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VERY LATE AND NEW NEWS FOR THE READERS

BULK RATE

We are still getting out issues, somehow. The main problems, curiously, are not printing but the printing of labels by computer. Our swearing at and about the new computer systems will be spared you.

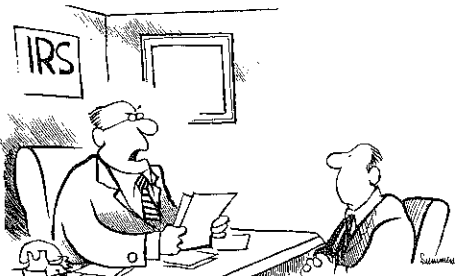
We hope to get back on schedule before the end of this summer. We hope also to get back up to 8 pages issues. So, please check the date on your label; if the number is less than 8606 it shows that it has expired or that an error in your renewal in the last year has not been fixed. Please let us know. Please send us money, too.

The editor's glasses correction has been deferred to an end of summer, thus complicating his driving & reading.

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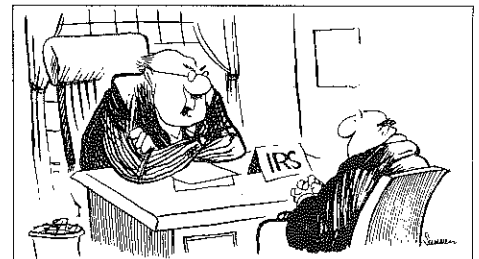
LOBSTER was off the menu for disappointed diners at a pub in Upton, Notts, after gourmet thieves grabbed 20 of the live shellfish, worth £100, from boxes outside.



"THIS RETURN SEEMS TO BE IN ORDER, MR. PERKINS... WHAT ARE YOU HIDING?"



"THE IRS APOLOGIZES FOR LAST YEAR'S COMPUTER ERRORS, AND SAYS WE OWE THEM A MILLION BUCKS!"



"HERE'S HOW IT WORKS MR. THORNTON... YOU SEND US YOUR 1040 BY MIDNIGHT APRIL 15, NOT A SECOND LATER. WE SEND YOU YOUR REFUND WHEN WE DAMN WELL PLEASE."

## U.S. DEBT PER RESIDENT, THEN AND NOW

1800.....	\$15.63 per resident (\$83 million)
1850.....	\$1.72 per resident (\$63 million)
1900.....	\$16.62 per resident (\$1.25 billion)
1950.....	\$1,701 per resident (\$256 billion)
1985.....	\$7,595 per resident (\$1.8 trillion)

Source: World Features Syndicate Research

## THANKS, UNCLE SAM

### What Eight Nations Owe the U.S.\*

1. Israel.....	\$35.27 per U.S. resident (\$8.4 billion)
2. Egypt.....	\$28.51 per U.S. resident (\$6.8 billion)
3. India.....	\$15.50 per U.S. resident (\$3.7 billion)
4. S. Korea.....	\$14.89 per U.S. resident (\$3.5 billion)
5. Turkey.....	\$13.62 per U.S. resident (\$3.2 billion)
6. Pakistan.....	\$12.66 per U.S. resident (\$3.0 billion)
7. Indonesia.....	\$9.28 per U.S. resident (\$2.2 billion)
Tie Brazil.....	\$9.28 per U.S. resident (\$2.2 billion)
Total owed from all nations.....	\$316.46 per U.S. resident (\$75 billion)

\* 1984

Source: Council on Int'l Monetary & Financial Policies

## in stag party disco brawl

THERE were red-faces all round when police dashed to a disco brawl . . . and found 40 off-duty coppers involved in a free-for-all.

The flare-up came soon after a group of Metropolitan Police officers arrived on a stag-party coach trip to the disco at Windsor Safari Park, Berkshire.

One reveller said: "There were fists, glasses and chairs flying everywhere. It was like a scene from a Western film."

More than a dozen men from the Thames Valley force were rushed to the disturbance. A spokesman said: "The trouble was over when we got there and there were no arrests."

