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## Willis E. Stone, opposed income taxes

By LOURDES FERNANDEZ  
Herald Staff Writer

Willis Emerson Stone, who organized a nationwide group that campaigned for the end of federal taxes, died of heart failure Thursday night. He was 89.



Stone

Mr. Stone organized the California-based Liberty Amendment Committee. Its proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution has been approved by nine states and is now pending in Congress as House Joint Resolution 23.

The Liberty Amendment proposes the repeal of the 16th Amendment, which established the federal income tax.

Mr. Stone was born in Denver.

"Get into politics right up to your ears," he once said at a Miami meeting, "because you can't depend on the people who created the problem to correct it."

Mr. Stone received awards from the American Coalition of Patriotic Societies; We, the People; and the Congress of Freedom. He was installed in the Americanism Hall of Fame in 1974.

### My turn / David Morris

### Sales tax isn't the answer

Everyone is fed up with rising property taxes. Nobody doubts that property owners need relief. South Carolina has one of the highest total tax burdens of any state in the south.

South Carolinians would obviously benefit from lower property taxes. However, politicians often take a good idea and turn it into bad legislation. The local option sales tax bill is a good example.

If cities and counties are allowed to impose sales taxes on their citizens, the economy of the state will suffer. Property taxes are deductible on federal income tax forms, but sales taxes are not deductible. Therefore, if any property tax revenues are replaced by sales tax revenues, South Carolinians will be forced to pay more in federal income taxes. This will leave less money in South Carolina and more money in Washington. Does anybody seriously believe that this would help South Carolina?

For the fourth straight year, the Libertarian Party will be fighting for the taxpayers and against higher taxes.

If you're going to break the law in Delano, Cal., at least do it slowly.

Photo by Larry Bell of Bakersfield

If taxes are increased, small business will find it more difficult to offer new jobs. Higher sales taxes will be especially harmful to the poor and the elderly.

No politician or government can make an unbreakable promise. Any property tax relief will be temporary unless voters elect persons who understand the value of frugality, privatization, and free enterprise. No government has ever voluntarily lowered taxes without later raising them much higher.

Instead of raising taxes, governments should reduce spending by privatizing many of their services. For years, Libertarians have pointed out that privatization can result in better services at less cost to the taxpayers. This has worked when it has been tried, but most elected officials don't seem interested in being frugal with other people's money. The worst thing to do would be to give them more of our money to waste.

David Morris is a family physician in West Columbia. He is also Treasurer of the S.C. Libertarian Party and edits the Sandhills Libertarian Gazette.

## Privatization key to prison

There were 300,000 prisoners in federal and state facilities in 1977. Ten years later the prison population had nearly doubled. This crowding prompts callous judges and parole boards to turn criminals loose to prey on the law-abiding public. Long sentences are handed out just to placate the public and a few years later parole boards free the criminal. In some cities, criminals are sentenced, then told to go home and wait until there is room in jail.

Privatization can alleviate the prison facility crisis according to Prof. Samuel Brakel of the Northern Illinois University Law School in a paper titled "Privatization and Corrections," published by the Reason Foundation, Santa Monica, Calif. Brakel says, "The federal government should develop contract guidelines addressing taxpayer, prisoner, private provider, and public agency concerns." There are already some 25 to 30 facilities, under private management, totaling about 3,000 beds. And there are preliminary contract awards to private companies for 2,500 beds in yet-to-be constructed facilities.

While private prison facilities play only a minuscule role today, they must assume a more important role as public facilities become more bogged down in the mire. Despite the biggest construction push in the history of corrections over the last 10 years, the U.S. Sentencing Commission estimates there will be

Walter Williams



a doubling of the prison population over the next decade.

The construction of a maximum security prison costs the public sector an average of \$58,000 per bed. Medium security and minimum security construction costs are \$46,000 and \$26,000 per bed respectively.

On top of that, it takes about two-and-a-half years to build a prison.

Brakel's report shows that the private sector holds out promise for better prisons at a lower cost. For example, the Corrections Corporation of America (CCA) has developed an impressive record. Three years ago, CCA built a 350-bed minimum security facility in Houston for the detention of illegal aliens. It was completed in the space of six months at a cost of \$14,000 per bed. This compares quite favorably to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) average of two-and-one-half years at \$26,000 per bed.

Private prison management has had similar success in saving tax dollars in Hamilton County, Tenn., and Weaversville, Pa. At least 10 states have enacted enabling legislation specifically authorizing private-sector provision of prison facilities.

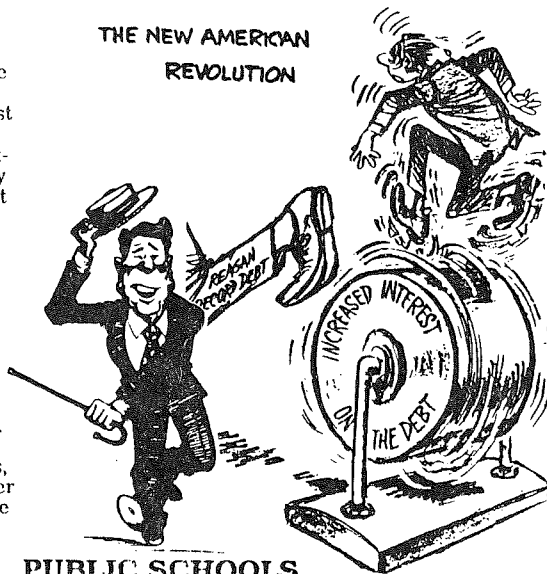
The only real question is whether prison privatization

will be allowed to provide the answer to the problem, and that's a political hot potato. The taxpayers' concern is that prison costs be minimized at no cost to humane prisoner treatment. The evidence from our brief experience with modern privately managed facilities suggests that these concerns are met.

The thornier issue has to do with the civil servants and bureaucrats who manage federal and state prisons. High positions in the prison system are political plums handed out to favorites. Privatization means fewer political plums to dole out. Public employee unions aren't wild about privatization. Politicians easily caved in to their demand for higher wages, more fringe benefits, and easier working conditions because the higher costs are passed on to the taxpayers. Since privately managed prisons will have a profit bottom line, unions will encounter more resistance.

It's time we give prison privatization a chance. Our lives may depend on it.

### THE NEW AMERICAN REVOLUTION



### PUBLIC SCHOOLS RESPECTED

— A Lou Harris Poll reveals that 52 percent of the parents with school age children would put them in private schools if money were no object.

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LOTS OF STRANGE AND ODD NEWS, AS USUAL.....

A confessed rapist-killer, Barbosa, was electrocuted by 4 women who were friends of his victim, after prosecution, was dropped on a technical error by the so-called law enforcement. They trapped him following one of them into a warehouse and used their self-made electric chair. Now, they are on trial. .... Elke, 32, hitchhiking in West Germany was raped and beaten by a driver. He didn't know she had AIDS from a blood transfusion. Let him find out. .... Denver Post recommends baking soda (sodium bicarbonate) as a cure for acid-rain, putting in polluted lakes, coal-run power plant chimneys, etc. .... Mamta Banerjee won a seat in India's parliament in beating a Communist incumbent in West Bengal with "her blistering attacks on the excesses and failures of the Marxist government of West Bengal...." Castro mercenaries have brought AIDS back from Africa, & he is ordering massive testing for AIDS and exiling victims to leper colonies as concentration camps. .... In Trenton, NJ Police Headquarters has been burglarized and vandalized uncountable times, despite new fencing & lights to protect cars & lockers. Police want private security to protect them, says Paul Harvey. .... In 1941, voters in 1 S. Oregon & 4 N. California counties voted to secede and form the State of Jefferson as the 49th state, reports Natl. Geo. .... Gov. Madox of GA once proposed that Students for a Demo Society should change its name to Pupils Againsts Razors, America, Soap, Integrity, Truth and Education (PARASITE). .... IRS lost a tax case for \$100 million + to AT&T in fed. court, and then lost the appeal by filing for it 1 day too late! .....

### Majority support not substitute for liberty

The annual drumbeat has started for a mandatory seat belt law for South Carolina. Polls now show overwhelming support for a seat belt law, especially if it is linked to lower automobile insurance rates. (See *The State*, p. 1-A, Dec. 26, 1988.)

Who wouldn't like to see lower insurance rates? But do we want those lower rates if it means reduced individual liberty? I am always amazed at how readily we permit individual liberties to be sacrificed on the altar of majority support. Even if 99.9 percent of South Carolinians supported seat belt laws, in my opinion there would be no constitutional basis for the law.

What if 90 percent of South Carolinians were in favor of banning sugar on the grounds that fewer people would get diabetes? Such an outcome would undoubtedly reduce health insurance premiums. Does this mean then that the Legislature should pass a law banning sugar?

