

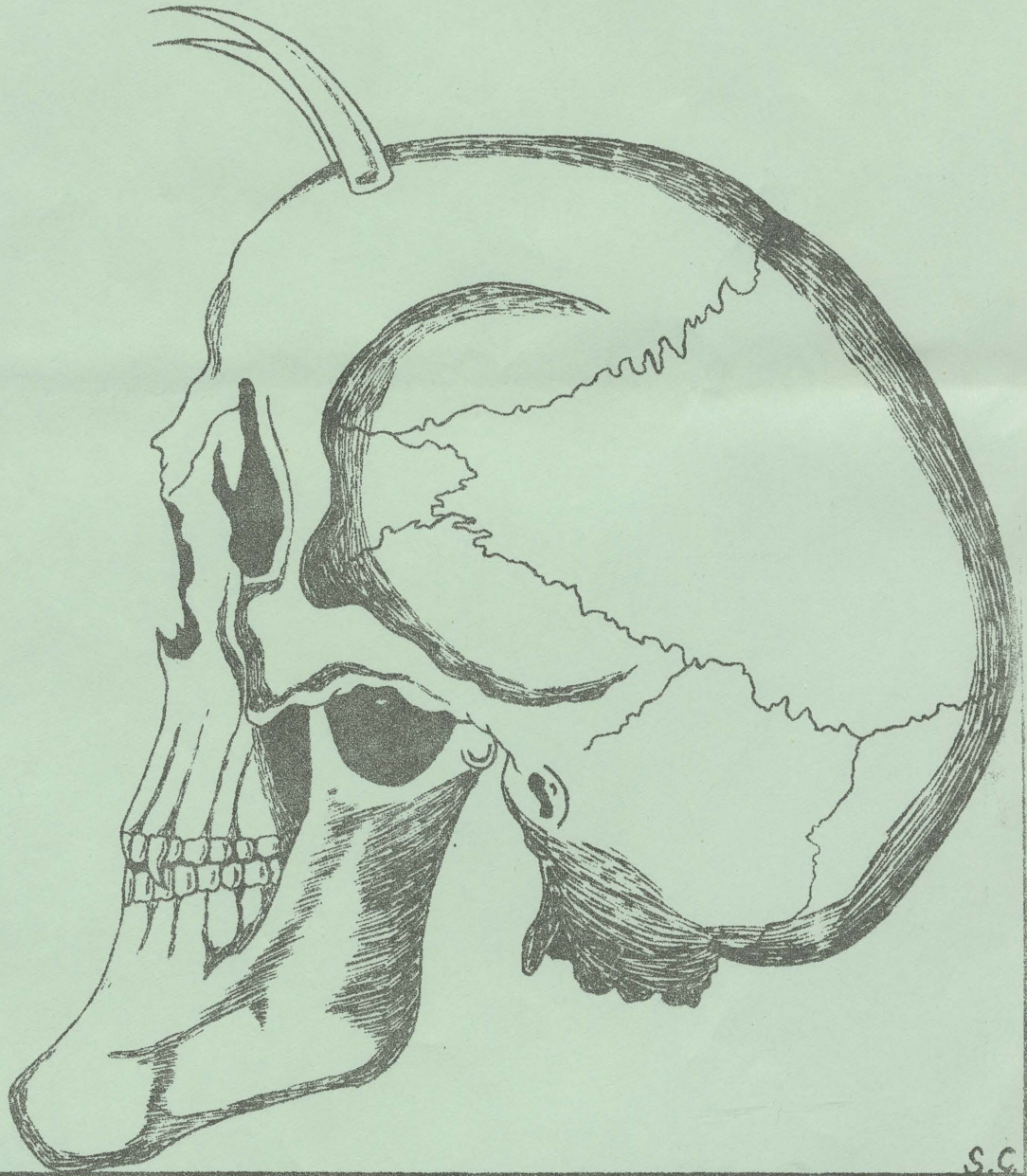
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### THE WINNERS

1. Mr. Nestor L. Torruella at Somers CCI for a short story, "Dirt Cheap".
2. Mr. John Reinoso at Somers CCI for a remembrance, "A Day in '55".
3. Mr. Richard A. Wise at Cheshire CCI for a sketch-essay, "Iron City".
4. Ms. Adrienne Young of Niantic CCI, who has since been released, for a poem, "After School".
5. Mr. W. Ray Freeman at Bridgeport CCC for a poem, "The Tree in Floyd's Backyard".
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7. Mr. John A. Durso at Enfield CCI for a sketch-essay, "Things That Take Forever".
8. Mr. Hector Estremera at Hartford CCC for an essay, "All I Can Tell You Is".

We had \$700 in prize money and we anticipated seven \$100 awards. However, after tabulating the scores of the six judges, we found a three-way tie for the final two winning places. Fairness dictated that we divide the money equally for those two slots among the three who had tied. Thus the first five winners will receive checks for \$100 each while the final three will receive awards of \$67.

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Congratulations to the winners and our appreciation to all who entered.

Robert J. Brooks  
Chief, Program Development

## EDITORIAL

by larry chace

According to newspaper and newscast reports Superior Court Washington Street has opened an experimental courtroom to handle the backlog of homicide cases. This experimental courtroom has been dubbed by the State's Attorney's Office, et al, as the "Murder Courtroom."

