

## Florida city lets widow keep vegetable stand

Officials in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., have agreed to look the other way while an 86-year-old widow sells vegetables from a stand in her front yard, despite city codes.

"I'm 86 years old and I can't get a job otherwise," Mabel Wood told Fort Lauderdale's Board of Adjustment just before they unanimously approved her request for an exception to a zoning rule prohibiting such sales in a residential area.

"I think this is all about the spirit of independence at 86 and this city's compassion," said Robert Hansen, an architect and long-time friend of Ms. Wood's. "She wants to remain independent. She wants to continue to dispense those good things to her neighbors."

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## Baucus proposes TV tax to fund more math, science teachers

HELENA (AP) — Concerned with the quality of math and science education, Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont, has introduced an education bill to attract people to those fields, especially those willing to teach.

And he has a novel idea to finance the bill: a 2-percent excise tax on the sale of television sets.

Taxing televisions is appropriate, Baucus said, because TV is part of the problem. One study estimated the average child spends 15,000 hours watching television by the age of 16, he said.

"Teachers are competing with 'He-Man,' 'The A-Team' and 'Monday Night Football' for their students' time," Baucus said in a Senate speech before last week's adjournment. "No wonder the homework doesn't get done and students learn less."

To compete in a world economy increasingly centered on high-technology industries, Baucus said, this country needs a labor force skilled in math and

science.

The United States has a serious shortage of math and science teachers, he noted, because college graduates trained in those fields are lured to high-paying industrial jobs.

"To meet the crisis in math and science education, we need broad incentives to draw outstanding students into teaching positions," he said.

His bill would set up two federal programs to improve math and science education.

For one, scholarships would be offered to high school and college students studying math and science in return for a promise to teach from two to six years after graduation.

And the other would help the best math and science teachers keep abreast of new developments in their field by offering fellowships to help them take additional summer courses.

## Houston spends 17¢ seeking 8¢ in taxes

HOUSTON (AP) — Danny Mladenka was pretty surprised when the city spent 17 cents to mail him a letter threatening to sue if he didn't pay a delinquent tax bill.

His bill was for 8 cents.

"This is all kind of funny. But if you want to know the truth, I think the city is wasting money going to all this trouble over an 8 cent bill," said Mladenka.

City officials said Tuesday that the amount was

considered delinquent taxes because Mladenka's check for his 1983 taxes apparently was a nickel short. The remaining 3 cents is a penalty payment.

"We usually catch these things. We just didn't catch this one," said Gerald Schmelter, city supervisor of tax administration, explaining that the office usually does not mail bills for such small amounts.

"Hey, these things happen," he said.

Mladenka says he is going to ask the city to mail him a receipt.

## What's the solution for youths who live on the street?

The U S Natl. Endowment for Democracy is charged by Liberation in France with having funded rightist trade unions & other groups in France, Chile, Brazil, Nicaragua, & the Philippines.

A poll by N Y Native, a gay weekly, shows that 37% of its readers think AIDS was created by a federal govt. lab.

General Dynamics, which recently won the Pentagon's good citizenship award for overcharging, received a \$33.2 million tax refund last year despite profits of \$648.7 million. (Wash Rep) If you thought the tax laws were odd....

"Man is the only animal that laughs and has a state legislature." - Samuel Butler

Harvard researchers, working on a \$300,000. grant from the Dept. of Energy, has devised a strategy to overcome local opposition to a nuclear-waste dump. (Omri)

IRS is denying claim of dependency for aborted baby that lives a short time, on the grounds that abortion expenses do not constitute support - the abortion is not for the benefit of the child. (Tax Hotline)

## Justice is rough

New Zine: Legalizing Freedom, Box 4394, Santa Barbara, CA 93140, \$5/year, quarterly, Robert Bakhaus, Ed.

Anyone interested in starting a group for Christian Libertarians, since Galatians Fellowship is dormant, may contact SLM & we'll try to get together. Especially needed is a newsletter.

Bishop Gong Pinmei has been released in Shanghai after 30 years for "opposing the government". (Amnesty Int. News) Let's hear it for opposing the government.

The chief of the Chilean Army's 5th Div. Intelligence Dept. was killed while trying to plant a bomb in a church in Punta Arenas. (A I News) Justice.