We have lost sight of the true meaning of democracy and freedom in this country. We all too readily grant too much power to legislators, and we pay the price every day in declining options open to us. New laws and compliance procedures are spit forth in a continuous stream, substantively altering the way we live. I'm personally saddened by it.

JAMES R. RINEHART

### City-county sales tax will be harmful to all

A recent poll in *The State* found that 51 percent of South Carolinians are against the city-county sales tax bill (the so-called Local Government Finance Act). For the fourth straight year, the Libertarian Party will fight this tax bill because it will result in higher taxes for most persons.

According to the poll, 73 percent said they would favor a local option sales tax "if it means your property tax would be lowered." However, this is only a fantasy. Even if property taxes are temporarily lowered, local governments

would turn around and raise them again and again. The government cannot make an unbreakable promise.

If part of the local sales tax goes to temporarily reduce property taxes, then a deductible tax will be partly replaced by a larger non-deductible tax. As a result, all persons who pay less in property taxes will have to pay more in federal and state income taxes. This amounts to a large tax increase.

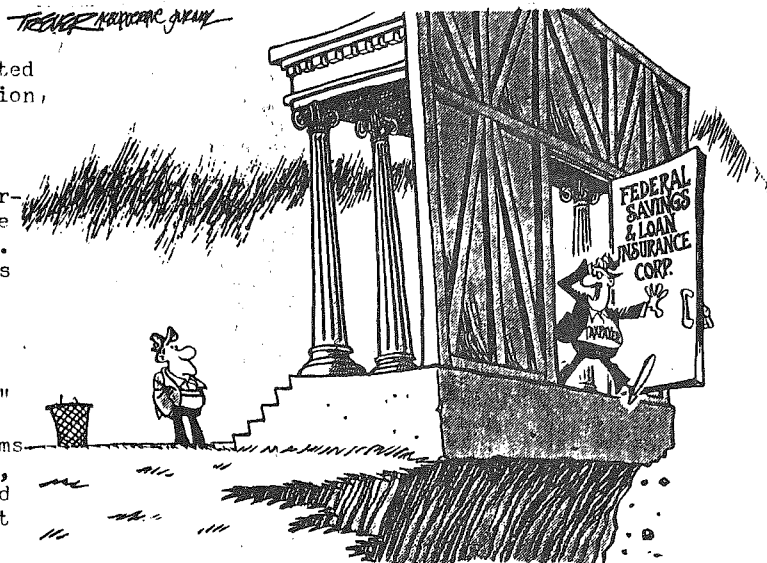
The sales tax will be especially harmful to poor persons and the elderly. Why are the news media not emphasizing this fact?

Instead of asking for more money from the poor taxpayers, local governments should concentrate on cutting spending. There are many well-documented ways to get better services with less tax money, but most politicians don't seem very interested in doing this.

South Carolina already has one of the highest total tax burdens of any state. Higher taxes will slow down the economic development of our state, reduce our standard of living and result in more unemployment.

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### Seat belt law may not be constitutional

When will people in political power give up their "you're stupid, I'm smart" attitude when it comes to enacting legislation to protect voters from themselves.

Seat belt laws would be another example of this.

People don't die because they are not wearing seat belts. They die because they, in most cases, are driving fast or are not paying attention.

By the way, it is estimated that 10 percent of people wearing seat belts will die because they are using so!

If mandatory seat belts are made law, can I sue the state if any of my family is forced to wear them?

Has anyone checked the constitutionality of such a law?

DON OSTERHOUDT

### Private sector does public jobs cheaper

It delights me for an editorial to read, "The taxpayer ought to be considered one of the legitimate priorities" (*The State*, Jan. 4). Taxes are higher in Columbia than in any other major Southern city except Atlanta, according to U.S. News and World Report (Jan. 14).

Legislators and state executives need to remember that before they got to the public trough they had to go out and compete to win money to live on. They need to ask why private and church schools are educating children on half the expenses with virtually no dropouts, no functional illiteracy problems and no giant bureaucracy. They need to know how other states have improved their schools by allowing their parents a voucher to transfer to another school, public or not, if they think it is in the child's interest. They need to know that a variety of other government functions, from fire departments to computer services, have been turned over to private competitors at far less cost to the taxpayers.

But most of all, they need to remember that taxpayers don't have other people's money to spend and have better things to do with their money.

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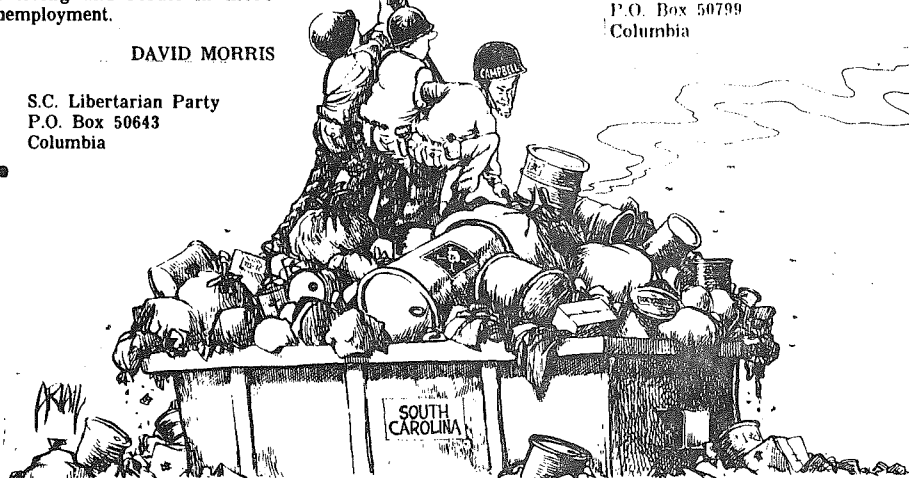
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## Southern Voice for Peace

## Whole Truth

Knowing that you will probably refuse to print any agreements with your prejudices, I am making copies to send to others. Let us start with the death penalty.

First, the largest number to be executed by a death penalty in the US this century has been from conscription. During most war years of the last 40, a larger percentage of those conscripted died as a result than the percentage of those convicted of murder, rape, or any other capital crime.

The abolition of the death penalty in Great Britain has led the law enforcers, especially in Northern Ireland, to kill in the process of arresting. This is also true in some of the US States which have abolished the death penalty.

In Japan the substitution of cruel, inhuman jailing for the death penalty is hardly an improvement.

If an abolition of the death penalty is wanted, the courts must be given the right to impose the old life sentence for imprisonment for life without furlough, pardon or probation so that the murderer can be prevented from murdering anyone (except a fellow-murderer in the same prison) for life. In the old law, except for a few cases where it was proved that someone else had committed the murder, murderers were paroled only if they were so weak in old age as to be unable to defend themselves. Of course, there have always been cases of pardons being bought by bribery, which is why S. C. no longer allows this to the governor except for those who have completed parole. In a death sentence, it is almost certain that there is someone of the jury who knows that a "so-called" life sentence will be for a maximum of 25 years or whatever, probably allowing the person to murder in public again.

Also, it fails to mention that only one state, Utah, allows the convicted murderer a choice of a death sentence or life imprisonment without eligibility for parole, and in one of the few such cases there the mass murdered chose execution. In other states the convicted murderer has great difficulty in committing suicide, but it has often happened.

Now let's go to Amnesty Intl., which is not the whole truth. It has refused cases of cruel inhuman & degrading treatment in cases, like Mamata in South Africa who led a murder squad against other blacks or Stephens of Vanuatu who resisted arrest in a case in which his son was murdered by the govt.

It has refused to take on many unfair cases, like that of Rep. George Hansen was convicted of omitting some financial acts of his wife to the Fed. Election Comm., which told him they were not required, and which most of the other House members also did. On his 2nd unfair trial, he was sent back to prison, with an attempt to infect him with AIDS, for making a talk in a church. Likewise, although it supports those convicted of refusing to be drafted in other countries, it has refused to take the cases in the US, most recently Paul Jacob & Kevin Gillian, both of whom received scandalously unfair trial.

Why it refuses to take cases of political prisoners in the US or Great Britain, as their USA director, Lyons, pointed out to them in the 1960s, is unknown.

What is holding up abolition of the death penalty in the US, where most of the States reinforced it when the Supreme Court threw out death penalties is that the court has no other way to keep a murderer off the street permanently. Because there are so many murders in the US, no one can keep up with all. Bundy (white) in FLA is trying to delay the death penalty by confessing murder in other crimes he has not been tried for. He thinks that by forcing all the trials and appeals for every serial murder, he can delay death indefinitely.