For those of you here who may be among the 71 persons now awaiting trial in this courtroom, you should be aware of the fact that the prosecution is discriminating against you by seperating your cases from regular court cases. But more importantly by being tried in this courtroom, so named, and after all the media coverage given to the opening of this courtroom, you as the defendant are now proceeding with an undue disadvantage in this atmosphere.

The naming of this experimental courtroom, as it was, serves a purpose for the prosecution who, after all the bad press they've recieved from the Ebersold case, now need all the help they can get to insure some convictions and thus restore their public image and public confidence in them. Especially Chief State's Attorney, John Bailey, who works so hard at trying to impress upon the public that he is the Super Watchdog of society. Bailey, who knows only too well the value of media attention and how to get it, combines this with his other underhanded techniques of prosecution he employs to either prosecute, deal or not prosecute at his whim.

This time, however, the State's Attorney's Office may have stepped slightly out of legal bounds. By publicly advertising the experimental courtroom in such a manner detrimental to the defendants, a predisposing cause has been established. A predisposing cause is any factor which, although not the direct cause of an event insures that the event is more likely to occur in its presence than in its absence. The name "murder courtroom" implies guilt upon the part of the defendant and impresses this upon jurors before the trial ever gets underway. The trial is thus biast due to the fact that jurors have been fed predisposed ideas through means of liminal stimulus.

EDITORIAL

by Larry Chase

Limina stimulus, technically, is one which evokes a response on 50 per cent of the trials. This would put the probability of assuring the desired results from a jury at right around the 50 percent mark. Or to be more precise, half of the jury would have you convicted before the first testimony or bit of evidence was presented to them.

The same is being employed here to insure convictions are in violation of the U.S. Constitution and should be dealt with as such.

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THE REVOLVING DOOR SYNDROME

BY: Henry Price

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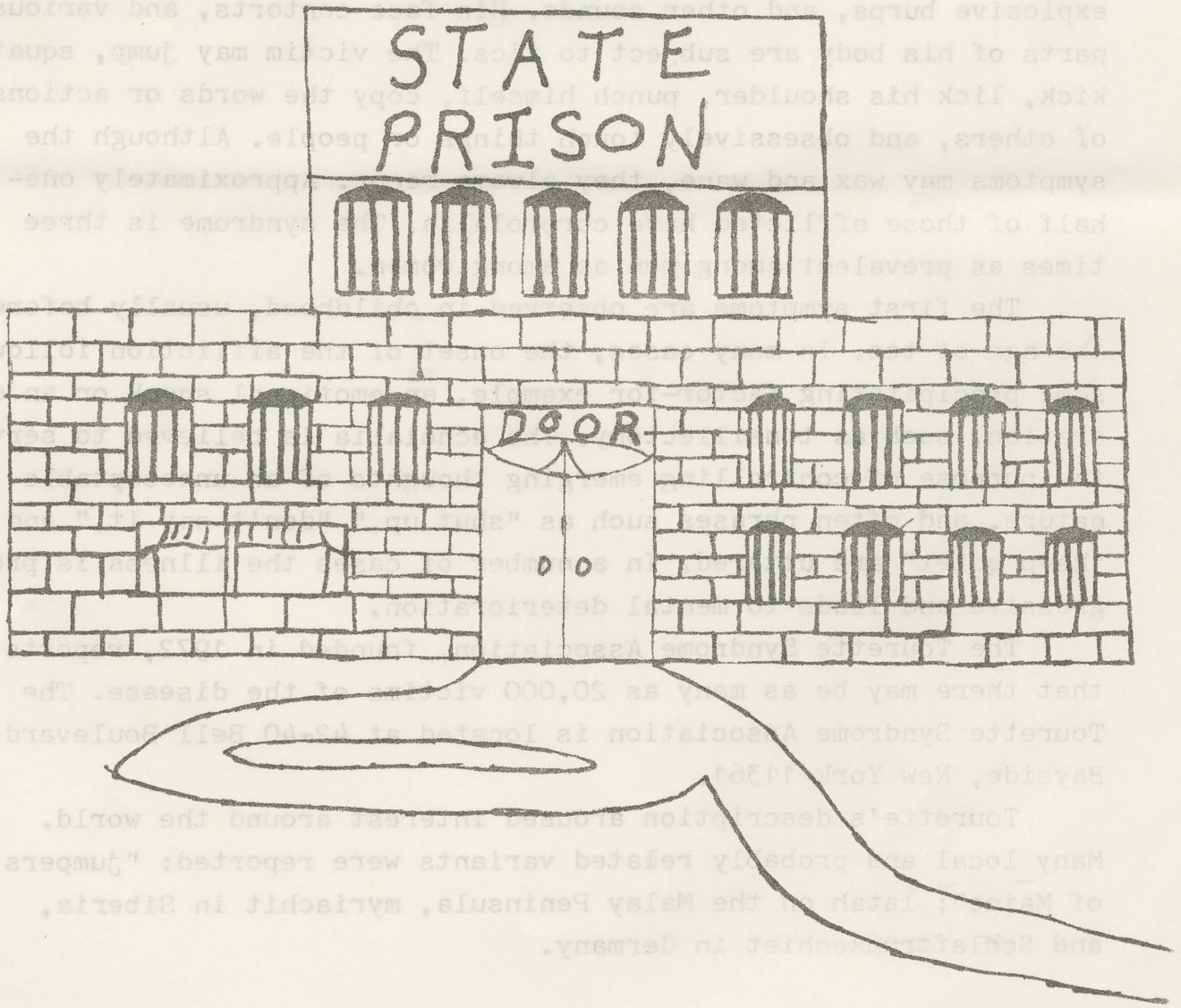
# Commentary