Claustrophobia noted that concern over excess selenium in water & crops at Monterey, CA is probably misplaced, as the selenium is an anticarcinogen, & probably helpful.

"A debt is always paid, either by the one who borrowed, or the one who lent." - C. V. Myers (Myers Finance & Energy)

AIDS has been reported in bloodsucking insects & rats. (Daily News Digest) What next?

"As far as its effects on poor blacks are concerned, civil rights and welfare policy in this country might as well have been determined by the Ku Klux Klan," declares David Chilton, PRODUCTIVE CHRISTIAN IN AN AGE OF GUILT MANIPULATORS.

Rev. Everett Sileven is running for Governor of Nebraska as a Republican on a platform of less govt. less taxes & opposition to the Natl. Education Assoc. 7171 Mercy Rd, Omaha, 68106.

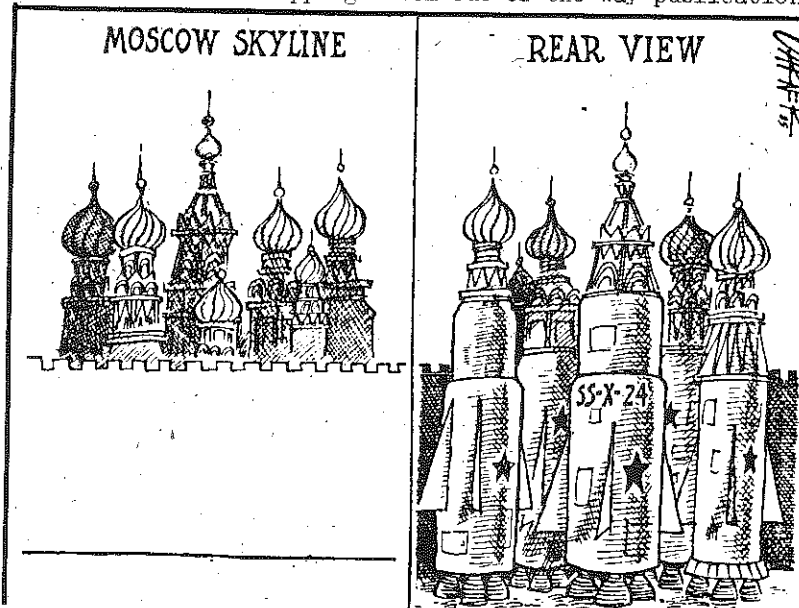
Tax collectors in China report beatings & other brutal treatment by taxpayers. Government claims it is losing \$1.6 billion in uncollected taxes. (Tax Avoidance Digest)

Government has a hotline, 1-800-732-7463, for reporting crimes anonymously. Now, as you know, many govt. agents, such as IRS routinely break the law in their work ....

If you want the Amnesty International Report for 1985, on torture & other government misdeeds, send \$8.50 to Amnesty Intl., 1 Easton St., London WC1X 8DJ, England.

In Jensen v. Quaring, Supreme Court sustained, 4-4, appeals court ruling that Nebraska's refusal to exempt a conscientious objectors from the requirement of a photo on a driver's license violated his exercise of religion. (Come Unity) Graven images, you know.

SLM welcomes clippings from out-of-the way publications.



Checking up on a lab that offered 187 blood tests for \$350, FDA investigator sent a sample from a cow. The cow tested allergic to yogurt, cottage cheese & milk. (Omni) (Something is not kosher here.)

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— Mark Twain

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### CHRISTIANITY & PORNOGRAPHY

The local porn ordinance has finally been taken to court, ruled unconstitutional, and repealed to the great dismay of the pro-censorship forces. A great deal of nonsense has been said in an attempt to portray censorship as a Christian virtue; this is either willful ignorance or deliberate distortion of Scripture.

I don't want to go into the history of prudery - a fascinating subject - but will just note that Scripture does not condemn nudity per se, a subject nudists have all sorts of material on. (It does condemn certain types of "family nudity".) The body is the temple of God. In medieval cathedrals or in the Vatican frescoes, Adam & Eve appear without a fig leaf. It is not accepted Christian doctrine that it is sinful to look at pictures of naked people per se.

