

Let each decide

Actions of the legislature regarding the seat belt and anti-pornography laws rob us of basic freedoms.

The anti-pornography law is also a slap in the face of reason. When it is law, it means that "community standards" are law. Community standards are nothing more than the standards of the average person. He is neither the most ignorant nor the most intelligent in the community. He's just somewhere in the middle. What gives him the right to make judgments for those more intelligent than he? Or different from him?

Are community standards right just because they're held by the majority? I'm sure community standards were anti-Semitic in Nazi Germany. Right doesn't matter. Judgments of law, in this case, are dictated by whatever fad or whim the majority clings to at a given time. Firm judgments, based on values and reason, don't matter anymore.

I am not asking the legislature to make tougher, more definable guidelines regarding pornography. I ask legislators to leave us alone. This law is a major work of obscenity — and the most threatening ever seen in this state. While I wrote this to defend reason over whim, reason is impotent without freedom. The issue is not whether certain works are obscene, but whether we have the freedom to accept or reject them.

When that freedom dies, one begins to wonder about the rest, and sees what else the law could threaten — man's dignity and well-being.

DAVID BOZEMAN

TRIOLET

by JOHN HARLEE

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To spend our wages as we please
And not pay tax to thief nor king.
We only ask a little thing:
To splurge or save, to strive or sing.
To plant our fig tree for our ease.
We only ask a little thing:
To spend our wages as we please.*

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*Investment Tax Credit
Creates Jobs In S. C.*

I understand that Congress is considering doing away with the Investment Tax Credit (ITC) as a means of raising revenue. This, I think, would be a mistake, as it would raise the cost of capital and hinder technological growth at a time, especially in South Carolina, when we need for private industry to create as many jobs as possible.

The ITC makes U.S. companies better able to compete, especially with foreign business, by providing a 10 per cent tax credit on the purchase of new equipment. This is in effect helping with the formation of more capital and more jobs, which in turn creates an increase in tax revenues.

While Congress would prefer to raise taxes on business and protect U.S. products from foreign competition through the use of tariffs and trade embargoes, the ITC is a free-market approach to a problem which Congress would rather side-step. Cotton is no longer king and its heir, textiles, is dead (at least the textile industry as has been known.)

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What did George Washington do that, if he were alive today, would put him in jail for an extended length of time and would probably ruin his chances of ever being president of the U.S.? He had a hemp (today known as marijuana) plantation!

How many documented cases of death are there from the use of marijuana? In the history of mankind there is not one

It is the small businesses that are the backbone of this country - not the multi-nationals. Small businesses create a more stable local economy through a decentralized manufacturing system which is less affected by the ups and downs of an international economy.

The ITC should be kept on the books until such time as a truly fair and equitable flat rate tax is produced by our representatives in Washington, D.C.

John B. Heaton, Chairperson
Aiken County Libertarian Party

documented case. There are documented cases of alcohol overdose, aspirin overdose, and overdose by use of many of the F.D.A. approved prescription drugs.

Have you ever heard the government's excuse for trying to control drugs that follows: "You never know what's in the drugs your children, friends and/or spouse use!" This while the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) sprays the same material with paraquat before your loved ones smoke it.

By the way, paraquat contains some of the same ingredients that were in Agent Orange. This material was never intended to be used on anything that people might smoke, so research on its effects as a result of inhalation were not conducted by the manufacturer.

So why the "witch hunt" (and great cost to taxpayers) over a drug that hasn't killed anyone, unless it is laced with deadly drugs? (Whether they are added by drug dealers or good ole Uncle Sam the result is the same).

Yes, it's time we questioned the government's authority to say what we can and can't do with our own lives. When we stop questioning the actions of our government, freedom will cease to exist.

Carmie A. Thomas

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Richard Winger, 3201 Baker St., San Francisco, CA 94123 is coordinating efforts. He urges you to write, or better yet call, your Congressman in support of HR 2320.

MILITARY ANECDOTES

.... one day the General said to me: 'The War Office is very nervous about an invasion, for there are 5 million sheep in Sussex, Kent and Surrey. When the enemy land, they will at once be moved by route march to Salisbury Plain.' I knew this was an impossible task, and that Sir John Moore had proclaimed it as such in 1805. But there was no arguing over it, so I spent days and days working out march tables for sheep. One day I said to him, 'Do you realize, sir, that should all these sheep be set in movement, every road will be blocked?' 'Of course,' he answered, 'at once arrange to have a number of signposts ready and marked "Sheep are not to use this road." 'But,' I replied, 'what if the less well-educated sheep are unable to read them?'

FREEDOM COLLEGE UPDATE

A corporate charter is being applied for, and help of all sorts is being solicited. Any inquiries or offers of succour can be sent c/o SIM.

The Plight Of The South

Northeast Midwest Institute reports that 16% of adult whites, 44% of blacks & 56% of Hispanics are "totally, functional or marginal nonreaders." The Hispanic figures, at least, are not totally the fault of the public schools, as they include many immigrants.

