

It's time for America to 'call a bum a bum'

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This is an election year. Incumbents will claim credit for a vigorously healthy economy. Outs wanting in will endow



Paul Harvey

themselves with more compassion for poor people.

So this year we will be forced to look at and listen to some people we might prefer to ignore.

Newsweek magazine gave much of a recent issue to the "Homeless in America."

It found them in the dingy byways of a dozen cities. Several companion articles sought to sort them — the deserving destitute from those who chose "the street life."

Most chose it.

It can be argued that transients who elect to stay drunk and forage on garbage and sleep in doorways are no less deserving of our compassion and assistance.

Even when they spend welfare checks on more drink.

But taxpayers are wearying of that argument.

The National Bureau of Economic Research finds that much unemployment among young black men reflects "unreported income."

"One-fourth of the income earned by black men ages 15 to 24 comes from crime."

Duke Professor W. Kip Viscusi says, "When individuals can make more money from crime, jobs are not very attractive."

And pushing drugs, for example, can net hundreds of dollars a day.

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No agency more than the Salvation Army seeks to serve society's destitute, providing 42,000 beds every night. The Army has long recognized that most chronic poverty is self-inflicted. Most relates to drink and recently, increasingly, to drugs.

Newsweek referred to "an underclass of people who have purposed to slide through the safety net and into

the gutter."

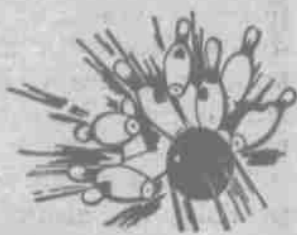
We are beginning to mention the unmentionables; we are beginning again to call a bum a bum.

And that's all right. One of the rights of free men is the right to be a bum.

But I confess a limit to my compassion; I've only so much to go around; I will reserve what I have for the involuntary victims of perversity.

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Letterman: It's great to have you guys.

Glenn: Hey, it's great to be had. LAUGHTER.

Letterman: Paul, what do you think of these guys?

Shaffer: They're the ultimate Dave, a crazy bunch of cool cats. When someone says to me "the bee's knees," I'll think of these loony-toons.

Letterman: Heh, heh thanks Paul. As always, insight personified. How'd you guys like a *Late Night* sponge?

Glenn: No we're too proud to sponge off of anyone.

Letterman: Oooh. We'll be back after the band plays some really loud music.

The best thing about this new approach is that all the programs will be repeated in the summer, so you can hear the candidates say the same things again. Come to think of it, maybe it isn't such a new approach.

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