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"It's finally happened, Homestead, your withholdings exceed your salary. Here's your bill!"

America's Two-Party System:



Brooklyn, Thursday, December 13, 1990

Suggestions offered for upcoming stories

After a weekend diet of puff pieces on sodomites and black African terrorists (who have killed more black Africans in the past five years than the South African government in its entire history), I can hardly wait for our fare for next weekend.

Let me guess: Four years ago the Supreme Court ruled that homosexual relations are not protected by the U.S. Constitution. We need an update — maybe from the *Boston Globe* or the *San Francisco Chronicle* — explaining why this misreading of the noble document needs fresh hermeneutics.

Why do you persist in describing homosexuals as "gays"? Apart from the contagion of AIDS, they are more susceptible to suicide and homicide than are heterosexuals — hardly the stuff of gaiety. Just because they prefer the appellation is no reason to confer it upon them. Would you let David Duke get away with calling himself a Republican? He's always "ex-Ku Klux Klan wizard." Or Jesse Helms, who is always "arch" or "ultra" "conservative."

Something else for another weekend: Two years ago the 19th All Union Conference of the Soviet Communist Party declared its support for perestroika. If Knight-Ridder doesn't come through with one, I am sure one of your staff can gin up a think-piece on why perestroika really doesn't mean what Party Secretary/President Mikhail Gorbachev tells the comrades it means, and why we should support it (and inferentially, him).

HAROLD F. EBERLE

Letters will be edited, but not censored. Each must bear the writer's signature, address and telephone number. Mail to Letters To The Editor, The State, P.O. Box 1333, Columbia, S.C. 29202.



Detienen activista anti-SIDA

Un militante soviético ordena retirarse de las cercanías del Kremlin al líder de un grupo de activistas que distribuyen condones gratuitamente el jueves durante la celebración del 28vo. Congreso Comunista. El grupo también exhibía cartelones instando a los delegados al congreso a combatir el SIDA. (Laserfoto AP).

'Anti-AIDS Activist Detained'

MOSCOW — A Soviet militiaman ordered the leader of a group of activists to halt their free distribution of condoms near the Kremlin Thursday (July 12) during the Twenty-eighth Communist Party Congress. The group also exhibited posters urging Congress delegates to combat AIDS. [This item appeared in the San Juan newspaper El Vocero.]

Translated by John Kyper

A Florida preacher has taken a stand against handguns by offering \$50 to anyone who will surrender one of the offending firearms to him. Said weapons will then be destroyed. So far the only taker is a retired cop who has turned in two Saturday night specials valued at \$25 each. The officer plans to put his reward money toward the purchase of a .357 magnum.

Irv Homer
c/o WWDB-FM
116 East Levering
Mill Road
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004



Dear Irv Homer,

I am in full agreement that the Congress is unresponsive to the critical issues facing our nation and that the most effective way to voice our dissatisfaction is to demand repeal of the 16th Amendment, that allegedly authorizes a tax on income.

This is my commitment and statement demanding repeal.

Sincerely,

The sensitivity police are at it again. Officials at the University of Connecticut have a new policy that prohibits "inappropriate directed laughter" and "conspicuous exclusion [of other students] from conversation." It's being referred to as the Nerd Sensitivity Rule.

It's been reported that a Michigan man wants to change our national anthem to the old Manfred Mann song "Doo Wah Diddle." You know, maybe we're carrying this citizenship thing a little too far.

THE CAMPUS REVIEW

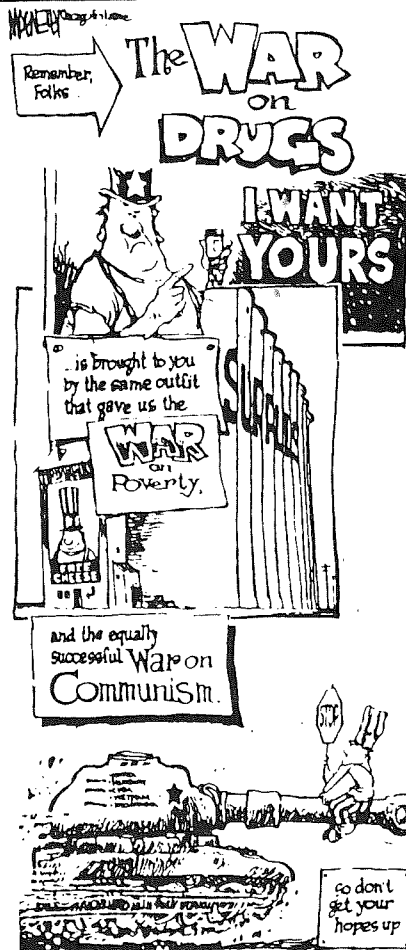
"...the Temperance Movement, led by Carrie Nation, who headed an organization called Scary-Looking Women with Hatchets. They would swoop down upon saloons and smash all the whiskey bottles, then go back to their headquarters, fire up reefer as big as Roman candles, and laugh until dawn. This resulted in so much social turmoil that in 1918 Congress decided to have a total prohibition on alcohol, which was approved early on a Saturday morning by a vote of 9-2, with 416 members unable to attend because of severe headaches."

