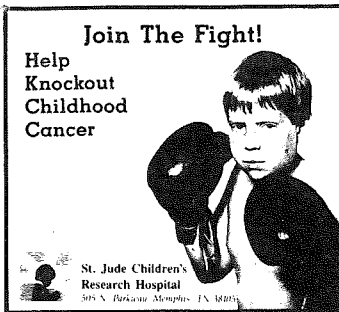


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Whistle-blower

By Mary Ruoff
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A taxpayer's bill of rights currently being debated in Congress is only a first step in curbing Internal Revenue Service illegal activity and harassment, so says Paul J. DesFosses.

DesFosses, president of The National Coalition of IRS Whistleblowers and a former IRS agent, was in St. Louis Tuesday to give a lecture on the IRS sponsored by Missouri Libertarians, a non-profit organization that advocates protection of individual rights, limited government and freedom of choice.

"It's a watered-down version (of an earlier bill), but it has enough teeth in it to be a step in the right direction," said DesFosses of the bill, which, among other things, specifically outlaws the IRS's audit and collection quota system and gives taxpayers greater leverage when appealing IRS rulings.

DesFosses was a 20 year veteran with the IRS when he retired in 1984. During his tenure with the agency, he says its focus evolved from serving society to trying to control it.

"The IRS has taken upon itself the role of Guardian Angel for the government," said DesFosses. "That's why we as IRS employees and former employees are concerned. Most people today are being audited not because they did anything wrong."

DesFosses said members of religious and political groups in particular have been targeted by the IRS, which is currently proposing to eliminate tax-exempt status for non-profit groups that influence federal legislation—either directly through lobbying or indirectly through lobbying or indirectly through newsletters or published reports.

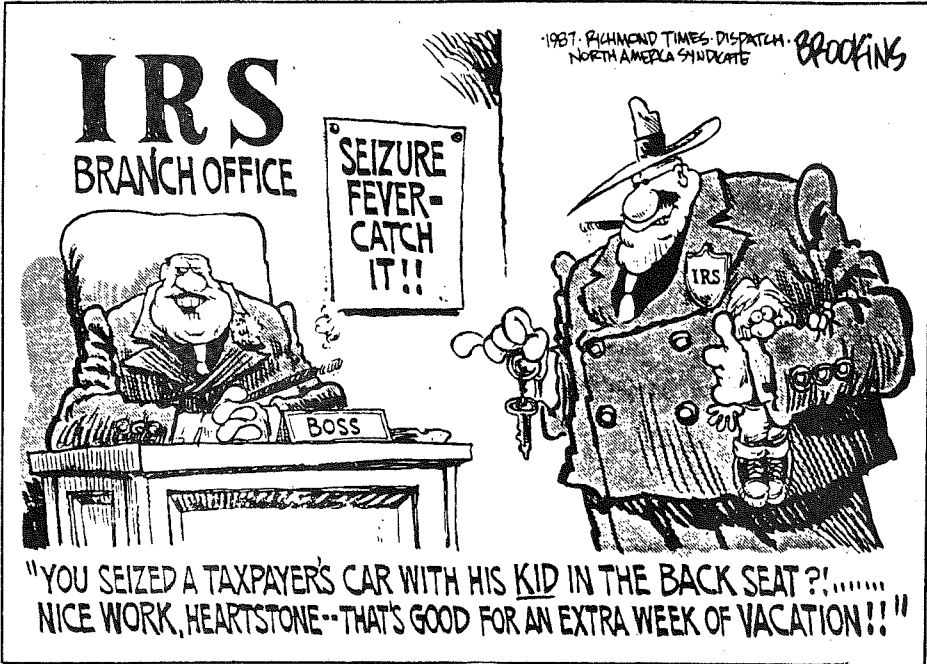
"They are putting tremendous pressure on religious groups because of their opposition to abortion or big government or involvement in Nicaragua," said DesFosses. One example he uses to illustrate his point: he claims the IRS has classified individuals as tax protestors and fined them after donating money to a church that is the focus of an IRS investigation, or project.

DesFosses, in fact, earned the title whistle-blower because of his involvement in an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission complaint that revealed the IRS had a policy of not allowing Mormons to serve as upper level agents in Idaho.

DesFosses was an IRS agent in Nevada and Idaho, where he now runs a CPA practice and was senior agent for the state's eastern IRS district when he retired. The state's relative lack of crime and union activity has prompted the IRS to be especially scrutinizing of Idaho's churches and religious groups, he said.

The National Coalition of Whistleblowers views itself as an IRS watchdog and hopes to prompt changes in the IRS through public awareness, research and lobbying, said DesFosses.

The organization's disclosure of an IRS five-year plan to develop non-tax files on all U.S. citizens prompted last year's resignation of the then-director of the IRS, he claims.



'The system itself invites corruption' — Paul J. DesFosses, IRS whistle-blower.

DesFosses said the non-tax files were taking up so much space in the IRS computer system that it hampered the agency's ability to handle tax information. "Today they are a little more concerned with processing refunds and having a lot more computer space for that purpose," said DesFosses.

He stressed that the coalition is not opposed to the IRS itself, but the way the agency operates. "The IRS has a legitimate purpose, but all too often it's involved in activities that are not legitimate," he said.

He added that invasion of privacy is inherent in a revenue system based on a personal income tax. According to DesFosses, "The system itself invites corruption."

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curb IRS abuses

AIDS patient catches rare pneumonia from a horse

A doctor in North Carolina has reported that an AIDS patient has died from a rare form of pneumonia that he apparently caught from a horse. The doctor said the man visited a horse farm shortly before he came down with *Rhodococcus equi*. "It's really a medical curiosity," said Dr. David Durack of the Duke University Medical Center. "A normal person would have visited the same farm and no harm would have come."

—SGN, Seattle

Seat belt law dropped

LAWs forcing motorists to "belt up" have been dropped by the Government. Fines of up to £50 would have been imposed on any front seat car occupant not wearing a seat belt if the Labour Government's Bill had been enforced by the end of this year. But the new Transport Minister, Mr Norman Fowler, believes that motorists should be free to decide for themselves.

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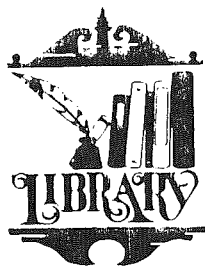
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Economist raps establishment

In a nationally syndicated column distributed by the Scripps Howard News Service, nationally known economist Thomas Sowell wrote:

"Proposals to scale back some of our runaway spending on education have brought out the education establishment and its political allies, full of righteous indignation and illogical arguments."

Sowell, a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace in Stanford, CA, added:

"If there is anything more remarkable than the abysmal failure of American education, it is the political success of the education establishment. What other sector of American society has absorbed ever-growing sums of money, serving a declining number of people with declining performance? ...

"Like much political success, its key ingredient was lying. For years, schools have lied to the parents by giving higher and higher grades for lower and lower quality work. Educators lied to the public by claiming that this was the best educated generation in American history...

"Even today, within the United States, educational spending has little correlation with educational results. Connecticut, for example, spends about 50 percent more per pupil than New Hampshire, but New Hampshire's test scores are higher. Private schools spend much less per pupil than public schools and get better results."



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FLAMING PERIL, LIL

FUMING neighbours are battling to have chain-smoking pensioner "Fag Ash Lil" banned from her home.

They say widow Lily Parkes, 79, is a danger to her street because she keeps accidentally setting fire to her terrace house.

The neighbours are sending a petition to the local council urging that Lil be kept in an old folks' home where she has moved temporarily after the last blaze.

Lily, of High Row, Washington, Tyne and Wear claims she is NOT a menace because she has now given up smoking.

