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Letter to the editor: Spending beyond means can lead to bankruptcy

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The two guest columns, one by Republican Rep. Dave Weldon and one by Democrat Tim Mahoney and fellow Democrat Mike Ross, offer much food for thought concerning the differing agendas of the two opposing parties in our Washington merry-go-round.

One must question Republican Weldon's "put-down" of the Democratic majority's 1993 tax changes that obviously influenced the resulting first budget surpluses in many years.

Subsequent years of Republican administrations and congressional majorities tax cuts have led to a horrendous national debt in trillions that is alleged to equal \$29,000 per person of U.S. population.

Whatever one's political allegiance, believe it, spending beyond one's means, adding to your indebtedness year after year, leads to bankruptcy. As my dad said to his married and expecting son: "If you like to dance, you must pay the fiddler." It might follow that those with the higher incomes, say the \$75,000 and up Mr. Weldon grieves for, these folks presumably dance more (live better) and must pay the fiddler more.

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