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## TAXMAN DROPS RIGHT IN IT

### Ed Clark Campaigns In S.C.

#### Libertarian Candidate Makes Greenville Stop

From Wire Reports

Campaigning in South Carolina, Libertarian Party presidential candidate Ed Clark said Sunday that America should return to the isolationism of the Jeffersonian era, cut taxes by \$180.2 billion, stop harassing homosexuals, liberalize gun laws and build a government around individual rights.

Clark, on his brief swing through the upstate, says he thinks his alternative party will become "the balance of power in South Carolina."

"We expect to get as many votes in South Carolina as separate Reagan from Carter," the 50-year-old Los Angeles business counselor said in an interview with The Associated Press.

He spoke at a fundraising luncheon at the Sheraton Hotel in Greenville and met the public in a reception at the Spartanburg Day School.

About 50 people attended the luncheon. Almost \$1,600 in campaign contributions and pledges was raised, according to Tom Waldenfels, the party's 4th District Congressional candidate. The Libertarians are also running candidates in the 3rd and 5th Congressional districts.

Clark spent much of the afternoon pushing the Libertarian philosophy of less government and lower taxes in interviews with South Carolina reporters.

He said his long-shot campaign for the presidency is "an attempt to win and it is also an attempt to give people a chance to vote who haven't." The Libertarian Party, which bases its philosophy on the writings of Thomas Jefferson, claims it is the fastest-growing alternate party in the nation.

Clark, who visited Columbia earlier this year, said he had had a good reception in Greenville.

In a telephone interview with United Press International during a brief campaign swing to Greenville, Clark said if the U.S. returned to a "strictly defensive posture," the world would not fall prey to communism.

"Western Europe has more people and a greater combined national product than the Russians," he said. "They can defend themselves. I think Germany has proved they can be proficient in war."

Clark said there is definitely a trend around the world in which other nations are discovering and reacting against the imperialist ambitions of the Soviet Union. He said it is true in Poland today, Afghanistan, and especially in China, which he said was a political creation of the Russians which has turned around completely.

He said he would urge all Moslems to band together to help Afghanistan fight its holy war against the Russians.

But he described as "the elitist point-of-view" the belief that the U.S. must protect the rest of the world from the evils of communism.

He said a drastic reduction in taxes would be possible if we returned to a strictly defensive posture and relied on the rest of the world to resist international communism without our help.

Clark said the most fundamental belief of his party is the ideal of Thomas Jefferson in the "inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

"For most people," Clark said, "that involves lower taxes and stopping government inflation."

He said he and his party believe in total freedom for homosexuals because it is all part of total freedom for the individual.

Similarly, he said if Americans want to openly carry pistols, they should be allowed to do so if done in peace — another example of total freedom for the individual in society.

"In fact, it might not be a bad idea if more women and older people began carrying a gun," said Clark.

Clark said the print media has treated him very well in his campaign, but he said the national TV networks had tried to ignore him for a time, despite the fact that he will be on the ballot as the Libertarian Party's nominee in all 50 states.

● Civilization was born of curiosity, and can be kept alive in no other way.

Louis L'Amour

### IRS Tax Examiners Fail their own Audits

When the IRS audited a group of its own auditors, less than half of them passed, the Indiana Business Journal said. Out of 112 tax examiners, only 55 had filed correct tax returns. About two-million people were audited last year.

Reprinted from the STAR.

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REMEMBER !  
April 15 is  
Bad Tax Day.

### Created Equal

Good news in the fight against creationism: all new science textbooks proposed for next year's seventh and eighth graders in California's public schools have been rejected by the state's school board for failing to give adequate explanation of evolution and for being too deferential to creationism.

California's school board voted unanimously this fall to demand that junior high school science textbooks be rewritten. Says Bill Honig, who led the fight on this board, "We're saying to the publishers, 'Look, you may be worried about what special interest groups think of the books, but you've got to worry about the main event.'" Honig claims that the publishers have tried to "duck controversy" by watering down the words they use to describe evolution.

Hopefully other states have the political will to follow suit and stop pandering to the fundamentalist special interests that keep trying to give education a bad name.

