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benchmen — the Republican and Democratic candidates for President.

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Nearly four of 10 Republicans would bolt the party if Ross Perot formed a third party, according to a new poll by the conservative GOP polling firm Fabrizio, McLaughlin and Associates.

An additional 26 percent of Republicans polled said they would be "somewhat likely" to join a Perot-organized party. "Ross Perot poses a serious threat to the future of the Republican Party," the report concludes.

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Keep landfill for county only

Dump all your garbage in Florence County — make a mountain as tall as Mt. Mitchell. Since we don't have any mountains, council members want to build one with garbage from all over the world. We must stop this before they go too far. They are saying privatize and regionalize. I say run your own garbage dump. If we don't have someone that knows how to run a garbage dump, then we should be able to find such a person. I am sure the current county administrator and his staff would need some help with this kind of problem, but if they can't find some help, I will be happy to help them.

We are all aware of the hazardous waste problems that we have had at GSX landfill in Sumter County. The estimated cost to clean up the mess is \$132.8 million dollars. Now, who will do the job? I can tell you who will do it. "no one". . . it will never be done.

I have had the opportunity to talk to about 500 taxpaying citizens of Florence County and have yet to find one who is in favor of selling our landfill. It looks to me as though we might have someone working in this direction for some reason, but "surely not for the good of Florence County."

When this subject came up about two years ago, a garbage handling company of South Carolina held a meeting in a Florence restaurant to discuss the sale of our landfill. They assured us that the county council members are determined to sell the landfill against the wishes of the people. They should at least let any qualified company bid, instead of giving it to one without any competition.

Looks like some of the lame ducks will be leaving the plane in a golden parachute.

Vern Hobbs

The pledge of allegiance ends with the words "with liberty and justice for all". Do you really believe that in the U.S. there is "liberty and justice for all" or "liberty and justice for all who can afford it"?

"If every person has the right to defend — even by force — his person, his liberty, and his property, then it follows that a group of men have the right to organize and support a common force to protect these rights constantly."

THE LAW, by Frederic Bastiat.
Paris, 1850

American citizens have failed to understand, or even recognize the fact, that gross changes have been gradually and illicitly brought about in the political and sociological climate of this land.

It is evident, however, that a subtle and perilous change has occurred in America. Within the past two or three generations the civilization of our forefathers has come under sophisticated assault. The structures of freedom erected at such great cost in blood, sweat and treasure are crumbling.

THE SUN,

Nuke base workers 'terrorised' by U.S. gun-toting guards

EXCLUSIVE by VAUGHAN FREEMAN

WORKERS at an American airbase are being terrorised by nervy, gun-toting military police, say angry union officials.

They have ordered their men not to enter the high-security nuclear base at Upper Heyford, Oxfordshire, alone after an electrician was spreadeagled in wet gravel for 10 minutes by a sentry waving a gun.

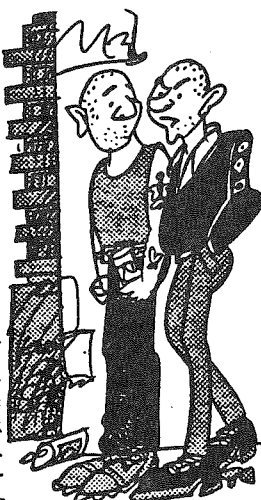
Worried John Bird, of IPCS, the civil servants' union, said, "It is only a matter of time before someone is shot by a trigger-happy airman." He claims shots were fired through a roof where a man was fixing an aerial, and loaded guns have been pressed to workers' heads.

Routine

The Ministry of Defence confirmed last night that the RAF and USAF are probing the latest incident.