— a history lesson from Dave Berry Slept Here.

Strip basketball sessions ordered to cease

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — Winner High School board officials recently demanded that basketball practices here be conducted fully clothed. The announcement came following their discovery that Coach Jim Drake has been scheduling one practice session each year for the past eight years where players have to remove a piece of clothing each time they missed a free-throw.

Drake was quoted in *The Advocate* as saying that the "sessions are meant to instill team spirit and improve free-throw shooting." The president of the school board said residents were "wild" with anger over the sessions.



"We must not allow the lecture platforms of socialist universities to be used for the wanton dissemination of bourgeois-liberal views."

— Chinese Education Minister Li Tieying, explaining why teaching Marxism should take priority over reading and arithmetic.



Thanks to you, too, Earle

In prominent newspaper ads last week Comptroller General Earle Morris thanked all who supported him for another term.

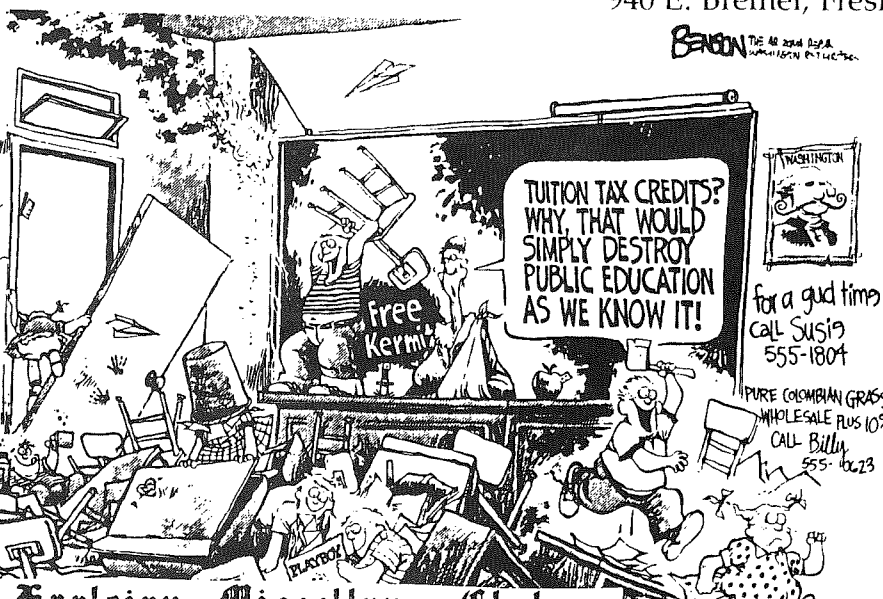
"Thank you South Carolina taxpayers for giving me the highest percentage of votes (90 percent) of any statewide candidate in this year's election," the ad said. "I know and care where your tax money goes. I will do my best to justify your vote of confidence."

What the ad doesn't mention is that Morris' opponent was Libertarian David Morris, who had virtually no money to mount a campaign. Despite that, party officials said the 52,000 votes David Morris received were the most for any Libertarian candidate ever.

Libertarian 'victories'

John T. Harillee, the Libertarian state superintendent of education candidate, said his party's candidates did "surprisingly well" Nov. 6. Here's what "surprisingly well" meant:

- Harillee getting almost 2 percent of the vote.
- A record vote percentage, 16 percent, by a candidate for Aiken County Council.
- Five percent finishes for the S.C. House by Anne Reeves in Horry County, Erin Kerstin in Dorchester County and Bill Hamilton in Aiken County.



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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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Dad: Brandon, is school a lot like jail?
Son: No, Daddy. In jail you can talk.

ADVOCATES FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT

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Serious problems leave
no time for witch hunts

The only pervers in the case of the Chippendolls' dancers arrested for obscenity — and in many similar cases around the country — are the religious fanatics behind such miscarriages of justice.

As a taxpayer, I object to my money being wasted by the government in such an obscene manner. We have real problems like poverty, pollution and poor education, and we cannot afford the luxury of witch hunts.

Jesus Christ must be turning over in Heaven at seeing these "holier-than-thou" Christians trying to take the mote out of someone else's eye.

GONZALO LEON

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Columbia

Tax proposal excludes
good source of revenue

An article appeared recently in *The Sun News* on the subject of the proposed 1 percent county sales tax that we voters will face on election day in November. It said, among other things, that the sales of vehicles would be excluded from the proposed tax.

This makes about as much sense as going to a lot of trouble to go fishing and when you get to your favorite fishing hole throwing back all the big fish you catch and keeping only the little ones.

There are a lot of other reasons why I am going to vote against this proposed tax, but this one by itself is sufficient.