Science for the People

### Pentagon Theorist Speaks Out

Retired U.S. Army Colonel Benjamin Francis Matthias von Stahl, Nebraska state chairman of civil defense and environment for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, says "millions of illegal aliens" are the advance guard of an enemy incursion that must be repelled by veterans acting as "Warriors of Christ." Says state VFW Commander Jack Armagost, "some people think he is crazy, but I don't think he's so damned crazy. He used to work in the Pentagon."



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## People should realize government is enemy

It's time that we, the concerned citizens, start realizing some political facts of life.

The greatest enemy of man is, was, and always has been government. The larger the government, the more corrupt and less freedom the people possess. That is why our founding fathers gave us a republican form of government.

With very few exceptions, the people who run for political office are the most ambitious and opportunistic of our society. They will say and do anything to get elected and stay there. It is also true that they owe no loyalty to any political party. They are what they think the public wants. This has been and will always be the case.

There are those who will give their freedoms away for what they think is security. They want to be relieved of the trials and tribulations of life. We must remember that total security is slavery.

There will always be evil people who will conspire to take advantage of others. Conspiracies are nothing new in history and are certainly with us today.

The majority of people have always been spectators in life. They will continue to go along to get along. Throughout history it has always been a minority who were willing to pay the price for change.

Until these facts are realized by those who care there will be no returning to our once great republic.

ANDY WINDHAM

AMEN! AMEN!

ST. PETERSBURG TIMES



• Some 23 pupils in Kokomo, Ind., whose parents are afraid they might contract AIDS from classmate Ryan White will begin attending special classes. Larry Gabbard of Concerned Citizens and Parents said the group agreed to begin an education program at a hall being provided free by the owner. The group will pay two teachers, with two substitutes on standby, and children will be taught from school corporation textbooks and lesson plans.

His group opposes Ryan's return to school because of fears other children could contract the disease Ryan contracted through tainted blood products. Ryan, 14, is a hemophiliac.

• There was, however, some good news for Ryan. Olympic diver Greg Louganis successfully defended his national platform diving championship in Indianapolis and then presented the gold medal he earned to Ryan.

"I heard about Ryan as I traveled around the country," said Louganis, who swept all three men's national titles for the fourth straight time to bring his record total of national championships to 38. Louganis, who won two Olympic gold medals in 1984, invited Ryan to see the U.S. Diving Indoor Championships.

AMERICAN MEDICAL NEWS

## Pot tax: answer to nation's crisis down on the farm?

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Illegal marijuana is the nation's most valuable cash crop and last year's harvest was worth \$18.6 billion, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws said Friday.

"The fact that an illegal crop is the most valuable crop in the United States is another indication of troubles in our farm economy," said Kevin Zeese, national director of the reform group.

"With our country over \$2 trillion in debt, it is time for us to tax America's most valuable crop," Zeese said.

The report said there is no way of knowing the actual value of U.S. marijuana but said its estimates were based on a trend analysis of sales of marijuana cultivation books, personal interviews, the monitoring of newspaper reports, law enforcement seizures and agricultural conditions.

# the Southern Libertarian Messenger

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

John T. Harllee

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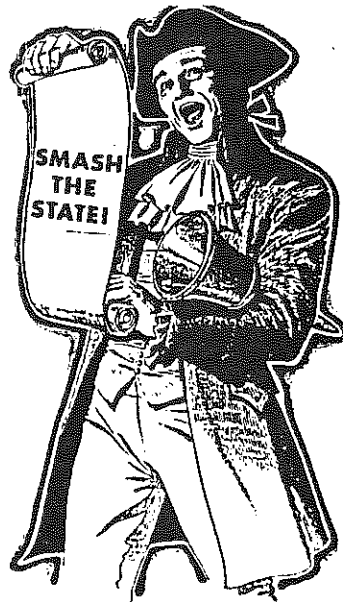
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## 20% of all Males Sterile?

A recent study by Dr. Ralph Dougherty at Florida State University documented a shocking decline in sperm count in American males. Median sperm counts among the college student volunteers were 33 percent lower than those found in a similar study conducted in 1929. Twenty-three percent of the otherwise healthy males were sterile. Dr. Dougherty concluded that 27% of the observed decline in sperm count (compared to earlier studies) can be attributed to 27 man-made chlorinated compounds found in the sperm cells. Most exposure is through food—you can become sterile by eating.

