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"I want more money to waste! Why did you think I wanted to raise taxes?"

Save Money By Not Raising Hogs!

Dear Uncle Sam:

My friend Jack Pankow, over in Ward County, ND, received a \$1,000 check from the government this year for not raising hogs. So I am going into the "not-raising-hogs business" next year.

What I want to know is--in your opinion--what is the best kind of farm not to raise hogs on, and what is the best kind of hogs not to raise? I would prefer not to raise razorbacks, but if that is not a good breed not to raise, I will just as gladly not raise any Berkshires or Durocs.

The hardest work in this business is going to be in keeping an inventory on how many I haven't raised.

My friend Jack is very joyful about the future of the business. He has been raising hogs for more than 20 years and the best he ever made was \$400--until this year, when he got a check for \$1,000 for not raising hogs.

If I can get \$1,000 for not raising 50 hogs, then will I get \$2,000 for not raising 100 hogs, etc? I plan to operate on a small scale at first. Holding myself down to about 4,000 hogs which means I will have \$80,000; then I can afford a yacht and use it as a second home. Then I can deduct my expenses for owning it. (That's OK with the tax "reform" act, too!)

Now another thing--these hogs I will not raise will not eat 100,000 bushels of corn. I understand that you also pay for not raising corn. So, will you pay me anything for not raising 100,000 bushels of corn not to feed the hogs I am not going to raise?

I want to get started as soon as possible as this seems to be a good time of the year for not raising hogs.

Yours very truly,

Howard Ruff

P.S. Can I raise 10 or 12 hogs on the side while I am in the "not-raising-hogs-business"---just enough to get a few sides of bacon to eat?

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Only people pay taxes



Only Jesse Jackson will be honest about the Democrat's wish to increase taxes. He's proposed cutting the deficit by increasing taxes on the rich. Since tax increases are one of the Democrats' hidden agenda items, let's look at it.

In 1986, the latest year for which U.S. Treasury statistics are available, 92,600 Americans earned annual incomes in excess of \$500,000. These truly rich people paid income taxes of \$48 billion. With today's \$1 trillion federal budget, spent at a clip of \$2,740,000,000 per day, that means rich people's income tax pays for 17.5 days of government. If we double their taxes, and assume they'd work just as hard, we could hand them the tab for 35 days of government.

Let's broaden the definition of rich and bring in all those who earn between \$200,000 and \$499,000 a year; they pay about \$29 billion more in taxes. If we doubled their taxes, we'd have sponsors for an additional 21.5 days of government. So there we have it, 56.5 days of government if we soak the rich and near-rich. But we all know there are 308.5 more days in a year. And who in the world do you think pays for them? It's not poor people earning \$10,000 for a family of four. It's that mass of middle-class Americans earning between \$19,000 and \$150,000 a year.

Given the political realities

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that we are not going to impose a 100 percent tax increase on the \$200,000-and-above crowd, the only way for politicians to get their hands on more money is to sock it to middle-class earners.

Since middle-class Americans constitute a significant political force, politicians resort to tax tricks. They say, "We're not going to raise taxes on the middle-class; we're going to raise corporate taxes."

This tax trick works because not enough people recognize that corporations are legal fictions and as such do not pay taxes; only people pay taxes. Corporations only collect taxes. When corporate taxes are increased, it will do one or more of the following: raise its products' prices, reduce dividends, and/or ultimately reduce its wage bill. You and I will pay through higher product price, lower returns on our retirement plans, and those who work for the corporation will find reduced employment opportunities.

There's no two ways about it, the major cost of federal "bread and circuses" falls on the average taxpayer. What's worse is the cost is more than money. Legitimate government functions are left undone because illegitimate functions assume priority. National roads and bridges are in disrepair; rivers, lakes, streams, and underground water are becoming polluted; citizens go unprotected; and our military become incapable of sustaining a protracted large scale conventional war.

These jobs are among the legitimate functions of government at either the federal or state and local levels. But in the simple hardball of the political arena, the lobby for road and bridge repairs doesn't have anywhere near the power the social spending lobby has. So who do you think congressmen will be most responsive to? The military lobby is powerful and has been successful during the Reagan administration, but they are up against all the social spending lobbies and our critical defense needs are of little interest to them.

The only hope for our nation's financial problem is for us to force Congress to perform those functions specifically enumerated in the U.S. Constitution. If Congress obeys their constitutional mandate, our federal budget would fall by one-half to two-thirds of its current level.

The Chinese have an annual festival where they visit the graves of ancestors. In 1976, after the death of Chou En-Lai, people came to honor him with flowers, wreaths, and poems. As Nien Cheng reports in her book *Life and Death in Shanghai*, "Thousands were killed and tens of thousands wounded. Those found with poems were condemned as counterrevolutionaries and shot without trial."

Statistics don't show seat belts effective

Some traffic injuries are worse than death.

Do seat belts reduce accidents? Until statistics show otherwise, it can be argued that belts cause some drivers to be more cautious but give some other drivers a sense of safe, defensive driving.

Why are we given no statistics on the correlation of belts with accidents and crippling injuries?

Your *Parade* magazine says some nations have a death penalty for DUI. That might help more than seat belts.

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Letters to the editor

Benign statism

For years, I've been a fervent believer in the value of seatbelts, and I wear them each and every time I drive. Once upon a time, I was also a fervent believer in individual liberty, and the right of citizens to decide for themselves whether or not to use seatbelts. Now, however, after reading your eminently sensible Nov. 5 editorial, I have seen the light: I've become, like *The Evening Sun*, a devout supporter of statism, and a believer in government's right, nay, duty, to protect folks who can't be persuaded to do what is "right" for themselves.

Your editorial says it so well: "Asking people to buckle up is not as effective as ordering them to do so." How true! And in that same spirit of benign compulsion, I offer the following suggestions for legislation that would, like a seatbelt law, save people from the pitfalls of their own free will:

1. The evils of smoking having been well-documented, the General Assembly should ban the cultivation, sale and use of all tobacco products in Maryland.

2. The sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages should also be banned in this state.

3. Sunbathing, which causes skin cancer and serves no practical purpose, should be prohibited.

4. Considering the devastating societal cost of the common cold, it should be illegal for anyone to venture out in the rain without umbrella, raincoat and boots.

5. The wearing of OSHA-approved goggles, gloves and work boots should be mandatory for anyone who uses a chain saw, log splitter or power lawn mower.

6. All citizens should be required to have yearly medical exams.

Since organizations, as well as individuals, sometimes ill-serve society, lawmakers should also:

7. Prohibit newspapers from carrying ads for tobaccos, alcohol, firearms and horror movies.

Given your newspaper's staunch belief in the right of government to use force, against its own citizens, in the name of society's "good," I fully expect you to lend editorial support to the above suggestions.

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A newspaper is not for just reporting the news as it is, but to make people mad enough to do something about it.
— Mark Twain

Casting the first stone

a copy of this letter to the
Reverend Earl W. Jackson in Cambridge, MA

Dear Reverend Jackson,
I am writing to thank and congratulate you for your diligent work that helped defeat the 1987 Massachusetts Gay Rights Bill. People who, like gay men, break laws casually mentioned somewhere in The Bible should not be given civil rights protection. More Christians should be as dedicated as

Together we can take away the civil rights of homosexuals... Then we can enforce all the Biblical laws and directives! I can't wait until we will be able to apply the death penalty for adultery as Leviticus 20:10 mandates.

you to fighting basic civil rights and human dignity. Good work, reverend.

However, I am concerned that many people break other laws mentioned in The Bible and yet do not suffer just discrimination for their mere existence. I am specifically concerned about people who break the law outlined in *Leviticus*, Chapter 19, Verse 19: "Neither shall a garment mingled of different fabrics come upon thee." Yet you can see people out on the streets every day shamelessly wearing flannel shirts with wool sweaters, acrylic blended with cotton, and all manner of other sinful combinations one could imagine in a nightmare. This sort of disrespect for the Law of God is leading to the moral decay of our society.

And what's even worse: they flaunt their perverse mixed fabrics in front of children. (I've even heard that some of them like to dress children in mixed fabrics, but this sin is just too perverse for further elaboration... and of course, all people who wear mixed fabrics have a secret or overt desire to dress children in the same way.)

If a mixed-fabric wearer wanted to become a foster parent, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts would allow it. There are no questions on the application referring to this sin. No one asks if the child will be exposed to mixed fabrics or might even be forced to wear them. We should spend some tax dollars to study the effects of mixed fabrics on children, though I am sure it has a negative impact.

Furthermore, there are people who eat bacon for breakfast, which is outlawed in *Leviticus* 11:17 and *Deuteronomy* 14:8; rare steak for supper, which is outlawed in *Leviticus* 17: 10-14, and cheeseburgers for lunch, which is outlawed in *Exodus* 23:19, *Exodus* 34:26, and *Deuteronomy* 14:21.

ABC child-care bill would be discriminatory

A couple of weeks ago, an editorial cartoon in the *Morning News* showed George Bush wooing the women's vote with a heart-shaped box labeled "Child Care," which prompts me to write on this important issue.

It's true that working women with children will be impressed with help from the government to cover their day-care bill. But it is important to mention that the bill which the liberals are trying to push through Congress would pay to these women only if they use a government-approved provider—no grandmothers, aunts or neighbors. It also would not cover a church-sponsored program.

Taking it a step further, a mother who prefers to care for her own children at home, thereby forfeiting that second income for the family, gets no benefits—zilch.

I refer to the ABC child-care bill, or Dodd- (This must mean that cheeseburgers are three times as sinful as gay sex since the former is mentioned thrice.)

Now there are so-called Christians who want to liberally "interpret" the Word of God or leave out certain parts of it. They say that Jesus came to fulfill the law (*Matthew* 5:18) and that His message of love is far more important (*Matthew* 19:19, *Mark* 12:30, *Luke* 10:27, and *1 Corinthians* 13:13) than mixed fabrics or cheeseburgers. I point out that there is a curse on anyone who completely leaves out any part of it (*Revelations* 22:18). Besides, it's alright to call yourself Christian, just don't try to be too much like Jesus. After all, look where it got Him.

For the sake of Christianity and the children, Earl, I want you to join me in restoring some morality to government. Together we can take away the civil rights of homosexuals, mixed-fabric wearers, and unclean meat-eaters. Next we can persecute barbers (haircuts are outlawed in *Leviticus* 19:27) and veterinarians (outlawed in *Leviticus* 22:24).

Then we can enforce all the Biblical laws and directives! I can't wait until we will be able to apply the death penalty for adultery as *Leviticus* 20:10 mandates. Because you have never committed adultery, Earl, and lived without sin among us, you should be the one to cast the first stone (*John* 8:7).

Yours truly,
Sister Polly Esther

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Kildee Bill. It discriminates against women who want to have a relative or friend care for their child, use their church's day-care, or stay home and care for their children themselves. Those against whom this bill discriminates need to write or call their congressmen and urge them not to support it. Ask them instead to vote for the Holloway Bill (tax credit) or even the one proposed by Sen. Phil Crane (tax exemption). These allow the parent to use the provider of their choice.

Think about this: If both parents work (double family income) they get help to pay for day-care under the ABC bill. However, only a government-approved and regulated day-care can be used. But if a mother stays home to care for her own child (single family income), that family gets no help if the ABC bill becomes law. That is tax money. Why should the low-income family be taxed to subsidize the higher-income family?

Dorothy Zeimet, Florence

INTERCESSION

A 56-year-old Baptist from the Zion Congregation in Liepaja, Latvia, has appealed to the West for help in gaining his release from a Soviet psychiatric hospital. The daughters of Teovils Kuma have appealed to the Latvian SSR Supreme Court without success. Kuma was arrested in July 1980 for distributing over 600 religious leaflets in public areas. He was declared mentally unstable and socially dangerous by experts at Riga Psychiatric Hospital. Send letters to: Opermed Doors, P.O. Box 27001, Santa Ana, CA 92799, USA. Letters will be relayed to appropriate authorities.

