

Dave Nyman, Art Martin

Parkland Methodist Church - 70 senior citizens - met in morning and produced questions for Don and moderator read em off.

Which health care bill do you favor?

He was asked how he voted on B-1 bomber--in context that made it clear the questioner wanted him to vote vs it. He did and said he did. "I'm not sure it was the right vote; it was just my way of sorting out priorities."

He did talk about bills he was drawing up to set up model health system by trying it on the aged. Said he was for restoring 8 million for home health care.

He got a lot of tough problems.

Often brings in his wife - she won't cook any meats beacause of cancer producing scare, "Before we get through we'll be reduced to fruit and peanuts." He talks about his utility bill in Washington.

He uses the term "special interests" a lot - they are the people who are messing up as opposed to "the people". There's a lot of "appoint the right people and things will be better"--HUD, regulatory agencies.

Saccharine - "no flexibility in law, hypocrisy re cigarettes, no good tests. We ought not to take the results of tests on Canadian rats. We ought at least to have tested it on good wholesome American rats". (laughter)

"We aren't miracle workers."

When I got in the car he talked about campaigning being more difficult because of public interest lobbies--in old days guy took care of special interest and that's all that was needed. Now, you get more exposure, more battering. Said Bill Randall said it was no fun anymore.

They have 7 people in district now, 5 in Olympia, 1 Longview, 1 (Carol Peterson) around North Bend "an ear to the ground people" says Dave Nyman and a slot unfilled in Port Angeles (2 of these Dave says are part time) in Olympia.

I'm writing this the first morning and I think the main comment I have regarding the "career" of Don is the impact of the Saire episode. He was asked at the interview with the Tacoma Tribune "how did you get to be such an expert on Africa?"

"It's not a matter of expertise. I just stumbled on it. When the foreign aid bill came through our committee I noticed there was a 40 million increase for Zaire--the largest percentage increase in the entire bill. My assistant checked around with the State Department and found that the money was just passing through Zaire on the way to Angola where it was being used to finance one of the factions in that civil war. So I prepared some questions. When Secretary Vance came before our committee everyone asked him questions and it was two hours before they came to me. Everybody had left except the Chairman, Secretary Vance and me. So I asked my questions; and the next day the newspapers gave all their play to my questions. Nobody else had picked it up. There's a tradition in Congress--or at least on our committee--that whoever is the first one to pick up on a problem will be the one to take the lead. So, I have it. Now I know quite a bit about it. A little later, the Washington Post printed the entire speech on the editorial page. So it's not expertise. I just stumbled on it."

Later, the staff told him Andy Young wanted to contact him. And at the Olympia Coffee hour, he said "I'm expecting a telephone call from Andy Young any time now. So we may have an exciting telephone call here this evening."

Next morning, he called Young and they talked and he came out into the

office and said "That's the first time I've ever been called by a high level person in the government."

At Shelton Fair Grounds meeting of senior citizens, he opened by noting that he had worked for Senator Maurice Neuberger on Senate side on staff of Select Committee on Aging and that House set up committee a couple of years ago. Four hundred House members wanted the committee and "only twenty-five were appointed. I'm the only member from the Northwest to be on the committee. So I consider it a privilege to be able to help senior citizens with their problems." Then into the complexity of the program and the bureaucracy.

In the car after the Parkland senior citizens meeting he talked about how everyone wanted it because "it's a political plus" and then went on to explain how Randall hired all of Frank Ichard's Internal Security Committee staff who were out of a job. "They spent two years looking for communists among the senior citizen programs." Then he noted that when Pepper became chairman he hired all his "cronies" and that he and John Burton and others confronted first Randall (who decided to retire so they backed off "so we wouldn't shed a lot of blood") and then Pepper - who argued that he had commitment and that he would never hire a poor staff. "Pepper's heart is in the right place, but he has hired all his cronies." The staff of the House ageing committee is obviously a scandal. At Olympia coffee, he went through the story and said "I didn't tell the senior citizens that, because it would be too discouraging for them."

Pushed hard at Shelton re rural transportation and what he would do personally, he said, "You're our representative; what are you going to do about it?" "We are calling the Secretary of Transportation before our committee to discuss the problem. We have the commitment; it's not a lack of commitment. But if you are asking me if I will promise you that by Jan. 1, 1978, we will have a mass transit program that will serve the

senior citizens in Port Angeles, I can't do it. I'm only one of 535. I'm not a miracle worker. But the commitment is there and I had it long before I walked in this door."