Over and over, the Gospels call on the believer to avoid the occasions of sin. If thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, says Jesus. That is to say, if looking at pictures of pretty or partly clad people causes you to feel lust, don't look at such pictures. It does not say, pass a law forbidding such pictures. Any minister who supports such anti-pornography laws is going directly contrary to Scripture.

Now I have heard the argument that the prudish should not have porn flaunted in their faces. (It hasn't been, but nevermind.) Now, what do the Gospels say: If thy foot offend thee, cut it off; that is, do not go into places where you will be exposed to temptations that you are not strong enough to overcome. If you do not want your children to see scantily clad people, do not go to the beach on your vacation. Do not take your family shopping in convenience stores that carry skin magazines. It does not say, pass a law forbidding scanty bikinis or the sale of salacious magazines, and any minister who says so is contradicting Scripture.

What should Christians do about porn? Avoid it, lest they be tempted. That's all.

And why the crusade against it? Many of the moralists are sexually repressed, of course, but I suggest that the objections to "Playboy" & that ilk are not to the centerfolds as to the articles. The porn press has been willing to print types of dissent that more respectable journals would not, and to transcend the limits of what the establishment wants printed. -jh

## Horse big help when driver's license suspended

JORDAN, Mont. (AP) — A sheriff pleaded guilty yesterday to drunken driving and gave his horse some of the credit for helping him keep law and order since his license was suspended.

"I've used my horse quite a bit, or gotten a ride with someone else," Sheriff Patrick "Spud" Cremer

said during a telephone interview. Cremer did not appear in Municipal Court in Billings when his attorney entered the guilty plea to drunken driving there on October 17.

Judge Donald Bjertness suspended the sheriff's license for six months, fined him \$300 and seat, which has a population of about 480.

tacked on the one-day jail term mandatory under Montana law.

The term will be served in a halfway house for state prison inmates in Billings, a city of about 75,000, which is 170 miles southwest of the Garfield County

In London, rabbi Clifford Cohen was fired by his congregation for telling too many jokes. (esq) Poland is rationing contraceptives because of a shortage of rubber. (Esq) No comment.

In Los Angeles, a homeless man lay for 2 days on the city hall lawn before civil servants noticed that he was dead. (Esq)

Fen! Phoenixcon of Atlanta 1.0, Feb. 28- Mar 2, 1986, \$15 to 752 1/2 N. Highland Av, Atlanta. 30306.

In Greenwater, WA 2 campers claimed they were ordered off by an 8-foot, smelly bear or something.

Wayne Benson, Box 71, Payson, AZ 85541 is offering copies of the IRS manual of jury-packing.

Colleen Bronit of Gales Ferry, CT received a tax refund of \$145 300.78, and the IRS wants the check back for some reason. (Weekly World News)

Investigation of the NY state tax dept. disclosed that 69 had not filed tax returns. (Fate) Do they know something?

Defense Dept. says govt. has been removing 5000 people a year from nuclear weapons jobs because of drink, drug or psychological problems - and that doesn't even include the spies. (Wash. Report)

Treasury & Post Office appropriations were amended, thanks to Jesse Helms, to deny tax exemption to groups that promote "satanism or witchcraft". Not only is the prohibition against establishment of religion violated, but who is to say what is which? Also, a correction: to get tax exemption, witchcraft practitioners did not threaten to turn IRS agents into frogs; they threatened to turn them into hogs. This involves a much simpler transformation. If you want a description of the process, Homer described it in *The Odyssey*. Lets see if they make good on it.

## Hosts are responsible for drunken minors, court says

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Under-age drinkers who get involved in traffic accidents may sue the person who served them alcohol at private parties, the Michigan Supreme Court has ruled.

The high court, in a 4-2 decision Wednesday, upheld a state Court of Appeals ruling that the state liquor law governs private people as well as to retailers.

Justice Michael Cavanagh, writing for the majority, said anyone should be prohibited from selling or giving away alcohol to people younger than 21 years of age.

A Midland County Circuit Court had dismissed a lawsuit filed by the family of 19-year-old Jamie Longstreth, who was killed in a traffic accident in 1979 after drinking at a wedding.

The Longstreth family main-

tained that the wedding's hosts, the Gensels and the Langstons, negligently served alcohol to the teenager, and thus were partly responsible for his death.

The lower court ruled that the Michigan Liquor Control Act applied only to licensed retailers, but the appeals court reversed the decision and reinstated the lawsuit, saying the law was not limited to licensees.

