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NEWS RELEASE

LaRouche Calls For Special Congressional Commission to Investigate Vote Fraud

On Tuesday, Dec. 19, Lyndon LaRouche addressed the second in a series of three seminars held in Washington, D.C. LaRouche's address occurred the day after the U.S. Supreme Court decision that stopped the vote recount in Florida, turning the White House over to George W. Bush. LaRouche's address assumed all the more importance because of the action by the Supreme Court, led by Justice Antonin Scalia. This action by the Supreme Court according to LaRouche, is placing the nation "at the brink of a situation in which the lack of the Congress, to react effectively to successive crises, would degrade the United States to ruling by crisis management, and national decrees, rather than by action fit to be described as law. That's the implication of what Scalia has done, in his concurring opinion, on the question of the star of action in the recent Supreme Court case."

LaRouche also announced a major initiative in his address, to appoint a special committee of the Congress to investigate vote fraud. LaRouche said the committee would consider two questions: the truth about the charges of vote fraud in Florida and the possibility of a national standard for ballots in presidential elections. He said: "Let the Congress consider these two questions, as part of its duty, and certify who they consider to be the President elect of the United States, as of Jan. 20th of next year. And that I think is the only procedure which I think is constitutional, and which would work."

Federal Courts Uphold Affirmative Action Policies At State Universities

Two federal courts have rejected right-wing assaults on affirmative action policies in state universities this month.

A U.S. District Court Judge in Detroit ruled that the University of Michigan's affirmative action policy was constitutional and an important part of the university's mission.

"A racially and ethnically diverse student body produces significant educational benefits such that diversity, in the context of higher education, constitutes a compelling governmental interest," wrote Patrick J. Duggan in a 50-page opinion.

Duggan's approval of the University of Michigan's affirmative action program follows a Dec. 4 ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which found a University of Washington Law Schools affirmative action policy constitutional.

"These two decisions upholding the legitimacy and constitutionality of affirmative action sharply counter the arguments from those who oppose such measures," said Ralph G. Neas, president of People For the American Way Foundation. "The federal courts have recognized that the Michigan and Washington universities' affirmative action policies can benefit and enrich their campuses by ensuring that all individuals are given fair chance to obtain educational opportunities."

WTO Members Meet at Second Baptist Church



Over 400 leaders of the West Texas Organizing Strategy in a delegates assembly help at Second Baptist Church on Sunday, February 25. The purpose of the assembly was to initiate the next step in the organizing project. For the last year and half, the leadership of the West Texas Organizing Strategy has been recruiting member churches, raising money, and training leaders. The project is now in relationship with 30 congregations and schools in the city and the county of Lubbock. The next goal will be to have 200 leaders from these 30 institutions initiate a house meeting campaign over the next six months in order to understand the pressures on families and to develop an action plan to begin to deal with

some of those pressures. The West Texas Organizing strategy is an institutionally based community organizing efforts whose purpose is to enable families to act on behalf of their families, neighborhoods and schools. The membership of the organization includes Covenant Presbyterian, St. Patrick Community Association, Unitarian Universalist, Pilgrim Baptist, St. John Neumann, St. Mark Baptist, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Asbury United Methodist, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Haverah Shelosah Debraim Jewish Association, St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Christ the King Cathedral, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, St. John United Methodist, Catholic Family

Services, and Christian Community Disciples of Christ. In addition to these institutions, WTOS includes alliance schools: Arnett Elementary, Jackson Elementary, Ilies Elementary, Hodges Elementary, and Ramirez Elementary.

In the Words of Dr. Powell:

We understand that we are here today because we want to organize the people of our congregations, congregations which are Anglo, African American and Hispanic. Congregations and associations which are Jewish, Presbyterian, Unitarian, and Catholic; congregations which represent upper-class white collar workers and lower class blue collar workers. We organize because we take seriously our responsibilities and obligations as citizens of this nation.

The purpose of organizing is action: acting on behalf of our families, neighborhoods, schools and children. That is that reason we organize. We are suspicious of power, because most if not all of the wrong and of unilateral and unaccountable power, the brutality of power which can displace thousands of people from their meager homes or close down badly needed schools. The kind of power which doubles our natural gas rates without any concern for human hardship or suffering. We organize for power because we understand that love with out power is sentimental. We work to create accountable relational power to act on our values and for our community. Over the past several months WTOS leaders have initiated conversations which cross the invisible lines that separate citizen; lines of social and economic class, religion, and race. We will now call forward those WTOS leaders who

have participated in those conversations so that can all understand not only why we organize, but why we must organize.

Leaders of the organization presented general area of concern which have been surfaced in house meetings held in October-December of last year.

Mr. Gilbert Puga, a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church and Mrs. Janet Price, a school teacher at Hodges Elementary spoke on the issue of education. Mr. Puga: "I know how important an education is; I know that without a High School diploma and college training, we are committing our children to lives of minimum wage jobs, jobs that provide no security and no future. Jobs which are indifferent to the development of the person." Mrs. Price: "If we do not organize for education, we will be a low wage, second class, substandard community. That is not acceptable I'm organizing in my school not only because I'm Presbyterian, not only because I'm a citizen, but most importantly because I am a teacher. Our children, the children of the community deserve not the left-overs, but the very best we have to offer."

Tavita Dorow of Covenant Presbyterian Church spoke on the issue of health care: "There are still over 500,000 children in the state

of Texas what re without health-care coverage. They are without health care coverage because the state of Texas makes it so difficult for parents to sign up their children into Medicaid."

Dr. Harry Bryant, a member of Pilgrim Baptist Church spoke on jobs and job training: "How many families can get along on minimum wage? No one can. Minimum wage is not a family wage -- it's slave wage. I'll tell you why we must organize -- we have to organize for jobs that pay family wage and the job training to train the citizen of our city and county to qualify for those jobs."

Lucy Prado a member of St. Neumann Catholic Church and the Rev. Will Tanner, pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church spoke on the issue of housing. Mrs. Prado: "It is no one's interest to have families in overcrowded and substandard housing." The Rev. Tanner: "There is no excuse for people in our community, many elderly, to have to live in substandard and dilapidated housing. This situation will not change unless there is an organization with enough power to create the public will to get something done. That organization is the West Texas Organizing Strategy."

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We should Learn not to Repeat History

by Ronald V. Dellums



The Wen Ho Lee case has brought back stark memories of another horrible episode in American national security. When I was a young child, I witnessed friends of Japanese ancestry hauled off to concentration camps solely because of their race.

With its case against Wen Ho Lee over, the government must make sure that these types of mistakes do not continue to be visited on people in the name of

national security.

Unfortunately, the initial congressional hearings into the Lee case have been negatively influenced by what seem to be partisan exchanges. Rather than pointing fingers at one another, President Clinton and Congress must take immediate steps to restore public confidence in the federal government's ability to conduct fair and competent investigations that protect our country's national security. Only an independent inquiry aimed at establishing safeguards to prevent the types of mistakes made in Lee's case can rebuild the public's trust.

Lee's case provided a rare opportunity for the public to view how federal law-enforcement agencies conduct espionage investigations. The results have been disturbing. From the very beginning of their efforts to determine whether China had obtained U.S. nuclear warhead secrets, intelligence officials focused their investigation on Chinese-American scientists. Sworn affidavits provided to Lee's attorneys by the former heads of

counterintelligence of the Energy Department and a Los Alamos laboratory indicate that the FBI and the Energy Department targeted Chinese Americans while ignoring other people who had similar access to military secrets and similar contacts with China.

This testimony convinced the court to order the government to turn over voluminous documents so that it could evaluate Lee's racial-profiling charges. In ending the case through a plea bargain, the government avoided having to make these disclosures.

The government must assure all Americans that their loyalties will not be questioned based on their ethnicity. Lee is not the only Asian American in the nuclear laboratories alleging discrimination. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and other government agencies are investigating discrimination complaints filed by Asian-American scientists at both the Lawrence Livermore and Los Alamos National Laboratories. Even the Energy Department's own task force concluded that

many Asian-American laboratory scientists believe that they work in racially hostile settings where they are singled out for questioning and suspicion because of their ethnicity.

These incidents suggest that the racial problems raised in Lee's case may be systemic and have long-term harmful consequences. News accounts indicate that Asian Americans have largely stopped applying for jobs in the nuclear labs, aggravating a brain drain that could damage this country's science, energy and national-security programs. Clinton should appoint an independent commission to review the government's counterintelligence practices to determine the extent to which racial profiling or other unlawful tactics have been used in these recent investigations.