WE NEED A REAL MASS MEDIA !!!

After the election reports, with the mess media hiding the vote for Ron Paul & others, I am so disgusted with the Statist papers that I want to do something about it. I did stick one arrow into them before the election by asking if they were not including our state senate candidate, Rev. Ben, on the grounds that he is a black minister, and they are racially and religiously discriminatory.

Now before Jim Lewis tried to argue with the IRS in a court, where the jury doesn't know what he's talking about, he suggested that we need a national weekly paper. He even started one called the National Gazette in Michigan, that may - or may not - have published a first issue. It will not answer its mail. It may still be there. He's not.

So, anyone who has any suggestions for getting into the weekly national news, like Hum. Events that used to be libertarians or the Lazi Spectatr. or ye Spotlight or the Nationalist Enquirer, speak up row. -jh

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A boom time for black America

America has experienced its longest period of post-World War II sustained economic growth. By listening to the civil rights establishment rhetoric, you would believe it's been a whites-only prosperity. That perception being wrong, it's an insult to major proportions of black Americans as a group. It says that black people can't make it, even under the best of economic conditions.

Joseph Perkins, editorial writer for The Wall Street Journal, challenges this nonsense in "Boom Time for Black America" which appeared in the Summer issue of "Policy Review," a quarterly publication of The Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C. Let's look at the news. In 1987, black business receipts increased to \$18.1 billion, up from \$12.4 billion in 1982. Looking at receipts obscures the remarkable performance of individual men, men like Reginald Lewis who orchestrated and leveraged a \$985 million buyout of Beatrice International and a year later bought McCall Pattern Co. What's more, Lewis' firm, Johnson Publishing Company, Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling, H.J. Russell Company, and Motown, the five largest black companies, were not built on minority setasides and racial

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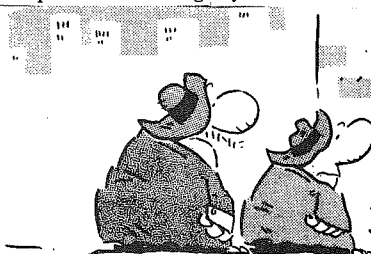
More important than the success of black entrepreneurs has been the growth of the black middle class which has increased by a third since 1980 (3.6 million to 4.8 million). All told, 40 percent of all black households are in middle-class America. Andrew Brimmer, former governor of the Federal Reserve Board, estimates total black income in 1988 to be \$238 billion. Put another way, black income in the United States is higher than in all but 15 or so of the nations of the world, and to think just a century ago we were slaves.

The rise in black income is attributable to explosive job growth over the last five years where total black employment has gone from 9.2 million to 11.5 million. Since Jimmy Carter left office, black adult unemployment has dropped by nearly

half, and the black teenage unemployment has been cut 20 percent. During this period, the earnings of both black and white teens has risen 30 percent.

The great progress that blacks have made over this decade must not detract us from the massive problems that still face the black underclass. But while we think of progress for some blacks and retrogression for others, we might ask some questions like: Was the progress due to the Reagan administration's rigorous pursuit of racial employment quotas of business setasides? Was it due to increased school busing? Was it due to massive new spending programs? Was it due to good relations between Reagan and the civil rights establishment?

Anyone who'd answer "yes" to any of these questions has been asleep for the last eight years.



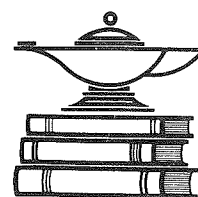
What explains that progress is a statement by Robert Smalls, a proud black congressman from Beaufort, S.C., during the reconstruction era, "My race needs no special defense, for the past history of them in this country proves them to be the equal of any people anywhere. All they need is an equal chance in the battle of life."

So how do we give the large black underclass "an equal chance in the battle of life?"

The answers are easier said than done. First, we must ensure a chance for quality education. We must eliminate those institutions, practices, and policies that destroy the black family structure. Black people must recapture their communities from predators, keeping in mind that predation also comes in the form of some blacks exploiting the pain of others to promote their own hidden agendas.



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Garbage contract approved

County to save \$223,000 by privatizing green boxes

By Jerry Bellune

Lexington County has taken its fledgling step to get out of the garbage business.

The County Council last week approved a three-year \$1.2 million contract for green box collections.

Capital Waste Systems Inc. of Columbia won a contract that will pay \$370,000 the first year, \$388,000 the second and \$408,000 the third.

The contract will save the county \$223,000, according to County Administrator Gordon Hartwig. That's what the county paid for 10 drivers to collect its 509 green boxes every day through June 30 of this year.

Public Works Director Art Brooks said one reason Capital Waste Systems would be able to do the job cheaper is that the private contractor will use an eight-foot box with a front end loader.

"That's twice the size of ours," he said.

"But there's no question we got a real good proposal."

The county tried unsuccessfully last year to get out of the garbage business. But two private garbage collection companies objected to the way

CHALCEDON REPORT

County did right in privatizing garbage

I commend the Lexington County Council for voting to save the taxpayers' money by contracting garbage collection out to a private company. Libertarians have been calling for privatization for many years, for this will result in better services for less money.

The County Council should not stop here, however. Privatization can benefit other services such as fire protection, and even education.

Studies have proved that free-market competition will result in better services than government monopolies.

It is the duty of our elected officials to hunt for the best way to provide the best services at the least cost, even if that means that the government turns many of its functions over to free enterprise.

David Morris, Treasurer
Lexington County Libertarian Party

the county planned to award the contract and the attempt died.

Council member Lowell "Butch" Spires Jr., who works for another private waste management firm, excused himself throughout the council deliberations on private garbage collection to avoid an appearance of conflict of interest.

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Social justice, according to the values of traditional justice, is merely institutionalized injustice.

Social justice is a myth . . . a dream . . . a vision . . . a phantasm. It is not something of this world; but a thing that has descended from the imaginary realms of idealistic wishes. It is the enshrinement of ideals which are in part Hebrew-Christian — but which are incarnated in our time among the collectivist liberals, especially among the Marxists.

The society dedicated to traditional justice takes upon itself the role of steward of civilization. It wants peace, prosperity, and civil order; but it recognizes that the only means we have for obtaining such virtues is through law-centered liberty. Traditional justice gives vitality to the language of civil life.

Social justice dreamers desire to implement mercy and compassion in the world. Unfortunately, what they desire bears little resemblance to the Hebrew-Christian virtue of mercy. Such mercy is always a concept offset by the holy perfection of a just God. The "mercy" of the peace activist brings slavery and socialist warfare to the world. The "mercy" of the looting welfarist brings unproductive laziness for some and unbearable taxation for the productive. The "mercy" of the criminal justice liberal brings release for murderers, robbers, and rapists; and grants agony to a society crying for justice.

This is not Hebrew-Christian mercy; this is mercy at all costs. Mercy without end. The mandating of mercy without a prerequisite legislation of true justice is a form of injustice. ■

TRASHY DECISION

Toronto residents who put out their garbage on the wrong day can be fined up to \$1,600 under an amended city law.

San Diego Tribune

No to a seatbelt law, yes to personal choice

So Gov. Carroll Campbell intends to push for a seatbelt law. I do hope I don't come across as being against seatbelts. I am for anything that is safe, or makes for more safety. Seatbelts should be useful in helping at least curb some disasters and even save a life now and then. Certainly I am for that.

However, to make a law requiring the wearing of seatbelts, although it provides a measure of safety, is another matter. I believe wearing or not wearing a seatbelt should be left to the individual. If there is such a law in any state—and there is—the individual commits a crime when he operates an automobile on state highways without the safety belt being properly fastened.

But this is a personal decision for those who wish an added measure of safety. I think it would be a greater crime to be forced to pay a fine because of my choice not to use the seatbelt. It is my safety. It is not going to help anyone else if I wear them, nor will it hurt anyone if I don't.

Cigarettes have been killing us for centuries, but it is not illegal to purchase, sell or use them. It is a choice we make. If a person who smokes dies from lung cancer, because he made a bad choice, it hurts everyone who loves him. Yet it is free choice. The only argument there is for him to smoke out in the open so that he bothers no one else. As harassing as this filthy habit is, I would vote to let it remain a free choice.

If I don't use the seatbelt and die, I can blame no one. If I do and die anyway what has it profited me? It is great to have laws that protect us from misuse by another. But to protect one from himself is going a little too far. It is high time the government recognized that if we make a wrong choice, we are to be blamed. Forget the seatbelts. Make laws that help us live a better life, not just extend a bad one.

Melvin Padgett, Darlington

THE 4TH AMENDMENT STATES: "THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO BE SECURE IN THEIR PERSONS, HOUSES, PAPERS AND EFFECTS AGAINST UNREASONABLE SEARCHES AND SEIZURES SHALL NOT BE VIOLATED."

MARRIAGE MAY INDEED EXIST FOR THE BENEFIT OF SOCIETY, BUT THE CONSTITUTION CARRIES NO SUCH PROVISION.

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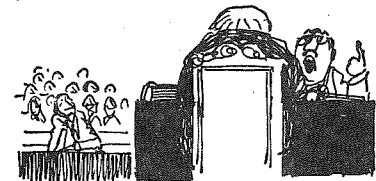
THE CONSTITUTION DOES SAY THAT NO STATE SHALL ENFORCE ANY LAW WHICH ABRIDES THE PRIVILEGES OF CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES.

I FURTHER ASK, WHAT HUSBAND CAN PROTECT HIS PAPERS AND EFFECTS FROM UNREASONABLE SEARCH AND SEIZURE FROM HIS WIFE?

I SUBMIT THAT MARRIAGE IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. FREE THIS MAN!

If you will not fight for the right when you can easily win without bloodshed; if you will not fight, when your victory will be sure and not too costly; you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all the odds against you and only a small chance of survival. There may even be a worse case: you may have to fight when there is no hope of victory, because it is better to perish than to live as slaves.

Winston Churchill



Does evidence support claims?

To ask for evidence supporting some ideas is often seen as looking for trouble, being insulting, or just plain being rude. Let's run a few by you to see where you stand.

"Well, you know how it is, the rich get richer, and the poor get poorer." Surely that idea could not apply to our country. By any measure of affluence, be it life expectancy, possession of consumer goods, or education, Americans of any income group (low, middle, or high) are richer than their counterparts of 50, 30 or even 15 years ago. This same progress is seen in most relatively free economies such as Hong Kong, Japan, Canada, and Australia.

Where the rich get richer, and the poor get poorer are in the Third World tyrannies in Africa and Southeast Asia. There, a few elitists who are nothing more than leeches rob their own people under the guise of Marxist equality and government planning.

"We need to get rid of the system" is an idea you hear from revolutionaries blinded in their pursuit of justice. Let's look at overthrowing systems. In 1776, we overthrew a colonial system and replaced it with one based on unprecedented human freedom, but most people haven't been that fortunate.

In 1959, Batista was overthrown in Cuba; 30 years later, can anybody say Cubans have more freedom? In 1977, the remnants of Haile Selassie's regime in Ethiopia were overthrown. Are Ethiopians better off under the Mengistu Mariam regime? In 1979, the shaw of Iran was

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ousted by the Ayatollah Khomeini; are Iranians better off? In Africa white colonists were either ousted or pressured to leave. Yet, in nearly all of those countries the average African is less free and poorer than under colonial rule.

In some cases overthrowing the system bore some meager fruit, but at an astronomical cost. In Russia and Mainland China, the overthrow of the systems can internal political purges left an estimated 40 million people dead.

The world's sad experience with the overthrow of systems is not an argument for maintaining the status quo. It's an argument for the kind of caution George Orwell calls for in his book "Animal Farm": when you get rid of one evil it is often replaced by another that is far worse. "Animal Farm," by the way, is banned in some African countries.