Not Man Apart

## Passenger Sues Over Agent Bite

A woman, identified only as Jane Doe, is suing American Airlines for \$12 million over a bite she received from a ticket agent. Evidently Ms. Doe was late for her flight and was trying to board the plane without stopping for a boarding pass when she was detained by the agent. When she grabbed the agent's arm and demanded to know his name, the agent bit her. The bite went through her finger, reaching the knuckle bone. She later demanded the airline test the agent for exposure to the AIDS virus, and he tested positive. The woman has since tested HIV negative, but will have to be tested every six months hereafter. The airline, meanwhile transferred the biting agent to a position where he will not have contact with the public.

— TWN

## Secrecy of

According to recent media reports, some 30 California legislators and members of their families and staff received free eye glasses and free eye care at a time when the state legislature was being heavily lobbied in connection with pending legislation that would have considerable impact on the way glasses and contact lenses are dispensed in California. The "freebies" were liberally distributed by both proponents and opponents of the pending legislation. There was nothing in the reports, however, to indicate that the legislators who received the free glasses and eye care could now see things more clearly.

The People

## OPEN DOORS

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## Summer Fun

The good news for working-class parents who can't afford to send the kids to summer camps is that a free, 10-day program is now available for "any nondelinquent, healthy boy between the ages of 14 and 17."

But parents might want to think twice before shipping junior off to camp. The "Devils Pup program is operated—as a public service?—by the US Marine Corps. Here's how the program is described:

"Upon arrival, the boys will receive Marine haircuts and are issued jeans, T-shirts and bandanas to wear while at camp. They will live in Marine quonset huts, eat Marine chow and comply with Marine hours and regulations.

"Their 16 waking hours are spent under the darting, observant eyes of Marine instructors and camp supervisors. Should they act discourteous (sic) this is also handled in Marine Corps fashion."

Talk about child abuse!

The People

## And the Heavens Obey: Full Moon For the Queen

Protests continue during Queen Elizabeth's New Zealand visit despite an apology to the monarch by Prime Minister David Lange for a "shameful act of gross discourtesy." Lange was referring to an incident yesterday in which the queen was hit by an egg. Today, a Maori native bared his tattooed buttocks at the queen's motorcade in Napier—a protest over Britain's alleged failure to abide by a treaty with the Maoris. Police said the queen probably did not see the latest insult because her Rolls-Royce passed the man before he lifted his grass skirt.

—The Tribune



## IF YOU SHOULD SEE

By John Harllee

If you should see the topless towers on fire  
And panic in the streets, or if you hear  
A wailing in the night, attend the crier  
who says the fleet is lost, or witness fear  
Drive good men mad, or find the gates betrayed  
That held so long, and know that you must flee  
Through blasted fields, with wreckage undecayed.  
I will be waiting, always. Seek for me!

I cannot offer shelter from the storm  
Or promise grassy glades to rest upon:  
Only a crust of bread, a fire to warm  
Beside until the battle is begun;  
But I will offer you a chance to fight  
To hold one last redoubt against the night.

"Government is actually the worst failure of civilized man. There has never been a really good one, and even those that are most tolerable are arbitrary, cruel, and unintelligent. Indeed, it would not be far wrong to describe the best as the common enemy of all decent citizens. But there will be small hope of gaining adherents to this idea so long as government is thought of as an independent and somehow super-human organism, with powers, rights and privileges transcending those of any other human aggregation."  
H.L. MENCKEN

In the Communist equivalent of Heaven, a stern-faced guardian stood at the Crimson Gate to reject all Pinks, Reds and Lavenders who lacked sufficient credentials to enter therein.

He stopped one seedy applicant and demanded: "Did you ever carry a gun for our cause? Hold a job at one of the TV networks? Integrate a school? Siphon off the receipts of a church collection to finance Red activity?"

The little man answered, "No."  
"Well, then, what are your qualifications to enter Communist Heaven?" demanded the sentry.

"I was on the staff of the New York Tribune, and some of my closest friends started the Republican Party. My father was a wealthy industrialist. Mama came from a family of middle-class tradesmen who read the Old Testament regularly. After inheriting a substantial amount of money, I married a baroness."

