

our country have used the resources for endless war for peaceful purposes? Maybe we would have heeded warnings about ecological overshoot when the world had only four billion people.

Mark Robinowitz
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HELP WANTED

Last winter we had deep snow, biting record temperatures in single digits, plus the usual wet and windy weather. Again this year we expect an increase of individuals in need of critical services, including utilizing the 24-hour warming center.

Albany Helping Hands provides three meals a day, 365 days a year, serving over 75,000 meals annually to homeless, low income and the community at a cost of \$4.50 per day per shelter guest. Everyone is welcome for meal service, even those not registered with the shelter.

The shelter provides 24/7 emergency housing for an average of 70 people daily throughout the year, at a cost of \$13.88 per day or \$429 per month per person housed.

We also provide a warming center during winter months, GED training to the whole community, housing searches, counseling, job programs, mental health referrals, clothing, furniture and more.

Albany Helping Hands would like to thank those for past generous giving and assisting in our mission. We are now asking, please, for immediate help from good people who do care. Your generous donation, big or small, is greatly appreciated.

To help, please make your check out to Albany Helping Hands and mail your donation to P.O. Box 2252, Albany 97321. If you prefer, you may make a secure credit or debit card donation by phoning 926-4036.

Pastor Bill Lane
Chairman, Albany Helping Hands

POLLUTED MINDS

The majority of Americans think money allocated to education is a positive way to spend a portion of one's taxes and donations. We seem to view education as learning experiences benefiting the open minds of children, adults and society in general. We give little thought to the preconceived notions already existing within the minds of individuals.

For example, how can people grasp new concepts when their minds are constantly being polluted with outright lies, absurd ideas and Orwellian analyses from salespeople having their own agendas?

The products, politics, promises and diversions offered by corporations, politicians, religious cults and the entertainment industry control most of us to the extent we've become Pavlov's dogs.

We let rewards and punishments, approved by the global corporate elite, rule our lives. Yet we're expected to have the ability to make rational decisions about what's healthy for our wellbeing.

Both sides of the same propaganda coin include: the Bush family and the Clinton family, environmental destroyers and the EPA, Jews and Muslims, Christians and Santerians, FOX News and NPR News, the History Channel and any sitcom, human-caused climate change rhetoric and anti-climate change rhetoric, and so on.

Before more money is spent in attempts to educate the public, nano-sized raw sewage treatment plants need to be installed inside the conditioned brains of we the people. Research and development could be left in the capable hands of scientists favoring transhumanism.

Robert Simms
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He is a best-selling book author and freelance journalist who writes regularly for the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. Radio, CBS Radio, and National Public Radio. He is a Special Correspondent for GlobalPost. Erlich has won numerous journalism awards, and he was a segment producer on a radio series that won a Peabody award.

His new book is "Inside Syria: the Backstory of Their Civil War and What the World Can Expect". The foreword is by Noam Chomsky.

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