

"The most dangerous man, to any government, is the man who is able to think things out for himself, without regard to the prevailing superstitions and taboos. Almost inevitably he comes to the conclusion that the government he lives under is dishonest, insane and intolerable, and so, if he is romantic, he tries to change it. And even if he is not romantic personally he is very apt to spread discontent among those who are."
H.L. Mencken

OTHER NEWS:

The IRS has announced it will no longer accept cash in payment of tax obligations. The move is intended to cut costs and reduce security risks. There is no word from the IRS on how this action squares with the legal tender laws, which generally require anyone to accept U. S. currency in payment of a legal debt. The more aggressive individual may wish to go to an IRS office and offer payment in currency. When the currency is refused under the new policy you can assert that your obligation to pay has been extinguished under the legal tender laws. - Professional Advisor

(Of course, the IRS can say that federal reserve notes are not legal tender.)

Ex-IRS agent robbing a bank climbed up & covered a camera lens, which took a close photo as he did it, to police amusement.

Another who tried to surrender to police while caught stealing wiring from an abandoned apt. fell into a manhole, whose cover he had stolen the week before. - Free Ent. Soc. News

(Apparently, stealing is the only skill they have.)

In Bogota, Colombia, miniskirts have been banned from the national legislature, as they tend to distract the members of the legislature. (WR)

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WHAT ALL CITIZENS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT POLICE POLICY

Retired Phoenix, Az police officer, Jack McLamb, editor and publisher of AID & ABET newsletter (POB 8787 Phoenix, AZ 85066), has given us the following facts and insight into the minds of the nation's police officers. Jack sez:

- 1 Police are trained to believe that they are the keepers of society. That society would collapse without them. That the "citizen" MUST be supervised at all times. The police role; zoo keeper!
- 2 Police academy training drives wedge between police and citizen. Never, ever, trust a citizen, only fellow officer. Police world and citizen world, never the twain shall meet. Police world is the "thin blue line", don't let it break!
- 3 Academy does NOT TEACH U.S. Constitution. Only touch on 4th & 5th Amendments as they relate to police policy on "search & seizure"!
- 4 All police take the Oath to support the Constitution their first day but training starts immediately, to violate it. [Ed: To Suborn: the hiring of someone to violate the law. Turns police into criminals!]
- 5 Police LOVE a barricade situation. It's their chance to go physical. If rapist or murderer cornered, they try NOT to kill. If a "patriot" cornered, police MUST kill as such are not capable of rehabilitation. This is police POLICY and their rule of thumb.
- 6 Seventy per cent (70%) of police are FOR citizens having guns. In almost all cases it makes the police job that much easier.
- 7 Police, when on duty, are trained to control and command every encounter. If that control is lost their only alternative is to get physical. Talking and reasoning with a police officer is NOT their game and they can't relate. In short, do it their way or get brutalized and bloodied. The rule is; the officer goes home to wife and kids, not you!
- 8 Police all know they commit many wrongs in the performance of their duties but can't always identify those wrongs. Those that want answers can NEVER find them in law enforcement circles. Usually, the patriot is the ONLY SOURCE for straight answers but police have burnt most of those bridges so wrong becomes right, in time!
- 9 Police promotions are based on competition. It used to be the "quota" system, so many tickets per day. They've changed the name to "recap" due to bad press. Recap scores are published monthly on police bulletin boards to "incite" competition. Many then resort to trickery and baiting of motorists to up recap scores and get promotions. It's a game! [Ed: It's a game for them but you're the victim. Its real name is still THEFT. Extortion by statute and regulation!]

There are 600,000 police officers in U.S., 35% being Vietnam vets. They should be enforcers for "citizen rights" rather than mercenaries for municipal corporations (cities etc.) and Jack's goal is to reach them and make that conversion, for us. He needs YOUR help. Send two bucks for his Aid & Abet and learn the score. Then get into the fight to win that army for the CONSTITUTION and for AMERICA.

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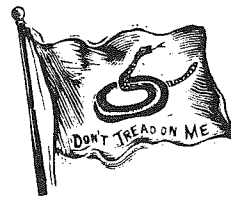
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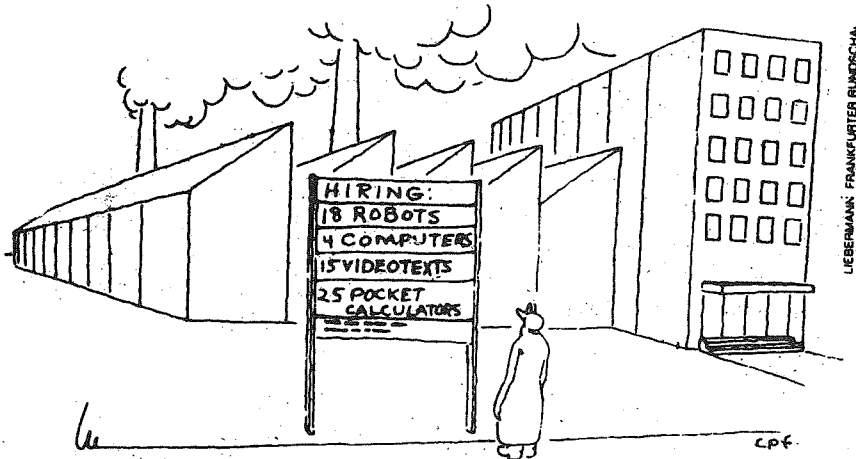
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JOHN SHUDLUCK, Mayor of Ocean Ridge, Florida, and host to a local radio show has announced his candidacy for the U.S. House on a platform calling for a silver standard!

Thanks to Doc Steever of N.J. we received a copy of the Philadelphia Inquirer newspaper which (April 10-16) published a series detailing the secret side of tax-reform showing the tax breaks (which are as illegal as the tax is) are not for the people...but for the rich insider. Don't just write your local paper asking them to send for the series to run - present them with a copy. 36 pages/photos for only 1 f.r.n. (fed note/buck), or 100 copies for \$25 bucks, Send M.O. or check to P.O. Box 8263, Philadelphia, PA 19101 for "The Great Tax Giveaway".

Minimum wage no favor

By Phil Fretz

Phil Fretz is editorial editor of the Amarillo Globe-News in Texas.

The good news is: My oldest teenager has a part-time job. He's learning some work skills, building self-esteem, becoming more independent, and earning enough money to keep his car running.

The bad news is: Sen. Ted Kennedy, (D-Mass.) wants to do him a favor.

Kennedy wants to require my son's employer to either give him a big raise — or fire him. That's a little risky.

I'm talking about Kennedy's proposal to increase the federal minimum wage from \$3.35 an hour to \$4.55 over three years. Kennedy originally proposed raising it to \$5.05, but the bill was scaled back recently by a Senate committee.

On the balance, this would be bad — not just for my son, who works as a sacker at one of the new Food Emporiums — but for a lot of other young people with initiative.

Wages are a key part of overhead. The higher the overhead, the more a business must either cut its marginal expenses or raise prices. And competition makes higher prices an unattractive alternative.

The Minimum Wage Study Commission, created by Congress in 1981, estimates that 1 percent of all teen jobs are killed every time the minimum wage goes up 10 percent.

About 2,320 jobs will be eliminated in Texas' 13th Congressional District alone if Kennedy's bill become law, according to U.S. Chamber of Commerce estimates.

True, that's open to inter-

pretation. A local union official recently was quoted in this newspaper (Amarillo Globe-News) as saying minimum wage increases have "never affected the work force. They've got to have those employees there to work."

Businesses do need some employees. But, when the wage is forced up, most can get by with fewer.

When was the last time someone pumped your gasoline and checked the air in your tires? How many waitresses do fast-food restaurants employ?

Back 20 years ago, when I was in the grocery business, we used to wrap almost all of our produce. We even shucked the onions. When was the last time you saw someone shucking onions in a supermarket?

