

# Discover Your Purpose In Life

Have you a purpose of your own? Are you trying to improve? Is it your desire to make yourself more proficient? Do you have good ideas you are trying to express? Have you set up before you a goal that is higher than you can conveniently reach? If so, make a change and keep your goal. Are you looking steadfastly in any direction with the determination of traveling in it?

Naomi's View  
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The status of a person's life depends largely on how he answers those questions. Some people can answer all in the affirmative. Many could not answer one without stopping to take stock of themselves to see whether they really have a purpose.

We spend only a third of our time in our specialized vocations. There are many hours when, by study and

observation, we can pull ourselves to the top of a mental mountain and look about us to study the scenery. People acquire perspective and perspective always widens a rut into an upward leading highway.

Quiet contentment is a great help in making plans to reach a goal, and we do well to occupy our minds at times with the basic factors in life. In that way we broaden our interest which help to renew vigor for making plans.

It is right and proper that we should from time to time, measure the results of our efforts toward a purpose.

Most people seem to be content to spend their lives carrying out the purposes of others. They work only for the pay. They care more for pay than for the purpose. Give them the pay and you can have the purpose. In this wrong attitude, millions of people live unhappy and frustrated lives. Why not have a purpose of your own? You can still serve another's purpose -- even better.

It is what we do and how well it is done that has enduring consequences. Working our own purpose, taking a step at a time and working each plan successfully will help to reach a goal and accomplish an aim toward purpose or purposes in mind.

# Drawing The Real Poverty Line From Page A4

It was then blown into a year-round figure and used as a definition of poverty. From an emergency budget it became a permanent dividing line.

Defined poverty is better achieved by using the Labor Department's budget for a "lower living standard." That's a no-frills estimate of what it takes to keep a family going at absolutely minimal living standards.

And that budget turns out to be about 40 percent higher than the so-called poverty line. That standard also

implies there are many more poor people than the 35 million officially defined as poor. So poverty is not only a national problem; it is a national disaster affecting far more people than we realize -- perhaps a fourth of the population.

And it is a problem that can't be defined out of existence, for the OMB is dealing with statistics, not with people who are poor and who are hurting.

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# 'The Day After' Is Now From Page A4

here. Dr. Russell Oakes works at Memorial General Hospital and commutes from his upper middle-class residence to teach a class at the university in Lawrence.

We're not told whether black maintenance workers at the hospital were allowed into the fallout shelter at the terror-filled moment the bombs began to fall. The only major black character in the drama is Airman First Class Billy McCoy, who portrays a kind of bewildered Afro-American version of "King Lear," wandering aimlessly in the radioactive fallout, searching for a wife and home which were vaporized days before.

As films for commercial television go, "The Day After" was above average. But in the clutch, it failed to describe the real levels of destruction and human agony which a general thermonuclear conflict would create.

However, there's no need to depict the destruction of Kansas City. Go to the 18th Congressional District in New York's South Bronx for an understanding of the impact of Pentagon spending upon the poor and minorities.

More than 41 percent of all South Bronx families exist below the poverty line; only 40 percent of the adults are high school graduates. The median income per person in the district is \$3,567 and the median age is less than 25 years old.

Instead of Kansas City, why not use Bedford-Stuyvesant or the Chicago South Side, where the unemployment percentage of black youths exceeds 85 percent? Brooklyn's 11th Congressional District has a 37.2 percent poverty rate, and a per capita income of \$3,981. Chicago's South Side has 27 percent of its families living in poverty. Reagan's \$1.6 trillion nuclear and conventional weapons budget is draining urgently needed resources from our central cities and from minorities, women and labor. For the South Bronx, "the day after" is today: The real impact of the arms race is no movie.

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# Crime Prevention From Page A2

The complainant's husband chased the suspect out the house with a baseball bat. The suspect hit the complainant's husband in the face with a stick inflicting a minor cut. The suspect is described as a black male, 20-25 years old, 5-foot-10, with a slim build.

•2100 block, East 12th Street  
The complainant returned home and found the doorknob on the floor. The deadbolt lock had been chiseled around, but suspects were unable to get inside

the house. Nothing was missing.

- Larceny
- 900 block, Northwest Boulevard  
Fifty used tires were taken.
- 3000 block, Waightown Street

A wall phone was taken. One person has been arrested in the case.

- 1300 block, Wallace Street  
A gold necklace was taken.

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# Fire From Page A2

situation quickly and independently can save a young life.

Sounds like one heck of a pre-Christmas present to me. This column is brought to you weekly as a public service of the *Chronicle* and the *Winston-Salem Fire Department*. For further information, call Assistant Fire Marshal Mary Johnson at 727-2492.

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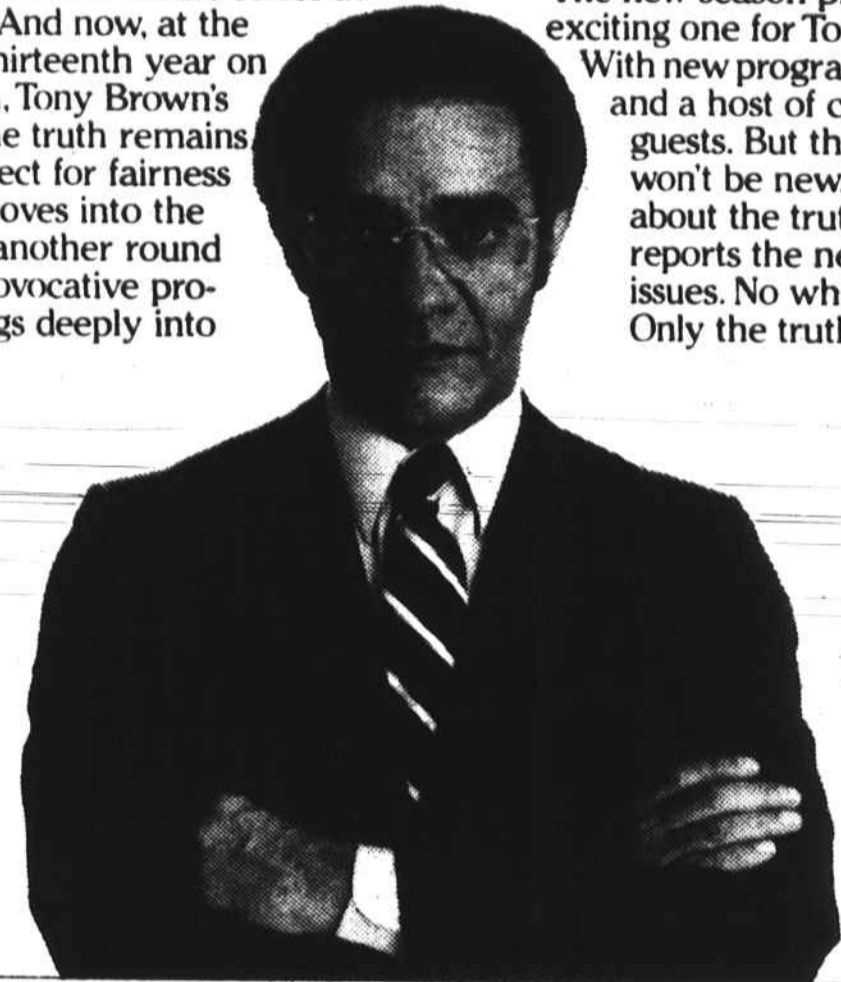


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