The guard started preparing a rejection slip, but just to make sure, he inquired further:

"Is there a chance that you were a downtrodden laborer? Or were you ever a disadvantaged female or a disadvantaged Negro?"

"No," answered the little man, "I have always been white and was enough of a man to father three daughters. As for working with my hands, I did very little of that. I spent most of my life hanging around the George III Library at the British Museum in London, thanks to paychecks from wealthy bankers and from my friend whose father owned a textile mill in Manchester."

The guard then asked: "Why did you think you would be welcome here in the Communist Heaven with such bourgeois credentials as that?"

The little man looked up plaintively. "Sir, I thought maybe my name might help me through the Crimson Gate. It's Karl Marx."

## S.C. educators say textbooks often dull

GREENVILLE (AP) — Some South Carolina educators say textbooks often are dull and discourage students from learning, but publishers say the books must be easy to understand.

"If you read some history books, there are very simple sentences and fairly short words," said Beverly Enwall, chief supervisor of curriculum for the state Department of Education.

"But they're like beads with no string," she said. "You read sentence after sentence, and you come to the end of the page, and you really don't know what you've read. And I say this as an adult reader."

Critics say textbook writers follow "readability" formulas to keep the material simple and publishers cram the texts with a wide range of facts in order to sell books to a mass audience.

When South Carolina adopts text-  
YOUNG Glyn Seddon got the shock of his life after biting a boy in a playground scuffle.

For his punishment for acting like a dog was to be treated like one.

His parents claimed yesterday that:

Headmaster Douglas Hedley fastened a cardboard "dog collar" round eight-year-old Glyn's neck.

Then Mr. Hedley used a skipping rope as a lead and forced Glyn to crawl round the desks in front of jeering classmates.

By SUN REPORTER  
POLICE stunned funeral mourners yesterday — by towing away a hearse with the body inside.

Officers moved in minutes before the procession was due to set off from the undertakers.

The hearse was parked on double yellow lines outside the London Co-operative Society funeral parlour in Palmer Place, Holloway.

Relatives of the deceased — an elderly woman — were having a cup of tea in a nearby cafe, waiting for the funeral to begin.

Late  
A bewildered undertaker rushed in and whispered: "Someone's stolen the hearse."

The car was finally traced to a police pound. But it was allowed out only after a £22 fee was paid.

The funeral went ahead 11 hours late.

A Scotland Yard spokesman said: "It is unlikely we shall apologise as the hearse was illegally parked. And that is that."

books, committees screen the material to ensure it contains no biases toward one philosophy over another, according to Joel Taylor, who coordinates textbook selection for the Department of Education. The committees also check for items such as objectionable language and fair treatment of minorities.

Wofford College Professor Lewis Jones recently wrote a textbook on South Carolina history, and sent sample chapters to two national publishing companies to see if they would print the book.

The companies said the material was too advanced for eighth-grade students, and one publisher sent back a revised version.



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## bad-egg joke danger to health

TINY terrorists who drop whopping stink bombs are about to fall foul of the law.

Their smelly capers got a caning yesterday from Government Minister Sally Oppenheim, who announced a ban on the super stinkies.

Government inspectors turned their noses up when they realised it was no joke if the pranks backfired.

For some stink bombs can burn the skin and damage the eyes.

And the foul smell is no laughing matter for people with weak chests.

Announcing the ban, Mrs. Oppenheim, Consumer Affairs Minister, said it was often the elderly who were victims of the attacks.

POLICE armed with bamboo sticks beat up blind demonstrators yesterday as they marched on Indian premier Indira Gandhi's home.

Two hundred blind people wanted to present her with a petition, demanding that more jobs be reserved for the disabled. But police stopped them and said demonstrations near Mrs. Gandhi's Delhi residence were barred.

### Blood

Some of the blind marchers tried to grope their way past a road block—and then the police charged them.

"It was heart-rending to see the blind lying in the street, with blood oozing from cuts," said one eyewitness.

"It was 'Dick and Jane' language — little, short sentences," Jones said. "I would be darned if I was going to do it."

"With that kind of writing, you don't interest the poor student anyhow. And you drive away the good student who's just turned off by it."

Jones eventually found an in-state company that normally does not publish textbooks to print his book.