Ed & Sharon Pangelinan have been released in Alabama after 133 days in jail for sending their children out of state to keep them out of the local public schools.



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Movement Threatens Government

Calling it "unconstitutional", Pres. Luis Alberto Monge of Costa Rica vetoed a bill to control exploration for, sale of and export of gold. (BPIA)

Authorities in West Germany have released 2 of the 24 patients consigned to asylums by a mailman who impersonated a psychiatrist and became deputy health director of Flensburg. He was discovered when he lost his wallet & police found 2 sets of identification; no one had suspected. (Omni)

More than 1/2 of the high school grads who entered New Mexico colleges in 1984 had to take 1 or more remedial courses. (Las Vegas Daily Optic)

New Mexico libertarians have a new way to raise money; their chess team took on all comers & won at the county fair to raise money for needy children. (NM Lib)

Albuquerque police chief cannot make ends meet on a salary of \$59 550. so he is retiring at 47 to draw 80% pension and take another job. He is the sole support of a wife and 2 children. (Alb Journal)

The forest service lost \$3.3 million in 1984 on sales of timber in New Mexico, and did considerable damage to the environment in the process. (")

Dr. R. S. Jaggard of Oelwein, IA, describes medicare & other socialist medical programs as "veterinary medicine", as the patient is treated in accordance with the wishes of the payer. (Jag)

In Gaston, SC, installation of the town's first stoplight was followed an hour later by a 4 car collision. (Esq)

Little evidence lives saved by seat belts

Contrary to the opinions expressed by advocates of mandatory seat belts, there is no clear evidence that seat belts save lives.

According to the London Daily Mirror, France and West Germany found that in their first year of mandatory seat belt laws, traffic deaths increased about 7 percent.

Several states with mandatory seat belt laws have found the same result. Most notable is New Jersey, which in the first month of mandatory seat belts had a 15 percent increase over the same month of the previous year in auto deaths.

Seat belts are not a safety device; they are a people control device. I am waiting to see a bumpersticker any day: Seat Belts Kill.

JOHN T. HARLLEE

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More Sex & Violence

IRS, noting 789 threats or attacks on its agents, including one killed by a former IRS employee) in 1984, has started flagging files of potentially dangerous taxpayers, and assigning an armed agent to sit in on interviews with those flagged. (Medical World News)

Hal Warden, 14, got a divorce in Gallatin, TN from his 17-year-old wife, but she kept the baby. He said she was cruel. She said he was immature. (NY Daily News)

Donn Byrne, SUNY-Albany, reports that erotophobia - aversion to sex - is growing especially among religious fans. (var.)

"We are going to have to bring the light of liberty to the world by lighting millions of small candles, one at a time." - James Jones, (Live Free)

Soviet planner Igor Birman declared, "If the Soviet Union continues as it has for the last 23 years, it will catch up to the US 1976 level in fruit in 62 years, 74 years in meat, 142 years in housing, 176 years in autos, 188 years in phones & 298 years in roads." (Up Ost)

There are now 115 state & local employees for each elected official, but 5100 federal employees per elected official. (Detroit News)

"The federal Government has overspent its income 19 of the last 20 years... it's not a lack of tax revenue. Since 1948 median-family income taxes have been increased nearly 25,000%, from \$9 to \$2218 - 32 times greater than the increase in median-family income.

New Address; Institute for Humane Studies, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030

Child abuse evidence rule is eased by court

A New York state court ruled in late October that evidence of child abuse may be gathered through methods that would be considered illegal in other kinds of cases.

The decision by the Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court held that a child abused by a parent is "perhaps the most helpless and powerless of all victims."

The court said the so-called exclusionary rule, which prevents the use of illegally gathered evidence, could "condemn an innocent child to a life of pain and fear or even to death" in an abuse case.

The court's decision struck down a lower court decision exonerating a moth-

er in a child abuse case.

In its decision, the appellate panel wrote that the exclusionary rule was developed in criminal proceedings, but a child abuse case was "civil in nature."

"Protecting and promoting the best interests and safety of minors in a child protective proceeding far outweighs the rule's deterrent value," the judges wrote. "Principles of law designed to protect the citizenry from improper police activities should not be applied without regard to the grim realities that permeate certain types of situations," they added.

The judges determined that a child abused by a parent "is bereft of any refuge."

AMERICAN MEDICAL NEWS

● To the shame of mankind, it is well known that the laws which govern our games are the only ones which are completely just, clear, inviolable and enforced.

Voltaire

Committee Opposed to Gulf's Involvement in Angola, Box 338, Warminster, PA 18974, asks you to write Mr. George Kelly, Chm., Chevron Oil, 225 Bush St., SF, CA 94104 and protest Gulf's supporting the communist government of Angola with oil money that allows them to hire Cuban & other mercenaries to fight non-communist forces that control large areas.

"To present issues to the public is a big mistake," declared political consultant Jim Murphy at Bradenton, FL., "you're not dealing with a highly educated voting public." He estimated that only 4% to 7% were concerned with issues. (Lib Vision)

Useful Address: Victims of Child Abuse Laws, Box 8536, Minneapolis, MN 55408.