## THE REVOLVING DOOR SYNDROM

BY: Henry Price

Over two thousand years ago there lived a man named Barabas, a man who committed just about every crime from breach of peace to murder. The name Barabbas is of no importance to many and very few are aware of the fact that Barabbas was released from prison in exchange for the death of Christ. I myself place a great deal of importance upon the name Barabbas merely because I feel that he lives on in many men and women that are incarcerated today. This man Barabbas was poor uneducated and unskilled, and today our prisons are filled with the poor, uneducated and unskilled. I see the people of today no different than this man named Barabbas because just like he found himself going in and out of prison, so do many of us! Just about two out of every three people that are released from prison end up back through the revolving door. More value and priority is being placed on the incarceration of an individual than on the education and job training process which is why most people leave prison the same way they entered, poor, uneducated and unskilled! Nearly five years ago 920 new jails and prisons were in the planning stage and today many of these jails and prisons are built. What's immense about all this is that the state and federal governments spent close to fifteen billion dollars on the construction of these prisons which shows that the government places very little value on human needs. These warehouses that we call prisons have become unmanageable institutions, and for all the money that is poured into the prison system the crime rate continues to rise, and the violence within prisons is increasing. The revolving door syndrome was around 2,000 years ago and it will continue to be around until the leaders in our society evaluate their priorities once again. Just what are we looking for?

Are we looking to waste the taxpayers' dollars by concentrating on the punishment of criminals and insuring the perpetuation of crime or are we trying to make better men for society out of criminals? If we prisoners do not want to get caught up in the revolving door syndrome and become part of the negative statistics then we must take some steps to equip ourselves with the necessary tools so that we can stay out of prison once we are released. Values must be changed self-educating ourselves, learning how to use discretion making decisions, planning and learning to take charge of our lives. After all, the name of the game isn't getting out of prison but staying out once you get out, and then you don't have to worry about getting caught up in the Revolving Door Syndrome!





## TOURETTE'S SYNDROME

Taken from the World Almanac Book  
Of The Strange

Tourette's syndrome is a nervous affliction characterized by motor incoordination and accompanied by involuntary repetition of words spoken by another (echolalia) and involuntary utterances of obscenities (corprolalia).

This rare disease was first mentioned in 1825 by the French physician J.-M.-G. Itard and subsequently recorded in greater detail in 1885 by Gilles de la Tourette, who described nine cases.

A typical victim emits an unnerving assortment of yips, barks, explosive burps, and other sounds. His face contorts, and various parts of his body are subject to tics. The victim may jump, squat, kick, lick his shoulder, punch himself, copy the words or actions of others, and obsessively touch things or people. Although the symptoms may wax and wane, they always recur. Approximately one-half of those afflicted have corprolalia. The syndrome is three times as prevalent among men as among women.

The first symptoms are observed in childhood, usually before the age of ten. In many cases, the onset of the affliction follows some precipitating factor—for example, an emotional shock or an operation, such as tonsillectomy. The echolalia is believed to serve the purpose of controlling emerging thoughts of an unacceptable nature, and often phrases such as "shut up," "don't say it," and "keep quiet" are uttered. In a number of cases the illness is progressive and leads to mental deterioration.

The Tourette Syndrome Association, founded in 1972, reports that there may be as many as 20,000 victims of the disease. The Tourette Syndrome Association is located at 42-40 Bell Boulevard, Bayside, New York 11361.

Tourette's description aroused interest around the world. Many local and probably related variants were reported: "jumpers of Maine"; latah on the Malay Peninsula, myriachit in Siberia, and Schlaftrunkenhiet in Germany.

The cause of the disease has not yet been established. One school of thought, led by E. Ascher, holds that the disorder is primarily psychological. On the basis of an intensive study done in the 1940's, Ascher concluded that most of the symptoms could be understood in terms of the patients relationship toward authority figures. Each of his patients had had difficulty with a domineering parent and had developed an obsessive character structure early in life. The coprolalia, Ascher believed, represents the release hostile impulses toward authority figures.

Other authorities believe that psychological factors are insufficient to explain the disease and that some abnormality of the nervous system must also be involved. In addition, the disease may be hereditary. Studies have shown that it tends to be more common in certain families and among certain people, such as those of Eastern European Jewish backgrounds. Other theories point to enzyme deficiency, immunological abnormalities, and virus infection as possible causes.

Historically, treatment has reflected prevailing theories on the cause of the disease as well as predominant therapeutic methods popular in a given era. Generally psychoanalysis, hypnosis, and electroshock therapy have been disappointing; however, intensive psychotherapy, lobotomy, carbon dioxide inhalation, and sleep treatment have produced improvement.

Haloperidol (Haldol), a drug that restores enzyme balance by blocking the action of a potent neurotransmitter in the brain, has proved very promising. The drug, according to Arthur K. Shapiro, a psychiatrist at New York Hospital, is completely effective in relieving symptoms in 25% of patients and offers significant relief in another 50%. The drug's success strengthens the theory that the disease is due to enzymatic abnormality. Because of the bizarre symptoms of the disease, early diagnosis and treatment are stressed to prevent the development of psychological harm to the victim's personality.