LATE LETTER ("Dagens Nyheter," Stockholm, Sweden). It's a beautifully penned letter. It was sent in 1711 by Demin Nilsson, a subaltern in the army of Charles XII of Sweden, and addressed to Margareta Nilsson, at Maersta, Sweden. "My dearest eldest sister," Demin told Margareta, "I find myself forgotten by all my good friends..." He also informed her he was transferring to her 200 riksdalers—silver coins the size of a silver dollar—to keep for him. That was shortly after the battle of Poltava, where the Swedes had lost to Peter the Great of Russia. The letter arrived last April, after 269 years. Understandably, Margareta was no longer there to enjoy hearing from her young brother—but it has set a record of sorts in mail delivery. So you thought the U.S. post office was bad?

For ATLANTA CON April 3-5, call Ron Crickenberger, 404-957-6825 if you lack details.

## SEAT-BELT LAW LOOSENEED BY JUDGE

MICHIGAN (SPOTLIGHT) -- The state of Michigan has a mandatory seat-belt law, but one local judge has refused to fine people who have been arrested for failing to use their belts.

Although he usually wears seat belts and believes that others should do so as well, he says Michigan's seat-belt law is unconstitutional.

DRUNK DRIVER DIDN'T DRIVE -- BUT DON'T DO DAT NO MO

NEW JERSEY (REASON) -- Richard J. Stiene of Morris County, New Jersey, holds the unique distinction of being the first motorist to be convicted of drunk driving when his car was mechanically inoperable, had no gas, and the key hadn't even been put in the ignition.

A state appeals court upheld the conviction and 10-year license suspension, ruling that if an intoxicated person sits behind the wheel of a vehicle with the intention of driving, that person is guilty of drunk driving -- even if the car never moves.

You are not to enquire how your trade may be increased, nor how you are to become a great and powerful people, but how your liberties may be secured, for liberty ought to be the direct end of your government.

—Patrick Henry

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## Free and

REG PRENTICE, Minister of State for Social Security, has replied to Labour MP Jeff Rooker's questions about the expenses of Social Security snoopers, which I wrote about three weeks ago.

He reveals that the 462 "special investigators" at work in March cost the taxpayer £5 million a year. Of that, £3 million is in wages and National Insurance. Another £1 million is in tax-free expenses. This means on average a snoopers gets £41.62 a week tax free for expenses.

Only two snoopers have been caught fiddling their expenses in recent years. Neither was prosecuted.

## Taxpayers liability index

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Insurance Commitments	\$ 2,219,000,000,000	\$ 27,737
Annuity Programs	\$ 6,900,000,000,000	\$ 86,250
Unadjudicated Claims		
International Commitments & other Financial Obligations	\$ 46,000,000,000	\$ 575
TOTAL	\$11,058,000,000,000	\$138,223

That's quite a bill isn't it? Better take another look because this bill's no joke. And it has a lot to do with your other bills and why it's so hard to pay them. You see, a study by the National Taxpayers Union (based on official Treasury Department figures), shows that U.S. taxpayers are now on the hook for more than \$11 trillion.

That's more than \$138,000 for each and every taxpayer—including you. While you've been working to make ends meet, politicians have been wracking up debts—which you'll have to pay.

Taxes and inflation are already your single greatest expense. The politicians cost you more than you spend on food, shelter, or any other necessity.

And it's getting worse all the time. Each and every calendar day adds an average of \$1.65 billion to federal pension liabilities alone. Your share of that added burden increases by about \$20 per day, (including Sundays and holidays).

Unless you take action now, you may be squeezed for the rest of your life to pay the costs of government spending. No matter how hard you work you may never reap the benefits you're entitled to. Politicians have seen to that. They've spent every cent of yours they could lay their hands on. (And much more, which they plan to get from you in years to come.)

Place a limit on how bad things can get. The National Taxpayers Union is working for enactment of two constitutional amendments. One would prohibit government from taking more than 25% of your income. This amendment was originally introduced in Congress during the 1930's and came close to passage. It was a good idea then, and it is a better idea now. As it is, you spend at least five months a year working to pay all taxes, direct and hidden. The serfs in the Dark Ages were required to spend only three months toiling for their masters. The remainder of the year they were free to work for themselves.

