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"Corruption and freedom cannot long subsist together."  
-- Charles Carroll, Sr., 1764



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**Stop Government Waste, Now!** ... SC is battling a \$132 million deficit and faces new federal Medicaid mandates. Why, then, hasn't Governor Campbell used his new authority to launch an independent study of waste in state government?

Last June, the General Assembly authorized an 18-member Advisory Commission on the Elimination of Wasteful State Government Spending (H. 4853). The Governor can appoint most Commission members who then select their own chairman and have just one year to study state government waste and report their findings to the General Assembly.

But after nine months of worsening state finances, the Governor has made no appointments nor conferred with any of the outside citizen and taxpayer groups that pushed for enactment of H.4853.

**HOTS Slowed ...** The Higher Order of Thinking Skills (HOTS) scam that state educators are pushing has been slowed down. State Education Board Member Rod Gragg and other conservatives succeeded in delaying Board approval of the HOTS program and forced educators to back off their narrow selection of radical text materials for teaching HOTS.

[HOTS assumes that a "Higher Order of Thinking" can be inculcated in young children by having them question the validity of their values and spiritual beliefs. It is the latest education fad peddled by state educators who succeeded in slipping a HOTS mandate into the state's Target 2000 legislation.]

Good news: New Education Superintendent Barbara Nielsen has indicated she favors giving local school authorities maximum legal discretion over the texts and other materials used to teach HOTS in their schools. Bad news: the added burden to SC taxpayers for HOTS, this year alone, is \$1.7 million.

South Carolina Policy Council

## The truth about assault rifles

The amount of lies and propaganda directed at the American people, mostly from Washington but augmented by some national news media, has reached flood proportions.

We ought to be alarmed because when someone lies to us or deliberately deceives us, they have a hidden purpose. Otherwise, they would simply tell the truth.

**INTENTIONAL DECEPTION** is never without motive. The man who keeps from you the knowledge that a car has a bent frame does so because he wants to sell you the car and knows that you won't buy it if you know the truth. The same is true of politicians and special interest groups. If they lie to you, it's because they think that what they want to do is in conflict with the truth and with your true interests.

A good example is the media and political campaign against assault rifles. I'm not concerned here with arguing the case for or against banning these rifles, but merely to point out to you examples of deliberate deception.

In support of a ban, they have been called the weapon of choice for criminals, gangs and drug dealers. One quotation often used by the propagandists is from a Baltimore official who said, "We're tired of passing out flags to the widows of officers killed by drug dealers with Uzis."

But what's the truth? The truth is that in nine years, according to the FBI which is the only official source of data on law

enforcement deaths, only one officer in the United States and its territories has been killed by an Uzi and he was in Puerto Rico.

In fact, the FBI analysis of the circumstances of law enforcement officers' deaths shows that in nine years only 12 out of 310 deaths resulted from criminals using rifles on the list to be banned. More officers, in fact are killed by their own weapons, by shotguns, and by knives than have been killed with the assault rifles on the list to be banned.

**THE FBI ANALYSIS** simply confirms what anybody with experience already knows, the weapon of choice by all criminals is the handgun. George Wilson, chief of firearms section of the Washington, D.C., metropolitan police testified drug dealers most commonly use pistols. Det. Jimmy Trahin of the Los Angeles Police Department's firearms/ballistics unit has testified assault rifles do not appear to be the weapon of choice of L.A. criminals. James Moran, commander of the New York police department's ballistics unit, has publicly stated pistols or sawed off shotguns are usually used by criminals, not assault rifles.

Furthermore, all homicides committed by rifles of military caliber peaked in 1980 at 1,185, began to decline in 1983 and stood in 1989 at 981 homicides in the whole nation and its territories, according to the FBI uniform crime reports.

Recently two notorious L.A.-based gangs

were raided in their dens in several cities and the only weapons found were pistols.

Finally, bear in mind, that all homicides have declined during the 1980s and stood in 1989 at 21,500. To put that in perspective, .000089 percent of Americans were victims of homicide in 1989. Accidental deaths in the U.S. have been averaging about 95,000 a year, of which only about 600 are firearms accidents.

I believe there are two motives behind the great campaign of deception involving firearms, not necessarily found in the same people. One motive is to divert people's attention from the failure of government to deal effectively with crime and the social problems that breed crime. Shift the blame to the hardware and you shift the blame away from the politicians.

**THE OTHER MOTIVE**, more sinister, is to strip Americans of their constitutional right to keep and bear arms because, as Thomas Jefferson observed, elites fear and hate the people.

We have more reason to fear liars and propagandists than we do common criminals or firearms.