The commission should have access to the documents that were to be reviewed by the court in Lee's case. It should identify ongoing problems and provide the public with policy recommendations, including proper training procedures and

other strategies to ensure that investigations are conducted in a fair and nondiscriminatory manner. Congress should also exercise its oversight responsibilities to make sure that our country's national-security interest is protected in a professional and lawful manner -- a process in which politics must take a back seat.

It took the government more than 40 years to acknowledge its mistakes in questioning the loyalty of Japanese Americans during World War II. In the aftermath of the Wen Ho Lee case, we cannot again sweep allegations of racism under the rug.

The work of a nonpartisan, independent investigative body combined with congressional oversight would go a long way toward restoring the public's confidence in our government's ability to conduct fair and thorough investigations that protect our nation's secrets. It would also help demonstrate that protecting our national security does not mean we have to compromise our democratic principles or engage in acts of discrimination.

Job Growth Strong Despite Slight Unemployment Rise

AUSTIN--Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 3.8 percent in January from December's rate of 3.7 percent, but is down seven-tenths of a percent from January 2000.

"While the Texas unemployment rate moved up slightly, this is the first time Texas has had two consecutive months under four percent since April and May of 1974," said TWC Chair Diane Rath.

"Despite the fact that some national economic indicators are down, Texas unemployment remains low and annual job growth remains strong at 2.8 percent."

Nonagricultural jobs grew by an estimated 4,100 over the month, gaining 201,800 jobs over the year.

"Services led all major industries in monthly job gains," said Commissioner Representing Labor T. P. O'Mahoney, "and shows the highest over-the-year growth of 1,23,300 jobs." The Mining industry, the majority of which is comprised of the oil and gas industry in Texas, added 1,300 jobs in January.

"This is the largest monthly gain in a year," said Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman, "and is the seventeenth consecutive month of growth in the Mining industry."

The lowest unemployment rate among the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) was 1.6 percent in Bryan College Station. Austin-San Marcos was next 2.1 percent, followed by Lubbock at 2.5 percent, Amarillo at 2.9 percent and San Angelo at 3.0 percent.

The highest unemployment rate was 14.8 percent in the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA, followed by Brownsville-Harlingen at 8.5 percent, El Paso at 7.8 percent, and Laredo and Beaumont-Port Arthur each at 7.3 percent.

Meals on Wheels

For the 12th consecutive year, Lubbock Meals on Wheels volunteer,

Annie Sanders, is raising funds for the agency. She is hosting "Annie's Chat and Chew" at the Mae Simmons Senior Center, 2004 Oak Avenue, on Saturday March 24, 2001 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Guest can enjoy some of Annie's favorites recipes while visiting with old friends and making some new ones. Donations will be accepted at the door to help fund the purchase of meals for the homebound

community served by Lubbock Meals on Wheels. For information, please call 792-7971.

UP YOU FIND MISTAKES

In this Publication Please Consider That they are there for a Purpose. We publish something for everyone, and some People are always looking for MISTAKES!!!

Ruby Jay's Corner



THE NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, 2002 BIRCH AVENUE, IS THE "CHURCH WHERE THE PEOPLE REALLY CARE," AND REV. BILLY R. MOTON IS THE PROUD PASTOR. WE REALLY THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN VISITING NEW HOPE, BUT DON'T MAKE IT YOUR LAST TIME. OUR DOORS ARE ALWAYS OPEN FOR YOU. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS EACH OF YOU.

A GOOD REPORT WAS GIVEN FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL LAST SUNDAY MORNING WITH ALL OFFICERS PRESENT HAND ON TIME. IT WAS ANOTHER GOOD GOOD LESSON.

OUR STUDENTS RECEIVED THIRTY MINUTES OF INSTRUCTION, AND MARCHED AND SUNG TO THE MAIN AUDITORIUM.

THE MORNING DEVOTIONAL PERIOD WAS CONDUCTED BY THE PRAISE TEAM. THE SPIRIT WAS VERY HIGH IN THE LORD.

LAST SUNDAY MORNING WAS YOUTH DAY, AND THE YOUTH WAS IN CHARGE. IT ALL BEGAN WITH THE PROCESSIONAL WITH THE YOUTH CHOIR MARCHING AND SINGING OUT OF THEIR HEARTS. WE'RE PROUD OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

ALTAR PRAYER WAS OFFERED BY REV. JEFF BROWN. AFTER THE SINGING OF A SELECTION BY THE YOUTH CHOIR, PRAYER AND A SCRIPTURE WAS DONE BY THE YOUTH.

THE RESPONSIVE READING WAS DONE WITH THE CONGREGATION STANDING, AND LED BY A YOUTH. PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS WERE GIVEN BY PASTOR MOTON. HE ALWAYS HAS SOMETHING POSITIVE TO GIVE THE MEMBERS. THE INFORMATION IS ALWAYS GOOD FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK.

THE MORNING SERMON WAS PREACHED BY PASTOR MOTON. HE REALLY DID PREACH OUT OF HIS HEART AND SOUL. THANK GOD FOR REV. BILLY R. MOTON.

LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT IN CITIZENS OF THE COMMUNITY. IF YOU GET AN OPPORTUNITY, AND YOU ARE AWARE OF SOMEONE WHO IS ILL AND SHUT-IN, PLEASE GO BY AND VISIT WITH THEM. YOU NEVER KNOW WHO WILL BE ILL THIS WEEK. SO YOUR PRAYERS ARE PRECIOUS.

LET US NOT FORGET OUR BEREAVED FAMILIES. THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE BEREAVED THIS WEEK. LET THEM KNOW WE ARE THINKING OF THEM. GOD IS ABLE.

HOW MANY OF YOU SAW OUR CHURCH MEMBER, BROTHER VIRGIL JOHNSON ON KTXV-TV LAST THURSDAY NIGHT? HE DID A SPLENDID JOB. HE AND HIS GROUP CALLED THE VELVETS HAVE RECORDED MANY RECORDS, A AND HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS THEM.

IF YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN THE LUBBOCK EMANCIPATION JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE, CONTACT EDDIE P. RICHARDSON AT 762-3612. IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE THIS CELEBRATION WILL BE UPON US. GET INVOLVED AND HELP MAKE THIS AN OUTSTANDING CELEBRATION.

WTO Members Meet at Second Baptist Church

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The Rev. Don Armstead, a member of St. Mark's Baptist Church and Gloria Cortinas representing St. Joseph's Catholic Church spoke on their issue of community infrastructure. The Rev. Armstead: "I want to talk to you about investment in our communities. I live in a part of town which lacks investment. Investment in streets, in recreational programs and after-school programs for young people. Businesses don't invest in my part of town. I live in a neglected part of town -- I'm tired of being neglected that's why I'm organizing in my community through my church and with other churches." Mrs. Cortinas: "Si vivimos en el este o el noreste de la ciudad, vamos notar la falta de inversión, en cuanto calles, en cuanto programas de recreación para los jóvenes."

Carol Schempp, a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church and a teacher at Ramirez Elementary School introduced 6 new congregations which pledge their membership or their intention to become members in the next few months. These institutions included Bethel AME Church, Mt. Gilead Baptist church, San Ramos catholic Church, Lyon's Chapel Baptist Church, Central Lubbock Church of Christ, Second Baptist Church.

Finally Monsignor Curtis Halfman, pastor of St. John Neumann Catholic Church outlined the next steps of the organization:

I think that more than any other verse in scripture, we take the inspiration for our organization from Micah 6:8: God has told us what to do; What is it that the LORD asks of us except to do justice, to love kindness, to walk humbly with our God.

We intend to do justice. WE intend to do justice because there is a significant lack in our community. Justice is not the responsibility of the police department or of the courts alone. It is our responsibility. And we intend to live up to it.

Community organizing is nothing new for me. We've organized sanitation workers in Lubbock; we've organized the barrio against police harassment. We did these things successfully. We organized Catholic Family Service to meet the immediate needs of our people.

These past several years we have organized around a new principle. It is the rule which never violate in the West Texas Organizing Strategy. We call this the IRON RULE the iron rule is: NEVER DO FOR OTHERS WHAT THEY CAN DO FOR THEMSELVES...NEVER.

We have worked hard these last two and half years -- we've recruited churches, we've raised money, we've trained leaders. Today, WTOS includes or will include by the end of the summer 20 institutions which represent over 10,000 families in the city and the county of Lubbock. In this year alone we will raise over \$70,000 in members dues for our members institutions from across West Texas. If fact, here's our \$2,500 dues and WTOS contract for 2001. We are serious about organizing both our money and our people.

