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Mr. Lenny Siegel
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Dear Lenny:

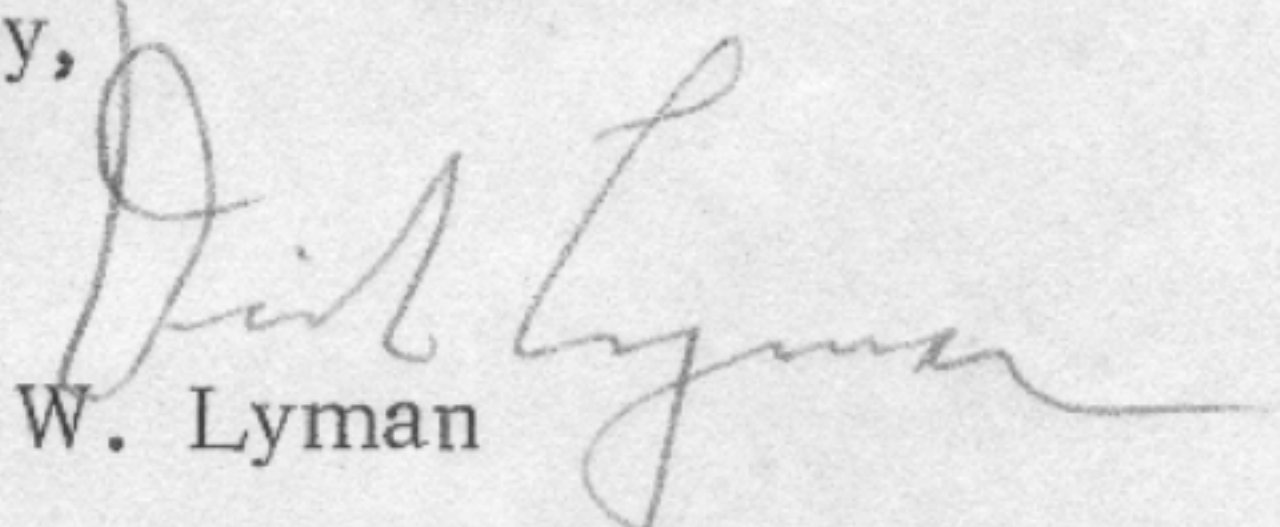
The words attributed to me in your column, "As the World Turns," in the November issue of the Grapevine, I never said. I assume that you are referring to the following paragraphs, from a talk that I gave in Washington on September 27th; the context was a reference to John W. Gardner's essay of 1965 entitled The Anti-Leadership Vaccine:

"And third, Gardner saw many people as asking themselves, 'Is the very notion of leadership somehow at odds with the ideals of a free society?'

"Now, a decade later (and what a decade!), I think we can say that such attitudes extend far beyond the ranks of the scientifically and professionally educated. We are in danger of coming to believe that no one can be trusted to speak of moral issues or enlist moral energies unless he or she owns nothing, carries no organizational responsibilities, possesses no authority of office or status--in short, is untrained and inexperienced at coping with moral problems in public life. If the only leadership we as a people will dignify with our trust is a leadership of saints and saviours, it requires no gifts of prophecy to suggest that we are in for some tough times indeed."

I imagine that you got your version from a badly garbled story in the Palo Alto Times, so I'm not suggesting that you're responsible for the obvious distortion. But I thought you'd want the correct version, in any event.

Sincerely,


Richard W. Lyman