HAROLD W. CHARLES

SOUTH
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MAGAZINE

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WITHOUT DUE PROCESS OF LAW: This clause is violated on each of the items life, liberty, and property. Incidents including such violations are described elsewhere in this article. Here are two more: On March 26, 1987, in Jefferson-town, Kentucky, Jeffrey Miles was killed by police officer John Rucker, who was looking for a suspected drug dealer. Rucker had been sent to the wrong house; Miles was not wanted by police. He received no due process. In Detroit, \$4,834 was seized from a grocery store after dogs detected traces of cocaine on three one-dollar bills in a cash register.

Eric Postpichil, 6 Hamlett Dr., #17, Nashua, New Hampshire 03062.

Dear Ma'am:

Facts

Pre-History is not our specialty. Further, there are problems with the words of terms. You are "searching for literature about the first legitimate white Aryan civilizations of Greece and Rome..." Here we get to problems. Civilization means with cities, but there are many people who do not live in cities, even today, preferring to live on farms and ranches, or even as travelers, who are not civilized people, or are they? Most of the presidents of the U. S. have chose not to live in cities: Washington, Jefferson, Monroe, Jackson, the Roosevelts, and down to rancher R. Reagan have been those who had lived in cities, but preferred not to.

Now lets go back to Aryan, which is a language term: most European languages are Indo-European, or Aryan. The last Shah of Iran called himself King of the Aryans, as it was almost a totally Aryan nation until the oil boom brought in lots of Arabs & even Blacks as oil-field workers. But if you want the oldest Aryan civilization, with a written record, the country is India, and the language is Sanscrit. Please note that most of the citizens of India are not of Aryan descent, but there are 6 or 7 Indian languages, among the hundreds, that are Aryan languages.

The next problem that comes up is that there are "white" peoples that are not Aryan; they have blue eyes and blond hair, but not an indo-European language, like the Berbers of Morrocco, the Basques of Spain, the Wends of Germany, the Estonians of USSR, etc. On top of that, there are mixed race histories, like the Hungarians who took a non-white language, but are mostly white, or the Turks who took a non-Aryan white language, but are mostly Semitic, or other.

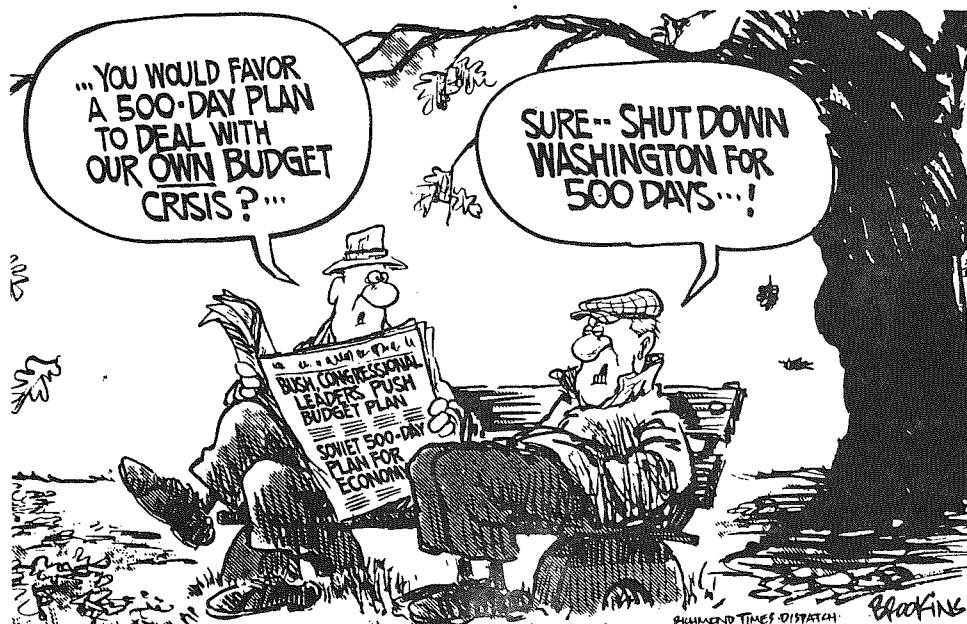
Let me recommend a book from Cambridge University Press: Colin Renfrew, Archaeology and Language. There are pictures of white towns in Greece & Anatolia 8500 years ago. Bluntly, no one knows exact dates for sure yet, and a lot more research needs to be done. Your library should be able to get this for you.

Meanwhile, we have a current battle to survive, & I'll send you a few copies of the struggle. This brings us to the word, "Legitimate". One of our problems is governmental controls, where there are vast issues that are none of its business, as the Constitution said bluntly. Libertarians favor Freedom and Choice.

May you enjoy BOTH!

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Sasha Kennison is our new coordinator in South Carolina, and already an active group is forming, with leadership coming from Steve Vandervelde, Ruth Trippi, Toni Black and David Kennison. Sasha reports that they've already got the S C NAACP and ACLU interested. Something must be happening: the S C Office of Senate Research just requested that we send an information packet!