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Passengers To Fly Naked

Radical Proposal Urged For Safety's Sake

By Lance Stalker

Dale Lowdermilk is one of those disembodied voices known as an Air Traffic Controller. On the job, Lowdermilk says, "I'm deadly serious." Off the job, he's "NOT SAFE."

Lowdermilk works the tower at Santa Barbara Municipal Airport. Among other aircraft he talks with are presidential flights carrying Ronnie and Nancy to and from the Ranch.

It's doubtful that the guys driving the President or many other bigwigs in and out of Santa Barbara realize their friendly, competent Air Controller is also head of an organization called NOT SAFE in his off duty hours.

NOT SAFE stands for National Organization Taunting Safety and Fairness Everywhere. Lowdermilk bills it as "the world's most sarcastic organization." Nation-wide NOT SAFE has over 900 members, many of whom paid their \$15 membership fee by barter. "We encourage barter," Lowdermilk says.

Lowdermilk gets attention for NOT SAFE's serious underlying purpose (see box) by lampooning excessive regulation and laws and the professional politicians who make them.

NOT SAFE doesn't limit itself to any particular social area for

lighting bolt that killed her, NOT SAFE invited women everywhere to send in their "Killer Bras" and "metal underwear."

Lowdermilk's basic goal, he says, is "to get government to stop treating us like idiots." To get attention he and NOT SAFE push for programs "to protect everyone from everything, at any cost."

Among other protective ideas NOT SAFE has pushed are the emptying of all pools, ponds, tubs and buckets of liquid to reduce the potential for drowning, and, regulation of the birth rate. It's simple logic, Lowdermilk says. If fewer people are born, over the long haul fewer people will die.

As an Air Controller and (not current) pilot Lowdermilk has a number of suggestions to make the sky safer.

"I wish I could take credit for all these ideas," he says, "but most of them come from our membership."

NOT SAFE's suggestions to make flying safer include:

+ Pulling the wings from commercial aircraft and having them taxi to their destination. "It would take longer but passengers would arrive in better shape."

+ Permitting only one aircraft to fly over the U.S. at a time to reduce the chance of mid-air.

+ Eliminate the risk of sky-jackers carrying weapons onboard by requiring passengers to fly naked.

+ Because there are a lot of handicapped pilots flying "who are maybe not physically handicapped," required all outbound aircraft to taxi through sobriety and senility check-points.

+ Outline TCA's with 20-foot wide painted stripes on the ground. While such a project might make a few property owners unhappy, Lowdermilk says, "What's our priority here? Air safety is our priority!"

+ Pilots flying too fast through TCA's should be controlled by "an automatic electrical connector that would zap them in the butt with 20,000 volts."

NOT SAFE's list of suggestions is endless. But Lowdermilk says the organization isn't trying to be unreasonable. Some ideas like a parachute for every plane, should be phased in.

He says he'd start with general aviation aircraft and only two chutes. "One on the nose and one on the tail." Later he'd expand to commercial aviation, with probably four chutes required on a 747. "It might also be a fuel-efficient way to deal with a holding pattern," he suggests. "Just pop your chutes and drift until you get clearance, then cut the chutes loose and kick in afterburner."

Asked how his employer, the FAA, feels about an Air Controller who'd like to see all passengers flying naked, Lowdermilk laughed. "As long as I keep aircraft separated in a professional manner they don't seem to mind."

"Some guys go out and get drunk or beat their kids to relieve the stress of the job. This is my comic relief."

Anyone with aviation safety suggestions for NOT SAFE can send them to: Box 5743, Montecito, CA 93108.

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DALE LOWDERMILK wants to save your life, pardner.

TAXING ISSUE: For the eighth consecutive year, the federal income tax has been voted "most disliked tax of the year" by a sample of average Americans. According to a poll by the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, state income tax was named "worst tax" by eight percent of the citizens polled, state sales tax by 17 percent, local property taxes by 28 percent and federal income tax by 37 percent. The commission could supply no data identifying the tax most hated by the missing 10 percent.

High society is for those who have stopped working and no longer have anything important to do.

— Woodrow Wilson

MEMORIAL HIT WITH VAT TAX!

HEARTLESS taxmen have ordered a village to pay VAT on a **WAR MEMORIAL**—after Customs and Excise ruled it was "not for the benefit of the community".

Now furious villagers at Gowerton, Swansea, who raised £1,084 for the monument to 15 locals who died in the last war—have to find another £162. Hywel Rees, secretary of the fund, said last night: "It's all very hurtful."

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Council asks mum to pay for quitting job

A COUNCIL social worker has been "fined" £1,300 . . . for having a baby.

The 30-year-old wife — who wants to be known only as Pat — has already had to give up her £7,000-a-year job because of the pregnancy.

Now her hard-hearted bosses at Hillingdon Council in London have charged her £1,313.07 for breach of contract.

That's the Tory council's estimate of the cost of Pat's training.

Pat had signed an agreement to work at least two years after her training was completed.

She said yesterday: "The council seems to think that having babies is a punishable offence."

THE SUN

A TEENAGE fare dodger was electrocuted yesterday as he tried to escape from police at a railway station.

Edward Fletcher died instantly when he hit a 25,000-volt cable as he tried to jump from the station roof on to a train.

The 17-year-old youth, from Yelverton Road, Liverpool 4, and a pal had been taken for questioning by railway police at Crewe station when they were unable to produce tickets.

Escape

But while they were at the office police had to deal with a man who had become violent and the two youths escaped on to the station roof.

A railway police spokesman said yesterday: "The roof of the stationary train must have seemed like the

Fare-dodger hits a cable

last stepping-stone to freedom.

"But as Fletcher dropped down to it he caught the overhead power line."

His pal ran back across the roof and told the police what had

happened. The accident caused a power cut and engineers had to replace a section of cable.

Last night the dead youth's parents were too upset to talk, but a neighbour described him as a "typically lively teenager."

He added: "His death has come as a terrible tragedy."

The other youth was escorted back to his Liverpool home by Merseyside police.

GOLD and gems seized by Scotland Yard men have vanished . . . from a police station.

The jewellery, worth more than £15,000 was kept in a locked safe by the Yard's Robbery Squad.

It is believed a duplicate key was used to open the safe in the police station at Whetstone, North London.

A massive internal police inquiry has failed to reveal clues to the missing items.

And now the Yard could face an embarrassing legal battle.

The jewellery was taken in raids on the home of Tony Sykes, of Binfield Road, Stockwell.

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Officers sentenced back to weekly school sessions

SANFORD, Fla. (AP) — Police officers in Sanford and Altamonte Springs have broken the laws of grammar too often, their bosses complain.

As a result, 20 officers from the two Seminole County departments and the Altamonte Springs fire department have been sentenced to weekly sessions

with a tutor for help on grammar, spelling and punctuation.

Glenda McClure, an adjunct teacher at Seminole Community College, said she hopes to train officers to eliminate redundancy and reduce the time it takes to write reports by 25 percent.

'FRAME-UP BY COPS' SHOCK

POLICE have fabricated court evidence to "fit up" criminals for offences they did not commit.

This shock admission was made yesterday by Attorney-General Sir Michael Havers in a radio interview.

A COURT'S VICE TAX

MAGISTRATE David Pitts fined prostitute Cheryl Kenway £25 at Bradford, Yorks, yesterday for loitering—and said it was a form of taxation.

Mr Pitts, who once compared prostitutes to litter, told 21-year-old Kenway, of Bradford: "If you don't get caught, you do not get taxed."

A SHOPPING trip became a nightmare for granny Margaret Ling.

She was accused of stealing her own gloves in a store.

Then she and her 17-year-old daughter were locked up in police cells for more than three hours.

But yesterday her five months of torment came to an end.

