

**Citizens' record better
on guns than officers'**

I recently read a report in a Libertarian newsletter that contained some interesting information.

According to a San Francisco report (which also appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*), citizens with guns do a better job of defending themselves, without hurting other persons, than do the police. In fact, 11 percent of police shootings involve innocent persons while only 2 percent of shootings by armed citizens involve innocent persons as victims.

In view of the fact that lawful defensive gun use by individual citizens each year is actually greater than gun misuse by felons, and in view of the fact that the Massachusetts University's Social and Demographic Research Institute estimates that 50,000 more violent crimes would occur each year if it weren't for the average criminal's fear of encountering armed citizens, isn't it strange that the Legislature is considering a bill to impose a waiting period on individual citizens who want to purchase a gun?

Why hasn't anyone suggested that we impose a waiting period on law enforcement officials who want to obtain guns?

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**'Sweepstake' could help
solve revenue problems**

I have a modest proposal by which the state could raise money to give health care for the poor without raising taxes.

The state could conduct a sweepstakes as a game of skill; each entrant would pay \$1 and try to guess the next public official to be arrested or indicted, and the offense involved. If a whole month went by without any, the state would keep the money; otherwise the pool would be divided by those who guessed the correct offender and offense. Likewise, if no one guessed right, the state would keep the money.

This would not only provide revenue to help the poor, but also would encourage higher standards of conduct among public officials.

JOHN T. HARLLEE

NO TAX ON WORK!

TAX PROTEST DAY is upon us again.

Many libertarians object to being known as tax protesters. It has a radical connotation. It also suggests crackpots who hand out leaflets in the public streets. The government has been conducting a smear campaign against "illegal tax protesters", who are not people who protest illegal taxes, as it would seem, but those who call themselves "tax patriots", and affirm their patriotism by not paying taxes to support their country.

This is a matter of terminology. Refer to Tax Protestants, instead of tax protesters. Protestant is an ancient and honorable name for someone who is so disgusted with the state of affairs that he must protest. It was good enough for Martin Luther and John Calvin and the rest.

Declare proudly that you are a Tax Protestant. Even if you're Catholic, or Jewish, or Whatever....

A POSSIBLE NUMISMATIC INVESTMENT ?

When I suggested investing or holding on to Confederate currency almost a decade ago, everyone thought I was joking. Maybe, and maybe not. In the 1970s, the Confederate dollar outperformed all other paper currencies, including the Swiss franc.

Now, there is no comparable Confederate coinage. There is one collectible coin, however, to look at: the Stone Mountain commemorative silver $\frac{1}{2}$ dollar, issued in the 1930s. This is the nearest thing to a real Southern silver coin that exists.

Where else can you get a silver coin with the images of the 3 men - Lee, Davis & Jackson - who came closest to overthrowing the govt. of the US? - jh

BOOK REVIEW: Why Things Go Wrong, by Dr. L. Peter, (Morrow) A few samples:

In Seattle it is illegal to carry a concealed weapon more than 6 ft. long. In Danville, PA, all fire hydrants must be checked 1 hour before a fire. BATF form #4473 asks gun purchasers, "Are you a fugitive from justice?" Dr. John Zeigler of Cincinnati orders 1 copy of govt. publication #15700; 2 weeks later he received 15, 700 copies.

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Trivial Pursuits

Jim Blanchard figures that only about \$75 billion of the \$700 billion in loans to underdeveloped countries will be recoverable, & govt. will print fiat money to bail out the international banks. (Gold Newsletter)

"There is no chance of any principal being repaid for a decade or more," says Henry Kissinger. (Inv. Notebook)

"If history is any guide, your financial futures may be decided by Latin America - maybe even whether you have a job or a secure income. The panic and crash of 1825 was triggered by British loans to South America that went sour." - Julian Snyder, (International Moneyline)

Federal sting operation in NY City discovered no electric or sewer/water inspectors who turned down offers of bribes; On Principle suggests abolishing whole system, since no one is actually being inspected to protect the public, anyhow, and save the taxpayers \$50 million. (Also save at least that much more in bribes.)

Bumper Sticker reported in Savannah: DEFICITS: POLITICIANS GIVING YOUR MONEY TO THEIR FAVORITE CHARITIES.

