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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I have several problems with Daniel Liechty's January article, "Ethical Foundations for Libertarianism: Against Free Market Fetishism," that I hope he will address.

First of all, libertarians don't advocate individual independence. A "society" in which individuals were independent of each other would be atomistic by definition. In society, individuals are mutually dependent. What libertarians advocate is individual autonomy. In a libertarian society, individuals would be allowed to make their own decisions. Individuals would deal with each other as autonomous agents on mutually agreeable terms. Undoubtedly, this vision would make Karl Marx vomit.

Liechty says there are those who are "more able to express individuality than others," and therefore have an unfair advantage against these others and consequently have a responsibility to reign in their self interest. I must say I find this very confusing. Liechty seems to see society as a fight in which individuality equates to strength to beat others up. First of all, society is not a fight. Individuals benefit others when they express their individuality and pursue their self interest (so long as they refrain from violating anyone's rights). Second, it is not clear what individuality has to do with strength. Some people choose to express individuality and others choose to conform. It is simply a matter of preference.

I strongly object to the collectivist notion that the "strong" should "curtail naked self-interest for the long term good of the community." Individuals are ends in themselves. The community is not. The community exists merely to serve the interests of the individuals involved. Naked self interest is not a threat to anyone, because it is, by definition, out in the open. The real threat to us and our community comes from the concealed self interest that lies behind every "altruist." Oddly, Liechty goes on to advocate "full disclosure as an ethical absolute." Full disclosure is, of course, precisely what the word "naked" means!

Liechty says "the free market system cannot be supported morally insofar as it perpetuates present inequalities. Of course it wouldn't perpetuate present inequalities; these are perpetuated by the State. The free market would instead perpetuate a new set of inequalities based on merit in terms of how well one meets the needs of others.

Liechty then goes into a silly tirade about society or the market being a battle between the "weak" and the "strong." But, the market is not a battle; it is a process of cooperation that benefits everyone who participates. There are no "strong" and "weak" in the market, only those who contribute more and those who contribute less.

Liechty doesn't like advertising that seeks conditioned reflex purchasing. I don't either, but as long as most people choose to be conformists, this is what we'll have. I would like everyone to be individualists, but I have a problem in compelling everyone to conform to my values.

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All this and Liechty doesn't even get to any ethical foundations for libertarianism. I suggest the ethical foundations are still what they always have been. A human is a thinking being who lives by his (or her) productive effort. If we are to allow humans to live, we must accept this as proper. If we accept this as proper, we must admit that it is right for humans to think and to keep their production for their livelihood. Therefore, it is morally imperative that the law recognize individuals as autonomous agents. When the law recognizes this, we have a libertarian society and a free market.

Terry Inman
 Editor, Youth Connection

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THE Government is ready to mount a major operation in an attempt to scupper the North Sea pirate radio stations.

Senior officials at the Department of Trade and Industry have been advised that such an operation is 'feasible' and could be defended under international law.

But any attempt to board the pirate stations Radio Caroline and Laser 558, moored in international waters 17 miles off the Essex coast, is seen as a last resort.

Ministers are considering secret plans to jam broadcasts from the popular off-shore stations, which are said to be threatening lives at sea by interfering with signals from rescue beacons and navigational aids.

The problem is that attempts to jam the pirates could also affect the emergency services and legal radio broadcasts which the Government is trying to protect.

The new moves are being considered after the failure of round-the-clock surveillance of the pirate ships to silence the air-wave intruders.

The Department of Trade admits it is costing £1,000 a day to monitor the two pop ships and report anyone who tries to smuggle supplies to them.

It is an offence under the Marine Broadcasting Act to ship out fuel and food to the ships, and anyone caught faces up to two years in jail.

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They drove 18-year-old Michelle Simmons a mile to a town's police station before she was released.

Now, following a three-month investigation, her complaint against the officers—a man and a woman—has

been upheld by the Police Complaints Authority.

Michelle, of Forest Crescent, Ilkington, Halifax, West Yorkshire, also claimed the woman officer kicked her as she sat in the casualty department at Halifax Royal Infirmary.

Hassle

The officer denied the accusation and the Director of Public Prosecutions has decided there is not enough evidence to prosecute for assault.

Last August, Michelle was fined £25 by magistrates at Halifax after admitting causing £25 criminal damage to a window at the infirmary.

She complained in court that she had been refused treatment, and had only broken the window because she was upset at being kicked. It was then that she was bundled into the police car boot.



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THOUSANDS of motorists are having to take their cars off the road because of a blunder by the Transport Department.

The supply of MoT test certificates to garages has dried up since the Ministry launched a reorganisation of its MoT offices.

One victim, 26-year-old Michael Penrose was told not to use his motor-bike because the MoT testing station he visited had not been issued with new forms.

Mr Penrose of Calcutt, Bucks, said: "This situation is terrible. My bike would pass but I can't ride it because the Ministry hasn't given the garage any forms. I can't even tax it without an MoT."

The Reading garage boss, Bill Turner, said: "We are having to tell customers that if their MoT has run out they must take their vehicle off the road whatever its condition. It's absolutely disgusting."