In general, because of the shift in emphasis to research and treatment of physical causes, physicians today are much more optimistic about amelioring the condition or, at least, preventing what was formerly a relentless downhill course.

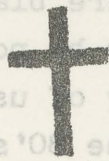
## EDUCATIONAL RACISM

As more and more black students are being graduated from public high schools with sixth to eight reading and math level skills as well as dropping out altogether, perhaps it will soon dawn on most of us the true significance of being dumped out of the frying pan and into the fire. Historically, blacks have had to struggle for the opportunity to acquire an education. We are the generic offspring of ancestors who, for generations, risked both their lives and their visions struggling to learn their ABC's in dark dingy slave cabins after 16 hours of back breaking labor in the cotton fields. It was a crime for those blacks of yesterday to seek to acquire knowledge as it is a crime today for blacks to tolerate an educational system which deliberately attempts to deprive them of that same knowledge. Recently I glanced through an elementary school textbook. There was not one single reference to ancient African civilizations which surpassed Rome in its apex of glory. From the book, one would be led to believe that all blacks in America ever did was make milk out of peanuts for Carters Ancestral slave owners. As we enter the 1980's let all of us remember one thing. The American educational system has always been circumscribed by white framework known to be racist. The values, mores, and customs taught and demonstrated in the primary textbooks, and classrooms of America have been consistently white oriented regardless of the ethnic make up of the students. The deliberate, systematic exclusion from the academic achievements of Africa and its descendants was a significant example of the educational process within a "white framework". Africa was portrayed as a mass jungle, its inhabitants as savages, and the institution of slavery was justified as "christian redemption". Such gross distortions of truth led both black and white children to believe that black americans had no significant history or culture, and therefore, nothing to be proud of. It is imperative that black children particular be taught the uncompromising truth about themselves, their culture, their heritage and their national and international identities. The distortions, fabrications, and pertinent deletions in modern history textbooks regarding the black mans role

in the development of this country and the world are blatant examples of covert political attempts to perpetuate racism by poisoning the minds of the young, both black and white. Many of us in prison will have children growing up and graduating in the 80's and if we do not wish our children to become carbon copies of ourselves then it is essential that we fight racism and inferior education in the classrooms of America. Our children did not ask to come into this world we did that, so it is our responsibility to give them the best and if we don't then racism will not only remain in education, but in all aspects of life.

Henry Loyd Price

When you hear a preacher read Genesis and tell you that Adam was a flesh and blood man formed from physical clay out of the earth (the kind your children play with) you're listening to the Christian preacher using symbolic language; scripturalism. But when you listen to a Muslim Imam (leader) tell you that this man that was formed out of the earth is not a physical clay, but he is a human mind that is like clay; clay is a symbolic term that shows us a likeness of this mind God made. Clay can be taken out of one shape and fashioned into another shape, meaning that the mind is influenced by the environment. Many think that Prophet Jesus actually turned drinking water into drinking wine. (I'm talking about Prophet Jesus; not the symbol Jesus) I must say that I'm here to let you know that I am able to unlock the Bible and in unlocking the Bible unlock your minds. I understand the parables of Jesus, the symbolic language that runs from Genesis to Revelations, and in making us understand this we come in to the knowledge of real truth.



# Religion



A TASTE OF AL-ISLAM (INTRODUCTION)

THE AMERICAN MUSLIM MISSION

By Steven N. Waterman (Bilal)

You have only read scripture in "print", and you don't have to go to the Bible College to read the Bible in print. Anybody that learns how to read English can read the Bible in print. But the Book says blessed is he that hears the word, and you can only hear the word in its true interpretation. Now, I'm not writing to preach you a Christian sermon, I'm just one of many Muslims who also studies the Bible. Yes, we respect the Bible also. You must first understand the symbolic language (what the symbols stand for) before you can study the Bible and get the true understanding from it; otherwise you're way off! The Holy Qur'an was revealed after the Bible in a plain and simple language so that you will understand revelation in a clear sense.

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We must understand that Prophet Jesus (Peace be upon him) did not turn drinking water into drinking wine. This is not the water that you run out of your faucet at home. The revealed truth of God is called "water" in Scripture because its only God that can lift truth up from its corrupted mind as water is lifted up from the earth by the sun and brings it up from corruption then descends it back to the earth for our drinking, pure. This is the Prophet Jesus was not the "Son", but rather the "Sun" of mind.

Divine or scriptural wine was the "word" with the power to effect the heart and affect the mind.

I now would like to explain the real meaning of the "Adam and Eve" fairy tale. After teaching you what symbols represent, you will have a clear understanding. The clear understanding one gets from reading the Holy Qur'an. The Plain Truth.

A TASTE OF AL-ISLAM  
WITH THE RIB A WOMAN WAS MADE  
By Steven N. Waterman (Bilal)

The Book says that the man went into a deep sleep. After he went into a deep sleep, a rib was taken out of him. With the rib a woman was made. Do you know that there are people, some of whom are intelligent, who are foolish enough to believe that this actually happened this way!? This is possible because they are raised to think in such a way. You can't bring a man from China, who was never raised in a Christian Community, and tell him that story and get him to accept it in that way. He won't allow you to confuse him. Brothers (and those sisters who work here and read our newspaper) we must get out of the habit of understanding only the surface of things and learn the nature of things.

What the symbolic language is saying is that it was not good for the Christian Community to be alone at that time because the community was small, persecuted, and suffering. It had to have a help meet. The help meet was material growth, and material accumulation.