Natl. Taxpayers Legal Fund, Council for a Competitive Economy & Citizens for a Sound Economy are lobbying jointly for govt. spending & tax cuts.

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Jailed... for smiling in court



MELVYN: Big grin.

By ROD CHAYTOR

IT was no laughing matter for Melvyn Ball when he visited a courtroom. Magistrates ruled that his grin was in contempt . . . and locked him up.

Melvyn's ordeal began as he sat in the public gallery listening to a shop lifting case which involved a friend.

In the hushed courtroom the seat behind him squeaked and Melvyn, 17, started grinning.

The next moment he was up before the bench and quickly sent down for a spell.

Melvyn, of Lillingdon, near Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, was behind bars for two-and-a-half hours.

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The average man's life consists of twenty years of having his mother ask him where he's going; forty years of having his wife ask the same question; and at the end, the mourners wondering, too.

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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

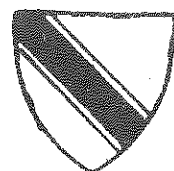
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Tax Credits for Chastity Zealots

The Reagan administration wants tax credits for private religious schools. They take some of the tax burden off those parents who want to send their kids to church schools—and add to the burden of the rest of us who are paying for public education. Do you have the

sneaky feeling that some of that money is being wasted? You bet it is. To give you some idea how it's being spent, below are excerpts from an article titled "Reviewing and Correcting Encyclopedias" appearing in something called the *Christian School Builder* (vol 15, no. 9, April 1983, pp. 205-07):

"Encyclopedias are a vital part of many school libraries. They represent the philosophies of present-day humanists. This is obvious by the bold display of pictures that are used to illustrate paintings, art, and sculpture. This makes it important that the materials we place before our children are free from that which would inflame passion.

"In encyclopedias we are not battling a plot that captivates minds but are looking for erroneous information, sensual pictures, and unchaste details. One of the areas that needs correction is immodesty due to nakedness and posture. This can be corrected by drawing clothes on the figures or blotting out entire pictures with a magic marker. This needs to be done with care or the magic marker can be erased from the glossy paper used in printing encyclopedias. You can overcome this by taking a razor blade and lightly scraping the surface until it loses its glaze. After this is done the magic marker will not erase.

"As for evolution, cutting out the sections on the subject is practical if the portions removed are not thick enough to cause damage to the spine of the book as it is opened and closed in normal use. When the sections needing correction are too thick, paste the pages together being careful not to smear portions of the book not intended for correction."

—Post Amerikan



HARK!

A marine applying for conscientious objector status was told, "If the Marine Corps wanted you to have a God, they would have issued you one." (Truly Weird Quotations/ Church Farm & Town)

Halt, 201 Mass Av NE #319, Wash, DC 20002, is offering a series of manuals on how to avoid lawyers.

"The Scripture cannot be rightfully expounded without explaining them in a manner friendly to the cause of freedom." Rev. Charles Turner, Duxbury, MA, 1773, Election sermon.

FDIC reports 797 banks on its list of seriously troubled. (Intl. Moneyline) And that doesn't include the ones that are merely amusingly so.

From 1955 to 1975, govt. school enrollment increased 88%, teachers by 119% & administrators by 358%. Meanwhile, in 1974, 35% of the output were unable to read at a 5th grade level. (Cap-sule) No, it hasn't gotten a lot better.

Attorney Steven Jackson in Ft. Lauderdale, FL was fined \$1000 for refusing to attend court during Passover, even though he had other attorneys substituting for him in federal court. (GoodNews)

Some types of gambling are now legal in 44 states, involving \$20 billion; illegal gambling is nearly twice as big. (Chattanooga Times)

Only 16.6% of the high schools in the US offer a course in economics; they have 22.6% of the total students (because they are mostly larger), of whom 0.7% actually take the course. (Woman Constitutionalist) That's not the worst of it — too often it's a course in statism.

USDA spends \$75 million a year in price support programs for honey. It has 215 million lb. in storage & gives away 7 million lb./month for school lunches. Meanwhile, U S imports honey. (AZ Rep D N Digest) Help out, swat a bee.

Did you know that Ronald Reagan was into health foods? According to *Mother Jones*, the family ranch raises beef without hormones, steroids or other drugs which are butchered for the president & friends. Does he know something?