(Prepared by National Taxpayers Union, 325 Pennsylvania Ave., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003)

## "There is nothing sinister in so arranging one's affairs as to keep taxes as low as possible..."

Judge Learned Hand

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## hard on looleess line

TRAIN passengers wanting to spend a penny will find themselves in a wee spot of bother at two new railway stations.

For the stations, part of a £3million modernisation programme, have no toilets. And there are none on the commuter trains that stop at them.

So passengers will just have to cross their legs and whistle.

The stations are at Hackney Central and Hackney Wick in London's East End.

At an opening ceremony yesterday, British Rail chairman Sir Peter Parker, was asked if there was anything super-modern about them.

He replied: "Yes, they have no loos. They're not practical things to have in a modern economic station."

BR's divisional manager, Gordon Pettitt, said: "Rather than have the loos tatty or vandalised, we took a conscious decision not to have them at all."

## Police beat me fire hero claims

A HOSTEL warden was arrested after rescuing three people and a dog from a blazing block of flats, a court heard yesterday.

And Francis Robertson alleged that later he was given a "good hiding" in a police cell when he asked to see his solicitor.

"In the station I was concerned about my hostel—it was next door to the fire—and I was demanding my rights," Mr. Robertson, 39, told Manchester magistrates. Mr. Robertson, of

Moss Lane East, Moss Side, Manchester, has pleaded not guilty to being drunk and disorderly at the scene of the fire.

The prosecution has alleged that he and another man interfered with police and firemen. The case continues.

A STRIPPER'S sexy soap dance made two policemen forget themselves, it was claimed yesterday.

The naked girl was bouncing up and down on a man from a bakers' stag night audience, a court heard.

By MIRROR REPORTER

She lathered herself and the volunteer—who was down to his underpants — with perfumed bubbles, it was said.

And the sight sent the lager-drinking constables' undercover mission clean out of their minds, a Glasgow Sheriff was told.

They failed to contact their colleagues waiting to burst in...

Because they were so drunk and excited!



# The Greatest Document In All The World...

The Magna Carta written in 1215 was the cornerstone of democracy.

It wasn't until over five hundred years later that another document was conceived and signed on a hot day in Philadelphia July 4, 1776.

The Declaration of Independence as written by Thomas Jefferson gave complete "freedom" for the first time in the history of man.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness".

## Dog left mark on the law

A POLICE dog blotted his copybook the day he was sent in to flush out a dangerous man armed with a bayonet. For he made friends with the man—and attacked

a policeman who climbed in through window.

The policeman, 21-year-old Constable Gary Waddoups was stabbed twice by the man during the incident at a house in Gipton, Leeds. The story of the wayward Alsatian was revealed yesterday when it was announced that PC Waddoups has been commended by West

Yorkshire Chief Constable Ronald Gregory. A police spokesman said that PC Waddoups had gone to the house where the man—a dangerous paranoid schizophrenic—had barricaded himself in. He refused to come out

and the dog was sent in. The Alsatian became friendly with the man after he stroked him. But when the young policeman climbed in through the window the dog turned on him

GOOD DOG

## Cat enjoys squatter's rights

WOODBURY, Conn. (AP) — A woman who says her hair stands on end when a cat walks in the room has lost a battle with a feline named Fred over which one gets to patronize the Woodbury Library.

Fred, who took up residence in the library nine years ago, has won the support of the local community, despite the protests and pleas of local resident Phyllis Delaney.

"So be it," Mrs. Delaney said. "I will not fight back. The town of Woodbury and its officials have proven that in Woodbury, animals have more rights than a taxpaying citizen."

INSPECTOR Mansel Abraham, former head of the South Wales police driving school, was sent to prison for nine months on March 13 for causing the death of an old man by reckless driving. He was automatically sacked from the police.

Said Mr Justice Phillips: "In my view, this was an appallingly dangerous piece of driving."

Two weeks later, Mr Abraham got to the Court of Appeal, who replaced the prison sentence with a £500 fine. Six months later, the Home Secretary reinstated him as an Inspector.

## 'SPY' SHOCK

VAT men are allowed to permission to eavesdrop tap phones and open only if they suspect letters, Premier Margaret Thatcher admitted yesterday.

Her shock disclosure was seen by MPs as growing proof that "Big Brother" tactics by the Government have vastly increased.