A Department of Transport spokesman said that in a bid to cut costs they were switching their nine regional MoT distribution centres to Swansea.

"We are taking on extra staff at Swansea in the hope of clearing the backlog within three weeks. We underestimated the scale of the task," he admitted.

disco tots

DISAPPOINTED weeny boppers trudged home in tears when their afternoon disco was broken up... by a police raid.

Youngsters aged eight to 15 were enjoying a "kiddies session" at a nightclub with only pop on offer—when two officers marched in.

They told club owner Lyn Mittell he was breaking the law, even though no bars were open.

Mr Mittell complained: "Children were in tears when we told them."

Some had to wait two hours outside the Starlight Club in Port Talbot, South Wales, for their parents.

A police spokesman said it was illegal for children to be in a bar in licensing hours even if it was shut.

Higher drinking age hasn't reduced deaths

On Jan. 1, 1984, South Carolina increased the legal age for alcohol consumption to 19 from 18. On Jan. 1, 1985, the legal age was again increased to 20. Finally, on Sept. 14, 1986, the age was increased to 21.

In 1983, there were 845 traffic fatalities in South Carolina. In 1984, there were 915. In 1985, there were 949. In 1986, there were 1058.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) lobbied intensively for the law raising the drinking age while making a very strong assumption that an inverse relationship exists between drinking age and traffic fatalities.

Applying the same logic in reverse, is MADD now prepared to accept partial responsibility for this steady increase in traffic fatalities? Could the bill raising the drinking age been aptly subtitled the "Let's put more rolling saloons on the highways law"?

As I put forward in a previous letter to the editor, MADD should have spent some of its time and resources on trying to pass a mandatory seat belt law. If people only wore seat belts, so many deaths and injuries could be prevented.

If the number of traffic fatalities continues to increase, the drinking age should come down. Beyond this, I have always felt that if an individual is old enough to marry, sign contracts, vote, join the armed services and possibly die in defense of this country, then that individual is old enough to take a drink of alcohol if so desired.

WES W. BALES

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What's worse is that the victims will ridicule and even jail other victims who spot the cheating and refuse to stay in the game. The bankers are getting all of the chips because they know which cards are missing. They removed them! They are stripping us of everything we have with their green strips of paper and credit that they have to get in unlimited amounts for absolutely nothing. They loan nothing but licenses to steal. Interest is their means of sharing the loot. There are 15,000 commercial banks and none pay a dime in taxes!

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It all started when her owner, Darryl Stutchbury, from Peckham, South London, bought her a £35 deluxe cat flap to keep out uninvited strays.

A special neckband Masher wears opens the flap when she wants to get in or out.

But a form accompanying the flap informed Darryl that the Department of Trade and Industry classified the device as a radio transmitter and a £15 licence was needed to operate it.

'So I filled in the form in Masher's name and signed it with a paw print,' said Darryl.

Another 300 cats nationwide share Masher's distinction - but maybe not for much longer. A recent Government Green Paper recommended de-regulation of electric cat-flaps.

skull find

By SUN REPORTER

SHOCKED widow Moira Troke heard yesterday her husband's skull had been found near the spot where he was killed by a train **SEVEN MONTHS** ago.

Moira believed Robert Troke's body was intact when he was buried after the tragedy.

She said at her home in Scunthorpe, South Humberside: "They had him bandaged up so it appeared he had a head."

Now she plans to have the body exhumed.

DAVID MILLS and his wife Pam felt empty when they surveyed their new home.

For all their belongings waiting to be sorted out in the living room had vanished.

The shocked couple thought burglars had struck.

But detectives soon discovered the truth - council workmen had carted off the Mill's possessions to a rubbish tip.

Bulldozer

There they dumped the furniture, carpets, clothing, curtains, bed linen, crockery, cutlery, TV and electric fires... and buried the lot with a bulldozer.

The workmen thought the stuff had been abandoned by the previous tenant of the council flat in Brinkburn Walk, Spenny moor, Co. Durham.

By CLIVE CRICKMER

And yesterday the couple, who have two children, Andrew, 10, and Sharon, eight, counted the cost of the blunder - an estimated £3,000.

Ex-Army chef David, 32, said: "It is like a nightmare. All we have are the clothes we are wearing."

A council spokesman said: "They had not returned their acceptance form to us. Otherwise this would not have happened."

"The compensation claim will receive urgent attention."

Golden silence over coin ban

CUSTOMS men ran into trouble when they tried to confiscate a bag of gold South African coins which a Rhodesian wanted to bring into Britain.

Premier Margaret Thatcher announced an import ban on the coins, called kruggerands, last October. But customs officers at Birmingham airport could not trace the exact authority they needed. Eventually the Department of Trade and Industry confirmed that they had not yet got round to issuing the necessary regulations.

So the Rhodesian was allowed on his way... with the coins.

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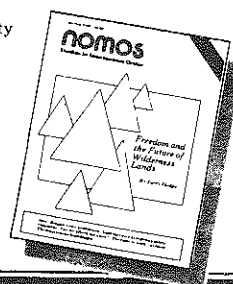
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Border Patrol to give some agents M-14s and armored vehicles

WASHINGTON (AP) — Citing increased violence along the 2,000-mile border with Mexico, the U.S. Border Patrol is arming its agents with 1,000 Army M-14 assault rifles and will supply them with two armored personnel carriers, the Immigration and Naturalization Service said Thursday.