Slavery Revisited: Atlanta schools now require 75 hours of "volunteer community services" for a high school diploma. Doesn't matter if they can spell, read, add, or whatever.....

Businesses spend as much as \$100 billion a year to teach basic skills, reports the Carnegie Foundation, because the school system doesn't.

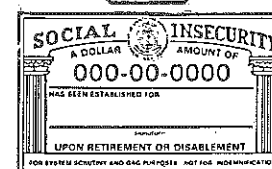


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Committee Against Govt. Waste (3421 M St #234, Wash, DC 20070) reports Pratt & Whitney bills govt. 42518./hr. for production workers it pays \$10/hr.; Gould Corp. charges Navy \$435. for \$15. claw hammers, & Gen. Dynamics sells the Air Force 12¢ Allen wrenches for \$9609.

News from the farm front: govt. has squirrelled away (?did you always think govt. was a little squirrely? Govt. is a LOT squirrely!) 1 billion + bushels of corn, 4.8 billion lb. of rice, 1.3+ billion bushels of wheat, 1/4 billion bushels of soybeans, not to mention its reserves of parsley, sage, rosemary & Thyme.

"Lloyd Miller", 626 Flowerdale, Ferndale, MI 48220 has lots of odd conspiracy books (about lots of odd conspiracies), including such hard to find ones as THE STRANGE DEATH OF FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, which argues that a double died at Warm Springs; FDR had been dead more than a year.

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N Y Times reports that Dem. incumbents spent an average of \$308,000 to be reelected to Congress, & Republicans \$327,280, up from \$87,000 in 1976. Furthermore, many incumbents hold "safe" seats, so this far understates the cost in a marginal district, or the cost for a challenger to win.

The *Futurist* proposes reducing the cost of incarcerating prisoners by house arrest, such as is being tried in New Mexico for drunk drivers, who must wear a transmitter that alerts police if the wearer leaves home.

Ad stating that 35 million Americans averaging around age 30 collect social security, does not point out that averaging a 1 year old infant orphan and a 65 year old retiree gives an average age of 33.

Population Research Groupnotes that improvements in health causing people to live longer are among the factors threatening to bankrupt the social security system, & predicts higher taxes. (Moneysworth)

Tupper Saussy, author of *Miracle on Main St.*, a fantasy novel in which govt. officials repent on being shown that their activities are unconstitutional, has been convicted of contempt of court in Winchester, TN & given 90 days. Contempt sentence grew out of another case involving taxes.

Unions fighting home work, whether knitting or computer operating, claim that women working at home with small children would "miss the adult contact and interaction of the office". So they should instead put their children into day care. (Church Farm & Town)

Better Business Bureau of Toronto is warning of American evangelist Rex Humbard & his "Bible anointing oil", which listeners are urged to send the largest bill they have for, to use for anointing their money. (Kinston Whig-Standard/CF&T) If they knew the Bible as well as they should, they would know that anointing is for people (or animals) and that anointing money runs perilously close to the prohibition against graven images, since paper money is, in fact, engraved.



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THE NEW MATH AND THE FREE SOCIETY

by Robert Brakeman

This is the story of a problem and its solution. First, the problem.

American public elementary and secondary schoolchildren are currently cursed, and the name of the curse is The New Math. Comedians have a field day with the subject, and the jokes always involve some poor, confused parent trying to help a child with homework, only to be utterly baffled by the sets, and subsets, and bases, and the other methodological paraphernalia of the new math. The jokes are usually funny, but what's happening to our children isn't. After several years of experience with the new math system, no one doubts this conclusion: it's been a disaster. To be more precise, I should say that no disinterested observer doubts that. For there is a small but fanatical group which does doubt it: those who developed and instituted the new system and who therefore have a vested interest in denying that it's failed.

Aside from these interested parties who should be ignored, it's now conceded universally that American kids getting out of the 12th grade have an amazing inability to perform simple mathematical functions. Armed Forces induction tests and other standardized measuring tools confirm that they can't handle the elementary tasks of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division very well, that intermediate skills like the use of fractions are even harder for them, and when it comes to advanced subjects like algebra, forget it. Naturally I am referring to the average or median student; obviously there are some superior pupils who can master any system, no matter how foolish, inappropriate and incomprehensible it may be for most learners. No system of mass schooling can be sensibly built upon a foundation which addresses itself to the needs and performance of only the brightest; a mass-education tool, like the New Math, which has failed for most students, has failed, period.