The Supreme Court agreed. "The people of this state, as well as the Legislature, have determined that those under 21 years of age should not be sold, given or furnished alcoholic beverages," the high court said. In 1978 the state raised the legal drinking age to 21.

The Supreme Court noted that the provision generally applies only to innocent people injured by the actions of an intoxicated person.

A strong conviction that something must be done is the parent of many bad measures.

Daniel Webster

Deborah Nichols of Burlington, WA won a national student essay contest on how to reduce the federal deficit; her proposal: get rid of useless agencies.

IRS complained when Bell Tel. of Pa. reported that the volume of irate calls to IRS offices was so enormous it could knock out service to much of Philadelphia. GAO reports that 2/3 of 55 million calls to IRS were not answered. (Up Ostrich)

Members of the immoral minority are harassing J. Falwell's staff by calling his toll-free number, 1-800-446-5000 and doing such things as getting on the mailing list or getting other people on the mail list or asking questions. (Popular Reality)

IRS believes that many people sell personal firearms and do not report the transaction, or pay capital gains tax on the sale, so it sees a need to tighten the rules, says Rep. Herbert Bateman (R-Va). Somehow it doesn't worry about people not reporting money from sales of used refrigerators.... (TxAvDig)

IRS reports complaints to Problem Resolution Office, essentially over faulty IRS arithmetic, are up 20%, and they are swamped. ("")

For anti-IRS commercials, contact Fred Ulan, c/o Liberty Forum, Box 5705, Fullerton, CA 92635.

Disgusted with corruption, sexism, etc. on the job as a meter maid, Norma Jean Almodovar became a call girl and reports lower job stress and better pay; but when she wrote a book about her experiences, and went on TV to promote it, she was arrested for "pandering". ("")

Dagmy Sharon is putting on another libertarian weekend, April 18-20, 1986 in Los Angeles. Box 224, Long Beach, CA 90801 for full details.

IRS has revoked the Universal Life Church's tax exempt status, saying it is not a church (but how would they know?), and are being sued. (LA Times)

Veterans Administration refuses to talk to Fred Schulte of the Ft. Lauderdale News, after he wrote a series exposing high cardiac mortality rates in VA hospitals and failure to report firings of medical personnel for incompetence of drug abuse to state licensing agencies. (Editor & Publisher)

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## Chicago Police Officials Call City Gun Control Law a Failure

CHICAGO—The Windy City's three-year-old gun registration law has been a dismal failure, Chicago Police Superintendent Fred Rice Jr. announced recently.

According to a spokeswoman from Rice's office, there are 500,000 more

unregistered handguns in Chicago than before the law took effect. She added that armed robberies have increased 50 percent and assaults with guns are up by 400 percent since the gun law took effect.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST

Last winter Romania forbade heating homes to save on fuel, and thousands of older people died; this in a country that exports oil. (JTTGW)

Victor Walter of Chuguevka, USSR, has been charged with violation of the laws on the separation of church and state for having an unregistered Pentecostal congregation, and for conducting his father's funeral. (")

New zine: Southerner, Box 34010, Little Rock, AR 72203.

Ducks fly south for the winter: Las Vegas, Feb. 18; for details: Box 1928, Cocoa, FL 32923.

Biblical (free market) Economics in Comics, \$7. from Vic Lockman, 9921 Carmel Mtn Rd, #325, San Diego, CA 92129.

Federal Reserve comic: 6 "educational" comic books, free, Public Information, FRB of NY, 33 Liberty St., NYC 10045.

Address: Natl. Sanctuary Defense Fund, % Franciscan Friars, 1610 Bush St, San Francisco, CA 94109.

Stories: at the SCLP 10th anniversary, the Lutheran churchwomen were meeting next door; one well-dressed lady wandered into the LP meeting and arrived in time to hear Mel Dahl discuss gay lib. A student from Columbia Bible College visited the SCLP booth at the state fair; by the grace of God, Andy Dlinn who is Orthodox Jewish was there at the time & gave him 45 min. of argument. The Selective Serv. had an unmanned booth at the state fair; libertarians added the anti-draft card, which looks slightly like a registration form, to the displays, and kept replacing them for a week; then suddenly they took down the booth.