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What are the goals of the ANC for South Africa. ANC advocate Bishop Desmond Tutu said a few years ago:

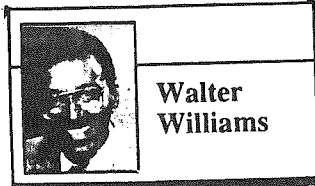
We are engaged in reliving the Vietnam experience. Whatever (former President Reagan) does, it is not enough. The militants in South Africa will settle for nothing less than The Federalist Papers, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the Emancipation Proclamation, Brown vs. the Board of Education, the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1965, and the latest affirmative action decision of the Supreme Court." (emphasis ours)

Tutu went on to express his great love for America for helping the Communist World Revolution: "...I think the West for my part, CAN GO TO HELL."

Demagoguery: Black and white.

Blaze call—by letter
THE SUN.

Black Americans have overcome some of the most difficult barriers ever placed before an ethnic group. This progress, put into historical perspective, is no less than remarkable. Black people were brought to America in chains, excluded from the protections of our Constitution, then freed from the degradation of slavery only to face lynchings and suffer the abuses, insults, and denials of "Jim Crow" laws. Despite all this, in the space of a century and a quarter, we have gone further than virtually every other oppressed racial group in history. If you totaled black earnings, and counted them as if blacks were a separate nation, it'd be the world's 12th richest. The chief executives of some of the world's greatest cities and some of the world's most famous personalities are black. Blacks have made significant contributions to culture and the arts. Neither slave nor slaveowner would ever have dreamed that these achievements were possible. This speaks well, not only of the courage and substance of a people, but also of the moral character of our nation.



Walter Williams

During times of open hostility, there was a need for group solidarity in the racist attacks on black elected or appointed officials. There may have been a need for solidarity, even if the official was caught or suspected of wrongdoing. There may have been a need for blacks to avoid open criticism of a black politician and keep it in the "family" rather than risk the trap of divide and conquer. Today, it's a different ball game; behavior that may once have been important for survival is now misguided, undeserved loyalty.

Let's look at it. Rep. Gus Savage, D-Ill., was accused of pressing a Peace Corps volunteer for sexual favors; James Usery, Atlantic City's ex-mayor, was accused of abusing his office, including selling favors; Mayor

Marion Barry of Washington, D.C., is standing trial on drug charges. In each case the official claimed innocence, blaming the charges on white racism. Naturally, many blacks rallied to the support of these officials.

Any black person, who's seen the sordid videotapes of Barry doing drugs at Washington's Vista Hotel, and read the accounts of witnesses testifying that they sold or did drugs with the mayor, must feel a sense of deep betrayal. Barry continuously denies the use of drugs, swearing its all part of a racist conspiracy. Now we know the mayor was lying and willfully misusing black people to cover up his own shortcomings. Benjamin Hooks of the NAACP claims Barry is a victim of a conspiracy to discredit black elected officials. If that's true, Barry must be the ringleader of the conspiracy.

The Barry story is the tip of a much larger, debilitating program by many black politicians, leaders, and civil rights activists. A program intended to keep black people in a constant state of grievance and to instill feelings of victimization. That,

coupled with the ability to generate white feelings of guilt, means power, prestige, and federal and corporate grants to the black elite. This is paternalism and defeatism at best — a significant departure from, and betrayal of, the sacrifices and values of our ancestors.

In my youth, we were admonished by our elders: "Be a credit to your race," and "You have to be better than the white man." Whether that advice was fair or not is one thing, but it does show more character and strength than today's: "They owe us," and relationships based on white guilt.

In the total scheme of things, what happens to Barry is trivial.

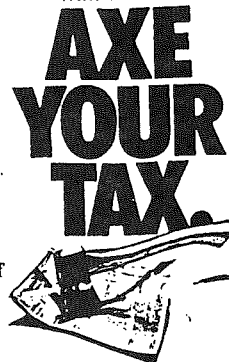
The larger issue is whether black people will overlook accountability, egregious behavior, and betrayal in the name of racial solidarity, or recognize that black demagoguery is just as pernicious as white demagoguery. There's a lot at stake.

David Pugh called out the fire brigade ... by second-class post.

David, 57, wrote to report a small fire at his home in Birmingham. He wanted the damage inspected for an insurance claim.

But four days later a fire engine roared to a halt outside the house ready to deal with a blaze.

West Midlands Fire Service said "We treated the letter like a fire-call."



...with a new agenda for America!

John Pike, an Oxford NC attorney, has devised a unique strategy for preventing the placing of a hazardous waste disposal complex in that state. Pike subdivided a 48-acre site he owned in the middle of the proposed location into 70,000 parcels and is selling them off. Since early June, Pike and volunteers have sold thousands of parcels. The idea is to force the state to have to deal with thousands of land owners, according to each one the procedural rights under condemnation and environmental laws.

Five years ago the Project on Government Procurement made waves with its report of the Pentagon paying \$600 apiece for toilet seats and so forth. Well, inflation hits waste as much as anything else so we shouldn't be surprised at the news that the military is now paying \$1800 for a toilet seat and \$1000 for a pair of pliers.