How did it happen that this New Math Curse was inflicted upon America's 5-through-18-year-olds? As with most demented public policies, it began with some "thinkers" who had a brilliant idea which turned out to be not-so-brilliant, but who had enough power and influence to get the "authorities" to adopt their plans, and coercively (through the public school system and its compulsory attendance laws) force them upon the minds of innocent people (in this case, children). To make a long and depressing story short, this is what happened:

In the early 1950s, some academicians decided that the mathematics curriculum in American schools needed "reform". Naturally, they didn't stop with that statement; to the surprise of absolutely no one, they also had a plan on how the reform should be carried out. The plan, the "modest proposal", was that the focus in mathematics-education was to be shifted in these ways:

Where, previously, students had been taught simply that $2 + 2 = 4$, they were now to be taught why it equals 4, and why it came to pass that it always has and always will equal 4.

Where, in the past, students spent much of their time on "mere" memorization, on rote learning, in this brave new world they would begin to solve problems using deductive logic instead of mere recall.

Tools, like the multiplication table, which "merely" allowed the student to solve the problem at hand would be replaced by tools, like sets and subsets and inverses and bases, which allowed him to both solve the problem and understand why the solution was what it was.

Where in the dark old days students learned only methodology, how to get things done, they would now, during the new enlightened era, learn how to get them done and why they are done in a particular way (theory).

And where, in the benighted past, kids would think of $2 + 2$ equalling 4 only as an abstraction, in the future they would actually get to see the glories of the addition of "sets", by taking 2 actual sticks and combining them with 2 other actual sticks, and seeing that there were then 4 sticks.

For people trained to think in the highly abstract and often illogical ways which prevail in some parts of academia, all of this sounded splendid. And since the school administrators who are responsible for defining curricula and choosing text-books tend to admire and take their cue from university intellectuals, school officials all over the nation, through the late 50s and early 60s, began switching to the new system. And since parents are coerced into supporting the public schools and usually can't afford to pay a second time to send their children to private (which is to say, better) ones, a captive, slave audience of 90+% of American children were forced to learn the new system. This spread of the new math was a joyful development for its originators, individuals like Professors Edward Begle of Stanford and Max Beberman of Illinois, and groups like the School Mathematics Study Group, headed by Begle, the U. of IL Committee on School Mathematics, Beberman's forum, and the Cambridge Conference on School Mathematics; but joy was not exactly the reaction of students and parents. Frustration was, and, for the students, failure.

How did the developers of the New Math err? They misread two things: how much schoolchildren could learn and how much they needed to learn. The detailed theory of the new system has proven to be much too complex for most kids, and the predictable result has been confusion, frustration, and failure. And the great tragedy is this: there is no reason the children should learn the theory. The logical flaw in the pro-new-math arguments is the suggestion that learners are better able to perform and understand the mathematical functions if they know the theory which underlies those functions, if they know the why of things as well as the how. That suggestion is nonsense; a child who has memorized the multiplication tables is as well equipped to multiply as one who knows all there is to know about math theory. There is no logical reason that a theoretical understanding should add to a student's ability to perform math-functions, and the New Mathers had failed as soon as they assumed otherwise. Theory and mechanics are separate subjects and skills; math professors and theoreticians need both - elementary and secondary students don't.

So that's the problem, the New Math. Solution is the Free Society (as it is the solution for so

There is only one Education, and it has only one goal: the freedom of the mind. - Richard Mitchell. THE LEANING TOWER OF BABEL.

