

1991: around the corner

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1991 is one issue that I wish would go away, and come back when I have time to deal with it. Right now, I'm busy with everything else pertinent in my life - I can't complicate it with one more issue. Being a full time student consumes my days with papers to write, chapters to read, lectures to attend, and a whole lot of studying. To make matters more hectic there is the everyday maintenance of cooking, laundry, dishes, shopping, on and on. I barely find time for my friends or family, and I never have time for myself. The other day my roommate asked me to go skiing with

her. With exasperation and disbelief I pulled myself together and nearly shouted, "Can't you see, I'm too busy to live!"

But time doesn't stop and wait for me to catch up. When I realized that 1991 is just around the corner my heart started to pump hard and my palms got sweaty because I have been too involved in my life to put time aside to find out what is happening.

There are two underlying messages that seem clear enough without knowing anything at all. 1991 is important because it will change my lifestyle. The other is that I am to hang on to my stocks at all costs. It seems this is the message that is getting around.

That sounds simple enough to understand. But when I started delving into the 1991 issue it became hard to understand. I need a degree in Accounting to understand it all.

Considering the complex issue and my busy life, it seems I'll just leave it up to the leaders to make all the decisions. I'll just complain later and tell them how they should have done it right.

On the other hand, how much we want to be involved and aware of the 1991 issue is up to us. We need to make time to find out what is happening out there. Things aren't happening by themselves.

Here are a few important questions for starters:

1. How will the 8 new resolutions dealing with the 1991 issue

affect my life?

2. Who will benefit more with restricted stock?

3. Don't be afraid to ask what stocks are. This is a new language for most of us. I took two accounting classes just to begin understanding what most Natives are suppose to know about stocks.

4. Is my personal input being heard by the corporations?

These are just a few questions to begin with. If you have a lot more; than you are on the right track to becoming aware of this important issue.

Most importantly, take time to find out what's going on. If you don't, someone will decide your life for you and you may not be happy.