## CHARLEY REESE

### OUR COUNTRY verses OUR GOVERNMENT SYNDROME!

One of the biggest problems with the people of our country is that we have been deceived into believing that our country and our government are one and the same.

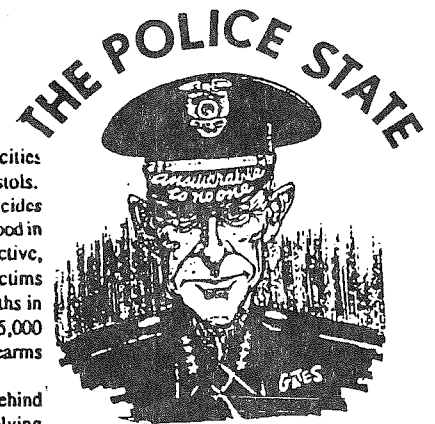
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## Maybe This Man Needs an Audit

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IRS Commissioner Fred Goldberg is feeling some heat. A report by the House Government Operations Committee blasts the IRS for high-level misconduct and cover-ups. "Crooks auditing crooks," charges committee chairman John Conyers Jr. of Michigan. Even worse, a second report by a Goldberg-picked panel of outside experts concludes that the commissioner's solutions to the crisis are "narrow" and deal mostly with "symptoms rather than root causes." Specifically, the panel found that many IRS criminal-investigation are not supervised, nor are they adequately trained in ethics. The report was sent to Goldberg on Oct. 26; but it has not been released to Congress or the public. "I don't know why it's taking him so long," says a panel member. "We assumed he would release it within days."

*"IF YOU CAN'T PROTECT THEM...  
BEAT EM'!"*



## Second Witness Testifies He Was Beaten By Winnie Mandela

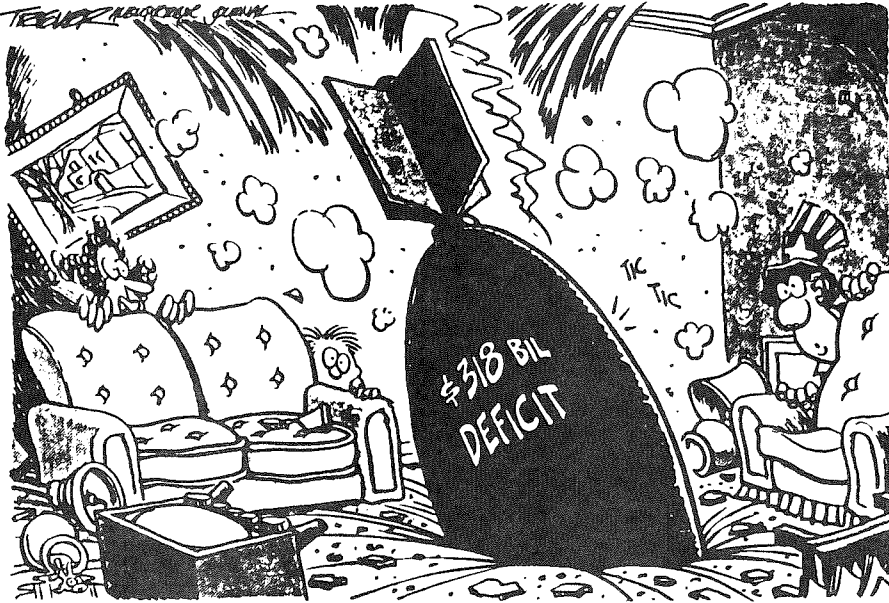
**JOHANNESBURG (Mar. 13)**—A second key witness testified today that he was slapped and punched by an enraged Winnie Mandela, who wanted him to confess to having homosexual relations with a white church minister.

Tabiso Mono, speaking through an interpreter, said he was badly beaten by Mrs. Mandela and her followers in December 1988 after being taken away from a church home with three other young men.

"She hit me with her open hands and fists on my face," Mono testified. Mrs. Mandela is on trial on kidnapping and assault charges.

Asked by the prosecution to give details, Mono told of being beaten with a whip and being kicked and punched. He said he was also picked up and dropped on the floor.

"I was assaulted. I was lifted into the air and left to drop down. They were trampling on my body," he said.



## Public is getting sick of parasitic legislators

I see our poor legislators once again cannot afford to buy their own meals. Why must they have lobbyists buy their meals for them when they are receiving \$79 a day in expense money?

They can't be satisfied with a hamburger or a \$5 or \$6 meal like any average person. They want to dine, gourmet fashion, at \$25 a meal three times a day. This could almost be understandable if the Legislature consisted of poor, working-class individuals, but it's not. It consists of fairly wealthy lawyers, businessmen, etc.