The New Jersey Supreme Court has ruled that garbage left on the curb is private and can not be searched without a warrant. Said the NJ court: "A free and civilized society should comport itself with more decency" than to permit "the police to pick and poke their way through garbage bags to peruses without cause the vestiges of a person's most private affairs."

Says Lewis Grossberger in 7 Days: "We have a president who won't eat his vegetables, a vice-president who plays with dolls, and we're the world's greatest power. Imagine how we'll do when we have grown-ups in office."

A new book on college sports, *Sports Inc.*, reports that the big revenue producing college sports -- football and men's basketball -- do not earn enough to support other athletic programs. Further, most athletic programs operate in the red, and steal money from classroom and other student activities. Athletes recruited to play a NCAA Division I-A schools in 1988 were four times more likely to be admitted as "exceptions" to normal campus admissions standards than other students according to a NCAA study released this fall. Says *Sports Inc.* author Murray Sperber, "Money that could go to better qualified students ends up going to jocks."

Berkeley has announced that beginning next year its affirmative action program will extend to students from low income families. While more than 60% of the students admitted to Berkeley come from racial and ethnic minorities, most also came from relatively well-to-do homes. White students have a median family income almost double that of black and latino students, but blacks and latinos surpass the national medium.

Look who's "teaching" our children

Time, for example, tells about a Chicago public school teacher who answers the question of a television news reporter with the words, "I teaches English." A third grade teacher in Chicago writes the following sentence on a blackboard: "Put the following words in alphabetical [sic] order." A fifth grade teacher in Mobile, Alabama, the proud holder of a Master of Education degree from one of this nation's teachers' colleges, sends the following note home to one of her students' parents: "Scott is dropping in his studies [no punctuation] he acts as if he don't care. Scott want pass in his assignment at all, he a had a poem to learn and he fell to do it." This is a precise copy of the note.

In recent years, disturbing signs of how widespread this incompetency is have come to light. In 1983, for example, school teachers in Houston, Texas, were required to take a competency test. More than 60 percent of the teachers failed the reading part of the test. Forty-six percent failed the math section while 26 percent could not pass the writing exam. As if this weren't bad enough, 763 of the more than 3,000 teachers taking the test cheated. While competency testing seems to be an important stage towards the improvement of education in America, the National Education Association, our nation's most powerful teachers' union, opposes it for people already in the profession.

We should feel grief and despair at the millions of young lives that have been deprived of a proper education and at what those individuals, their families, and our nation will lose as a result. But we should also feel real anger and resentment at those people and institutions that are responsible for all this. These were people and institutions that readily took billions of dollars in public and private money, profited personally from the system, and have through their incompetence, ignorance, greed, and assorted other intellectual and moral vices created the intellectual and moral crisis that now afflicts every level of American education.



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THE PROGRESSIVE REVIEW

"The people in North Carolina have lost a constitutional right to choose whatever type of health care they want. It really is alarming."

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE
North Carolinians who prefer herbs, vitamins and other natural remedies to traditional medical treatment fear that a state Supreme Court ruling could restrict their right to alternative medicine.

"The people in North Carolina have lost a constitutional right to choose whatever type of health care they want," said Cindy Boylston of

Charlotte, who said she used herbal remedies to avoid gall bladder surgery. "It really is alarming."

At issue is the right to practice and use homeopathic and naturopathic medicine, which involve natural remedies instead of drugs and surgery. The two practices differ, but both appear to go beyond what the N.C. Board of Medical Examiners considers appropriate treatment.

Well, if you want to get personal, where do you get your wig made?"

— South Carolina Senator Fritz Hollings on "This Week With David Brinkley." Hollings was responded to Sam Donaldson's question on whether it was true that Hollings' suits were made by a Korean company.

"Dogs look up to us. Cats look down on us. But pigs treat us as equals."

— Winston Churchill

Signs of the Times



"I wish we could outlaw swimming in the river and jumping off the bridges."

— Johnson County sheriff and safety Nazi Robert Carpenter.

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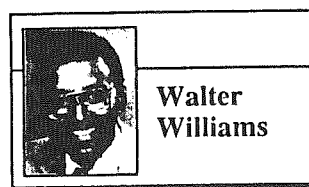
South African differences

In recent months, we've seen unprecedented slaughter in South Africa. Conservative estimates put this death toll well over 1,000 lives this year with 500 dead in August alone. Virtually all of the victims were blacks, as were just about 100 percent of the killers. The major source of the conflict centers on the rivalry between people aligned with the African National Congress (ANC), whose chief spokesman is Nelson Mandela, and those aligned with Inkatha whose spokesman is Mangosuthu Buthelezi. This must surely puzzle Americans who've been led to believe that the ANC and Mandela are the sole representatives of blacks in South Africa.

