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**March 2012 LOSFA Loop**

<http://www.osfa.state.la.us/MainSitePDFs/LOSFALoopMarch2012.pdf>

**Seven Tips for Avoiding Financial Scams**

<http://www.valueyourmoney.org/news/financialscams.asp>

**Trilogy Financial Services – Avoiding Investment Scams**

<http://www.trilogyfs.com/Trilogy-Financial-investment-scams-to-avoid.aspx>

**4 Scams: How to Avoid Them**

<http://money.cnn.com/popups/2006/moneymag/scam/index.html>

**Avoiding Financial Advisor Frauds and Scams**

<http://www.theskilledinvestor.com/ss.item.102/avoiding-financial-advisor-frauds-and-scams-the-never-do-list-part-3.html>

**Avoiding Financial Aid and Scholarship Scams**

<http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml>

## Quote of the Day

"Every man is rich or poor according to the proportion between his desires and his enjoyments." -**Samuel Johnson**

In making an observation about the "needless vicissitudes of hope and disappointment," 18th-century English writer Samuel Johnson -- often simply called Dr. Johnson -- argued that inspiring false hope is just as injurious to a man as actual theft. A man "infatuated with the promises of greatness" not only hopes for something impossible, Johnson wrote, he also neglects any real opportunities to improve his life, expecting "every moment to be placed in regions of spontaneous fertility."

## Fun Fact of the Day

"It's not possible to cry in space."

In late May, astronauts Andrew Feustel and Mike Fincke were running power cables outside the International Space Station when Feustel got something in his eye. It was around the five-hour mark of the pair's spacewalk, and the third spacewalk of shuttle Endeavour's final voyage. But Feustel couldn't dislodge whatever was in his eye, because he was unable to shed tears: "They don't fall off of your eye," explained the astronauts, "they kind of stay there." Feustel was finally able to rub his eye against a strap inside his helmet and continue the spacewalk.

## Cultural Literacy Tidbits

From "The New Dictionary of Cultural Literacy<sup>™</sup>: What Every American Needs to Know", Third Edition, Houghton Mifflin Company, 2002.

**World History – Wars of the Roses** – A series of wars fought by two English houses, or families, in the late fifteenth century for rule of the country. The House of Lancaster had a red rose as its emblem; The House of York had a white rose. The forces of the House of Lancaster won, and their leader Henry Tudor, father of the future King Henry VIII, became king. The power of the English kings was strengthened in the period that followed.

**Physical Sciences – buffer** – In Chemistry, the components of a solution that can neutralize either an acid or a base and thus maintain a constant pH. Buffers are often used in medications designed to decrease acidity in the stomach.

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