You know why? Because there are fewer people working in those stores today, so they've eliminated some of the frills.

If the minimum wage goes up again, a spokesman for the Albertsons supermarkets said this spring, his company might eliminate sackers. Rex Vermilion, owner of the Burger King franchises in Amarillo and Borger (Texas), told the same reporter he would consider a variety of cutbacks — including automation.

Remember, the working poor, for the most part, earn more than the minimum wage — but still little enough, in some instances, to be affected by Kennedy's bill.

Consider the plight of a 42-year-old single Amarillo woman: A West Texas State University graduate, she was earning \$6 an hour doing clerical and sales work until she was laid off because of the recession. She had to take a lower-paying job.

"I make \$3.80 per hour," she told me recently. "After taxes, it's \$3.05. That comes to \$488 a month. This is what has to come out of it: house payment \$180, utilities \$125, health insurance \$15, gas for car \$45 and \$45 car insurance."

"I have \$78 left for food, clothes and doctor bills. I've spent everything in savings. I pray there is never anything unexpected."

She's in a tough predicament. But she's the victim of a bad Texas economy, not the minimum wage. I think there's a better job out there waiting for her. I hope she finds it.

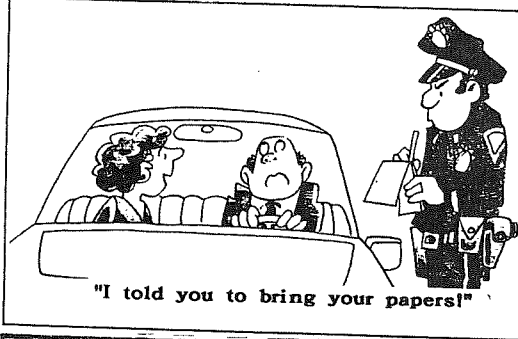
If you increase the minimum wage enough to give her a raise, her employer will have to cut back. And it might be easier to drop one full-time adult rather than two part-timers since there is more flexibility in the scheduling of the latter.

And even if she isn't laid off, you've hurt others and diminished her incentive to find a job that could make better use of her talents.

Young people need entry-level jobs to gain work skills that they can later parlay into better positions. If you raise the minimum wage too high, you'll deprive a lot of teens of this experience.

True, they'll still enter the work force sometime. But I think they are better off "paying their dues," so to speak, living with their parents and earning \$3.35 an hour for "pocket change," rather than trying to support themselves later on \$4.55.

The New York Times, hardly a bastion of conservative thought, put it well last spring: "The idea of using a minimum wage to overcome poverty is old, honorable — and fundamentally flawed."



"CAN THE LIBERTIES OF A NATION BE THOUGHT SECURE WHEN WE HAVE REMOVED THEIR ONLY BASIS, A CONVICTION IN THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE THAT THESE LIBERTIES ARE THE GIFT OF GOD?"

Thomas Jefferson

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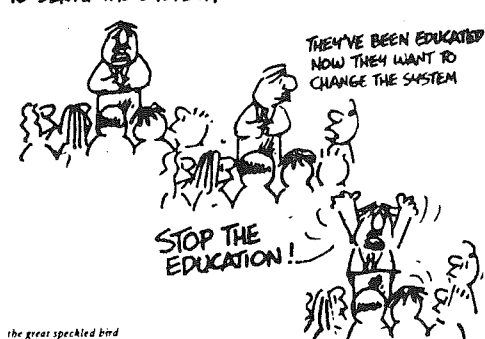
A male Rice University student says he entered the school's homecoming queen contest as a joke, but since he won, he wants the privilege of representing the school at the annual Cotton Bowl game.

Rice students elected a refrigerator as their homecoming queen several years ago.

Rice's homecoming queen usually represents the school at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas on Jan. 1, but the Cotton Bowl committee has vetoed Michael Grubbs' appearance.

"I'm not really mad about it," Grubbs said. "It was kind of a joke. I ran, I had fun, but I don't think it's right to get jerked around. ... I won fair and square."

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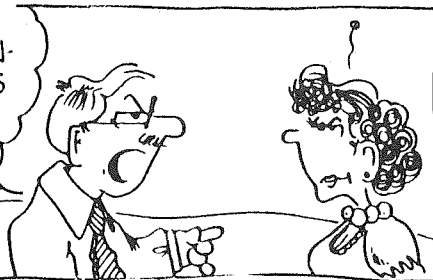
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Libertarian Paul's son stumps at USC

From Staff Reports

Randy Paul showed again that political life is hard for the Libertarians, the party trying to compete with Democrats and Republicans for attention.

Paul, the 25-year-old son of Libertarian presidential candidate Ron Paul, spoke at the University of South Carolina Russell House cafeteria Tuesday, but he didn't draw the undivided attention of students.

"You get up here and try speaking while they're eating," Paul said.

On top of that, Russell House officials gave him a hard time because Paul hadn't gone through the channels to reserve a speaking spot.

But the inattention of the students and the frowns of the administrators didn't stop him from delivering his message, basically the Libertarian script that the best government is little or no government.

Paul tried to stress such topics as the "outrageous contradiction" of military service and the drinking age. People can be inducted into the mili-

"My father was the only Republican to vote against Ronald Reagan's budget his last year in Congress. . . . The principle of a balanced budget has more to offer than devotion to a party."

— Randy Paul

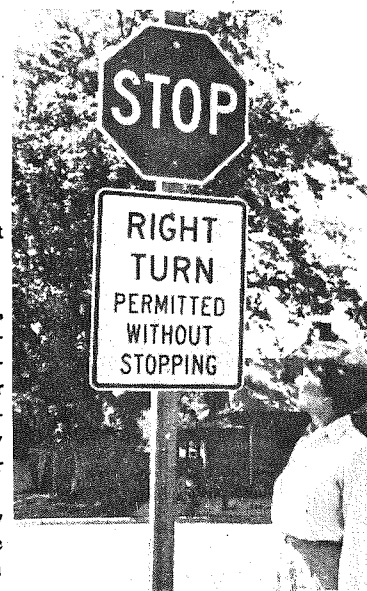
tary at 18, but they can't buy alcohol, he said.

His father was a Republican congressman from Texas for six years before turning Libertarian and now offers the only real alternative to George Bush or Michael Dukakis, he said.

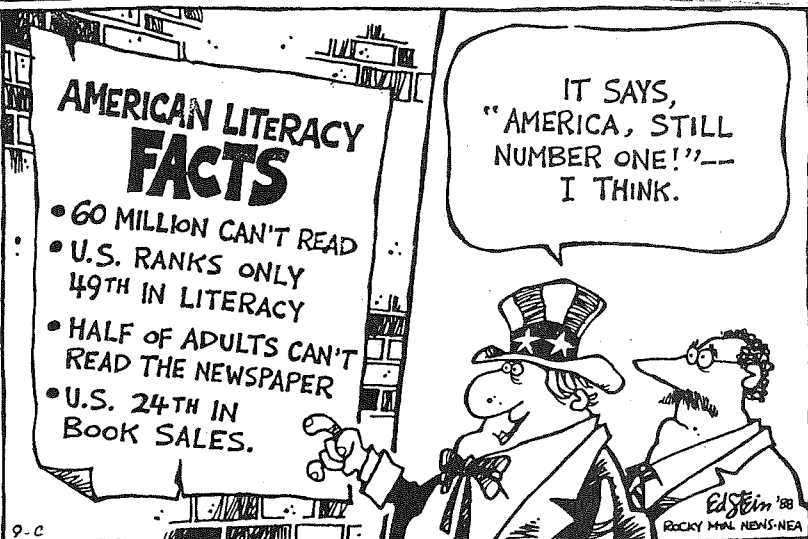
"My father was the only Republican to vote against Ronald Reagan's budget his last year in Congress," Paul said. "The principle of a balanced budget has more to offer than devotion to a party."