The phrase, "the blacks of South Africa," is a significant barrier to our understanding. It's about as useful as saying "the whites of Europe," which would be recognized as nonsense. While the whites of Europe are of one race, they differ ethnically. They have different cultures, languages, and values. And they have been slaughtering one another for centuries over those differences.

It's the same in South Africa.

*Oliver v. U.S.: There is no reasonable expectation of privacy on the land surrounding one's home. Police may trespass fenced and guarded fields, even if in violation of state law, without abridging the Fourth Amendment.



Walter Williams

It's not a news media-configured Tarzan story where blacks are all the same. Estimates of South African ethnic groups are: Zulus (six million), Xhosas (four million), Northern Soto (three million), and Southern Soto (two million). Other major ethnic groups are the Tswana, Swazi, Ndebele, and the Shagana-Tsonga. They have different cultures, languages, religions and a history of conflict. Just because a Northern Soto and a Zulu are black is no reason to believe they share a common culture and language any more than to expect the same of an Englishman and a Frenchman just because they're white.

Nelson Mandela is Xhosa. There is as much chance that the Zulus would accept being ruled by a Xhosa as the French would accept being ruled by

ignored by officials

Recent articles on the mass arrests of the University of South Carolina students for underage drinking and the prosecution of fox hunters for hunting Ohio foxes instead of South Carolina foxes leads me to question the priorities of law enforcement officials in this state. You would think the war on drugs had been won and our urban streets were safe at night.

Of course, it is much safer to pursue these types of cases instead of drug dealers, murderers, rapists and the like. If our state and federal authorities have nothing better to do with our tax dollars, then perhaps we can make some headway in balancing the budget, starting with the U.S. attorney's office and the state Alcohol Beverage Control agents. Hassling college students and middle-aged fox hunters contributes nothing to improving society and wastes tax dollars to boot. Let's put these underemployed agents and lawyers to work on real crime or put them on the street.

BOYD M. JENKINSON JR.

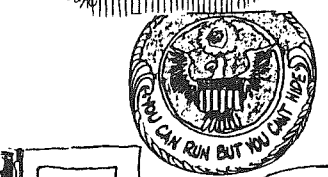
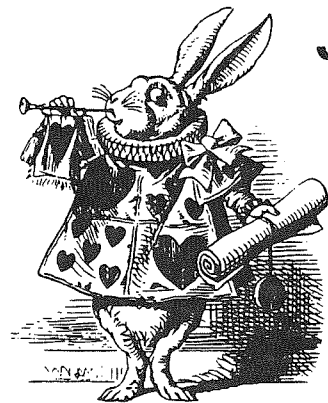
British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Blacks are not the only non-whites. There are roughly three million coloureds, who trace their ancestry to a union between Hottentots and Europeans. Culturally they are Western, and their language is Dutch-Afrikaans. South Africa's coloureds have been viewed suspiciously by blacks for the extra privileges they enjoyed under apartheid. Then there are roughly one million Asians, mostly Indians, who have been in periodic conflict with South Africa's black population and have been subjected to property confiscation and mass expulsion in other black nations on the continent.

Even South Africa's five million white population are not one. Afrikaners remember the British atrocities of the Boer Wars and the British domination of trade and industry. The British are not all that pleased about the near domination of politics by the Afrikaners.

The ANC's call for one-man, one-vote in a unitary state and nationalization of industry will not produce ethnic harmony much less economic prosperity. Instead, South Africa, the one sub-Saharan nation that has every chance to become known as the latest economic miracle and a garden spot on the continent, will turn into a place of unspeakable slaughter, an economic basket case and a beggar like most other African nations.

What's needed in South Africa is the total elimination of apartheid. They need an end to government power, not simply a change in the color of those who wield that power. They must develop a republican form of government and, where political decisions are necessary, they should be decentralized and made at the local level, something like what the Founders envisioned for us that we've all but lost. A constitution must be written that entrenches the individual rights to life, liberty and property. If these measures are taken, as opposed to just changing the color of the tyrant, South Africans will live in peace and prosper.



If taxes go higher, how will economy run?

The Bible tells us that greed will destroy the Earth, and we are getting there as fast as we can. People seem to be trying to get their hands on all the money they can, and most of them don't care how they get it.

Our governments go at it backwards. They try to see how much they can spend first; then when they overspend, they try to see how much they can increase our taxes. They are crying their eyes out now about the great national debt, and at the same time, they try to blame the public for it. And now that they have been so successful in creating it, they want us to give them a huge increase in pay for doing such a good job.

This great debt was caused by one thing only — the constant growth and spending of our government. Yet, not once has anyone in Washington suggested that the size of government be reduced, which would reduce the spending along with it. We could make a good start by cutting off the financing of all the small countries in the world and making the ones who owe us pay up. It would also help if we would stop giving out grants for stupid things like the study of the sex life of the butter-

In Kolomea, USSR, the city council, fed up with Communism, dismantled the statue of Lenin, its founder. (This happens in many places in Eastern Europe.) In doing so, they discovered that the pediment was made of metal plates from Christian and Jewish cemeteries. Names of the deceased were still legible.