Re career. Does he now feel like an incumbent? "Yes. We still do things like we did during the campaign--getting around and seeing people. But I have more confidence than I did."

"Congress is more than a job. It's a way of life. You don't see many people retire after one or two terms, do you. If it's unthinkable to do that, there must be something pretty absorbing and exciting about the job. You begin to settle in and you begin to look down the road a few years to that subcommittee chairmanship. I don't feel like a Brook Adams or a Tom Foley. I don't have the kind of influence they do. But you begin to have some effect--like Andy Young calling me last night. That was exciting. It was the first time anything like that ever happened to me. And locally, you have more ability to bring the parties in a dispute together to work things out."

"My hard core support are the people who were with me in the primary, many of whom have gone on to make political careers of their own like Mike or Art--who is the Mayor of Shelton. I'd say there are about 25 of these core supporters throughout the district. I don't take that support for granted. That's why we have 8 or 10 coffees like last night, to stay in personal touch with them. They will come if we need them and stay till the bitter end. Then there is another ring (he crooked his finger making a circle with thumb and forefinger and drawing a line around it) that we could get almost immediately--Amy could get 300, Mary Ellen could get 100--

so I'd say that number would be about 400, or maybe 500 or 600. Then we have a support list of about 8000 (Dave said 4000)--oh, about 4000 of people, some of them around the state, whom we would call upon and with whom we have a personal relationship. I send them a special letter every once in a while with more editorial comment, more personal comment than my regular newsletter. I wish I could write this more often, but we always seem to get caught up in other things and there isn't any time." He has 3 rings of special supporters. Does that confound things?

After we toured ITT Rayonier plant (other place where four men were killed--the old 1928-vintage plant) we walked out of the office and looked across at entrance where workers entered, he said, "During my first campaign I stood over there at the check in gate handing out literature, and Tom James stayed there with me to the end. The management people stood over here looking out these windows at me and glaring. Honest to God, they think I'm some kind of communist or socialist, that I'm evil. I felt intimidated. My relationship with management there is almost an adversary relationship. I want to keep them at arms distance. You know, there's a tendency after you've been in office to get in bed with the Chamber of Commerce and the local businessmen. I don't ever want Tom James to think I've done that, because he's the kind of person I represent, by and large. I haven't been back here in 2 years. But they were a great help to me during the campaign. With them, you're either with us or against us. It's "us and them," there's no gray area. My visit to the plant today is <sup>highly</sup> symbolic. Tomorrow the word will get all around among the union members that I was there and that I stood up for them."

Tom's union was AWPPW - Association of Western Pulp and Paper Workers - "a renegade union--populists."

Aberdeen - Hoquiam - "a depressed area" run down and losing population - about 28,000 total people.

In talking about his supporters, he discussed Port Angeles situation. "That area is terrible. We have no core supporters in that area; we can't even find a staff person to hire from there; the party is deteriorating badly; they passed a resolution against me; I was even threatened physically at one time. I'ts my nemesis.... I lost 12 percentage points there in the last election."

Worried about becoming part of establishment. "They'll sedue you over and over and over."

"The problem is losing touch with the people who supported you in your first campaign."

Coming out of the Longview Rotary, he asked me how it went and I said OK. "That isn't the easiest group for me to speak to. They are the most conservative businessmen in town. I'm much more comfortable with the Kiwanians. But the Rotary is not my cup of tea. There's an old saying that the Rotary has the most money, the Lions have the most fun and the Kiwanians do the most work. That's true. The Rotarians are the upper crust of the business community. The Kiwanians are the second eschelon in the business area, and they draw on a better mix of people--such as government officials--the city manager and the city engineer. They do most of the good work and are very active in the community. The Lions have a similar group of people but they just meet every wek to have fun, twist the lion's tail, collect money and sing songs. And they are probably in a lower level economically, the owest of the three if you think of it vertically. (I've had good relations with the Kiwanis, but not the Rotary or something like that on the end.)

Newspaper Ted Natt of Longview paper. "I have a complaint to register. We don't hear anything from you. We don't know what the hell you are doing." Reporter: "Can we call you?" (He went to school with her it turns out.) Very peculiar when you think of how anxious most congressmen are to cultivate the press. He admits he hasn't got any kind of press operation. "We don't do a good job with the press. It's not my style to saturate the district with press releases. But we've got to do something about our press relations." A very low priority for Don. Then Ted Natt, editorial of Longview paper said that "we don't know what the hell you're doing."