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Ramona Marotz-Baden remembers handing a card to a convention delegate and his wife, and the man saying, "Oh, you're a libertarian. Why don't you take off your clothes?"



Ramona Marotz-Baden wonders why you can legally turn at some stop signs without stopping in parts of the state



Rising illiteracy

In the article by Michael Lewis regarding illiteracy (*The State*, Oct. 30), two interesting points were made that may even entwine to make one large and frightening point.

One point made was the example of TEC's "Get Ready" program in Fairfield County — designed to prepare local residents with little or no education to compete for training for jobs at the new Mack Truck assembly plant. Out of 320 persons who attended the classes, two were accepted in Mack's training program! (One cannot help but wonder how much money was spent on this program.)

One can also wonder why this country had a 90 percent literacy rate in 1850 while in 1988 it is so alarmingly low. The per capita monies spent on education escalate a thousand-fold while the literacy rate drops.

A second point made in the article was a statement by Elchanon Cohn, economics professor at the University of South Carolina, who specializes in education: "A typical welfare recipient would have to earn nearly twice the minimum wage at a full-time job to replace all the benefits provided by the government, including food stamps and medical benefits." Twice the minimum wage at a full-time job would be nearly \$14,000 a year.

Perhaps a major reason for illiteracy today is: "Who cares?" "Why bother?" and "What difference does it make?"

Some changes had better take place soon, before it's too late.

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Cordially yours,
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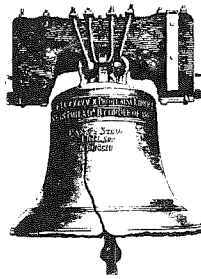
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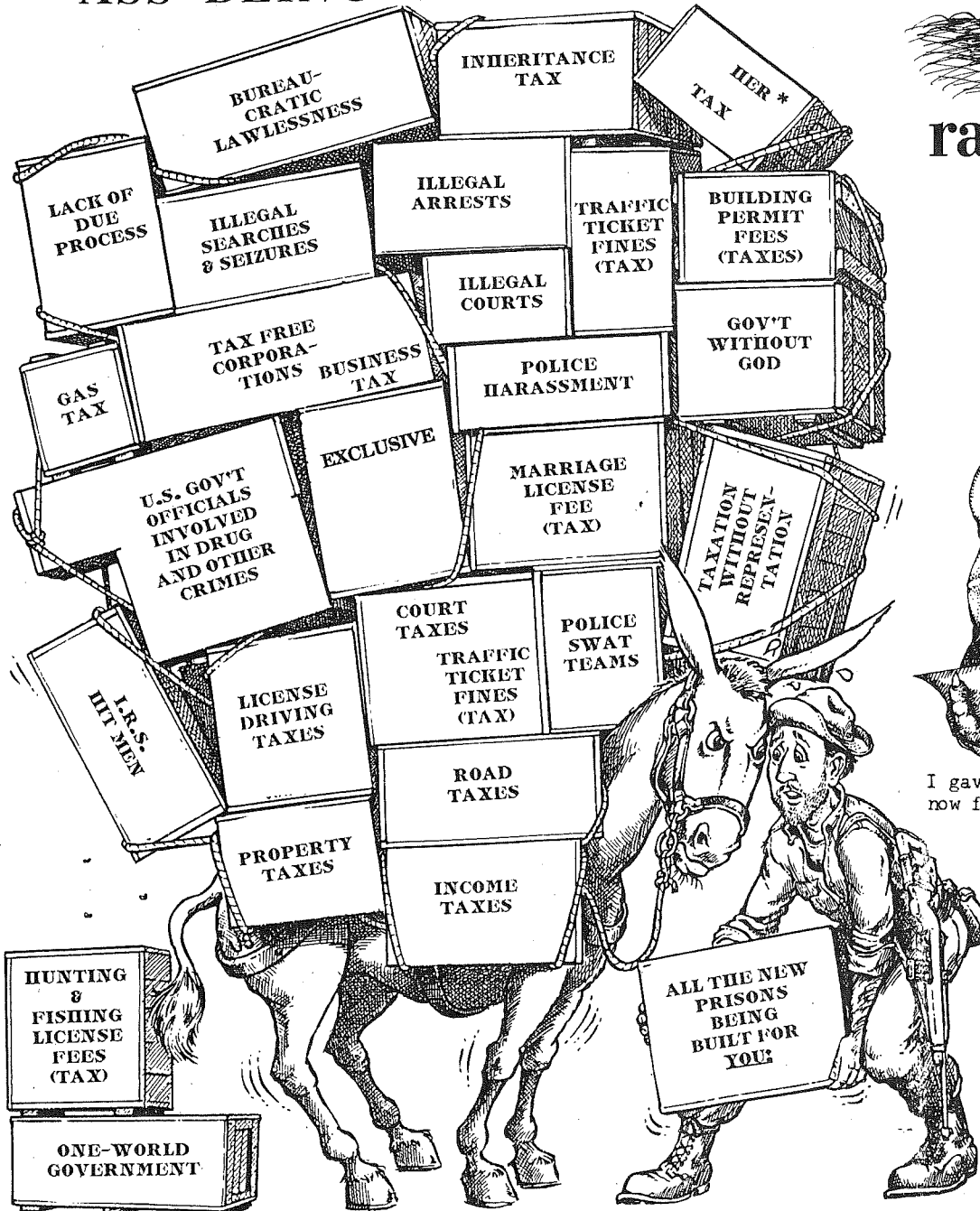
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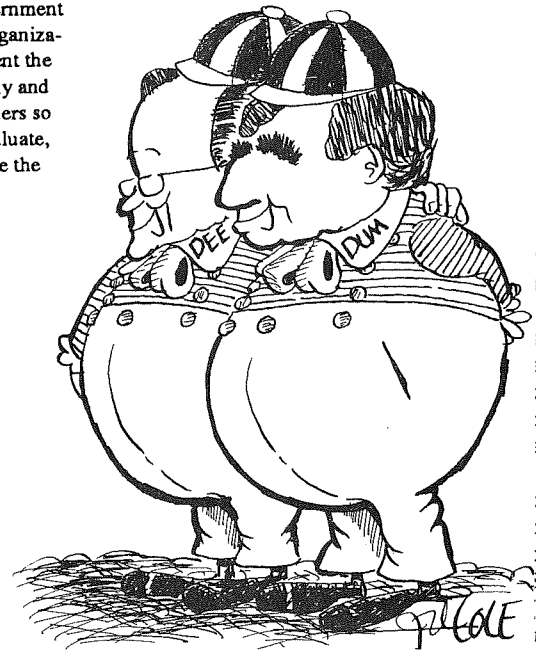
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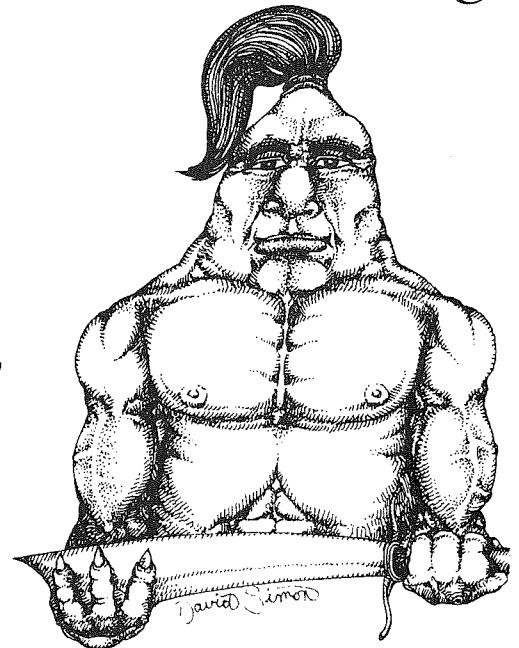
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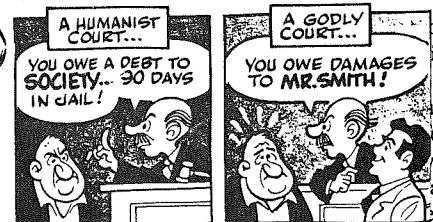


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Children Beaten and Killed in American Jails

By Curtis J. Sitomer

Boston: An ugly underside of America's growing problem of prison overcrowding is the plight of arrested youths who end up as cellmates to hardened adult criminals.