The prosecution withdrew the theft charge against 50-year-old Margaret, described as "a woman of unblemished character."

The court at Doncaster was told that Margaret and her daughter Rose-

mary were on a shopping trip in the town's Littlewood's store, and went to the glove counter. Margaret put her own gloves on the display as they looked for a new pair for Rosemary.

But she didn't buy any because they were too dear.

She put her own in her shopping basket, walked out . . . and was detained by a store detective.

Mr. Ralph Cunliffe, defending, said that after being locked up and subjected to interrogation, Margaret "confessed".

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Girls smuggled heroin inside their girdles

Express Staff Reporter COLIN PRATT

THREE GIRLS who confessed to smuggling drugs inside their girdles were jailed yesterday after a legal mix-up.

A court was told that they would have gone free if they had denied the charge after vital evidence from Customs officers was ruled out of order.

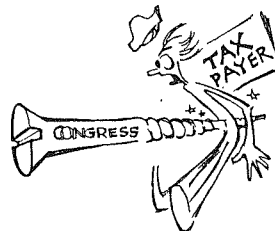
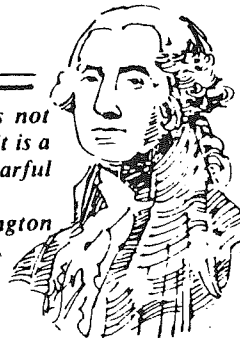
They had been arrested with six other girls. They were said by the prosecution at Reading Crown Court, to have smuggled huge quantities of heroin into the United States.

The other six denied conspiring to smuggle and had the charges against them thrown out.

Defence lawyer Tom Culver told the court yesterday: "If these three had not done everything by the book and taken another course, they might now be free."

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Direct line to phone tapping

GOVERNMENT security services are being given the ability to tap instantly any telephone in Britain.

Already testing of the eavesdropping apparatus has taken place at four recently-installed exchanges in Bristol carrying thousands of lines.

The facility is a by-product of British Telecom's new computerised telephone equipment System X, which has cost more than £250 million and allows itemised billing, electronic mail and three-way calls.

It will also revolutionise the ease with which authorised users — like MI5,

MI6 and the police — will be able to listen in to any telephone conversation. They already have this facility for international calls, via the Government listening post in Cheltenham.

For inland calls with System X, anybody with the right magnetic pass card and correct computer user code will be able to dial a number to be tapped and listen in without anyone else knowing.

A further facility will allow a tape recorder to switch itself on and off every time the given number is con-

nected to any other. The whole country is destined to be covered by the computerised exchanges in 30 years.

Officially, British Telecom will not comment on the Secret Service applications of System X and refers inquiries to the Home Office. The Home Office refers inquiries back to British Telecom.

Guarded

But a Telecom spokesman did say: "Magnetic pass cards and user codes are very, very confidentially guarded and we are happy they can only be used by authorised users."

He refused to say who has access to them.

HEALTH spas would soon be making a comeback.

Some doctors reckon the waters are better for rheumatism than more modern treatments.

One, Dr. William Thomson, told a conference at Bath that painkilling drugs prescribed for rheumatism have dangerous side effects. Spa water does not.

Dr. George Kersley, former senior consultant at the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases, agreed.

He said hospitals cannot handle the vast number of patients who need pain relief but are not ill enough to be admitted.

Federal Spending and Poverty

Year	Federal \$ Spent for Human Resource Programs (billions)	Number of People Below Poverty Level (millions)
1966	\$41.8	28.5
1968	57.2	25.3
1970	72.5	25.4
1972	103.3	24.5
1974	130.5	23.4
1976	196.1	24.9
1978	232.9	24.5
1980	300.3	29.3
1982	372.6	34.4
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Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual: namely, (1) the right to life—accordingly we support prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action—accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property—accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.

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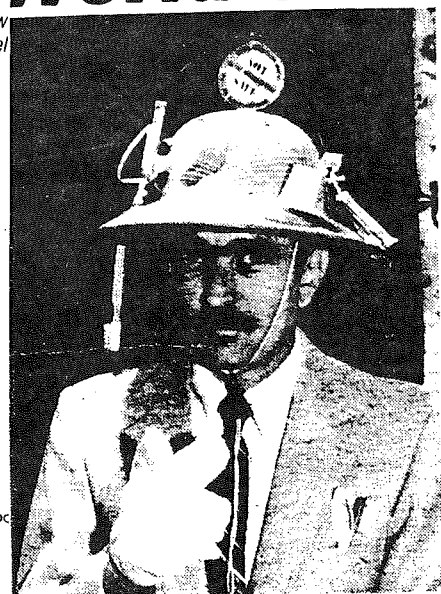
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NEVER POINT an unloaded flinger — it could go off in your face!

DOGS AND CATS should be given a fair trial before being put to sleep at animal shelters, according to a zany crusader who heads The World's Most Sarcastic Organization.

Dale Lowdermilk is the founder and head man at NOT SAFE, a group which pinpoints dangers government bureaucrats have not gotten around to eliminating with boneheaded regulations.

He worries, for example, about the perils of going out in thunderstorms. His answer: A government regulation that requires everybody to carry lightning rods.

"Protect Everyone from Everything, at Any Cost," is NOT SAFE's motto, and Lowdermilk has scores of risks against which we must all be sheltered.

For instance, banana peels can cause people to slip. "They should carry warning labels," he proclaims.

Black widow spiders are dangerous too. Outlaw them, he demands.

Sunburn causes skin cancer, he notes. Aside from putting a warning label on the sun, he thinks we need laws "that require hats, sunglasses and sunshields on sunny days."

Protection

Those who venture forth without such protection "should be arrested," he says.

Airplanes crash. Lowdermilk, an air traffic controller, has an answer:

"Require all aircraft to taxi to their destinations," he recommends.

There's a method to Lowdermilk's madness: He thinks that by lampooning the "collective dumbness" of overregulation he can get people to realize how silly many of the government's safety rules are.

"Most of our laws are well-intentioned," he argues.

"God deliver us from good intentions."

PINT BEATS B-TEST

By JOHN BELL

DRINKERS were flabbergasted when a man dashed into a

Group's motto:
Protect everyone
from everything
— at all costs!

By PHIL BRENNAN

Government

Insects deserve to be protected too, he says, calling on the government to clamp a 15-mile-an-hour speed limit on the nation's highways.

"That would save bugs from getting squashed on windshields. Bugs have feelings too," he says.

Lowdermilk's latest brainstorm is the "Sobriety Checkpoint" — roadblocks "where police and other experts could check for mechanical safety, mental health, physical ailments and hidden contraband."

Among the "experts" who'd join the police in manning the checkpoints would be professionals who'd check on the stress levels of motorists.

"A trained family counselor or freeway (high speed) psychiatrist should accompany each highway patrol officer to perform a mini-analysis upon drivers who appear to be 'stressed-out' from long-distance commuting, ungagged children, nagging mothers-in-law and job or marital problems," Lowdermilk suggested.

Doctors would also man the checkpoints, looking for signs of illness, depression or senility.

NOT SAFE doesn't have meetings or conventions. They're not safe. Too much danger of viruses and germs being spread. The 1,000 or so members keep in touch by mail, and this worries Lowdermilk too.

"I caution our members not to cut their tongues when they lick the envelopes," he says.

bar, chased by a policeman.

They were even more astonished when he grabbed someone's pint of bitter and downed it in one go.

It was motorist Mike McDermott's ploy to beat the breathalyzer.

Sisters split up in new sex case row

By JOHN ASKILL

THREE more schoolgirl sisters were sent to children's homes yesterday — because a man accused of sex offences had been freed on bail.

The court order was made only hours after The Sun revealed the plight of three other sisters in Hinckley, Leics.