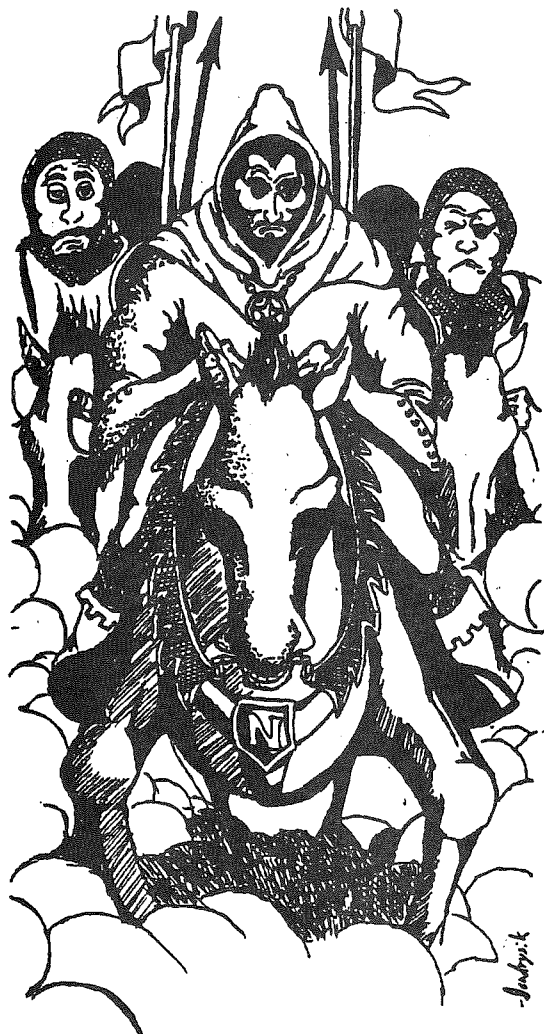
A USAF officer said, "An electrician did not follow routine, of which he was aware. The security policemen did."

Now men from the government's Property Services Agency will visit Heyford only with British military police.



"I can't decide whether to stay here for the inner city riots or go to the country for some rural violence."

In brief



Stop them before they get their greedy fingers in your pockets again.

"If we are to be prosperous, we need more millionaires and more bankrupts."

Lord Joseph, Mrs Thatcher's economics guru, House of Lords,

Abortion facilities cannot use the Ku Klux Klan Act of 1871 to restrict persons obstructing access to abortion facilities.

LEGIONNAIRES disease has killed more than 170 people in Britain since 1979. Everyone knows how to stop it. But there are still no specific rules or laws to force people to do so.

The BBC are rather coy about the latest outbreak, which has affected more than 60 people who worked in (or walked past) Broadcasting House, London.

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--- Mark Twain

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International Outreach

The Vlaams-Nederlandse Communicatie Organisatie is a Belgian non-profit pedagogical and cultural organization, that has intensive contacts with schools and universities from all over the world.

During the last five weeks we have received thousands of letters from boys, girls, and adults from Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Italy, South Africa, and Poland that would like to correspond in English with their peers (youngsters or adults, even families) from the U.S., because they know so little about this country.

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Geert De Maerschack
Belgium

LEAST COMPETENT PEOPLE

Michael J. Schmidt, 29, set up a hidden video camera at his home near Superior, Wis., in October because he had been recently burglarized several times and thought he could catch the culprits in the act. The burglars came back and were captured on tape, which Schmidt turned over to the sheriff. Among the items the burglars were seen taking from Schmidt's house was a box containing eight marijuana plants. Schmidt was charged with misdemeanor drug possession.

Burglars broke into the safe in the Wonder-Hostess Thrift Shop bakery in Davenport, Iowa, in November. Police said the burglars had an easy time; because the bakery employees could not remember the safe's combination, they had written it out and posted it on the nearby bulletin board.

DETECTIVES set the perfect trap to catch a cunning blackmailer.

But they bungled their way into arresting two innocent neighbours while the blackmailer got away with the £50,000 ransom.

"It started off like an operation by the tough guys in Sweeney and ended up like the Keystone Cops," said an amused DAILY MIRROR onlooker.

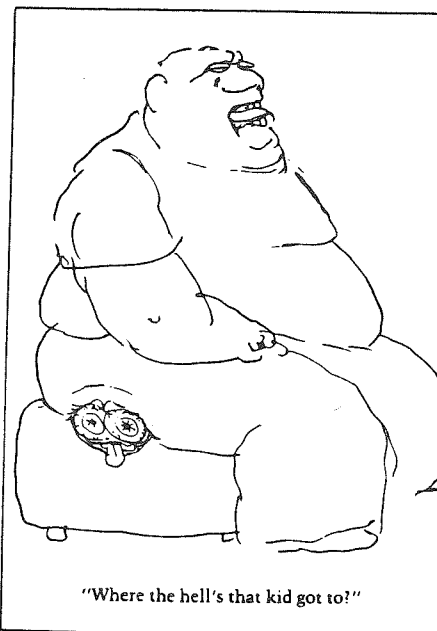
Detectives left the cash in a village phone box on the instructions of an anonymous caller who was threatening to poison chocolate bars.