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## Where Your Tax Dollars Go

The Tax Foundation has calculated the tax burden for a worker, who is the sole source of support for a spouse and 2 children. The figures are based on the 1983 budget of \$805 billion. The worker will pay \$6,323 of his \$25,000 annual earnings in taxes, proportioned according to the following table:

Function	Amount	Percent of Total
Income Security (Redistribution)	\$2,163	34.21
National Defense	1,645	26.01
Interest	681	10.77
Health	631	9.98
Education, Training, Employment and Social Services	204	3.23
Veteran's Benefits	187	2.96
Transportation	168	2.65
Agriculture	161	2.55
National Resources and Environmental	93	1.46
International Affairs	91	1.45
General Science, Space and Technology	59	.94
Community and Regional Development	57	.89
General Purpose Fiscal Assistance	49	.77
General Government	44	.70
Administration of Justice	40	.64
Energy	35	.55
Commerce and Housing Credit	15	.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,323</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## Former prostitute in race for California lieutenant governor

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A former prostitute says she is running for lieutenant governor on a platform of getting rid of laws against "victimless crimes" — prostitution, gambling, private drug use and adult movies.

Norma Jean Almodovar, 34, who said Wednesday she will campaign as a Libertarian candidate, also said her race will feature nude posters and rock videos.

"It could be said that I've been prevented from engaging in honest prostitution so I'm engaging in legal prostitution — politics. I consider politics prostitution," Ms. Almodovar said.

She received national attention in 1984 when she was convicted of pandering for attempting to recruit a 50-

year-old female traffic officer as a prostitute.

At the time, Ms. Almodovar was writing a semi-autobiographical novel, "From Cop to Call Girl," which detailed her sexual escapades during the time she was a civilian traffic officer for the Los Angeles Police Department.

Ms. Almodovar contended she was prosecuted because the book detailed alleged corruption and scandal within the department.

She said she plans a rock video instead of campaign commercials to carry her message, as well as three revealing posters.

"I will not have any clothes on," she said.

## Rep. Kirsh, others voice concerns over taxing bill

By Dawn Hinshaw  
Staff writer

The chairman of a subcommittee reviewing a bill to give local governments added taxing powers said he won't waste any time bringing the measure to a vote.

"The yes or no time's coming up, as far as I'm concerned," Rep. Herbert Kirsh, D-York, said after a 2½-hour public hearing yesterday.

But Kirsh and three other subcommittee members voiced some concerns about the measure — specifically the provision allowing a payroll tax and another giving a county council power to impose a local sales tax without a binding vote of the people.

The Local Government Finance Act would allow cities or counties the authority to impose taxes on sales, income, payrolls, vehicles, coin-operated machines and admission tickets.

Kirsh said he would soon call for a vote by the nine members of the taxation subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee. From there, the measure would go before all 25 members of the committee.

Supporters at the hearing, all of whom were affiliated with local governments or chambers of commerce, said alternatives to raising property taxes are needed.

Three people who spoke against the measure said it would impose new taxes on those who could least afford them.

"I don't see the public here," said Steve Vandervelde, chairman of the Richland County Libertarians. "Everybody here has a special interest to increase taxes."

Home rule, enacted in South Carolina in 1976, limits local governments to raising revenue through property taxes or business license fees.