The new girls, aged between ten and fourteen, were ordered by magistrates to be split from their family after police gave the man unconditional bail.

Only one girl was alleged to have been involved in illicit sex offences.

But worried social workers in Warley, West Midlands, told magistrates that the man's freedom put all three girls in "moral danger."

Affair

The girls' mother pleaded with magistrates to allow her daughters their freedom.

She offered to send the older girl to stay with relatives.

But Social Services solicitor Stephen Cork told the court that the accused men had made a full statement to police about an alleged five-month affair with the 14-year-old.

Magistrates granted the social workers a 28-day place of safety order.

The three Hinckley girls were sent to separate council homes "for their own safety" when a man who lives on the same estate as they do was freed on bail to await trial for sex crimes.

And it came off yesterday when he escaped a driving ban.

But he had to fork out £175 in fines and court costs.

McDermott, 28, a gas fitter, had been stopped by a police patrol for having faulty car lights, magistrates at Windermere heard.

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MOVIE VISIT GIVES GRAN SOUR TASTE

By SUN REPORTER

GRANNY Pat Vernon's cinema visit came to a sticky end... when she was banned from taking sweets into the matinee.

Pat, 51, had brought them from home for her grandchildren on their outing to the flicks. But staff amazed her by confiscating her goodies.

The Capitol Cinema, in Birmingham's Ward End, has a new rule that only sweets bought from its shop may be eaten.

A furious Pat described the rule as "humbug".

"I am unemployed and going to the pictures is a treat. But this was very humiliating," she said.

Her sweets were returned after the film.

Cinema management said they needed the income from the sweet shop.

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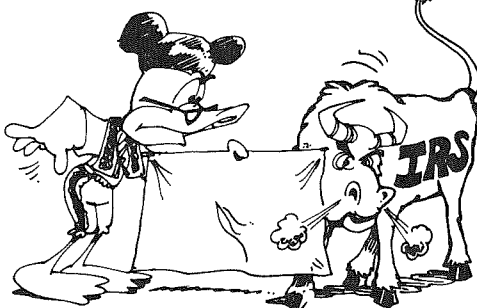
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The church in Communist countries has the right kind of believers.

In the Soviet Union, Anatolii Martchenko, died at 48, after 20 years in jail. He wrote: "It is difficult to defend yourself against gangsters when they call themselves 'the State'. I love freedom, but I prefer a prison cell to living without confronting a state in which even care for one's family and children is considered a crime.

He did not keep silent and paid with his life.



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But one official admitted: "I cannot recall it happening before."

Lee's Nottingham neighbours were amazed by the sentence.

One said: "he is a very laid-back character who always wears his Rasta hat.

"He's been having some legal hassle with an ex-girlfriend who sued for damages and trespass.

"It's astonishing to think that someone can be locked up for a thing like that."

Courage, the footstool of the Virtues, upon which they stand.

-R. L. Stevenson

Hero will be forever female

THE poet Rupert Brooke is to be remembered with a statue... of a woman.

The plan has outraged councillors in Brooke's home town

His verses evoked the golden generation that died in the trenches and his classic lines included 'There is some corner of a field that is forever England.'

With his tall, slim, good looks and fair hair, Brooke became the idol of Edwardian England and the nation mourned when he died in 1915.

Next year his old public school Rugby plans to erect a £12,000 life-size statue by 70-year-old Warwickshire sculptor John Bridgeman, who wants to portray Brooke as a woman 'to symbolise his attractiveness and youth'.

But Tory councillor and local schoolteacher Ron Ravenhall, 52, told the Brooke Centenary Association yesterday: 'We will be a laughing stock if we allow this to go ahead.



Brooke... handsome

Girl of 3 locked in a cell

By JAMES GOLDEN

A three-year-old girl spent more than an hour locked in police cells with her mother after a mix-up over motoring fines.

Little Jodie Cartner was screaming for her grandfather when he arrived at the station to get them out.

His daughter Karen, 26, had received a warrant for non-payment of the fines, but was sure she was not in arrears.

When she went to Hanley

police station. Stoke-on-Trent to sort it out she was taken to the cells.

Yesterday Karen, of Brackenfield Avenue, Bentilee, Stoke-on-Trent, said: 'I was in tears and Jodie was screaming. It was a nightmare.'

She telephoned her father

Brian who raised the money but when he got to the station Karen's £126 wages and family allowance had been taken towards the fines.

They were released when an outstanding £2 was paid.

Last night he said: 'It's an absolute disgrace that a three-year-old should be locked up.'

Yesterday Stoke Central Labour MP Mark Fisher demanded an explanation.

'This is a dreadful case,' he said.

THE POLICE: THE BEST OF US AND THE WORST OF US

By Robert Brakeman

Scenario: It is midnight; or it is 2 AM, or whatever time in the dark-of-the-night you think best represents the skulking time, and the time for the doing of evil deeds. The moon is down by now (or it was never up), the cloud-villains have moved in to cover the stars, and superdarkness crushes the community in the kind of smothering hug your Aunt Bertha used to give you. For children easily spooked and for nighttime hikers or canoeists who need some natural light, all this darkness is depressing/scary, but there are those who like it just fine.

They're criminals, and they're out there assaulting and stealing and killing. Their stealing is to support themselves and their friends and their superiors, and denude their enemies of resources; their assaults are carried out for the purposes of enforcing the theft or simply intimidating their enemies; and the dead-bodies are hitting the pavement (the killing is done) for the same reasons — in the course of the stealing or to remove an enemy. This kind of thing keeps these people wonderfully busy all night, each night, and it's so productive that they live much better than honest citizens. Like the leeching vampires they are, they end their terrorism before daylight, and do their skulking in a homeward direction.

When that daylight comes, another group of people hits the streets, and they're just the opposite of the first. They investigate the crimes the criminals have committed, they track them, they capture them, and they hold them for prosecution and putting away. They spend the whole of their days and the whole of their lives risking getting (and getting) shot at and stabbed and pummeled and tromped, they use such violence as they use in an effort to prevent assaults and robberies and murders, they — to the extent they're good at their jobs — make it possible for honest people to live their lives without paying tribute to the criminals, and they're just as admired by those honestfolk as the criminals are hated.

Now, there is only one thing wrong with these two scenarios; I lied when I said, "another" group of people begin to operate in the morning, for the good guys who are doing all the good things described above are the very same people who are doing all the evil deeds outlined earlier — and this two-groups-in-one aggregation can be labelled briefly: The police.

For reasons most of them don't understand, proliberty people in America in recent years have been ambivalent about the police — and by "police" I mean every bit of the broad law-enforcement apparatus, the beat cops and the plainclothes cops and the prosecutors and judges and the wardens and prison guards and probation officers (and I also mean to include every governmental level, so that FBI Agents and IRS-ers and SEC investigators and Drug Enforcement Administration Agents and Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Bureau people, and all of their counterparts at the state-government level should be seen to be clearly cops as the local-folk we usually think of when we hear the word, "police".) Liberty-oriented women and men find it easy to know what to think about the leader of some

"welfare rights" organization who asserts the right to steal the product of your labor, at gunpoint, and give it to someone else; that person is a professional criminal, and as such eminently hatable, and of course the fact that he hired the government's gunmen to do the stealing instead of hiring his own personal-gurmen changes nothing. A criminal; hatable.

Similarly, there is no problem in knowing what to think about the reverse case: for instance, a homicide detective who spends 12 hours a day trying to catch murderers and put them away — either in the jail or under it. Not only is this man/woman (yes, there are a handful of women in that specialty) committing no crime, he/she is in fact taking risks to ensure that the crime-committing of other people will be minimized. A wonderful person, this person; eminently lovable.