Various law enforcement agencies are apparently running scam operations under such names as Sexual Freedom Club or American Hedonist Society to induce victims to mail obscene material to them. If you know of any such, contact Kevin Lee, Box 174, NY, NY 10018.

Members of the Children of God, a cult that has been accused of prostituting female members to raise money, are reported entering China as English teachers. (Open Doors)

Free samples: Biblical Economics Today, Box 8000, Tyler, TX 75711, Dr. Gary North, editor.

Young Conservative Foundation is seeking to promote disinvestment in the USSR; plans protests at major universities, etc.

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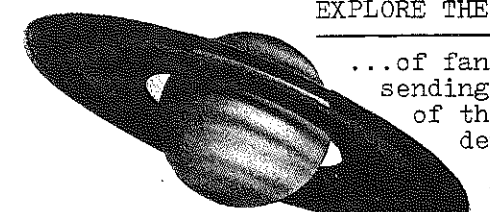
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Understanding World Events and Trends

In 1984, Social Security underpaid 700,000 recipients a total of \$226.9 million, and that's just the errors they caught, and doesn't include the ones they overpaid. (")

Navy says defense contractors average 26.7% return on assets, as opposed 10.7% for commercial firms. (")

Marines, who haven't used motorcycles since WWII, are now buying 186 Kawasakis. (")

Zoning is apparently dead in Aiken county declared the county council chm., after efforts to kill it by Libertarians and other alarmed citizens. (Aiken Standard)

Jerry Falwell is not getting fat, he is wearing bullet-proof vests from Bijan's, 5th Av, NYC. (Wsh Rep)

Useful address: Judy Hole, Producer, CBS Morning News, 524 W 57th St, NYC 10019.

Bishop (Episcopal) Maurice Benitez of Houston told convocation that Soviets already have a Star Wars system, and noted, "If the General Convention had been meeting when David went down into the valley, someone would have proposed a resolution that he not pick up those nice smooth stones."

"For when a society stops considering individual needs, when individual beliefs and imperatives, even individual lives are sacrificed, not out of necessity but for expediency, then freedom is well on its way to being buried under rules, regulations, and red tape." - Sharon Crowson, THE BEST OF TREK 9.

United Energy Corp. is suing govt.; IRS claims it is an abusive tax shelter; corp. claims govt. has been tampering (very clumsily) with its mail. (Justice Times)

IRS is too slow to correct its errors says commisar Roscoe Egger, "When we get the same complaints over and over again, you have to believe something needs to be corrected." (AP) How come it took so long to notice?

Useful address: National Coalition Against Censorship, 132 W 43rd St, NYC 10036.

"If you could give the money to the Christian Church, that would ordinarily go to government agencies, we'd get 20 times the amount done (to help the poor)," says Rev. John Guest of St. Stephen's Episcopal Pittsburgh.

Taxes took equivalent of 164% of average (public) corporation's earnings, says Fund for Stockholders Rights.

International Book Project, 1440 Delaware Av, Lexington KY needs donations (books or cash) to help libraries in need in underdeveloped countries.

In Nairobi, Kenya, Prof. Musa Otieno Adongo is charged with sedition for saying there was no government in Kenya. (Daily Nation) He should be charged with daydreaming.

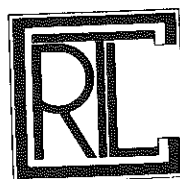
Students for America, a righteous student group, has expelled its vice-ohm. at UNC for voting to fund the local gay student group from student activity fees; this was not sufficiently uptight, I mean upright to suit them. (Lambda)

Useful address: Human Rights Campaign Fund, Box 1396, Washington, DC 20013.

Justice Dept. has told Dr. R. S. Jaggard that they are not allowed to prosecute crimes committed by IRS. (Jag, 10 E. Charles, Oelwein, IA 50662) Verrry interesting.

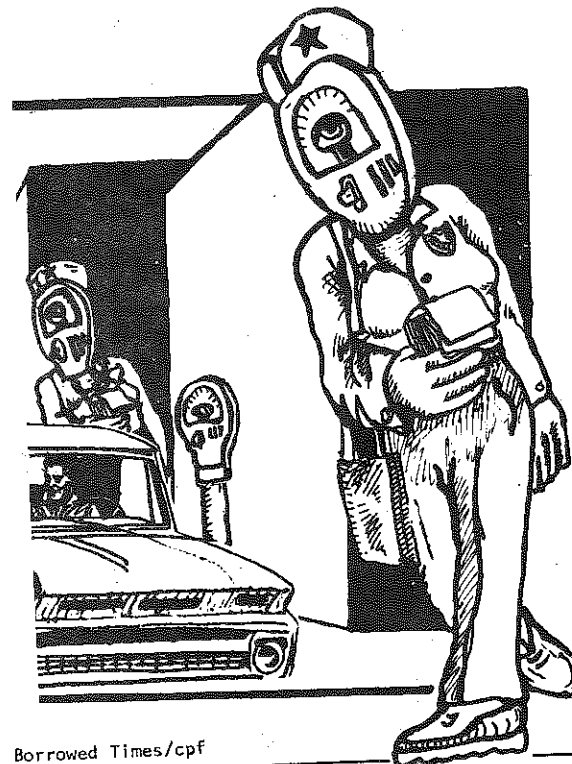
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**Law rap
for race
watchdog**

JUDGES rapped the Commissioner for Racial Equality yesterday - for stirring up race trouble.