Where do we go from here. We start with small group or house meetings. For the next six months we will have house meetings in our congregations and among our congregations. This is how we practice our civic liberties of freedom of speech and the right to assembly. The purpose of these house meetings will be the creation of a WTOS agenda.

We have heard from WTOS leaders this afternoon. They have spoken about health care, housing, and other issues. We will continue to surface these issues. But not only will we identify issues, the leadership will research and create a plan of action with specific actions around specific issues.

Once we have created an agenda, we go back into our congregations and have 10,000 voters sign off on the agenda as their agenda. These will be registered voters who willing together out the vote for their agenda.

Finally, I am calling for a convention of Sunday, March 3, 2002. At this convention we will call public officials to respond to our agenda. And then our leadership will hold them accountable to their commitments.

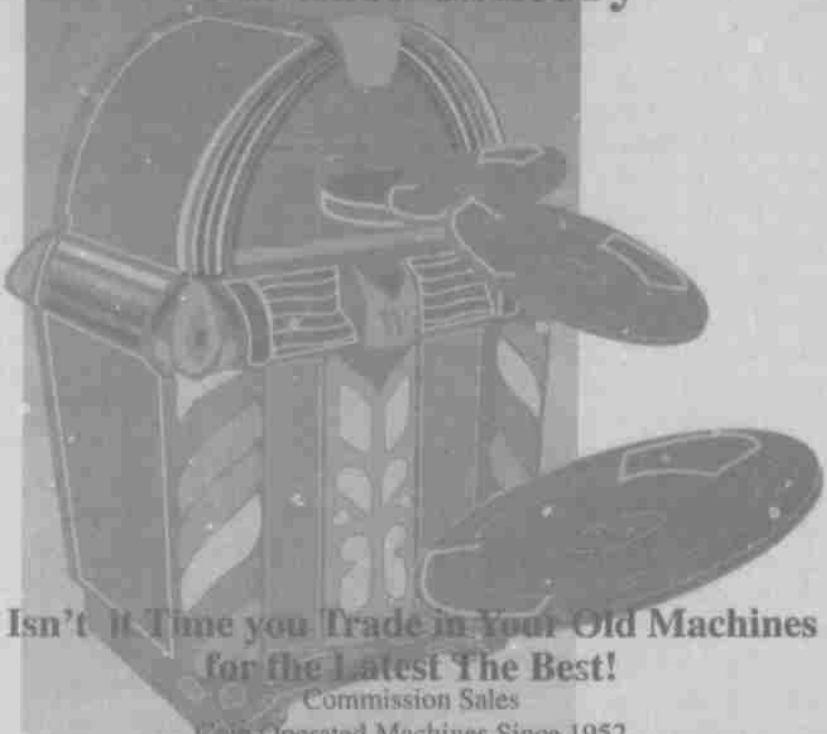
The meeting ended with

reactions from Bishop Placido Rodriguez, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Lubbock, The Rev. Richard Scherupp, Executive Presbyter of the Palo Duro Presbytery of West Texas and the Rev. Ted Dotts, representing Covenant Hospital which last year signed on as a supporting institution members and paid \$10,000 in membership.

The West Texas Organizing Strategy (WTOS) is a non-profit, institutionally based community organizing project which include the West Texas Communities of Amarillo, Plainview, Hale Center, Lubbock, Brownfield, Midland, Odessa, and San Angelo. It is non partisan, multi-

ethnic, and interdenominational. WTOS is affiliated with the Industrial Area Foundation (IAF). The IAF includes: Allied Communities of Tarrant in Fort Worth, Austin Interfaith, The Border Organization in Del Rio and Eagle Pass, Communities Organized of Public Service (COPS) and The Metro Alliance in San Antonio, Dallas Area Interfaith, the El Paso Interreligious Sponsoring Organization (EPISO); Fort Bend Interfaith, Southwest of Houston, The Metropolitan Organization; (TMO) in Houston; Triangle Interfaith Project (TIP) in Beaumont/Port Arthur/ Orange; Valley Interfaith in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

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Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Saturday
Cloudy with showers and storms. 50	Turning partly cloudy. 30	Sunny; a stiff breeze and continued cool. 54/32	Clouds and sunshine. 60/38
RealFeel: 40	RealFeel: 27	RealFeel: 43	RealFeel: 52
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sun and some clouds. 64/36	Clouds and limited sunshine; it may shower. 63/32	Considerable sunshine. 68/40	Mostly cloudy. 62/44
RealFeel: 59	RealFeel: 60	RealFeel: 64	RealFeel: 56

The RealFeel Temperature™ is a composite of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine intensity, cloudiness, precipitation, pressure and elevation on the human body. The number is the highest for the day and the lowest for the night.

GARDENING FORECAST

A cold front will pass through on Thursday, leading to showers and thunderstorms that will deposit between a quarter and a half of an inch of rain.

FISHING REPORT

Mostly cloudy skies as well as showers and storms will not make for an ideal fishing day, but drier weather will arrive for the upcoming weekend.

UV INDEX

Highest Thu: 4; Low 4.5
Highest Fri: 7; Moderate 6.7
Highest Sat: 5; Low 6.9
Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.
1-3: Minimal
4-5: Low
6-7: Moderate
8-9: High
10+: Very High

SUN & MOON DATA

	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Rise	7:07 a.m.	7:06 a.m.	7:05 a.m.
Sunset	6:50 p.m.	6:51 p.m.	6:51 p.m.
Moons	3:35 p.m.	7:06 p.m.	8:15 p.m.
Moons	6:40 a.m.	7:22 a.m.	7:59 a.m.

MOON PHASES

Full	Last	New	First
Mar 9	Mar 16	Mar 24	Apr 1

REGIONAL CITIES

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City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday			Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday					
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Albuquerque, NM	56/34	48	pc	58/34	48	pc	58/36	48	pc	52/32	48	pc	52/34	48	pc	57/32	48	pc	67/37	48	pc	67/37	48	pc
Amarillo, TX	49/33	48	pc	54/38	48	pc	51/40	48	pc	59/29	48	pc	60/37	48	pc	67/42	48	pc	69/45	48	pc	69/45	48	pc
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Austin, TX	68/46	48	sh	69/44	48	sh	69/54	48	sh	74/52	48	sh	74/50	48	sh	68/52	48	sh	67/52	48	sh	67/52	48	sh
Branson, MO	42/26	48	sh	48/31	48	sh	54/39	48	sh	55/37	48	sh	57/37	48	sh	58/39	48	sh	61/41	48	sh	61/41	48	sh
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Waco, TX	61/41	48	sh	62/38	48	sh	62/38	48	sh	70/37	48	sh	70/36	48	sh	66/38	48	sh	63/40	48	sh	63/40	48	sh
Wichita, KS	43/27	48	sh	47/31	48	sh	48/33	48	sh	50/34	48	sh	53/33	48	sh	58/40	48	sh	63/43	48	sh	63/43	48	sh
Wichita Falls, TX	50/34	48	sh	53/34	48	sh	59/38	48	sh	64/31	48	sh	64/30	48	sh	68/40	48	sh	61/48	48	sh	61/48	48	sh

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, f-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, f-ice.



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Justice to Objects and Our Lives

By Ruth Oron

As a young girl growing up in Israel, I longed for an interesting life, but I was so little aware of, or interested in the people and things around me. Often I bumped into people on the street and walked by objects, barely noticing they were there. I saw objects as something to use and then dismiss. But I felt troubled and lonely and I didn't know why.

I have learned from Aesthetic Realism, the great philosophy founded by Eli Siegel, that the deepest desire of every person is to like the world. "The World", he explained, "begins where our fingertips end". This takes in people, so importantly—but also the infinite number of objects that we see and have to do with every day. In this article I tell about how my life changed as I learned to see meaning in objects.

My desire to like the world was encouraged tremendously in Aesthetic Realism consultations and classes. One crucial way was by learning that there was something working in me that was against seeing meaning in anything. This is contempt, defined by Mr. Siegel as the "disposition in every person to think he will be for him-

self by making less of the outside world."

In an early consultation, my consultants explained: "People need to learn that taking meaning out of things hour by hour is accompanied by the victory of contempt—the seeing of oneself as the only vivid thing in the world." And I learned that robbing things and people of their full reality was not only unfair to them—but weakened me it was the cause of the steep unsureness and self loathing I felt. I was asked: "Do you think there can be a relation between your feeling so bad and how you see the world and the things in it?" And my consultants continued, "As you look at one of your children, a flower, a dress, you're having some attitude to the world at that moment." They were teaching me the purpose I needed to have in order to like myself—to like and be fair to reality. This put me on a new bright road!