Here's another idea: "The world is made unsafe by nuclear weapons." How does that statement square against this fact: Since 1945, nuclear weapons killed roughly 150,000 people. Over that same period conventional weapons have killed ab-

out 145 million. On an after-the-fact basis nuclear weapons seem almost benign.

Sometimes people provide their own best proof against their ideas. That may sound strange, but ask anyone for his or her general opinion of politicians. If your experience has been like mine, you'll hear words like: dishonest, greedy, self-serving hustlers, and crooks. Yet when we discuss important areas of our lives, such as educating our children, seeking medical care, buying homes, or preparing for our old age, we say government ought to control it through this or that program. But who runs the government? The same people (politicians) you've just described as dishonest, greedy, self-serving hustlers, and crooks. As for me, the only thing I'd let Congress plan is the scheduling of the Saturday morning TV cartoons.

Now you can see why I often don't get invited to parties a second time. Party conversation flows better if you don't have to put up with the embarrassment of having someone challenge your assertions. Demanding evidence is the first sign of a troublemaker, and yours truly is definitely a troublemaker.

Martha K. Blackwell of York has been named the first recipient of the Frank Lindsay Scholarship at the University of South Carolina.

A graduate of York Comprehensive High School, Blackwell is a sophomore journalism major at USC. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blackwell.

Afghanistan Relief Committee, Tuesday

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SUNSPOTS MAY HIT 200-YEAR PEAK blazed the headline of an August 27th WASHINGTON POST article. It reports that sunspot activity as the sunspot cycle approaches its 11 year peak in 1989 is the greatest in the 200 plus year history of sunspot cycle reporting. As longtime readers know, this editor is convinced that those solar flares excite humans to riot, rebellion and revolution and certainly governments in Burma, Israel, Poland, and the Soviet Satellites have been feeling the heat lately. Given that 1989 will probably bring a big depression (caused, if nothing else, by total lack of confidence in Bush or Dukakis suffered by a still nation-state-confident public), it is obvious that the next year will be hectic. I know I'm not prepared, health-wise or financially for the stress. How about you?

NOTE: 200 years ago, France suffered from some of the worst crop disasters, with LSD epidemics from ergot rust, leading to the French Revolution in 1789.

QUESTION: Do you use the term "MS" or address women by only their last names? I resent this. "MS" is degrading, disgusting, low, unladylike, undignified. Women should only be addressed as either MISS or MRS. NO MATTER WHAT!!!!

REPLY: The abbreviation, MS, is used for multiple sclerosis. From the mailing list, we have several with Mrs. in the name because we know the husband's name or initials only (or late husband's). There have been several women with the title, Dr., as medical doctor or Ph. D. Generally, we use name only, and some of these are nicknames. I have no way to know if Pat is Patrick or Patricia, etc.

SIGN OF THE TIMES: Pop "The Video Psychiatrist" cassette into your VCR and you can tell your problems to a "distinguished-looking" albeit ersatz psychiatrist who listens, furrows his brow, and takes notes. For those having trouble opening up, he also throws in an occasional "please continue" or "don't hold back." The California-based distributor, Horizon Entertainment Group Inc., insists the \$9.95 cassette is just a gag gift — although whether any genuine psychiatrists are laughing is an open question.

AMERICAN MEDICAL NEWS

Gary Bauer, former Under Secretary of Education and now an assistant to President Reagan, relates the experience of a substitute teacher in a suburban Washington, D.C. high school who asked the seniors in his three advanced government classes what they saw as the most significant differences between the United States and the Soviet Union. Only two of the fifty-three students could cite any moral difference between the two systems. One of the two students was foreign born. He had fled Vietnam, as a "boat child" after the communists took over in 1975 and had no difficulty in distinguishing between democracy and totalitarianism.

And in response to a particularly aggressive sales pitch by Taiwan flag makers, Representative Harley Staggers of West Virginia introduced the "American Flag Fidelity Act," which would do just that: Ban all imports. We only hope that America's own flag makers can keep up with the demand!

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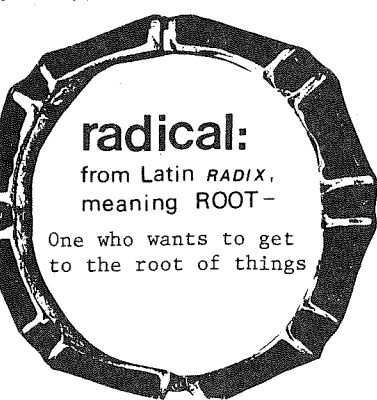
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Because Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to bow down to the king's golden image, they were thrown into the fiery furnace. DANIEL 3



Imagine what would happen if somebody refused to require kids to say the pledge of allegiance every day!

Libertarian vote not adequately reported

It baffles me that a newspaper would spend countless pages over months covering an election and then not devote a few column inches to fully reporting the results. I assure you a number of us are interested in more about vote totals than just the tweedle-dee and

tweedle-dum of politics—Democrats and Republicans. How about some Libertarian vote totals?

The results on the front page of the *Morning News* alleged to account for "other" parties. Yet a quick look at the list of states showed only one where Bush and Dukakis didn't get 100 percent of the vote (rounded to nearest percentage).

However, *The State* newspaper reported (Nov. 10) that nationwide "other" got 2 percent. The previous day that newspaper reported that Libertarians were getting 2 percent of the vote in Richland county.

You can't explain away all of 2 percent by rounding off to the nearest percentage point. What gives?

Mitchell Olinger, Hartsville

Per L.A. Times 5/23/88 Black Louisiana lawmakers fought legislation making Cajuns a legally recognized minority in the state because the measure threatened black economic development. Blacks claim counting Cajuns (descendants of French settlers expelled from Canada who settled in the steamy bayou country of south Louisiana in the 1750's -- read Evangeline by Long-fellow) as minorities would dilute black share of jobs on state projects that must by law hire 10% minority workers. (Look who's crying about discrimination!!) Number of Cajuns estimated between 200,000 and 300,000 of Louisiana's 4 million population.

Libertarian campaigns at USC

By JOHN MILLS III
Staff writer

Ron Paul, the Libertarian presidential candidate, supports drastic cuts in military spending, reductions of tobacco, dairy and grain subsidies, and the legalization of drugs, his son said.

Randy Paul, the candidate's 25-year-old son, spoke to about 200 students in the Grand Market Place cafeteria Tuesday.

His father's candidacy is the alternative to voting either Republican or Democrat, said Paul, who believes that this will be the best election ever for the Libertarians.

"By voting for the Libertarian (party), you're voting against the status quo," he said. "If you're happy with government, you can vote for (Democratic nominee Massachusetts Gov.) Michael Dukakis or (Republican nominee Vice President) George Bush. It won't make a difference.

"You'll get the same policy with either one. You'll get a little bit different rhetoric when they talk about the pledge of allegiance. But when they talk about the serious issues and when you see the policy that comes out of it, you'll get the same substance from both candidates."

He travels around the country trying to establish name recognition for the Libertarian Party and Ron Paul.

"It's unfortunate that a lot of people won't even hear about it," Paul said. "The national news media has been reticent to even report about us. People go to the polls and see a name on the ballot, and they don't even know who it is. We feel that the other two parties are no longer credible."

The Libertarian Party would balance the budget by cutting military and domestic spending, Paul said.

"What happens in Congress today is you have two factions: the conservatives and the liberals. The conservatives say 'cut domestic spending and raise military spending.' The liberals say the opposite, 'cut military spending, raise domestic spending.' We're saying we have to work out a different kind of compromise where you cut both spendings," he said.

Ron Paul supports strategic defense but not the Strategic Defense Initiative because he feels it is not feasible. He also supported the arms reductions achieved by the Intermediate Nuclear Forces treaty, but is opposed to Soviet inspection of U.S. missile sites and the Pentagon, Paul said.

Poverty is another issue of concern.

While more government programs have been created to help the poor, Paul said, more people are below the poverty level. Doing away with the programs would be more effective, he said.

"The government programs aren't working," Paul said. "If you were to dispense all of the welfare to all of the people out there, you could give \$40,000 to each family. There's too much bureaucracy in between. It's not getting to the people who need it."

The Libertarian policy toward drugs is much different from any drug policy introduced by other candidates.

"We believe in the decriminalization of drugs," he said. "We believe that all individuals should be free to choose how they consume intellectually — what they read, see, watch on TV; what they spiritually consume for their religion, etc.; and what they also bodily consume."

Legalizing drugs would help the United States, Paul said.

"We think it would reduce the cost of drugs, it would reduce crime in our major cities, and we also think it would lessen the use by children," he said. "You don't see people pushing six-packs of beer on elementary children because there's no money in it. You wouldn't see people pushing drugs on smaller children if there wasn't such a monetary incentive to do it."

An NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll released Tuesday showed Bush leading Dukakis 55 percent to 38 percent. Seven percent were in the other/undecided column.

Despite the poll results, the campus group of 30 Libertarian supporters are optimistic about the popularity of their candidate. Janice Kraft, president of Students for Ron Paul at USC, said she hoped Paul would win 10 to 15 percent of the vote in the general election.

"I think a great victory would be five percent of the vote," Paul said. "I think we're looking closer, unfortunately, to two to three to four percent. Our greatest victory was one percent in 1980, and we would be dissatisfied without at least doubling that."

USC student says ejection political, demands apology

By MARGARET N. O'SHEA
Staff writer

A University of South Carolina student is demanding an apology from campus police for ejecting her from Williams-Brice Stadium Saturday for refusing to relinquish a sign challenging USC investments in companies with commercial ties to the Soviet Union.

Janice Kraft, president of Students for America, said she was "forcibly carried out of the stands" during the USC-Navy game for displaying a sign that said, "USC supports communist slavery — divest from the USSR."

Ms. Kraft said she is willing to negotiate a "satisfactory public apology" — probably including full-page advertisements in all major daily newspapers in South Carolina as well as USC's campus newspaper, *The Gamecock*, admitting police acted wrongly and wouldn't do it again.

Ms. Kraft said it was the second time she was removed from a USC football game for displaying signs with conservative messages. She was ejected from the Florida State game a week ago after holding up a sign promoting the Libertarian Party's presidential candidate.

On both occasions, she said, her freedom of speech was abridged because campus security disagreed with

the conservative views.

USC spokeswoman Debra Allen said Ms. Kraft was escorted out of both games because her conduct was disorderly.

"At the Navy game, she sat down and blocked the aisles and was asked to leave for that reason. We have safety considerations about blocking the aisles," she said.

Carl Stokes, senior vice president for law enforcement and safety, said the content of the signs was not the issue. He said the officers who ejected Ms. Kraft were attempting to enforce a policy that allows no signs and banners that are not sponsored by student groups and that don't pertain to the sports event at hand.

Ms. Kraft disagreed. "If the campus police don't like what conservative students are saying, they repress that speech, just as the KGB does in Moscow, Prague or Warsaw," she said.

Ms. Kraft, a senior from Boca Raton, Fla., said police "didn't bother me" during the first half of the Navy game when she held up a different sign. That one suggested that Congress be indicted and Oliver North pardoned.

"But the minute I began protesting university involvement with companies that do business with communists, they came after me," she said.

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Klan Attacks Unificationists

HEREFORD TOWNSHIP, Pa.—A family which had been using a local farmhouse for retreats and workshops sponsored by the Unification Church has been targeted for abuse by the Ku Klux Klan. On Sunday, July 30 about 20 hooded Klansmen chanting, "let our children go," marched by the farmhouse waving signs and passing out leaflets to motorists. There was no confrontation between the Klansmen and the family inside the house.

