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### DIY divorce plan KO'd by the law

GRANNY Joan Terry, who opened a DIY divorce centre to help couples split up cheaply, has ended up on the wrong side of the law.

Joan, 53, was fined £60 by magistrates at Doncaster, South Yorkshire, after admitted two specimen charges of preparing divorce petitions for financial gain while unqualified.

Now Joan has decided to fold her business, which helped people divorce for £50 without calling in solicitors. She said: "I didn't go it for the money—I only made £10 a case."

Joan, whose plea for legal aid was rejected, told the court she had been unable to recruit a solicitor to defend her "because of the nature of the case."

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## Marine faces trial over seat belt use

HAVELOCK, N.C. (AP) - A Cherry Point Marine could face six months in the brig if convicted during a court thartial Friday of violating a base order by failing to use a seat belt while riding in a pickup truck off the base.

Lance Cpl. Dino G. Thompson, 20, was charged after falling out of a moving truck May 31 while trying to climb from the cab to the bed of the pickup, said base spokeswoman Master Sgt. Sandra Eysaman.

He suffered minor injuries and was treated at the base hospital at Cherry Point, she said.

Thompson is accused of failing to obey a Group order that cites the North Carolina state law requiring

the use of seat belts. The regulation was issued by the Marine Wing Support Group 27 at Cherry Point.

"He requested (the trial)," said Ms. Eysaman. "Because he was in violation of a Group order, he was going to be given non-judicial punishment by the group, but he refused the non-judicial punishment and asked for a trial by court-martial. It was his prerogative."

Had Thompson opted for non-judicial punishment, he could have faced maximum penalties of forfeiture of a month's pay and 30 days in the brig or restriction of 60 days or a combination of restriction and extra police duty of no more than 45 days, as well as reduction in rank to private, Ms. Eysaman said.

If convicted, he could face up to six months in the brig, forfeiture of two-thirds of his pay for six months, demotion to private and a bad conduct discharge, Ms. Eysaman said.

Defense attorney Capt. John Sandbothe is expected to argue that the military has no jurisdiction over whether Thompson is required to use a seat belt off base.

Mandatory wearing of seat belts "is a North Carolina law, but this may be a matter of jurisdiction. The court martial will determine if the military can enforce rules out in town," Ms. Eysaman said.

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## Thanksgiving Story

very autumn we are bored to tears with a cute little story about the pilgrims, how they almost starved to death during the first winter and then were saved by Box 23108, Seattle, WA 98102 the harvest of 1621, how they were thankful to God for their deliverance and proclaimed a day of thanks-

> This story is false. The real reason we reenact thanksgiving is that it was called to celebrate a far more important event than the tradition admits, an event of special significance to libertarians. The first thanksgiving was proclaimed to celebrate the harvest that resulted from the Pilgrims' conversion from communism to private property. The traditional history is a lie, made up in accord with the altruist morality, to hide from Americans the nature of their heritage.

> The definitive history of the Pilgrims was written by WILLIAM BRADFORD, Governor of Plymouth hrough much of its early history. His work, Of Plymouth Plantation, is the only book-length eyewitness account, and most of our knowledge of the Pilgrims is based on it.

The background of these events is that in 1620 almost the entire world was communist. A typical serf worked three days on his lord's farm, three days on the village communal farm and went to church on Sunday. Feudalism and communism existed on close harmony. Only in England had this system been challenged. . . The venture capitalists who backed the Pilgrims compelled the Pilgrims to adopt communism as their economic

By early 1623, after two and a half years under communism, the Pilgrims faced a famine which Bradford Bible. Desperate and at the end of their resources, they



demanded the right to keep for themselves, as particular individuals, the product of their labor.

That is, the corn which a particular family raised by its labor was its own and would no longer go into the common stock. But the land itself was still the property of the community.

In desperate straits, the Pilgrims staked everything on the 1623 crop. Bradford reports;

'And afterwards the Lord sent them such seasonable showers, with interchange of fair warm weather as, through His blessing, caused a fruitful and liberal harvest, to their no small comfort and rejoicing. For which mercy, in time convenient, they also set apart a day of thanksgiving,'

Many other days of thanksgiving were subsequently proclaimed in American history for many different reasons. But this first thanksgiving was called to celebrate the first harvest which resulted from the conversion from communism to private property. To reenact this thanksgiving day is to celebrate the value of the right to keep for yourself the product of your own labor. Because of the importance of this principle, the reenactment of this day became an American tradition.