They accused the commission of provoking what they had been set up to prevent - and wasting public money in the process.

The attack came after the Appeal Court upheld a ruling clearing a public school headmaster of discrimination.

The commission claimed Mr. Audley Dowell-Lee was racially biased in refusing a 13-year-old Sikh boy permission to wear a turban at his Park Grove School, Birmingham.

But the three judges said the headmaster was not guilty of discrimination because Sikhs were not a racial group.

JAIL SECRET

By SUN REPORTER
ANGRY Davie Beach jilted his bride-to-be after being told by a dole official she had been in jail.

Dumbfounded Davie listened in astonishment as Department of Employment officials revealed sweetheart Gloria Gumbley's criminal record. And he immediately stormed

out to tell his 46-year-old fiancée that today's register office wedding was OFF.

Last night Davie, 37, said at home in Torwood Gardens, Torquay, Devon: "The dole people were asking about a missing cheque when they said I should reconsider marrying Gloria."

"They showed me newspaper cuttings about her being prosecuted."

I'll appeal, storms Rosalyn

By SUN REPORTER

HAPLESS hooker Rosalyn Malik Inman was convicted of street-walking yesterday—even though she is still a virgin!

The would-be vice girl admitted two charges of loitering for prostitution — but claimed police picked her up before anyone else could.

Jobless Rosalyn, 17, was fined £50. And after the case she stormed: "It's ridiculous! I'm still a virgin."

Appeal

Now she intends to get a doctor's certificate and appeal against the sentence.

The buxom teenager was arrested twice by the vice squad in January. Magistrates in Bradford, Yorks, were told.

She admitted trying to pick up men in the city's notorious Lumb Lane red-light area — a former haunt of the Yorkshire ripper.

Crazy

But later Rosalyn complained: "I've never been with a man but I'm in the crazy situation of having two convictions."

A court spokesman explained: "It is still an offence to loiter for prostitution even though the act is not carried out."

the shed

COUNCIL tenants Peter and Maudie Miller had a nasty surprise when they decided to buy the council house they had rented for nearly 30 years.

The council told them: "You can buy your house—but not the garden shed. We sold that to your neighbours three years ago." The problem is that only the shed DOOR is in the Millers' garden in Lilac Crescent, Strood, Kent.

Right

The rest is in the garden of neighbours Ali and Hilda Meghurst, who bought their house—and the shed—from the council three years ago.

Frustrated Maudie said: "We're trespassing every time we get some coal for the fire." "The council should pay up for this mistake. After all, it should have been up to them to get it right."

A spokesman for Rochester City Council said they apologised for the mix-up. But he added: "It's probably too late to do anything about it now."

A POLICE driver who zoomed past his Chief Constable on the way to an emergency call has been put back on the beat.

And now other drivers in the force are threatening a "go slow."

They say they will stick rigidly to the speed limit unless it is a "life or death" incident.

The officer who has been disciplined — an advanced police driver — was answering a call to a break-in in Wythenshawe, Manchester when he overtook a Jaguar with his horn blaring and lights flashing.

In the Jaguar was Greater Manchester Chief Constable James Anderton.

He immediately sent out a message that the officer should be taken off the road.

Efficient

Last night a senior officer said: "This driver has been shoved back on the beat for trying to do his job quickly and efficiently. He wasn't driving fast just for the hell of it."

"After what has happened to him, some of the lads are going to think twice before getting to a job in a hurry."

A Greater Manchester police spokesman said: "The Chief Constable was out in his car with a member of the public, and saw a police van being driven in a manner he did not like the look of."

"He asked that an inquiry should be made into the reason why the van was being driven in such a way, and action was taken."

The spokesman denied the incident has led to a "go slow" but added: "It is possible one or two drivers may be doing this."

DAILY MIRROR,

LOVING son Michael Elderfield was treated like a hardened criminal—for picking five daffodils to give his mum on Mother's Day.

Michael, 20, thought the blooms were growing wild by the roadside and helped himself.

But they were private property worth a princely 26p ... and Michael was nabbed by an eagle-eyed cop.

He was dragged off to the local police station, quizzed for 20 minutes in a cell, fingerprinted and had his photograph taken for the records.

Then roofer Michael was twice remanded by a court charged with theft.

Yesterday he made his third court appearance at Saltash, Cornwall — and he read this odd ode to magistrates threw out the case because the prosecution offered no evidence.