Like the abolition of murder in the Russian empire for 18 years of the 18th century by the Czarina Yelizaveta, what she substituted was torture (the knout!) and cruel, inhuman punishment. In the USSR they declared

that they had abolished the death penalty by announcing "10 years without correspondence" as the penalty in the 1920s. Even Stalin quit using that lie.

The reason that a court will try for a death penalty in cases of mentally retarded or insane murderers is the obvious knowledge that if released they will probably murder again, so that letting such a person out is executing a death sentence on some one in the public as a future murder victim. In one Texas case the court wanted to indict the state parole board as accessories to murder. In the Lee case in Florence, SC the insane murderer had gotten out of the state asylum on a previous conviction of attempted murder, by escaping without the asylum notifying the sheriff. This time he did rape and murder. If the court knew that they could keep such a person in security permanently, they would not try for a death sentence.

Now what causes the death sentence is the court's conviction that there is no way to rehabilitate this murderer. For example, in family murders, they think that no one will be stupid enough to marry the man who killed his wife, as no one else is really in danger.

But the most flagrant misleading statement is that those who commit murder are predominately male. Female murders are uncommon, and largely of members of the family. In a NY case of murder of some 8 adopted children, no one else was in danger, if they could keep the murderess from adopting any more.

That those selected for the death sentence are predominately poor, is that those who commit murder, despite TV publicity, are also. Rich murderers just get far more publicity.

The same can be seen in bank robberies; those who use a gun and kill in robbing a bank are almost exclusively poor. (Those who are not poor rob banks by embezzlement.)

Death sentences for murder are disproportionately blacks, because in the states with active death penalties, except Florida, have a population which is disproportionately black, and a murder act which is disproportionately black by far. Florida, curiously, has executed more whites.

That the victims were nearly always white is also an interesting curiosity, because there is one case pending in this county of a black who admits killing 4 young white females, one of whom was his wife. But interracial murders are also disproportionately blacks killing whites. Whites killing blacks, excluding police officers & prison guards, are rare; there have been exactly 2 in S. C. in the 80s, and one of those was a convicted murderer hired by a Sicilian to kill the black who had murdered his parents, and who had escaped the death penalty by faking mental retardation.

The cases of whites killing whites, or blacks killing blacks contain many lesser offenses, such as claims of temporary insanity in marital cases. The first temporary insanity defense in S. C. to succeed was a policeman (the only one killed in the city's first 100 years) who was caught in bed of another man's wife. If he had lived, she would have claimed rape and he would have faced a capital sentence. Likewise a 16 year old black shot and killed by police when he refused to drop a knife with which he was threatening to kill someone. The NAACP was very upset with the police officer; she was black.

I enclose a copy of Otto Scott's article on reverse racism, something that is a serious problem in the Amnesty Intl. USA, which is why, although I was the first AI member in the South, I got AI to transfer me to another group, because of some of its prejudices.

Sincerely, JTHarlee

## DIXIE SEET SEX

The pastor of ultra-fundamentalist Gloryland, who led the move to ban books about sex (including the Bible if in English) is now suing local TV for reporting that they failed to defrock him on homo-sex with employees charges, & he refused psychiatry.

## First, change the name, Five Points to Six Points

Since the authorities need some advice on the traffic problems, I will try to help. The first thing they need to do at Five Points is to change the name to Six Points. It has not been an intersection of five roads since the Old Timmonsville Highway was replaced more than 50 years ago by extending Palmetto past the intersection. For that matter, it later had a seventh road coming in, Country Club Boulevard.

This will let people know that they understand what they are talking about.

If they want to commemorate, they can display the Six Flags that have flown in parts of South Carolina.

Now if they want to ease the traffic, one way is to make it possible for those who are not going straight to make a turn about a block or less before the intersection. A street could be run cheaply through the Florence Mall parking lot, the K-Mart parking lot and street at the back and side, etc., connecting Palmetto going west with Hoffmeyer, and it with Cashua going north, and so on. But sticking roads through vacant lots to allow those when going somewhere else to avoid the triple intersection would require some paving. But some things like connecting the Country Club Boulevard with South Cashua as well as Cherokee would save anyone wanting to go from one to the other a lot of wait.

Now refusals to install stoplights where they are needed, like Ebenezer and Hoffmeyer Roads, requires sufficient harassment of the highwaymen to get them to go along to get the matter settled. About 11 years ago this was done to force them to put up warning lights and bars at the railroad intersections near Lake City after so many deaths at unmarked crossings. If the media will run daily articles and interviews with the highwaymen, they will soon get tired, just as if they get summoned to court to testify in every dented fender at that intersection, as well as the officer who filled out the papers.

John T. Harlee, Florence

## Beware folks, your trash cart may get ticketed

Taxpayers and voters beware. Because of a little-known Florence curfew law, you may receive a ticket, as I did the other day—a Wednesday.

The ticket, on my trash cart, was a notice of violation of City Code 11-36: "Placement of Household Carts. Carts should be placed on the curb by 7:30 a.m. on collection day and must be off the curb and back behind your house by 7:30 p.m. deadline. Your collection days are Monday and Thursday. If you violate the code, you will receive for first offense, a warning; second offense, \$20; third offense, \$50; and, fourth offense, go to court."

My collections days, as stated, are supposed to be Mondays and Thursdays. My cart was on the curb early Thursday morning. I am writing this on Saturday afternoon. My trash is still on the curb, as is the trash of all of my neighbors.

Our Monday pick-up coincides with all of the paid holidays. When it is picked up, I nearly always have to pick up beer cans and other assorted trash which the trash trucks distribute throughout the city. It seems to me that if the City of Florence can afford to pay for someone to ride around and write tickets for trash cans, it can afford to give the people a little better service on trash collections.

If a policeman is writing these tickets, I think his time could be better spent on more serious violations of the law. Who knows, next it might be a law telling us what time we can hang our laundry on the clothes line and what time we must take it down.

George H. Griffin, Florence

In Sin City, the council paid \$300 to have a tract appraised, & then sold it - for \$250. (Would you pay that for a little piece of land in a badly run city?)

## Zoning destroys rights

Metuchen-Edison Review

To the Editor:

There was a time in America when zoning regulations and "master plans" would have been quickly dismissed as unconstitutional, as violating the Bill of Rights of the Constitution ("nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation").

When the government sets off parcels of land and tells the owners what they may not do with such parcels, this has the effect of reducing the value of that land. In other words, the government takes part of the value of the land. Of course, zoning has other bad effects as well. Because they cause land to be used in a manner that is less than maximally efficient, zoning regulations raise housing costs. This affects everybody but causes the greatest hardships for our least affluent citizens.

It is a shame that the Edison Township Council apparently wants to continue this violation of people's rights with its new master plan. Worse, they seem to be taking direct aim at those people who most need inexpensive housing. However, it was even a bigger disappointment to me to find that the editors of the Review apparently find these actions acceptable as long as the zoning does not eliminate all use of the property (Our Opinion, December 2).

The editors should realize that we don't lose our rights all at once; rather, we allow them to be gradually eroded. Because you now find "zoning" acceptable, you give the council the ammunition it needs to take the next step: to make a plot of land virtually unusable without compensating the owners. Such extreme forms of "zoning" have already occurred elsewhere in New Jersey and will occur in Edison as well, unless people come to see "zoning" and "master plans" for what they really are: the immoral and unconstitutional taking of private property without just compensation.

HOWARD F. SCHOEN  
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### BENSON STRIKES AGAIN!

UPRIGHT BILL BENSON, who exposed that the 16th Amendment "Never Was", has obtained documentation through FOIA of scandalous corruption at all levels of government. According to HAROLD WATERS in *THE CORRESPONDENT*, Department of Justice Public Integrity reports reveal corruption increased by more than 400 percent in the ten years from 1975 to 1985, resulting in indictment and/or conviction in 1985 alone of 2,179 government officials, 1,033 of them federal. Many were judicial and law enforcement officers. Benson is compiling the reports and will make them available to the public.

THE UPRIGHT OSTRICH

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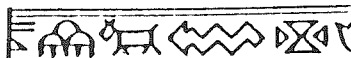
PETE DUNBAR, U.S. Attorney for Montana is seeking a sponsor for state legislation to give ALL federal law enforcement agents in the state authority to enforce state laws, including IRS agents, postal inspectors, Forest Service officials, Federal Land Management officials, according to *THE CORRESPONDENT*. His Big Brother measure would allow federal goons to stop speeders and suspected drunk drivers and other alleged miscreants WITHOUT seeking the assistance of local law enforcement officials. Dunbar would give such unconstitutional power to FBI, US Marshalls, National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Border Patrol, Department of Agriculture, Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, Secret Service, and Immigration and Naturalization Service. This Orwellian overthrow of the Constitutional safeguard in separation of powers would abolish all remaining barriers to a totalitarian terror squad operating under color of law. Americans nationwide should be alarmed, as this Montana move may be a trial balloon forecasting absolute despotism in once-free once-republic USA. For just one thing, imagine the possibilities for entrapment by these artists at dirty tricks!