THE INCOME TAX MAKES A MOCKERY OF OUR FREEDOMS



Are we ready yet for a serious move to abolish the income tax? Or are Americans simply too exhausted, too cynical, too cowed to consider even the possibility of life without a government agency with a license to snoop through the most intimate details of everybody's lives?

Those who have run the gauntlet this year know that the great Tax Reform of 1986, which was supposed to make taxes simpler, fairer, and maybe even a smidgen lower, did nothing of the sort. The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants estimates that the amount of time a typical American must spend on a return has been increased by 20 to 50 percent. This isn't just because the new laws are new and unfamiliar. For most middle-income Americans they really are more complex; for upper-income Americans they are substantially more complex. Not surprisingly, middle-income Americans are paying about 30 percent more to have their taxes prepared by professionals than they did last year.

Oliver Wendell Holmes once claimed that taxes are the price we pay for civilization. The median family of four, says the Tax Foundation, paid \$4,722 in federal taxes last year. That's enough to pay for a new curtain for the secretary of commerce's office, to bribe a farmer not to plant 38 acres with corn or 48 acres with wheat, seven seeks of salary for a Customs man assigned to save us from the terror of high-quality, low-priced foreign TV sets, or the subsidy on 6,000 bushels of wheat to prop up the Soviet regime. Surely civilization would collapse without such essential services.

A few legislators actually seem serious about a Taxpayer's Bill of Rights that might lead to taxpayers being treated with something close to the respect accorded an accused murderer or rapist. The campaign is fueled by yet another round of horror stories about the IRS. A sign

on the door of an IRS office in Los Angeles is supposed to have read "Seizure Fever - Catch It," and the employee with the week's best seizure rate was rewarded with extra time off. An IRS manager in Las Vegas circulated a memo urging employees to "put as little space between [the taxpayer's] back and the wall as possible."

The simple truth that too few of us want to realize is that such abuses are inevitable - indeed, virtually necessary - so long as government is financed by a tax on income.

When government taxes income, it thereby asserts the right to know everything about your life. Seeking to protect a rudimentary right to privacy that should be fundamental in any civilized society becomes a criminal activity. An income tax encourages personal dishonesty and decisions based on how they will affect one's tax situation rather than whether they will be productive in terms of satisfying consumer desires.

Income taxes require virtually everybody to perform Brobdingnagian feats of record-keeping. It is no slur on a noble profession to note that my mother didn't raise me to be an accountant. Accountants may be necessary for civilized life, but it is not necessary for everybody to be one; indeed, if progress depends to some extent on specialization and division of labor, income taxes retard progress and encourage a regression toward more primitive economic structures.

Income taxes undermine civilization by increasing the amount of uncertainty and trepidation with which people approach life. Because the very concept of income is inherently complex in a reasonably sophisticated economy, a tax system that attempts to capture the government's share of everything that could possibly be classified as income must be so complex as to defy understanding.



When the code is so complex that its keepers give out incorrect information about elementary inquiries a third of the time, but promise they will penalize you heavily if you make mistakes even in good faith, we have a system that leaves every citizen living, at least a little bit, in fear of the unknowable but merciless minions of the state. A culture whose state religion requires throwing virgins into volcanoes at periodic intervals to satisfy the appetites of cruel and unpredictable gods is more civilized. At least those gods can be predictably appeased.

An income tax inevitably works all those terrors on individuals, whether we pass a Taxpayers' Bill of Rights or not. At the societal level, it discourages productivity and ambition, distorts economic choices in the direction of inefficiency, elevates envy to the rank of the most fundamental political motivation, and requires - requires that the state be intrusive to the point of totalitarian control.

Justice Holmes lived when only a tiny percentage of the most wealthy paid any income taxes at all, and people scoffed at alarmists who predicted that income taxes for ordinary blokes might someday rise to an alarmingly confiscatory level like 10 percent. If he surveyed the scene today, he might change his tune. Some taxes of some sort may be the price of civilization, but income taxes almost guarantee a regression to barbarism.

We tolerate income taxes because of inertia and fear; the keepers of the system can and do harass critics, including powerful legislators. If we aspire to a civilized order, however, we should tolerate them no longer.

Alan Bock
Senior Columnist
Orange County Register
4/15/88

COCA-CAINE

Medicinal quality "cocaine hydrochloride" is currently manufactured by the Stepan Company of Maywood, NJ, the nation's only legal importer of coca leaves, and sold to doctors and hospitals for use as a local anesthetic. The Stepan Company also extracts the non-narcotic flavoring agent which it sells to Coca-Cola.

Though not widely publicized, the information was released in business circles this summer, after the Reagan Administration announced plans to use powerful herbicides to destroy South American coca fields.

Seatbelt laws infringe on individual freedoms

I am writing in response to the editorial, "A diluted seatbelt law isn't enough" (Florence Morning News, Nov. 20).

I feel it is an infringement on individual freedoms to dictate mandatory use of seatbelts. If there has to be such a law, why isn't someone concerned about children riding mopeds on the street? Why do we allow motorcyclists to ride around without helmets?

If there has to be a seatbelt law, then let's get the other motor vehicle laws in line also.

Also, I feel another editorial in the same edition, "Local tax options needed," shows no concern for taxation of the public. We individual taxpayers must live within a budget, and so must the municipalities. Federal laws do not allow the use of sales tax as a deduction any more. This effectively increases the federal income tax burden on individuals. The state income tax uses the same rules as the federal tax. This increases the taxes again to the individual.

If the cities, counties and school districts must raise funds, let them do so with property and business taxes. This way at least the taxpayer gets some compensation.

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INFLATION AS ARMED ROBBER

by Robert Brakeman

At least verbally, everyone but everyone is opposed to inflation. Publicly no one will be found who will say a good word about it; no one claims it's a good thing, although some Liberal and Leftist economists claim we have a "live with it" and claim that a lot of other things (unemployment being the main one) are worse. But in the way of actual pro-inflation comments, the searcher of the newspapers and broadcasting output comes up empty every time.

So inflation is correctly seen as an evil, but I'm afraid it's not seen as evil enough. There's a universal acknowledgement that it does terrible things to people, but because Americans are an optimistic people who don't ever want to admit that anything could be terribly wrong with their system, there's no clear vision of just how bad inflation's crimes are. And because Americans are, by and large, a polite people, there exists a disinclination to call things by their proper names, when those names are harsh. What it means in this case is that few people are willing to speak accurately about the nature of inflation - to say without qualification that it's an armed robber which comes and takes from you by force your resources, in the same way that some street-criminal would do it. In the case of the predator on the street, his weapon is a handgun or knife; in the case of inflation the weapon is Government's ability (and eagerness) to print worthless paper money just as fast as the presses will run, with the obvious and inevitable effect of devaluing the value of all the previously-existing dollars in the country. If the citizen is beset by one of the "people" who control our big-city streets after dark, the inevitable result will be that "X" amount of dollars will be transferred from the person who earned them to someone who had no right to them, but who simply had enough raw power to take what he wanted. If the citizen is beset by the governmental charlatans and their printing presses, the result is precisely the same: dollars for which one has worked long and hard are taken away, as the amount that a given amount of dollars will buy (which is all that matters) is diminished. The street criminal steals your resources for the benefit of himself (I should add, not herself, in light of current crime-statistics trends). The Governmental criminals steal your resources for the benefit of themselves (in the form of financing for the Government itself) and the coalition of parasitic special interest groups which controls the state-apparatus at any moment in time.

It may be of minor interest to the victim whether the predator who's stealing his wealth is the Government-criminal or the street-criminal, but the question has no real significance. All that matters is that, in either case, you have been robbed. In both cases, a criminal act of major importance has taken place. It's a point of great sadness that we recognize what's happened as theft in one case, but not in the other. Can a logical or moral distinction be made between, on the one hand, a hoodlum stealing a thousand dollars from you in one way, and the Government stealing the same amount from you in another? Of course not.

Aside from the tendencies of Americans not to believe anything could be wrong with the "system" (which is really several sub-systems, of which the monetary component is a key one), and their unwillingness to call things by their correct names ("robbery" in this case), there are other reasons for the failure to recognize inflation as pure theft.

One is the matter of time-frame. When your friendly local mugger takes one thousand dollars from you, he does it all at once. BANG, you're out a thousand dollars, at one clip. When the Government-Gang inflates irresponsibly the money supply for its political purposes, it's also going to take a thousand dollars in purchasing power from you, but it's going to do it gradually. If you have ten thousand dollars in cash at the beginning of a year, and the Government is creating inflation at the rate of ten percent per annum, it will steal from you one thousand

and dollars in purchasing power just as surely and just as irrevocably as the hoodlum did, and the only reason you won't think of the two events as being identical is that one took place all at once, while the other was a gradual-theft. The Government's gradualism has obscured what we must not allow to be hidden: the fact that theft is theft, irrespective of how quickly accomplished, or how slowly (and of course in recent years most people would agree that the pace of slow theft - inflation - has gotten awfully quick; eventually, as hyper-inflation of the German or Brazilian varieties is reached, inflation-theft matches street-theft in quickness -- at that point, it too can take a major chunk of your resources in a single day).

A related problem which victimizes the public and shields the Government from the wrath which would be directed towards them if the people saw things clearly is that of drama. An isolated act of robbery carried out by a single criminal occurs suddenly and unexpectedly, in a setting of tension and fear, and it's the kind of experience one remembers forever. An armed robbery on the street is so dramatic that one cannot miss the full import of what has happened: someone who had absolutely no right to it has used force against you and has stolen resources which represent your labor of a certain number of days or years. But inflation-robbery has a different personality (although its character is the same). Inflation works away without ostentation, as you work and as you sleep, never confronting you physically, never giving you a dramatic few moments full of fear and tension, never creating a shocking incident which brings home to you the way in which it's victimizing you. If the street-robber is comparable to a rabid wolf who attacks you in the open, the government-inflation-robbers are the kinds of animals who work more quietly but equally destructively - the termites who destroy your home (and much of your life's work and accumulated wealth) or the disease-bearing mosquitos who bring their plagues. In either case you have been victimized, but the drama of one variety of victimization allows you to see it clearly, while the lack of drama in the other blinds you to its evil. (Here again, when inflation reaches a certain point, its character is such that it changes from concealed-crime to an open one; when hyper-inflation comes and your employer has to pay you twice a day so you can go out and spend your money before prices rise any further, that's about as dramatic as any street-robbery).

Another key reason for our failure of vision on the subject of inflation is that people (or at least the steadily-shrinking uninformed portion of the people) tend to think that inflation is something which "just happens", like hurricanes or earthquakes - something we just have to resign ourselves to, because there's nothing we can do about it. No greater joy comes to an Governmental charlatan than when he realizes how widely held this view is, for of course that's exactly what he wants people to think, even though it's quite wrong (and no economist of any persuasion doubts that it is quite wrong). What's right is this: inflation is not something which just happens. It represents a conscious act on the part of Government, an act which consists of increasing the money supply faster than production, which results in a rise (and an ever-increasing rise) in the general price level, which in turn results in ever-increasing amounts of the citizenry's

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The Explanation: FMC has no football team

There is a very simple explanation (to Florence City Councilman Ben Dozier) as to why the state Legislature does things for always go to college just to play football," now that it is not interested in doing for Francis Marion College.

While Francis Marion has many fine athletic facilities and teams, it does not have a football team. Especially at this season of the year, many in state government became addicted to football and the steroids that tend to accompany it. If Francis Marion College had

a football team and a football stadium where they could come and hold tailgate parties and whoop and carry on, they would be concerned by the need for a better waste disposal facility, as they would come full of it.

Just as comedian Fred Allen sang, "When a boy is big and his brain is small, he can always go to college just to play football," now when he is too old to do that he can go the Legislature as one of the Fat & Ugly Club, or get a different kind of job in the state government.

Why should the city government have to take care of the state government?