He was in coast guard.

Re Int. Rel. Committee. "When I was in college we used to have Model United Nations and we would all go down to \_\_\_\_\_, each school delegation taking the part of a country. I remember our college was ghana and I read upon Ghana and we drafted resolutions. Now when I'm sitting in the International Relations Committee drafting resolutions on foreign aid or what not, I say to myself it's just the same as when I was in college, very little difference." A typical IR Committee attitude and background.

On way to evening meeting in Longview. "Mary Ellen, we're actually going to meet some new people--maybe five or six! You do keep growing, but we've pretty well saturated the area. We've gotten nearly all the Democrats. Then we have our own little group. And we've penetrated the Xion community pretty successfully."

At a couple of points he said "I'm feeling like a typical sophomore. The glow and the excitement and the newness have worn off and I'm settling into my work on the International Relations Committee." This was the committee and the Andy Young episode. "It's the first time I've had any real impact

exactly, but Andy Young called and touched base with me. He said Secretary of State Vance told him to check with me. I used to be critical of the State Department for not checking in advance with the Congress. Their idea was to just call in the chairman, who always rubber stamped what the State Department wanted. Now here they are checking with me and I have to watch myself. When I put the phone down, I found myself thinking "Now what did I say?" (laughter) I hope I'll be able to stay as critical as before and do what's right."

Point I started to make with story above is that he really doesn't talk much about MMF Committee. He sees his best PR and image as connected with Foreign Affairs--even though he said at several points that his constituents were not interested--only in economy, energy, fishing, etc. and that they were opposed to foreign aid.

In checking his sheet for political importance, he was tired (It was 12:15 at night) and he didn't say much except re. marking senior citizens meeting. "They have to be number one because they were publicized well in advance and the word got all around that I would be there." That's more a quantity thing.

And - re the paper - "You can't tell about the newspaper visits. You may not accomplish much, but they get miffed if you don't stop by. It's preventive. But it's not like talking to the Rotary. I didn't know how upset they get till yesterday with the Tribune, but apparently they do. So the papers would be one or ten just as easily. You don't know.

Then after filling them out and working hard at it he said "The most comfortable was the ride to the airport." And I said "You mean the ride to the airport when you leave the district" and he laughed.



I'm in the plane now headed for Los Angeles and trying to figure out what it was I saw. On the whole I took few notes. The circumstances of the trip--especially with John Graham along--made it very hard to follow any line of thought with Don. With John, he talked foreign policy; and he was preoccupied with that. So we jerked back and forth from one subject to another. Secondly, it has only been a year since I was out, and many of the stories and sentiments I had heard before. So the lack of newness tended to dull my senses somewhat.

The one nuance I had come looking for--the development of a career--was certainly there--his description of himself as a sophomore, his laughing references to seniority ("I'm beginning to look at the seniority system to see what it can do for me.") the exhilaration over Andy Young's telephone call ("I'm the resident expert on Zaire--because I stumbled on it."), and most of all his worries at Quinault Lodge about "losing touch". But although I had begun to write about Don as still in his expansionist stage and wanted to find evidence in support of that hunch, I found almost none! If there is a generalization ("I got about 70% of the vote in every one of the 13 area of the district--I guess he meant counties--except two. Port Angeles where I lost 12 percentage points and Lewis County because of the influence of the John Birch run newspaper there. Twice a month they pound me with editorials. They think I'm a communist. It's the only paper in the district I don't visit. There's no point to it."), the generalization is that he consolidated very quickly and that he is now holding on and planning to run for the Senate. He is not expanding his coalition inside the district. The comment in Longview that he was going to meet 5 or 6 new people was a tipoff here. Also, I noted that lots of people at Kelso district day said they had been in before. If he is expanding his coalition, he's expanding it with an eye to running for another office. Dave

Nyman talked about the meeting they had had at Quinault in the fall to assess his future--a few advisers, Yaden, Nyman, Murphy, the Clark County auditor, and a guy who worked doing advance work in campaign of couple of others. "The decision was made that we would go for a higher office, but we left our options open as to which office and when."