Beatings, rapes, and suicides, as well as verbal and emotional abuse, often attend such incarceration.

Recent cases in Idaho, Kentucky, Ohio, and Washington, D.C., have involved assaults on youngsters and, in many cases, deaths resulting from adult brutality behind bars. Other lawsuits are pending.

The jailing of youngsters under 18 is technically outlawed in most states and counties, and it is strongly discouraged by federal law. But, according to the San Francisco-based Youth Law Center (YLC), it is still done to some degree in 30 states.

Juvenile studies by the YLC and other agencies estimate that as many as 100,000 children - some as young as nine years of age - are put behind bars in adult jails and police lockups in the United States every year. In the large majority of these cases, youngsters are incarcerated for "status" offenses such as resisting discipline and running away, according to YLC director Mark Soler.

public at large."

Professor Schwartz, a former administrator with the federal Office

Only 1 in 4 juveniles in jail has committed a crime.

of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, adds: "You are more likely to be hurt in your own home by someone you know than [by] a juvenile in the street."

Public officials and juvenile authorities from 42 states recently met in Boston to assess the problems of jailing children and to urge public authorities to pass and enforce laws that would provide alternatives to prison for juvenile offenders.

Jay Lindgren, executive officer of juvenile release in the Minnesota Department of Correction, says that few youngsters who commit violent crimes are repeat offenders. Studies in his state show the typical young criminal is black and male - and a victim of violence himself.

"Every kid that is abused doesn't end up a murderer," Mr. Lindgren points out. "But almost all kid murderers have been abused."

Youth delinquency experts are urging renewed funding of a provision of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, which mandates that states that receive federal funds for youth programs remove minors from adult jails and lockups by the end of 1988. Several states are now seeking an extension of this deadline. Others, according to Soler, are willing to forgo public funds to keep juveniles incarcerated in the same facilities with adults.

The US Bureau of Justice Statistics reported that the population of the nation's local jails jumped 23 percent - to 274,400 - in a three-year period ending June 30, 1986, causing serious overcrowding. The report said the occupancy rate in large local jails across the nation was running above rated capacity.

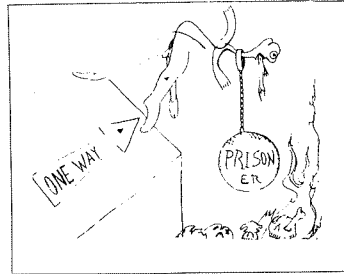
Some states argue that the costs of separate facilities for youthful offenders are prohibitive. And some also hold that youngsters - particularly older teenagers - who commit violent crimes and are tried as adults should be imprisoned with adults.

As to costs, several studies showed that it is far more expensive to incarcerate children in jails than to place them in supervised programs in the community. A 1983 Justice Department survey, for example, found that jailing a juvenile costs \$24 a day, while placement in a small group home averaged \$17 a day, and home detention, \$14.

A Maryland assessment (reported by YLC) found that "the cost of placing a youngster in a state correctional institution is between a reported \$12,000 and \$14,000 [per year], but the greater number of juveniles are being sent to group homes, which cost \$8,200, or placed in foster care at a cost of \$2,400."

Several states - among them California, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia - have passed laws recently banning the incarceration of children in adult jails.

In California, a new statute prohibits the holding of children in county jails -



and it even limits the time that a youngster may spend in custody in a police station.

In Oregon, a federal court ruled that any detention of children in adult jails constitutes a violation of their constitutional rights.

A variety of alternatives to incarceration of children are starting to "catch on," juvenile authorities report. Among them:

*Group home residential programs that include round-the-clock adult supervision, counseling, and educational and recreational opportunities.

*Foster care for youngsters who authorities believe will benefit from a stable, homelike environment.

*Wilderness programs that help young people develop self-confidence and the ability to work constructively with others in a group outdoor survival atmosphere.

*Community supervision where a probation officer or a trained para-professional oversees a youngster's progress in the child's own home.

*Family crisis counseling that affords "emergency" professional help to a youngster and his or her family for a temporary period.

*Proctor programs where youths live with a proctor in the proctor's home until it can be demonstrated to authorities that the young person is making constructive use of his time and learning to cope with those problems that led to involvement with the juvenile-justice system.

*Service-oriented programs for youngsters who could benefit from counseling, employment training, and other programs.

(From the Christian Science Monitor)



Let's see you try to collect taxes from me.

Paul offers specific remedies

It does not require a Nostradamus to predict that either a Bush or a Dukakis Presidency will cause three things to occur next year: Federal government spending will increase; the deficit will increase; and taxes will increase.

While both candidates steadfastly maintain that they will stop all three, neither will offer a specific plan to do so. Even the media have demonstrated (*The State*, Oct. 28) that these goals cannot be attained if the candidates also fulfill their many other campaign promises that require increased federal spending.

It is tragic that so much daily headline coverage is given to these two "snake-oil salesmen" while virtually no mention is made of the candidacy of Dr. Ron Paul. Dr. Paul, the Libertarian, has offered a specific plan to reduce government spending, eliminate the deficit and reduce taxes. To achieve this Dr. Paul would end interventionist foreign aid, trim the defense budget and slash the budgets of hundreds of wasteful or unnecessary government agencies.

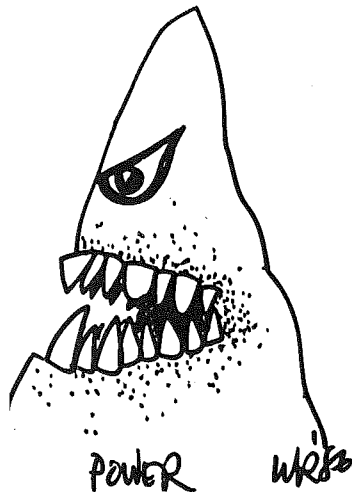
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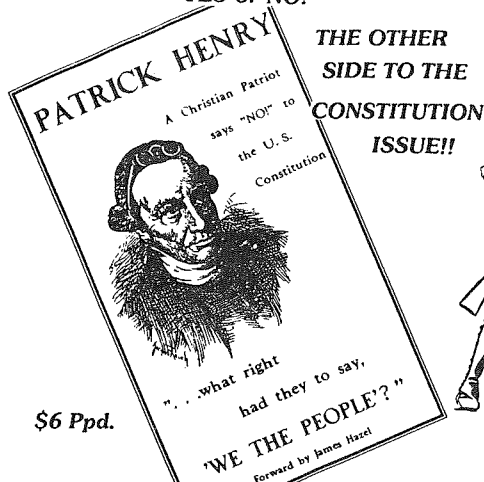
Most of these kids should not be jailed," he says.

Mr. Soler adds that jailing youngsters for offenses like petty theft or traffic violations "is ridiculous."

A United States Department of Justice study indicates that only 10 percent of jailed juveniles are charged with serious crimes. And only 1 in 4 has committed any crime at all. The rest are placed in custody as victims of abuse and neglect, the report says.

