



## Morality means more than money Yucca Mountain is the snow job of the century

Part 1  
by Lee Richards

*Editor's note: In this first installment, Lee Richards expresses his concern over who should judge the Yucca Mountain project, science or morality? His thoughts continue in the next issue of The Yellin' Rebel.*

On the question of the nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain, all we've been hearing is "Let science decide" and "Let the experiments begin."

The Department of Energy wants us to believe that by performing experiments at Yucca Mountain they will be in some magical position to answer the question of whether or not a high level nuclear waste repository should be sited there, and if 70,000 tons of hot, deadly, spent nuclear fuel should be as well.

In fact, they want us to believe it so badly that this fall the DOE will spend huge amounts of money barraging Nevadans with a media

propaganda blitz extolling the virtues of a high level nuclear waste repository in their effort to sway public opinion.

It appears the DOE is trying to sell the dump to Nevadans like Pepsi or Tide. Are they admitting that nuclear power is subject less to the control of the scientist/technologist than to the governance of the public will?

How right they are! The question of the nuclear waste repository is not a scientific one, but a moral one. Public morality, standards of conduct, principles of right and wrong are not questions determined in the laboratory or created in a test tube.

No one can say on scientific grounds how many children should risk thyroid

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cancer, leukemia or genetic defects for the sake of nuclear advancements.

This is not a matter for "expert" decision, but for public judgement—a political and moral question. The

and radiation protection.

But it is highly unlikely we will ever hear any response from them concerning morality judgements. This is because, when it comes to morality, the DOE

has had to declare bankruptcy. For over 40 years, the nuclear bureaucracy has led a blind assault on mankind in the name of science and modern technology. Ignorance, deception and secrecy have given rise to non-interference and moral uncertainty, resulting in the general public not upsetting the existing plans of the moment.

The DOE and its predecessors have been so self-possessed and morally uncertain, that in the early 1950s, its leadership, on the advice of the Medical Advisory Committee on Radiation Tolerance of Military Personnel, recommended that human experimentation be carried out and instructed the armed services to arrange for

ton proportions known as Castle was carried out in the Pacific Ocean, producing massive radioactive fallout which triggered thunderstorms and rain squalls over 7,000 miles. Approximately 200 Marshallese natives living on nearby atolls received radiation doses above any recognized safe standards of exposure.

Public concern and outrage abounded, triggering a huge wave of concern over the future testing of nuclear weapons at the Nevada Test Site.

Yet, above-ground testing continued. The scientific community concluded that the tests did not constitute any real hazard to the immediate health of Americans. But throughout history, hasn't moral uncertainty always provided such conclusions?



DOE's scientists would have us believe that the world would be a better place if they were in control of it. They live to talk about geologic faulting, volcanism, multiple barrier concepts

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Apparently, Hiroshima and Nagasaki were not "laboratory" enough for a lifetime of such experiments. Later, in the same decade, a test series of mega-

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### Carrots In The Crock

by William Holt

*When I read you this poem,  
Sound is made,  
Air vibrated,  
Motion assumed.*

*It doesn't stop here,  
And nothing does.*

*My vibes pass skyward,  
Less and less violent,  
Until they reach the edge of air,  
Where the only difference  
Between earth and space  
Is heat.*

*Words singed and well tempered  
Leave us faster  
In radio wave,  
Quantum style,*

*Like a drop of coloring in reservoir,  
Shade the final frontier,  
Space,  
Beyond the infinite,  
Distracted by occasional movements  
In the galaxy.*

*Sir, could you stop moving  
In your chair?*

*Editor's note: The preceding poem was submitted for approval, but no one seems to know what it means. Since this is the opinion page, perhaps someone could write in and explain it to us.*

### Is Mike Tyson a champion or criminal?

The next heavyweight title may be held behind bars

by Kelcey A. West

The world awaits the Heavyweight Championship fight between champion Evander Holyfield and Mike Tyson, Nov. 8, at Caesars Palace.

For more than two years, Tyson has also patiently waited and won four impressive fights, in an effort to regain the title he lost to James "Buster" Douglas in February, 1989.

Over two years, Tyson's

most difficult and consistent opponent has been the press. The press has concretely labeled Tyson as a "has been" and an "ignorant child millionaire who respects no one, especially women."

After Tyson unanimously defeated Donavon "Razor" Ruddock in June, it appeared as if the cards were finally in his favor. First, Evander Holyfield agreed to fight him in what would be boxing's most exciting and expensive bout, an estimated \$100 million.



Second, the press was again beginning to label him as the superman of boxing, but then the impossible happened. While appearing

opportunity to be called champion of the world when he has taken a child's esteem and trust away?

Any man who would

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in Indianapolis for the Miss Black America Pageant, Tyson was accused of raping 18-year old contestant, Rosie Jones.

Currently, the case is being indicted, but the outcome has been said to have no bearing on the fight which has guaranteed Tyson a \$15 million paycheck. If found guilty, Tyson could face imprisonment and a wealthy fine.

If Tyson is found guilty and America allows this fight to happen, it will undoubtedly be a major setback in the fight for humanity. How can any man be given the

rape a woman is definitely not a champion of anything, nor is he a true man. No matter how hard a punch a man delivers, if he stoops to rape another human being, he is by far the weakest creature on the face of this Earth.

Hopefully, for the sake of Tyson and the sport of boxing, he is found innocent of this violent and unforgivable crime. Since I'm a boxing enthusiast, I predict Tyson will knock out Evander Holyfield by the fourth round. Good luck, Mike.