THE VOICE OF THE MARTYRS —

rape sentence

By MARY JO NETZER
of the Northwestern

The mother of a 15-year-old rape victim criticized the sentence that was handed down Wednesday to a heavy metal band member found guilty of the crime.

"I'm in shock, and there's nothing we can do," the victim's mother said today. "People wonder why women don't report rapes — this is why."

William "Bill Delivers" McKelvey was sentenced by Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge Thomas Williams to 10 years probation and 90 days in the county jail.

G.A. RIPPL

Drug problem fills nation's prisons

Times-News

In the first six months of 1990, the number of prisoners in the United States jumped by 42,862, from 712,562 on Jan. 1 to 755,425 on June 30; the June figure is a record number. It amounts to a 6 percent increase in the number of prisoners.

And over the most recent 12-month period during which records have been tallied, the number of people in the slammer rose by about 80,000, from about 675,500 in June 1989 to 755,425 in June 1990. The increases were "the largest growth in 65 years of prison population statistics," said Stephen D. Dillingham, director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics of the U.S. Justice Department.

There's something wrong. A free society should not be putting so many people in jail. Of course, killers and armed robbers belong behind bars. But the big reason why so many more people are locked up is the increased vehemence of the "war" on drugs. About 10 percent of state prisoners are in jail for violating drug laws. And according to a 1989 study by the General Accounting Office, almost half of all federal prisoners are drug offenders, though 94 percent of them have no record of violent activity.

The great number of Americans put behind bars on drug charges has had little effect on the "war" on drugs. Pushers in Washington, D. C., New York City, Los Angeles, and elsewhere continue to kill one another at record rates, with stray bullets sometimes maiming or killing innocent bystanders, including children.

True, drug prices have risen a bit recently. Earlier this year, ex-drug czar William Bennett announced that a kilo of cocaine's wholesale price is now between \$17,500 and \$35,000, up from between \$11,000 and \$25,000 last year. This supposedly happened because U.S. interdiction efforts have reduced supply, boosting the price. But Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware noted that the 1990 price was still lower than the 1984 price, between \$40,000 and \$50,000. Moreover, though emergency room treatment of cocaine overdose victims has decreased a bit from last year, the number is still four times what it was in 1985.

In other words, we're spending \$12 billion a year at the federal level, and billions more at the state and local levels in the "war" on drugs. We're putting more and more people in jail. But we have little to show for it except higher taxes and fewer liberties.

Some say it is time to end the "war" and decriminalize drug use. This would immediately reduce prisoners in our state prisons by 10 percent and in federal prisons by 50 percent, while ending the gang warfare that is shooting up our cities over drug turf battles. Drug abuse should be treated as a medical, not a criminal problem.

Response

I am writing this in response to the letter that appeared in The News and Press by Mr. Jack Westmoreland on July 26.

I agree with Mr. Westmoreland when he said that all our School Board members should be commended for their dedication. But how Mr. Westmoreland can give a "pat on the back" to the six board members for raising our taxes is beyond understanding. If the board had the foresight to see that the administration had misled it about an "800,000 mistake", there would be no need to increase our taxes.

The letter leads us to believe that this tax increase was in the interest of "improving education" for our children. This tax increase will have nothing to do with education but everything to do with administration.

Anytime there is a situation

when one of our government bodies overspend, the answer is always the same - raise taxes. More money in our school district is not the answer to our long list of problems.

The board members who voted for no tax increase were the ones who needed a "pat on the back."

The six board members who raised our taxes seem to follow a pattern of voting to spend our tax dollars on administration frills. That's why we are in financial trouble. It seems that raising our taxes is a lot easier for them than cutting out the frivolous spending that has taken place the last two years. Yes, I am one of the naysayers and a critic of this administration.

To be a forward thinking, progressive citizen is accepting this administration at face value. I will remain a critic. At least I am not blind to the truth of what is really happening in our schools.

Marsha Lloyd Smith

Drug Busts

The director of Britain's chief anti-drug agency stunned an international conference this summer when he said that society should learn to live with illegal drugs in the same way it lives with alcohol and tobacco. Said David Turner: "We now have an increasing number of studies showing that controlled use of heroin and cocaine is possible, and in ways not economically, culturally or socially destructive. I believe our task is to begin to work on development of a cultural and social capacity to contain the use of drugs within our society." Total prohibition, added Turner, hinders development of a social context in which non-dysfunctional drug use can occur.

In Maryland, Attorney General J. Joseph Curran Jr. recently said that there should be a public discussion of decriminalization of drug use if current law enforcement and education efforts fail to halt drug violence: "Maybe there will come a time when citizens will say, 'Let's get rid of the profit motive and get rid of the drug dealers.' Heretofore, this has been unthinkable, but maybe someday we'll think about the unthinkable."