Personally, I cannot see the

## City employees wasted time, money

I hope the following occurrence is not a reflection of how all city personnel efficiently utilize their time and attempt to conserve fuel, as has been proclaimed in previous front page articles of this newspaper. Earlier this week, a telephone cable work crew inadvertently ruptured a six-inch water main while digging in a residential area. This very same area was designated by a city engineer to be safe to lay cable the previous day.

According to the cable crew, the Florence City water department was immediately notified of the ruptured water main. However, after observing a geyser of water for over an hour, I too called the water department to confirm the filing of a report and to make sure a repair crew had been dispatched. The water department stated that they had been notified just minutes prior to my call, which dramatically differs from the time the cable crew stated that they had made initial notification.

After the second hour had passed, and an estimated 28,000 gallons of water had flooded the streets and the front yards of a half dozen homes, I once again inquired as to the status of the repair crew. Reportedly, the water department had shown up, but did not have the required tool to shut off the main, and had returned to Effingham to retrieve one. One would assume commonly used equipment such as this, would be standard issue on a water department truck, especially when dispatched to repair a break.

Three hours into the leak, all three crewmen returned and began looking for the cut-off, which took an additional 20 minutes to locate. Leaving one or two of the men behind to locate the cut-off while the other returned to retrieve the tool must have been too difficult a decision to make. At this point the water had risen up to

## FRIENDLY FIRE

need for lobbyists. If the president of a company or special interest group wants contact with a legislator, let him or her do it personally, one on one, like the ordinary citizen has to do. If the matter is that important, surely the individuals can take the time to meet with the legislator on their own. They do not need paid henchmen to do their dirty work.

Frankly, the public is getting sick of these scavenging parasites always trying to line their own pockets and boost their own power and prestige at the expense of ordinary citizens.

I will never vote for an incumbent again.

RON SCHRIVER

## Tax agency goofs on short form

Error could cause jump in tax bill

By BEVERLY S. SHELLEY  
Business Writer

It's happened to the most well-intentioned taxpayers, and now it's happened to the state Tax Commission.

The commission made a mistake on its tax form.

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## □ Error on S.C. income tax form

**SC 1040A (SHORT FORM) INSTRUCTIONS 1990**

AN ERROR APPEARS IN THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SC1040A income tax short forms mailed to S.C. taxpayers.

**INCOME**  
Line 1 FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME  
You must enter your federal taxable income from your current year federal form 1040A, line 29, or 1040EZ, line 7.

► Should read: . . . line 22, or 1040EZ, line 5.

## Limit politicians to 2 terms: One in office, one in jail!

neighboring homes and was approximately two feet deep in the road. Finally, three-and-a-half hours after the initial call, the water was shut off and the leak was repaired. During the afternoon, and for no apparent reason, the repair crew truck was repeatedly driven at excessive speeds throughout the neighborhood and flooded streets forcing additional water into front lawns.

After today's experience of observing the city's personnel in action, I now have a much better grasp of why our water bills are much higher than the national average. From a resident's perspective it unfortunately appears the water department's main office and the repair crews conservation of both water and fuel are all very consistent with each other.

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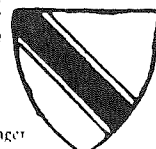
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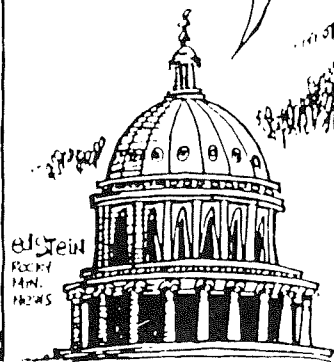
## The Saviors of Jesus

(Most Christians think that Jesus is their saviour, not vice versa.)

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## bite bigger than other states

I thought I had done my homework before selecting South Carolina as our retirement home. I knew that South Carolina had a state income tax, while other states I considered — Florida and Texas — did not. But the amount owed here was less than where we were, and I had no heart-burn with taxes.

Then came the Supreme Court ruling that states could not tax federal and state retirees differently. What followed were a series of actions which clearly showed indifference to federal retirees.

First, the Legislature, rather than grant relief to federal retirees, broke a longstanding promise not to tax state retirees by doing just that.

Secondly, our good Governor opined that the state owed refunds to those illegally taxed and then had the Tax Commission appeal a circuit court ruling in favor of those refunds.