Tony Blyth, 26, stopped at the kiosk in Harpswell, Lincs, to phone his mum.

the real blackmailer sneaked into the phone box and escaped with the brief case and the money.

COLUMBIA — The final report of a governor's task force says the scandal-ridden Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission should be abolished. Lawmakers said Thursday the dismantling should sail easily through the General Assembly.

The nine task force members who were appointed by Gov. Carroll Campbell in October unanimously said liquor-law enforcement duties should go to the State Law Enforcement Division. The state Tax Commission would super-



"Where the hell's that kid got to?"

After the ACLU forced the Vienna, Virginia, town council to ban religious references from the town's Christmas program, a protester explained that, "In the whole organization, the ACLU probably doesn't have three wise men or a virgin."

Searched

Watching detectives sprang their trap and arrested him and his wife and stepdaughter who were waiting outside.

George Stewart, 47, who lives in the same caravan park in the village, was spotted strolling to the social club.

The real blackmailer was caught the next day with the money 40 miles away at Skegness.

Homosexual sailor's death investigated

Homophobia in the U S military is nothing new. The gay ban goes back only to FDR, where it was copied from Hitler/Stalin, unlike Hoover.

getting rid of ABCC

vise licensing and an independent hearing officer would consider contested liquor license applications and license violations.

If the three-member commission isn't abolished, law enforcement still should be transferred to SLED's authority, the panel said.

The task force sketched its basic recommendations earlier this week and Thursday's meeting was to fine tune the final document.

The report projects a savings of about \$307,560 in annual savings if all its recommendations are adopted. The ABCC has 85 employees. Under the task force proposal, 55 liquor agents would go SLED, but the fate of the 30 remaining employees was unclear.

Sen. John Land, D-Manning, who had opposed a wholesale agency restructuring, said he did not think dismantling the ABCC would see much opposition.

Six current or former liquor board officials reached pleas or were found guilty of corruption charges in a gifts-for-favors scandal.

(Also known as Alcoholic Boozers Country Elub!)

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After Arkansas Secretary of State Bill McCuen lost his Congressional race in November, he claimed there were voting irregularities. He sued the official responsible for the state's elections, Arkansas Secretary of State Bill McCuen.

A year ago, *The Wall Street Journal* surveyed 42 economists; 37 predicted a tax cut in 1992, and 36 predicted that President Bush would be re-elected.

Asked how the federal government would pay for 100 percent of eligible losses due to Hurricane Andrew, instead of the 75 percent usually allowed, Senator Bennett Johnston (D-Louisiana) explained: "It will be paid for out of the deficit. The deficit is big enough to encompass this too."

A porn video store owner in New York, asked during a TV interview about his store's effect on children, said that children shouldn't live in New York.

IN THE TAVERN

FROM OUTSIDE THE BELTWAY

A Modest Proposal: A War on Video Games

by Bill Walker

If there is one issue on which modern American politicians can agree, it is the issue of drug use. Republicans and Democrats alike support the prohibition of drugs wholeheartedly (except, of course, for the most dangerous drugs: alcohol and tobacco. Here, bipartisan policies dictate governmental subsidies and protection from competition). The only competition between politicians is to see who can appropriate the most money for the War on Drugs.

This makes things rather difficult for a Libertarian candidate, such as myself. (I decided to begin my political career at the bottom rung, by running for US Congress.) The older parties have the Drug Prohibition issue sewed up, just as they dominated the Alcohol Prohibition issue from 1919-1933. Republicans and Democrats have spent over a hundred billion dollars on the Drug War in the last decade. They have kicked violent criminals out of the prisons on early parole to make room for thousands of marijuana users. They have concentrated police effort on drugs, so that burglaries routinely go without investigation. They have invaded foreign nations, in order to shift the drug profits from one dictator to another. They have even been willing to break their oaths to defend the U.S. Constitution, by allowing seizure of the accused's assets before trial. I simply can't compete with this; I can't think of any way to make the Drug War any more expensive or counterproductive.