Subsequent historians, ashamed that Thanksgiving was a celebration of private property, have constructed a set of lies to deny the meaning of the event. Specifically, Thanksgiving was moved almost two years compares with the famine in the time of Jacob in the forward in time and been confused with a party the Pilgrims threw for their Indian friends.-from Massachusetts Liberty, Box 2610, Boston, MA 02113.

It's What the Government Does That Matters

Robert Brakeman

The surest sign of a world governed by lunacy is when comparatively unimportant concerns are elevated to foolish heights, and relatively important ones ignored. This is surely a world governed by that unpleasant noun I used above, and a key way in which it proves it is in exalting governmental porcedures as a crucial concern, and downgrading governmental results into practically a nonissue.

I suggest that the reader pick up sometime (if he or she can standing the depressing experience) a copy of a high school government textbook in current use; which one doesn't matter -- they're all about equally ludicrous, give or take a ridiculous point or two. If one can bring oneself to open such a book, the philosophy to be found inside will be this one: What differentiates the "good" governments of the world from "bad" ones is that the former follow certain "democratic" procedures in doing the things they do, while the latter follow "dictatorial" or "totalitarian" procedures in doing the things they do. The main procedure the good guys use is of course a system of more or less free elections; the main procedure in effect in the bad-guy countries is simply the absence of such elections -- the exact method by which un-democratically chosen types come to power doesn't matter; what does matter is that they're not elected. In addition to popular elections, there are various sub-procedures said to be important, such as a particular kind of nominating system or a certain method of removal from office; and if popular elections are seen as the central institution of importance there are some others which are best called tangential: things like checks and balances among assorted branches of government, and dispersal of powers among various levels of government, and a constitution, written or unwritten, which is said to "bind" the actions of public officials -- these are tangential institutions because not all the "good" countries have them, while all of them do have popular elections. It's the presence of popular elections which makes them "good" in the first place; adding the other factors just makes them a little better in the eyes of some analysts.

Although there's a very litle bit to be said in favor of this kind of analysis, it's mostly foolishness. The reason is that it devotes virtually all its attention to the question of how government do what they're doing (and how the people who are the government got to be the government), and almost no attention to the life or death question: What is the government doing? Picture these two cases:

The government of the exotic country of Caledesia allows no free elections, and

since it denies the people the right to use the central institution of "good" government, it naturally prohibits the other ones as well. There is a king who rules absolutely, by "right" of inheritance, with no checks on his power. So much for the matter of how the government of Caledesia does things. Now, what does it do? Pratically nothing. It protects its people against internal or external aggression against their persons or property, and otherwise leaves them alone (there was a brief period when the Caledesian regime abolished itself and left even the providing of protection to private citizens, but that anarchic phase is a story outside the scope of our tour of Caledesia today). The government has never had any sympathy with those Caledesians who've tried to convince it to steal money from its citizens and give it to other people it likes better or to tell citizens what they can or cannot do with their economic lives. Nor has it taken any advice from a second group (which hates, and is hated by, the first group), which tells it, as a government, must tell people what they may or may not do with reference to speaking or writing or reading or hearing, or their sex lives, or their ingestive-lives (food or drugs), and put them in cages if they disobey. The Caledesian government is, in sum, a violently pro-liberty regime, and because it is, liberty exists in that country to an extent unimagined elsewhere.

Part of that "elsewhere" is the country of Great Franconia, which has everything the government textbooks say it should have, beginning with free popular elections and including all the rest of it. But that's not all it has. It also has a regime produced by these procedures which does evrything the Caledesian regime refuses to do: It steals as much money from its citizens as it wants, and gives it to whomever it likes (keeping a major portion for itself, of course), and it jails anyone who resists this theft, and kills those who resist jailing. And it directly regulates the lives of citizens in area like the speech-sex-drugs complex, with the same kind of terrorism against those who resist. The great Franconian government is, in sum, a violently anti-liberty regime, and because it is, G. F. citizens live in a slave society.