The Scripture tells us that the woman was made from the rib of man. Man is mind. "Rib of the man," means from one of the bones that is weak and flexible. You can bend it out of shape and its close to the heart. The rib is close to the heart. What bone is this and what do I mean by bone?

"Bone," means a body of knowledge. In Divine Language, bone means knowledge that is strong enough to support the moral form of the people; like your bones in your physical body are strong enough to support your flesh. The evil oppressors, that are doing the work of grafting, take from the total body of knowledge that Jesus; and give to the world the weakest of knowledge in the total body. Its what is called sentimentality, emotionalism. You feel sad at first because of an image they put on a cross and say, "Look! He went through pain and death for you!" Then you feel happy when they start playing their musical instruments, but when you leave you know no more than when you first came in years ago. That's the rib that was taken out of that body of knowledge (called Jesus in Genesis) to make the church.

What happened is that the man ( the first church mentality ) turned, where it was once united with God, to his wife (the new church) this new church is not made up of the total body of knowledge, but rather from a grafted mentality. The man turned to it and listened to the fairy tales instead of listening to the one God. What happened when your parents told you a bed time fairy tale when you were little? You fell asleep! So what happened to the true spirit, the true mind, the wisdom body or knowledge body that Jesus taught? The fairy tales put the people's minds to sleep. There was nothing to continue feeding the mind. It only had emotionalism feeding it so it went to sleep.

The Book says that one tree was pointed out to man and told not to eat of it because the day he eats of it he will surely die. What is this forbidden tree that, if you eat of it, you will surely die? It is mixed-up knowledge, lies mixed with truth, religious lies mixed up with religious truth. It is the tree of religious lies and religious truth growing together in one tree. When you eat the fruit of that tree you're eating a religious body of knowledge that looks like religion, but when it goes into you, there are religious lies in that truth. It kills you spiritually.

individual choice leads to the loss of the will power, the loss of intelligent development, and the enslavement to the hoggish nature. Genesis, Chapter 3, Verse 14 says; "And the Lord God said unto the serpent, because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle and above all beasts of the field; upon thy belly thou shall go, and dust shall thou eat all the days of thy life: and I will put enmity between thee and the woman." The "woman" here is the church made from the body of knowledge called the Jesus. There is going to be enmity (hatred) put between the church and the true Jesus. It says "and between your seed and her seed." This means that every time an innocent person in religion (Christianity) comes up with truth or finds a bit of truth and tries to show that truth to the church, the church is going to fight him. If he is killed and his seeds grow up again, a seed from the church is going to be there to fight that seed. Is a church that bad? The Bible says that it shall bruise your head and you shall bruise his heel. The head is the Divine body of knowledge, meaning that it shall corrupt that Divine body of knowledge. What is the heel? The heel is the innocent people, the weak people, those that are called dumb or uneducated in religion. How are they going to be bruised? They are going to be hurt because they don't have enough knowledge to deal with the body that is given to them called "Jesus". Its going to mess them up, causing them to feed upon the weak religion, and upon material things.

Genesis Chapter 5, Verse 2 says: "Male and Female created He them; and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created." We have a clue here. It is telling us that Adam is not a single person, but a community of people. In Chapter 5 the community is identified. It says that He named them Adam. This is not the creation or the genesis of one person, from which was taken the female and began the creation or the spread of people on earth as only physical beings but this is the genesis of a religious order. What we really have here is the genesis of the church.



Where does materialism come in? The hoggishness comes in with the woman, which is symbolic of the new church and its upbringing. The woman in the early part of Genesis is materialism, hoggishness, the inability to control your appetite. God says not to eat certain things but you're so hoggish that you can't obey Him. You have to eat everything. So the serpent, in the form of wit, comes to the person who is weak and can't control his desire for everything. It won't go to the will power in the person. It has to go around the will power because it knows that if it appears to your will power, suddenly the eye and the ear of your will power will come open and you'll say, "No, I'm going to be stronger than this." So the evil suggestions leave the will power sleeping and it comes to you in the form called the hoggishness, desires, materialistic form of the person. It says to you, "God didn't mean you would surely die; your eye will only come open and you will become one of the gods, knowing both good and evil." Just think about this. What eye is going to come open? You have three eyes; two physical eyes and one mental eye. You can also see with your mind; take dreaming for example. So God said that those who would eat of the forbidden tree would die. That tells us the eye of the man's Divine life was going to close and the eye of his grafted nature (his wicked nature) was going to open. He was going to begin seeing with wicked, low, filthy eyes. He would begin hearing with the ears of wickedness and filth. So it only means that the man's Divine nature would die and his weak nature would come alive. We have a thing happening to the man that is really bringing him down beneath the lowest creatures of the earth. His will power dies and his hoggish nature takes over because his wit stood up to justify self-destruction. The will power, the wit and the hoggish nature are in everybody. "I WILL PUT ENMITY BETWEEN THEE AND THE WOMAN"

In the human history we can read the effects of two decisions, two judgments, or two choices: the individual and the Divine.

It kills you as a Divine person. "Oh, I don't believe that. I know I'm a good Christian and it didn't kill me." Well, maybe you're not dead yet, but you're dying. If you hold onto Christianity you will stay mentally dead.