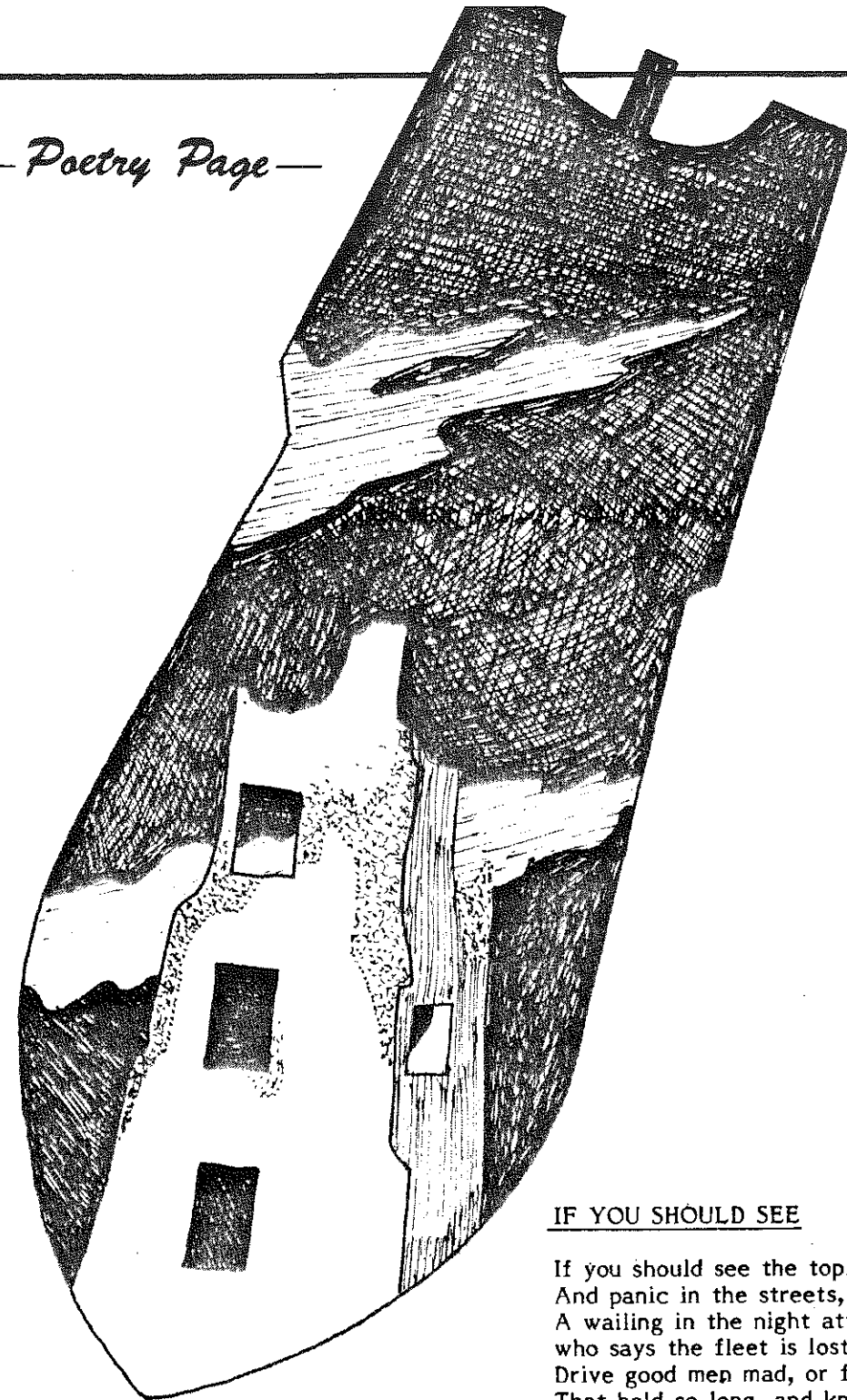


Rep. Bob Sheheen  
Argues against amendment

Vandervelde said government spending should be cut back to provide what are truly essential services. If businesses want to decrease the tax burden on them, they should lobby for a reduction in taxes, he said, not new taxing sources.

He also pointed out that the bill included no provision to decrease property taxes, saying, "To me, it's a fraud to say, 'Here's a tax reduction bill.'"

## Poetry Page



### IF YOU SHOULD SEE

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.

By John Harllee

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## A SEPARATED couple are taking it in turns to live in their council house . . . on the orders of a judge.

The bizarre ruling means Carol Ward and her seven month old son stay there for six weeks.

Then they move out to allow Carol's common-law husband Douglas Winning back in for the same period.

In between residence at the three-bedroom house in Cotgrave, near Nottingham,

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CAROL, 20, lives at a hostel for the homeless with baby Paul. And

DOUGLAS, 21, goes to stay with his sister.

Judge Thomas Heald ordered the merry-go-round when Carol and Douglas both applied for the tenancy of the house when they split up.

MODERN IMAGES POETS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES PUBLICATION OF

IN THE REALM OF MORPHEUS

Of what are dreams?  
 Soap bubbles in the air  
 before spattering the ground,  
 Cinderellas and Snow Whites  
 on the pages of large-print  
 books for the very young  
 and the very old,  
 castles surrounded  
 by moats that entrap  
 as well as keep out,  
 revisions of a world grown  
 seedy, uninteresting,  
 vulgar and frightening.  
 So many only the sky  
 is large enough to house  
 them, yet small enough  
 to curl up inside and fall  
 asleep. Only imaginings,  
 yet a lifetime's manna.


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