The M-14s will replace outdated pump-action rifles that many agents "didn't feel were at all adequate," said Duke Austin, a spokesman for the INS. The M-14s, supplied by the Army, will remain in border patrol offices or be kept in vehicles and will not be routinely carried by agents on patrol.

The guns will be available during encounters involving criminal activity when the patrol is alerted to fleeing fugitives or drug runners who sometimes are armed with automatic weapons.

Eight agents from the INS have been wounded in the past year.

Last year, 196 crimes, including eight murders and 158 armed robberies, were reported along the border in the San Ysidro area south of San Diego.

Austin said the two armored personnel carriers are being obtained from the Army because ordinary trucks "take a tough beating" when they are subjected to rocky, hilly terrain and to ambushes by rock-throwing aliens the agents are trying to track down.

The armored personnel carriers also would be used to rescue officers who may be pinned down in remote areas by snipers or rock- and bottle-throwing mobs, said Wayne Kirkpatrick of the San Diego area Border Patrol office.

The personnel carriers won't be mounted with weapons.

The agency will take possession of the rifles in a month or so but there is no delivery date yet for the personnel carriers.

New supplies of night-vision scopes and electronic personnel sensors used to detect human movement, which the border patrol has used for some time, are also being provided by the Army to the Border Patrol.

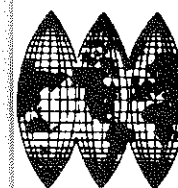
The Army now arms its soldiers with a more modern weapon, the M-16.



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There is no real difference between national service and the military draft. The jobs might be different, but the basic relationship between the government and the individual is the same; it is the government enslaving the individual. National service is just slavery toward a new end.

Polish Post

If last issue's revelations about the GPO got you fuming, think yourself lucky you're not Polish. *The Times* (29.1.86) reports that the Polish postal service succeeded in delivering Christmas greetings from Opole to the nearby town of Strzelce Opolskie (a distance of 20.5 miles) seven years late. Maybe they forgot to write the postal code - or bribe the necessary officials.

Limbless in Lodz/Pole tax

Maybe Mr Gibson could try Poland for suitable material. One Stefan Zuchor, a tax collector, disappeared after he set out to collect money "owed" to the state by 17 people. First his head and arms turned up in a suitcase. The next day they found his legs in another suitcase. The rest of his body was traced to a house in Lodz. A man and a woman owing more than 12,000 zlotys (£50) in arrears were helping the police with their inquiries (*The Times* 6.2.86)

Lavatory humour

Tax collectors, letter writers, and now we hear there is a public lavatory problem in Warsaw. Firstly there is the paper shortage. Toilet rolls can't be put into the cubicles in case they're stolen, so hopeful users have to buy the standard twelve sheets in advance from one of the attendants. Or else you can get a discount by trading in your own waste paper (6lb of discarded *Trybuna Ludus* - the Party paper - gets one roll). The second problem is the planning targets (yes, planning targets). Mrs Alina, the woman who runs the lavatories in Warsaw's railway station, has to reach 480 zlotys per hour. The standard charge for using the toilet is five zlotys and to fulfil the quota she would have to pack in 96 people an hour. Her monthly deficit is between 2,000 and 4,000 zlotys (£10 and £20 at official rates). One of Mrs Alina's problems is that some people are a bit too socialist about lavatory charges and refuse to pay. "How can I convince them that combing their hair in front of the mirror is four zlotys?" she wails. However, even though Warsaw's public lavatories are deteriorating fast, as well as not living up to municipal regulations of being within ten minutes walk of each other throughout the city and suburbs, they are not a priority because of the ongoing construction industry crisis (families waiting up to 15 years for their own flat, etc). One paper suggests a solution which is already working well in at least one suburban railway station - privatisation. (*The Times* 2.12.85)

Young people would not support a mandatory program, not because they are selfish or unpatriotic, but because it flies in the face of the basic values of this country that people should be free to pursue happiness in their own way. Great numbers of 18-year-olds are now resisting draft registration. It is ludicrous to spend billions to take away their freedom.

A voluntary program would not be objectionable on slavery grounds, but it would be an extremely expensive boondoggle - at least twice the \$30 billion figure used by some supporters. Polls that supposedly show young people's support for service were based on service being compensated for by a paid college education, which would certainly increase the cost of the program far beyond any current estimates.

So-called voluntary programs that require service to get school loans or driver's licenses are just a smokescreen. A program is hardly voluntary when the government uses all the leverage and power at its disposal to enforce participation.

We do not need a national service program. If people wanted to volunteer, they could do that today and volunteer for any number of service organizations. Certainly there are countless beneficial services young people could provide, but young people have their own lives; it is not the government's role to coerce them into living their lives according to the government's wishes.

Interview with
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(Paul Jacobs recently served five months in prison for refusing to register for the draft.)