Relieved Michael, of Padstow, said: "It was all a farce — but I nearly lost my job through it."

Cop in 'fun attack' is jailed

A POLICE officer who beat up an innocent man "just for fun" was jailed yesterday.

The brutal assault took place after a night of heavy drinking at a promotion party.

Nightworker David Campbell, 23, was walking home after his car had broken down, when he was pounced on.

Off-duty Constable David Smallwood, 21, chased him for 300 yards and viciously punched and kicked him "just for fun" Birmingham Crown Court heard.

Another officer, 22-year-old Timothy

Edwards, who was with Smallwood, was acquitted by the jury. He had drunk "about 16 pints."

Jailing Smallwood for six months, Mr. Justice Neill said: "This case is a tragedy for you and your family."

During the three-day trial Smallwood had changed his plea and admitted assault.

TEENAGER Stephen Miles copped a £100 fine yesterday for smoking in a courtroom.

Stephen, 19, lit up in the public gallery of West London magistrates court as he was waiting for his brother to appear on a charge.

But he was spotted by JP Eric Crowther and promptly arrested.

Too old for job at 16½!

THE RUSSIAN BACKBOOT

THERE was something definitely wrong with a big shipment of boots sent from a Russian factory to the shops.

They all had high heels attached to the toes, a Soviet newspaper reported yesterday in an article about incompetent manufacturers.

The boots were given a special place at an exhibition of defective goods in the Ukraine, said the weekly Literary Gazette.

A SCHOOL leaver has been turned down for a job because he is too old at 16½.

Alan Morton had applied for a post as an apprentice fitter with an engineering firm near his home in Lowestoft, Suffolk.

He said yesterday: "I didn't even get an interview. It's very depressing."

A spokesman for the firm, Guardline Shipping, said: "We were faced with 200 applicants for two apprenticeships."

Said Greg, of Shensstone Avenue, Rugby, Warwickshire: "I was in there about two hours."

"I'd had a few drinks and I can't remember much about it. But it was certainly very cold."

Speakup

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EVERY DAY a fully-loaded train sets out from Moscow carrying concrete beams to building sites in Leningrad.

And every day it passes a fully-loaded freight train on its way from Leningrad—carrying concrete beams to building sites in Moscow.

It is a perfect example of how the Russian economy runs according to The Plan.

The Plan is the yearly production target set by Communist Party officials for every factory in the Soviet Union.

It doesn't stop there because, in Russia, everyone has to play the numbers game, a remarkable new book reveals.

Restaurants have so many meals to serve, painters so many walls to paint, taxi drivers so many journeys to make.

Haste

And the scramble to measure up to the annual plan means that Russia suffers from a real case of "never mind the quality—feel the width."

Take the factory in the Ukraine which produced 13,000 pairs of sunglasses so dark that you could not see through them even when squinting directly at the sun!

In their haste to produce the required quota of spectacles, no one had noticed that they were useless.

Rivals

And as there were no rivals to compete with or any need for the factory to show a profit, nobody cared.

After all, they had fulfilled their yearly plan, hadn't they?

The official newspaper Pravda once investigated the complaints of villagers who reported that their only local shop was full of nothing but zinc buckets.

The manager complained that this was all he could get from the factory, although he had asked for kettles, teapots, cutlery and other household goods.

The factory director

IN RAID

BUNGLING drug squad officers landed in a mess when they raided the wrong house.

Their sniffer dog cocked its leg and wet the carpet in three places.

Then it pinned the lodger to the wall.

Five policemen spent over four hours searching the house before realising they should have been next door.

And when the horrified owners arrived home they turned out to be a couple who had complained to police about their next-door neighbour who they suspected was a drugtaker.

THE MIRROR,

explained that producing buckets was the only way he could fulfil his part of The Plan.

Other items were too time-consuming to manufacture and did not use up the required amount of metal allocated to his factory.

At the beginning of each December, the rush to complete The Plan by the end of the year reaches fever pitch.

If a factory succeeds in producing even more than the required amount under The Plan, there is a bonus for every worker.

If it fails to come up to scratch, there is public disgrace, severe financial penalties, reprimands from the Party and in some cases, prison sentences for the boss.

Apart from the lack of incentive to improve matters because of the absence of competition, another deep-rooted problem with the Soviet economy is that workers have little incentive to work hard.

True there are bonuses for pushing up production, but money has ceased to have much meaning.

There is too much of it around and not enough to spend it on.

The average wage is

still only around 170 roubles (£113) a month—very low by Western standards.

But as rent, fuel, transport, medicine and food are either free or heavily subsidised, and in most families both the husband and the wife are working, there is plenty of money around.

Every day people walk down Moscow's Gorky Street, their pockets bulging with roubles.

But there's nothing to buy with it.

There is such a severe shortage of basics, like electrical plugs, nail brushes and bicycle tyre valves, that queues form as soon as they go on sale. And many shops rarely bother to open at all.

Tunnel

In the meantime, the black market flourishes and Russians have become experts at private enterprise.