Unfortunately for the peace of mind of libertyfolk, they find it impossible to conjure up either the rotten image described above or the good one, when they're thinking about the police. Most of them find it hard to be enthusiastically pro-police, yet they're just about as unlikely to be found in the arms of the professional cop-haters. As a result of either intuition or systematic thinking or a bit of both, they typically come to think that the cops can't be put into either of the two categories just described — but then the intuition/thinking breaks down, and they never do come up with a category where they can be put.

For someone who understand the nature of liberty, this ambivalence about the police is surely understandable, but it's also unnecessary, for it's possible to have perfectly unambivalent feelings about the "police" — and the route of those feelings of certainty is begun by realizing there isn't one cop-type, there are two. Call them your cop-friend and your cop-enemy. Your cop-friend will not only leave you alone as long as you're committing no crime, he'll also tame people who are/were committing crimes against you; your cop-enemy will not only not protect you, he in fact will assault you and rob you and maybe kill you for perfectly innocent behavior.

Having used "crime" in describing those two cop-types, I should define it. Those who believe that a crime is anything some group of politicians somewhere decided to label a crime are wasting their time reading this analysis, for by that definition the cops are always good guys (assuming they are earning their pay), for, by definition, they're out there doing terrible things to "criminals", and who could oppose that? Under such a definition life is simpler, for one need do no thinking about the precise nature of what the cops are up to, for we've already defined them as being up to anticriminal things. But life under that definition is also demented and repulsive, for under it a slave state is not only possible, it's assured; it allows the cops (and those political forces which control them) to lock people up who commit an action which is not a "crime" in any sense except that those defining the crime-defining don't like it, and it allows them to perpetrate actions which if committed by anyone but people in uniform would be uniformly seen as crimes. No, we need a better definition.

We have one. A person commits a crime when he or she executes an act of aggression against a person who has committed no aggression against him/her, with "aggression" being defined as physical

THE POLICE, continued
force (or force in its other guise — fraud). This definition simply means that as long as you do not aggress against others, you are to be left alone by the government; you are not to be locked up for doing some (non-criminal) thing the state doesn't like, nor are you to be robbed of your resources to support people the state likes better than it likes you. The insight which lies behind this standard-among-libertyfolk (but ignored-by-society) definition is that the identity of a committer of aggression doesn't matter, and that theft or assault are just as much theft and assault when committed by agents of the state as when committed by junkies.

Which brings up back to your cop-friend and your cop-enemy. Everyone agrees that we have cop-friends, for the activities of homicide detectives and bunco squads and robbery details are too well known to overlook; what is less apparent, at least to most members of the general public, is that in a society (like our own) which has been transformed from a relatively free one into a violently socialized one, the law-enforcers will necessarily turn out to be cop-enemies as often as cop-friends. The best cop who saves your life and loses his by protecting you from some psychotic killer is counter-balanced by the IRS-terrorist who steals, at gun-point, the majority of your income for distribution to the state's leech-classes. The bunco-squad sergeant who recovers your swindled-away money is balanced by the narc or the FDA enforcer who jails you for unpopular ingestive practices. And so on.

It would be nice to be able to close this analysis with a statement (one which would allow libertyfolk to stop feeling ambivalent about the police) saying whether on balance the cops are the friends of liberty (and therefore of all good people) or its enemy. I can't (because it would involve assigning numbers to non-numerical entities), but that doesn't matter; it is enough that we recognize that sometimes criminals themselves; sometimes the best of us, sometimes the worst. To figure out which they are in a particular instance, look beyond the label ("police") to the reality: What are they doing — preventing crimes or committing them.

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Irina Ratushinskaya, a Russian Orthodox Christian and poet recently released from a Soviet prison camp, remarked: "Let us test *glasnost*. Let us demand that all prisoners be exonerated; let them all be released."

Why not? Just how open is this "openness" offensive? If the Soviets are finally acknowledging that religious persecution is inhumane, why should there be a selective policy in ending such activity?

The answer, of course, is propaganda. By treating each of the hundreds of thousands of religious dissidents on an individual basis, the Soviets can milk maximum advantage from each case.

Listen once again to Ms. Ratushinskaya: "It is very painful for me to remember those who are still behind bars. We don't know how many Christian prisoners are in labor camps; there may be many more than we expect. Please help

these prisoners like you helped me."

The *glasnost* campaign presents a new opportunity for the West. Traveling through the Soviet Union, I noticed that there is little hope for the individual brave enough to counter the modern totalitarianism that permeates the nation.

Despite *glasnost*, there is little hope for those this campaign promises to help. The West must use the *glasnost* campaign to return hope to these individuals. There is no better way to do this than by concentrating our efforts on religious freedoms.

Kent Hill, Chairman of the Coalition for Solidarity with Christians in the U.S.S.R., believes "*glasnost* must mean more than a more efficient Soviet economy... or reduction of some prison sentences. We must not rest until *glasnost* also means liberty to all who are captive, and an end to discrimination against religious believers. We will not rest until that day comes. That is our solemn pledge."

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Reader defends home schooling

School officials are ready to fight a few home schoolers, who are trying to assume their God-given responsibility to educate their own children. And this only after the public schools have failed and again proved hopelessly inadequate. Why don't they fight against the 6,000 dropouts a year, the teen pregnancies, the drugs, the kids coming out of high school who cannot fill out an application?

School officials were quoted (*The State*, May 22) as saying that home schoolers test out lower than kids attending public schools. I called the reporter to find out what officials had stated that. The reporter said that they were from some other counties. I would like to see their evidence.

A recent editorial in *The State* told of the latest idea to improve South Carolina's school rating: Take some of the "brighter" students and prepare them for the SAT. Aside from the fact that this would not improve our schools one iota, it seems to me that this is cheating. Maybe it's just another lesson the schools want to teach our children.

SHIRLEY A. SMITH

inance act won't lower taxes

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Letters to the editor

your headline article August concerning home rule power, ences made to the Local Gov- ent Finance Act are inaccur- and misleading. llowing the line fed by its prors to the people and the press, quote Councilman/President y Allen as saying, "(The Lo-vernment Finance Act) has d into a tax reduction act. It system where we can try to mate some of the burden on yers." Not so. The LGFA was ed in its original draft as a singular revenue-produc- mechanism. After some of us ed out that the original bill nothing to reduce taxes of any raveling the bill was slightly revised, hat, too, cannot stand up un- he light of proper inspection. u state property taxes would n totaliduced by half of any sales tax cted. Not so. Only that portion es which would relate to the y operational budget would to helpy for any reduction. The ap-ampaignimately 65 percent of any ty budget which relates to l expenditures would not be concerned in any fashion. Therefore, eedoms,35 percent of the total tax bill d even qualify for reduction r the LGF Act.

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The real kicker comes when one discovers that although any sales tax increase would become effective immediately, the possible one-half of that tax increase allegedly eligible would not be applied to any part of the 35 percent until the end of the second year following the sales tax increase — in other words, tax increases, not reduction.

An equally big factor is that there is no language in the bill that would prevent any future tax increases toward real or personal property.

In other words, we are being told lies we wish to believe in the hope for a tax reduction. The truth is, big-spending bureaucrats are desperate for more revenues, not less. The best we can hope for is better budget control on the money we hope we will eventually see reduced, but don't hold your breath. It won't ever happen.

BOB MITCHELL

Firearm safety should be stressed

The recent tragic shooting death of a 13-year-old boy in Columbia was undoubtedly unintentional. But it appears that we have an educational system that allows citizens to reach their teens ignorant of the simplest caveat of gun safety: Guns are not toys.

What is taught (or not taught) in a public school classroom reflects the presumed prevailing views of the surrounding community, which seems to view gun ownership itself as almost criminal.