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Main Street residents are particularly concerned since the their homes are so close to the tracks. In one case a house is only 9 feet from the track. Passenger trains are the worst, one homeowner told a local newspaper, "because you can't hear them coming."

COUNTY ORDINANCE TO REPEAL FEDERAL RESERVE*

Resolution No. 85-571

Resolution of the Lorain County Commissioners)
State of Ohio, condemning economic control over)
the citizens of the Lorain County, State of Ohio, by)
the Federal Reserve Board, the policy-making)
agency of the Federal Reserve System, a consor-)
tium of private bankers, and decrees that the)
Ohio State legislature shall protect the money)
and property of Lorain County citizens as it is)
required to do under provisions of the State)
Constitution and Constitution of the United)
States, by instructing members of the Ohio State)
Congressional Delegation to jointly sponsor legis-)
lation to repeal the Federal Reserve Act, as they)
are authorized to do under Article 30 of the)
original Act.

THE COMMISSION FINDS that Article 1, Section 8, Constitution of the United States, provides that only the Congress of the United States shall have the power "... to borrow Money on the credit of the United States."

THE COMMISSION FINDS that Article 1, Section 8, Constitution of the United States, provides that only the Congress of the United States is permitted to "... coin Money, regulate the Value thereof, and of foreign coin."

THE COMMISSION FINDS that the Federal Reserve Act (Act of December 1913); 38 Stat. 251; 12 United States Code section 221, et seq.) purported to transfer the power to borrow money on the credit of the United States, and the power to coin money and regulate the value thereof to a consortium of private bankers, i.e.: the Federal Reserve System, in violation of the prohibitions of Article 1, Section 8, Constitution of the United States.

THE COMMISSION FINDS that Article 1, Section 1, Constitution of the United States, provides that "all legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives."

THE COMMISSION FINDS that the Congress of the United States is without authority to delegate any powers which it has received from the people under the constitutional contract.

THE COMMISSION FINDS that the Federal Reserve Act of 23 December 1913 was imposed upon the citizens

*Reference, "Model County Ordinance", page 19, THE MOST SECRET SCIENCE, by Colonel Roberts. 200 pages (8 1/2 x 11) from COMMITTEE TO RESTORE THE CONSTITUTION, P.O. Box 986, Ft. Collins, CO 80522, \$12.00.

EQUAL JUSTICE?

Ex-IRS Agent PHILIP CALOGER, 73, was sentenced to ONLY 90 DAYS in jail for evading payment of more than \$50,000 in back taxes; UPI reported from Chicago. Before sentencing, he admitted he had failed to pay taxes for 12 years. He said he did it to support his wife's big

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of Lorain County, State of Ohio, in violation of Article 1, Section 1, Constitution of the United States.

THE COMMISSION FINDS that the Federal Reserve System which is not subject to any official periodic review or oversight by Congress, has unconstitutionally controlled the economy of the United States and financial fortunes of Lorain County citizens, State of Ohio, through the alleged powers of the Federal Reserve Act unconstitutionally granted by the Congress of the United States.

THE COMMISSION FINDS that the citizens of Lorain County, State of Ohio, face economic crisis and undue hardship brought about by the unconstitutional, arbitrary and capricious control and management of the nation's money supply by the Federal Reserve Board, the policy-making agency of the Federal Reserve System, a consortium of private bankers.

THE COMMISSION CONDEMNS economic control over the citizens of Lorain County by the Federal Reserve Board, and decrees that the Ohio State Legislature shall instruct the members of the Ohio State Congressional Delegation to jointly sponsor legislation to repeal the Federal Reserve Act of 23 December 1913, as they are authorized to do under Article 30 of the original Act.

THE COMMISSION URGES the Ohio State legislature to take whatever action may be necessary to protect the money and property of Lorain County citizens, State of Ohio, as it is required to do under provisions of the Ohio State Constitution and the Constitution of the United States.

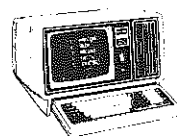
THE COMMISSION DIRECTS that a copy of this Resolution, accompanied by supporting documents, be forwarded to the State Legislative Delegation, Majority Leaders of Senate and House, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General and to the President, State Association of County Commissioners, State of Ohio, requesting enabling legislation.

The foregoing resolution was introduced upon a motion by Commissioner Leonard P. Reichlin, seconded by Commissioner George I. Koury, Jr. and the vote taken thereon resulted as follows: Leonard P. Reichlin, "aye"; George I. Koury, "aye"; Herbert J. Jacoby, abstained.

Motion carried.

Mona L. Walsh

I, Mona L. Walsh, Clerk for the Board of Commissioners of Lorain County, Ohio, do hereby certify that this is a true copy of Resolution No. 85-571 as it appears in Journal No. 85 on date of June 27, 1985 on pages 429 and 430.



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By Robert Brakeman

The destruction of the American language has now proceeded so far that it's almost safe to assume that any term which has come to acquire an unfavorable connotation is representative of something good, and vice versa. We won't be concerned with any of the "vice versas" here - just with one of the bad-in-good terms.