So do I just give up and go back to being a productive citizen? Of course not! I'm a politician, and we have our standards to uphold. So, here's my modest proposal.

There are over 20 million addicts in this country not covered by any Prohibition law. No, not nicotine addicts! Weren't you listening? Bipartisan policy is to subsidize tobacco, and besides, there are a lot more than twenty million nicotine users. No, I'm talking about an addiction that hits children the hardest. I'm talking about an addiction

that "transports its victims into other worlds". I'm talking about—video games.

I propose that we fight the scourge of addictive video games in the same fashion that we fought alcohol in the 20's and drugs in the 80's. To this end, I have drawn up the Walker Act, which will begin the War On Video Games. Here are its major provisions:

1. The possession, use, and sale of video games or their components will be illegal in the United States effective January 1, 1993. Severe penalties will be provided, ranging from heavy fines for large-scale traffickers to death for casual abusers. A new Federal agency, the VEA, will be formed to enforce these provisions.
2. Users of video games, their parents, and bystanders fitting secret "profiles" will be subject to unrestricted seizure of assets before trial.
3. "Video Game Raids" will be made 'at random' by the VEA (only in poor or minority neighborhoods, of course), based on anonymous tips.

The effects of this legislation are predictable to a certainty.

1. All legitimate companies will cease production of video games and components which could be used in video games (such as microprocessors and DRAMs). This may have a certain deleterious effect on the U.S. economy, but no sacrifice is too great in such a cause.
2. A huge Organized Crime cartel, cleverly based in some country which U.S. public

school students and politicians cannot find on the map, will be formed to supply dangerous non-UL listed video games to the illegal market. New, smaller and more powerful games (Designer Nintendo) will be produced for easier smuggling. This is an essential part of the plan, as it will provide my future election campaigns with large contributions funneled from the Video Cartel.

3. Schools will immediately begin anti-video game campaigns, with a catchy slogan from 'Vice' President Quayle: "Just Say Noe".

I feel that my place in history is assured. The War On Video Games will outdo any previous Prohibition in its effect on our nation.

Consider:

Alcohol Prohibition brought us Al Capone and the Mafia.

Drug Prohibition brought us drug cartels capable of overthrowing governments.

But Video Game Prohibition will bring out far more dangerous elements from the underside of our society. Hacker Cartels will gain total dominance of our society, with their profits from the illegal video game trade. Drive-by computer crime will be an everyday occurrence. Thousands of innocent bystanders will have their bank accounts electronically drained and their credit ratings destroyed. The Juvenile Detention Centers will be overflowing with Nintendo and Sega pushers, and addicts in the ugly process of joystick withdrawal.

And, of course, I'll be in Washington as one of our permanent incumbents. Every election year I will report on the "great progress made this year in the War On Video Games".

And you'll believe me.

—William H. Walker was the Libertarian Party candidate for US Representative in District #5 when this essay was written. He is now the Vice-Chair of the Texas LP, and a secret video game addict.

AT STONE MOUNTAIN PARK

By unanimous decision, the Georgia Supreme Court recently ruled that Gospel literature and tracts can be passed out at Stone Mountain Park, one of the primary 1996 Summer Olympics sites. Stone Mountain Park normally welcomes over 6.5 million visitors each year. Many more are expected to visit in 1996 because of the Olympics.

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One good example is quoted from the *Hoskins Report* (P.O. Box 997, Lynchburg, VA 24505) of December 1, 1992, and is as follows. "In 1381, Archbishop Sudbury ordered the king to collect a poll tax from every adult. Rich or poor, the tax was the same. The poorest family had to provide his three goats. All hell broke loose. The people weren't going to do it. All England burst into flame from coast to coast, from city to city and town to town. Castles and manors were burned. Tax collectors, priests, and lawyers were hunted down and butchered along with proctors (overseers), unjust judges and rulers. A mob numbering seventy thousand gathered and elected Wat Tyler their leader. John Ball, a people's-preacher, was his religious advisor. They marched on London and demanded to be freed from being slaves of the manor. They demanded freedom from taxes, and the tithe, and they demanded the right to rent land at 4-pence an acre rather than being the property of the manor. These peasants were armed with long-bows and most arrived in their manorial militia companies, many of which had fought in the king's wars with France. The week before, they were humble serfs. Now, united, they were the most powerful force on the island, and they were armed."