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Why should the money of one citizen be taken by force to finance the education of other peoples' children, any more than to finance the building of other peoples' homes, the gasoline for other peoples' cars, the payment of other peoples' medical expenses? I have yet to hear a compelling moral argument justifying coercion for such a purpose.

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article first appeared abroad in 1981.)

It would be superfluous for me to mention that it happened in Los Angeles.

Any story this strange could only happen in L.A., which is to Oddity what Politicians are to Felonies. (And before any L.A.-baiters let their smiles get excessively broad smiles on their faces, I should perhaps make it clear that we're talking about the L.A. which is the most startlingly beautiful city in the country, & most exciting, & the most important, and: The Future of Us All.)

On a Spring day in a couple of high schools in West. L.A., some subversives took control of the schools' public-address systems in a way that the announcer used to say "We are taking control of your television set" at the beginning of "The Outer Limits" TV series of the 60s. When that control had been established, every public-address squawbox in the hallways and in the classrooms and in the cafeteria and the auditoriums and the gyms was suddenly filled with this sound:

A 100-voice chorus of 13/14-year-old kids, singing/shreiking/screaming these words: "HEY! Teacher! Leave them kids alone!"

The government indoctrinators present (these are the people you have been indoctrinated to think of a "teachers") later said that the sound was the most chilling one that they'd ever heard — and they went from chill to megachill when (A) the song/chant was repeated several times, and then (B) the entire song from which that incantation/warning was taken was played over the P.A.

The song was Pink Floyd's ANOTHER BRICK IN THE WALL.

These are its friendly lyrics:

"We don't need no education.....  
We don't need no thought-control.....  
No dark sarcasm in the classroom.....  
Teacher, leave them kids alone....."

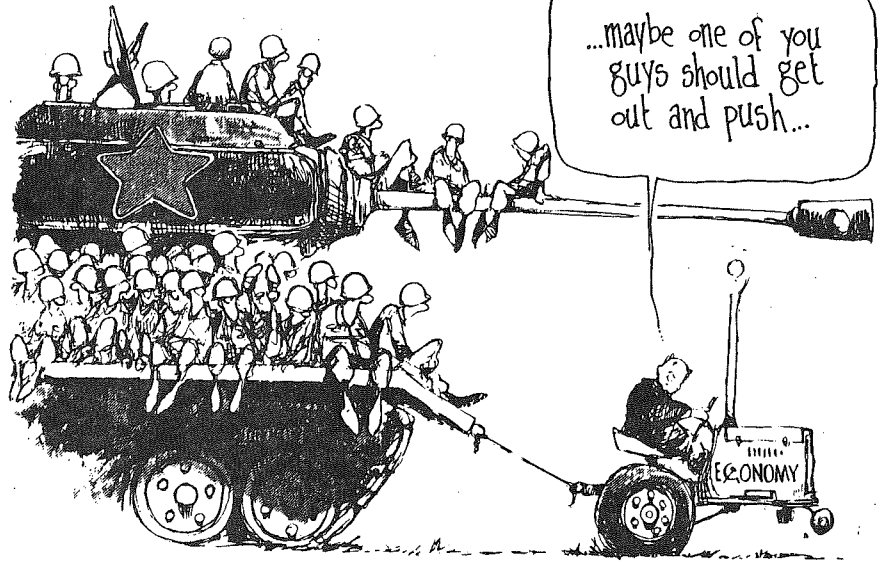
Then the chorus:

"Hey! Teacher! Leave them kids alone!  
All in all, its' just a brick in the wall.....  
All in all, you're just another brick in the wall....."

That verse/chorus combination is sung in its entirety twice: First there's a semi-normal-sounding version (intense, but recognizably-human) by Pink Floyd; then there's an overpowering version sung by 100 carefully-chosen junior-high students. What they were "carefully-chosen" for was a voice quality which could be described as rasping, or shreiking, or threatening or chilling — or better yet, all of those. While P.F.'s version reached a level of great voice-tension, the kid-chorus's version left mere "tension" far behind impressively and reached for something like Enraged Dementia.... If there are any schoolchildren on Neptune, this is the way they must sound — on a bad day, when they've all just flunked out and their allowances have been cut off.

That blood-curdling Neptunian Choir understandably drew a certain amount of attention from prison officials (as I understand it, they refer to themselves as "school administrators"), and an investigation was quickly begun, one designed to uncover how the audio-vandals had managed to splice-their-way into the P.A. systems and delive their anti-school-indoctrination message. Nothing was ever discovered, and local

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officials did a hyper-hush-job on the entire incident, in an obvious effort to keep kids at other schools from getting similarly "delinquent" (i.e., sensible) ideas. (Those who've heard that the present writer may have had something to do with that conspiracy-to-disrupt deserve an honest answer to their implicit question, and so here it is: I admit nothing; but then again I also deny nothing. The world has certainly gone-to-Hell when you can't get a straight answer out of someone, hasn't it?)

Widely overlooked when all of that was happening was that those actions had dealt with what was, arguably, the most powerful anti-government song in the rock era, one so powerful that even anti-rockers outh to bite-the-bullet & pay attention to it. ANOTHER BRICK IN THE WALL was the key single from the album (and movie) THE WALL. All three entities have made appalling amounts of money for their creators, but what's important here is that it's easy to justify the "most powerful anti-government song" label suggested above. Consider:

(A) Along with the police, the school-system comprises the core of the state, for without the ability to thoroughly indoctrinate each oncoming generation (in state-worship), all regimes would be disastrously weakened; ANOTHER BRICK IN THE WALL might have chosen any part of the state to attack — but it chose the right part.

(B) The first two lines of the verse are blunt in equating "education" and "thought-control"; true education doesn't always have to be thought-control, of course, but state education necessarily is, for by definition any state-run system must teach the legitimacy/desirability of the state.

(C) The "dark sarcasm" line alludes to more than just narrowly-defined sarcasm, & is meant to refer to the general-air-of-superiority affected by all government-teachers-over-all-their-kid-prisoners; most kids recognize intuitively that they're mentally/intellectually "pushed around" by the custodians-in-schools, and that's a leading reason why students tend to (accurately) see the public schools as prisons.

(D) If the teacher-leave-them-kids-alone line make those teachers sound like child-molesters, that's entirely appropriate, for that's just what they are, as long as they work for the government: Although they may avoid the crime of physical child-molesting, they spend

## He puts five in dock

By MARTYN SHARPE

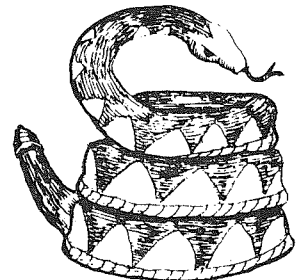
**MAGISTRATE James Barry yesterday launched a one-man war on ill-mannered yobs in his court.**

The full-time JP put **FIVE** louts in the dock for contempt. Three were **GIGGLING**, the fourth had his **HANDS** in his **POCKETS** and the fifth **WAVED** at a friend from the public gallery.

### Serious

"We may be crammed into a small house, we may be dressed in rags, they can carry out searches and lightning raids in our quarters, but we retain our human dignity. We will not get down on all fours to them, try though they may to make us. We will not carry out demeaning or senseless commands, because we have not surrendered our freedom. Yes, we are behind barbed wire, they have stripped us of everything they could, they have torn us away from our friends and families, but unless we acknowledge this as their right, we remain free."

—From Grey Is the Color of Hope



# DON'T TREAD ON ME!

.... Over ..... OVER .....

## THE HUNDRED-KID SHREIK, continued

7 hours a day committing the even-more psychopathic felony of mental-molestation, teaching the children to believe things which are (to repeat a word for which there's no adequate substitute) — psychopathic; among those things are of course worship of the state in general, & idolatry of its specific deeds, from the waging of wars to the destruction of economies to jailing millions of people who've committed no true crime.

(E) The repetition of the teachers-leave-them-kids-alone line is appropriate, for that line has another meaning: The reason teachers have to be warned to leave the kids alone is that the kids are trapped there and can't leave; schools are penitentiaries precisely because kids must go there — and if they were free-to-leave when they became contemptuous of the place (about second grade, originally) there'd be no need to issue warnings-to-the-indoctrinators.