Thirdly, the state Supreme Court, concerned about the state's coffers, came up with two most unusual reasons to deny refunds. The fact that I didn't know I should

have protested paying state income taxes was a reason to rule against refunds. Because the Tax Commission didn't know my taxation was illegal was also reason to rule against refunds. Weird!

No one thought that either refunds or credits against future taxes spread over four years would have been affordable for the state and acceptable to most federal retirees. Now a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision strongly suggests that, on appeal, that body might mandate immediate full refunds.

In looking to where the grass may be greener, I see that 10 states have no income tax, eight exempt all military retired pay, and 28 provide military exemptions, some generous. For one, Colorado exempts \$20,000 of non-disability retired pay at age 55. South Carolina exempts \$3,000.

Are South Carolina taxes a significant bite? In June, I paid \$505.85 in estimated income tax and personal property tax. If I were in Pensacola, I would not have that expense at all and would also save \$217.84 on insurance for my car.

So far, my lovely lady has firmly vetoed any move. She loves it here, and so do I. It would be nice if South Carolina returned the feeling.

ED SHIRLEY

### MORE NEWS WITHOUT MEDIA COVETAGE

"It looks like governmental schools have given up teaching real history in social studies ... & gone to teaching hysteria on socialist propaganda," we told media when local newsmonger said first English colony was at Plymouth, Taxachusetts. Thanksgivers, indeed! .....

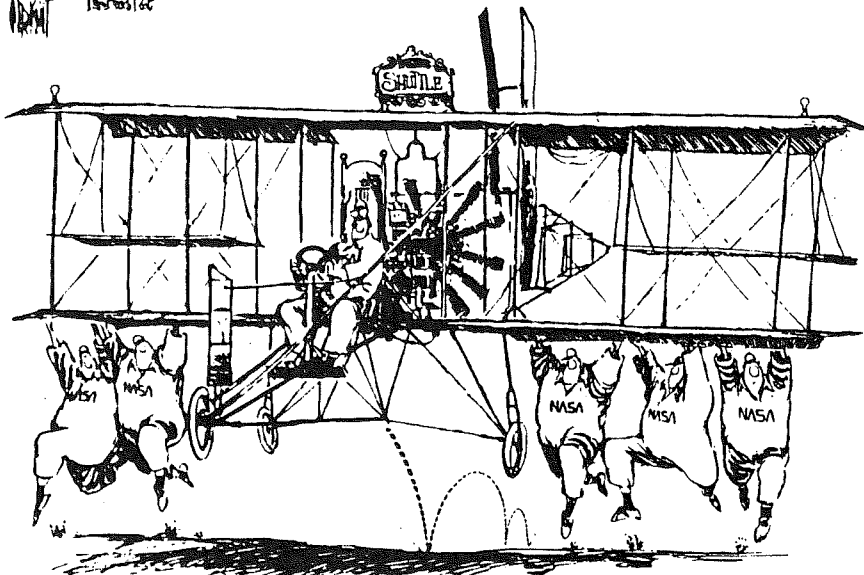
Temperance by county council was urged when they stuck the taxpayers with wild bar-bills. Political conventions should be held at Dry Farms. .... 4 high schools of more than 400 entered SC Academic Decathlon for '91, and 3 actually showed up, despite flu. ....

Media doesn't like to report things like Conference Board news, a business coalition that told its members to test for literacy first, & raise Hell with local schools that promote non-literacy. .... Even *Insight* published letters advocating repeal of teacher "certification" laws, that keep those who know anything about science from getting a public school teaching job. .... Taxpayers dashed to P O on Feb. 2 to file claims for tax refunds — before postage rates went up. .... City fixed a leaking water main, cutting off neighborhood water for hours, and many who hadn't paid their water bill flocked to city hall, fearing that their water had been cut off for that. ....

WILL YOU BE MY VALENTINE  
WHEN POSTAGE GOES TO 297

Results of the '91 essay contest, "More Dumbing Down in the 90s?" should be in the next issue. There seems to be plenty of it in the public schools, excuse me, publik skoolz....

WILLIAM F. SHIRLEY



## Parents responsible

I was relieved to read in your Sept. 27 issue that the "Tactics for Thinking" program has been questioned by parents.

The techniques that you mentioned in your article do indeed sound suspiciously New Age-oriented and do not have any place in the classroom as part of the regular curriculum. I am a great proponent of teaching children to think, but it seems that some instruction in logic and social skills could do this effectively. There is a fine line between teaching children how to think and teaching them what to think. I am glad that parents are monitoring at least some of what goes on in the schools.