"THE SERPENT:CURSED TO LICK THE DUST"

There are three parts to the man. In the human form there is the "will power". There is also 'wit', that part of intelligence which glorifies in its own product. It likes to show off. However, wit in man was once not a show off thing. It was humble and submissive, and it was agreeable with Divine dictates. When it was in the original form it was upright. In Genesis the serpent is described as an upright serpent before it committed sin. Remember the Serpent is symbolic for obedient intelligence, not wit. When the serpent (or obedient intelligence) committed sin, it was cursed to go on its belly in the earth, according to Genesis. This means that if you turn your intelligence into a tool to match wits with Divine being, you will fall down on this earth for God, will no longer feed your intelligence. It won't remain upright. It won't have the power to stand up against the gravity of materialism. It will fall down on the earth, crawling like a snake, and it will be cursed to lick the dust. That means that it will be cursed to feed upon nothing but materialism and that will prevent the continuation of its Divine growth.

The will power was originally in the man that was given to creation by God from his own will. The will came into the world, became intelligent, and was upright until it rebelled against its own maker. When it rebelled against its own maker intelligence fell down to wit. Wit is not always intelligent. Let me bring you into better understanding. Even in our common talk today we may speak of another person as being a low creature. We like to "rank" on each other and play name calling. Still carrying this old habit from thousands of years ago, being like a snake on the ground, out of view (to strike a name in there by surprise) crawling low in the grass. This is the low form of wit. Any evil plan is a form of low wit.



# Poetically Speaking



## "THERE MUST BE A LONE RANGER"

HOW DUMB TO BE SENTIMENTAL ABOUT ANYTHING

TO CALL IT LOVE,

AND CRY PATHETICALLY

INTO THE LONG BLACK HANDKERCHIEF.

I LOOKED FOR YOU YESTURDAY

HERE YOU COME TODAY,

YOUR MOUTH WIDE OPEN

BUT WHAT YOU GOT TO SAY?

MY SILVER BULLETS ARE ALL GONE

MY BLACK MASK TRAMPLED IN THE DUST,

& TONTO WAY OFF IN THE HILLS

MOANING LIKE BESSIE SMITH.

BY: Le Roi Jones

"WISH"

I WISH THAT MY ROOM HAD A FLOOR,

I DON'T SO MUCH CARE FOR A DOOR,

BUT THIS WALKING AROUND

WITHOUT TOUCHING THE GROUND

IS GETTING TO BE QUITE A BORE.

BY: Arthur Barlow

CONFUCIUS SAYS:

"IT MATTERS NOT WHAT YOU LEARN; BUT

WHEN YOU ONCE LEARN A THING, YOU MUST

NEVER GIVE IT UP UNTIL YOU HAVE MASTERED IT.

Black Magic

Magic  
my man  
is you  
turning  
my body into  
a thousand  
smiles.

Black  
magic is your  
touch  
making  
me breathe.

Superman

Not mankind, but Superman is the goal.  
The very essence of Superman (1935- )  
improve mankind: Mankind does not improve, it does not even  
exist - it is an abstraction; all that exist is a vast anarchy  
of individuals. The superman can survive only by human selection,  
by eugenic foresight and an ennobling education.

Numbers, Letters

If you're not home, where  
are you? Where'd you go?  
What were you doing when gone?  
When you come back, better make it good.  
What were you doing down there hanging out?  
Say it straight to be understood straight,  
put it flat and real in the street  
where the sun comes and the moon comes  
and the cold wind in winter waters your eyes.  
Say what you mean, dig it out  
put, it down, and be strong  
about it.

Invincible

You can be invincible, if you never enter on a contest where victory is not in your power. Beware then that when you see a man raised to honor or great power or high repute you do not let your impression carry you away. For if the reality of good lies in what is in our power, there is no room for envy or jealousy. Your aim is to be free; and there is but one way to freedom-to despise what is not in our power.

Superman

Not mankind, but Superman is the goal. The very last thing a sensible man would undertake would be to improve mankind: Mankind does not improve, it does not even exist - it is an abstraction; all that exist is a vast anthill of individuals. The superman can survive only by human selection, by eugenic foresight and an ennobling education.

Numbers, Letters

Arthur R. Barlow

No Secret  
The Anti-Communist

In your secret chamber you to are judged;  
 See you do nothing to blush for,  
 Though but the ceiling looks down upon you.  
 Therefore the superior man must be watchful over himself when  
 he is alone.  
 With wisdom and good grace, good sense,  
 He guards his life from harm.

Arthur R. Barlow

The Anti-Semanticist

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Honeystain.....

the rhetoricians of blackness

matters me not

we are black

and you are beautiful

it matters me not whether

your breast are American pumpkin or

African gourds

they are full and you are beautiful

it matters me not be your belly

black or brown

it is sift and you are beautiful

it matters me not be your buttocks

bourgeois or "grass roots"

they are good

and you are beautiful

it matters me not if your bread loaf thighs

are Negro or Afro- American

they are round and so ripe

and you are so beautiful

there is little definition I need

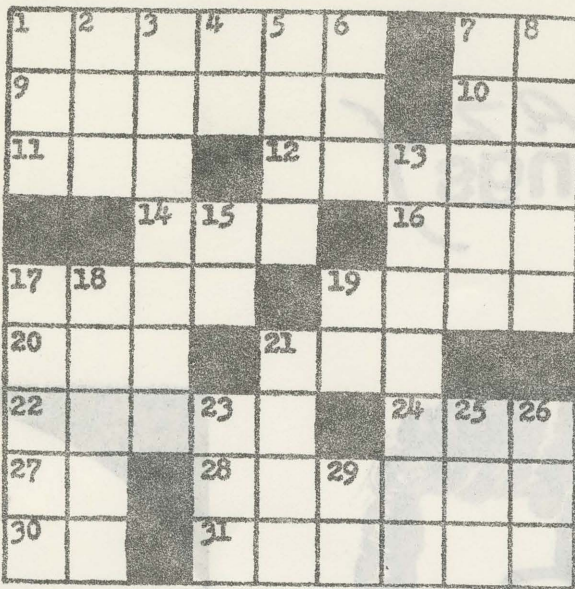
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it matters not, but only that there is

Black Power

in your loving.