Regarding the conversation at the Lodge - "Because we were opposed by the establishment we had to form our own organization and find our own support--the Sam Moody's, the Tom <sup>James</sup> Jones', the Jim Duree's. They won it for us. Once you're in office it's hard to stay in touch with "the people" who elected you. The establishment seduces you. They ask you to their meetings, they come talk with you--like the AMA, the worst of the lot, coming around laughing and saying "We didn't support you but we know how the game is played and now that you're in.... It's the establishment that comes around and wants things from you. They seduce you over and over and over. The easy thing is to just go along and to forget the people who elected you. Amy, with the exception of the coffees you hold, who else have I seen recently in Olympia except the Rotary, the Kiwanis, the industry people, the local officials? It's psychologically difficult to get yourself up to walk into the Red Rooster Bar and walk up to some guy who's had three beers, put out your hand and say Hi I'm Hal Spooner." "The people" ask so little of you--just to do what's right. For example the local establishment of Grays Harbor want me to get them the 40 million dollars for the channel dredging. They come around all the time. But who will it really benefit--Weyerhaeuser and a few port officials who have no concern about anything except their channel. The traditional congressman would just go along with this. But

is it right? I hope I'll be a different kind of congressman and ask whether it's right. But it's so hard psychologically to reach "the people", and the other way is so easy psychologically. How will I ever find out what it's like for someone to be on welfare unless I go to the welfare office and sit down and talk to the people standing in line there. But it takes a lot of effort to break out of the mold and do it. We've talked about it, but we haven't done it... Most of us ran against the establishment in our areas and we tell ~~outsiders~~ <sup>our edge</sup> that we can't get in bed with them now. We talk about it among ourselves.

Riding around, he said "We miss too many of these little towns. That's why we need a mobile van." Only mention of it.

"Julia Hansen never came home and when she did, she only met with the local establishment. Maybe ten years from now, I'll be just like that... It would be interesting to do a study four years from now and ten years from now to see if people like me have turned the corner and become more interested in national problems and legislative problems than in the district. How often do you come back to the district?' 'Oh, twice a year!' Our class works their districts much harder than the older congressmen. We're back here all the time, we're crazy to come back here and work as hard as we do. But we feel that's an important part of our job. Will we turn that corner and become like Brook Adams and Tom Foley. It's an interesting question."

Along with his discussion of himself in foreign policy he usually puts in "When I was at the Swedish embassy the other night, I ran into Henry Kissinger and we had quite an argument about our African policy. He says "Ve must draw a line" against the Russians. He's a very smart man and I listen to what he

says, but I don't agree with him. This was part of the clearly heady stuff he was getting into--but, still some of that little boy lost attitude. People chuckle when he talks of arguing with Henry Kissinger--the local David vs the cosmopolitan /Goliath.

Bonker has more interest in my project than anyone and evinces more respect for me. He always introduces me as "a man who has written several classics in political science." "If any of you have taken political science, you have probably read his books," "a famous man." "He's writing a book about ten congressional districts and ours is one of them. I asked him why he chose our district and I thought it was something special, but he told me he just wanted to visit the northwest." "We're all anxious to see how we come out in the book." He keeps asking me who else I travelled with "Let's see, have I got them all." (He never did - I hold off some of the identifiable ones--Lou Stokes, Spence especially.) Obviously he was impressed most with Barbara Jordan and sometimes told people I was studying Barbara Jordan's district. I don't know why he does all this. It almost seems as though he is really genuinely flattered.

At Amy Bell's, which he ranked high on "at homeness," he said he was happy to be there "among my earliest supporters" and he noted later that they would not be the hard core, but the next group. Maybe his hard core would be his intimates--no, I guess intimates were at the Lodge.

Tacoma Tribune was upset that he hadn't been around and, hence, had not endorsed him. "We felt that if you didn't pay us any attention, we wouldn't pay you any attention." Don replied "It's such a spread out district that it's impossible to establish a presence. If I'm in Port Angeles no one else in the district knows I've been around. I'll be I come home more often and

work the district harder than most congressmen." To which the editor (Don Pugnetti) replied "Well, it's like winking at your girl in the dark. You know you did it but she doesn't and if she doesn't, nothing happens." Don seemed a little surprised that they were upset and it was part of his general resolve to do better with press. Actually, his press operation is pretty awful; and unless he gets it under better control, he'll never make the Senate.