(F) The it's-just-another-brick-in-the-wall line means (according Roger Waters of P. F.) just what it seems to: Every new kidlet processed through the government's brainwashing factories is another brick in the wall-which-is-the-state.

(G) And when, in the final line, "it's just another brick" is changed to "you're just another brick", it's not an accident: where "(F)" deals with how-the-state-is-built-in-the-abstract, "(G)" deals personally with the individual student and says "All you'll ever be to the government is one more cog-in-the-machine".

Because of the present writer's background in the entertainment industry, it's possible to say this: The line-by-line interpretations given above aren't my own subjective-readings of what those lyrics might mean: they're what Roger Waters & Company have been telling people privately that they meant to mean/ All in all ... if you should ever meet Pink Floyd, take-'em-to-lunch.

## TO THE NEXT PRESIDENT: READ MY LIPS!..



## USSR MIS-MAPPING FOR YEARS

The Soviet Union's chief cartographer acknowledged that his agency for 50 years has deliberately falsified virtually all public maps of the country, misplacing rivers and streets, distorting boundaries and omitting geographical features, on orders from the secret police. San Diego Union.

"A statesman is a politician who has been dead ten or fifteen years." Harry S. Truman

## WASHINGTON DC

The letters "D" and "C" after the word Washington do not stand for District of Columbia. They stand for "Deceit" and "Connivance."

## BUT SO OFTEN?

Iowa Republican Charles Grassley, an outspoken advocate of judicial restraint, added: "We do have the right to pass stupid laws."

Washington Times,



## LEFT TO RIGHT

by Scott Porter

The struggle of the Libertarian Party is nothing less than the *struggle for freedom*. And party politics is the most efficient way to educate, inspire, and recruit for that cause.

It's true that, in the decade or two that the Libertarians have been on the ballot, no great inroads have yet been made into the system. It's also true that, as a philosophy, Libertarianism has not enjoyed huge popular support. But there have been a few triumphs lately which more than justify our continued efforts.

Two weeks before this election, I was on a cross-country road trip, which gave me the opportunity to sample many of the local and regional newspapers as I kept up-to-date on the campaigns. Several things surprised me, and also delighted me.

I counted no fewer than twelve articles about Libertarian presidential candidate Ron Paul in the short span of two weeks, and not only in small town papers, but in major publications such as the Chicago Sun Times, the St. Louis Dispatch, the Los Angeles Times, and the Wall Street Journal.

I saw coverage of Dr. Paul escalate from 4:00 a.m. cable-TV filler spots to popular daytime news and interview shows.

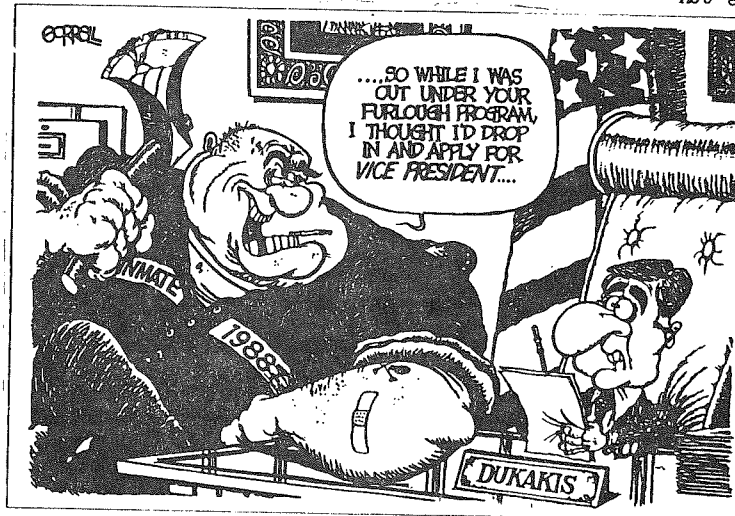
And the most impressive recognition, I thought, was in Los Angeles, where the state ballot initiatives guide provided not only Republican and Democratic viewpoints, but, you guessed it, the Libertarian view as well.

In 1992, the two major parties will face enormous challenges. The Democratic party is being torn apart by its own factions, and is suffering a tremendous loss of membership; they are bracing for the nomination of a left-winger like Jesse Jackson. The Republican borrow and spend practices, plus new revelations about the Iran hostage crisis, will blow up in their faces before the next election.

Voters are beginning to reject the polarization of the two parties, because the parties have grown out of step with the American ideals of freedom, opportunity, and reward. One of the few points on which all the polls agree is that more than two-thirds of the voters wished they had someone else to vote for! No, we probably won't win in 1992; but if we dedicate ourselves to increasing our national exposure, we have a real chance to keep the movement toward statism in check. Victory at the polls will come in time.

The United States had a two-party system in 1860 also, but bad odds didn't stop Abraham Lincoln and the then-third-party Republicans from fighting for their beliefs. And they won.

The founding fathers of this nation didn't surrender when their troops were hopelessly outnumbered by the British; to abandon the party because the waters are rough is not only cowardly, it is a disservice to ourselves and to our children.



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TIRE SALESMAN  
THE BANK TELLER,  
THAT MAKES THREE  
PEOPLE TODAY WHO SA  
I WAS UNBALANCED.

THAVES

## Bush Wants To Keep No-Tax-Boost Pledge

President Bush, at a January 27 news conference, stated that he would like his campaign promise not to raise taxes to be a four-year pledge. He also reaffirmed his support for reducing the tax rate on capital gains. During his campaign, Bush advocated lowering the tax rate to 15 percent. He disagreed with arguments that a capital gains rate reduction would worsen the federal deficit.

Citing estimates that a lower tax rate on capital gains could bring in more than \$4 billion in additional revenue, the President maintained that reducing the capital gains tax rate could not only result in higher revenue but could also create additional jobs. He did, however, acknowledge that there might not be sufficient congressional support for such a reduction.



No! NO! NO! I said, "The Southern LITERARY Messenger!" (Poe was a libertine, not a libertarian.)

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Iowa Legislature's recent passage of the "DNA fingerprinting bill" is an irresponsible act — resulting to science and humanity. It allows a blood test to define if a particular chromosome structure exists. And it allows such information to be introduced as "admissible criminal evidence." This was the manner in which Hitler used genetics to persecute unwanted individuals.

Research was conducted unscientifically by the FBI. Of the convicted criminals tested, a considerable percentage did not display the chromosome structure labeled "criminal DNA." A discrepancy which should have encouraged a sincere researcher to look for other factors as the cause of criminality.

Most worldwide research on criminality indicates that an environment of poverty is the most common factor among criminals.

Defining someone "criminal" for chromosome structure is no different than penalizing everyone born with blue, rather than brown, eyes, or with dark, rather than fair, skin. Cytogenetics (the study of DNA cell structure) is not a precise science. . . .

Iowa legislators, in their ignorance, have introduced some seri-

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# Congress Wants to Let Post Office Snoops Read Your Mail



WHERE IS THE WORST ROAD TRAFFIC?

ous ethical questions in regard to punishment. If we recognize a "criminal DNA" how can we punish someone for a crime he or she did not choose but "was born" to commit?

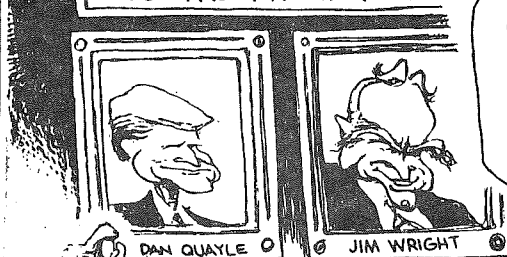
Criminality is a chosen behavior. Ascribing it to an inborn genetic flaw is hogwash. The "DNA fingerprinting bill" must be repealed.

Gloria P. Egli

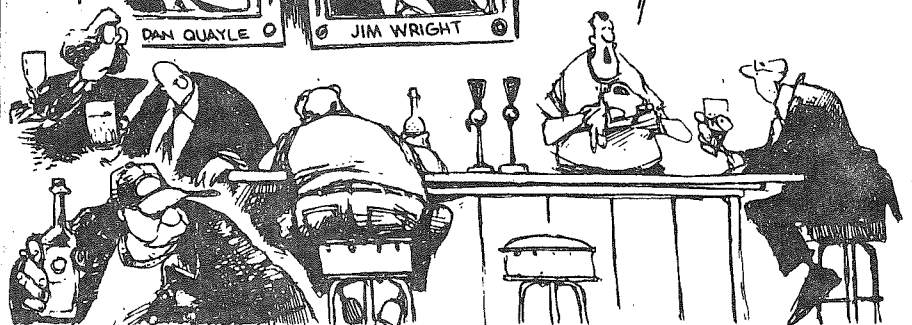
New Zealand & Australia have the most deaths with 3.7 per 10,000 cars & trucks in NZ, & 3.2/ Australia. US, USSR at 2.6/10,000.