The Richland County Sheriff's Department, in conjunction with our sensationalistic local press, has engendered this aura of criminality. Newspaper reporters who simply print the sensational accounts handed to them by law enforcement agencies are acting as PR men for the Sheriff's Department instead of as investigative journalists (to wit: the unconstitutional seizure of firearms from the homes of College of Early Learning staff members was reported, irresponsibly revealing the location of those firearms despite the total irrelevancy of the firearms to the story).

The citizens of Richland County are not encouraged by their sheriff to own and safely use firearms. In Lexington County, the opposite is the case.

The College of Early Learning, unlike Richland County's Sheriff Frank Powell, joins Lexington County's Sheriff James Metts in his commitment to the education of children and adults in sound principles of firearms safety and marksmanship. Guns don't kill, but ignorance and fear do.

KATHY MACEDON

Minors' rights issue should be addressed

In light of the Sasha Owens Marsh case, which has been the center of political controversy for over 10 months now in Columbia, it is time to take stock of the obvious politically sensitive issue of minors' rights.

In an open letter to the people of South Carolina (part of which was printed in *The State*), Sasha Marsh addressed many minors' rights issues, though, for the most part, these issues have been ignored. In summary she stated, "I want to be treated as a person, not as someone or something's property. I want to be free in a country that guarantees everyone (not just people over 18 years old) the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

When a minor shows the intelligence and maturity of making significant choices in her life such as choosing her home, guardians, her college, her career, her financial means of support, shouldn't that minor be fully supported in her right to make such choices or is she only judged an adult if she commits a crime?

A superior high school student who is able to enroll in a college program as well as contribute to her financial support is certainly capable of choosing her home. To restrict an honors student and subjugate her to laws which preclude her from making decisions in the most important affairs of her life, is wholly detrimental, unjust, and intolerable. A young person should be allowed as much freedom as possible to take ever-increasing responsibility for her life without the interference of state agencies and courts demanding to look after her "best interests."

Perhaps at some future time the South Carolina legal system won't be so surprised to find itself challenged by an intelligent young adult under the age of the majority claiming fundamental human rights afforded her chronologically superior citizens (right to trial by jury, right to retain legal counsel of choice, right to be presumed mentally competent until proven otherwise, etc.).

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In 1976, the SCLP was running presidential candidates in S. C. as write-in, and the New Ban. went out to the polls - to talk folks out of voting for McBride as a write-in. Don't ask me how they found those few votes, but they did harass them away from the poll.

At that point I lost all patience with them. I believe in freedom; they want to be the Randist Objectionablist Dictators.

So, last year the latest big scandal came in the paper. For the first time they succeeded in brainwashing one child. (Most kindy kids don't brainwash into New Bannerism, fortunately.) And when they fired the mother from kindergarting, in fact they kept the child. She was in an advance school of theirs, and also learning the violin. I don't know what the violin has to do with all this. Maybe they got violins confused with violence?

I do not know why they got rid of the mother. She didn't have a good sense of humor, as they got rid of all those years ago. Maybe she didn't like being an obedient slave, like her daughter did.

Anyhow, having left the daughter with them, she lost her temper when they cut off her visiting rights. (I am not making this up.) She sued in Family Court to reclaim the child. She won.

Under orders, the slave daughter escaped to Georgia, of all places, with one of the wives of the commune. The new prosecutor then put the New Banner leaders in jail for kidnapping. The judge set bail so high they stayed in. The one rich of the group refused to put up the money, knowing he couldn't trust them to keep a promise.

So to get them out, the programmer of the odd group, living with a woman but not married, went to Georgia and wed the 14 year old girl, Tesha. She got a marriage license as being pregnant. But as a virgo intacta, she had to fake the pregnancy, so she got another girl who was planning an abortion to take the physical for her. All of this was on orders from the leaders, in jail.

(I do not make these stories up. If i did, I would have a great terror novel here.)

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NEW BANNERITES & KIDNAP, cont.

So the New Banner leaders were let out. The girl, 9 months later, has not had a baby or an abortion, alas. Her "husband" wants to get out of the marriage, as his live-in girl-friend had lost her patience, and wants him to marry her, or leave. The Family Court judge discovers the fakery, and reopens the case.

What will happen next? Who knows?

I have lost patience with all, including the current prosecutor, for not sending them to the State Asylum for Psychiatric examination. It was the best chance to find out what goes on in their heads, and why.

The only good person is Margaret O'Shea of The State; if you find out anything, tell her. Don't tell me. -jh

HOW TO MAKE IT A PRIVATE ROAD ?

If anybody can afford the toll, a private road is a public road, says the Natl. Hwy. Traf. Safety Admin.

So, if you have a private road, and want to keep it private, ban no-private vehicles. That's right, ban highway patrol cars, and all other govt. vehicles, all the way up to Army convoys & governor limousines.

Instead of having to take up coin from every passerby, issue annual license plates, denying them to any state, local or federal government vehicle. Those who are tourists can buy a 1 month license if they are from another state.

If it is not open to all the public, it is not a public road. -jh

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"I did everything I knew to pump up my sales," he told *Astrology & Psychic News*. "I stepped up my advertising, I optimized my overhead. I offered special deals to customers. Nothing worked.

"I began to get desperate. My livelihood was disintegrating before my very eyes! The prospect of declaring bankruptcy was a real one, but I just couldn't find it in my heart to admit defeat."

Mr. Jameson said that a friend suggested he use the powers of Voodoo to revive his business. "At first I laughed," he recalled. "I didn't believe in all that hocus-pocus.

"But within months it became clear that if I didn't do something fast, the collectors would force me out of business. So, as a last resort, I contacted Papa D'oc the Voodoo Master and requested a spell for a turn-around in my business.

"I know this sounds crazy, but a few weeks later, a small clothing manufacturer sold me a line of children's wear at an unbelievably low cost. I featured the line and it started to really take off! It put new blood in the business.

"Six months later I had put all the books in order and I was in great shape again, for the first time in 6 years! Now I'm hunting around for a bigger space and a better location.

Reality Catches Up With Outdated Speed Limit John Nastelin, MA SCC

Memorial Day Weekend 1987 was again the occasion of a bloodbath on our nation's highways. This year, however, it was not the motorists but the shortsighted politicians and power-hungry safety organizations who suffered at the cruel hand of reality.

Why? Because 25 states had raised their maximum speed limits to 65mph. Memorial Day Weekend fatalities in these states decreased by 24% from 1986. In the 25 "55mph" states, fatalities increased by 5%. Statistical projections argue that the speed limit increase saved 56 lives on Memorial Day Weekend, and could have saved up to 69 more had more states enacted the higher limit.

Memorial Day Weekend Data:

1986: 435 fatalities nationwide
195 in states now posting 65mph limits
240 in states retaining 55

1987: 399 fatalities nationwide (down 8%)
148 in states now posting 65 (down 24%)
251 in states retaining 55 (up 5%)

Source: National Safety Council, published in the Cincinnati, Ohio Post, May 27, 1987.



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Extra license plate is hidden taxation

The greedy government once again intends to put its green hand into our pocket. The state government is entertaining a motion to return to dual license tags. Their pretense is that it "will improve identification of criminal suspects and stolen cars." My foot! I see no reason to return to dual tags. I find it difficult to swallow this large, nasty pill they are trying to shove down my throat.

When I'm going east at 55 mph and a trooper is coming from the west at 55 mph, does he possess the ability to discern six letters and numbers in three seconds or less out of the hundreds of autos encountered in an eight-hour or longer daily shift?

It's camouflaged taxation. A driver's license, a mere microchip that is seldom used, costs \$10 for four years' privilege. The State reported on Aug. 13 that the tags cost \$1.06 to produce; yet, it costs every consumer who drives an additional \$12 a year. May I ask you where it goes? For what? The 950,000 tags annually cost the government just over \$1 million. Yet license tags cost the S.C. drivers \$12.08 million. Can you tell me why?

