

## Letters

### Wealthy Americans could resolve debt

Many of us have been struck by a good idea, thought it through carefully and then let it slip away. Yet there are thoughts that once they surface, refuse to lie dormant. Lately just such a one has besieged me. What to do about it presented an even greater problem, until the idea of letters to the editors penetrated the void.

It's difficult for the ordinary individual to get through the Great Doors. Therefore, for lack of a personal forum, I am depending on the newspapers. The topic is America. In view of all her struggles, and all that has been derived from her, it seems fitting that she should be redeemed. We have a national scandal on our hands and don't even acknowledge the shame.

In contemplating our history, recalling the times when thousands upon thousands of worthy young men marched off to their deaths, and being reminded of the many who came back physically and psychologically scarred for the rest of their lives, and when I think of the steadfast mothers and fathers who spent precious years raising those young men from infancy and see them come to that end, I am appalled that the wealthy of this land have not come forth during this financial crisis to spill their monetary blood, thus making a grand sacrifice in order to resolve the problem of our unbelievable national debt! Such help, along with a healthy national pride and some imagination, could be the start of getting that "runaway horse" under control.

Unfortunately, I feel that America is a land where too many have in the past and others today continue to drain her of her resources, taking tremendous advantage of the land and waters, yet appear blind to the fact that she is in dire need of their help for indeed America is suffering from a mortal wound. While we are restoring Lady Liberty, let's also look to the land upon which she reigns. With this the gauntlet has been thrown down. From among the rich and powerful, who will come forth to meet the challenge?

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## Setting it Straight

A headline on page 4 in the Nov. 20 Daily Nebraskan incorrectly said "Young America supports Reaganomics, not abortion stand." The headline, on Jim Rogers' column, should have said young America supports Reagan's economic policies and his stand on abortions.

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## Rogers...

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The lower socioeconomic segments of society are best protected by a strong, rather than a weak, conception of property rights. Legal historian Morton Horwitz notes that "One of the most striking aspects of legal change during the antebellum period is the extent to which common law doctrines were transformed to create immunities from legal

liability and thereby to provide substantial subsidies for those who undertook schemes of economic development." Then, as now, development was the alter upon which property rights, the only real human rights, were sacrificed.

By a revitalization of pre-antebellum property protections along with an abolition of zoning, individuals would regain the opportunity to determine their own futures. A family, for example,

could sell its legal right to object to a nuisance and therefore would be compensated for the aesthetic or social diminution. In this fashion those who benefit from development are forced to bear the cost of the development. Currently with zoning laws however, developers are legally permitted to shift these costs to the surrounding neighborhoods and are thereby provided a somewhat substantial subsidy by local govern-

ment.

Perhaps now is the time for Lincoln to begin a public discussion on the possibility of getting rid of zoning. Now only is it an administrative pain in the neck but repeal of zoning laws and the implementation of non-prescriptive free market methods of guiding community growth would protect individuals as well as better protect important social interests.

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