Our indoctrination has now gone on long enough that virtually everyone shrinks in horror at the sound of the term "black market"; the reaction to it is as uniformly hostile as the reaction to, say, the Black Death which decimated Europe of Old. The "black market" is an evil place and the kind of place where only criminals hang out and a place where the good-folk wouldn't be caught dead - or at least that's the only way they would be caught there. Naturally, that is all nonsense (would I be spending my time on this analysis if it weren't?); upon examination the dreaded "black market" is found to be a wonderful place, a place where decent people should be proud to be found, a place where the sun shines and the children play and the tiny robins sing and

I begin to get carried away there, but my point is as accurate as it is simple: the "black market" is an institution which is both honorable and immensely useful. To be more precise, the "black market" is simply the market, the milieu in which freely-acting buyers and sellers come together and satisfy their wants most efficiently and entirely non-violently and legitimately, under certain circumstances. That is, the "black market" is nothing but the free market forced underground by people-in-power-with-guns, sometimes known, more favorably but less accurately, as "governments". The "white market" (i.e., the legal market) and the "black market" (the illegal one) are one and the same, judged by any criteria that matters; judged by only one criterion is there any difference between them - the one comes into existence when assort hacks with control of force in a society get together in a room somewhere and cause certain words to be entered in certain books, while the other exists in the absence of such action.

It can't be stressed too strongly or too often that nothing else differentiates the two markets, one of which we're trained to like and the other to hate; the physical realities are the same, the social usefulness of the two processes are the same (and they're both immensely useful and in fact are the only things which make possible an existence above barbarian/communist levels), and the legitimacy/illegitimacy quotients of the two market-processes are identical (in the absence of coercion they are both fully legitimate)* - all that "blackened" the "white" market was again the printing of those words-on-paper.

It is a cardinal rule of both logical analysis and the proliberty ethic that what matters is reality, and not labels - what is significant, and therefore the proper focus of our attention, is what's going on Out There in the Real World, not what someone (legislators or anyone else) says about what's going on. Because the actions and interactions don't change their natures when some words-on-paper are changed, the proper question here is: "What is the nature of the actions which take place on a 'black market'?" There is no need to speak hypothetically or theoretically here; real-life cases litter the historical landscape.

When American government legalized liquor in

1919, the most massive "black market" in the world in world history sprang into existence - and it consisted of people committing the entirely legitimate action of buying a certain substance for their own consumption; when the South Vietnamese government in the 1960s promulgated a ridiculous exchange ratio for the piaster, another gigantic "black market" appeared and it consisted of men and women (and kiddies) exchanging things they valued for other items at ratios determined by their choices, not the state's; the "black market" in goods during WW2 similarly represented the attempt of people to live their lives in accord with their own value-preferences, not the politicians'. (Specifically, it was an assertion that it was not for the government to say what was "too much" of something, and when an individual (A) wanted more of a certain thing and (B) was both willing and able to obtain it through peaceful means - it was not the hacks' proper role to tell him or her not to do so). When the Confederate government in Richmond during the darkest days of the Civil War put into effect two violently anti-liberty edicts, one requiring people to accept nearly-worthless Confederate paper money and to accept it at government-mandated exchange ratios, and one rationing a wide array of goods, the public reacted appropriately (if you'll allow me that word of bias) by establishing two "Black markets" - one in which gold and Confederate paper and U. S. paper were traded in their proper (i.e., freely-chosen) ratios, and one in which forbidden goods were traded at such prices as the "black market" produced.

When the U. S. government in 1973-74 began committing crimes against the human right of its citizenry to control their own property (usually misnamed a "property right") - in the oil allocation-and-price-control program - there immediately sprang into existence a market for "hot" oil, oil (and other petroleum products) which was not stolen, but which was produced or sold in violation of the government's violative-of-freedom edicts; this "black market" (in all these cases government officials of course launched all-out propaganda attacks on "black marketeers") consisted of people peacefully spending their legitimately acquired resources for legitimate items of their choice, and at prices mutually acceptable to buyer and seller.

When Allied control authorities in Germany and Japan after WW2 tried to put into effect a gargantuan price-control-and-allocation-and-rationing program for key goods in those countries, the resourceful Japanese and Germans did the predictable thing: they reestablished the market when the government tried to eliminate it, this time as a "black (illegal) market", so that their choices would continue to determine consumption patterns, and not the choice of politicians and the interest groups which kept them in power.

When the communist/terrorist (forgive the redundancy) government of Allende in Chile legalized approximately all forms of legitimate activity in the early 1970s, Chileans became the leading "black marketeers" in world history, excepting only Americans of the Twittering Twenties - they established sophisticated and sub-systems for obtaining the goods and services they needed to live, and for obtaining them at market prices, not governmental-prices.

These examples of "black market" activity span centuries and the span continents; yet, the similarities among all these cases are so strikingly great they're not similarities at all - they're identities. In every "black market" episode:

"BLACK MARKET", continued

(A) People were acting entirely legitimately (as opposed to legally); that is, they were committing no act of aggression against any person or any person's property - they were simply using their own persons and property in peaceful trade.

(B) They were asserting their freely-chosen values, their decisions on what to do with their lives and resources against the decisions of politicians-trying-to-run-their-lives.