However, parents are not off the hook. It is time that parents begin to take back the responsibility for educating their children. At this point, many families expect the educational system to train their children intellectually, practically and morally. This is an unfair and unbearable burden on our schools and educators. They are not there to raise our children.

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If children do not know how to perform simple tasks or read comprehensively, perhaps it is because their parents do their homework for them. As a librarian, I help a lot more parents than children with book reports and science projects. I also see many parents getting their young children R-rated movies to watch instead of books to read. Perhaps it is time to turn off the Ninja Turtles, put away the Bart Simpson T-shirts and teach our kids to cook or change the oil in the car. How about getting our children back in churches, parks, libraries and museums?

Then we wouldn't have to fret about what kinds of critical-thinking techniques were being forced upon kids in the classroom. They would be equipped to think and reason for themselves and could then pass on these important life skills to their own children.

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VIRGINIA LIBERTARIANS FAVOR GEORGE WASHINGTON'S GROWING OF HEMP

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## DRUG PROHIBITION FAILURE ALSO

by John Kell

The idea that laws against drug can solve the drug problem is a myth. Most narcotics have been illegal since 1914 (passage of the Harrison Narcotics Act), and the billions of dollars spent on enforcement since then have not lessened the demand for mind-altering substances one iota. We might as well be pounding money down a rathole.

Just as alcohol prohibition allowed a two-bit hood like Al Capone to become a rich and powerful man in Chicago, drug prohibition has enriched thugs like Manuel Noriega. The biggest beneficiaries of drug laws are the drug traffickers who are able to charge artificially high prices for their goods --- the high cost of narcotics is not due to a natural rarity or difficulty of production --- it is due only to their illegality.

Much of the violence associated with drugs is due to traffickers fighting over turf. With an illegal product, there is no access to the legal system to mediate disputes, so they are settled violently in the streets. Other violent crimes are committed by abusers who need

money for high-priced drugs. Legal drugs would be far less expensive and an addict could pay for his habit without resorting to violence, just as nicotine addicts do today.

The prevalence of crack is also a result of drug prohibition. Drug agents have been relatively successful in controlling marijuana; it's a bulky drug, difficult to conceal and its price has risen greatly over the last 20 years. It has been replaced by highly addictive crack, a more dangerous drug, which is easier to conceal. And at 50 cents a rock, crack cocaine has become the scourge of the poorest neighborhoods.

If drugs were legal, we would still have drug users and drug abusers. Drug users (including consumers of alcohol) who are able to use substances responsibly should be left alone. People who abuse drugs (including alcohol) and have lost control of their lives need help, not jail. Reserve incarceration for practitioners, sober or not, of violent crime. Helping drug abusers regain control of their lives is a difficult task to be

**PATRICK HENRY WARNS** "The officers of Congress may come upon you now, fortified with all the terrors of paramount federal authority. Excisemen [taxmen] may come in multitudes; for the limitation of their numbers no man knows. They may, unless the general government be restrained \*\*\* go into your cellars & rooms & search, ransack, & measure everything you eat, drink, & wear." -- At the Virginia Ratifying Convention, June 13, 1788.

### IS PUBLIC EDUCATION REALLY FEASIBLE?

DuPont de Nemours [wrote a] fascinating little book, *National Education in the United States of America*, published in 1812. "The United States are more advanced in their educational facilities than most countries. They have a large number of [private] primary schools; & as their paternal affection protects children from working in the fields, it is possible to send them to the school-master -- a condition which does not prevail in Europe.

"Most young Americans, therefore, can read, write, & cipher. Not more than four in a thousand [sic] are unable to write legibly -- even neatly \*\*\* In America, a great number of people read the Bible, & all the people read a newspaper." (*Blumenfeld Education Letter*,

solved by education, counseling and creating an economy open enough to allow every person to find fulfilling work.

The drug problem will not be solved with slogans or political posturing to get "tough on drugs". But violence and corruption can be eliminated and drug abusers can be helped if a depth of understanding is brought to the problem and drugs are re-legalized. (A recommendation: A well documented article on the costs and consequences of drug prohibition appears in the Sept. 1 issue of *Science*.

The total monetary loss due to alcohol abuse is incalculable. (Remember the Exxon Valdez?) The estimated number of deaths per year linked to alcohol use range from 50,000 to 200,000. As sad as this statistic is, few people propose alcohol prohibition as a solution. Such an experiment was tried and it caused far more problems than it solved. The current policy of drug prohibition is a miserable failure as well.