Local option Sales Tax (LOST) is now being called the "Penny Tax" by its proponents, who want to tax every penny you have. .... Andy Mel of CT reports that one who resisted a traffic ticket by locking himself in the car so the highwayman couldn't physically attack him, found the car towed into a prison garage with him still in it. .... One interesting suggestion on traffic tickets is to precede your signature with "under duress"; when France condemned Jacques DeMolay of the Templars, 2 prelates required to sign the notice signed "sub protestationibus". .... The crime rate in Wash, DC is supposed to be coming down - for lack of victims! .... Pravda reports there are 2600+ organized crime groups who blackmail for protection of business, etc. And that doesn't even include the Comm. Party or the bureaucrats. Says they committed 20,000 major crimes last year. .... And to think how Stalin was a bank-robber in Tsarist Russia! .... Rev. Jerry Falwell is upset that many of his 2000 employees are members of another congregation and/or aren't kicking back a tither. .... Benjamin Quayle found a cockroach baked into the food at St. Albans Prep .... Just like the good old days of college food .... Secret Serv. has decided Prex. rates 4 crowd control dogs; Veep, 2; cabinet members, 1. .... They'll get really upset if the crowd starts bringing pit bulls. .... SEP Ent, 1530-N Key Blvd. #326, Rosslyn, VA 22209 has a "right wing nut" .... as a lapel pin. .... Bryan Finch organized a "non-protest" at Cabrillo College in Santa Cruz, CA, where marchers carried blank signs and handed out blank sheets of paper. .... Gallup in Jan. found 83% for, 11% against voluntary natl. service. But 55% favored mandatory serv. for men, and 44%, mandatory serv. for women. Even more interesting, the ultra-liberals did not come out against the draft as they did in '69 - '74. Apparently they are against the draft only when at war against communism. - they're for slavery, but against freedom. .... Leading scholars have a book out on Israel's economic disasters, calling for free market reforms and tax cuts. .... First Bank & Trust of Harrisburg, IL is offering guns instead of interest, & being swamped with new depositors. (APRA) .... Jair Rodrigues, city councilman had his auto break down on a Rio de Janeiro freeway. When accosted, he pulled a gun and marched the muggers to the nearest police station. (") ....

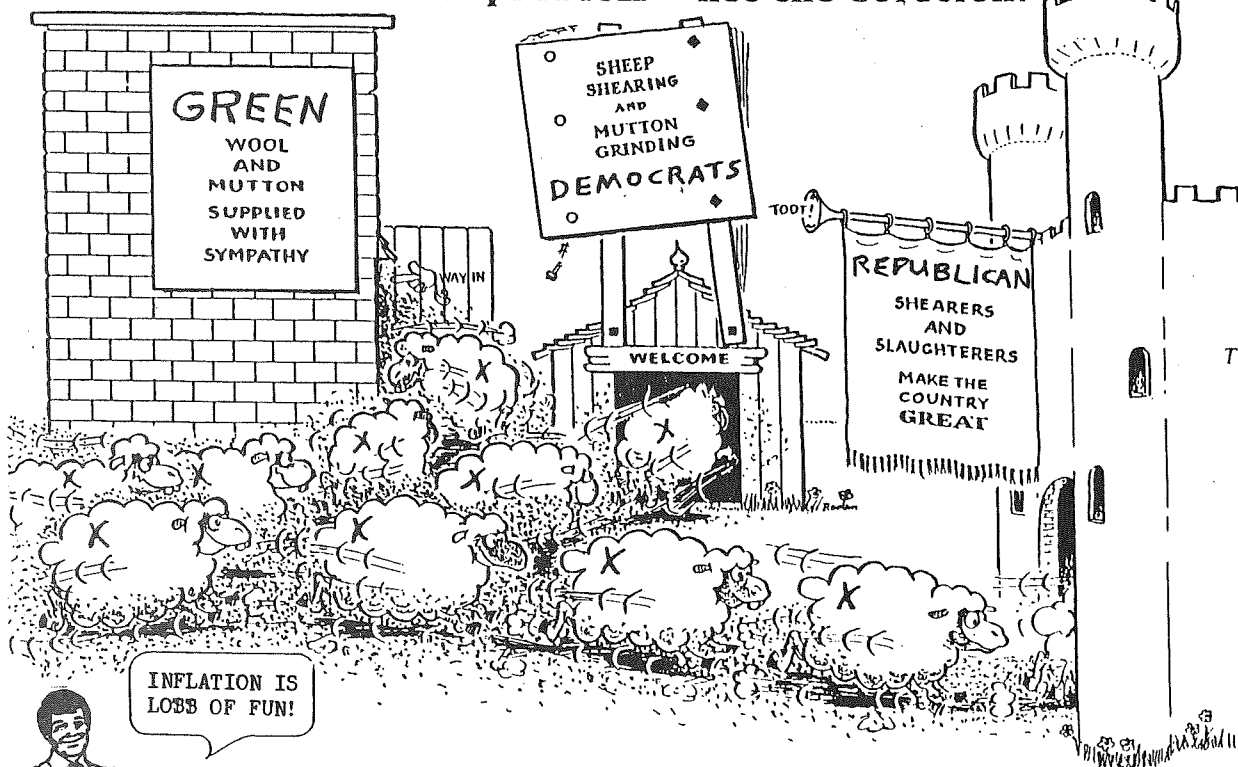
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## Government is the problem - not the solution!



## Mistaken identity sends police into tizzy chasing themselves

Associated Press

A police officer commandeered a civilian car to join his partner in a chase, then found himself being pursued by other officers because he was driving a stolen car.

Patrolman Gregory Bolden has been transferred out of the Neighborhood Response Team while the Internal Affairs Division sorts through the Wednesday night incident, Cmdr. Richard Tamburini said Thursday.

Bolden and his partner, patrolman David Lussier, had stopped to check a car that was reported stolen and were joined by another officer, *The Providence Journal-Bulletin* reported today.

Bolden got out of his patrol car to check the

vehicle, when a sports car sped past and Lussier and the other officer took off in pursuit.

Bolden, who didn't have his police radio with him, got into the stolen car to look for the other officers, Tamburini said.

"I guess the keys were in the car, or the car was running at the time, so he drove down Broad Street looking for his partner," the commander said.

Another police officer then spotted the stolen car Bolden was driving and chased it through several side streets, Tamburini said.

## Who Are The Real Criminals?

Bill Benson has obtained three reports to Congress by the U.S. Justice Department that deal with corruption in the federal government (from 1986, 1987, and 1988).

These reports involve judges, U.S. Attorneys, assistant U.S. Attorneys, IRS agents and more. They also deal with corruption within state courts.

The cases involving IRS agents reveal some of the largest bribes in the history of the IRS.

In one case, IRS agents accepted \$220,000 in bribes for relieving a taxpayer of \$8 million in taxes.

Crimes by federal officials from 1977 to 1986 have risen in excess of 800 percent.

The Fabian Society's Coat of Arms  
(A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing)

WE ALSO HAVE LEFT-overs

Sweden has become the first to start an AIDS colony, to quarantine those with AIDS. (New Dim).... Zimbabwe border examines 3 of a truck driver who is coming into the country: passport, cargo list, & genitals. (C RC).... U of Miss. is finding out that condoms are only 85% in preventing pregnancy. (You take your chance)

Ron Paul office is deep in reports of a former secy. who made off with a lot of the money. .... Theft is deductible as a business expense. .... As are taxes. ....

Wilcox Report, POB 2047, Olathe, KS 66061 is seeking reports of hoaxes: lies to the media, even fake Nazi swastikas, painted by Jewish teens.

Ecorse, MI, in bankruptcy, has privatized its city dept. except police & treasury, with volunteer firemen now, no political jobs or salaries for city council, leasing out rec. & health services, rented dog catcher from another town, contracting out the public works dept., etc. (WSJ) .... US has surpassed South Africa in prison rate of 35/10,000 in US and only 33 in SA. (Figures for China are not available.) ....

Louis Farrakhan of Black Muslims wants to send black prisoners to Africa, saying they have a greater right than the Jews to have Palestine. (Cannibals beware!)....