The Partnership for a Drug Free America, which incidentally gets part of its money from cigarette manufacturers, has been putting out some misleading statistics, according to a story in the *St. Petersburg Times*. For example, PDFA claims that drug use costs American business at least \$60 billion a year. The figure is based on a 1983 federal study that claimed \$60 billion was the cost to society as a whole. The portion related to business productivity was \$24 billion, with most of that being lost wages by drug users themselves. PDFA also says that the average drug user first tries an illegal drug at 11.6 years, but that stat is actually the one for youthful cigarette use. The figure that doctors and nurses were 50% more likely to be addicted than the general population reflected the estimate of a Chicago nurse who says it was based on skimpy research and is outdated. Further, the claim that drug users are 3.6 times more likely to injure themselves on the job was based on an informal study of alcoholics, not users of illegal drugs.

Not every local official kowtows to William Bennett when he does his anti-drug act on their turf. After hearing Bennett in Minnesota, State Senator Allan Spear, who chairs the legislature's judiciary committee, described the retiring P.T. Barnum of the drug wars as "a real jerk." If Bennett is looking for a good retirement speech he might get some ideas from that of DC Commissioner George Allen, who regaled FDR and other New Dealers at a farewell dinner, bragging that under his stewardship, both the death and destitution rate had increased.

Troopers offer little help where it's needed

I am certain that all state troopers in South Carolina do not exhibit the poor judgment or proclivity for favoritism as seen in the special brand of selective enforcement of their former commanding officer. But I've no evidence to back this up.

When my immediate family drove to Beaufort during this past winter's snowstorm, vehicles littered the ditches on both sides of the road. In the midst of this traffic nightmare, with dozens of travelers obviously in need of assistance, the only state trooper to be seen was sitting in his cruiser, parked in the median behind a bush, vigilantly operating his radar gun.

When visiting a friend who lives in Fort Mill, I've had the great misfortune to travel one of our newer highways in South Carolina, Interstate 77. This ugly strip of alleged pavement has been pitted, holed and cracked by severely overloaded tractor-trailers, but as far as I've been able to determine in my several round trips, it remains unmolested by the tires of Highway Patrol vehicles. This condition raises an even more puzzling question than how the bid for the repair work was selected.



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The most puzzling question is, with overloaded trucks destroying our highways and with the Highway Patrol writing an average of 47,000 tickets per month, how many of these tickets are going to the owners and operators of the big offenders? Considering the number of weigh stations I've seen operating - none - I'd have to estimate that figure at near zero.

Colonel Lanier and Special Agent Verinder shouldn't be berated too seriously for this incident on Highway 277. As a matter of fact, I believe that Special Agent Verinder should be commended for his diligent effort in locating what may be the only helpful highway patrolman in South Carolina.

DAVIS ROWELL

A court upholds the dismissal of the multimillionaire's slander suit against a Little League official.

By JAMES GREIFF
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Paul A. Bilzerian, the multimillionaire corporate raider and convicted felon, struck out again with his slander suit against a St. Petersburg Little League official.

On Wednesday, a three-judge district appeals court panel in Tampa sided with a lower court order dismissing Bilzerian's suit against Rick Brannely, vice president of the Northeast Little League.

Bilzerian sued Brannely in May 1988 after the Little League official told the *St. Petersburg Times* that Bilzerian reneged on a pledge to give the league \$5,000 if the 5-, 6-, and 7-year-old players raised an equal amount in a fund-raising drive. The league, selling household goods door-to-door, fell short by \$52.25.

Utah Grand Jury Charges Greenbacks Are Illegal Tender

Strange Indictment Sought By Gold-Standard Backers Upsets the U.S. Attorney
Special to The Wall Street Journal

SALT LAKE CITY — An embarrassed U.S. attorney's office here is withholding comment on how a federal grand jury last week handed up an indictment against the Federal Reserve System for issuing currency not redeemable by gold or silver coin.

The four-count criminal indictment was described by federal attorneys as "rinky dink" and "a very strange document." It was apparently inspired by a group of Utah "Constitutionalists" and backers of a gold standard for currency.

The group persuaded a quorum of the grand jury that the Federal Reserve System has been operating in violation of the Constitution since 1933, when Congress banned redemption of federal notes for gold and silver.

U.S. district court Judge David K. Winder on Friday formally dismissed the indictment.

Getting the facts

In your "In brief . . ." editorial of May 24, you made fun of an angry lady who complained to you that she was finding it extremely difficult to cast an intelligent ballot because the California voter information pamphlet does not contain statements by candidates for statewide office.

Your snide response to her was that she should "read her daily newspaper in order to gain some insights about the various office seekers."

What good would that do?

The *Union* chooses which candidates are the designated front-runners and totally ignores the other voter options. In the race for governor, *The Union* covered only one Republican and two Democrats.

Almost no mention was made of the other three Republican and nine Democratic party candidates. Worse, there was zero coverage of the Libertarian, Peace and Freedom or American Independent party candidates.

At best your paper serves as a tout sheet to tell us who the favorites are in the various races, but it is a poor excuse for responsible journalism.

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San Diego