Now, if the standard government textbook (I don't really intend to single them out for special attention; the other opinion formation organs of our society are equally bad) looked at these two countries, what would it have to say about them? You know what it would say: It would necessarily have to call Caledesia "bad," because it is not a "democratic" country, meaning it lacked elections and the rest. Likewise, it would have to call Great Franconia "good," because it has all the wonderful "democratic" mechanisms good countries by definitions have.

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#### REAL IRS PRIVACY ISSUE:

people who spend all of their time terrorizing people at gunpoint to support the violently illegitimate socialist state with which we're now cursed. They're people who spend their weekdays doing, and (presumably) their nights and weekends (and holidays?) planninghow-to-do, a terrible thing to millions of innocent men and women: seizing their hard-sarned assets for distribution to people the government happens to like better, Irrespective of who those people are - irrespective of precisely where that cash happens to end up - a repulsive event has occurred, for theft is theft regardless of who the ultimate beneficiaries of that theft happen to be. In short, the IRSers are folks wh consciously, every day, go to work and spend their eight-hours doing things we only fail to recognize as theft because the Great Governmental Illusion has us in its grasp: we're indoctrinated to think that if person A seizes resources from person B (who's committed no crime and doesn't owe those resources to anyone), it's not theft if person A says he works for something called a government. How can those who protest when IRS data is given to some legitimate organization (say a foundation or business firm) fail to see that they should protest about the professional thieves who start with the info?

Third, look for a second at the kind of people the IRS-folk are serving: to put it in a phrase, the worst people in this country and abroad. While there's no room here to trace in detail the outlines of the leechclasses which live off the earnings of America's productive classes (believe me, I'm tempted to expound at length), it's enough to say they include classic welfare types, corporate-socialist ones, the entirety of the educationist/social work/public health/public consulting/public media/public research complex, foreign state-leech corporations, and totalitarian governments abroad. To some it is shocking that IRS data is put to uses, occasionally, which strike most people as inappropriate, yet there's no outcry over the main uses to which all IRS data is put: the completion of a socialist state in America and the building of a worldwide socialist state abroad.

Fourth, if it were the case that your privacy had to be violated and the most personal kinds of information about your private life given to strangers of one kind or another, would you choose strangers who not only do the things succinctly described above, but also do them through methods which are as repulsive, antiliberty, neo-totalitarian, and (for those who care about that kind of thing) often illegal and unconstitutional as well? Or would you say anyone else but such people? If your answer is the second one when faced with that choice (of course your real choice should be no one), then the IRS should be your main privacy worry, not the VA or the Washington Post or General Motors or a Congressional committee or whoever else benefits from IRS-leaks. Why? Because no institution ever created outside of a doctrinaire totalitarian state ever engaged with such consistency in such outrageous procedures for doing whatever's being done - ranging from requiring individuals to prove negatives to requiring them to prove themselves innocent to seizure-of-property-beforeadjudication-of-guilt to extortionate penalty-imposition to requiring people to pay a contested tax prior to their having been found to owe it, and then sue to get it back, to self-incrimination-forcing to terroristic "ieopardy assessments" - and on and on.

Fifth, let's move from the procedural viciousness of the IRS-folk who have their hands on your private data to the question of what exactly can happen to you in the event that various people get ahold of your IRS file. If a corporation gets it, you may be put on a junk mail list, and have to throw away something once a month. If a newspaper gets it you may have an unpleasant story written about you. If a politician gets

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Thank you for the complementary copy of the Dixon
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community is bicycles and how
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and sidewalk. All along the side of my house there is a constant accumulation of trash. They sit out there and play their transistor radios and smoke-whatever and engage in language that could be I am not one to complain and I am not one to complai

bucks drive their trucks and police innumerable times and they have been inconsistent, I shudder every time I hear slack and have even, on a screetoch! Speeding, occassion, sided with the young swerving, dragging . . it goes on from just before eight in the mornings 'til past dusk. I wish police is that I should prevail would be a good addition to the mornings 'til past dusk. I wish police is that I should prevail some of the parents could see upon the school to set-up how their kids drive once turned "Smoking area" on campus. I loose with a car or truck (van, motorcycle, etc.). The noise is because I believe smoking leads horrendous!