This I know.



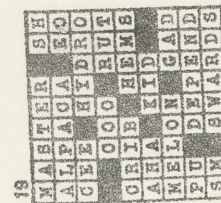
**ACROSS**

- 1 Artist of great skill
- 7 Be quiet!
- 9 Coat fabric
- 10 Dawn (comb. form)
- 11 Girl's name
- 12 Water (comb. form)
- 14 Bill and ---
- 16 Settled habit of procedure
- 17 Child's bed
- 19 Edges
- 20 Cry of triumph
- 21 Young goat
- 22 Cantaloup
- 24 Son of Jacob
- 27 Chinese coin
- 28 Rely
- 30 Samarium symbol
- 31 Turfs

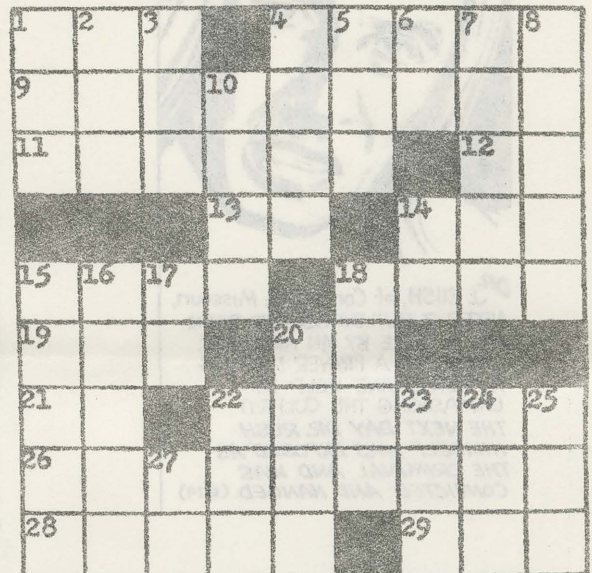
**DOWN**

- 1 Word used to address a man whose name is unknown
- 2 Fermented beverage
- 3 Noteworthy
- 4 Traffic Agent (abbr.)
- 5 Sound bounce
- 6 Kind of fish
- 7 Medicinal substance
- 8 Owl sounds
- 13 Condiment shaker
- 15 Prefix for inverse
- 17 Hastily-formed mining towns
- 18 Cold
- 19 Exclamation
- 21 Had experience of
- 23 --- bodikins
- 25 Also
- 26 Dentist's degree
- 29 Pop

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**PUZZLE 21** Solution on Page 134



**ACROSS**

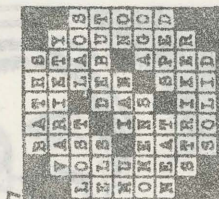
- 1 Feminine proper name
- 4 Conscious
- 9 Pronoun
- 11 At all events
- 12 Egyptian (abbr.)
- 13 En route (abbr.)
- 14 Thousand dollars
- 15 Word of sorrow
- 18 Venturesome
- 19 Spanish hero
- 20 -- and fro
- 21 I am
- 22 Right away
- 26 What stenographers take
- 28 Fastening strip of leather
- 29 American writer

- 2 Masculine proper name
- 3 Feminine proper name
- 4 Fragrant volatile oil
- 5 For what reason
- 6 Cry of despair
- 7 Bend to pray
- 8 Urged
- 10 Female sheep
- 14 Leave
- 15 Sour substances
- 16 Restrict
- 17 Adult (abbr.)
- 18 Foot and leg covering
- 20 Snare
- 22 Parent-Teacher Association
- 23 Snatch
- 24 Extremely
- 25 A
- 27 Chromium symbol

**DOWN**

- 1 Masculine proper name

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# (CRAZY Things)



**DR. J. RUSH**, of Concordia, Missouri, AFTER 7 BUILDINGS HAD BEEN SET ON FIRE BY AN ARSONIST, ORGANIZED A PRAYER MEETING TO ASK DIVINE HELP IN UNMASKING THE CULPRIT THE NEXT DAY DR. RUSH HIMSELF WAS EXPOSED AS THE CRIMINAL AND WAS CONVICTED AND HANGED (1874)



**PHILIPPE de VENDÔME** (1655-1727) GRAND PRIOR OF FRANCE AND A DISTINGUISHED WARRIOR BATHED ONLY 4 TIMES IN HIS ENTIRE LIFETIME OF 72 YEARS



**THE CAPS** WORN BY THE DAMARA WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST AFRICA ARE STYLED AFTER THE HEADGEAR OF MINERVA, THE GREEK GODDESS OF WISDOM THEY OFTEN STUFF ITS UPPER SECTION WITH HAIR FROM THE TAIL OF A COW



**BEN AHRENDT** OF ONIDA, SO. DAKOTA, CAN PUT HIS FIST IN HIS MOUTH



**WALLACIE** A MALAY WOODCUTTER OF CAPE TOWN, SO. AFRICA, TO WIN A BET OF \$5 ATE 14 WATERMELONS

# Dial-A-Poem

The Morning Herald  
Hagerstown, Md.  
Saturday, June 14, 1980

## Budding poets can now hear their works on the ... telephone?

By ROBERT E. VUCIC

AMBERSON VALLEY, Pa. — It doesn't pack the prestige of a New York publishing house, but Dial-A-Poem is still a notch or two above obscurity.