A University of Michigan youth policy specialist, Ira Schwartz, points out that, contrary to popular belief, violent youths "tend to commit crimes of violence against other juveniles ... and not against the elderly and the

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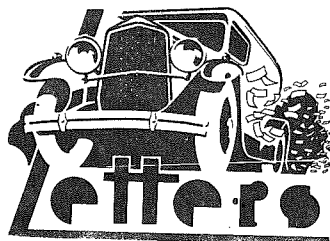


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It's a little late, but any Paul/Marrou stuff you can send would be helpful, as would any local (Atlanta metro) contacts you know of.

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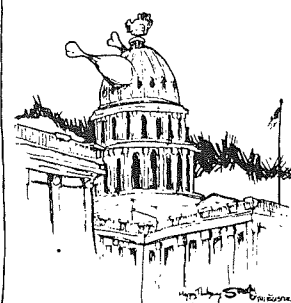
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Thanksgiving Quiz:

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A: Over \$4 trillion.



DAMON RUNYON'S MAFIA, AND ALBERT ANASTASIA'S

By Robert Brakeman

As someone who considers Broadway's Damon Runyon America's finest recent story-teller, I feel a little guilty about linking his name with that of America's recent killer, but D. R. wouldn't mind (because he'd like the point I'll make here).

Since the forces of Statism control everything of importance in America, it's hard for the forces of freedom to think with consistent clarity about all the important topics there are to think about - because so much mindless nonsense is thrown at us from the thought-formation industries, which are so overwhelmingly under the control of the bad guys. Nonetheless, believers in liberty, in the right of men and women to control their own lives without government thugs interfering with them, have done admirably well in overcoming these obstacles and thinking thoughts which are both accurate and systematic.

An exception to that general success, I've found through my work in the mass-media and academia, has been on the matter of organized crime. I'm not talking about the most important branch of organized theft-and-violence, the Government; no, I'm limiting comments just to that segment of O. C. which the well-indoctrinated citizenry has been allowed to perceive as being O. C.: The Mob, the Syndicate, Cosa Nostra, The Mafia - choose your own term (I use them all, but I put "Mafia" in the title of this piece because that Sicilian brotherhood is far and away the most important component of the multi-ethnic O. C., and it's a term with only one meaning, and the others are not - a "syndicate" can also be a reputable business organization, a "mob" can also mean a bunch of people milling around, and all the other terms - like "Outfit", "Organization", "Company", "Corporation" - have the same problem).

The feelings of most pro-liberty people vis-a-vis the Mafia are ambivalent, and that confusion is easy to explain. Since the pro-liberty philosophy is pre-eminently a moral system, and since what it pre-eminently calls upon its adherents to do is forsake using the Government to loot other people for their own (or anyone else's) benefit, liberty-folk are very likely to be, almost by definition, very "moral" people; by that I mean people who not only don't go around committing crimes themselves, but who also have a violent loathing of those who do. Since that is the case, and since we're all told 37 times a day that there's a group of fiends out there called "organized crime", those who care about freedom are just automatically anti-organized-crime, without having to think about it much one way or the other. They're not entirely immune to indoctrination from the media-and-school thought-formers.

But here's where the ambivalence comes in: most liberty-people have thought deeply enough about public affairs to conclude at least two things, one of them a very general rule and the other a specific one: first, that Government lies to us much more frequently than it tells the truth, and therefore even seemingly logical things demand intensive investigation when it's the Government suggesting them; and, second, the words of Government need especial scrutiny when what's being said is that something is a "crime" - since all states spend the bulk of their time calling things crimes which aren't; like reading or ingesting things the Government doesn't like, and calling things legitimate which are crimes (stealing things like resources from their producers to give to whatever group of thieves is keeping the current Government in power). Having come to these two wonderfully-accurate conclusions, our people at least emotionally (and maybe intellectually too) come to feel that maybe the Government has corrupted our thinking

Reporting on election returns disappointing

I'm sorry to say I was a bit dis- would have been in order. Specifically, your statewide reporting. After countless pages of Presidential returns (*The State*,

reporting on the campaigns, it Nov. 10) failed to mention the other would seem a few extra column parties besides the Tweedledee and inches to complete the results Tweedledum of politics (Republicans and Democrats).

On the front page, you reported nationwide results as 54 percent

about organized crime, as it has about everything else from the production of widgets to the nature of fiat money.

There is in fact no "maybe" about it. Government propaganda vis-a-vis "organized Crime" is not wholly false and is nowhere as near as demented as, say, its propaganda about unemployment/inflation relationships, but it's still so far from reality that one has to begin afresh, to make any sense out of reality. That freshness begins with the recognition that there are two Mafias in America, not just one:

The Damon Runyon Mob: Sadly, Damon Runyon hasn't been with us since 1946, but his works are likely to be immortal. In Guys and Dolls and The Lemon Drop Kid and Lady for a Day (the last became most famous under its movie-remake title: Pocketful of Miracles), he wrote about the kind of people he liked: street-people, hustlers, gamblers; people who were breaking what the State said was the "Law" but who somehow didn't seem to be bad people. In fact as Runyon wrote about them, they were downright lovable. No one who's seen Glenn Ford as the Gambler in Pocketful of Miracles, or Brando & Sinatra in G&D, or Bob Hope as The Lemon Drop Kid is ever quite the same again, in the way he or she thinks about gamblers and their hangers-on (and if you really want to get choked up about the whole thing, try viewing Adolphe Menjou and the other "hoods" in Shirley Temple's Little Miss Marker, which Hope remade as an equally touching Sorrowful Jones).

In writing about the people he knew in midtown Manhattan, Runyon was trying to tell us two things, one of which is important and the other just interesting. The merely-interesting thing is that a good many mob people are nice folks who aren't interested in harming anyone, and colorful besides. I have a good deal of evidence to substantiate that point myself, but for purposes of moral and political philosophy it doesn't matter at all who's nice and who isn't - meanies have just as many rights as wonderful folk.

The Runyon-point which does matter is this one: there is no rational sense in the world in which the "hoods" he wrote about were "criminals". The only irrational sense in which it was even true was that a bunch of thugs in Albany or Springfield decided they didn't like it when two people consummated a wager, and that they disliked it so much they were going to throw them in SingSing or Joliet for doing so. Runyon had figured out what millions of Americans of every generation figure out for themselves: crimes requires victims, and if you can't produce a victim, you haven't got a crime. Damon Runyon at his level, and the guy on the corner who bets the horses and pro-liberty philosophers on their levels have all developed the same insight: what a congregation of political hacks chooses to label a "crime" has nothing to do with what is a crime; nothing, not anything, not a bit.

The reason the Runyonesque figures could always be made into attractive people was that the common sense of all of us broke through our brainwashing and said, "Hey, these people aren't criminals." How much harder a task would D. R. have had if he tried to develop tremendously attractive people out of professional killers or kidnappers or armed robbers (like the Murder, Inc. founder described below)?

The "organized crime" people D. R. was describing really do exist, although they're not as colorful as his were (but some are). With respect to these mob-people, the position of pro-liberty theorists and activists can only be this: they're citizens engaged in activities every bit as legitimate as yours and mine, whether they're placing bets or providing call girls or loaning money where "establishment" institutions won't. They're no criminals than pre-'75 owners of gold were.

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for Bush, 46 percent for Dukakis and 2 percent for Other. Even rounding to the nearest percent, you can't get there when dividing the total three ways.

Finally, on the South Carolina races you did report all of the re-

sults, but why keep the "other" parties a secret? Almost always these "other" candidates were, of course, Libertarians.

MITCHELL R. OLINGER

DAMON RUNYON'S continued

The Albert Anastasia Mob: This is the mob you don't need to hear as much about, because it's the one called to mind by the phrase "Mafia". This section of O. C. is made up of the people who commit real crimes: they assassinate some people and kidnap others, and they hijack trucks and rob banks and extort money from small businessmen and union members, and they commit assault so regularly that the cops don't pay any attention. I chose Anastasia as the personification here only because he was a cold-blooded professional killer as ever lived and because his fame was entirely gained in this mob rather than the other one (he loved to kill so much he was called the "mad hatter" and finally was murdered by other mob bosses who feared him). Our course in thinking about this mob is as clear as in the other case: they're criminals in the fullest moral sense of the term (as much as politicians who "legalize" theft).