Writes Class Chairman Ellen Reiss in *The Right of Aesthetic Realism to Be Known*: "We come from the world. When we like the world, represented by objects, we like our source." A life-changing assignment given in Aesthetic Realism

consultations, which I am grateful to have been doing now for nearly twenty-four years is to write a sentence every day about one thing in the world you like that day. I wrote about the peaceful and deep blue color of the cloudy sky; the rich color of the Dahlias in the flower shop window; and the four bright red tomatoes, joined by a green stem with a few jaunty leaves, on a white plate with thin gold trim.

People can feel, as I once did, that they will be giving in somehow if they admit they like things. But as I tried to be exact about one thing every day that I liked, I was thrilled—I saw meaning in things and also I felt I had more meaning myself. I became happier and surer of myself and I never again felt empty or bored. Objects were no longer interferences to be contemptuously dismissed or manhandled, but real friends.

About the importance of writing about objects, Eli Siegel said: "Every time you know something, you establish a relation.... Every time people really establish a relation with an object, that much they are saying, 'I don't want to be lonely.'" The relation we have to objects is explained by Aesthetic

Realism in this principle: "The world, art, and self explain each other; each is the aesthetic oneness of opposites." This is why we can learn about ourselves from everything! For instance, Ellen Reiss shows what a comb, an ordinary object, we all use everyday, can tell us about this question every person has: "how to feel joined to other people yet be ourselves." And she writes:

"The object I am looking at is a comb. It is black plastic and is about 7 1/2 inches long. [It] embodies the proud answer to an agony of people: the agony about junction and separation...[A]ll over this nation people feel apart from others, even as they go to parties and gossip at work. There is a feeling within people fit comes from contempt) that to be joined deeply with, affected fully by others would lessen us. Yet we are lonely, because we have made ourselves deeply separate.

There are 75 teeth in this black comb, and each is firmly distinct in its vertical individuality. Each has to be separate from the others for the comb to be a comb, to work. Yet each goes into, and arises from, that wide horizontal base of the comb—

and through that base it is joined to all the others. If an individual tooth should break off from that comb (ax, alas, sometimes occurs) that tooth would be less itself not more. A comb is a fairly early and a great invention. And its greatness is in the way it makes a one of the junction and separation, the apartness and togetherness, to be found in reality—which ocean

waves have, and nations have, often troublesomely, and human beings have, often achingly.

I am so grateful Aesthetic Realism exists to teach humanity the just way of seeing people and objects, that makes a person truly happy and will make our world a kind place. To know more, visit www.AestheticRealism.org or call, (212)-777-4490.

Combust Votes to Provide Tax Relief for West Texans Say Tax Relief Measure Good Start for Economic Growth

Washington - U.S. Rep. Larry Combest (R-TX) voted today to support tax relief for working Americans. The "Economic Growth and Tax Relief Act of 2001," (H.R. 3) returns to the American taxpayer what they overpaid to the government, by lowering the marginal income tax percentages. The measures passed the U.S. House of Representatives today by a

vote of 230-198. "Congress has walled off money to completely protect Social Security and Medicare, we will pay off every penny of the public debt, we have balanced the budget for the first straight year in a row, funded all programs, and we still have an unprecedented surplus. What better time is it than now to give back to taxpayers the money that

they have overpaid?" Rep. Larry Combest said. "I am very pleased that this bill passed today, which is the first in a series of meaningful tax relief measures." H.R. 3 will provide approximately \$958 billion over 10 years in income tax relief. Specifically, the tax relief plan will replace the five current tax rates with a simplified structure of four lower rates. Instead of the

current 15,28,31,36and39.6percent brackets, the brackets will be reduced to 10, 15,25and33percent. "No one should ever have to pay more than a third of one's income to Uncle Sam. This plan will put money into the pockets of American consumers in the short term and provide greater rewards for work and entrepreneurship in the long term," stated Combest.

MBC Network Continues to Move Forward



Major Broadcasting Cable Network (MBC Network) recently launched in Atlanta, GA as part of AT&T Broadband's Family Variety Bonus Category. The Atlanta launch on January 30—was instrumental to America's first, fully owned and operated, African American, family oriented network. Because of the large number of cable subscribers in the Atlanta area, MBC Network will now have a viewing audience of over 5 million with the success of the launch.

After the top rated radio morning show in Atlanta (The Frank Ski Morning Show) interviewed network principle, Marlon Jackson on the network's launch day, the switchboards of MBC Network lit up with calls inquiring about the network. The throng of calls from listeners only validated what MBC principles noted attorney and philanthropist, Willie E. Gary; heavy-weight champion, Evander Holyfield; all star baseball great, Cecil Fielder; entertainment legend, Marlon D. Jackson and founder and broadcast veteran Alvin D. James already knew when they first embarked on this

worthwhile journey. The need and commitment to provide quality family programming that excludes sex and violence from its programming is a welcomed change to viewers. According to CEO and Chairman Gary, "In a report recently released by the Kaiser Family Foundation on "Sex on TV: Content and Context", there is more sex on TV today than there was two years ago and only one in ten of sex scenes being presented contains and type of reference to safe sex. This is what MBC Network is campaigning against in programming; we are presenting morally responsible television to families. MBC Network, is about real families and real family television."

Last year as part of the network's commitment to excellence, Gary, Holyfield and Fielder purchased what is now Atlanta GHF/Artisan PictureWorks Studio, corporate headquarters of MBC Network. On Monday, March 12th MBC Network will open its doors to local government, social and civic community leaders for an "open house". The evening's agenda will begin with a press

conference and a proclamation by the Honorable, Mayor Campbell of Atlanta announcing March 12—as "Family Television Day", to be followed by live entertainment, food and walk through tours of the studio. The showcasing of the impressive multi-million dollar facility will provide the community with the opportunity to view the more streamlined operation first hand. The GHF/Artisan acquisition has enabled the network to be more cost efficient in the managing of daily productions, coupled with the opportunity to continue to produce quality, sports, entertainment and news programming.

The new production facility has also allowed the network the opportunity to expand in other areas of production, such as the first live broadcast in the new facilities with the Princeville 2000 Telethon last September. The network's production of event was successful in raising over \$2 million in donations to flood victims of the historical community of Princeville, North Carolina, the first chartered town by freed slaves.

In just over two years, MBC Network has been earmarked with notable community accomplishments as an active participant with a local Atlanta church Back-to School drive, a donor of auction items to Ted Turner's Captain Planet Foundation Celebrity Auction Fundraiser and a major contributor to radio host Tom Joyner's Historically Black Colleges and Universities Scholarship Fund. MBC Network has been effective in taking a proactive role in the community as various levels and will continue to embrace the community it serves on a national and international level.

Children's Health Alert

Children's Nosebleeds – Rarely a Cause for Alarm

By Dr. John Hellerstedt

Nosebleeds are common in children. They can be scary but they're rarely dangerous. If your child gets a nosebleed, stay calm, and help your child sit quietly. Gently pinch the end of the nose shut for ten minutes and, afterwards, try to keep the child as inactive as possible.

A common cause of nosebleeds is very dry air in the home caused by central air conditioning and heating. It's a good idea to humidify your child's room with a vaporizer if the nosebleed persists.

It is important to call your doctor or go to the emergency room if:

1. Your child gets a nosebleed as the result of a blow to the head or a fall.
2. You are unable to stop the nosebleed.
3. Nosebleeds are frequent or they last longer than fifteen minutes.
4. The nosebleed causes your child to have difficulty breathing.
5. The nosebleeds start or occur more frequently just after your child has begun taking a new medicine.
6. There is a foreign object stuck in your child's nose.

The Children's Health Alert is presented as a public service by this newspaper and the TexCare Partnership: connecting Texas families with children's health insurance for \$18 a month or less. Call 1-800-647-6558 for information or to apply.

John Hellerstedt, MD, FAAP, is the Medical Director of the Children's Health Insurance Program.