DAVID A. BRYANT

They Have Always Been With Us

President Andrew Jackson
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

The canal system of this country is being threatened by the spread of a new form of transportation known as "railroads." The federal government must preserve the canals for the following reasons:

ONE-If canal boats are supplanted by "railroads" serious unemployment will result. Captains, cooks, drivers, hostlers, repairmen and lock tenders will be left without means of livelihood, not to mention the numerous farmers now employed in growing hay for horses.

TWO-Boat builders would suffer and towline, whip and harness makers would be left destitute.

THREE-Canal boats are absolutely essential to the defense of the United States. In event of the expected trouble with England the Erie Canal would be the only means of which we could ever move the supplies so vital to waging modern war.

For the above mentioned reasons the government should create an Interstate Commerce Commission to protect the American people from the evils of "railroads" and to preserve the canals for prosperity.

As you may well know, Mr. President, "railroad" carriages are pulled at the enormous speed of 15 miles per hour by "engines" which in addition to endangering life and limb of passengers, roar and snort their way through the countryside, setting fire to the crops, scaring the livestock and frightening women and children. The Almighty certainly never intended that people should travel at such breakneck speed.

Respectfully Yours,
Martin Van Buren
Governor of New York

Source: Air Transportation-Air Commerce, December 1968

IRS changes ways

Child's savings won't be targeted

WASHINGTON (AP) — A red-faced Internal Revenue Service is taking steps to ensure that it never again grabs a child's savings to pay a parent's overdue taxes.

"We don't take money from people who don't owe us money," IRS Commissioner Lawrence B. Gibbs said yesterday in outlining new procedures for seizing bank accounts to settle a tax debt.

Furthermore, Gibbs said, if any person can "show us where we have taken an account that does not belong to a taxpayer who owes us money, we will move quickly to give it back."

The new safeguards are part of Gibbs' campaign for "trying to treat taxpayers like customers," an effort to rid the IRS of what some lawmakers have called a bully image.

Gibbs acknowledged in an interview that even his friends have pressed him to explain how the IRS could seize a child's savings to pay a bill the child did not owe. Several such cases have been publicized over the last few months.

"This is a situation in which we have been as frustrated as the taxpayers have," he said. "Some of the stories (about such seizures) indicate we are a large, uncaring, insensitive agency but, believe it or not... we haven't done this intentionally."

The IRS will continue searching for a permanent solution to the problem of seizing the wrong accounts, Gibbs said. In the meantime, the agency says:

● It will not ask financial institutions to seize any account with a balance of less than \$100.

● Banks will be asked to freeze temporarily, rather than seize, any

account that bears a name in addition to that of the delinquent taxpayer. The IRS then will try to determine the real owner; unless the bank receives directions to the contrary within 21 days, the account will be freed.

Under the old procedures, the IRS simply told a bank it was attaching the rights to an account bearing the name or Social Security number of a delinquent taxpayer. A child's account could be seized if it carried the Social Security number of a parent.

"When parents or grandparents put their Social Security number on a child's account, we and the bank have no way of knowing it until the money is taken," Gibbs explained.

That happened last month to 12-year-old Garry D. Keffer of Chesapeake, Va. He had the foresight to take his complaint straight to the top — President Reagan — and to give his hometown newspaper a copy of the letter he wrote the president. Garry is getting his \$10.35 back from the IRS.

Gibbs noted the new tax overhaul requires any child over the age of 4 who can be claimed as a dependent by a parent to have a Social Security number by next April 15. The commissioner recommended that parents wait no longer to get numbers for their children and to begin using the numbers on the children's bank accounts.

In a related announcement, the IRS reminded children who have summer jobs or other part-time jobs that in most cases, their wages are no longer exempt from withholding.



SOUTH CAROLINA LIBERTARIAN PARTY

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FACTS ABOUT THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY

The Libertarian Party has been on the ballot in South Carolina since 1979, when it was officially recognized as the state's sixth political party. It is now the third largest political party in South Carolina and in the United States.

As a political party, the South Carolina Libertarian Party elects officers, discusses public issues, and nominates candidates for public office.

WHO ARE LIBERTARIANS?

Libertarians are people of all sorts who believe in a traditional American idea of Liberty. We agree with our Founding Fathers that the government should respect our rights to life, liberty, and honestly-acquired property. We want a better government, with lower taxes, less regulation, and more emphasis on individual responsibility. Libertarians believe in freedom, harmony, abundance, and self-government.

WHERE DID THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY COME FROM?

The Libertarian Party was first organized nationally in Denver, Colorado in 1971. In South Carolina, it was organized in 1975 and spent three years collecting more than 10,000 voter signatures in order to be put on the ballot. As early as 1976, the S.C. Libertarian Party ran candidates as write-ins. Since 1980 it has run candidates on the ballot for a variety of offices, including presidential electors, statewide offices such as Governor and Senator, U.S. Congress, state legislative offices, and county council. At the national level, Libertarians have run for president since 1972.

ARE LIBERTARIANS EVER ELECTED?

So far, no person on the ballot as a S.C. Libertarian Party candidate has been elected. Libertarians have consistently finished third in elections involving as many as five candidates from different parties. Some Libertarians have finished second in races where one of the larger parties ran no candidate.

However, in 1981, Libertarians were elected, in non-partisan races, to town council offices in Kershaw and Spartanburg counties.

HOW IS THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY ORGANIZED?

The S.C. Libertarian Party does not hold primaries. Instead, it nominates all its candidates at conventions. Candidates for local offices are nominated at county conventions. Candidates for statewide offices, the state legislature, and U.S. Congress are nominated at the

State Convention in Columbia, where delegates from across the state meet to elect officers, nominate candidates, and conduct other party business. By law, the S.C.L.P. must hold its State Convention in Columbia in April during election years, and the convention is sometimes called back into session at other times when necessary.

The Libertarian candidates for President and Vice-President are nominated at the National Convention, which is held the year before the election.

WHAT ELSE DO LIBERTARIANS DO BESIDES RUN FOR OFFICE?

The main thrust of the Libertarian effort is to lead the quest for Liberty by educating the public about alternative solutions to current problems. We lead petition campaigns, both alone and with other groups, we speak at legislative hearings, and we spearhead other efforts. Some of our recent petition drives have been for preventing higher local taxes, fighting county zoning restrictions, and for repealing the state's Blue Laws (we were the first party to come out against these old laws). We have also tried to defeat mandatory seat belt and helmet laws, laws restricting dieticians and nutritionists, and other restrictive laws.

We speak at high schools and colleges, and we hold public meetings with guest speakers. We also distribute leaflets on Tax Protest Day and other occasions, talk to the news media, publish newsletters, and reach out to the public from our booth at the State Fair.

WHAT DOES JOINING INVOLVE?

To join the South Carolina Libertarian Party, you must sign the membership pledge, which says basically that you do not want to attack or steal from anyone and that you support the principles of the Libertarian Party. You must also list your name, address, and county of voter registration. Members are asked to pay annual dues. State law says that you cannot be a member of two political parties at the same time, and you can't vote on party nominations unless you are a registered voter in this state. Those who are too young to vote can join as student members.

HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

The S.C.L.P. has meetings that you can attend; just send a note to P.O. Box 50643, Columbia, S.C. 29250, to get on the mailing list and to receive notices of meetings. Also, there is a variety of publications (books, magazines, etc.) that are available. Just ask, and we can either answer your questions or put you in touch with someone else who can.

