moral perspectives

Rev. Lloyd Buss

Human greed has never been trustworthy in any pursuit of public good

Michael Driggs, the deputy assistant secretary of commerce, says the aver-age family income in 1981 for a laid-off auto-worker was \$28,000 from a varie-ty of sources.

Earnings of other family members "cushioned" the woes of the 9 percent who were jobless for more than six months, he said.

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Dougnas Fraser called these remarks reynical and cruel." Unfortunately, the words "cynical and cruel" will not penetrate as deeply into the mind-set of the American peope as the figures so callously used by Briggs. We want to believe Briggs. We don't like the way Fraser interprets our care for one another.

EVER SINCE 1776 when Adam Smith wrote his "Wealth of Nations," we have believed and composed our nation on the concept that social benefit is based on individual need that the public good will be accomplished through the pursuit of one's self-inter-

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We have harnessed this drive into an industrial structure that pursues profits and believes poverty is caused by laziness and sloth. Moral responsibility for participation in this economy is on the individual, and not the "system." Michael Driggs is a good illustration of how costly this structure can be-

come — costly in the loss of humanity and costly in the loss of community. In his simplistic averaging of benefits, he denied the experience of individuals and violated the care we need to ad-dress to one another.

dress to one another.

A person with his head in the refrigerator and his feet in the fireplace may have an acceptable average body temperature, but only a person who rejects human plight and cares nothing for others would suggest it is all right to leave him alone.

HUMAN GREED, Adam Smith's power for social benefit, has never been trustworthy in any extended pursuit for the public good.

A driving force to climb on another person's back to improve one's vanlage point is hardly the bond that holds possible to be provided to the power of the public that the public

we need to re-examine the premises

We need to re-examine the premises we accept in our pursuit of public good. We need to weed out those destructive of individual care and community life. We need to weld together the life each individual aspires with the power we can compose through the sharing of eliberate intentions and efforts for justice, mercy and love. We need to share the care we have for ourselves and should have for each other.



gerontology

A. Jolayne Farrell

To select a hearing aid, make an appointment with an audiologist

Dear Jo:
I was told by my otologist (ear doctor) to purchase a hearing aid. Who would you suggest I contact?

For the difficult but often successful

For the difficult but often successful task of selecting a hearing aid, I would suggest that you make an appointment to see an audiologist. Addiologists have the education, expertise and equipment to determine whether a hearing aid will be helpful. If it is determined that a hearing aid is necessary, the audiologist is qualified to select the aid which will do the most good.

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An audiologist also can teach the proper use and care of the aid. Often hearing aids are unsuccessful because

proper use and care or the earl. Other hearing aids are unsuccessful because the people using them do not hearing hearing aids and the properties of the the purchase. This could be prevented by the purchase this collection and tollegate. An audiologist. An audiologist. An audiologist also can assist the hearing-impaired person who cannot use a hearing aid by providing training in speech and by showing the individual how to make the best possible use of the hearing he/she still has. Your doctor can refer you to an au-diologist or you can conduct any large medical center for this information.

Dear Jo: John A. Schindler wrote on "How To Live A Hundred Years Happily." I would like your readers to share in his thoughts.

Do not be on the lookout for ill

Do not be on the lookout for in health.
 Keep usefully at work
 Have a hobby.
 Learn to be satisfied.
 Keep on liking people.
 Meet adversity valiantly.
 Meet the little problems of life with decision.

Above all, maintain a good sense of humor, best done by saying some-thing pleasant every time you get a chance.

chance.

• Live and make the present hour pleasant and cheerful. Keep your mind out of the past and keep it out of the future.

Dear Jo: I have the gout. So many people feel that this disease is a result of overcat-ing and high living and make light of it. Please address the subject in your col-

Gout, a form of arthritis, is a disor-der of the body's chemistry, marked by abnormal levels of uric acid in the blood. Gout usually affects the great toe, but other joints may be involved. The ancient Greeks called the dis-

ease podagra, which means pain in the foot, so the disease has been around for

ease podagra, which means pain in the foot, so the disease has been around for a long time.

An acute attack of gout, as you well know, is no laughing matter. The joint becomes reddened and swollen and very painful. The attack lasts from disease the sease of the ways to many weeks and is not a supple to the sease of the sease of

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