(C) They were asserting (rephrasing the previous) justice against injustice for they had a right to make those decisions about their persons and property, while government (whose only proper role is protection) had no such right.

(D) They were establishing not a "black market" but the market - the milieu in which people utilized their resources freely in order to maximize happiness - in the face of the effort of hacks-in-power to kill it. There is only one market; all that differentiates a "black" one from a "white" one is the dementia of politicians. Since it takes special courage and determination to keep operating the market once the hacks have labelled it "black", it's fair to call "black markets" the finest markets of them all - the most forceful expression of people's desires to be free, to use their lives and resources as they, not pols, determine.

Take a "balck marketeer" out to lunch.

* As an exercise in moral philosophy this analysis has nothing to say about the advisability or expediency of becoming a "black marketeer" - we'll speak only of its legitimacy; though your right to do so may be complete, the advisability of doing so, if people-with-guns are going to come after you if you do, may be something else again, and of course the advisability is even less if, as with the present author, one is in the public eye - but all of that affects the question of what is right not a bit. The morality of an action and its advisability are - always - entirely distinct questions, and no error of logic is more profoundly harmful than mixing them.

Note: The "black market" and "white market" are not to be confused with any race connection. Especially the old antebellum or referring to a slavery market as a Black Market is unrelated. - jth.

Privatization is money-saving concept

Proponents of the Local Government Finance Act assure us it is the only way that "vital" services could be provided to a growing state.

Apparently they have not heard of contracting out, or privatizing government functions. Scottsdale, Arizona, saved millions of dollars privatizing fire services. Closer to home, Dorchester County recently privatized its refuse disposal saving over \$100,000.

Privatization works. Deregulation saves money. Perhaps if proponents of the Local Government Finance Act looked more closely at the numerous regulatory boards of this state and how they cost South Carolinians millions of dollars each year under the aegis of "public good," they may change their minds. Agency special interest groups have virtually eliminated competition in such areas as

health care, transportation, police services, utilities, and education.

Taxpayers are held hostage by these groups. They oppose privatization, not because they are concerned about the public but because they are concerned that competition may cost them a job. Politicians would rather raise taxes than privatize because politicians like power, and privatization takes power away from them and returns it to the consumer.

The Governor's support of the county tax bill is not surprising. So far, this administration is just about as imaginative as the Democrats were. Why do the major political parties offer us reshaped policies instead of new ideas? Do not expect much from Carroll Campbell. He rode his way to the Governor's position on drug testing and his unqualified support for a Democratic education program. Imagination does not seem to be his strong point.

ANDREW AMENDOLA

Libertarians wholly support free enterprise, fewer taxes

This letter is in response to William Able's letter concerning the need for tax dollars in a rapidly growing state (Feb. 25, *The Columbia Record*). Mr. Able seems to equate the Libertarian Party's call for fewer taxes with an effort to reduce South Carolina's standard of living to that of a Marxist-controlled Third World country. Nothing could be further from the truth. To suggest that the Libertarian Party favors poverty and pestilence is absolutely ludicrous.

In order to solve the problems Mr. Able is concerned with, Libertarians do not pay lip service to free enterprise. We have a sincere desire to see that free enterprise is implemented to the fullest extent possible. Time and time again, it has been proven that when a government service is provided by private industry, where two or more competitors serve the public, the public is better served. This results in fewer taxes, less government and a higher standard of living for all.

M.D. JOHNSON

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CULTURE n. 1: CULTIVATION 2: the act of developing the intellectual and moral faculties esp. by education 3: expert care and training 4: enlightenment and excellence of taste acquired by intellectual and aesthetic training 5a: a particular stage of advancement in civilization b: the characteristic features of such a stage or state

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THE HARD PART IS GETTING THOSE ENGINEERS TO PULL OVER

Police in Marysville, PA, issued a speeding ticket to Amtrak's Broadway Limited after the train was clocked at 45.1 mph in a 20-mph zone. Amtrak paid the \$25 fine plus \$23.50 in court costs, but only because it was cheaper than fighting... this time.

MAIN ST.: A STONE'S THROW AWAY

Conrail, which maintains the track, had set the speed limit at 15 mph. Then it completed a restoration project and increased the limit to 40 mph.

Marysville officials, however, claim the restoration wasn't adequate. There is no shock absorber for the rail bed, they say, and ballast falling from the track onto Main Street has blocked storm sewer inlets. When Con-

rail did not respond to the borough's request to clean up the stones, municipal crews did the work. A bill for \$1,048, sent to Conrail, was not paid.

TO EACH HIS OWN SPEED LIMIT

A Marysville ordinance restricts train speeds to 20 mph on a rail line within 75 feet of Main St. City officials argue that excessive speeds are unsafe because the tracks are not properly maintained. The railroads argue that Marysville has no authority to set or enforce such an ordinance.

BUSINESS

FIRST CLASS PERMIT

Robert Smith of Atlanta, a lover of good music, finally had enough. It seems that one Oswald Spong had for two years been playing heavy metal rock in the apartment next door and Smith had been suffering in silence.

This Christmas Oswald got a new sound system as big as a refrigerator, and on New Year's Eve he twisted all the knobs clockwise as far as they would go, put on the latest Motley Crue album, and leaned back to enjoy the vibes.