Tory Geoffrey Dickens said: "I'm appalled. This is only the tip of the iceberg."

Mrs. Thatcher's admission came in a reply to a letter from Mr. Dickens who was following up complaints from business men suspicious that their phones were being of serious cases," said Mrs. Thatcher.

She also put on record for the first time that the Inland Revenue are not allowed to tap phones or intercept mail without Government approval.

In a bid to quash the growing storm over phone-tapping, the Prime Minister denied that any such eavesdropping is done without official permission.

## GEORGIA LIBERTARIAN MEET

Atlanta will hold NAT Com & state convention on April 3-5 at Ramada Inn Central, 1630 Peachtree St. SE, 1-800-241-5601. Speakers 4-4 after lunch include Dr. Peter Breggin, Bob Poole (of Reason), Dave Bergland & Karl Hess. Ron Paul speaks at the banquet at night. Paul Jacobs has a Sunday Workshop.

foolish in the extreme, with the drug problem we have in this country, to encourage more young people to take drugs."

Dr Acres admitted his thoughts on the subject were not shared by the majority of other magistrates.

But officials of the Magistrates Association said last night their chairman would not face censure for his comments.

# End to seat belt laws in two states has officials concerned

By Thomas J. Knudson  
New York Times

OGALLALA, Neb. — When Dan Staples drives through town, he usually wears a seat belt. But when he went to the polls Nov. 4, Staples voted with the majority of Nebraskans to repeal the state's seat belt law.

"I don't want someone telling me whether I should wear a seat belt or not," said Staples, owner of the Ogallala Ice Co. "To me, it's a matter of personal choice."

The repeal of the seat belt law becomes effective today and represents one of the first significant negative reactions to a nationwide movement toward mandatory seat belt laws. In November, voters in Massachusetts also rescinded their seat belt law, which becomes unenforceable Thursday.

In recent years, mandatory seat belt laws have become increasingly common around the country. Since 1984, 26 states and the District of Columbia have adopted legislation, although after the votes in Nebraska and Massachusetts only 24 states will be enforcing them, federal officials said.

The last two years have seen a series of moves aimed at relaxing

federal regulation of the automobile industry. On Nov. 21, the Department of Transportation proposed extending its current deadline of 1990 by as many as four years for installation of automatic restraint systems, such as air bags, in passengers cars.

The department has said it would drop the automatic restraint rule if by April 1, 1989, states covering two-thirds of the nation's population adopted laws mandating the use of seat belts.

The votes in Nebraska and Massachusetts — the first states to repeal seat belt laws — have aroused concern by public and private safety officials who fear that deaths and injuries may increase in the two states.

"We deeply regret the decisions in Massachusetts and Nebraska," said Diane Steed, administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. "Seat belt laws do exactly what they are intended to do: Save lives and prevent injuries."

In Nebraska, the vote was close: 266,944 for seat belts, 268,127 opposed, a margin of just 1,183 out of 535,071 votes cast. The outcome was a surprise to most Nebraskans.

"Our polls indicated 62 percent of the people supported the law," said Hess Dyas, a businessman in Lincoln

and co-chairman of Nebraskans for Safety, a group that supported the law. "I'm not sure what happened, but my best guess is that we've just got a lot of independent-minded people who saw this as another form of government interference."

The strongest resistance to seat belts was in central and western Nebraska, where there are small towns and pickup trucks, little traffic and wide open vistas, where grain elevators rise like ivory temples on the distant horizon. "I don't think seat belts should be forced on anybody," said Dan Bauer in Lodgepole, Neb., a town of about 400 people near the Colorado border. "The government has got its hands in too much stuff already."

Bauer, a carpenter with the Union Pacific railroad, said he voted against the law, even though he routinely wears a seat belt. "It's just a matter of being forced to do something," he said. "If this kind of thing keeps up, we could have our own little police state out here."

That kind of concern was apparently more than just a western phenomenon. "Personal freedom was a big issue in the Massachusetts vote," said Jackie Ladd, a researcher for the Massachusetts secretary of state. "It was the crux of the matter."

## Seat belt laws robbing Americans of freedoms

This is in reference to the Nov. 23 article, "Safety belt bill getting new push." To keep air bags out, the auto makers have put over \$4 million in lobbying for mandatory seat belt laws. I wonder how much of that money has greased the hands of politicians.