Poll tax was 3 groats, not 3 goats. Groat was a silver coin of 4 pence.

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Means

Pastor Everett Sileven, jailed for fighting ungodly civil government & wickedness in high places, has been re-assigned by his jailers in the federal gulag at Marion, Illinois. From Mrs. Everett Sileven's recent letter:

"We were all rejoicing over Brother Sileven [being assigned to work] in the library. Well, he has now been changed back to the kitchen & put on a job that requires him to stand for 7 hours with one break at noon.

A letter to the president

I am family head of household with income of less than \$30,000. My wife has been on layoff for eight months. I don't believe your budget plan won't cost me.

Business always passes its tax and fuel expenses on to the final consumer, i.e., ME. Your plan will raise the cost of every product and service I purchase.

I decline to voluntarily participate in "contributing" to your Big Brother project. When I reduce my debt load, I do it by reducing my spending, not by extorting money from helpless citizens. If you and your arrogant staff had to hold an honest, productive job, maybe, just maybe, you would understand how the rest of America has to balance its fu-

ture.

I don't trust your Big Brother vision of America stifled by political control and meddlings. I don't want your help. Get off my back and I will succeed, just as every "patriotic" American will. We do not claim to be victims of society, we are victims of government.

I agree that present government programs and policies are wrong; yours are worse. I pray for gridlock. You say "we have no choice." I have a choice, raise my taxes too much and I can stop working and start enjoying the dole.

Mr. President, no more smoke and mirrors, just honesty and common sense. Allow the American people to decide where to invest the fruits of their labor.

David G. Gardner

Here are some comparisons of the nation's social welfare as measured by the Index of Leading Cultural Indicators (sources in parenthesis)

CRIME (FBI)

- Number of crimes per 10,000 people: 179.3 in 1960; 589.8 in 1991.
- Violent crimes per 10,000 people: 16.1 in 1990; 75.8 in 1991.

WELFARE (Census Bureau)

- Percentage of children who receive Aid to Families with Dependent Children: 3.5 percent in 1960; 12.9 percent in 1991.

OUT-OF-WEDLOCK BIRTHS (National Center for Health Statistics)

- Percentage of all births in U.S. to unmarried women: 5.3 percent in 1960; 28 percent in 1990.

SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES (Census Bureau)

- Percentage of families with children with only one parent: 9.1 percent in 1960; 28.6 percent in 1991.

TEEN-AGE SUICIDE (National Center for Health Statistics)

- Rate of teen-age suicides per 100,000 population in U.S.: 3.6 in 1960; 11.3 in 1990.

SAT SCORES (The College Board)

- Average Scholastic Aptitude Test scores: 975 in 1960; 899 in 1992.

We fired the imagination of a self-dignity and a self-pride among all Indians of all age groups throughout North America. We also alerted the entire world that American Indians in this hemisphere were still alive and resisting.

**Russell Means
American Indian Movement**

"You know Brother Sileven: he tries to help everyone he can. He was providing assistance to inmates with their legal work & it was so good & effective, the administration moved him out of the library & removed many of the materials required in the law library.

"You could help all the prisoners by writing to:

Mrs. Hawke, Director
Bureau of Prisons
Washington, D.C. 20534



Government wants to loot the taxpayers



Police priorities allow too much crime

Mr. T.L. Rogers wrote an "on the mark" letter (*The State*, Aug. 22) concerning the power of the "bluenoses."

I, too, commend our police department, which urgently dispatched a dozen or so law officers to apprehend, arrest and incarcerate those six dangerous criminals who were dancing topless at ChippenDolls. As a civilized community, we, of course, cannot tolerate college students smoking marijuana and girls dancing topless. We have to muster all our resources to stamp out these vicious evils.

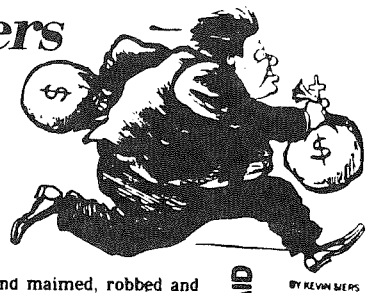
Meanwhile, my wife must have a companion when leaving the grocery store at night. Nurses at hospitals, shoppers, moviegoers, convenience store workers and college girls run the risk of being

mugged and maimed, robbed and raped and even kidnapped and murdered while walking across a parking lot.

