

# No Kiddie Curfew For Arlington

A proposed curfew that would have turned Arlington's streets into a no-man's land for children under 16 will not be imposed. The curfew ordinance, introduced by Arlington County Board member Dorothy Grotos (R), required that under-16's be off the streets and out of public places from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and between midnight and 5 a.m. unless accompanied by an adult or having a "valid reason" for being in public. Supposedly intended to minimize truancy, the ordinance would have provided for a fine of up to \$500 and up to 30 days in jail for any parent or shopkeeper who failed to comply.

The only Arlington Board member to speak out against the proposal was Ellen Bozman (D), who said, "I don't think we should be putting the onus on shop owners to be responsible for keeping children out of their stores. But, more fundamentally, I think putting parents in jail or fining them isn't an effective solution to truancy." Other County Board members remained silent about the proposed curfew, evidently waiting to see which way political winds were blowing. But Bozman continued to speak out against the proposed outrage, and an ordinance that might have slipped past an unaware public became an item of hot local debate, and opposition mounted against the curfew.

Disappointingly, but not surprisingly, the Arlington Chamber of Commerce (a Republican-dominated organization) failed to take a stand either way. But numerous local businesspeople, PTA's, and civic groups, including several local Libertarians, showed up at the Arlington Court House on November 20, prepared to speak against the proposed curfew. By the time the County Board meeting began that day, it had become obvious that public debate on the curfew might take hours.

When the item came up on that morning's agenda, Grotos made the motion to adopt the curfew ordinance. The other County Board members looked around the room at the enraged multitude and said nothing. No Board member was willing to second the motion, and the proposed curfew met an ignominious and well-deserved death.

Suggestion: If the Arlington Board really wants to solve the "truancy problem," they might consider petitioning the state government to abolish compulsory school attendance laws.

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# Social Security Week Designated

The week of January 31 - February 5, 1983 has been designated Social Security Week by the Libertarian Party. Around the nation, Libertarians will conduct events opposing the Social Security tax and presenting the Libertarian solutions.

Social Security is one of the most monstrous schemes in history that, if sold in the private sector, would be laughed off the market and land the seller in jail for fraud. With unfunded liabilities of over \$4 trillion dollars, the continuation of what is essentially a pyramid-sales Ponzi game depends on the government's power to tax future workers. Present workers are supporting present recipients; the money that was paid in by present recipients was spent a long time ago. In 1950, for every beneficiary under Social Security, there were 16 workers paying into the System. By 1960, that number had dwindled to five. And by 1980, there were only three workers paying in per beneficiary.

Unlike private insurance policies and investment programs which spell out in advance both costs and benefits, and all the rules, so the prospective purchaser can make an informed choice, Social Security keeps changing the rules, and the costs, and the benefits, and compels us by law to buy the "service." A recent Gallup poll revealed that 60% of workers believe they will never receive any benefits.

And the statisticians, both Democrat and Republican, believe they can "reform" the system by stealing more money from today's workers and raising the retirement age to defer benefit payments to the elderly for as long as possible. Politicians buy votes

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# New Year Brings Higher Taxes - Again

When running for the Presidency, Ronald Reagan frequently pledged his total commitment to cutting taxes and government spending. After the election, as people began to understand the true meaning of Reaganomics, Ronnie told us that he didn't actually mean that he would cut taxes and spending from what they had been before—he only meant that he wouldn't increase taxes and spending quite as fast as the Democrats might have. But Ronnie didn't intentionally mislead us. Oh, no. We just didn't understand the complexities of balancing the Federal budget.

But now we're being taught some of those complexities. Oh, yes. And Ronnie is teaching us where the money's coming from for that \$98 billion budget increase he squeezed out of Congress in August. And Ronnie gave us a nice little package of tax increases for the New Year to teach us how to get along with less.

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## Virginian Starts New SLS Chapter in New Mexico

When Virginia LP activist Maxx Cassidy got to St. John's College in Santa Fe, New Mexico, he found no Libertarian activities on campus. But he did find others interested in Libertarian ideas. So Cassidy and Laurel, Indiana Libertarian Albert Barger got together and formed a campus chapter of SLS (Students for a Libertarian Society).

Home for the holidays, Cassidy told VIRGINIA LIBERTARIAN how he and Barger have built an organization in only one short semester that now boasts a membership approaching 50 students at St. John's, raising funds

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## Reminder

Deadline for submission of articles for the March issue of VIRGINIA LIBERTARIAN is Friday, February 4th.

Production schedules and times involved coordinating the various phases of volunteer effort required to produce a publication such as this make it necessary to work at least a month ahead. If you have something you want included, get it to us as early as possible, typewritten double-spaced if you can. Keep us informed and we'll keep you informed.

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## April 15 is Tax Protest Day



The Broome County, N.Y. chapter of the Free Libertarian Party made nationwide headlines last April 15 with a reenactment of Lady Godiva's famous ride in Binghamton, N.Y. to dramatize Libertarian opposition to state and federal income taxes. Wearing a long blonde wig and a white bodysuit (see picture above), Binghamton Libertarian activist Marjorie Kaczmarek attracted several thousand noontime spectators as she rode through downtown Binghamton while husband Phil walked behind carrying a "pooper-scooper" lined with a 1040 form and other local Libertarian activists handed out flyers opposing taxation.

Ed Jowett, organizer of last year's demonstration in Binghamton, is this year's Tax Protest Day National Coordinator. Lady Godiva rides are planned throughout the country on April 15 this year. In Virginia, the main demonstration will take place in Richmond. There may be other smaller-scale demonstrations around the State, as well.

The Kaczmareks now live in Virginia. Phil Kaczmarek has agreed to coordinate our Tax Protest Day activities here, and is now conducting a statewide search for volunteers to portray Lady Godiva in 1983, as well as help with all the other work necessary to have a successful demonstration. Contact Phil at (703) 671-9849.