THE NEW MATH, continued

many natural and man-created problems). The reason that as illogical an idea as the New Math was able to permeate the entire nation so quickly was that we had public (coercive) schools. For all the million+ students of, say, New York City to have the system forced upon them, just one decision had to be made by one central administration - a decision from which there was no appeal. That decision stuck for almost all kids, since private schools weren't an affordable possibility for them. If, instead, there had been, say, 2000 private schools in New York and no public system, it would have taken 2000 decisions to force all the kids into the new math system, and many of those decisions, undoubtedly, would have gone the other way, and so on around the U. S. Some schools would have tried the system, and when its unworkability had been proven, other schools, which had chosen to wait-and-see, would have never made the mistake. Parents who opposed the new math could have switched their kids from one school to another to avoid it. As things are now, in our unfree, coercive society, they're forced to try to overthrow whole school boards and remove deluded administrators. A system of free (non-public) schools makes opposing tendencies easy - you go elsewhere. A coercive, monopolistic system makes it very hard - you have to become a politician and a lobbyist and undertake a years-long political and educational campaign. A free society would have limited the spread of the delusions of the new math in the first place (and therefore limited the destruction of young minds), and it would have made the elimination of the penetration it did achieve incomparably easier. If a free society only achieved this damage-limitation, that's recommendation enough for it.

In one of the most bizarre political fund-raising efforts in recent memory, the Republicans have launched their own publishers clearinghouse-style sweepstakes. Entry forms have gone out to more than a million households, informing recipients "you may already be a winner" of \$50,000 cash, a new car, a vacation trip or a custom-built home. Entrants are asked to send in \$15 to \$100 to the National Republican Congressional Committee, but the contributions are mandatory. The committee calls it a "marketing tool" designed to make money and provide a computer list of contributors for future fund-raising.

-D.C. Gazette

LABOR'S JOKE BOOK, by Paul Buhle, WD Press, Box 24115, St. Louis, MO 63130 has to be the least funny joke book ever. It has a lot of hate, but hate is not funny. It has some shrewd observations, but "a union without struggle is like a ship without sails" is not funny. It's not even up-to-date. Variations on "Waiter, there's a fly in my soup", even if they were funny, have little to do with the subject. Conclusion: organized labor is no laughing matter.

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A "quality index" of 6 categories rated the Wyoming schools first, followed by Alaska, Montana, Vermont & Rhode Island. Texas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana & Georgia came in last.

The categories are college admission test scores, dropout rates, pupil-teacher-ratios, per-pupil expenditures, teachers' salaries & percentage of per capita income spent on education.

Note carefully that, except for the first, none have any relation to whether or what the school inmates are learning. College admission test scores favor states which have the fewest students taking college admission tests, and thus can be misleading. Dropout rates prove nothing. Pupil-teacher-ratios are lowest in sparsely populated areas, and so this would favor states with low population density; this shows up in the first 3 states on the list. The same factor causes a higher cost of operating schools so that the last category is largely a repetition. So for that matter is the 4th, per-pupil expenditures; the fewer pupils per class, the higher the cost for each.

Essentially, the measure of "quality" is the small school mandated by low population density, making transportation unduly expensive. Incidentally what runs costs up in such areas is the non-educational costs, such as transportation.

Likewise, teachers' salaries have no known correlation with pupils' achievement.

What we have here is, essentially, not a quality index at all.

POLITICS

Libertarians in Thomasville, NC are fighting a \$175,000 sewer bond issue that was not put to a vote of the citizens. (The Times)

"You should be aware of the fact that a powerful, well-financed coalition of radical leftists and homosexuals is determined to see Ronald Reagan's policies crushed. They have nearly unlimited funds and fanatic determination to beat Ronald Reagan." - Bob Dolan of YAF. Were you aware of that? (Is there any way we could get hold of some of this \$?)

"Humor on T-shirts is totally incomprehensible to our design council," declares A. Kapral, of Mar-at Production Assoc. of Tallinn, Estonia, USSR, explaining why Socialist youth prefer foreign T-shirts. (Izvestia/World Press Rev.) Well, we don't expect them to produce a T-shirt featuring Charlotte Corday. Or Karl & Groucho Marx.

On Principle, 601 Ewing St B7, Princeton, NJ 08542, offers fortnightly sub for \$38, with book & ad bonuses.

Sen. Henri Caillavet has proposed to legalize brothels in France, to reduce the number of traffic accidents caused by male motorists stopping to pick up working girls on the public street. (Figaro/PFW)

When a young woman tried to commit suicide by jumping from a bridge in Copenhagen, police not only rescued her, but also gave her a ticket for abandoning her car on the bridge. (PFW)

Rock Smith, Alaska Patriot leader has been indicted on conspiracy & tax evasion charges. Ronald Matheson of the Freedom League was sentenced to 2 years + \$10,000. + back taxes + probation in Orange, CA, & forbidden to associate with tax protesters. Frank Turano, author of A Need To Be Free, has been indicted on 5 counts for failure to file in Somerset, MA. (Journal & Review)

So much for justice

SEVEN years ago a middle-aged black couple were savagely beaten up by police who invaded their house without a search warrant.