An ambulance driver's "sick" passengers turned out to be canteen managers smuggling huge quantities of meat, salami and eggs out of the kitchens and on to the black market.

Factory workers dug an underground tunnel to smuggle in vodka to sell to their workmates—and the management could never work out why they were always drunk.

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born again gay

WASHINGTON — Robert E. Bauman, former Republican representative from Maryland, was an outspoken opponent of a gay rights bill while in Congress. His vehement opposition to gay rights looked odd, though, when he was arrested for solicitation of sex from a teenage male. After his arrest, Bauman claimed that he had been indulging too much in drink and that alcoholism was to blame for his sexual "indiscretion." Bauman lost his 1980 re-election bid and dropped out of sight.

Now, according to the New York Times, the ex-Congressman has separated from his wife and "seeks to begin a new life as a homosexual and political activist." Bauman, born again (to borrow a phrase), is thinking of moving to the gay heaven of San Francisco. Rep. John Burton, one of Bauman's old nemeses from across the aisle and brother of the late Phil Burton, is helping Bauman find employment with a San Francisco law firm.

Bauman has so thoroughly repudiated his conservatism that on August 2 he is scheduled to appear before the American Bar Association to endorse — guess what — a gay rights bill.

Norris hits back at TV's fleeting image

GUINNESS Book of Records editor Norris McWhirter is taking legal action over an alleged split-second picture of him on the puppet series Spitting Image.

He claims the 'subliminal flash' showed his face stuck on the body of a naked woman.

Pictures lasting less than a quarter of a second were made illegal after fears they could brainwash people.

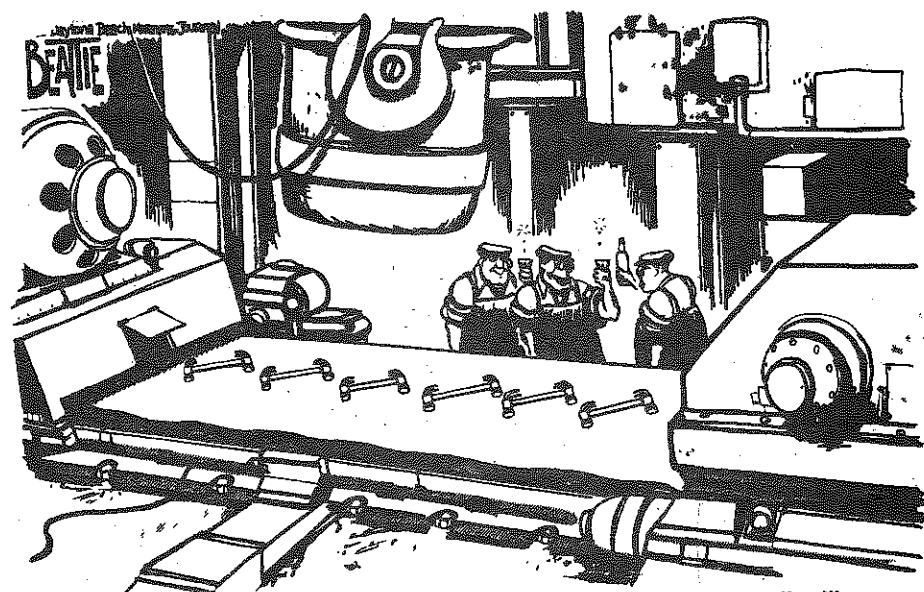
Mr McWhirter, chairman of the Freedom Association, has already complained that the Central Television show 'brainwashes' viewers. Yesterday he was granted a summons at Horseferry Road magistrates' London against Mr John Whitney, director-

general of the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

It alleged breach of statutory duty. Afterwards Mr McWhirter said: 'My head was stuck on top of a naked female torso. Why they should do it, I do not know. I just want to see the law upheld.'

An IBA spokesman said the summons had not yet been served.

THE SUN,



"Comrades, a toast: To Gorbachev's crackdown on worker alcoholism!"

Reader discusses injustice in the courts

To the Editors:

Last summer, Paul Jacob of Little Rock, Arkansas was sentenced to five years in federal prison, for standing up for the liberties of all Americans.

To prevent the return of the draft, which libertarians see as nothing less than slavery for the purpose of murdering people around the world, Jacob publicly made clear his stand against draft registration. He was thus persecuted by the government in the government's court for exercising his freedom of speech. However, the government's violation of our freedom of speech goes even deeper.

General Turnage, the director of the Selective Service, pointed out at Jacob's trial that signing one's name to a draft registration form is an endorsement of the system. Jacob did not withhold the information the Selected Service asked for; he refused to sign his name in endorsement of that system—a system he recognizes as wrong and that he points out, destroys the very values and freedoms that America was created to defend.

Jacob received a pseudo-jury trial. The "jury" was little more than a tool of the government since the government told them to

judge only whether Jacob had refused to submit to the government's "law" or not, rather than to judge whether or not the "law" was a just one. Justice was not a part of this trial.