John T. Harlee, Florence

INFLATION AS ARMED ROBBERY, continued

assets being seized, as they lose their purchasing power. If one could learn only one fact of economic life, it should be that it is in the interests of Governments everywhere to inflate, because they want to spend a lot and tax as little as possible, and inflation gives them the key way to make up the difference - taxes can only be pushed to a certain point before rebellion results, and even the most obtuse hack in Washington understands that fact of life; when that point is reached (as it long since has been in the U. S.), inflation is resorted to, in order to get more private resources for the Government. Chance occurrences can't really constitute robbery, so it's essential to see inflation as a conscious act of Government, in order to see it as a crime, as robbery. If we do that, and if we also bear in mind the drama-problem and the time-problem, we'll be more likely to label inflation as the criminal act which it is, and react to it accordingly.

AND A LITTLE MESSAGE TO YOUR CONGRESSPERSON

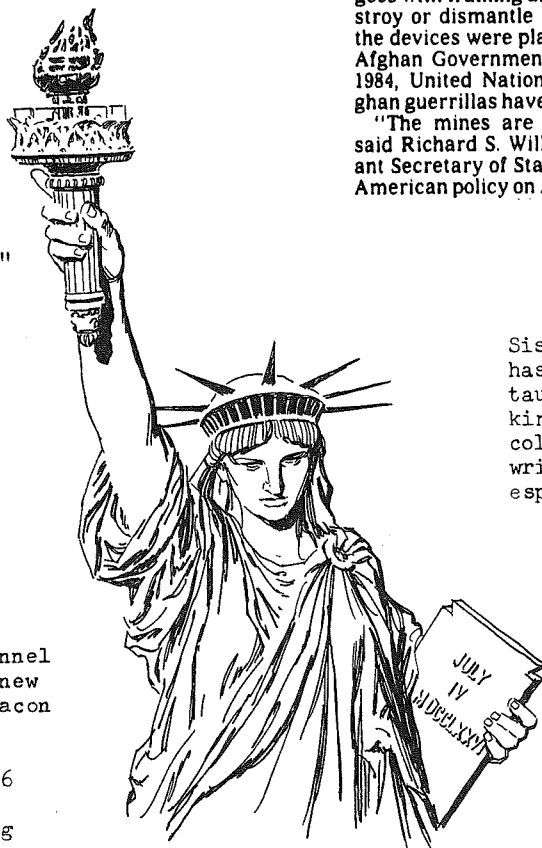
About 10 years ago some advocate tried to tell me how we needed to keep writing monthly letters to our Congressman (which he did not read, or answer) to try to influence his vote in Congress. I explained, "He spends money to buy votes in this district in the primary and general election. Then he sells his vote in Washington for a lot of money, some of which goes to his re-election fund. He does not care about, or listen to, his constituents as long as he can bribe enough votes to be sent back to Washington." The Bircher hung up on me at this point. Fortunately, that one got into such scandalous exposure that he, and one county election commission, were sent to federal prison for various crimes.

What he cares about is not your opinion; it is the offer of a bribe to him, or his opponent.

But the Congressman had to spend a huge amount on bribes 12½ years ago when one of his primary opponents started reading his voting record, with comparison to commie Bella Abzul, so that he would not even appear at speakings. So you might tell your local mass media this: if you do not reveal the Congressman's voting record, we will consider an advertisers boycott of you. That is the one thing the massive media listens to.

We Didn't Love Her Then

Why should we want
another immigrant
especially if we had
to pay for her base
but hearts were turned
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so the day of her unveiling
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Men's cheers, of course
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She's the only one left
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MINES PUT AFGHANS
IN PERIL ON RETURN

Millions of the Devices Have
Been Scattered Across the
Country, the U.S. Says

By ROBERT PEAR

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 — A new United States study says 10 million to 16 million land mines are hidden in Afghanistan, posing dangers that could delay the return of Afghan refugees.

The United States is calling for an international effort to provide the refugees with training and equipment to destroy or dismantle the mines. Most of the devices were planted by Soviet and Afghan Government forces. But since 1984, United Nations experts say, Afghan guerrillas have planted mines.

"The mines are a huge problem," said Richard S. Williamson, an Assistant Secretary of State who coordinates American policy on Afghanistan.



A Defense Department team recently visited Pakistan, at the request of the State Department, to assess the problems posed by mines in Afghanistan. Its estimate of 10 million to 16 million mines is about double previous estimates by the Central Intelligence Agency and by Afghan guerrilla leaders like Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

Mr. Kohlschutter said that about 25,000 people have been killed or maimed by mines in Afghanistan. Thirty to 50 people are killed or wounded each week, he said. In July, a Norwegian relief worker and several Afghans were killed when the vehicle they were riding in hit a land mine in Afghanistan near the border with Pakistan.

J. Eric McGrath, an expert on mines at the United States Army Engineer School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., said, "To our knowledge, there is no device in general use by any army in the world that reliably detects nonmetallic mines." The Army has received reports of Soviet soldiers dying in their own mine fields in Afghanistan, suggesting that they did not have accurate information on the placement of mines.

Mary Ann Henn
St Benedict Convent
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Sister Mary Ann has been a nurse, taught kids from kindergarten to college, and writes a lot, especially poems.

By privatizing the collections, the FDIC was able to close several Midwest offices, cut other overhead costs and remove itself from the nasty business of badgering farmers to pay up. But as Tribune reporters Christopher Drew and Christine Winter have documented, when the FDIC washed its hands of the process, it turned it over to a bunch of secretive collection companies that appear to be accountable to no one and interested only in making a buck as fast as possible.

As a result, some farmers have felt intimidated by collection agents, some of them former FDIC employees. In some instances, these agents threatened to seize livestock and other assets if borrowers didn't commit to repay loans quickly.

January, 1989

WE HAVE LEFTOVERS FROM 1988

- jh

This is not in any order; I am just getting ready to file away the PRs and such.

From 1987, the Dem. came out for a 5¢ state gas tax, the the Rep. Gov. got it cut to 3¢; big deal. This is why we need more LP candidates for office, ASAP.

US Supreme did one thing good, as rarely, making it theoretically possible to chase down fathers & forcing them to support their offspring. It's better than having the burden put on the taxpayer, as in massive welfare.

Flo. Co. LP suggested that not only should state lottery be put in, but that the state should offer prizes other than cash, like life-exemption from state income tax to a grand winner, & the right to send a child to college on a state scholarship regardless, or exemption from jury duty, exemption from county property tax, or even a best grand prize of all: to introduce a referendum or to throw out the worst public official in the state.

This county is observing its 100th anniversary, with the suggestion that out of regard for cousin Florence, who refused to recognize the city & county named for her, the name be changed. In respect for the 1st state senator, Bigham, of a family of murderers, the murder rate is most disgraceful, with unsolved, and even undetected murders far too often.

USA Today named Flo, SC as one of the 10 worst metros in the US, not for the miserable city & county gov. but for stats on unemployment, poverty in agric., etc. . . .

General election was zero in many govt. offices, as there was no Rep. running against a Dem., & in most no primary opponent. LP managed to contest a few at last. But some Rep. were re-elected with no Dem. opponent, even.

Prejudiced coverage of the general election with all the trouble finding out how many votes Ron Paul et al. got, after a media shutout lead to complaints that they were also neglecting Lorena Fulani in all 50 states as she was black, & they discriminate against both. One LP candidate for state sen. was black against 2 whites, & this was used to claim racist discrim. by the Statists.

"If Ron Paul visits the S C State Fair, will he get fair state S C news coverage"? Randy Paul came.

Merit Scholarship Corp. discriminates against a student who goes to private, home or parochial schools in awarding college scholarships on PSAT scores. Pee Dee is about equivalent to a Cong Dist in population, so should have received 34 scholarship semifinalists of 14,000 in US; it got 4. This describes local public schools.

One of the worst things in public schools is the classroom lights of cheap fluoro. I've been told that the Vita Lite that Ivy League uses is the best, but who cares.

We're running the 4th annual school essay contest. This year: why kids hate to write essays?

Many counties have a system where voters who voted for a straight party ticket, Dem or Rep mostly with no LP local candidate, cast no vote for Pres. In some precincts NO ONE came in 2nd in the vote.

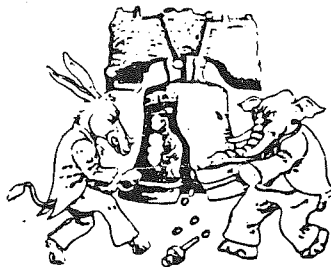
Likewise SC voting history has been cast at the media, like the 2 major candidates did not carry SC in 1832, 1836, & 1948, while in 1860 the carrier came out 2nd in the electoral college, but 3rd in natl. votes. Rep. came in 3rd in 1952 & 1956 in SC, & Dem. 3rd here in 1968.

One kid tried the 10 question political quiz in English class where he had to make a talk, & found that as other college kids spread all over the chart, the blacks all came out in the libertarian quadrant, being against govt. controls of personal & economic rights. Please try this poll elsewhere! It surprised him.

One other state party told me that none of its LP members had a couch where I could send an out-of-work kid to collect signatures to get them on the ballot. Really?

Flo. Family Fling was flung on July 4 where we had a table & gave out LP flyers, etc. in great difficulty. No bagpipes. No Highland Fling dances. Flo. is known as Sin City before Prohibition from the local red light dist.

Getting tired of the use of the terms leftwing & rightwing by media, I pointed out that the American eagle had a head, as well as 2 wings, & they should disclose candidates who were neither leftist Dem or right Rep.



Now, make a wish on what you want, and you'll get it if you get the bigger bone on election day!

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Juan Valdez's Government owes \$20 Billion. The IMF has imposed austerity, forcing cheap exports, high taxes and tight credit.



John William's Government owes \$300 Billion. John thinks the IMF is a new English rock band.



HOW SERIOUS IS NATIONAL DEBT? JUST ASK JUAN AND JOHN

The Guardian

Teacher-training has gone to a new low in SC, as in a bureau mess. 30 yr. ago Pa ridiculed their rejection of a Spanish teacher, because she was a grad of U. of Costa Rica. These days....

Ron Paul almost set a tying record in journalism when he spoke at USC in Cola, SC last Feb. with 3 lines in the local Statist paper. The world record is 2 lines for the 19th cent. obit. of editor C. Dana of the N Y Sun.

MAGICAL MIKE comic book is 3 for \$5. from AKA, Inc., PO Box 1988, Garrisonville, VA 22463. Dukakis is ridiculed in detail.

Sept. 25 Bush/Duke debate may have been at Wake Forest in NC as NC has worst voting laws. NCLP leafletted.

Larry was given steroids when he got poison ivy planting a few daffodils for me in 1987, & began doing the Tarzan act, even though he gave up football in hi school. His dermatologist has strange items. Should politicians be tested for steroids like Olympic athletes? Other drugs?

Broadway musical, Annie Oakley, declared, "You can't shoot a male in the tail like a quail", but Bush found a way to beat it by picking a V-P.

Elsewhere, in Ohio a Halloween 1988 postcard said "Vote for the Pumpkin of your choice" with photos of Bush & Duke. Pumpkin of the Year, indeed!

Ron Paul is the shortest name of a Pres. candidate to make the ballot. Several had only 8 letters, as Tom Dewey (1944-48), John Bell (1860), James Cox (1920).

Flo. Co. treasurer, unfortunately re-elected on a close vote had billboards put up by his "Committee" unable to spell its own name: not to be confused with the guardian for an asylum patient.

H Harwell ran for a house seat with a slogan in Dem primary, "Nobody Is Better"; & some voted for nobody for that house seat in the general election....

FINALLY, we'd like someone in SC (& elsewhere) to revive the Liberty Speakers Bureau, to get Libertarians out speaking to meetings and drive some facts into the heads of the public who may be willing to listen in the economic disasters coming up.