John Kell is a long time Libertarian from Blacksburg. Reprinted from *Collegiate Times*

**Exhaust administrative remedies first, judge**

Ten federal judges claiming constitutional exemption from Social Security tax flunked a legal test in the Claims Court. It dismissed their suit for refunds of tax withheld since 1984 because they failed to file administrative refund claims with the IRS before suing. Hello?

**STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TAKE NOTE**

**ARGENTINA** Argentina's provincial government in Catamarca will begin issuing its own silver coin, the esquiú, worth about \$15, to be used mainly to pay civil servants. If this proves successful, the province plans to issue a gold coin valued at \$500.00. Argentina has had no success in controlling inflation, which added up to 5,650% for the 12 months ending 8/31. (*Daily News Digest*,

"... to preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms & be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them." -- Richard Henry Lee

### FREEDOM OF SPEECH?

A recent study sponsored by the National Academy of Sciences reported that 40% of people interviewed didn't think that anyone

General William Odom in *USA Today*, speaking of congressional war powers: "The new technical and military realities do not invalidate the spirit of the Constitution. They do make the old formalities obsolete for most situations."

**To do nothing for the cause of right is to do something for the cause of wrong!** -- George Washington  
**MORE UN-MEDIATIZED NEWS, etc.**

"**Libertarians Join War on Thugs**" was title of attempt to force a vote on county's huge jail plans, etc. (Many county criminal officeholders want to retire to a fancy jail cell?)

Naturally, we have used Miss Florence Harless's name to talk of the trash govt. (city/county) named for her, noting "she would NOT have approved," of waste.

Bumpersticker: **TEACHERS DO MORE THAN TEACH**

put out by educrats. Release noted that what they do is fill out useless paperwork when they should spend the time teaching.

But when U of Tenn prexy was nominated for Bushist Secy. of Ed., & told press in Chattanooga that parents should have a real choice in their kid's school, we noted that if it were real, we wouldn't have gone through racist desegregation yet.

Quote: "A Libertarian candidate, oddly enough, got 2% of the vote, and that's a message for change in S. C." on elect'n right. Jerry Adams on WIS-TV!

Richland county tried using prisoners to recycle waste at landfill. What a great job for burglars! It would encourage many to work, not steal!

Lee county voters repealed a regional landfill, under S C Home Rule Act, that lets voters over-rule county misgovernment.

Even with a scandal in school bus bureaucracy, I had to ask for an investigation of those who buy textbooks. Bribes or just EducRacy? "Never let the public schools interfere with your education." -- Mark Twain

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should be allowed to say things that go against majority opinion or upset people! That's more frightening than AIDS & if it becomes a majority opinion this newsletter will be an early casualty. (*The Cutting Edge*,



*To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: ... A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. (Ecclesiastes 3: 1 & 8)*

As you can see from the above verses, there is a **TIME TO HATE**.

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# Pitfalls of LOST

It isn't every day that the taxpayer gets to choose whether he wishes to pay more in taxes, but in November he will get such an opportunity.

Reference is made to the pending 1 percent sales tax increase (local option sales tax, or LOST) for the counties and municipalities.

Taxpayers should not be deluded into thinking that their county will not pass it, because they will unless the taxpayers wake up and vote against it. It is not a trade-off (a penny more for less property taxes). Taxpayers may get a reduction in the beginning, but reality says that the counties and municipalities will probably need more money somewhere down the line. Guess where they will get it?

The counties and municipalities have lobbyists (ouch, that's an ugly word) and public relations people trying to sell the people on what a grand idea it is to be able to pay one penny (20 percent) more in sales taxes and get a break (?) in their property taxes. Who is working full-time to inform the taxpayers of the pitfalls?

In the Aug. 31 issue of *The State*, county officials said they were afraid they would have to individually get approval from the U.S. Justice Department to hold a referendum on the issue. In their ardor to get it passed, they did not want any slip-ups.

The "haves" will not mind paying 1 percent more in sales taxes, and the "have-nots" will have less.

JOSEPH A. ALBERS

## Framed by the Flying Squad

A MAN who was framed for armed robbery yesterday won £30,000 damages in the High Court against Flying Squad officers.

Father-of-two Anthony O'Callaghan, 34, spent 76 days in prison falsely accused of robbing a Virgin Records store in Oxford Street after police 'cooked up' interviews.

Outside the court, Mr. O'Callaghan, of Dagenham, Essex, said he had been a 'convenient' target because of a previous conviction for armed robbery.

The Metropolitan Police were ordered to pay the estimated £30,000 costs of the eight-day hearing. The jury found that detective sergeants John Stratford, Ashley How, and Elizabeth Foster had falsely attributed admissions to Mr. O'Callaghan when compiling notes of interviews.