Two years ago the couple were awarded £51,000 damages in the High Court for what Mr. Justice Mars-Jones called "a catalogue of violence and inhuman treatment."

He accused the police of a "five-year cover-up" and said they had brought assault charges against the couple in order to hide their own brutality.

"That was," he said, "a monstrously wicked thing to do."

After the High Court hearing, Scotland Yard sent the papers in the case to the Director of Public Prosecutions. But he decided not to act because of the time which had elapsed since the couple were assaulted.

Secret

The reason, of course, so much time had elapsed was because of the police's cover-up.

So Scotland Yard conducted an internal inquiry, followed by a disciplinary hearing chaired by an assistant commissioner.

One policeman who admitted "unnecessary violence" was fined. Three others were found not guilty.

Once again, the police judged the police. The inquiry was secret. So was the disciplinary hearing. So were the names of the policemen. So was the amount of the fine. Scotland Yard has now sent its "sincere apologies" to the man and wife, who suffered multiple injuries.

Swift justice

JUMPING a red light last week, I was halted by the banshee howl of a police cruiser. The police officer was a pretty black girl, armed, who asked for my driving licence.

It was at home, so I suggested we drive there to view it. She refused suggesting a ride to the Capitol

Student Loans

Are you aware that some 860,000 students now owe 1.39 billion dollars in guaranteed and direct student loans? It is expected that only about 10% of that large sum will be recovered.

It should be noted that most of those getting the loans are from the middle and higher income families and go on to good economic situations themselves — but many of those paying taxes to provide the loans are in much lower income brackets.

Chattanooga News-Free Press

Wisconsin Corrections Administrator Walter Dickey says prisoners make ideal contract employees for private corporations: "They don't have any absenteeism problem."

—the Progressive

In the waning days of their fall session, members of the Ninety-eighth Congress decided to play a practical joke on the Soviets—much like college pranksters pulling a stunt as the school year draws to a close. The Blutos of Capitol Hill designated the land beneath the Soviet embassy in Washington as Andrei Sakharov Plaza, in honor of the famed dissident. Henceforth, the building's mailing address will be a political statement rather than a geographical description.

"Let the Soviets sue us if they don't like it," crowed Senator Patrick Leahy, Vermont Democrat. "If they don't like the designation, let them take us to court."

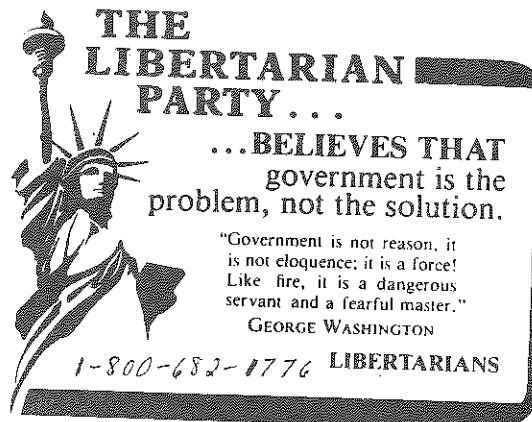
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Hill police station where her computer would buzz the British driving licence computer at Swansea to check my credentials.

I remarked that in London I would have been asked to produce my licence within five days at a police station of my choice. She laughed and said: "Honey, you don't know how lucky you are. If I hadn't liked the look of you, you'd be in the back with the cuffs on."



they have lists

WASHINGTON, DC — The U.S. Customs Service is developing computerized "target lists" of thousands of individuals who repeatedly receive pornographic material from foreign countries, according to USA Today. The lists will be offered to local law enforcement agencies "to provide leads in child sexual abuse cases," according to Customs Commissioner William von Raab.

"We have been quite surprised at the occasional coincidences that recipients of large volumes and frequent shipments of child pornography often live across from public playgrounds or are on the staffs of child daycare centers and that sort of thing," said von Raab.

