plan on increasing these monthly contributions.

Bill and \$310 year juckly that they have the chance to pay off significant debts due to the inheritance. Now with determination and some skill in planning, they can create their own lock in the future.

By following through on the recommendation, we believe they have an excellent opportunity to get an each and meet their major financial goals.

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# Everyone feeds the tax collectors

Over the years I have heard of many stories of how rich people pay very little taxes while the low-in-come taxpayers are taxed heavily. I have also heard complaints from many affluent taxpayers that their less-affluent counterparts do not pay their fair share of taxes.

This column is devoted to finding the "truth" relating to the tax burnedness of the low-income, the middle-income, and the high-income taxpayers.

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Total taxes	<ul> <li>married filing</li> </ul>
joint return	with 4 exemptions

income	deduction	taxable	S.S. tax	Fed. tax	MI tax	total	percent
5.000	5.000	0	383	0	0	383	7.7
10,000	5,000		765	<i></i> ō	166	931 .	9.3
15,000	5.000	2.000	1,148	300	396	1.843	12.3
20,000	5.000	7.000 .	1.530	1.050	626 .	3.206 .	16.0
25,000	5,000	12,000	1,913	1,800	856	4,568	18.3
30,000	,5,000	17,000 .	2.295	2.550	1.086	5.931 .	19.8
35,000	5,000	22.000	2.678	3.300	1.316	7.293	20.8
40,000	5,000	27,000 .	3,060	4.050	1,546 .	8,656 .	21.6
45,000	5,000	32,000	3,443	4,917	1,776	10,135	22.5
50,000	5,000	37,000 .	3.825	6.317	2.006 .	. 12,147 .	24.3
55,000	5,500	41,500	3,924	7,577	2,236	13,737	25.0
60,000	6,000	46,000 .	3,924 .	8,837	2,466 .	. 15,227 .	. 25.4
65,000	6,500	50,500	3,924	10,097	2,696	16,717	25.7
70,000	7,000	55,000 .	3.924 .	. 11.357	2.926 .	. 18,207 .	26.0
75,000	7,500	59,500	3.924	12,617	3,156	19,697	26,3
80,000	8,000	64,500 .	3.924	. 13,877		. 21,187 .	
85,000	8,500	68,500	3,924	15,137	3,616	22,677	26.7
90,000	9.000	73,000 .				. 24,167 .	
95,000	9,500	77,500	3.924	17,809	4.076	25,809	27.2
100,000	10,000	82,000 .	3.924 .			27,524 .	
105,000	10,500	86,500	3,924	20,779	4,536	29,239	27.8
110.000		91.000 .				. 30,954 .	
115,000	11,500	95,500	3.924	23,749	4,996	32,669	28.4
120,000	12,000		3.924 .		5,226 .		
125,000	12,500	104,500	3.924	26,719	5.456	36,099	28.9
130,000			3.924 .			. 37,814 .	29.1
135,000	13,500	113,500	3,924	29,689	5,916	39.529	29.3
140,000	14,000					. 41,244 .	
145,000	14,500	122,500	3,924	32,659	6.376	42,959	29.6
150,000	15,000	. 127.000 .	3,924 .			. 44,674 .	
155,000	15,500	131.500	3,924	35,629	6,836	46,389	29.9
160,000	16,000					. 48,104 .	30.1
165.000	16.500	140,500	3,924	38.599	7.296	49.819	30.2
170,000	17.000		3 924			. 51,534 .	30.2
175,000	17.500	149,500	3,924	41,569	7.756	53,249	30.4
180,000	18,000 .					. 54,964 .	30.5
185,000	18,500	158,500	3,924	44,539	8.216	56,679	30.6
	19,000 .			. 46,024 .		. 58,394 .	30.7
195,000	19.500	167,500	3,924	47,300	8.676	59,900	30.7
	20.000 .			. 48,560 .			30.7
205,000	20,500	176,500	3.924	49,820	9.136	62,880	30.7
				. 51,080 .		. 64,370 ,	
215,000	21.500	185,500	3,924	52.340	9,596	65,860	30.6
	. 22,000 .				9.550	. 67,350 .	30,0
225,000	22,500	194,500	3,924	54,860	10.056	68.840	30.6
230.000	. 23,000 .	199,000				. 70,330 .	30.6
235.000	23,500	203,500	3.924	57,380	10.516	71,820	30,6
	. 24,000 .				. 10,746 .	77.710	
245,000	24,500	212,500	3.924	59.900	10,976	74,800	30.5
		4.2,300	5,524	00,000	10,570	14,000	30.5

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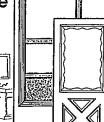
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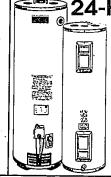
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