The damages were awarded for malicious prosecution. Mr. O'Callaghan's marriage was said to have broken down.

The Virgin store was robbed of almost £9,000 in July 1980. Mr. O'Callaghan was arrested in November 1981, charged two days later and not released on bail until February 1982. In July 1982 he was acquitted.

The police claimed they had a tip off that Mr. O'Callaghan planned to rob the store.



DOUGLAS CROSS  
Lied to

## Reply to Chairman Conservative Union

● I'VE been persuading Douglas Cross, a water consultant in Cornwall, to see *Enemy Of The People* by Henrik Ibsen next time he is in London. In my view, it's the best show in town.

Dr Stockmann, a scientist, superbly played by Tom Wilkinson, finds out that the water supply is infected. He tries to tell the people, but is ridiculed and abused.

News from England,  
merrie or not....

Douglas Cross would understand. In July when a lorry driver tipped a load of highly dangerous chemicals into his local water supply, people started coming to him with samples from their basins and baths.

He took one sample to North Cornwall District Council.

They refused to test it. Said a spokesman: "South West Water have already given their assurances that the water was perfectly satisfactory and the council have no cause to doubt it."

Another sample was given to Toplis Trundle, loss adjusters to the insurers of the South West Water Board.

Four months later it hasn't been analysed.

Toplis Trundle said there would be no one around to answer any questions until after Christmas.

Six weeks after the pollution, a Water Board report said the highest level of aluminium in the water was 109 millilitres per litre.

In late October, Television South West carried out independent tests.

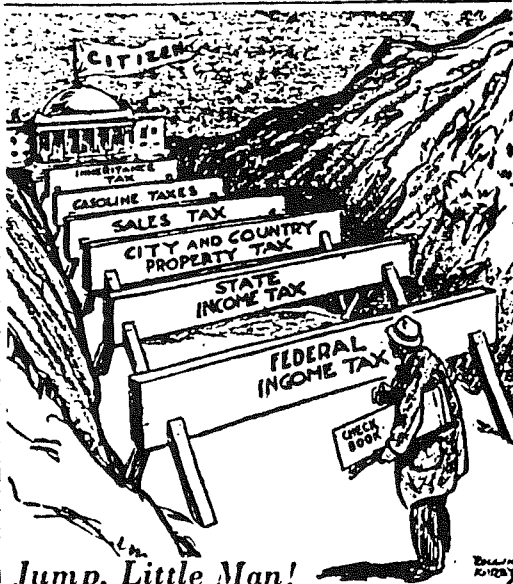
They showed levels of aluminium between four or six times the levels found by the Water Board.

Says Douglas Cross: "Everything they have done to protect public health has been based on a figure which is probably one sixth of the correct one."

"To have my comments and warnings persistently ignored day after day by people who I felt knew less than I did made me extremely angry."

Says Dr Stockmann in the play: "Don't they turn every single idea upside down? Don't they make a complete hotch-potch of what's right and what's wrong? Don't they go and call lies what I know perfectly well is the truth?"

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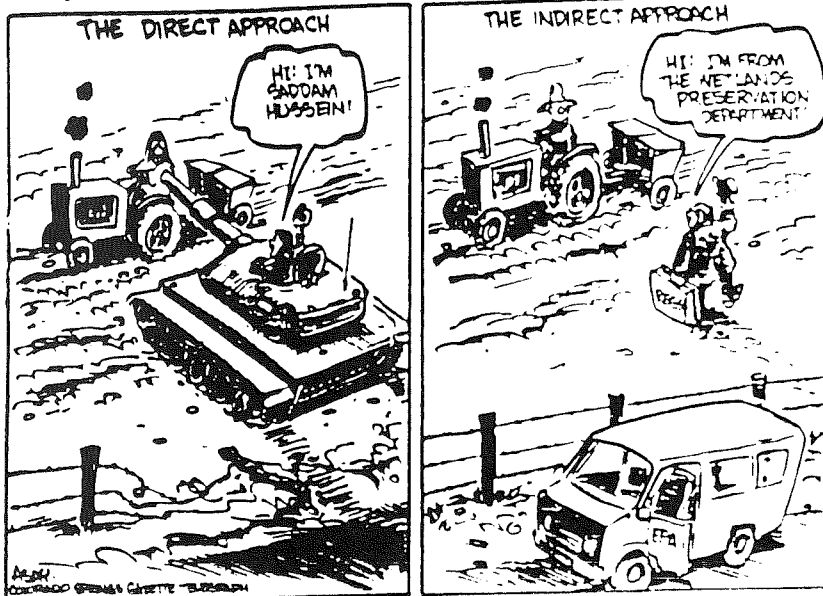
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## Cult Jews acknowledge desecrations

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM - Two Jewish followers of a messianic cult acknowledged they desecrated more than 300 Jewish graves in hopes that Arabs would be suspected and Jews would then unite against perceived Arab hostility, police said Thursday.