He did comment on the difficulty of representing the Pierce County - King County area. "We have pieces of those two counties--in one case the huge rural area outside the city and in the other case a small section of the city. The rural part doesn't belong to anything and the other segment belongs to the city. There's no media; there's no identity center. It's a very hard area to represent."

"You look up on the legislature as a career; but that's not the way it's supposed to be. A legislature that doesn't turn over doesn't run well." Idea was that you should be close to people and that you become a bureaucracy.

Maybe he's between expansionist and protectionist--in a period of wondering. He's not really "holding on"; he's worrying about holding on. His worry is that his support base will shift. And that his strong supporters will change. Maybe that's a hazard of the transition, that he'll end up "protecting" an establishment constituency. That, he doesn't want. Dave Nyman said Don was not a maverick now and didn't consider himself one--not as far as party was concerned. Dave said "All our 1976 campaign functions were party functions." So some expansionism there--to the party, which opposed him.

"We don't do the press function well. We should do better work than we do. I'm not an overkill person and I don't want to saturate the district with

press releases. But press relations is one of our biggest shortcomings." Again, he emphasized staff a great deal and how lucky he is to have such a good staff. He is more complementary to his staff than anyone of the group.

Re district day. "It's a way of making myself accessible to the average citizen. It's my only chance to meet people other than the local political leaders or the establishment. I thought about the town meeting idea but it won't work. Two or three people always tend to dominate the discussion; and people with real problems--like the lady from Latvia today--will never speak up."

He told a long story about the Olympia National Park controversy and how delegation walked out - talked of how delegation likes one another, works cohesively and harmoniously and how Meeds is the legislator who takes the lead. Again, his admiration for Meeds. "He's not the captive of any interest, everyone trusts him and he steers a course right down the middle." But he pays for it politically, esp. re. Boldt decision.

In Grays Harbor County, which was Bailey's home county, Tom James, Jim Duree, Mike Murphy and Sam Moody were core. "It was the hardest nut to crack and it was the most interesting group we had in any county."

Told Larry Malloy story again about how he threatened to knock down a guy who protested at the meeting Malloy called to raise money from plywood coops.

Also, again the story of TV interviewer who discoursed on how apathetic people were about politics and ill informed and kept calling Don "Ed Bonkers." Don finally told him, after listening to this preaching, that his name was not Ed Bonkers, but Don Bonker. The group kidded him by calling him Ed. "Now, Ed." "What's your opinion about?" And Don, self deprecatingly called himself "Ed Bonkers" a few times.

"He's a professor of political science who has written several classics. He's writing about ten congressional districts and ours is one of them. I thought he was especially interested in me but when I asked him why he chose this district he said he wanted to visit the Northwest."

He always calls "Washington, D.C." just that--to differentiate from his Washington.

After the senior citizens hearings, he said "I learn more from these meetings with senior citizens here at home than I do from all the hearings, all the witnesses, all the testimony, all the meetings in Washington, D. C. Somehow or other all that goes right by me. It doesn't affect me and I don't learn anything. But when I come home and listen to people like this talk about real problems, I learn something and I am moved by it."

Re Senate. "With Magnuson and Jackson it's natural to think about the possibility of running for the Senate. Magnuson is old and this will be his last term, if he makes it. And Jackson, having lost twice in running for the Presidency may be near the end of his career. Brock Adams has been the heir apparent, but I think he's going to remain in the administration for the next 8 years--in a succession of posts. If he does, he will lose his political base. Tom Foley is moving up in the House leadership--perhaps even to the Speakership of the House--and is chairman of a major committee. He has everything just the way he likes it. So I think they have been passed by. I'm comfortable with my position in the House, settling into the International Relations Committee. I'm ambitious; but I don't crave a seat in the Senate. I have no burning desire to go out and start raising money and build a new political base all over again. I think about the Senate; but I don't hunger for it. Another consideration is my sense of my own limitations. But I have

faith that if it is God's will that I should run, things will work out. My faith keeps me from worrying about whether this or that deal has to be made or this or that must be done. I have a lot of equanimity about it. I don't worry about it. I have composure. My wife says that "what God wants for you exceeds that which you want for yourself." In the House race that happened. God wanted more for me than I did for myself. I have limited ability. Except that when I look around at the other possibilities, I think I'll be better than they are. And I know I'll make a better Senator than Norm Dicks--if it comes to that."

Throughout the trip, it became clear that Dicks and Bonker have a certain amount of antagonism between them. Bonker sees him as his rival; and their styles are different. Dicks came to speak in Bonker's district before he was even elected. Dicks is PR and Bonker is not. Very different styles.