Just take a good look at the violent crimes committed in this city every week. Where is our "thin blue line"? Off in groups chasing kids smoking "pot" and naughty girls dancing unclad.

Isn't it time we put our priorities in order? Or do we continue straining gnats and swallowing camels?

DR. R.L. MCCOOK



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We now worship petty morality

Walter Williams is a nationally syndicated columnist.

Over the last few decades, Americans have fought to eliminate those injustices that have blemished our national character. This has resulted in far less discrimination based on race, ethnicity, religion, and sex. We now have greater tolerance for unconventional views, actions, and opinions. In pursuit of these worthy achievements, we've become a nation that worships petty morality and scorns larger moral concerns. We're taught not to hold our fellowman accountable, to ignore his shortcomings. Don't hurt his feelings, and don't be judgmental. To accommodate this change, we've developed a new language.

We no longer refer to young criminals as hoodlums or delinquents, but as "children at risk." Men who deserted their families, refused to work, and overindulged used to be called bums, derelicts, and hobos. Today, their status has been lifted by calling them homeless. They are seen as no more responsible for their condition than people who've lost their homes in a natural disaster. Experts find it easy to tell smokers to just quit; but they wouldn't dream of saying the same to homosexuals whose lifestyles lead to the spread of the deadly AIDS disease and tuberculosis.

Recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings have upset many Americans to the extent that we want to amend the Constitution to ban flag desecration. However, principles of constitutional government and personal liberty have been so trivialized that to worry about respect for the flag is akin to Nero's fiddling while Rome burns. Congress and the White House love our concern about flag desecration because it diverts our attention, while they steal, hustle, and barter away those very precious liberties and moral principles our flag represents.

Let's talk about it. At the root of liberty is the fact that people own themselves. To make owning oneself meaningful, one

must own what he produces and not be unwillingly used to serve the purposes of another. After all a working definition of slavery is that the slave does not own what he produces and is used to serve the purposes of other people.

The average American works over four months, the equivalent of about three hours a day, and does not own what he produces during that time. It is taken as federal, state, and local taxes. Some of these earnings are taken for the legitimate government functions the taxpayer enjoys, and for which he would rightfully pay his share, but at least three-fifths of it Congress gives to other Americans in the form of S&L bailouts, farm handouts, corporate handouts, and welfare handouts. Groups with political clout use government to force you and me to serve their purposes. That is hardly consistent with the moral principles and constitutional government that our flag represents.

Private property, the concept that what's our can be used the way we wish so long as we don't violate property rights held by others, is a principle of trivial importance to Congress and the courts. If you own forest land, in some states, you must get permission to chop down your trees; often that permission is denied. If you're renting a duplex to someone, and you wish to make it available for your aging mother, and give proper notice of eviction, your tenant has the "right" to refuse to move unless you bribe him with thousands of dollars.

Americans have lost moral perspective. As each session of Congress expires, we have fewer freedoms and become less moral. Instead of an anti-flag desecration amendment to our Constitution, we need an amendment like: "No government shall take the property of one American and give it to another to whom it does not belong." Would you find such an amendment offensive?

Civic Center will be a waste of money

This missive brings opposition to the recent approval by city council and county council of \$25,000,000 to erect a civic center. This wrong action cannot be justified for a host of reasons. The bonded indebtedness and monthly subsidy for a failing entity will place a harsh burden upon taxpayers!

There is little hope for success of the venture because Charlotte and Columbia areas with vaster populations, have difficulty in breaking even on their centers. Augusta, which is larger than Florence, has wisely decided against such an edifice. Fayetteville, which is about the same size of Florence, has consistently lost money on their coliseum.

My objection is heightened by the knowledge that only wrestling and rock programs will bid fare to use the center. Unfortunately, there are few people in our area who have a penchant for such entertainment.

The members of city council and the Florence County Council will have their memories go down in infamy by being responsible for this debacle! My fervent plea is that these men will feel led to recind this action before the project runs into an expense for both entities! This action is a sad commentary on the state of affairs that suggests funds are not available to pave Cherokee Road which is an abomination to drive upon! There are other needs which need to be addressed instead of unwisely spending

money on an effort that begs for reasons to pursue it. My further hope is that all our citizens will voice their objections as strenuously to their elected officials. We all have a stewardship in spending our tax dollars.