When John Heaton asked for a copy of the Aiken county budget, and was told he'd have to read the copy at the public library, "The Freedom of Information Act doesn't say you have to make it available to every citizen who comes in the door," said county administrator Scott Barnes.

Tomas Konec, Bronislav Borovsky, & Alois Gabaj have been jailed in Czechoslovakia for importing religious literature from Poland. (Amn Intl.)

Egypt has banned the THOUSAND AND ONE NIGHTS as obscene. Too many harem scenes or something. (Reason)

In Indianapolis a man who stole a car in Ohio and drove it to Indiana said that his reason was that the food is better in federal prisons than in state ones. (F F World)

Carl Lorenzen was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon in Toledo after he shot a vending machine that took his quarters but wouldn't give him a pack of cigarettes. (Bl)

Bangkok police are returning litter thrown out of autos to its rightful owner, by mail. (B. Post/FFW)

Natl. Catholic Education Assoc. reports that minorities comprise 20% of the enrollment in Catholic schools, a higher percentage than the public schools. (Free Kansan) Cardinal Cody closed a number of predominately black schools in Chicago a few years back, saying he had no obligation to educate middle-class Protestants.

East Rutherford, NJ schools are giving urine tests for drugs this year. (")

West Germany has jailed pacifist Horst Stowasser for insulting the Ministry of Defense, calling them murderers. (sc)

When a U S newspaper tried to place an ad in Pravda to answer the Soviet ad in NY Times on arms control, they were told that Pravda does not accept any advertising. (Wash Rep)

U S State Dept. gets its wall maps of Nicaragua from the Nicaragua Ministry of Tourism. (")

Federal specifications for buying rat traps are 700 pp. & weigh 35 lb. It would be simpler to drop the specifications on the rat.

In 1981-2, 34,000 students from Communist countries were attending colleges in the U. S., mostly in engineering. (")

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## WHY SHOULD I PAY FOR DISABILITY? ASKS WIDOW

Danny Mann

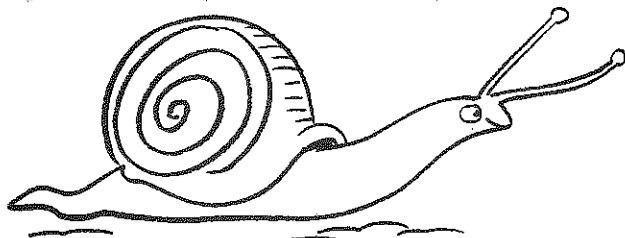
POLIO victim Susan Cashmore was upset when her neighbours took her council landlord to court over the noise of her electric lift.

Now she is even more upset because she could face a large legal bill, despite the case being dropped.

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In Texas, it is illegal to buy underwear on Sunday. (Moneysworth) Never on Sunday.

As of Christmas, 25 000 taxpayers had no 1984 refund yet, and interest on late refunds was estimated at nearing \$50 million. (various)

When a disgruntled employee of Continental Plastics stole company documents and gave them to the IRS, court ruled that IRS could use them, as they had not stolen them (for once). (Tax Hotline)

".... since the middle to latter part of the 1960s, by converting many of the nominal dollar statistics into constant dollar statistics, the economy and the security markets have shown little or no growth. This is the longest period (19 years) in U S history to show such a lag in growth." (Fall Notes)



Sir Anthony ... "brainstorm"

## Wild policemen of Wembley

WONDERFUL times were had at another musical event this weekend, a pop concert at Wembley.

There, a large-bosomed lady beat the heat by removing her blouse in front of the royal box (occupied for the occasion by Pete Townshend of The Who) and later her bra.

She thereupon danced towards a policeman

VICE girl Lorna Simpson was arrested after parading the streets in her panties.

She told a policeman: "You have to do something to attract the punters."

A court was told yesterday she was waving to drivers late at night in Middlesbrough's town centre.

She had put her skirt in her handbag.

But 28-year-old Simpson defended her advertising act and denied that it was indecent behaviour.

**TIPSY Tory MP Sir Anthony Berry deliberately drove into two policemen in a desperate bid to escape a breath test.**

Then, in a dramatic chase, he narrowly missed mowing down two pedestrians, jumped red lights at a busy junction and sped down the wrong side of the road.