Bob Hawke, Australia P.M. has admitted sex & other such violences.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR, abbreviated because double-spaced

Supported by their art artificially created waves of hysteria and disinformation, the advocates of public disarmament (gun control) continue to push through a growing number of laws whose effect is to render good citizens helpless, or make them into criminals. These people persist in demanding gun control laws in spite of their failure to demonstrate how this will deter criminals and terrorists from having weapons, or how a government that is unable to keep shiploads of drugs and thousands of illegal aliens from coming into the country is going to keep guns out. The right to keep and bear arms is not something that can be granted or revoked by the state; it is in fact inextricably connected to the individuals' absolute and inalienable right of self-defense..... Anyone with even a rudimentary grasp of history knows that public disarmament is an invitation to national disaster. The right to keep & bear arms is in truth the right that protects all other rights, and once it is lost the door is open for the destruction of all the liberties our forefathers fought for and all the liberties our children dream of. ....

- James C Jones

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## Florence County Libertarian Party

### Individual freedoms appear to be fading

We have no freedom of choice to drive in a rain; no matter how bright the day or the amount of rain, we must have headlights on. The headlight, battery, generator and alternator makers must have lobbied hard to get this law.

We have no freedom of choice to drive a car without insurance.

We have no freedom of choice to have or not have a baby. Those who don't use the pill or contraceptives beforehand may lose their personal choice and privilege.

The law says good drivers must pay for bad drivers' mistakes, but bad drivers' insurance also goes up, so the insurance companies collect both ways.

One can't subcontract to a bidder of one's choice; the government will tell you whom to give the work to.

One can't rent one's own apartment building to a client of one's choice; the government will tell you whom you can rent to.

We have no freedom of choice to die a natural and honorable death unless we have a signed, witnessed affidavit stating that we want no life supports; otherwise we lie there like vegetables while our life savings go down the drain, not to our loved ones as we had planned.

Our due process of law is a costly farce. A person can admit to murder and it can be proven in court by witnesses beyond a reasonable doubt; yet the case can take 10 years and thousands of taxpayers' dollars to go through all the courts, and then a judge might say someone didn't dot an "i" or cross a "t," so it goes back to a lower court, and more taxpayers' money is wasted.

L.H. VICKERY

### Please Stands with 'zany' Libertarian Party

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Editor, *The Chronicle*:

Re the editor's comments April 24) concerning the North Augusta City Council Election:

The word "zany" was used to describe the Libertarian Party. With that in mind I referred to Webster's *New World Dictionary* to find the precise meaning of "zany."

The more I thought about the accusation the more I was forced to agree with it. What right do we Libertarians have that we actually try to learn from the lessons taught by such "clowns" and "buffoons" as Thomas Jefferson, Thomas Paine, John Locke and Benjamin Franklin? These zanies were also concerned with those simple but important principles like people-over-government (not the other way around).

Walter E. Williams

### Politicians must disavow 'racial charlatans'

COURAGE, HONESTY, and just plain decency have always been in short supply among politicians, and today it's no different. But somehow we weathered the storm. Today, with government controlling over one-third of our gross national product and dictating many aspects of our lives, politicians have awesome power to do serious damage.



A hint of this potential was seen in the political response to ex-Klansman David Duke winning a Republican seat in the Louisiana Legislature. In part, Duke's victory was a result of his campaign statements against busing and racial quotas in hiring and college admittance.

Lee Atwater, chairman of the Republican National Committee, George Bush, and Ronald Reagan were the first to disavow him as a member of the GOP. Later on, other Republican and Democrat stalwarts

chimed in with united voices of disapproval.

Here's the \$64,000 question that you won't hear asked at press conferences: "Mr. Bush (or Mr. Atwater), since you repudiated Duke's political victory, won by his campaigning against race being used as a criteria in hiring and college admittance, does that mean you're in favor of race as a determinant for jobs and college admittance?"

What do you suppose would be the response to the question? I predict they'd rephrase the question, or at best give a convoluted answer, but not a clear yes or no.

George may honestly think that race is an immoral criteria for deciding who gets a job or is admitted to college. But his political advisers may feel that a forthright statement against racial quotas may thwart the GOP's efforts to become "America's new majority party."

If the president and his men, as well as other politicians, share Duke's stated position against racial quotas, isn't it dishonest or lacking in courage not to say so? And

doesn't it smack of political deviousness to be against racial quotas to curry favor with blacks while criticizing Duke?

We face a potentially perilous threat to social harmony when the Klan, Skinheads, and people like Duke get a sympathetic hearing and make recruitment or political inroads among people who are not active racists. If we look at some of the injustices of quotas that offend every standard of fair play, it is not too difficult to see how some whites can fall prey to racial charlatans.

Honest and courageous politicians, as well as courts, should act now to defuse increasing racial polarization by taking a principled stand, stating clearly that race, as a determinant of who gets what, has no place in America.

MUCH OF THE foundation for quotas lies in President Lyndon Johnson's Executive Order 11246. Bush should exercise his presidential prerogative and rescind that order making it clear to the nation that racial discrimination in any form

will not be tolerated. The elimination of racial quotas would help deprive racists of fertile grounds whereby they exploit the legitimate complaints of white people for their own agenda.

Moreover, if Congress disagreed with the rescission of Executive Order 11246, they could try to enact quota legislation and risk being run out of town on a rail.

Political courage, honesty, and decency won't get us very far these days, but that's no reason for you and I to sit by idly while spineless politicians take us down the tube in racial turmoil.

BLACK PEOPLE should demand an end to racial policy that creates resentment with no offsetting benefit. Blacks can bet the rent money that when it becomes expedient, today's politicians, like those of the Reconstruction era, will jump ship.

White people should make every effort not to fall prey to charlatans using resentment against quotas to promote their own racist agenda.

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### Claims the Libertarian Party is a 'rational group with real answers'

Editor:

I was astounded by the rantings I witnessed on the Cable News Network's "Crossfire" (Feb. 16). The topic was gun control and the number of killings in major cities around the country.

The players were Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., Narcotics Control Commission (a welfare-loving Socialist); Patrick Buchanan, commentator (an ultra-right spokesperson); Tom Braden, commentator (an ultra-left spokesperson); and a gun owner advocate with a wide streak of vigilantism.

The topic was as I mentioned, gun control... However, the debate immediately turned to the drug trade. The welfare-Socialist Rangel said that the problem was due to the lack of funds for the welfare pro-

grams and the fact that the government has not yet "officially" declared war on drugs. Stupidity.

... The number of poor in America has increased in relation to the population since the welfare programs were begun with our tax dollars. Obviously, the something-for-nothing experiment has been an abject failure.

Rangel said the war on drugs should be officially declared, as if that would solve the problem. Recently, I heard an Air Force colonel say, "The war on drugs will last until we shoot down a dentist with a bad radio flying in from Rio or kill some guy smoking a joint in a motorboat who does not want to be boarded." Congressmen with this type of Vietnam-mentality should be

given their walking papers. ...

The ultra-rightist Buchanan said the problem began because of desegregation. I am sorry, but that is not acceptable. I refuse to set this country back 150 years. ...

Braden stated that the way to solve the problem of drug-related murders is to legalize all drugs and ban semiautomatic guns. His idea is only half-baked. I agree that legalization of drugs would reduce money-related murders (by removing extraordinary profits) and dollars leaving the country, while providing a source of revenue for abuse programs. However, the ban of semiautomatic weapons (many hunting rifles are of this type) would only infringe upon the rights of the individual to bear arms. ...

The gun owner advocate support-

ed the right to bear arms, but also said that all three-time losers (persons convicted three separate times) should be executed. Insane. ...

Unfortunately, most Americans do not realize that they aren't required to align themselves with the least worst maniac. There is a rational group with real answers. We call ourselves Libertarians (the party of principle). The principles? Self-government (individual liberties) and moral responsibility (legal responsibility to the rights of others). What does that mean? Basically, that the individual has the right to do to, or for, himself anything he wishes provided he doesn't infringe upon the rights of another. ...

Timothy N. Moultrie  
North Augusta

### Says Dems, GOP are both problems

Editor:

The election of Rep. Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., as Republican Party whip, has been surrounded by a great ballyhoo. Gingrich has been touted as the savior of the GOP. He has been described as a mean-down-and-dirty politician who will not shy from a fight, a new leader around whom the party can rally.

Who cares? Gingrich is simply a new face on the same old status quo.

This status quo (Republican Party) is the same one that took America off the gold-standard, sold arms

to terrorists, and increased an already burgeoning federal debt, not to mention a myriad of other problems.

The status quo has proven time and time again that it is ineffective in making real changes or providing real solutions.

Too often political solutions are sought to solve problems that cannot be addressed via political compromises. More often than not, the status quo will bend its position in an effort to regain the favor of a particular special interest group.

Democrats shouldn't start patting themselves on the back. The Democrats and Republicans are both part of what I like to call the yah-yah syndrome. If the country is faced with any difficulty, the Democrats and Republicans alike point their fingers and "yah-yah" at each other, saying the other is to blame. Meanwhile, it becomes increasingly apparent that they are equally the problem, the status-quo problem.