Dial-A-Poem?

By dialing a telephone number — (717) 264-1463 — you can hear tape-recorded poems written by anyone from an Iowa housewife to a Florida school kid writing about a bumble bee.

The poems are written by unknowns and narrated by someone with the smooth articulation of a radio announcer.

There's background music, of course, even though it puts one in mind of an organ recital played at a wake.

"I knew it was going to be big," says Dial-A-Poem's creator Robert L. Guberman, "but I didn't think it would take off so fast."

The whole thing is barely a month old. It was begun when Guberman placed an ad in a Pittsburgh newspaper soliciting original poems.

Guberman, 32, recruits local talent to

narrate the poems on tape. There's a different poem every day.

"It's a vehicle for an unpublished and unknown poet to give him or herself another outlet for their poetry. I feel there's a need for poets to get themselves heard," he explains.

Admittedly, Guberman's enterprise is a one-man operation run out of his home here located some 25 miles north of Chambersburg.

But Guberman, who tends bar at nearby Letterkenny Army Depot's officer's club, has visions of reaping a living off his \$1,000 Dial-A-Poem investment.

The publicity generated by a wire service story on Dial-A-Poem has given Guberman the near-instant status of a celebrity.

"I'm a hot item right now," says Guberman.

Guberman, married and the father of a two-year-old daughter, has already been interviewed by more than a half dozen radio talk show hosts from Boston, Chicago and Canada — to name just a few.

His request for original poems has brought a response from across the county and many callers don't mind making long distance calls to tell Guberman what they feel.

"Thanks, man, for putting my life back in perspective," said one caller. "It was beautiful," was another's comment on that day's selection of verse.

Dial-A-Poem is a three-minute tape recording that gives the caller time to offer a comment at the end.

Guberman says he gets anywhere from 50 to 100 calls a day, calls that come from California, Illinois, Michigan, Canada, Florida and New York.

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man, who settled into this off-the-beaten-path mountain community three years ago.

Guberman is originally from Chicago and worked at a number of jobs in Washington, D.C., before he decided to get out of the "rat race."

But Guberman said he was convinced Dial-A-Poem was just the thing to fill a void and "add a new dimension to an individual's poetry."

"I decided to bet on myself. Dial-A-Poem isn't new. Its been done before," he says. Guberman himself first dabbled with the idea five years ago, but wrote the venture off, saying it became too involved.

He says he has added a "twist" or two that places his Dial-A-Poem in a category by itself.

"I'm taking the unknown poet and also letting the caller offer a critique."

While Guberman seems awed over the attention he's been getting lately, he admits Dial-A-Poem isn't making him rich — yet.

It's an idea worth banking on, he believes. Guberman hopes to make money and at the same time provide

"royalties" for those who have poems to submit.

For example, a listener can buy a cassette of any poem, which includes the comments of the callers, for \$15. The author of the poem gets \$2; the balance is Guberman's. For \$25, you can have your poem read on a special day such as someone's anniversary or birth day.

For \$10, Guberman will provide the author with a tape recording of his or her poem recited against the background of mood music.

For a price to be determined, Guberman will have your stanzas done up with calligraphy on parchment.

"I'm not taking without giving," Guberman says. "If the poets support me, I'll support them."

For the future, Guberman hopes to have his Dial-A-Poem syndicated nationally over radio.

But the future may not be that far off.

"I thought that six months from May I would be where I am now," says Guberman.



### TO THE READER:

We have looked into this, actually dialing the number and listening to a poem, and found it alive and well. Mr. Guberman has assured us in writing that he welcomes poems from prisoners. Poems must not be more than 25 lines in length. No payment is made directly for poems used, but your family may be pleasantly surprised to hear your verse on a telephone hook. Send your poems (or questions) to the address above, enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. You should hear from them within 5-7 weeks.

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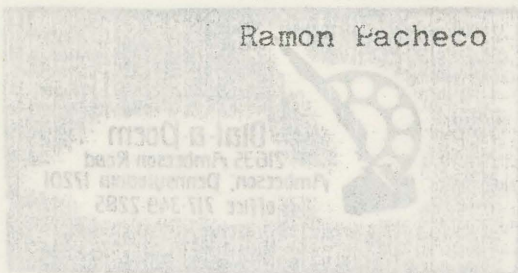
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THE FOLLOWING IS A NEW LIST OF ADVOCATES FOR DISAPLINARY HEARINGS !

- c/o Sandra Ortiz
- c/o Ed Adams
- Bill Nelson Counselor
- Mary Kilroy Counselor
- Mark Kostin Teacher
- Ramon Pacheco Counselor



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5	6 Child HEALTH DAY	7	8 Farmer's DAY	9	10	11
12	13 Columbus DAY	14	15	16	17	18 Alaska DAY
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26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween NEVADA DAY	

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