## HOW TO TAKE SOMETHING THAT ISN'T YOURS:





# 5 cops target of \$50M suit

By RUBEN ROSARIO and RUTH LANDA  
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Nearly four years ago, a lawyer-activist and a deacon's son cowered in a car, praying, as a group of men opened fire on them on a Coney Island street.

Gerard Papa and James Rampersant said the gunmen — who did not identify themselves — shot at them, beat them and arrested them.

The gunmen were cops.

Police called it a case of mistaken identity, saying Papa, now 38, and Rampersant, now 27, resembled a holdup team.

Yesterday, the two sought justice in Brooklyn Supreme Court. Their \$50 million lawsuit charges five police officers and the city with false arrest, negligence and use of excessive force.

"This case is about the right to get home safely without people firing shots at you," Papa's attorney, Harvey Weitz, told the four-woman, two-man jury on the first day of the trial.

On the night of March 12, 1988, Weitz said, a witness called 911 and said: "You better get some police here. They're shooting out there like the OK Corral."

Papa, of Bensonhurst, had spotted Rampersant, an acquaintance, on the street and offered him a lift to his Coney Island home.

Papa's blue Lincoln Town Car had just turned onto Bayview Ave. when he saw "a car facing the wrong way with its headlights on," Weitz said.

"There's a car behind him," the attorney said. "Looking back to the car in the front, he sees that there are men, and now they're on the street."

Weitz said the men, in civilian clothes, approached with guns drawn. Papa and Rampersant ducked as the men opened fire.

Pointing to several of the defendants, Weitz told the jury: "They will tell you that they used deadly physical force because people were pointing guns at them. What did these brave heroes find in the car? A hairbrush."

The suit charges that the cops beat Papa and Rampersant with fists, nightsticks and "their service revolvers," and jailed them for two days. They suffered bruises, concussions, "post-traumatic stress syndrome" and other injuries, the suit said.

## Charges dismissed

Papa and Rampersant were charged with assault, reckless endangerment and criminal mischief. The Brooklyn district attorney dismissed the charges for lack of evidence.

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## Doctors With Gilt Complex Calculate Golden Means

*To the Editor.* — Reflecting on the price of several newer antimicrobial agents in our sample cabinet, a jest was made that the place looked like Fort Knox. As we made actual comparisons, we found that several drugs were at least as precious as gold.

We obtained current selling prices from four pharmacies in the Greater Kansas City (Kansas) area for 12 antimicrobial agents. The mean price per tablet and per ounce were calculated (Table). We calculated the number of days of therapy needed to equal the price of an ounce of gold. The mean price was compared with the price of gold (\$370.65 per ounce on August 2, 1990). Ratios of the price per ounce of each medication to the price per ounce of gold were calculated. These results show that several common oral antimicrobial agents are, on the basis of weight, more precious than gold.

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Alderperson Evelyn Chesky of the Holyoke (MA) Board of Aldermen lost her third attempt to change the Board's name to City Council. The Alderwoman said the word positively reeked of sexism.

Keeping an adult in a New York State prison for one year costs \$25,000. A juvenile inmate costs \$75,000 because of all the counseling and recreation required. At Goshen (NY), a staff of 111 looks after 60 vicious teens.

## Patronizing

"I now go up to Scotland and tell them they are a bunch of bloody grumblers. There are many Scots who don't like success. They want something to grumble about."

— JEFFREY ARCHER, *Hereford Times*.

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*"I remember the one who was executed, Lim Seng, and I hoped by his death there [would] be less narcotics addiction in our country, but today we have more. There is now a Narcotic Command, [a] whole command to deal with narcotics addiction. So therefore the life of that man...has been lost in vain..."*

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Gallup reports 6% of US teenagers have attempted suicide; 60% knew one who had tried, & 15% knew one who died that way. (Id S)

## 'RAVING' REV LOSES FIGHT

RAVING Reverend Peter Greenslade called a policeman an "obnoxious bastard" and shouted and swore after a crash. Plymouth Crown court heard yesterday.

"I've never seen a man so out of control," said a witness.

Rev Greenslade, 57, of Looe, Cornwall, lost his appeal against conviction for disorderly conduct and failing to give a specimen. An appeal against conviction for police assault was upheld.