The Democrat and Republican parties have become junkies, power junkies, and they are addicted to big government. ...

Americans must think for ourselves. We are the only real special interest group. Think small government, think Libertarian, because together we can beat city hall!

Timothy Moultrie

### Explains alternative to 'RepubliCrats'

Editor, *The Chronicle*:

An April 24 editorial referred to the North Augusta City Council election and candidate Timothy Moultrie who was "offered up by the zany Libertarian Party." My dictionary defines "zany" as "silly" and "irrationally ludicrous." Alas, since you gave no substantive facts to support your opinion, what follows is a capsule summary of libertarianism.

Libertarians comprise a party for small government and individual liberty, due to a belief that individuals know better than anonymous bureaucrats how to run their lives and that people should be free to do with their lives and their property whatever they desire so long as those actions cause no harm to others by reason of fraud, negligence or violence. "That government is best, which governs least," said the zany Thomas Jefferson. ...

The Libertarian Party is the third largest political party in America, a position it attained in 1976 and has held since; it has not been a one-

shot, personality driven party, nor has it withered away as have the likes of the Citizens Party and the American Independent Party. Despite a national broadcast media blackout, former U.S. Rep. Ron Paul received over 440,000 votes in his 1988 Libertarian presidential campaign — without any "federal matching funds." Over 90 Libertarian Party members hold elected or appointed local government positions nationally.

If your readership hasn't heard much about the Libertarian Party until now, numerous reasons abound, such as state legislatures which create costly, anti-competitive ballot-access hurdles, "RepubliCrat" candidates who dodge debate over meaningful issues with candidates who take ideas seriously, and media with *The Chronicle* attitude that if one is not a Democrat or Republican, one doesn't deserve substantive coverage because one will not win — an exercise in circular reasoning if ever there was one.

To dispel the "zany" tag for good, I urge those so inclined to read popular or academic works by Nobel-prize winning economists as Milton Friedman or Friedrich Hayek ... and to demand that future Libertarian campaigns be covered professionally. ...

Daniel F. Walker  
Atlanta

Voters DESERVE a  
better choice than  
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Rep. We NEED more  
Libertarians!

**"For here we are not afraid to follow the truth wherever it might lead, nor to tolerate any error so long as reason is left to combat it" — Thomas Jefferson**

Minor political parties tend to be seen as a collection of kooks, crooks or both. But what Libertarians stand for may sound attractive to many.

# Libertarians take low blows for high ideals

By Terry Keeter  
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Memphis, Tennessee

No doubt about it: Libertarians are an oft-misunderstood species, as Arkansas traveler Paul Jacob knows full well.

"Ten years ago, when you said you were with the Libertarian Party, they'd ask, 'Are you all Communists?'" the 28-year-old Little Rock native said wryly.

"Now they say, 'Are you LaRouchees?'" the 'bogeyman' has changed a whole lot, but we haven't," said Jacob, the man who served as national ballot coordinator for America's largest third party last fall.

Libertarians are, in fact, neither Communists nor followers of recently convicted felon Lyndon LaRouche.

Instead, they like to think of themselves as a group of rugged individualists who banded together to form their own party in 1971. Last year, 431,499 Americans voted for Libertarian presidential candidate Ron Paul of Texas, a former GOP congressman who decided that the big parties were two peas in an overgoverned pod.

"I think Libertarianism, as a philosophy, kind of speaks to the individualist and the pioneer in us," Jacob told The Commercial Appeal in a recent interview.

"It's very free-market-oriented. We put a lot of faith in individual initiative, innovation and coming up with new ideas."

Trouble is, voting Libertarian is a new idea that has not caught on very fast. Ed Clark, the party's presidential nominee in 1980, polled almost a million votes. But the Libertarian total sagged to 231,000 four years later, perhaps partly because Ronald Reagan picked up (or stole) many of their themes.

Ron Paul almost doubled that total in 1988, but the party still won less than one of every 200 votes cast.

Arkansas native Jacob wants to help remedy that. He became the Libertarian Party's national ballot drive coordinator last fall, succeeding in getting the party on 47 state ballots.

It seems that Americans just aren't used to voting for third-party candidates. Even worse, minor parties tend to be seen as a collection of kooks, crooks or both. A man who attempted to run his dog for president in 1984 didn't help the image much either, Jacob noted.

"We've been badly hurt. I think, by the fact that Lyndon LaRouche . . . gets 10 times the media coverage that we get because he's outrageous," Jacob said of the man who has called the Queen of England a drug pusher and who has run under a variety of party banners.

"He causes us a lot of problems," Jacob continued, "because (most) people think about

politics when it gets close to an election, and if LaRouche is the person . . . they hear about most, then if you have a new idea or a new party, they just naturally associate you."

Still, the Libertarian Party has had more success than almost any other modern "minor" party. Jacob says it boasts elected or appointed officials in 22 states.

What Libertarians stand for may sound attractive to many.

David Bergland, the party's presidential candidate in 1984, said the party wants to "substantially reduce the size and intrusiveness of government and cut all taxes."

"Let peaceful, honest people decide for themselves what to eat, drink, read or smoke and how to dress, medicate them-

selves, or make love, without fear of criminal penalties," Bergland added.

In foreign affairs, "The U.S. government should defend Americans and their property in America and let the U.S. taxpayers off the hook for the defense bill of wealthy countries like Germany (and) Japan."

Not everyone will agree. But so far, Jacob mourns, the main problem has been getting the message out.

The media tend to concentrate almost exclusively on Republicans and Democrats, and some Americans think the two-party system is almost part of the Constitution.

Jacob said he sometimes runs into people who think he and other Libertarians might be a little crazy just for being involved in a third party.

But he has a comeback: "Well, yes . . . our Founding Fathers were 'a little crazy' and then they won."

"We basically see that there's a lot of restrictions, there's a lot standing in our way, but what we're offering the American people is an alternative."

"Would you name the last Libertarian president?" a smartypants reporter asked Jacob.

Jacob smiled as he replied:

"Well, it depends on how you look at that. We could say Thomas Jefferson. Or, some might say Andrew Jackson. It depends on your view."

"But I think that the Founding Fathers were Libertarians because that's basically where our philosophy comes from — that the individual comes first, the government's there to protect our freedom and not . . . to tell us how to live."

Memphis, Jacob said, may be a key to the party's efforts in the Mid-South.

"Alabama and Georgia are two of our strongest states, and there's no reason we can't be as strong in Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi," he said.

"Tennessee is one state where we feel it can be a lot stronger than it is now."

Presidential candidate Paul won a meager 2,041 votes in Tennessee last November, barely one in every thousand cast.

By contrast, the Libertarian Party did best in Alaska, where Paul polled 3 percent.

"Tends to be that we're stronger in the West than in the East," said Jacob.

"And that's all a part of a kind of pioneer spirit, which is much more alive in Alaska and California, and Nevada."

Even when third parties don't win, Jacob noted, they provide a major service by trying out ideas and questioning accepted practices.

Still, it is frustrating. "A lot of the issues facing us don't seem to ever get solved," Jacob said.

"Ronald Reagan ran against Jimmy Carter's deficit and then gave us a bigger one."

"And what are the American people — the American voters — to do? They vote for the Republicans and they get a deficit, or they vote for the Democrats and they get a deficit," Jacob said.

## Safety panel

WASHINGTON — The National Transportation Safety Board, ending its investigation of a Kentucky school bus accident in which 27 people were killed, recommended yesterday that more than one-fifth of the nation's school buses be retired.

The board said the May 14, 1988, crash — the worst ever attributed to a drunken driver — was clearly caused by "the alcohol-impaired condition" of a pickup truck driver who was driving the wrong way on an interstate when his vehicle collided head on with the bus.

But it also said characteristics of the 11-year-old bus contributed to the accident's severity.

The vehicle's unprotected fuel tank, flammable seat covers and partially obstructed rear door all were noted in the report adopted by the board.

The five-member board, after 10 months of investigating the crash near Carrollton, Ky., also asked states to toughen their drunken-driving laws.

Specifically, the board proposed that states adopt laws that allow police to take away drivers' licenses, prohibit plea-bargaining in drunken-driving cases and end the practice of giving convicted drunken drivers reduced licensing penalties if they enroll in treatment programs.

Among safety improvements suggested by the NTSB were making seat-covers out of inflammable material, putting more exits on school buses and making their fuel tanks more resistant to puncture in severe accidents. —AP

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It seems to me we need another choice. The Libertarians intend, he vowed, to keep on providing it.