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THIS N THAT

VIETNAM VETERANS TAKE NOTE: THIS N THAT WAS RECENTLY READING AN ARTICLE IN THE MARCH, 2001 ISSUE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE THAT STATED THAT VIETNAM WAR VETERANS WITH DIABETES ARE NOW ELIGIBLE FOR COMPENSATION AND HEALTH CARE FOR THEIR PRESUMPTIVE EXPOSURE TO AGENT ORANGE THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS' DECISION WAS SUPPORTED BY THE AMERICAN LEGION THEREFORE THIS N THAT ENCOURAGES YOU TO CONTACT THE LOCAL VETERANS ADMINISTRATION OFFICE FOR FURTHER INFO DON'T WAIT TOO LONG DIABETES IS A SILENT KILLER!

LET'S HAVE BLACK REPRESENTATION NEXT YEAR! THIS N THAT OBSERVED THAT THE HONORING OF LOCAL WOMEN RECENTLY BY THE YWCA DIDN'T HAVE AN AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMAN TO BE HONORED IT'S TOO LATE FOR THIS YEAR BUT LET'S ADVISE THE YWCA OFFICIALS THAT THERE ARE MANY BLACK WOMEN WHO WOULD QUALIFY FOR SUCH AN HONOR WHY NOT CONTACT A YWCA BOARD MEMBER AND ADVISE THEM OF YOUR CONCERN

EAST LUBBOCK IS STILL MOVING! THIS N THAT HAS RECEIVED MANY POSITIVE COMMENTS ABOUT THE RECENT INTERVIEW ON LUBBOCK CHANNEL 6 OF PAT SHELBY OWNER AND OPERATOR OF QUALITY COATING LOCATED AT 4214 AVENUE A THIS WAS VERY POSITIVE AND MORE OF THIS KIND OF ACTION NEEDS TO BE SEEN BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC QUALITY COATING A YOUNG BUSINESS IS ONLY ONE OF 549 BUSINESSES IN EAST LUBBOCK ONE COMMENT FROM AN ANGLO WHO RESIDES IN SOUTHWEST LUBBOCK SAID "I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WERE SUCH BUSINESSES IN EAST LUBBOCK!" THIS N-THAT REPLIED QUIETLY TO HIMSELF IF THEY ONLY NEW OF WHAT WAS IN EAST LUBBOCK EAST LUBBOCK LIKE ANOTHER ANGLO BUSINESSMAN SAID "EAST LUBBOCK IS A PLUM READY TO BE HARVESTED!" LET'S KEEP MOVING EAST LUBBOCK! IT APPEARS AS THOUGH PEOPLE ARE WATCHING SO LET'S GET WITH IT

ANOTHER INTERESTING COMMENT ABOUT EAST LUBBOCK! THIS N THAT WAS TOLD BY A LOCAL CEO OF A BANK THAT "WE DON'T GET ENOUGH APPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESS LOANS FROM THE BLACK COMMUNITY!" LET'S CHANGE THAT! IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE BANK GIVE THIS N THAT A TELEPHONE CALL AT 762-3612 PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "NO PERSON IS YOUR FRIEND WHO DEMANDS YOUR SILENCE OR DENIES YOUR RIGHT TO GROW."

OUTSTANDING SPEAKER! THIS N THAT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR VERNON E. JORDAN, JR. FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE AND UNITED COLLEGE FUND, INC. SPEAK LAST WEEK TO THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM MEMBERS IN AUSTIN, TEXAS NO MATTER WHAT YOU MAY THINK OF VERNON E. JORDAN HE TELLS THINGS LIKE THEY REALLY ARE THANKS BROTHER JORDAN FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

LUBBOCK'S OWN DID WELL! THIS N THAT'S ROOMMATE IN COLLEGE VIRGIL L. JOHNSON ALONG WITH THE VELVETS OPENED THE NATIONAL SHOW APPEARING ON KTXV-TV CHANNEL 5 LAST THURSDAY NIGHT HE DID A SPLENDID JOB! THANKS ROOM FOR A JOB WELL DONE YOU AND THE VELVETS HAVE DONE WELL LET'S KEEP THIS KIND OF MUSIC GOING ON!



Ask A.G.

Keeping the Internet Safe

by John Cornyn, Attorney General of Texas

Q: While my daughter was in a chat room on the Internet, she was contacted by someone who made some inappropriate suggestions to her. She told us, and we have reported the person to the moderator. But there has to be something more we can do. Who investigates things like this?

A: The Internet is a wonderful resource that allows people to do so much. Unfortunately, some people use it to commit despicable acts. I commend your daughter for reporting this encounter to you.

As Attorney General, I have made it a priority to ensure that the Internet is a safe place for people to shop, do research, and communicate with each other. On September 21, 2000, I formed the Texas Internet Bureau, which will focus on Internet- and computer related crimes. Funded by a grant from the Governor's office, the Internet Bureau is staffed by specially trained prosecutors and investigators who assist local law enforcement agencies in fighting computer related crimes.

In addition to accepting and investigating reports from citizens about cyber-crime, the Internet Bureau focuses on:

- Child Pornography: Internet Bureau staff work with local, state, and federal authorities to

investigate and prosecute crimes involving online child pornography.

- Computer Hacking: Staff investigate incidents of breach of computer security.

- Children's Privacy: The federal Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) seeks to protect the privacy of children online. The Internet Bureau monitors Web sites and takes enforcement actions against those that are not in compliance with the Act.

We have had several successes since the formation of the Internet Bureau. In each case, we worked with local prosecutors to apprehend and charge people who were using the Internet to commit illegal acts.

In the first case, we assisted the Dallas Police Department's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force with the arrest of a man who allegedly hacked into his former employer's computer system to distribute child pornography via the Internet. The suspect has been charged with possession and promotion of child pornography and breaching computer security. Both crimes are third degree felony violations.

The North Texas Regional Computer Forensics Lab assisted in a raid of the suspect's house and will conduct the examination of the digital evidence. Our strong working rela-

tionship with the Dallas Task Force demonstrates the commitment we have to assisting local law enforcement agencies to put a halt to this kind of activity over the Internet.

In another case, the Internet Bureau worked with the Austin Police Department to arrest a man who is accused of soliciting a sexual encounter with a 14-year-old girl. The "14-year-old," actually an investigator from the Internet Bureau, had made contact with the accused in an Internet chat room. Even though the investigator clearly stated that she was a minor, the suspect exchanged several explicit e-mails in a "private" chat room, including one enticing the minor to meet him at a hotel room.

When officials arrested the accused, a Grand Prairie public school teacher, at an Austin hotel, they found pornographic materials and other sexual paraphernalia. The suspect has been charged with criminal solicitation of a minor, a third degree felony.

You can report questionable Internet activities to the Texas Internet Bureau through our Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us. The Internet Bureau section of our site has an online reporting form. To report possible illegal activities, or if you believe that someone could be in danger, contact your local law enforcement agency for assistance.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

We ask your help in promoting community awareness of a program we are currently using at Wheatley Elementary. In addition to providing an academic education for our students this school year, we are focusing on character education. We are pleased to be one of the many schools across the United States to be involved with the Character Counts! program, which was designed by the Josephson Institute of Ethics.

This program outlines six pillars that are considered to be a vital part of a person of strong character. These pillars are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, caring, justice and fairness, and citizenship. As the molders of our future, it behooves us to instill these basic values in the children we teach.

It is our desire that community leaders, business owners, ministers and fellow citizens unite with the educators and parents of Wheatley Elementary to promote the six pillars of character. Please contact the school office with comments, suggestions or to volunteer your services to help us build strong character in our students, our community leaders of the future.

Sincerely,

Margaret Randle,
Principal Wheatley Elementary School

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Wheatley faculty, staff and student body, I wish to express my heart-felt appreciation to T.J. Patterson for stopping by our school on a regular basis to check on a certain student. His involvement with this student has definitely made a difference. The student eagerly awaits Mr. Patterson's visits.

Mr. Patterson first met this student when he participated in our school parade in October. He was impressed with the young man and chose to stay in contact with him.

Our community and Lubbock are fortunate to have Mr. Patterson as one of our citizens and leaders.

Sincerely,

Margaret Randle,
Principal Wheatley Elementary School

Dear Editor:

As you know, home businesses are becoming a national obsession and a swelling trend. Still, as with any new business, failure rates are high. What if a home business could predict its own future?

If it could spot trends and needs in the early stages, it could then adapt the business to profit from them, couldn't it? But how can you predict the future? Is it even possible?

Executive coach Paul Lemberg, author of the mind-stretching new book, *Faster Than the Speed of Change*, says any home business—in fact, ANY business can predict and profit from its own future.

