



## Race, politics and David Duke

by Thomas Cacho

David Duke's solution to America's current economic woes is simple; get the niggers, spics and Jews out! Welfare should be abolished, affirmative action is nothing but preferential treatment for blacks, young black males are nothing but criminals and drug pushers who should be given the death penalty, and Jews and Mexicans are simply over-running our wonderful country.

Not surprisingly, Duke's views gained strong support during the recent Louisiana gubernatorial elections.

According to a recent survey conducted by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, over 77 percent of whites believed that blacks are lazy and simply prefer to live on welfare. The survey also reported that most whites believe that blacks are violent, less intelligent and less patriotic. The media, especially television, continues to forcefully push images equating the drug problem with minorities,

particularly young black males. With such widespread ignorance and prejudice, demagogues like David Duke will always find strong support somewhere.

What accounts for this continued widespread ignorance? Social scientists suggest that it stems from a society that perpetuates these myths from childhood. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reports that of the 3.7 million families receiving welfare benefits, 39.8 percent are black and 38.8 percent are white. The majority of these are children, the poor and the disabled. Duke ignores these figures and exploits and panders to the white stereotype of equating welfare with blacks only.

Despite the mainstream media's overzealous efforts to prove otherwise, the National Institute of Drug Abuse reports that only 12 percent of those using illegal drugs are African-Americans. Yet, 57 percent of arrests for drug sales and 44 percent for simple possession are blacks. Additionally, over 50 percent of



prison inmates are blacks despite the fact that African-Americans represent only 12 percent of the American population. One can only surmise that drug law enforcement must be racist.

Social scientists have

been saying for years that America is not a society that judges itself according to its own merits. Group solidarity is always reinforced by the presence of an enemy whether real or imagined. We need our evil Communist empires, we need our

Castros, our Ghaddafis, our Sadams and our Noriegas to keep reminding ourselves that we are so "good" and "righteous."

Whenever we run out of foreign evildoers on which to test our latest ingenious

weapons of mass destruction (praise the Lord!), we will still have our good old niggers, spics and Jews to vent our righteous contempt on. Enter our David Dukes and Jesse Helmses, and life in this wonderful country of America goes on...

## Chips and wires make a lovely DAT

by William Holt

I'd like to raise some questions.

All of us who purchase mediums containing audio recordings know that cassette tapes cost around \$8 and that compact discs (CD's) cost around twice as much.

Buyers who decided that they liked an album well enough to pay \$6 for a cassette in the past now have to decide whether they like it enough to pay \$15 for the same music on CD.

The computer technology of flawless digital recording, easy track search and programming, and CD's futuristic glare help most music listeners decide in favor of spending twice as much for their record collection.

You want CD's, I want CD's. But is this just another industry getting twice as

rich off of the consumer for doing half the work?

I would be willing to wager that it takes as much or less effort for a factory assembly line run by computer to spit out 2,000 microcomputers today as it did in the past for a manual assembly line to make 2,000 typewriters. By effort I mean time, labor, and cost.

Yet, the difference in price between these two examples of production is astronomical. So while progress offers us space-aged tools, it also offers us a chance to see what prices might be like in 100 years from now if inflation keeps increasing at its present rate.

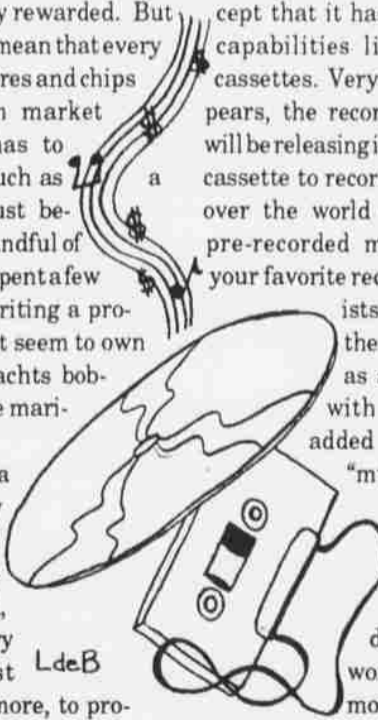
When you buy a computer or a computer product, you're not paying for the flimsy plastic disc or the hard plastic shell that looks like a television; you're paying for

the original invention.

True, outstanding accomplishments usually labeled as "genius" should be financially rewarded. But does that mean that every crate of wires and chips sitting on market shelves has to cost as much as a Subaru just because a handful of men who spent a few months writing a program don't seem to own enough yachts bobbing in the marina?

It is a possibility that in this modern world, it could very well cost less, not more, to produce a CD than it has ever cost to make records and tapes.

Not to mention digital audio tapes (DAT), a new medium based on the same concept as the laser disc except that it has recording capabilities like earlier cassettes. Very soon, it appears, the record industry will be releasing its new DAT cassette to record stores all over the world containing pre-recorded music from your favorite recording artists. It's about the same price as a CD, only with a special "music tax" to make sure musicians and their producers won't lose any money if people make copies — all on you, the consumer. Thanks for listening.



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Football team is proven loser

Dear Editor:

If Gene Siskel and Roger Ebert were to criticize the UNLV football team, they would give them a whole-hearted thumbs down. With an anemic offense and an error-prone defense, UNLV amassed a pitiful 4-7 record for the fourth straight year. Much of the blame should be directed to head coach Jim Strong.

The creator of "Building a Strong Tradition" created too much dissension amongst players and fellow coaches. The former architect of Notre Dame's most potent offense believes that the traditions of the Irish may reap prudent harvests in the Entertainment Capital of the World. However, the games at the Silver Bowl are not the kinds of multi-media productions such as *City Lites*, *Splash*, or *Sigfried and Roy*. They look more like episodes of "The Gong Show."

A football team led by a "quarterback committee" offense (the failed Cooper-Ma'ae-Stott switcharoo tactic) just cannot win. With a cross-eyed, willy-nilly defense, a not-too-threatening special team led by an overweight place kicker, and an incompetent staff, UNLV may never convince its community to rally behind them in the quest of a title. It just can't happen.

Even Jim Strong's public relations plea will never generate a sold-out Silver Bowl. By having his own television show, Coach Strong loves to praise opposing

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