AT LAST ! THE ELECTION VOTES !

WE HAVE A REPORT!

Without a printout of the South Carolina votes on November 8, we can at last tell you that Ron Paul got .5% (half of a per cent) in South Carolina.

Here are some totals:

	Ron Paul	SCLP Congress
Abbeville	19	31
Aiken	142	435
Allendale	9	10
Anderson	88	239
Bamberg	5	
Barnwell	16	
Beaufort	86	
Berkeley	66	
Calhoun	16	
Charleston	373	
Cherokee	34	
Chester	25	
Chesterfield	21	
Clarendon	12	
Colleton	26	
Darlington	202	
Dillon	11	
Dorchester	51	
Edgefield	14	38
Fairfield	15	
Florence	106	
Georgetown	46	
Greenville	404	
Greenwood	44	53
Hampton	14	
Horry	148	
Jasper	10	
Kershaw	61	
Lancaster	34	
Laurens	28	
Lee	-	
Lexington	286	
McCormick	3	32
Marion	16	
Marlboro	5	
Newberry	23	
Oconee	75	117
Orangeburg	64	
Pickens	110	175
Richland	1,617	
Saluda	15	31
Spartanburg	397	
Sumter	53	
Union	20	
Williamsburg	22	
York	123	

TOTAL	4, 936	1,183	1,061
	Paul/Marrou	Heaton	Sommer

Now, let us do a little analysis. First, the zero votes in Lee County for Paul and also for Lenora Fulani is probably an omission; like the nationalist socialist (nazi) mass media they probably only reported the DemoPublicans. Lenora Fulani got 4,077 votes statewide, or about 0.4%, with more than Paul in counties with a big black muslim vote. Obviously, likewise, some counties are larger, McCormick being the smallest.

The worst part of the Ron Paul campaign was the lack of publicity, partly from the media discrimination, and also lack of money for ads.

Now Geb Sommer in Dist. 2 had the disadvantage of a close race with a try to remove the physically handicapped incumbent. He got about 0.6%, a disappointment as the mass media tried to devote his supporters to the incumbent Repub with fear of a much closer race, as it was until later returns came in; the incumbent came out with 52.7%, less than usual, but better than expected.

What's Ahead For Ron Paul?

The election is over, but Ron Paul plans to "keep the momentum going," according to Southwick. Paul's future plans include:

- Setting up a political action committee, to be called Liberty PAC, that might fund Libertarian candidates, target Libertarian issues, and try to change ballot access laws.
- Writing a book for Random House. The publishing company called Paul right after

the election—a sign, said Southwick, that they "thought that the Libertarian message would be more popular in the future."

• Trying to launch a weekly television series that would be "a weekly discussion of politics from a Libertarian perspective."

• Staying active in the LP. "If there is any way he can help the Libertarian Party, I'm sure that he stands ready," said Southwick.

SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTION RESULTS

Here are some tables, statewide, for 3 major

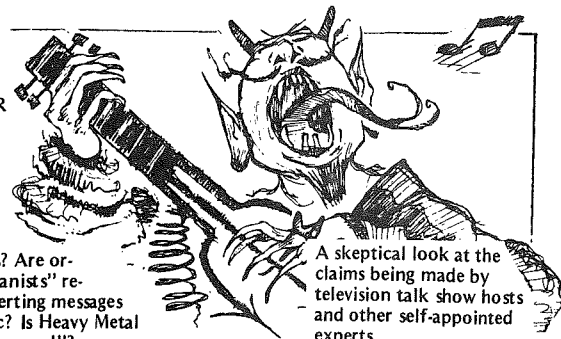
Clark '80	Berrland '84	Davis '84	
Abbeville	96	18	42
Aiken	151	320	473
Allendale	12	20	36
Anderson	210	139	439
Bamberg	5	17	42
Barnwell	11	21	40
Beaufort	87	71	246
Berkeley	75	76	178
Calhoun	6	17	39
Charleston	636	323	1,962
Cherokee	54	36	110
Chester	20	27	100
Chesterfield	24	18	73
Clarendon	10	31	104
Colleton	21	21	57
Darlington	85	194	364
Dillon	23	24	80
Dorchester	20	55	148
Edgefield	16	13	49
Fairfield	24	14	64
Florence	134	124	355
Georgetown	37	40	218
Greenville	445	337	1,250
Greenwood	64	63	227
Hampton	6	16	45
Horry	84	95	326
Jasper	5	11	66
Kershaw	56	60	203
Lancaster	99	37	132
Laurens	49	25	106
Lee	7	23	79
Lexington	262	225	741
McCormick	9	6	19
Marion	22	19	41
Marlboro	21	19	60
Newberry	29	29	73
Oconee	59	70	233
Orangeburg	72	55	131
Pickens	118	100	301
Richland	1,083	766	1,679
Saluda	23	18	52
Spartanburg	425	555	1,632
Sumter	73	61	172
Union	44	34	86
Williamsburg	18	29	59
York	144	98	371
	4,975	4,360	13,323

Heaton got 0.7% in District 3, which was not expected to be very close. The Dem. incumbent received 53.6%, but many voters are perpetually disgusted with him.

Curiously, Ron Paul's vote is incredibly close to Ed Clark's in 1980, with an increase in the total number of voters. Likewise, the fear of Dukakis took votes away from him, even though it was obvious that he could not carry South Carolina, even though he did carry some of the rural counties with a high black population, such as Clarendon, Fairfield, Hampton, Jasper, Lee, Marion, Orangeburg, & Williamsburg.

ARE "SATANISTS" REALLY AFTER OUR CHILDREN?

Are Satanic cults conducting ritual murders, kidnappings and cattle mutilations? Are organized bands of "Satanists" recruiting teenagers, inserting messages in Rock 'n' Roll music? Is Heavy Metal music "Satan's Underground"?



A skeptical look at the claims being made by television talk show hosts and other self-appointed experts.

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SCPC RELEASES TAX RESEARCH STUDY PAPER

South Carolina is the highest taxer of six southeastern states, according to a S. C. Policy Council Issue Paper released earlier this month, and that is dampening our economic growth.

The report shows we are lagging our neighbors in capital formation and new jobs created over the past four years. South Carolina's former low cost labor advantage is being displaced by its high taxes as a consideration in locating industry here.

To fuel above average growth in today's highly competitive world markets, South Carolina must cut government spending and taxes, but we are heading down the wrong path, according to the study.

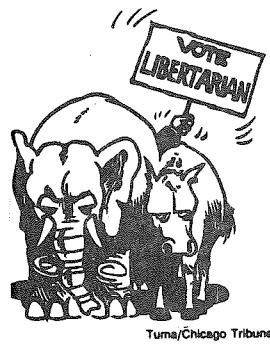
HARTNETT: Put Congress on Short Leash

In a September 12 Wall Street Journal op-ed piece former Charleston Congressman and SCPC member Tommy Hartnett claimed only one thing might help bring about a balanced budget: limit the number of terms for a House or Senate member.

His observations over six years in the House showed him nobody under the pressures of re-election every two years (or as little as 12 months, counting primaries) could vote cuts in any popular entitlement, benefit, or subsidy programs.



"Tonto, have you seen my silver bullets?"



Tuma/Chicago Tribune

Libertarians

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C.—The United States has only one more established political party than the Soviet Union. As in the Soviet Union, only the established parties get any press coverage. Are our entire media owned by Democrats and Republicans who wish to dominate the minds and votes of the people, as the Communists do in the Soviet Union?

Diversity is America's strength. A diversity of ideas leads to better and more creative solutions. Yet the Libertarian Party, which has many novel ideas and solutions to our country's problems, receives no press coverage. Is not this domination a disservice to the entire country?

Ron Paul, the Libertarian candidate for president, expects to be on the ballot in all 50 states this November. Yet his ideas and solutions which could help the country may never be heard by the American people.

Gorbachev is trying to increase diversity and openness to help his country. Please help ours.

John N. Maguire III



Well, we finally have the proof of what we've long suspected: The inmates really are running the asylum.

And I don't mean the tens of thousands of patients in Canadian mental institutions who have now been given the right to vote in the upcoming federal election.

No, I mean the MPs of all three federal parties who worked together prior to the election call to pass legislation allowing mental patients the vote. The bill automatically died since it had not been passed by the time Parliament was dissolved.

So, the government — backed by all three parties — stood idly by and didn't even contest an application to the Federal Court to strike down a clause in the Elections Act. That clause long prohibited the vote to anyone "who is restrained of his liberty of movement...by reason of mental disease."

After the court decision, Chief Electoral Officer Jean-Marc Hamel promptly announced that any inmate of a mental institution prior to Oct. 4 would be considered a resident of the riding and entitled to vote Nov. 21. Polling stations will be set up in the institutions. Voting by proxy will also be permitted.

To me, this has to be the sick joke of our time — a warped, outrageous extension of our democratic freedoms. It's bad enough that completely senile people in senior citizens' institutions have the vote — often voting by proxy with the "help" of "friendly" political party helpers.

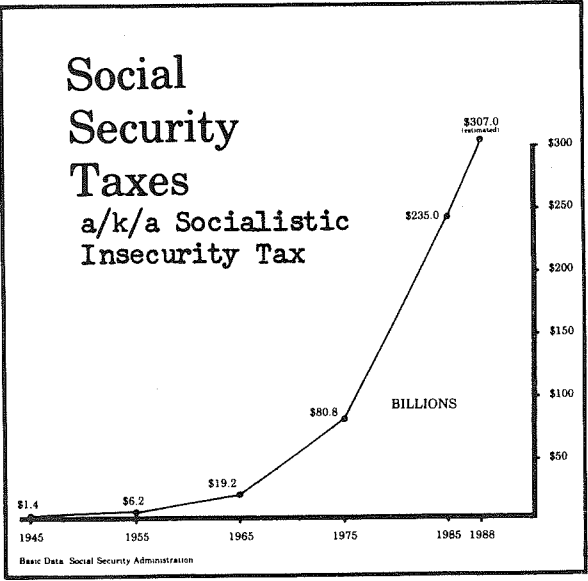
Questions: If reporters are as objective and impartial as they so incessantly strain to proclaim, why do they continue paying dues to such a politically active union? Why do they permit their union to endorse any candidate? Are they really that "objective" and "impartial" after all?

And does this perhaps explain why Jesse Helms is always tagged as an "ultra-conservative" or "extreme right-winger," and Jesse Jackson is a "moderate" or "progressive?" When was the last time anybody in American politics was dubbed an "ultra liberal" or "extreme left-winger" in the mainline media?

Nye County District Attorney Philip Dunleavy, explaining why he dropped conspiracy charges against two peace activists who organized a protest at a Nevada nuclear test site: "All they're doing is having an adult temper tantrum. Maybe one of these days they'll learn what citizenship is all about."

Social Security Taxes

a/k/a Socialistic Insecurity Tax



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Promoting Fiscal Responsibility

California. An appellate court in Santa Ana has overturned a 1986 voter-initiated referendum that would have required voter approval for all taxes imposed by local governments.

In declaring the referendum unconstitutional, the District Court of Appeals stated in its ruling that requiring voters to approve taxes would constitute a "gross interference with the fiscal responsibility of local governments."

Government Happens

Florida. Those ever vigilant politicians here recently passed a new law which took effect on October 1st of this year banning obscene bumper stickers.

Student Uses Class to Make Folks Think

College student Jerry Clifton gave a talk to his English class. Subject: The World's Smallest Political Quiz. He also conducted a poll of his classmates at Florence-Darlington Technical College in South Carolina.

Jerry asked fellow students to score themselves using the 10-question quiz. "They spread all over the chart," he reports. One interesting result, though: all of the black students ended up in the libertarian quadrant.

Jerry had picked up a copy of the Quiz when he was in Atlanta the weekend prior to the Democratic convention. It impressed him enough that he decided to base a speech assignment on it.