Vote all in out of office

Joe F. Copeland
Florence

The dust has temporarily settled in the halls of the U.S. Congress. This gives the voters in the Nov. 6 election an opportunity to take a close look at the candidates now running for re-election.

What have they done for us during the past year? Look at the budget fiasco. One whole year to work on it, but the members of Congress sit on their butts doing nothing except enacting a continuing resolution.

To make matters worse, it has been reported that instead of tending to our business, some of them are starting an inquiry into Iraqi atrocities in Kuwait.

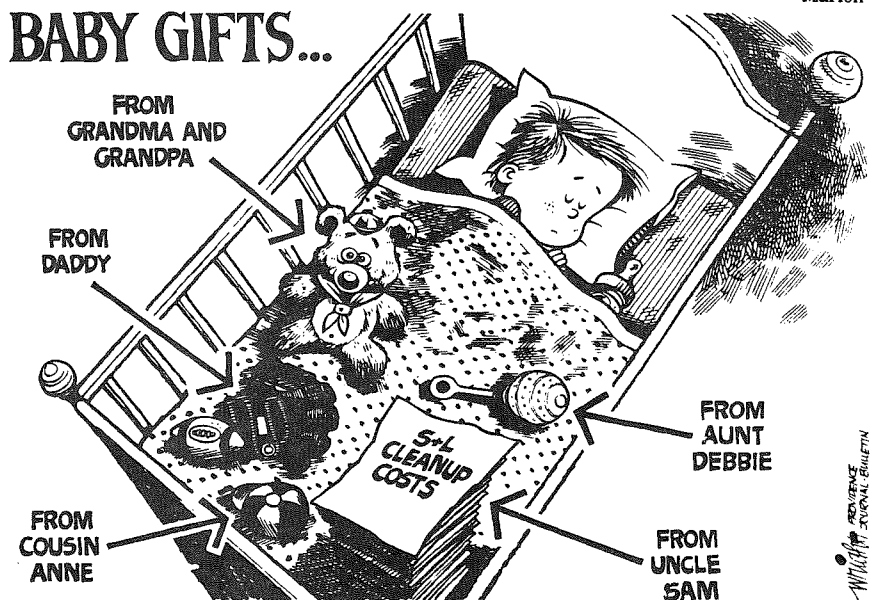
I would like to express my deepest sympathy in behalf of victims of atrocities throughout the world, which include Kuwait, due to Iraqi misdeeds.

However, I believe that as shown herein our U.S. Congress should place the business of the United States on the front burner, not behind the stove.

Enough is enough! Let's vote them all out of office.

William R. Beck
Marion

BABY GIFTS...



"Only when the human spirit is allowed to invent and create, only when individuals are given a personal stake in deciding their destiny and benefiting from their own risks, only then can societies remain dynamic, prosperous, progressive, and free."