The American Civil Liberties Union, however, takes a dim view of Customs' lists of pornography buffs. Burt Neuborne, legal director of the ACLU in New York, said the listkeeping is "flatly unconstitutional." Neuborne added, "The most dangerous thing any society can do is keep a list of who reads what." Included on the list will be persons convicted of "sex offenses" as well as repeat recipients of pornography — some of whom have been convicted of receiving pornographic materials, but others who have never been charged with a crime.

The names of more than 2000 people who have received foreign shipments of pornography through the Chicago mail depot have already been entered into the Customs Service computers, while New York customs officials have about 4000 names to add.

Informal federal-local task forces that would make use of the information have been set up in New York and Denver, with another being planned for Seattle.

In America you can say anything you want — as long as it doesn't have any effect.

Paul Goodman

They call it the Halls of Justice because the only place you can get justice is in the halls.

Lenny Bruce

● WOMEN are hopping up and down over an amazing move by council chiefs to save ratepayers £7,000 this year by hanging loo paper on the OUTSIDE of public toilets.

● Officials at Mansfield, Notts, came up with the plan to wipe out thefts from the town's Four Seasons shopping precinct, where rolls were being ripped off as fast as staff could replace them. Now attendants can keep an eye on the paper.

Degrading

● But local women claim the switch is embarrassing. One housewife said: "I couldn't believe my eyes. I find it extremely degrading. If toilet paper is being stolen, surely some other container could be used."

TOT 'FIGHTS' COPS IN RAID BUNGLE

LITTLE Gavin Stott bravely grabbed a carving knife to protect his mum and sisters when six burly men smashed their way into his home.

The six-year-old yelled at them to get out... and only handed over his weapon when he discovered they were policemen who had raided the wrong address.

Mistake

Gavin's mum, Susan, 27, and her daughters Ashley, nine, and Emma, two, were terrified when they were woken by the noise of a downstairs window being smashed.

TO TRULY COMBAT CRIME

Norman H. Crowhurst

You've seen the bumper sticker: "Fight Crime: Abolish the IRS." While government must have revenue, that slogan ought to make people think, but we doubt it. We recently attended a "Combatting Crime" seminar, conducted by a panel consisting of a legislator, state police, the media, a man from corrections, State and Federal prosecutors, and victims' rights and compensation agencies.

What they said overlapped a lot, but the real cause escaped mention. They were all complaining that budget cut-backs would reduce "services" (such as highway patrolmen, who cost the taxpayer an average of \$26,000/year, but bring in an average of \$22,000/yr, in ticket

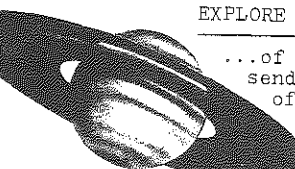
The police burst into Susan's bedroom — and Gavin slipped downstairs for the knife.

The policemen apologized to Susan, who is separated from her husband, and left the house in Milton Keynes, Bucks.

"revenue") and that if you citizens want the services to continue, you'll have to cough up more in taxes. Aren't we mean?

The man from corrections said that, if everyone in jail was released, it would increase crime only 1% or, if he killed them instead of admitting them, it would reduce crime only 1%. So why do they want to build more jails, at enormous cost? Nobody explained why people IRS identifies as tax protesters go to jail while criminals go free — that wasn't even asked.

It went like a well-rehearsed show. Everyone there had suffered the result of some crime and they all wanted to tell their story. One young man took much time explaining that he had killed his best friend while driving drunk. He told the arresting officer he wanted whoever was responsible for his best friend's death punished, unaware it was himself. Very dramatic! Then he berated the court for being lenient on him — no more than a \$150 fine.