Libertarian John Harlee issued a news release about the Quiz and about Jerry's findings at the college. He is also urging newspapers to poll their staffs and readers with the Quiz.

BURGLARS WITH PERMANENT MASKS

SIX VERY weird raccoons burglarized a home in Corona del Mar, Calif., startling a house-sitter and intimidating a policeman.

The coons entered through a doggie door at 4:00 A.M., trooped through the house and surrounded the house-sitter's bed. She called police.

Officer Art Butler responded and promptly whacked one of the beasts on the snout with his nightstick. The raccoons went into a rage and Butler and the young woman retreated to the front yard.

The raccoons left in their own good time, taking with them — a brassiere.

If you want your mother to take care of you **THAT MATERNALISM.**

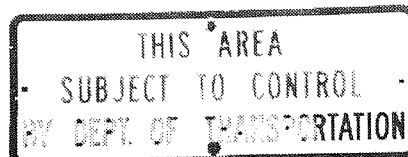
If you want Uncle Sam to take care of you, **THAT'S SOCIALISM.**

If you want your comrades to take care of you **THAT'S COMMUNISM.**

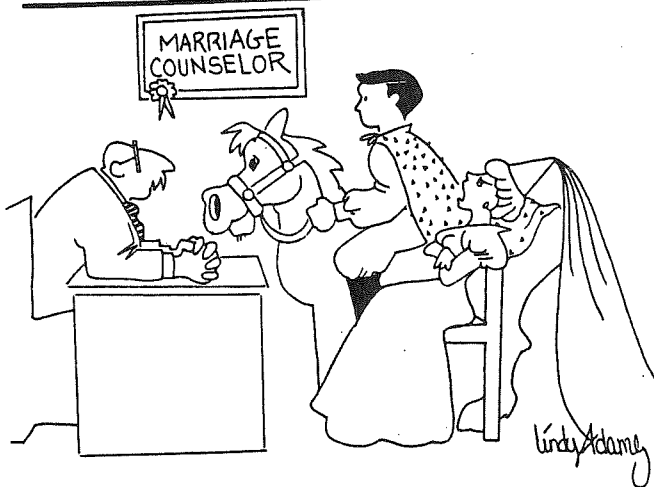
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Merritt Jones of Raleigh, N.C., sent this one. He says the "AREA" designated by the sign isn't clearly defined, but is rumored to include all of North Carolina.



"He won't come down off his high horse."

Philip Fry, author of the book *Pay No Income Taxes Without Going to Jail*, was sentenced in mid-August 1986 to five years in prison for helping clients cheat on their income taxes. He was tried in a federal court in Columbus, Ohio.

DWI LAW APPLIES

VIDALIA, La., man was arrested for driving while intoxicated after the horse he was riding was hit by a car. The accident occurred on March 24, 1983, inside the Vidalia city limits. The police report noted that "Vehicle No. 2," which had been walking in the road without any kind of lighting, was killed in the collision. The horseman was treated at the hospital for minor injuries.

Under Louisiana law it is illegal to operate any movable vehicle, motorized or not, while under the influence of alcohol.

TOBACCO: A DEVILISH ADDICTION

ONE OF Christopher Columbus' lieutenants, Rodrigo de Jerez, is generally credited as the first European to smoke a cigar—and he was also the first to be persecuted for the habit. Shortly after his return to Madrid the luckless Rodrigo was strolling down the promenade smoking and exhaling the smoke through his nose. He was arrested and the Spanish Inquisition reasoned that any man who could blow smoke through his nose must be in league with the devil. He was sentenced to seven years in prison.—Paul Steiner.

CALLED FOR JURY DUTY

IN HOUSTON, Tex., State District Judge Ted Poe ran out of potential jurors for an assault trial and sent sheriff's deputies to round up noontime shoppers in a downtown mall for jury duty. In January 1987 the judge told Associated Press he used a "round-up law" which dates from the 1880's when circuit-riding judges had to round up citizens in order to hold court.

without red fleur-de-lis

A CAT BURGLAR with shifty yellow eyes prowled a suburb of Nashville, Tenn., last fall, hitting mostly clotheslines, not jewelry boxes. The victims are amused by the cat burglar; he is a cat — four-year-old Stymie.

"About a year ago, he started bringing in items much like cats bring in rodents, but he brought in dish towels, potholders and stuff like that. Then he started moving up to dresses, shirts, underwear and pants," his owner Ernie Couch told Associated Press.

Besides clotheslines, the jet-black Manx stalks garages and almost every day sneaks off with four or five garments. His record is 10 in one day.

"It's interesting," said Couch's 12-year-old son Jason. "If you're gonna have a cat, you might as well have one that does something interesting. His main cycle is eat, sleep, steal."

THE UBIQUITOUS GOBBLER

POSTAL SERVICE officials in Corpus Christi, Tex., were a little sorry about the whole affair afterward but not as sorry as they would have been if they had ignored the package that looked, felt and sounded like a bomb and it turned out to be a real one.

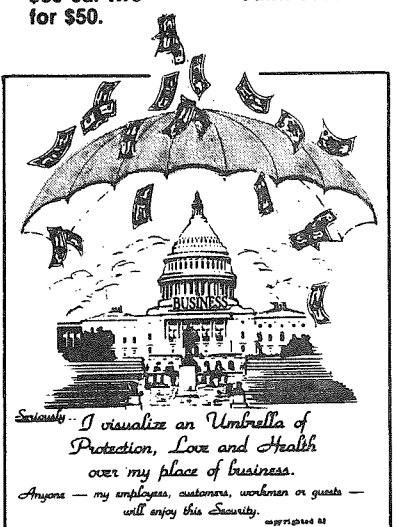
Postal employees' suspicions were aroused when they heard noises coming from a small parcel. After they X-rayed it they were even more alarmed. The parcel contained a mass of wires and electronic doodads.

An army bomb squad was called who decided that the postal employees had indeed detected a bomb. Taking no chances, the bomb squad added more explosives and at the press of a remote control device blew the parcel halfway to the next county.

A careful study of the remains revealed that the combined forces of the United States Army and the Postal Service had destroyed a tabletop Pac-Man game.

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Did the CIA blast flight 007 out of the sky?



DEVEREUX: Evidence



CAPT CHUN: Shot down

STARTLING new evidence has been discovered in Britain about the terrifying last 12 minutes of the Korean airliner which crashed after being hit by a Russian missile.

The evidence suggests that the plane, lost in 1983 with all 269 passengers and crew, was blown up in a separate explosion some time after it had been hit by the missile, as it limped towards land.

The evidence comes from defence and electronics journalist Tony Devereux.

Mr Devereux was the first Western writer to link the last flight of KAL 007 to American satellites overhead.

Mysterious

The satellites, he suggested, could have monitored the vast array of Russian radar systems as they were switched on to track the mysterious airliner, 350 miles off its proper course.

The theory that KAL 007 was on a spy mission to "light up" unknown Russian radar has since been backed by two powerful books: *Shootdown* by Oxford don R.W. Johnson, and *KAL 007 - Cover Up* by American war veteran David Pearson.

Korean Airlines have always strongly denied any involvement in or knowledge of any such mission.

Until now, everyone has assumed the plane crashed into the sea near

Moneron Island (see map). But only fragments of wreckage were ever recovered from the sea.

Using tapes of the pilot's own words, Tony Devereux has plotted an accurate course for the lead Russian fighter, No 163, which pursued the airliner after it was hit.

His maps show the fighter zig-zagging out to sea immediately after the strike.

Then, guided by his ground control, the pilot headed towards land, found the crippled airliner, and tracked it over the coastline of Sakhalin Island, which is part of Russia.

It looked as though the highly experienced Capt Chun was trying to bring his airliner in to land.

A few minutes later, still over land something terrible happened to KAL 007.

It vanished from radar screens. Pilot 163 asked for permission to dive from 7,500 metres to 2000 metres.

Pilot No 731, in another fighter tracking the airline, soared from 7000 metres to 9000. The two planes searched high and low, but they never saw the airliner again.

At exactly the same time, KAL 007 disappeared from the screen at Wakkanai radar station, Japan. A Japanese aviation expert Kunio Yanagida commented:

"The only explanation would seem to be an explosion." If there was an explosion, what caused it?

1). Could the Russians have fired at the airliner again?

There is no record on the tapes of any such attack, from ground or air.

Moreover, the Russians had no need to attack again. A forced landing of a crippled aircraft would have suited them perfectly.

In 1978 another Korean airliner went miles off course into Russia.

A Russian fighter hit it with a missile. For an hour and a half the wounded airliner stayed in the air and then landed on a frozen lake. Only two of the 98 passengers were killed.

2). Could the original missile have set fire to the fuselage and led to a delayed explosion?

Fire

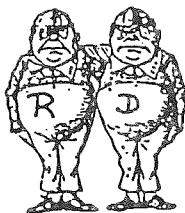
Tony Devereux says: "I hope this is the explanation but there should be nothing to explode on a civilian airliner. The fuel might catch fire but that is not the same thing."

3). Could the plane have been blown up on the orders of American intelligence agents? Says Tony Devereux:

"We are forced to consider this alternative. My researches show that the airliner was coming down on land where the Russians would recover it."

"If it was on a spy mission, and if it had landed safely, it would have delivered a lot of embarrassing evidence to the Russians on a plate."

"I can't say for sure what happened. But the mere fact that such a question can be asked calls for a proper inquiry by the American Congress."



FED UP WITH THE REPUBLICANS?
HAD IT WITH THE DEMOCRATS?

DAILY MIRROR



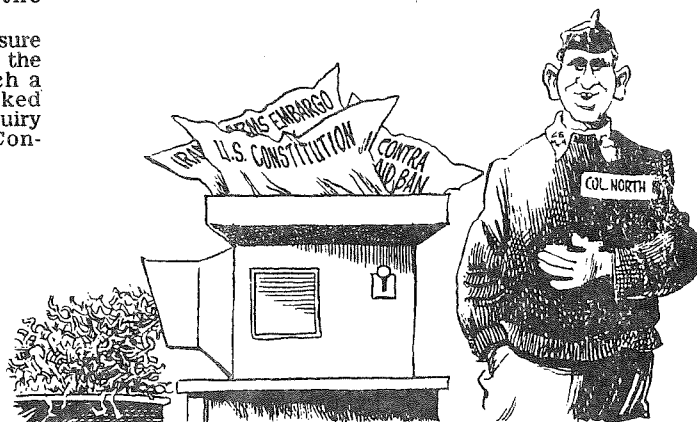
Reporter: Paul Foot



California

A recent event involving a California Highway Patrol Officer and a University student reinforces the standard advice to motorists in general and women specifically. It is better to risk being accused of resisting arrest or eluding an officer than to stop in a remote, poorly lighted, or unpopulated area just because someone has a red light and a wide brimmed hat.

Cara Knott, a 20 year old San Diego State University student was stopped and ordered down an isolated ramp where a 13 year veteran of the California Highway Patrol strangled her. Any subsequent legal difficulty would have been far less onerous than the result of her compliance with the officer's unorthodox demands.



'It was just a routine shredding'

Graphic: DAVID NATHANSON

Experimental

"LOG HOMES ARE beautiful, but they are difficult to properly insulate without spoiling the appearance." Such was the response of one state building code official in a recent survey conducted by the *Log Home Guide Information Center (LHGIC)* in Cosby, TN. Sadly, his opinion is shared by many others in that field.

The truth is, however, that a well-built log home with the same roof and floor insulation as a comparable stick-built house will result in a homeowner receiving lower heating and cooling bills at the end of each month. The reason for this is thermal mass, or thermal inertia as it is sometimes called. This is the ability of a solid "mass" of material, such as a log wall, to absorb, retain and then re-radiate heat or cold into the home environment over a long period of time.