The purpose of juries, historically, was to protect individuals from governmental encroachments against their liberty, specifically, from the enforcement of unjust laws. Juries were created by the community so that they could protect their members from the State.

As the American constitutional lawyer Lysander Spooner wrote, in *An Essay On the Trial By Jury*, in 1852:

"For more than six hundred years—that is, since Magna Carta, in 1215—there has been no clearer principle of English or American constitutional law, than that in criminal cases, it is not only the right and duty of juries to judge what are the facts, what is the law, and what was the moral intent of the accused; but that it is also their right, and their primary and paramount duty, to judge of the justice of the law, and to hold all laws invalid, that are, in their opinion, unjust or oppressive, and all persons guiltless in violating, or resisting the execution of, such laws.

"Unless such be the right and duty of

jurors, it is plain that, instead of juries being a "palladium of liberty"—a barrier against the tyranny and oppression of the government—they are really mere tools in its hands, for carrying into execution any injustice and oppression it may desire to have executed."

[Spooner's emphasis] Most Americans have forgotten that it is their right and primary duty, as jurors, to nullify bad laws. The judges, representing the government against the people and their liberties, tell the jurors otherwise and disbar any lawyer who exposes the truth to a jury. The result is that we do not have the trial by jury as required by the Constitution; instead we have a charade to fool us into thinking that the government is respecting our rights. The result is that Paul Jacob is sitting in jail, not for violating anyone's rights, but for doing more than most of us to defend our rights. The result is that our prisons fill up with patriots instead of criminals.

Terry Inman
Midwest Liaison

Libertarian Student Network

School Essay Contest

A contest asking "Which government agency would you abolish first?" is open to any full-time high school or college student in South Carolina and South Carolina students attending out of state schools.

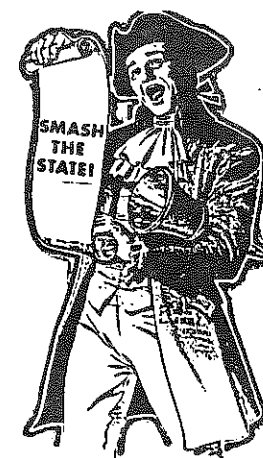
Essays should be typed, double spaced, and they should not exceed 200 to 300 words in length. Essays of more than 350 words will be disqualified.

The contestant's name, address, school

and grade level should be in the upper right hand corner. Entries must be the contestant's own work.

Winning essays will be published in the Southern Libertarian Messenger and other newspapers. First prize is a one week Lefevre Freedom Course worth \$500. Send entries by March 15 to Quality Education, Inc., Route 10, Box 52A, Florence.

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complaints

FIVE police constables have been sacked following complaints that they assaulted two men they arrested.

Merseyside Chief Constable Kenneth Oxford found them guilty of offences under the Police Discipline Code.

The men they had arrested were cleared of drunkenness by magistrates

THE THINGS THEY SAY

WE Conservatives hate unemployment. We hate the idea of men and women not being able to use their abilities. We deplore the waste of our natural resources and the deep affront to people's dignity from being out of work through no fault of their own.

There's nothing inevitable about rising unemployment. The next Conservative government will reverse the job-destroying effects of heavy income taxes, capital taxes, and bad laws like

Michael Foot's Employment Protection Act—the greatest deterrent to taking new staff on board since Noah had just one ark for the whole human race.

We are going to do it by creating real jobs, not artificial ones, so that once again the products stream from our factories and work shops while the customers of the world scramble over each other to buy them...

—Margaret Thatcher, Birmingham, April 19, 1979.



Daily Mirror

THERE you are, in mourning for a greatly loved father—his death was such a shock and his finances here so complicated—but, incredibly, you have to start paying capital transfer tax six months after his death.

—The Seventh Earl of Bradford, Sunday Telegraph, April 22. (The Earl of Bradford's wealth is conservatively estimated at £50m.)

BUNGLING bureaucrats could get four youngsters the sack—over 5p.

The two boys and two girls, who are all 17, work in electrical discount shops under the youth training scheme. The Employment Department gives their boss a £15 a week grant for each youngster—provided he does not pay them more than £50 a week.

But now other officials down the corridor in the

Department's Wages Council are insisting that under their minimum pay rules he must pay them £50.05.

"I've told the Employment Department to put their affairs in order."

So the boss would lose the grants—and the youngsters their jobs.

Martin Gibbons, 36, who owns the shops at Southend, Essex, said: "We can't afford to keep them after this wages ruling."

Citizen's arrest frightens pants off burglar

By HOLLY GATLING
Staff Writer

A Lexington County man made a citizen's arrest late Wednesday night and ended up scaring the pants off a fleeing burglary suspect — no kidding.

The incident began shortly before 10 p.m. at Stevenson's Grocery Store on S.C. 6. Paul T. Sox, who lives nearby, heard noises and saw a man on the roof of the store.

Sox called the Lexington County Sheriff's Department before arming himself with a .32-caliber pistol and walking to the rear of the store, Sheriff James R. Metts said Thursday.