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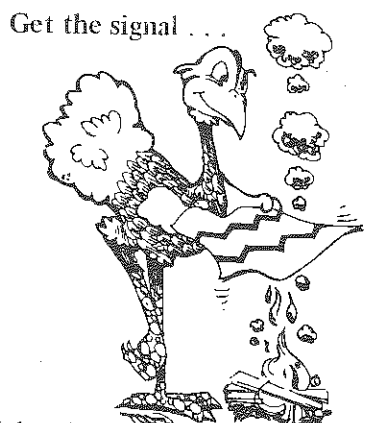
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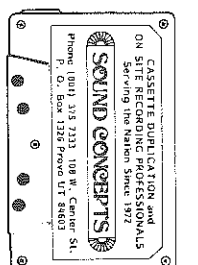
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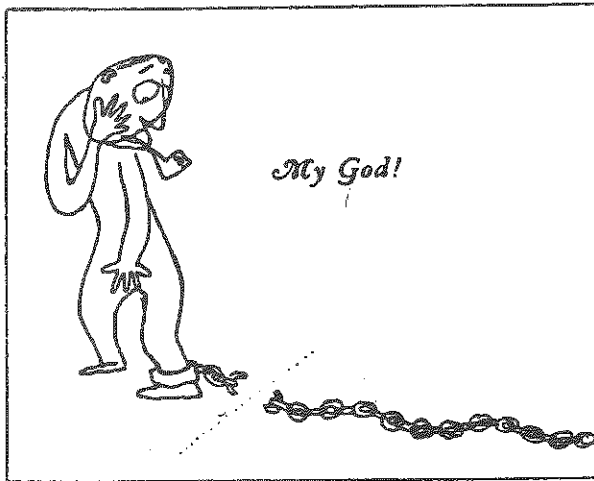
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COPS 'BOOK' HIT AND RUN VICTIM

PENSIONER Arthur Williams had his car smashed by a hit-and-run driver and found himself on the wrong side of the law.

When he went to police, he was charged with failing to report the accident within 24 hours.

SUN

THREE boys alleged to have sexually assaulted a nine-year-old girl at knifepoint have been let off with a police caution.

Now the girl's angry mother has asked her MP to investigate the "horrifying" decision not to prosecute.

"A caution means nothing to these lads," said the 28-year-old mother, who lives in Blackburn, Lancs. "What might they get up to in the future if they think they can get away with terrifying things like this?"

"My daughter is afraid to go out while these lads who could have ruined her life are free."

Stripped

The girl and her 10-year-old brother were playing on a rubbish tip near their home when a 13-year-old boy and two 11-year-olds approached them.

The mother claims the boys — who had a knife — threatened to stab the girl's brother unless she agreed to have sex with the 13-year-old.

She was then stripped naked and assaulted.

TOY CAR DAD IS SET TO COP IT!

PROUD dad Martin McCann took his son's new toy car out for a spin and got booked for a string of motoring offences.

Martin, 30, was pulled up in the £2,300 battery-powered mini-car by a policeman who said he could face 25 CHARGES

For the little car had no lights, brakes, speedo or road tax—and Martin wasn't wearing a seat belt.

Garage owner Martin, of Harrow, Middx, said yesterday: "It's ridiculous, I'll fight it in the highest court in the land."

He claims the imported car is a toy, but a Scotland Yard spokesman said its driver CAN be prosecuted under the Road Traffic Act.

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Store boss's rough justice

By SUN REPORTER

MILLIONAIRE stores boss Mike Robertson is planning rough justice for shoplifters—by putting them in the stocks.

Their names will be chalked up on blackboards and the goods they stole will be on display.

The shock treatment is Mr Robertson's way of getting back at the thieves he reckons cost him £2,500 a week.

Shoplifters caught by detectives at his Traao Mills superstore chain in Devon and Cornwall will be given a stark choice:

To sign a form agreeing to be put in the stocks, OR be handed over to the police.

Mr Robertson, 61, estimates it will cost him £500 to set up the stocks in the car park of his branch at Liskeard, Cornwall.

But he believes it will be money well spent.

Mr Robertson, who is also offering his staff rewards for catching thieves, said yesterday: "I had to take the law into my own hands."

Fines

"Police can't cope, and fines in the court are de-risory — one person who boasted of stealing £10,000 from me was fined just £100."

Shoplifters who agree to the deliberate humiliation will spend between one and four hours in the stocks, depending on the value of the goods they steal.

A legal adviser said: "If the thieves volunteer to sign an appropriate waiver, they will not have any grounds to sue."

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John Adams



By SUN REPORTER

A JUDGE who caused a death crash after drinking wine at a wedding was "completely satisfied" he was fit to drive, a court heard yesterday.

Sir Henry Skinner, QC, a Justice of the High Court, took a bend too fast and hit an oncoming car head-on.

He was fined £300 for careless driving—and after the case the victim's son lashed out at the "leniency" of the penalty.

Sir Henry, who did not appear in court, admitted careless driving.



Sir Henry... wine at a wedding

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