There are those who will object that my dichotomy is too simple, that in fact many mob members do both kinds of things: crimes and non-crimes. Of course, that's true, but, take my word for it, there are many people in only the D. R. category (who simply never commit a real crime). So, look beyond the O. C. label to the dual-reality beyond.

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Anti-Semitism is Serious Problem

NEW YORK (RNS)—A growing percentage of American Jews believes that anti-Semitism, particularly from the black community, is a serious problem, according to the results of a survey released here Oct. 13 by the American Jewish Committee.

Almost half of the Jewish respondents—46 percent—said they believe "many" American blacks are anti-Semitic. Fifty-nine percent attributed this characteristic to the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Jewish liberalism in political issues was highlighted by comparing the responses of the 1,252 Jews surveyed with a parallel survey of 1,217 non-Jews. A constitutional amendment "to permit prayer in the public schools" was supported by 74 percent of

the blacks and 71 percent of the non-Jewish whites but only 18 percent of the Jews.

On another church-state matter, Mr. Cohen commented that "somewhat ironically, far more non-Jews than Jews say it is okay for a city government to put up a menorah on government property during the Jewish holiday of Chanukah." The statement won the assent of 81 percent of the non-Jewish whites and 60 percent of the blacks but only 37 percent of the Jews.

Mr. Cohen speculated, "Jews are more liberal because they are so secular—that is, non-religious. Although deeply attached to other Jews as an ethnic group, Jews report religious service attendance rates far lower than other Americans. Generally, the more religious are more conservative."

Lawyers group claims auto seatbelt poorly designed with built-in hazard

WASHINGTON (AP) — Motorists may think they're safe wearing automobile seat belts, but a private research group on Wednesday charged that belts in a vast majority of cars are so poorly designed they don't always provide full protection.

The culprit, according to the Institute for Injury Reduction, is the "window shade" safety belt design that allows the belts to loosen when a car occupant slowly shifts forward or sideways.

This design, used in an estimated 120 million cars, including virtually all U.S. car models built since the mid-1970s, often keeps the belt resting some distance from the body, the institute said.

Unless the shoulder restraint is manually tightened — with a slight tug forward on the belt — its effectiveness in a crash may be reduced significantly, Benjamin Kelley, president of the institute, told a news conference.

The institute, which was formed by a group of trial lawyers involved in automobile accident litigation, called on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to eliminate the window shade design — or short of that begin a campaign to warn motorists about the alleged design flaw.

But U.S. automakers contend there is no flaw at all — and the highway safety agency agrees.

"We have no evidence that window-shade (belt designs) are defective or present a safety problem," NHTSA Administrator Diane Steed said in a statement responding to the institute's charges.

Auto manufacturers adopted the belt design in the mid-1970s and they defend its use because, they said, it helps get people to accept the belts. Motorists

previously had objected to tight-fitting belts as being too uncomfortable.

"The concept was to make the belts more user friendly so we could get the percentages of (belt) users up," said Bill Peacock, a spokesman for Ford Motor Co., who said the tension reliever — or window shade — system cost Ford extra money.

John Hartnett, a spokesman for General Motors Corp., called the seat belt design "an effective and comfortable seat belt system. It encourages belt use."

Industry spokesmen as well as NHTSA officials acknowledged that if the belts are to provide their best protection they should be worn snugly. But they suggest the tradeoff in having belts that may be slightly loosened is that fewer people will reject the belts altogether.

The window shade system is designed on a pendulum principal that locks the belt tightly when the car decelerates suddenly, as in a quick stop or an accident, while allowing the user to move normally at other times.

Kelley argued, however, that the belts sometimes stay loose after the user shifts about.

"The (belt) slackness, which people often are not even aware of, can result in horrendous injuries," he said, while claiming that automakers have the technology available to develop belts that do not loosen and still meet motorist acceptance.

Kelley cited 1982 tests by NHTSA which compared the expected injury in a 30 mph crash when belts have various amounts of slack.

Proclaim Liberty Throughout All The Land

Some Fireworks

The incandescent flash across the sky-- a fireball, hot as the sun but brighter-- rises like a balloon-- so, it's not the Fourth but it sounds like it doesn't it. Firecrackers and fireworks usually are beautiful, only now people can burst into flame and cats and dogs can too.

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Friendly Occupation

The U.S. WE now, have cruise missile bases and nuclear bomber bases in the British Isles! In case of crises, if our military commander thinks it's necessary, the U.S. takes over. Of course, we are friends so it's all for their good. But would we let another country occupy our United States??

THE FIRE WITHIN

by Joe David

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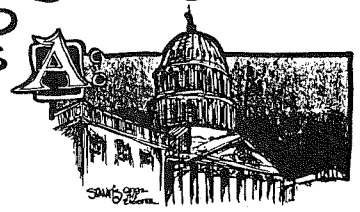
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Q: What group will benefit most from public-works programs by securing high paying, cushy jobs?



The St. Petersburg City Council, already having done away with the open mike at Council meetings, has now gone a step further to squelch citizen dissent. At the August 4th meeting, Council passed an "emergency ordinance" requiring a permit issued by the Chief of Police, a \$30 fee and 10-day advance notice to hold an "assembly of any kind". There was no public hearing. The item was not listed on the council agenda. Three of the nine council members were not present to vote.

WHO OWNS YOU?

by John Wrisley

There has always been this peculiar problem with freedom. People tend to avoid it. Only a handful throughout the ages have understood what freedom and personal sovereignty meant.

Put a number of free people on an island that offers a perfect climate and abundant resources and what happens? They immediately elect leaders who will control the resources and tell the people how to conduct their lives. They may be kindly rulers—but rulers they will be.

What causes this phenomenon? Why do people instinctively set up political systems and bestow their personal power upon a select few individuals, who in turn, regulate the affairs of their fellow human beings? Our best guess is that people are willing to give up a little of their freedom in exchange for being free of responsibility for their own actions.

We're not preaching anarchy here. We are suggesting that modern society is more enumerated and regulated than necessary. Not only do various levels of government assume control of us, but certain businesses have an inordinate amount of power over people as well. The medical business is one.

Doctors are technicians. They have gone to the trouble and expense of gathering knowledge about human anatomy and sell their knowledge and services in the marketplace. They form associations to control their numbers in order to maintain a high price level for their services, and tend to be quite autocratic in their relationships with customers (patients) and their assistants. Their suggestions to patients, for example, are called "Doctor's orders."

Patients tend to forget that the person buying a service in the marketplace usually expects some measure of control in the transaction. But in patient-doctor relationships the customer becomes submissive and docile, setting personal autonomy aside and paying a large fee in the process. This is understandable in cases where the customer is seriously ill and is willing to do anything to become well, but one may wonder how a natural human process like birthing became an "illness" that requires spending vast amounts of money to "cure."

Health insurance is one of the culprits. People became willing to give up some of their income each month in order to contribute to a pool of resources that would pay the medical bills, if they occurred. This took the pressure off both the customer and the medical provider to be prudent and medical prices have soared. A perfectly healthy pregnant woman is urged to buy a variety of tests and services because "the insurance company is paying for it."

If a woman is uncertain and needs reassurances she should be able to obtain them in the medical marketplace. But if she is confident about herself and there is no evidence of a problem with her prenatal condition, there seems to be little logic in asking her to submit to medical intervention—even in birthing. After all, she is a sovereign being with legal rights to bodily integrity. She "owns" herself.