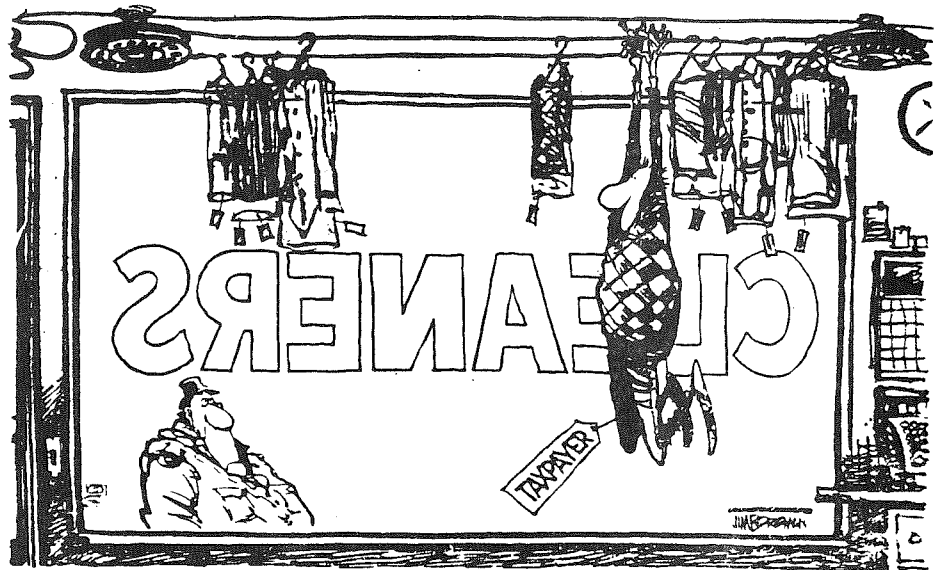
— President Ronald Reagan

Without protection from violent coercion, liberty and prosperity are impossible. A free society must be able to protect its citizens from aggression, whether committed by the government or by violent individuals.

"THINK BACK ON THE CANDIDATES YOU'VE VOTED FOR IN THE PAST. DID YOU VOTE FOR THEM BECAUSE OF PROMISES THEY MADE... AND THEN BROKE?"



I'M FOR FREE CHINA!... I'M AGAINST HELPING THE COMMUNISTS!... I'M AGAINST DEFICIT SPENDING! AND A HUGE NATIONAL DEBT!... I'M OPPOSED TO HIGHER TAXES, SUCH AS GASOLINE, SOCIAL SECURITY, ETC.... I'M ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF MORAL ISSUES!... OPPOSED TO ABORTION!... AGAINST THE IMF BAILOUT!... OPPOSED TO A MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY....



APRIL FIFTEENTH BLUES



Now you know way they're called the Fools and Drunks Administration

They even try to ban Vitamins! This is the bureausuckat.

WATER RULES: Figuring out what is in a bottle of water is not as clear as it looks, and the government is laying down rules that could help consumers know what they're guzzling.

The proposed rules define such terms as "spring," "artesian," and "well." They say how much mineral should be in mineral water and set limits on what shouldn't be there — ingredients such as lead and benzene.

At the very least, the sometimes pricey bottled water has to be as clean as what comes out of a city water tap. That, by the way, is where it sometimes comes from, and if it does, the label will have to say so.

The Food and Drug Administration is publishing four regulations Jan. 5 to clarify what the agency believes has been a murky business. Bottled water is considered a food, so it comes under the agency's authority.

LIBERAL PRIMER

(with no apologies to Ambrose Bierce)

United Nations — An international competition more popular than the Olympics because all the players win except Americans, Israelis and South Africans.

civil liberties — A legal and social program for creating a privileged caste of robbers, rapists, subversives and pornographers.

austerity budget — A draconian government measure designed to limit boondoggles and bureaucrats to their normal rate of growth.

gun control — A method of stripping law-abiding citizens of their firearms while assuring that criminals retain theirs undisturbed.

arms control — Campaigns by the last eight American presidents to demonstrate that liars and killers can be trusted with our lives.

Mafia — International crime syndicate whose existence is denied by the governor of New York, who thus loses his card in the American Philosophical Association for attempting to prove a universal negative but gains a lifetime membership in the Flat Earth Society.

disinvestment — A campaign to bar corporations and financial institutions from investing in a country that imposes racial segregation while guaranteeing their right to trade with the two nations responsible for the murder of 70 million of their citizens.

seamless garment — A phrase popularized by many Catholic bishops to explain how they can vote for babykillers and hope you do too.

welfare — A method of subsidizing promiscuity and bastardy.

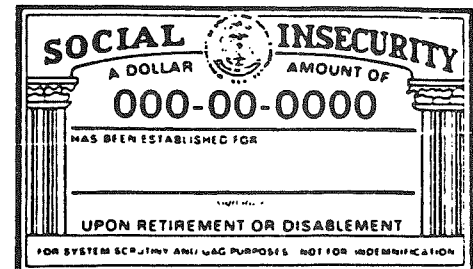
compassion (contemporary usage) — An emotion discovered by Right-Thinking Persons that makes a subject feel moral and dissolves outmoded notions of justice, morality, divine retribution and common sense.

education — In the U.S., a device for persuading citizens to contribute upwards of \$100 billion a year toward the corruption of their children.

right to privacy — The right to sodomy, and the right to pass on any diseases that devolve from it. (IMPORTANT: not to be construed as the right to join a club in which the members set their own standards for admission.)

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