Here is a practical example. If you were to heat up the masonry of a fireplace, it would continue to radiate heat into the room long after the fire had burned out due to its *thermal mass*.

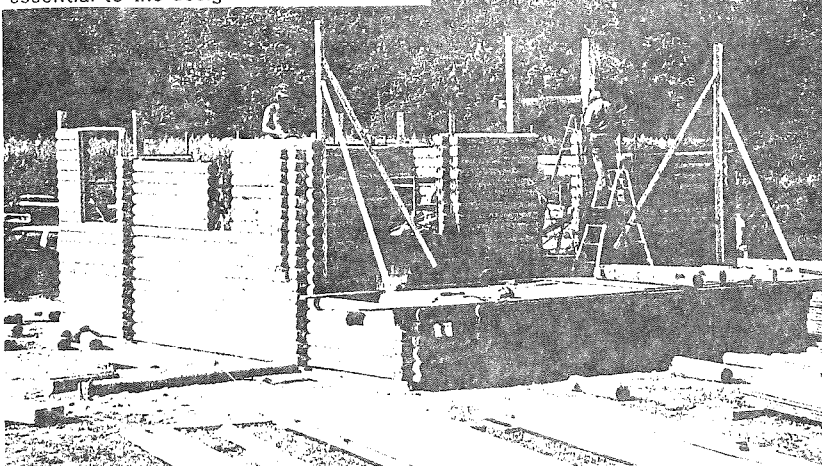
Yet the main concern of most state planning or energy commissions across the United States has been to build homes to the "correct" R-value.* Because of this, they have ignored vast amounts of research data which prove that thermal mass in a building is as relevant to actual heating or cooling performance as calculated R-value. The result has been statements, such as the one listed above, which are based upon theory, on incomplete data and not on practical results.

"Point these facts out to the fiberglass industry, and they will simply look the consumer in the eye, shrug their shoulders and say, 'So what?'" Makres explains. "You see, for the consumer, it's a Catch-22 situation. Building codes are based upon R-value. That is a laboratory test which tells you how long it takes heat to pass through a given material, not how well that material actually performs in the field. The laboratory assigns fiberglass a certain R-value. Since it is cheap and easy to install, the builder relies on it to meet the state energy regulations. The fact that it doesn't work anywhere near as well as the laboratory says it should is irrelevant. It makes the building meet the code.

The vast majority of log home owners pay significantly lower heating and cooling bills.

*R-value is a number meant to represent a material's resistance to heat flow. Under laboratory conditions, it is an accurate measurement. However, in the real world, where temperatures are constantly changing, it seriously undervalues the performance of massive building materials, such as logs.

A view of the north-facing side of the home shows the unique double wall construction essential to the design.



"... log home buyers are often forced to add enormous amounts of useless insulation ..."

"The house will heat itself," says inventor Michael Sykes of BRC Timberhomes in North Carolina. "I have no question about that in my mind."

The Solar Envelope log house system was invented in 1981. On November 11, 1986, Sykes received a patent on the invention.

He said that each area of the country is different but solar envelope log houses are quickly and easily engineered for different climate zones.

"The house will heat itself ... I have no question about that ..."

"On the opposite end of the scale, you have the log wall which performs very well in the field. In 1977, the National Bureau of Standards tested log homes and found them to outperform stick-built houses, in some cases quite significantly. But wood has a low R-value, and that is the basis of the energy codes, not performance. So log home buyers are often forced by building code officials to add enormous amounts of useless insulation to other areas of their homes, such as attics and floors, in order to compensate for the low R-value of the exterior walls."

Poll finds lottery favored

CLEMSON (AP) — A poll by a Clemson professor shows some South Carolina residents would favor a state lottery over an increase in income or property taxes to help fund public education.

They found that 55 percent of those surveyed would vote for a state-run lottery if more money were needed for public schools.

"That knocked me off my stool when I saw it," Marion said this week.

Was he on toilet stool at the time?

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The Los Angeles Basin was supposed to meet certain pollution standards this year. Things like reducing ozone levels and carbon monoxide. Obviously we did not even come close. So what does the U.S. Environmental PROTECTION Agency propose? Give us another 20-25 years to get the job done. The bigger the crime, the greater the reward. If the dollar was still worth anything I'd plan a really BIG robbery.

And now down to the sewers. You folks are just going to have to stop going to the toilet so much. You're making the sewers overflow and polluting the beaches and the bay. And what's being done? Various other levels of government levy fines against L.A.-- taking money from one pocket and putting it in another. In the meantime, the sewers don't get built and the health hazards abound.

If the City Council would declare a moratorium on new hookups to its sewer system you'd be amazed at how fast additional sewers and storm drains would be built, and waste treatment facilities would appear overnight.

It worked when the Federal government told cities on the Mississippi that, unless the cities built adequate sewage treatment facilities, they could not drain into the river and that no more sewer hookups would be permitted. IT WORKED!

Question: Do you truly believe the "State" should be allowed to license you to hold secure employment, that is; to license you to "make a living?"

Yes No

Other citizens, would you license them? Yes No

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The Great Naysayer

Owing to his unwillingness to sacrifice principle for apparent expediency, Representative Philip M. Crane (R-Ill.) is known as the most frequent naysayer in the House of Representatives. During the House vote on S. 825, the Housing and Community Development Conference Report that authorized the expenditure of some \$30 billion in an area not authorized by the Constitution, the Congressman from Illinois cast the sole dissenting vote.

"After the housing vote, I was kidding some guys, 'Is housing a function of government? Is education? Of course not,'" Crane said. Many of his colleagues privately agree with him, he added, but "you've just got too many questions to answer to the public if you vote against these things."

The Great Naysayer pointed out, however, that the public needs to understand why it is necessary to oppose such seemingly benevolent government programs. He noted that for every \$2.00 Americans pay in federal taxes, they get only \$1.00 back in federal services. "If it is not absolutely a function of government," he concluded, "we ought to leave the money back home in the states."

Words of Wisdom

"A politician thinks of the next election; a statesman of the next generation. A politician looks for the success of his party; a statesman for that of his country. The statesman wishes to steer, while the politician is satisfied to drift."

— James F. Clarke
19th Century clergyman

"The great difference between the real statesman and the pretender is, that the one sees into the future, while the other regards only the present; the one lives by the day, and acts on expediency; the other acts on enduring principles and for immortality."

— Edmund Burke
18th Century historian

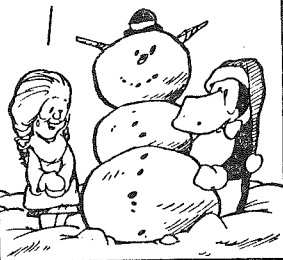
COMPUTER KILLS TEST MICE

By IAN BRODIE
in Los Angeles

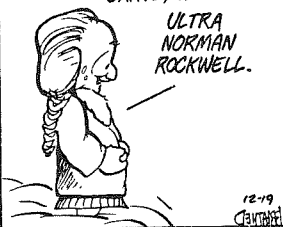
ABOUT 1,500 mice involved in costly experiments died when a computer malfunction sent the temperature soaring to over 100F (38C) in a laboratory at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

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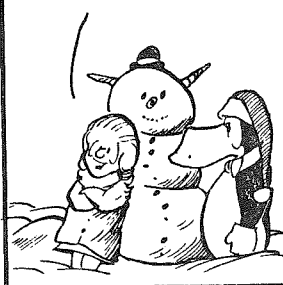
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RIGHT. CHRISTMAS
IS KIND OF
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LITTLE BOBBY'S HEAD.
DAD WILL STROKE THE WARM
FIRE... MOM WILL BRING
OUT THE TURKEY — DAD'LL
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THE NUCLEAR FAMILY!
VERY REPUBLICAN.



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A
FAMILY?
A MOM.
SHE GAVE ME
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WAS TWO. VERY
LIBERTARIAN.



"It's an utter tragedy," said Dr Harold Slavkin yesterday. He is one of two scientists in charge of the biological research months, or the equivalent of between 70 and 80 in humans. One of the computer's simplest functions was to control temperatures in the university's Andrus Gerontology Centre.

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JACK PAUL BARLOW

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS #136515

1. Indictment for causing death by operating vehicle while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
2. Habitual DUI--The State of Georgia had permanently suspended his license to drive before he killed Ronald H. Heaton.
3. After an afternoon drinking with "friends" his blood alcohol concentration was .183.
4. While driving up the wrong side of the highway of Interstate 1, Barlow crashed head on into Ronald H. Heaton and killed him instantly--July 21, 1986.
5. Sentenced to fifteen (15) years in prison on August 25, 1986.
6. Barlow is asking to be paroled this February 1989 after having served only two and one half (2 1/2) years.
7. Do you want this man out on our highways this February to do again what he has proven so many times he will do, DRINK AND DRIVE and maybe even kill and/or maim decent, innocent people!

*Carolyn Heaton
(Ron's mother)*

Please address all correspondence to the below department as soon as possible. Your letter will help our effort in opposing Barlow's release. Thank you for your concern and commitment in keeping our highways safe for each of us and our families.

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Cops on drugs

In Southern California it's getting hard to find prospective recruits for police forces who haven't used illegal drugs. Lately, from 45% to 80% of police officer candidates who pass their written exams have been admitting to their use.

"Frankly, it's reaching a catastrophic stage for most departments," Orange County police Sergeant Timm Browne said. "We're expending an awful lot of time and effort just to find people who don't do drugs. It's scary."

Of course, it's quite obvious to anyone not caught up in the anti-illegal-drug hysteria that usually harmless recreational (legal and illegal) drug use occurs throughout society and crosses most sexual, racial, class, religious, and ideological lines. So it's no surprise that, as Browne says, "We're finding an entire generation of young men and women who see little wrong with low-level drug use. Even those who don't use marijuana or cocaine don't think it's a big deal. They just don't see it as a law-breaking offense." Is this something to be worrying about?
SOURCE: San Francisco Chronicle

What's the definition of 'libertarianism'?

According to family physician Kenneth Bisson of Angola, Ind., "Libertarianism is what your mom taught you: 'Behave yourself and don't hit your sister.'"

According to the Internal Revenue Service: "Libertarianism is a political philosophy. The basic premise of libertarianism is that each individual should be free to do as he or she pleases so long as he or she does not harm others."

"In the libertarian view, societies and governments infringe on individual liberties whenever they tax wealth, create penalties for victimless crimes, or otherwise attempt to control or regulate individual conduct which harms or benefits no one except the individual who engaged in it."

According to libertarian spokesman Marshall Fritz: "Libertarianism is self-government. It combines the best of both worlds: The left leg of self-government is tolerance of others; the right leg is responsible economic behavior."

"The combination of both legs leads to social harmony and material abundance."

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"Some people's idea of free speech is that they are free to say what they like, but if anyone says anything back, that is an outrage."

--Winston Churchill
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While trying to express how close he is to President Reagan, Bush said, "For seven-and-a-half years I've worked alongside him, and I'm proud to be his partner. We've had triumphs, we've made mistakes, we've had sex." (He meant "Setbacks, we've had setbacks.")

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This is from incomplete 1988 election returns, unreported:

Ron Paul, Libertarian	409 M
Lorena Fulani, Alliance	201 M
David Duke, Ind. Dem.	46 M
Eugene McCarthy, Consumers	30 M
Griffin, Amer. Ind.	26 M
Lyndon LaRouche, Ind. Dem.	24 M
Mora, Right to Life	23 M
Winn, Workers League	19 M
Warren, Social Workers	11 M
Holmes, Workers World	7 M
Lewis, Peace & Freedom	4 M
Dennis, American	3 M
Kenoyen, Socialist	3 M
Herrer, Grass Roots	2 M

& others with less than 1 thousand.

The Communist Party ran none this time, devoting their votes to Dukakis. Many of these were on the ballot in only 1 state, or very few.