The arrogance of the medical profession is manifested in many ways. The long waits in outer offices is one, as if it is generally assumed that a patient's time is of little or no value. As soon as more people rediscover that responsibility for health maintain-

ance is theirs and not the medicine man's, we may begin to see a change in doctor/patient relationships. It all begins with the realization that you own yourself. You are not owned by governments or doctors.

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ZIONIC WOES

The Unmentioned Topic was raised by the Grand Old Man of the Republicans today on CNN's CROSSFIRE. Barry Goldwater volunteered that the Zionists in this country have an inordinate influence in Congress, and isn't it strange that only Jesse Jackson among the current candidates for president ever talks about the shameful behavior of Israel in the West Bank and Gaza.

Only Jackson is willing to risk the wrath of the Jewish vote and Jewish money in this country by advocating more pressure on Israel to trade land for peace in the occupied territories.

Goldwater feels Israel's shootings and beatings of West Bank arabs and Gaza palestinians should be forced to stop by means of withholding part or all of the U.S. \$3.5 billion yearly subsidy to Israel, the largest amount of foreign aid given to any country.

And he noted the cowardice of so many congressmen who are on the Jewish payroll (so to speak) and who only think of being re-elected instead of performing their constitutional duties, especially as regards the timely budget they never manage to pass.

New York Supreme Justice Convinced

Howard E. Goldfluss, Acting Justice of the Supreme Court in the state of New York, writing in a recent issue of *Omni* magazine claims that information obtained from the Air Force under the Freedom of Information Act is beginning to tip the scales in favor of belief in UFOs.

According to Goldfluss, "We have now heard the other side of the case. We had been led to believe that only charlatans, drunks, fools or psychopaths observed the phenomena. We now know that many of these witnesses were responsible, credible and respected people, most of whom were technologically trained. We now have reason to consider the subject of UFOs in the light of strong evidence heretofore suppressed . . .

Taxpayers at mercy of bureaucrats

In today's complicated world, we often find ourselves at the mercy of bureaucrats. Here are both sides of the coin:

After buying a house for the first time last year, I am just getting acquainted with the problem of paying property taxes. Upon receiving a notice from the Richland County Treasurer's office that my taxes were not paid, I called the office and was informed by a very unfriendly and unhelpful person that they were, indeed, not paid. But when I contacted the mortgage company, I learned that the taxes had been paid two months previously. Two other people that I know have had much worse experiences with this office. If the Richland County Treasurer's office is two months behind in its work, it should admit this rather than trying to lay the blame on the taxpayer.

Small homeowners feel abandoned by officials

It is all too apparent that the state Senate is operating as usual, on the fact that big money needs bigger protection from the Legislature.

Sen. John Lindsay, D-Marlboro, was quoted in *The State* as saying, "I hope we never come to the day in South Carolina when private property rights are ignored."

Where were the senator and our Washington representatives when property owners along the west bank of the Congaree River (Riverland Park) awoke to find signs erected on their property, stating that that area will be 11 feet under water in the 100-year flood plan?

These are just hard-working people trying to make it in smaller homes. How sad for them to see their property values erode by more than 50 percent overnight. As individuals, they tried to deal with the U.S. Corps of Engineers. Only the city manager of Cayce attended those "canned" meetings.

We can only assume there are not enough expensive highrises along the Congaree to warrant the attention afforded by those along the beach.

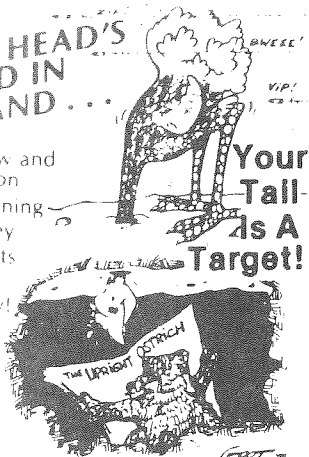
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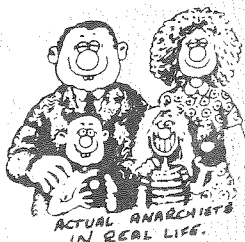
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MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1988

Mrs. K. A., project director for the AARP-Senior Community Service Employment Program, has been a resident of Florence for about 16 years. She served nine years on the Florence District 1 School Board and formerly was an instructor in mathematics at Francis Marion College. She and her son Roger have three children.



Authorities starved top official to death, say reports

Idrissou Antoine Méatchi, born in 1923, was Vice-President of Togo between 1963 and 1967. When General Eyadema came to power after a coup in January 1967, Idrissou Antoine Méatchi continued to be prominent in public life: he was Director of Togograin, a state grain marketing organization.

In June 1982 he was arrested reportedly on suspicion of embezzlement. The charge was said by the government to relate to the misappropriation of Togograin funds some 10 years previously, but AI received reports suggesting that his arrest was politically motivated. He was not formally charged with an offence.

In November 1983 he was transferred from Lomé to a prison in Mango in northern Togo, where conditions are believed to be harsh. AI expressed concern to the authorities and asked for assurances that he was being humanely treated. There was no response.

Idrissou Antoine Méatchi died in March 1984. The government has stated that he died in hospital of natural causes after falling ill while in detention. However, AI believes — on the basis of other reports from Togo — that he was isolated from other prisoners in November 1983, and that his death was due to deliberate deprivation of food and water for long periods — in effect, that the authorities deliberately starved him to death.

The government has stated that there was no judicial investigation into the cause of his death.

News media distort South Africa's story

COSTA MESA, Calif. — Until the South African government clamped down on foreign journalists and TV crews — expelling some for distorted reporting — the news media exercised some of the sleaziest, most squalid, unethical, and irresponsible media behavior of modern times in their quest for news "scoops."

Many in the news media even worked in open collusion with the African National Congress and the United Democratic Front in promoting TV "terrorist theater."

Although the clampdown has not stopped ANC/UDF collusion or brought an end to distorted reporting, it has drastically lowered violence in black townships, curtailed by 50% the fund raising efforts of the pro-Soviet TransAfrica (the anti-South Africa group in the USA), and limited the staged "sick" media events.

Some pre-clampdown examples of how the media "made" the news for U.S. consumption:

■ Black parents in Soweto complained about a TV crew who paid their children to burn school books in front of the cameras.

■ TV crews helped arrested instigators of violence to escape from police custody.

■ TV crews urged a crowd of youths to set alight a partly burnt car that had been abandoned.

■ News media personnel paid fees for special ANC/UDF "permits" to enter "no-go" areas.

■ A U.S. camera team paid a black family to have its shack demolished at Crossroads to imply that this was a govern-

ment action.

■ When a camera crew arrived too late to shoot the burning of a black "necklaced" victim, they paid children to place paper around the still-smoldering cadaver and set it properly alight once more.

TV crews have been a catalyst to further violence on numerous occasions.

First, the presence of TV cameras encourages rioters to be even more violent, playing out their aggression before the cameras.

Second, many cameramen staged "paid repeats" of violence scenes for the sake of getting it on film.

Third, the radicals were deliberately using TV for propaganda purposes, advising camera crews in advance where the action was scheduled.

There is evidence aplenty that the news media frequently knew in advance of plans to incinerate homes and businesses, as well as to murder black moderates, mayors, township councillors, and police, along with their wives, children, and elderly parents.

And, having known in advance, the news media has not warned either the intended victims or the police.

One must ask if these media excesses are justified in those four famous words: "freedom of the press." If these are the "highest standards of journalism" as touted by TV networks, it's time to say, "No more South Africa coverage, Mr. Brokaw, Mr. Rather, and Mr. Jennings."