#### District Day - Hoquiam

Man nearly murdered in home and can't get gun permit and has left his home and wants federal government to help.

Woman from Latvia (26 years here) wants human rights emphasis and wants aid to USSR stopped - has relatives in Latvia - most killed. Wants duties lowered for people sending things to USSR - vs. detente.

"Alaska coalition" woman who camped in Alaska and knows people there and who wants to preserve Alaska - millions of acres - big conservationist.

Quinneault property owner - protesting indian policy in the area - water rights and Dept. of Interior pro-indian rules. She's very upset - her letters are not getting through - she thinks someone is sabotaging her letters - she sees indians under her bed - owns property in the indian reservation and doesn't like tribal jurisdiction over her land - very intense feeling.



Man and wife worried about gasoline going up, nursing home abuse.

Man wants to discuss Stockholm Peace Appeal - a kind of left wing petition - wants to boost Quinault plan to rehabilitate OSHA and lack of safety - 6 people killed in logging in 5 weeks this month - wants more safety inspections - 133 people killed in woodworking industry in the State of Washington.

Wants to keep Steelhead <sup>Salmon</sup> ~~Front~~ as a sports fish and keep em from being commercialized by indians who are "super citizens" - approves of new task force - he works for State Game Commission and took day off to complain about fish management problem.

Wants judges to run for election - because of Boldt decision.

Man got special "support list" letter - wants to criticize it - he's a Dem "precinct committeeman and that's why he got the list - he quotes Van <sup>Mason</sup> - he objects to sending invitations to "District Day" under the frank. He really got a guy who disagrees with him.

Man wants raise in social security - stop giving foreign aid - "every county that stubs a toe, we send em half a million dollars." "Why not spend all our money on Americans." "I'll remember that next election."

Kid wants to get in air force.

Man concerned about "when it gets down to the wire are we going to choose Jews or oil?" - he's Jewish - great passion.

Log export situation - man who works for plant that does 72% of cedar siding - wants to stop log exports of cedar - also water and air pollution at ITT Rayonier.

Mayor comes in and defends selling of logs to Japan. The city exports most of its logs - wants to talk about taxes - IRS gives him a recorded phone call.

Woman interested in fishing and works to protect "outside fishermen."

Councilwoman comes in vs \$50 rebate and pump priming.

District Day - Kelso

Woman whose social security check was lost.

LW voters - supporting direct election of president - voter registration reform - he educates em on registration problem.

Social security is inadequate - everything goes up faster than Social Security - landlords raise the rent - single people have real problem.

Senior citizen group - housing problem - have a petition going for public housing and want Don to help the city develop a plan such that they can get community development grant.

Wants a bill that will keep veterans pensions from going down when Social Security goes up - DB says he supports the bill.

Local Democratic Party Chairman comes to talk about getting someone to speak at their fundraiser - Brook Adams.

Boiler operator complains that "ecology boys" are falsifying reports regarding smoke from paper plant--but he's not sure whoe these inspectors are. Then he's anti homosexual, anti drug, pro gun control.

Man with social security problem - tried to give it up while he was working - now they are penalizing him.

Man retired from Navy wants to get back in.

Man opposed to land use plan and wants Federal government to do something.

Woman ecologist wants more wilderness area, several preservationist proposals - she belongs to "Green Peace" group that painted seals green so they wouldn't be killed--wants trails for skiers only.

Old friend "lawyer comes by to talk about local planning he's against extreme environmentalists planning.

Environmentalists vs pro-Alaska coalition, more money for forest service.

Woman whose retarded nephew never got income tax rebate.

Man has zoning problem - can't sell land the way he wants to.

Woman doesn't want VA facility to move from Fancouver.

Second lady has same position - her husband is there - good care.

Lady comes to tell him that senior citizen programs are going well.

Esp. new nutrition programs - wants new help for home repairs.

Police chief comes in (wearing blue jeans and looking like a hood) and says "intellectual level of the department was very low" and got LEAA money to educate people.

Man and wife come in (he with a big sheet of notes) to discuss energy. Serious concern about no one having courage to develop an appropriate policy.

Man wants to deduct child support payments.

Four wheel drive group wants to stop a ban on their vehicles in public lands.

Guy wants to abolish income taxes and have only a sales tax.