Lemberg offers four solid ways to predict the future of any business. These are tested methods from futurist and scientists, and can be uncannily accurate. His article on the subject is online at <http://www.lemberg.com/homebusinessfuture>

Your readers will devour his concepts, be challenged by his thinking, and be enriched once they implement his methods.

Lemberg is available for interview. His email address is paul-lemberg.com. His phone number is 760-741-1747.

I think this will be a story your readers will love, and I wanted you to know about it.

Sincerely,

Joe Vitale joe@mrfire.com

P.S. - While you're on the phone with Lemberg, be sure to ask him to send you a review copy of his book. It's truly awesome.

South Plains College SPC Job Fair April 10th

Prospective employers from throughout the South Plains area are signing up to participate in South Plains College's annual job fair April 10 in Levelland.

The job fair is open to any current or former SPC student and is scheduled 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Sundown Room in SPC's Student Center.

"A number of employers have contacted us that they will be on hand to talk with persons interested in employment," said Lynn Whitfield, technical counselor who is coordinating the event.

"Whether someone is serious about finding a job or simply wants to find out more about future career opportunities, the job fair is an excellent source of information," said Whitfield.

For more information, contact Whitfield beginning March 19 at 894-9611, ext 2365.

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General Welfare, or Genocide? All-Out War to Save D.C. General Hospital

"From the state's standpoint, from the standpoint of the governments and institutions, medical care is a responsibility to the whole population. It is not to one patient at a time. Even though the delivery of care may be, in the sense of a patient-doctor relationship, the actual effect is on the total population.... First of all, health care is Constitutional in the general sense, in the sense of the general Welfare....The fundamental principle of a republican form of government, as opposed to a government which is owned by some person or class of people, is that the only legitimate authority of government to exist, (is) its authority and responsibility for promotion of the General Welfare of all living persons and their posterity."

Lyndon LaRouche, Jan 3, 2000.

There are two possible policy directions for our nation, and its citizens, in the aftermath of the recent usurpation of the Presidential election by the United States Supreme Court, and the installation of the Confederate, John Ashcroft, as U.S. Attorney General. We are at a Crossroads, and there is no middle ground. Either our nation will go the way of Germany 1933, under the Nazis, or it will re-adopt the commitment to the General Welfare clause of the Constitution that was the content of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal, and Martin Luther King's Civil Rights movement. Today, the battle to put new life that clause is being led by Democrat Lyndon LaRouche, who alone has identified the stakes and the solution.

Washington, D.C. citizens, particularly the poor, have yet to wake up to the realization that D.C. General Hospital is about to be destroyed. Why? Because they have yet to realize, that the nation is about to disappear, and with it, D.C. General.

As LaRouche has said, the world has entered the greatest financial, monetary and economic crisis in centuries. Nothing can save the presently hopelessly bankrupt system. Whether the United States survives its own folly of the past 30 years, or instead self-destruct by implementing emergency decrees to subjugate a population in revolt against its own elimination, through the abolishing of health care, electricity, schools and transportation, depends on our reassertion to the idea of the General Welfare. The fight to save the D.C. General Hospital gives the nation—not only D.C. citizens—the opportunity to revive that commit-

ment. The issue is not Money. The D.C. Financial Control board, Mayor Anthony Williams, and various members of Congress (see box) claim the whether D.C. General is kept open or not, is a "money issue", a "fiscal management" issue. (That is A Lie) The issue is, that they are closing D.C. General because they (intend) to do so. It is social policy, a political decision, that the poor should die.

Many years ago, Thomas Malthus made a clear statement of this policy. "Instead of recommending cleanliness to the poor, we should encourage habits. In our towns we should make the streets narrower, crowd more people into the houses, and court the return of the plague. In the country, we should build our villages near stagnant pools....(But above all we should reprobate specific measures for ravaging diseases; and restrain those benevolent, but much mistaken men, who have thought they are doing a service to mankind by protecting schemes for the total extermination of particular disorders.)" He wanted to kill people.

Since 1973, a Malthusian policy has been in effect globally. Over 29 new diseases have emerged worldwide, due in large part to the abrogation of the commitment of the 1960's to the eradication of poverty, hunger, and disease throughout the world. Instead, we "Globalize" disease through the globalization policies of the Thatcher and Bush Sr. administrations. The spread of AIDS, BSE, and the re-emergence of diseases once controlled, including treatment-resistant tuberculosis, now put all mankind into jeopardy. This is a willful, deliberate consequence of these monetary and speculative policies.

The battle for the preservation of D.C. General Hospital occurs in that national, and international, context.

The Alternative is the General Welfare

Contrasted to this, is the ideal of the General Welfare. In Jan 3, 2001 webcast, Democratic Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche pointed out that "the fundamental principle of a republican form of government, as opposed to a government which is owned by some person or class of people, (is) that the only legitimate authority of government to exist, is its authority and responsibility for promotion of the General Welfare of all living persons and their posterity.

"So therefore in that sense, the right to health care (is implicitly, under U.S. Constitutional law, a Constitutional right). Now Franklin Roosevelt, for example, was the last President who made that very clear in his fight against the Supreme Court, and against Wall Street, where he said, the General Welfare is the fundamental law of the United States, the Constitutional law, and (he) adopted emergency measures (intended to provide for the general welfare...)"

This is what must be done in the case to D.C. General Hospital. It is dishonest to merely demand that the hospital be kept open. The hospital must restore to 100% operating capacity, including beds, equipment, and personnel. There must also be a new facility constructed next to the present hospital, which dates back to 1806. This must be done into the context of returning the nation to the 1947 Hill-Buton policy, abandoned in 1973, which mandates a ratio of 4.5-5.5 general-use hospital beds for every 1,000 Americans — a massive expansion of the nation's health care facilities.

None of this can be accomplished in the context of the murderous HMO policies of today. The HMOs should simply be abolished. We should return to a General Welfare form of health care, which we had an approximation of up until the 1970's is part of the U.S.

The extermination policy for D.C. the nation's capital, has ready begun. The process begun, as with the Nazis, with "Little murders" of the "We just couldn't help it" variety.

An exaggeration? See the cases of those who have already died, in the accompanying box.

And consider this: According to Dr. Millicent Collins, chief of pediatrics at D.C. General, the hospital has a level 3 neonatal intensive care capability. This means that the hospital can take care to high-risk pregnancies. For example, and infant delivered pre-term, who may need respiratory care, and to be put on a ventilator, must be cared for within the first [six minutes] of birth. If not, he or she will suffer significant brain damage, and other conditions, such as cerebral palsy.

In Southeast Washington, only D.C. General has these capabilities. Greater Southeast Hospital, which is supposed to take over D.C. general' caseload in large part, had no level 3 capability. Southeast Community cannot take care of

babies born, weighing less than 2.5 pounds. Greater Southeast Community has no pediatric emergency, no pediatric level 1 trauma capability, and as a result, the child, after delivery, is likely to die. That's all right, however, as this will mean "no long term health-care costs"

Further, Greater Southeast, a for-profit hospital, rate [below] D.C. General, already had a patient base that is over 60% uninsured. What will be their incentive for giving emergency treatment to indigent residents? D.C. General services 60% of all uninsured people in the entire city (about 100,000)! D.C. General has 53,000 emergency-room visits a year. Once the emergency room is eliminated there, where will these people go?

Finally, the District had lost 42.1% of all beds—2700—since 1995. How can the other hospitals possibly take up the caseload, even if they wanted to?

The entire approach to the idea of health care, exemplified by the HMO privatization of Medicaid in Washington D.C., is intended to [proliferate] disease, [increase] infant mortality, [lower] life expectancy, why? The unfolding, now undeniable collapse of the world's financial and monetary system, had rendered the citizens of Washington D.C. "redundant," ad Heinrich Himmler so daintily suggested in another context: the intent of the Nazis to exterminate the population of Eastern Europe in the pursuit of greater "lebensraum"—living space— for the nearly as impoverished German population. There is no more living space, no more tolerance, to be given, in this age of "compassionate conservatism," to the poor. There is only "death-space" available, to the which you will be assisted by the gauleiter of the Financial Control Board or the Mayor's office

The maintenance of D.C. General Hospital, and the public hospital system of the United States, just as is true of the public schools, public roads, and the public water and power systems, is the duty of the U.S. citizenry. We are in a crisis now, that dwarfs that which Roosevelt encountered in 1932. Whether we have the Roosevelt measurement, today championed by Lyndon LaRouche, to be Hitler policy measures, now being imposed by the Southern Strategy racists, is the choice of "we the people"

"Once to every man and nation, there comes a moment to decide." What will you decide?