While in a socialist country, I first ran into a mandatory seat belt law. I laughed at it and told the New Zealanders that such a law would never pass in the United States, that the people would never stand for it... it would be in direct conflict with personal choice and freedom.

In the guise of public safety, this mandatory seat belt law will eventually pass as other laws which are slowly robbing the American public of personal freedom. Old phrases like "cradle to the grave" and "without firing a shot" are a reality thanks to people like Sen. Hugh Leatherman, D-Florence, and Sue Hendricks, of Yes to Safety Belts.

## Way To Go Chuck Full Disclosure

Detroit FBI Special Agent Charles Poplinger tried to kill his teenage daughter's 17-year-old boyfriend when she refused to obey an order to stop seeing him. Poplinger fired one shot from a revolver at the teen, but missed. He was originally charged with attempted murder, but the charge was later dropped to reckless use of a firearm. Poplinger is still employed by the FBI.

I personally wear my seat belt much of the time, but it is my choice and due to a fear of drunken drivers. An alternative to the mandatory law would be, if a four-point moving violation is issued; provided the driver was wearing a seat belt, it would become a two-point offense. Encouraging and educating drivers would be a much better alternative to the proposed socialist law.

The last days of freedom as I knew it are slowly coming to an end. With current outrageous medical cost, socialism may not be that bad. I just do not think I could get use to people calling me "comrade" or "party member." Passing of laws that restrict an adult's rights to choose for themselves is a mockery of everything that America stand for.

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"Haitians Jockeying for Election to Presidency", Mike Yuen, Houston Post,



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PROFESSOR Derrick Corcoran, head of the psychology department at Glasgow University, who specialised in the problems of stress and offensive behaviour. The professor was jailed in August for hurling a petrol bomb into a boutique which had sacked his 19-year-old son. He is to retire early with a pension.



BRITAIN'S most famous 'kiddies' clock has been stopped by a ding-dong union row.

Two unions cannot agree who should start the bright yellow clock on BBC TV's Play School.

And all next week the clock will be seen at a standstill.

It is used to teach the programme's three million young viewers how to tell the time.

The dispute between the electricians' union and the scenery crews of NATKE flared up when next Monday's episode was being recorded.

A BBC spokesman said: "It will be difficult to explain to Play School's young fans

A carbon-copy dispute in 1980 stopped the clock



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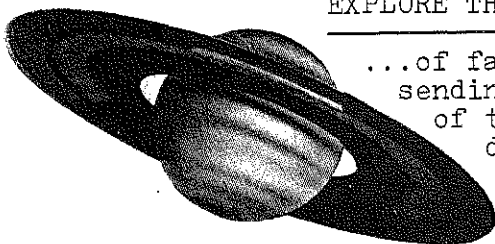
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### Saddled with seat belts

DEAR EDITOR:

Be prepared for another onslaught of propaganda telling us that New Jersey's seat-belt law is working. Rutgers University just received a grant of more than \$55,000 to study the law's effectiveness so that the results can be used to develop future public education, information and enforcement programs aimed at further encouraging seat-belt use.

Yet if this study were really going to be an objective one (else, why spend the taxpayers' money?), then no one would really know what the study would find. It just might show that wearing seat belts was a harmful practice. But Glenn Paulsen, the state motor vehicles director, already knows what he's going to do with the results.

The real reason this study is being conducted is that there has been a spate of reports telling us that seat belts just might not be the be-all-and-end-all that supposed safety experts claim they are.

Since New Jersey passed the seat-belt law, we have had our first increase in driver and front-seat passenger fatalities in four years—the very people required by law to "buckle up!" In addition, another study has shown that lap belts might do more harm than good, while studies in England have shown that harness belts are the major cause of an increase in what is known as "hangman's neck injury." The government is merely looking for some propaganda to combat these very telling arguments.

This is not to say that seat belts serve no good purpose. Indeed, in most cases seat belts will probably save you from greater harm or even death. But not every time. In those cases it will be the cause of death. Therefore, it must be up to the individual to decide how much risk he is willing to take; the choice should not be made by some legislator. Encouraging people to wear seat belts is one thing, making them criminals for not doing so is another. The mandatory seat-belt law must be repealed.

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