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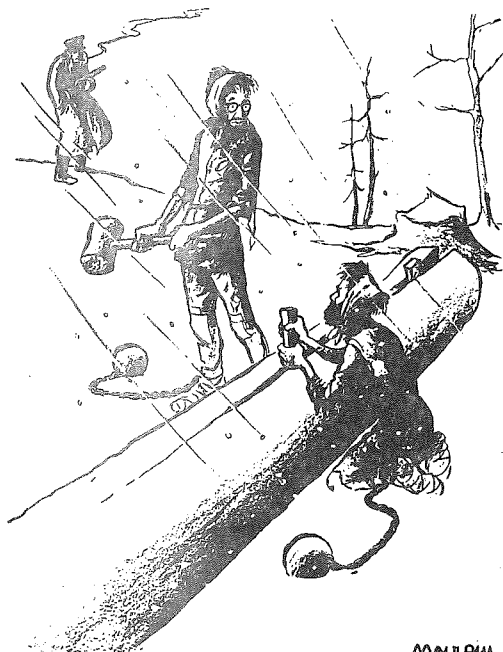
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SHIRLEY ANDREW yesterday accused fellow Gas Board workers of acting like "Little Hitlers."

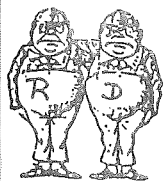
For Shirley, one of the country's few female meter readers, had her home entered without permission by inspectors.

The North West Gas board had received a tip-off that she was fiddling her own meter.

MAUDLIN



"I WON THE NOBEL PRIZE FOR LITERATURE. WHAT WAS YOUR CRIME?"



"SLEEP WELL, AMERICA. WE CERTAINLY WILL."

In Czechoslovakia, 450,000 Christians have signed a petition asking for religious freedom, the restitution of all confiscated church property, and the release of all prisoners.

To append your signature to such a petition can mean losing your job, your education, the hope of getting an apartment from the state, the only landlord,

and so on. Those who gather signatures risk imprisonment.

Please write to the priest **Joseph Rinkevich** from the **Orthodox underground church**, now detained for his faith in a psychiatric hospital. His address: **213105 Belorusskaya SSKR, Mogilev, ul. Krupskoy 99a Uchr. UZh-15/IZ-4 SPH, USSR** (He has been in prison six times before.)

Freedom of association denied private clubs

By James Shelby
The Justice Times

The First Amendment right to association was dealt another blow as the Supreme Court in late June upheld a New York City law forcing large private clubs to admit women and minorities.

The ruling comes as a number of large cities have imposed similar laws abridging the freedom of association in private clubs, something the New York State Club Association of 125 private clubs calls

denial of the right "to choose who their friends will be."

But the court said the New York law doesn't affect the ability of individuals to form associations based on a common point of view. Clubs may still exclude those who don't hold members' views but cannot make exclusions because of race, creed, color, national origin or sex. The ruling, which was unanimous,

reflects the trend toward less individual freedom and more state control of personal preferences.

At least three Supreme Court Justices are former members of male-only private clubs. Justices Antonin Scalia and Harry Blackmun are former members of Washington's Cosmos Club, and the newest member of the court, Anthony Kennedy, is a former member of

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the male-only Olympic Club of San Francisco. He resigned from the club last year as his nomination to the Supreme Court became a possibility.

The ruling is also evidence that the high court continues to respond more to the whims of changing American culture and less to the mandates of the U.S. Constitution, something that was expected to change with the "Reagan majority" now on the court. Some court-watchers say the decision would not have been unanimous had Judge Robert Bork been confirmed as a member of the court in 1987.



Leatherman's proposal affects those with no vote

I read about Sen. Hugh Leatherman's plans to introduce legislation to deny driver's licenses to school dropouts. How about if we also prohibit elementary children from riding bicycles if they don't make ample grades? We could also take it another step, prevent college students who don't make the dean's list from driving on interstates. This might also promote his ideal young person.

Conveniently for Sen. Leatherman, these people whose lives he is attempting to control are not of voting age. This doesn't really matter though because no one ran against him last time.

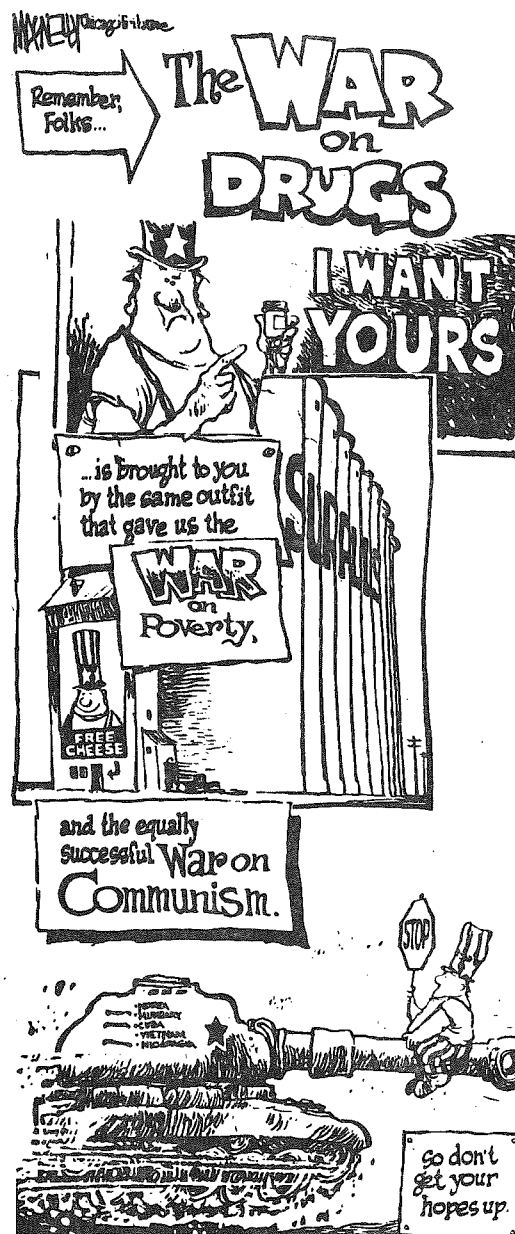
Leatherman attempts to justify this proposed law by stating that many high school dropouts turn to a life of crime. Being without a driver's license doesn't prevent someone from committing a crime. It makes it more probable that they will commit a crime. We will see these same young people getting arrested for driving without a license, which good old Hugh took away from them.

This kind man will allow dropouts to get licenses if they are the sole wage-earner in the family, or if they must drive a wage-earner to work. I'm sure some single mom making \$3.35 an hour while she supports four children will appreciate that.

One problem Leatherman fails to foresee is how a student is going to behave if his sole reason for attending school is to keep his driver's license. When this student disturbs classes it will affect the learning of the other students. While he may reduce our state's dropout rate, our SAT scores will drop even lower.

He, like many other government officials, fails to realize our biggest problem in education. While we have many fine teachers in public schools, we would have many more if the wages were more appealing. In the words of St. Augustine, "a free curiosity has more force in our learning... than a frightful enforcement."

Scott Deans, Florence



DRUNKEN DRIVERS ON THE INCREASE

Despite Gorbachev's anti-alcohol campaign, deaths caused by drunk drivers are on the increase in the Ukrainian republic. According to a Radio Kiev report 720 accidents were recorded in one single week at the beginning of May. As a result of those accidents 122 people lost their lives and 798 were seriously injured. These figures, says the report, are increasing by the week.

In one case a drunken doctor, returning from a wedding caused a serious accident which put 8 people in hospital. The report calls for more severe measures to be taken against offenders.

Trumpet unblown

"LEARNED to play the cornet at 84," claimed a newspaper placard outside a Cheshire newsagent's shop last week. An anonymous hand noted beneath it: "Must have been hell for the people living at 82 and 86."

Bad timing

FROM the "For Sale" columns of the FARNHAM HERALD: "Ugly grandfather clock belonging horrorologist with loose screw, purchaser also taken away. Max's Stall, Maltings, Saturday."

Great expectations

SELF-DEPRACATING sticker seen by an Oxfordshire reader on the rear bumper of Volkswagen "Beetle": "This VW is really a pregnant rollerskate."

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