AFRICANA TRIVIA

Answers on page 8

ACRO-XWORDZ No. 035

Across

9. ___ The Law, (early gansta rap group, that started under Eazy-E's group Ruthless Posse; they cut the 1990 album *Living Like Hustlers*)
10. South African segregated system
11. ___ Field, (Green Bay Packer's home field)
12. He contracted glaucoma at the age of seven and became blind, but still went on to become an R&B legend (last name)
13. She starred in the 1987 movie, *Angel Heart*
15. Style of Jamaican music
16. ___ Holliday, (one of the gun fighters at the famous O.K. Corral in Tombstone, AZ)
17. ___ Band, (group that cut the 1980 hit *Take Your Time Do It Right*)
19. Famous boxing promoter
20. Director of the movie, *Summer of Sam*
23. Boxer's Leonard or Robison
24. ___ Ain't Nothing But A Number, (Aaliyah's 1994 hit album)
25. Ain't That A ___ (1950's rocker Chubby Checker hit it big with this tune)
27. Doris Miller was a cook on this battleship in Pearl Harbor when it was attacked by the Japanese; he shot down four fighters despite a lack of training on the anti-aircraft guns
29. Lost to the Broncos in the 1999 Super Bowl
32. This quintet scored the 1971 hit *Whatcha See Is Whatcha Get*
33. Capital of Egypt, (its name means "Victorious" in Arabic)

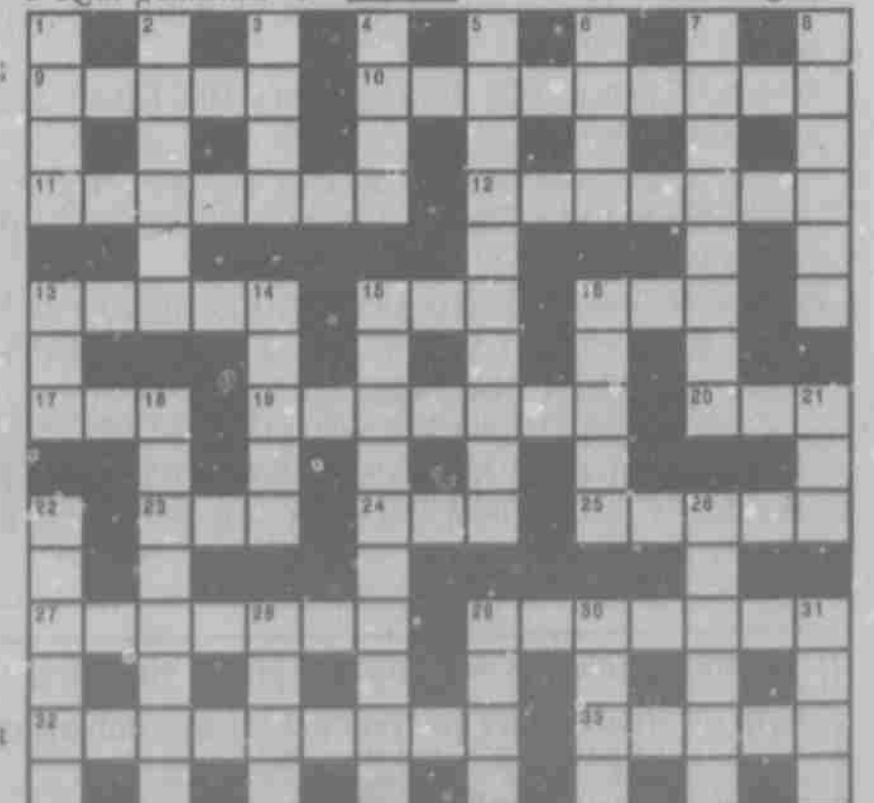
Down

1. ___ Mooney, (comedian)
2. ___ Brown, (jazz guitarist)
3. One half of the Winans sister/brother duo
4. Erykah ____, (some compare her to Billie Holiday but she has a style all of her own)
5. Title of Bob Marley's debut album; it contains the hit song *Stir It Up*
6. ___ James, (female jazz singer)
7. Great west coast rapper, but he only cut one album, the 1995 title *Killa Kali*
8. Lewis Latimer was a member of this inventors research team
13. Type of boycott that MLK Jr. led after Rosa Parks was arrested
14. He cut classic ballad, *Love TKO*
15. One of Columbus' ships
16. Charles C. ____, (the first Black state senator for Michigan)
18. Endurance
21. Adam's soulmate
22. Idi Amin was the brutal ruler of this country from 1971-79
26. ___ Dagg, (George Clinton's classic funk hit, which is the most sampled song in history)
28. ___ Hammer, (male British soul singer with the album *There Nothing Like This*, in 1991)
29. W.E.B. Du Bois attended this college in Tennessee before attending Harvard and earning his doctorate
30. Unpredictable phenomenon that leads to a favorable outcome
31. The ____, (Doug E. Fresh's 1985 rap hit)

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IN JESUS NAME "I LOVE MY JESUS!"

LUKE 16:13, JESUS SAID, NO SERVANT CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS; FOR EITHER HE WILL HATE THE ONE, AND LOVE THE OTHER, OR ELSE HE WILL HOLD TO THE ONE, AND DESPISE THE OTHER.

I LOVE MY JESUS; AND I WANT THE WHOLE WORLD TO KNOW, I LOVE MY JESUS; BECAUSE HE SAVED AND SANCTIFIED MY SOUL!!

ROMANS 15:10b,11, PRAISE THE LORD, ALL YE GENTILES; AND LAUD (PRAISE) HIM, ALL YE PEOPLE.

I LOVE MY JESUS; AND I TELL IT EVERYWHERE THAT I GO, I LOVE MY JESUS; AND I WANT THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD TO KNOW!!!

MARK 16:15, JESUS SAID, GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD, AND PREACH THE GOSPEL (GOOD NEWS) TO EVERY CREATURE.

I LOVE MY JESUS; AND I WANT HIS NAME EVERYWHERE TO BE HEARD, I LOVE MY JESUS; AND IT IS BECAUSE HE LOVED ME FIRST!!!

JOHN 3:16, JESUS SAID, FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSEVER (THAT'S YOU AND ME) BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.

I WAS LOST IN MY SIN'S; SINKING TO RISE NO MORE, THEN I HEARD HIS QUIET AND GENTLE KNOCK; ON MY HEART'S DOOR.

REVELATION 3:20, JESUS SAID, BEHOLD (LOOK), I STAND AT THE DOOR, AND KNOCK; IF ANY MAN HEAR MY VOICE, AND OPEN THE DOOR, I WILL COME IN TO HIM, AND SUP (SUPPER) WITH HIM, AND HE WITH ME.

I WAS DRIVING DOWN THE HI-WAY AT 80MPH, GOD SHOWED ME MY DEATH, I TRULY PRAYED, LORD, PLEASE DON'T LET ME DIE, I PUT HIM TO THE TEST!!!

PSALM 40:1,4, I WAITED PATIENTLY FOR THE LORD; AND HE INCLINE UNTO ME, AND HEARD MY CRY. BLESSED IS THAT MAN THAT MAKETH THE LORD HIS TRUST, AND RESPECTETH NOT THE PROUD, NOT SUCH AS TURN ASIDE TO LIES.

***** I WILL NOT ROB GOD!!! *****

I HAVE HIS NAME ON MY CAPS, T-SHIRTS; AND DOWN THE SIDE OF MY TRUCKS, I HAVE A NEW MASTER NOW; AND I M JUST TRYING TO LIFT HIM UP!!!

MATTHEW 11:28, JESUS SAID, COME UNTO ME ALL YE THAT LABOU (WEARY) AND ARE HEAVY LADEN (OPPRESSED), AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.

(WHEN I WAS LOST IN THE WORLD'S HOG PEN; LOOKING FOR JOY, PEACE, AND HAPPINESS; IN BEER, WHISKEY, WOMAN, DIAMONDS MARIJUANA. THE DEVIL'S LUST OF THE FLUSH. BUT ON NOVEMBER 23, 1379, THE LORD CAME INTO MY LIFE; I'VE BEEN BORN AGAIN. ONLY NOW I GIVE GOD THE GLORY; I JUST WANT TO PRAISE HIS NAME, I M NOT ASHAMED!!!)

LUKE 5: 37,38, JESUS SAID, NO MAN PUTTETH NEW WINE INTO OLD BOTTLES; ELSE THE NEW WINE WILL BUST THE BOTTLES, AND BE SPILLED, AND THE BOTTLES SHALL PERISH. BUT NEW WINE MUST BE PUT INTO NEW BOTTLES; AND BOTH ARE PRESERVED.