The man on the roof seemed to be receiving merchandise from someone else inside the store who had entered after removing a small, rooftop ventilator.

Sox "fired one warning shot into the air and called out, 'This is a citizen's arrest,'" Metts said.

The man on the roof jumped to the ground with his hands in the air and surrendered, Metts said, while the man inside the store "apparently heard the shot and quickly squeezed himself back up through the ventilator opening."

But the burglar's pants didn't make it out.

"He was buck-naked from the waist down," Sox said Thursday of the second man, who jumped from the roof and fled into the woods.

Sox fired two more warning shots and told the man to halt, to no avail. So he held the first suspect at gunpoint until deputies arrived.

"The only thing he said," Sox reported, "was, 'I'm not gonna run. I'm gonna set.'"

Deputies arrived within minutes, along with bloodhounds, which tracked but couldn't locate the second suspect. However, his pants were found inside the store.

Can you beat that?

A MAN in hospital for surgery on a broken leg was whisked on to the operating table and fitted with a heart pacemaker. Yugoslav Milorad Jovanovic, 50, had another operation to remove it when the mistake was discovered. A spokesman at the Vienna hospital said the mix-up happened because Milorad couldn't speak German. He is suing for negligence.

Meter 'burglars'

YOUNG mum Lesley Harte returned from work to find her home had been broken into . . . by the electricity meter men. They forced the front door empty of the meter of £151, then left. "I thought I'd been burgled," said Mrs. Harte, 31, at her home in Milton Keynes, Bucks, yesterday. An electricity board spokesman said: "We had a court order. We did not cause any damage."

DAILY MIRROR,

25 years!

A COUNCIL mix-up has left an elderly couple in the dark . . . for 25 years.

For when Fred Carroll, now 81, applied to have electricity put in his terrace home in 1960 he was told not to bother because the house was due to be demolished. But the demolition men never arrived at

Shared Street, Ince, Wigan and Fred and his lodger Doris Fletcher, 71, have been living in Victorian conditions for a quarter of a century.

Waited

Their only light is from oil lamps and they do their cooking on a coal range.

Doris said: "We were told it wouldn't be worth bothering about electricity because the house was condemned, so we just waited."

Now the council plans to move the couple to a modern flat.

DEVOTED father Trevor Lloyd hanged himself after his three children were arrested for playing truant.

They were only taken to the police station to be bailed.

But Mr. Lloyd, 35, thought they were gone for good, an inquest at Renishaw, Derbyshire, heard yesterday.

His mother, Mrs. Iria Lloyd, met him in the street near his home at Byron Close, Grassmoor, Derbyshire, looking stunned. He told her: "They've taken the kids."

Later a friend found him hanged by electric flex on the stairs.

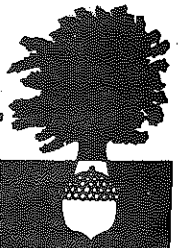
Suppose I was to tell you that this educational machine has been stolen? That a bandit crew has got hold of it and has set it to work, not for your benefit, nor for the benefit of your sons and daughters, but for ends very far from these? That our six hundred thousand young people are being taught, deliberately and of set purpose, not wisdom but folly, not justice but greed, not freedom but slavery, not love but hate.

The Goose Step, Upton Sinclair (1922)

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Bully cop weeps as he is jailed

THREE detectives were jailed yesterday for beating up a suspect in a bid to get a confession.

Detective Sergeant Brian Morton, 37, broke down in tears at his sentence of 12 months—six of them suspended.

Detectives Martin Lambert and Graham Stevens, both 37, got nine months each, half of it suspended.

Birmingham Crown Court was told the three detectives beat up a man suspected of stealing from the B.L. plant at Longbridge.

The man, who was never charged, suffered a black eye, bruised ribs, a bloody nose and a sore head.

All three policemen denied causing him bodily harm.

THE SUN,

VAT swoop on

THE boss of a firm importing nuclear shelter equipment has been hit by a VAT bombshell.

The shock came after father-of-four Tom Butler built a "show-shelter" prototype at the bottom of his garden.

But the 42-year-old company director has been told he must pay VAT on the shelter . . . to cover his "personal use of it."

Refusing

Mr Butler, whose firm imports Swiss shelter equipment called the decision "morally obscene."

Mr Butler, of Kettering, Northants, is refusing to pay the VAT.

His firm provides custo-

atom shelter

mers with equipment so shelters can be built by contractors for £9,000.

But the shelters are not subject to VAT because they are new buildings—unlike Mr Butler's self-built prototype.

A Customs and Excise spokesman said:

"While shelters built by contractors escape VAT, those built by do-it-yourselfers for their personal use would be subject to tax."

● A PROBLEM mum and her eight kids have been given their very own full-time social worker.

● The £7,000-a-year man is working round the clock to help them sort out their troubles.

● Social Services chiefs called him in last year after some of the single woman's children ran away from foster-parents back to their home near Derby.

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