Smith later explained things from his point of view.

"I was nearly asleep when suddenly I thought an airplane had flown in through the window and crashed under my bed. The drums were beating so loud my heart was palpitating like it was going to tear itself out of my chest.

"I beat on the wall and Oswald didn't even answer, so I figured I had to do something or go crazy."

What he did was take out his shotgun, put it up against the sheet rock that separated the two apartments, and let loose with both barrels. After the huge roar there was sudden silence, and then, from a distant room, the strains of "Auld Lang Syne."

Smith paid a fine and was ordered to replace both the wall and the stereo system he destroyed with a lucky shot.

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SUBVERTS THE CONSTITUTION

"The current PR campaign for the U.S. Constitution is phoney," says Ron Paul, candidate for the Libertarian Party nomination for President of the United States.

"This superficial celebration, which covers up the government's total disregard for what the document says, is a mockery," said the former four-term Republican Congressman from Texas.

"Just a few of the present unconstitutional infringements on our rights are:

--the Federal Reserve System, which depreciates the paycheck and savings account of every American to benefit the bankers and the politicians;

--the IRS, which forces us to bare our souls and then turn over a third to a half of our income to be wasted by the politicians;

--alleged anti-drug laws which result in street crime, federal attacks on financial privacy, and the unconstitutional confiscation of personal property;

--military intervention into the internal affairs of other nations;

--an imperial presidency which operates above the law;

--a corrupt federal judiciary which fails to uphold our rights;

--attacks on our right to freely leave and enter the U.S. without being searched;

--and infringements on our ability to peacefully trade with people in other countries without tariff taxes.

"It is impossible to imagine Thomas Jefferson filling out a 1040 form, George Washington sending troops to Vietnam or Nicaragua, James Madison defending fiat paper money and the Federal Reserve System, or Benjamin Franklin condoning deficit spending and transfer payments.

"Rather than heralding the Constitution as a historic document, shouldn't we demand adherence to it?

"At the voting booth Americans supposedly have two choices. But thanks to the Republican monopoly, neither major party respects our Constitution. That is why I am running for President of the United States on the Libertarian Party ticket. I want to see the Constitution celebrated and observed every day, not just every two hundred years."

[Former Texas Congressman Ron Paul has resigned from the Republican Party and declared his candidacy for the Libertarian Party nomination for President of the United States. He is available for personal interviews. Call for Media Kit. RADIO: For telephone hook-up, call Jan Kessmann, (713) 333-1988]

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diseases, depression, suicide, functional illiteracy, moral anarchy, fear and anxiety about nuclear war and hopelessness about the future."

—Samuel Blumenfeld

(Author of NEA: Trojan Horse in American Education, Is Public Education Necessary? The New Illiterates, How to Tutor and Alpha-Phonics: A Primer for the Beginning Reader.)

Here the author discusses how the public schools and the teachers in public "schools" are increasing illiteracy, grossly.

Government shouldn't make decisions on personal safety

If the state legislature enacts a mandatory seat-belt law, it will be a sad day for freedom. Decisions about personal safety should be made by individuals and families, not by the government.

It's not even clear that wearing seat belts is always a good idea. Last year, a federal safety study found that, in certain types of accidents, people who do not wear seat belts have a better chance of avoiding injury or death.

Even if it is wise to wear a seat belt, wisdom should not be legislated. As a Libertarian, I recognize that all people have individual rights to life, liberty and property, and the only proper function of government is to protect individuals from those who would violate these rights. Everyone should have the freedom to control their own lives, bodies and property as long as they do not initiate force or fraud against others.

Violent crime and drunk driving are serious problems in South Carolina. Law enforcement officials should concentrate on solving these problems. They should not waste time harassing people who do not pose a danger to others. I object to my taxes being used for this purpose.

JAN L. CHAPMAN

West Columbia

Buckling up matter of choice

I buckle up every morning going to work and every afternoon coming home from work. But I do not want anyone making me do it.

CARL S. MARTIN

Lexington

MCCORMICK

A Georgia woman and two children drowned Sunday night when the car they were traveling in plunged into the Little River five miles west of McCormick, authorities said.

The children's father, who was driving the car and was the only one not wearing a seat belt, survived the accident when he was thrown through the windshield before the car sank in 20 feet of water.

Gilbert said the two children, who were wearing seat belts and riding in the back seat, were dressed in bathing suits. Ms. Roach, who is not related to the Bollins, also was wearing a seat belt, Gilbert said.

The car was headed west on U.S. 378 about to cross a bridge over Little River when it veered right into the water, settling about 50 yards from shore. Gilbert said.

Crash

ONLY THE ONE NOT WEARING A SEAT BELT SURVIVES !

Gilbert said that on the way to the hospital, Bollin told an ambulance driver that one of his children bumped his arm as he was reaching for a soda, causing him to lose control of the car.

"He apparently just took his eye off the road for a second," Gilbert said.