As a home owner on the corner across from the school. Fourth and Fast A. I have been been mitted into the area.

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#### MESSAGES

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YAF's annual Freedom Award goes this year to Simas Kudirka. (NR)

Another legal problem if the ERA Amendment ever passes: U S Court of Appeals recently ruled that public schools can require male teachers to wear neckties. (") For that matter. under ERA could male teachers be required to wear pants? Kilts?

Another useful address: National Tax Limitation Committee, Box 1000, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510. Write for information.

it you may have to answer dumb questions before a Congressional committee. If a charitable institution gets it you may be dunned for money. Now, without downgrading all those threats/nuisances, they're trivial in comparison with what the IRS can do to you as a result of their having the data - all they can do to you is bankrupt you, put you in Leavenworth for much of your life, and murder you if you resist. Which is the more odious threat to you? Which is your real privacy-

I could go on and on (and mention such things as the fact that the abuses which derive from "breaches" of IRS-privacy happen only occasionally and erratically, while the IRS's terroristic use of your data goes on daily and hourly), but the point has, I think, been made: whether you care most about the kind of people who look at your personal data or the kind of things that can happen to you as a result of such looking, the threat isn't the IRS leaking data, it's their having it. SPEAKER?

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legislature. (UPI)

#### Something New

Gov. Geo. Wallace has declared Feb. 17-18 "Youman Nabi Days", comemmorating the birth of Mohammed. (Action) Tell that to some of your redneck good

Sami Esmail, U S citizen, was arrested in Ramallah, Israel, where he had gone to visit his dying father, for political activities - at Michigan State University, where he is a graduate assistant. (") Defense Committee is Box 1757, NYC 10027.



FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM IS NO PICNIC !

Strange things are happening in Idaho, claims Rep. George Hansen, who notes that victims of the Teton Dam bust have now been told by IRS that they must pay taxes on compensation received from the US Govt. (Spot.)



WHAT DO THEY THINK "NO INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE" MEANS?

At Mme. Tussaud's waxworks in London, Hitler was voted most hated, followed by Idi Amin; tied for 3rd: Jimmy Carter and Count Dracula. (Spot.) Such company.

Dropping the merit system has brought illiterate teachers and principals into the public schools, says Louis Yavner of the NY Board of Regents. (") And just think, it used to be only the students who were.

#### One man's CAN'T WE iustice GET A GOOD

MR JUSTICE PARK, in the Bristol drugs conspiracy case, makes a remarkable request.

He does not wish newspapers to publish detailed background reports at this stage -- even though he has made it clear that he would not be affected by anything he read.

So why this call for silence? Because, says the judge, other people might THINK he had been affected by what he If you have this problem, had read.

IBERTY SPEAKERS BUREAU can In his own words:

"Would other people think the judge added a few more dozen of the finest kind of years from what he read in the Daily X?"

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#### Jury

The logic is that though reme logic is that though newspapers should not print material which might influence a jury, the judge himself was beyond being improperly MESSENGER is being produced influenced.

Mr Justice Park is at pains to say that **HE** would not be influenced. We are sure he is

So what is his anxiety?

Are we to assume that he is more worried about what people might think than he is the freedom of the

The judge goes further. He threatens.

He says:

"If any defendant in consequence of what had been published about him before his plea of mitigation made an application to me to forward the matter to the Attorney-General for his consider-ation, I would take that step if the information was of a kind in which I felt justified to take that step.

In other words, publish at your peril.

#### Decree

The Sun has today acceded - reluctantly — to the judge's request.

But we cannot but regard it as a new and highly unwelcome extension of the law of contempt.

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IT is yet another example of the way in which our rights under the law are being whittled away.

The judge should think

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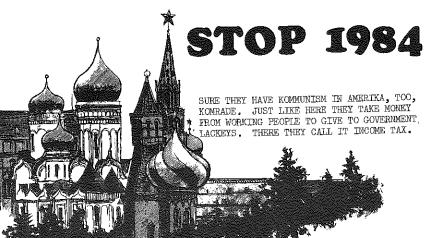


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