***That government
is best which
governs least.***

Thomas Jefferson



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Meese suggests states should overrule Congress

By AARON EPSTEIN
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Attorney General Edwin Meese said Friday that "serious consideration" should be given to a constitutional amendment allowing two-thirds of the state legislatures to nullify acts of Congress.

Meese charged that Congress has unconstitutionally invaded the powers of the states in dealing with "thousands of issues."

A nullification amendment, first suggested by Republican Gov. John Sununu of New Hampshire, would provide the states with a means of overturning laws they believe infringe on their sovereignty. Meese said federal laws involving foreign affairs, defense, civil rights and individual liberties would be exempt.

"Some such plan would help revitalize the states as political entities," Meese said.

Speaking at a conference of

federal appeals judges in San Diego, Meese asserted that Washington has exerted powers in excess of its constitutional authority.

"Last year Congress even passed a law regulating the practices of used car dealers with regard to odometers," Meese said. "A very useful law, most likely — but very much a state matter, not a federal one, as the founders (authors of the Constitution) understood federalism."

Meese's remarks echoed those made earlier this week by Sununu, incoming chairman of the National Governors Association, at the governors' summer meeting in Traverse City, Mich. Sununu urged the group to take measures to undo what he called the "drastic overcentralization of power in Washington."

Meese did not specify which federal laws he thought had usurped the powers of the states.

Are we drinking our way to Alzheimer's?

The Faculty of Medicine of the University of Toronto, a group that trains medical doctors for Canada, says the chief cause of Alzheimer's Disease, and its increase in the last 30 years, is the flouridation of public water.

I am no expert; all I know from my own family is that only one member has died of Alzheimer's. Curiously, she was the only one who still lived in the Florence city water supply area after flouridation was installed. Some of the others have died, but they lived to be a lot older and never had a single symptom of Alzheimer's; the rest are still living without any symptoms. This is not a big enough group to prove it.

I also remember that when flouridation was installed, it was solely for the benefit of children with cavity problems. Now that most kinds of toothpaste can offer flouridated toothpaste for those with cavity problems, those who brush their teeth regularly do not need flouridated water. Only those who are too lazy to brush their teeth need flouridated water.

Furthermore, applying flouridation with a toothbrush gets little of it into the blood system. Those elderly people with false teeth would get even less of it that way, and even better protected from Alzheimer's.

Gerontologists, not just dentists, should speak up on water flouridation, and the need to abolish it.

John T. Harlee, Florence

If you are capable of trembling
with indignation each time that an
injustice is committed in the
world, we are comrades.

Meese the Mouth* A Nullificationist?

The Nullification Party, which carried South Carolina in 1832 & 1836 as a 3rd party in presidential elections came out for state nullification of illegal, unconstitutional bills passed by Congress. Its most distinguished founder was John C. Calhoun.

South Carolina has been carried by a similar 3rd party States Rights in 1948 on opposing federal controls. Libertarians also favor federal law reductions & repeals.

* The Mouth - Prohibition slang for Lawyer.

Please do not try to do this. It is hard on your high blood pressure, & runs the risk of a stroke or a heart attack. We need you, alive.

☞ From The Houston Post, August 2, 1987. Hansen says he was exposed to AIDS. Washington (AP) — A former congressman who is serving a federal prison sentence says he's been exposed to AIDS while incarcerated & he wants government action to protect prisoners from the deadly disease. "I have seen first hand prison systems & jails across this nation & the world where I witnessed appalling conditions," George Hansen wrote in column *** in the Wash. Post. "But more than that, I personally have been dragged through numerous prison (& jail) facilities during my incarceration over the past 13 months; & I have been recklessly exposed to everything from TB to violent schizophrenia to AIDS. *** This week inmates in the [prison] camp were badly shaken when a prisoner was removed, reportedly for AIDS," Hansen wrote. "He had been a resident for a month, sharing all the same facilities including drinking from common Thermos jugs at work & other activities."

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FLORENCE ASTONISHER



Finance Act won't result in promised tax cut

Your editorial of Sept. 2 concerning the Local Government Finance Act perpetuates a serious misconception concerning the rollback of property tax that would occur with implementation of a local option sales tax.

The agreement among the major parties involved in this legislation calls for at least 33.3 percent of the revenues raised by any local sales tax to be used to reduce County Ordinary millage. Your editorial states that property tax would be reduced by 33.3 percent. That is a very different situation from the legislative proposal.

For example, a Columbia city resident currently pays 243.2 total mills in property tax (city, county, school, etc.). The 1986 County Ordinary millage for Richland County is 51.5 and only that millage would be subject to any "roll-backs." Using 33.3 percent of the funds raised by the sales tax in Richland County in this case would amount to 29.7 mills or slightly more than a 12 percent reduction in the total property tax burden.

Our organization is currently deliberating the posture we will take on this matter and we are more than aware of the alternatives to passage of the Local Government Finance Act.

Our purpose here is to simply note that the proposal does not mean a 33.3 percent reduction in property tax as has been mentioned so often by the various media.

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Choose ex-Rep.

SEATTLE (AP) — Former Republican Rep. Ron Paul of Texas was nominated Saturday as the Libertarian Party's presidential candidate for 1988.

Paul, who had spent about \$230,000 campaigning for the nomination, won on the first ballot.

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Tree house builder has open house for legal defense fund

See How Little coverage the S. C. Liberatrain Party gets in the local daily, from the lower left news on Ron Paul.

ST. LOUIS PARK, Minn. (AP) — A man who built a seven-level tree house for his children opened it to the public Monday, charging \$2 a head to raise money to fight a city order that it must meet the building code or be razed.

Two reserve police officers directed traffic as hundreds of people turned out for a look at the 50-foot tree house, which has two rooms and seven verandas, with another under construction.

Many were willing to vouch for its soundness. "I didn't feel any shaking," said Jeff Silverberg, 12, at the conclusion of his turn aloft in the maple tree. "It's not even swaying, and it's a breezy day."

Silverberg admitted a bit of envy for the children of the tree house's owner, Mark Tucker: "It's pretty neat. I bet his kids have a lot of fun in there."

The City Council had ordered Tucker, a 37-year-old insurance broker, either to fix up the tree house or tear it down by Monday.

Councilman Tom Duffy said officials weren't picking on Tucker, just protecting the Minneapolis suburban community's 44,000 other residents.

"The bottom line is very simple. We have a liability," Duffy said Monday. "If somebody fell out of the tree, a court will say we knew the tree house was there and we did not enforce our ordinance. We'll be found liable."

Potential damages could far surpass the \$1 million insurance policy Tucker claims to have on the tree house, he said.

Duffy said city officials would serve Tucker with papers to appear in court if he fails to comply with the order. But on Monday morning, as many as 50 people at a time lined up at the base of the tree waiting their turn upstairs. Cameras and kids in hand, they followed the twisting stairs and ladders to all but the loftiest deck.

Tucker's brother-in-law solicited signatures for a petition, while a sign outside the yard gate invited willing to go on videotape with statements of support. People were also encouraged to write City Hall.

Contributions were pouring in, often in amounts greater than the requested \$2, Tucker said.

"I had one gal give me \$20, and she didn't even go up," Tucker said.



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MARK TUCKER SITS IN FRONT OF HIS 7-TIERED TREE HOUSE
City council claims it violates numerous building codes

Robber sues over booby-trapped cash

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — A bank robber has sued a savings and loan and the city of Oakland over a booby-trapped bundle of cash that exploded in his pants as he tried to make a getaway.

Daniel Canelairo, 27, who is last week in Alameda County Superior Court. He is asking \$2 million in damages.

Facility in Littleton, Colo., contends the bank should have known that the device had potentially devastating effects.

Canelairo sustained second- and third-degree burns around his genitals as he fled the California Savings and Loan branch on Aug. 8, 1986, according to the suit filed