I LOVE MY JESUS; FOR HE HAS SUPPLIED ALL OF MY NEEDS, HE HAVE BLESSED ME; WITH A SAVED AND SANCTIFIED WIFE; JEFFOTHEL MARIE!!!

ROMANS 8:28, WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THEM THAT LOVE GOD, TO THEM WHO ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.

***** I LOVE MY JESUS; AND HE LOVE ME!!! *****

I'M JUST A NOBODY; TRYING TO TELL EVERYBODY; ABOUT SOMEBODY; WHO GAVE HIS BODY; TO SAVE EVERYBODY!!!

CORINTHIANS 11:31, THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST WHICH IS BLESSED FOR EVERMORE, KNOWETH THAT I LIE NOT.

GOD IS NOT THOROUGH WITH US, SO LETS PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS. WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, III YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS!!!

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The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are asking "What does the Lord request of Us?" Micah 6:8.

To please the lord is not enough for us to attend Sunday morning worship, fulfill all the important rituals and the responsibilities of our church or ministry. These are good things, but there is more to our faith than religious rituals; for God wants us to dedicate ourselves to fulfilling his requirements in our daily living.

Micah says that there are three requirements of God for us. They are to do justly, to love kindness and to walk

humbly with God. Micah 6:8 For the jews, these requirements were nothing new. God had already told them about justice, kindness, and Humility. Justice simply means being fair to one's neighbor and doing what is right in one's dealings with others. It means making a fair business exchange giving a fair decision. Justice means giving everyone a fair and equal chance under the law, regardless of social or economic status. When there is justice, the rich are not able to take from the poor and the wealthy do not rob the weak. Where there

is justice, there is no segregation, decrimination and police brutality.

A just people, just community will not take people's welfare checks; food stamps, while permitting the different affluent to have subsidies and big tax brakes. Kindness is another requirement of god that was very much an ethical teaching of jesus. Kindness is a warm and friendly way. We are supposed to treat others to be kind. We must be good to others.

Kind people do not lie and cheat on one another. A kind society doesn't mistreat its children, youth and elderly;

nor does it deny its member the basic necessities of life.

Kind people don't spread false rumors and malicious gossip; nor do they fail to help those who are in need. The way to God is through the door of Humility, the one and only way.

Thought to the week; "Wealth without health is like a check without a signature."

May God Bless each of you for reading these words.

Keep us in your prayers as you do your drive by prayers for others.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Bursleson, vice president.



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

"The World Didn't Know Jesus"

When we read the first chapter of John we discover the "disciple whom Jesus loved" tells of the coming of Jesus into the world and of His rejection by the people of the world He had created. This tenth verse which swings from the first moment of creation to the time of Jesus' earthly ministry, tell the incredible story of the Creator of the universe who came to earth. And that creation - specifically the people of that creation, creatures He had formed from the dust of the earth - did not acknowledge Him. When we read the eleventh verse we learn that when He came to His own chosen people, Israel, they did not welcome Him.

That rejection, which began when He was forced to be born in a stable, continued throughout His ministry. True, there were thousands who believed in Him and accepted Him as a special prophet. And some even caught a glimpse of His divinity and acknowledged Him as the Son of God. But there was more rejection than acceptance. He died in loneliness surrounded by a jeering mob and a handful of courageous but distraught disciples. Even those who were closest to Him could not fully understand His life and mission. Why did His people not receive Him? After all he was the Messiah for whom they had prayed and waited throughout the long and difficult centuries. He was promised by the prophets and anticipated by every devout follower of God. Certainly, it would seem that whole nation would echo the joyous pronouncement of Simeon: "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentile and the glory of thy people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32). Sadly, that was not the reaction of

the majority. At other times it was outright rejection and persecution. Should this surprise us who are entering into the twenty-first century? Is our situation much different from theirs? Today after almost two thousand years of the gospel in the world, at least the majority of the population of the world does not know Jesus.

So the question is not just, "Why did the Jews reject Jesus?" also, "Why do so many still reject Him today?" Have you rejected Him? Do you really want to know Him so that He may become the center of your life? If so, go to church on Sunday and let God's man tell you about this rejected Jesus.

Healthcare Right or Privilege?

LUBBOCK, TX—March 8, 2001—The community is invited to a debate on the topic "Should Healthcare be a Right or a Privilege?" on Thursday, March 22, 2001 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Cardwell Lecture Hall on the Lubbock Christian University campus. With the changes and challenges facing the healthcare industry today, this should prove a lively topic. The Cardwell is located in the Mabee American Heritage Building. A reception will follow the debate. The event is free to the public.

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Detailed explanations of the full range of benefits available to disabled veterans and their families will be presented at an upcoming Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Mobile Service Office visit. Like all services provided by the nonprofit DAV, there will be no charge for this on-site counseling and claim filing assistance, which will be hosted by J. E. Pietzsch Chapter No. 26. It will be presented at The Federated Women's Club Rooms, 2001 Civic circle, Amarillo, Texas from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on March 16, 2001.

A highly trained National Service Officer from the DAV's Waco office will meet with you personally. "This veterans' benefits expert offers you the best counseling and claim filing assistance you and your family can get," DAV National Adjutant Arthur H. Wilson said in a letter inviting local veterans and their families to visit the Mobile Service Office.

That's important, he said, because, "So many disabled veterans feel confused about benefits and services they've earned. There's so much to know...and so many changes from one year to the next."

Veterans and members of their families need not be

Southwest Digest Thanks you for your support

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KNOW YOUR CITY GOVERNMENT by Eddie P. Richardson

(This is a series of stories which will give the citizens a close look at their city government, namely; its origin, function, every department, and other important matters. This information was supplied by the Texas Municipal League (TML) Tony Privitt, Lubbock Public Information officer.) We have run the Mayor of Lubbock. Now we will be in a series / featuring each Department Head. We have follow the sequence with District 1, and continuing through District 6. The city council, along with the mayor, conducts business, performs ceremonial duties, listens to boards and commissions' reports, and acts on the information presented to them. The city council also hires the city manager, city attorney, and city secretary as required by the Lubbock City Charter. Assistant Manager of Community Service Tommy Gonzalez



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Tommy Gonzalez serves a dual role with the City of Lubbock. He has recently been appointed as Interim Ports-Plains President for an International Trade Corridor. Mr. Gonzalez's efforts have contributed greatly to making the Ports-Plains Trade Corridor a reality much faster than expected. He has worked to secure a partnership with over 45 organizations in Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and Mexico, cities and counties along I-27 and other portions of the Corridor. The goal of the partnership is to improve transportation in the region and to make the corridor a vital link to an International Trade Corridor connecting Canada to Mexico through the Western United States. Mr. Gonzalez also has another responsibility as Assistant City Manager for Community Services. Mr. Gonzalez oversees an operating budget of \$17 million for the Library system, Parks and Recreation, Cemetery, Civic Centers, Animal Services, Community Development, Environmental Inspection, and Health Lab Services. His other accomplishments include landing the Lubbock Cotton Kings Hockey Team as the new anchor tenant for the coliseum, and negotiating a \$1 million deal with Coca-Cola for televised screens in the Coliseum and CNN monitors in the Lubbock International Airport. He has also led the Community Services division in preparing the largest parks and recreation bond package to ever go to Lubbock voters. Mr. Gonzalez has been with the City since June 1991. He began as the Graffiti Removal Coordinator; Administrative Assistant to the City Manager's Office 1991; Administrative Assistant to Communication Services 1993; Budget Analyst 1993; Assistant to the City Council 1994; Assistant to the City Manager 1995; Managing Director of Civic Services in 1997, and Assistant City Manager in April 2000. Mr. Gonzalez is a native of Lubbock, earning his first degree at Eastern New Mexico University and a Masters of Public Administration from Texas Tech University. In addition to his municipal service, Mr. Gonzalez has been a Captain in the US Army Reserve since June 1996, while serving in the military since 1988. In his most recent deployment, Mr. Gonzalez served as the Project officer/International Officer for the Multi-National Division Southwest in Bosnia Herzegovina. He worked with the European Commission, US Aid, the World Bank, and the Department of Foreign Investments and Development to secure \$6.2 million for humanitarian aid projects. Mr. Gonzalez, then a Second Lieutenant, also served in Operation Desert Storm as the Enemy Prisoner of War Team Chief.

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