LAST LAST MINUTE NEWS & OTHER ITEMS

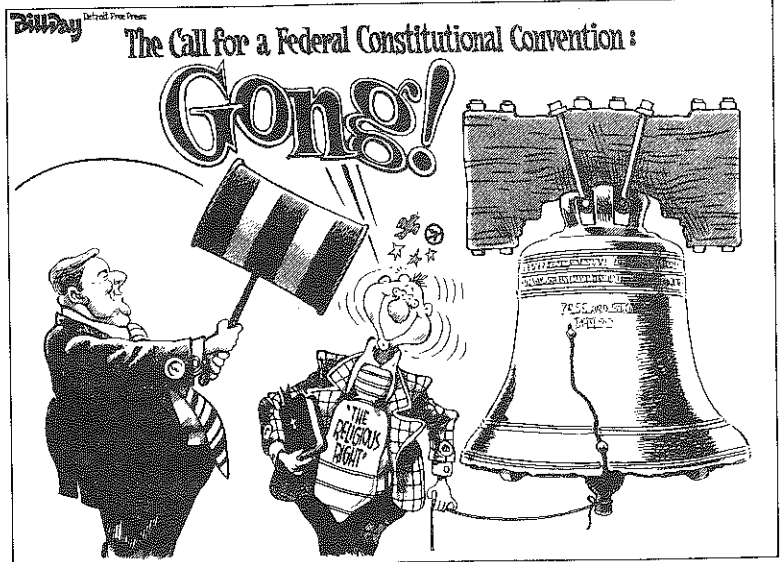
News items have a way of coming in after I have done the month's layout, and get into too late an issue. Here are some in only by an extra page being published for this issue.

In Hawaii the state is trying to keep all write-in candidates off the ballot, and a case on the federal law prohibiting this is now before the 9th circuit of federal court in San Francisco Judges J. M. Ideman, C. F. Poole & W. A. Norris. It might help if you'd drop them a line about how every citizen has the write to determine his vote for whoever.

SCLP has a July 12 con at Bill Griffin's backyard pool; the state exec to meet in shallow water. They are also running a program to raise funds for a party telephone, with a prize. Call me or SCLP officers if interested in all this.

One proposal I made last March was for the LP presidential candidate to appoint a sort of shadow cabinet, to have each criticizing the govt. major dept., and going around & making talks & getting publicity in support of the pres. & v-p. candidates. If you're interested & going to the LP con in Seattle at Labor Day, be free to the idea; I won't be there. Shadow cabinet members must have no promise of appointment, but they can still serve the prexy candidate as advisor.

In 1766 a group swore an oath at the Charleston Liberty Tree to fight taxes, as they did in 1775-82. I found a grave in Columbia that is

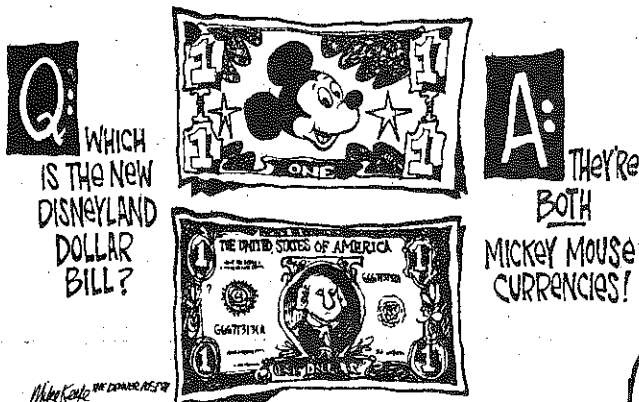


a commemorative of this by one who was the most proud of this; there must be others. If we would pick a day of the year as a commemorative one, & do things like put flowers on noted graves for publicity of opposing all taxes, it would help. It doesn't have to be a Revolutionary hero as the only site.

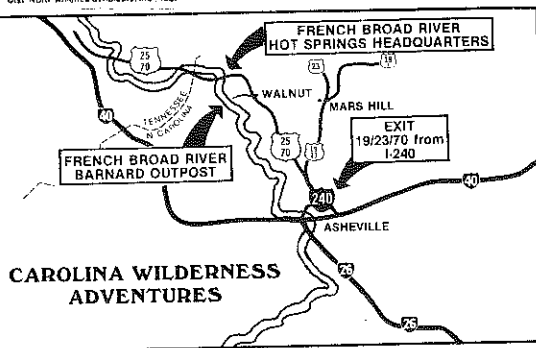
SC legislature has benefited 0.01% of the students by planning a gifted student school; & it will go up to 0.02% eventually of the A++s.

MOST URGENT: The George Hansen case. The former Idaho Republican Congressman is back in jail, for going to Nebraska & giving a speech. Hansen is a severe critic of the IRS as you surely know. The IRS is thought to be trying to terrorize Congress into not passing the taxpayer bill of rights. Hansen was dragged back to jail in a cruel manner in a massive violation of federal laws.

Please call or write Howard Baker at the White House, (202) 456-6797 and urge a pardon for Hansen, as his violation of federal law by leaving out his wife's income on a report (as many others did, and were not tried, especially Mrs. Ferraro) is a trivial offense, & not due an exceptionally harsh sentence. White House has received more than 100,000 calls on this case. If you want another number, Nancy's office is 456-7136.



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