And when he was finally arrested he had more than twice the legal limit of alcohol in his blood. Sir Anthony 59 a former

**DOCTORS studying how Britain's diet is damaging the nation's health are to be asked to sign the Official Secrets Act.**

More than 20 doctors and diet experts working on Government research groups will shortly receive copies of the Act to sign.

According to Whitehall, the move is purely an administrative one to bring this group into line with others working for Government departments.

They say that the dieticians are given information by major food manufacturers which is commercially confidential and could be of use to rival firms.

The doctors, however, claim it is because food has become a political issue and several have warned that they may refuse to sign.

The men who will be asked to sign the Act are members of the Department of Health's Committee on Medical Aspects of Food Policy which studies the effects of food on school-children and the elderly.

One, Mr Derek Miller, a research fellow at Queen Elizabeth College, London, said: "I will consider very carefully before I sign. I value the right to say or write what I like about food, good or bad."

Professor Philip James, who helped write a report on heart disease, has been on four Government committees during

eight years and never signed the Act. He said: "I would not do so. I am shocked it is even suggested."

The food debate has centred around sugar and fats.

By SUN REPORTER

Chief Whip whose twin daughters are cousins of Princess Diana, was banned for two years and fined £1,350 yesterday.

His trouble started when he was held up in a traffic jam on his way home to Westminster.

When he jumped out of his Datsun to complain he did not realise the vehicle in front was an unmarked coach full of police.

But two of the officers noticed he was unsteady on his feet and

**DETECTIVES raided two wrong houses in a night.**

**BLUNDER No. 1** was at the home of welder Nick Carder and his wife Doreen. When they got home they thought they'd been burgled.

Later two red-faced policemen told them they had a search warrant, but it was for a house 200 yards away.

**Damage**

Their son, Steve, 32, said at their home in Dickmoore Lane, Honicknowle, Plymouth, last night:

"I told them there must be a mistake but they just barged in."

"They pulled everything out and searched through the drawers."

The Carders face a bill of £100 for damage they

By MIRROR REPORTER

asked him to stop, magistrates at Horseferry Road, London, were told. Sir Anthony replied: "Not bloody likely. I'm getting out of here"—and roared away.

One policeman shattered the car's windscreen with his truncheon as he was swept aside, and another had his trousers torn and his helmet crushed.

**Windscreen**

Other officers commandeered a car and gave chase as Sir Anthony hared round Chelsea's Sloane Square, just missing pedestrians.

The MP was "co-operative" when he was arrested getting out of the car at his home, John Matthew, QC, defending told the court.

He added: "Sir Anthony cannot explain what happened. He totally panicked—it was almost like a brainstorm."

Sir Anthony, MP for Southgate, admitted reckless driving and driving with excess blood alcohol.

claim the police did during the search.

Nick said: "My wife is so upset she wants us to sell the house."

**BLUNDER No. 2** was at the nearby cottage of pensioners Bill and Mary Sherrie.

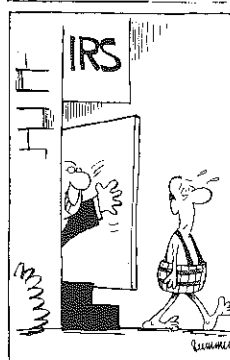
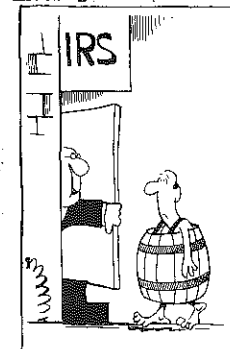
Detectives were looking for their son-in-law Roger Symons over stolen TVs.

But the astonished couple told them he had been dead for seven years.

Bill, 68, said: "What are things coming to when police are going around after dead men?"

Mary, 62, said: "They left when they realised Roger was dead."

A police spokesman said: "We cannot comment until we have received a formal letter of complaint. Then we will investigate."



Morning, God! Devil speaking! My takeover bid for the world is going very well — the World Council of Churches has defected from your side to mine!



# A shock for cops who played it safe

By ROD CHAYTOR

POLICE launched a major operation when they were told about a safe abandoned at a roadside.

A Panda driver was ordered to guard it and a back-up team was sent to assist while forensic experts rushed to the scene.

After fingerprint checks, half a dozen bobbies attempted to heave the 5ft 6in-tall safe into the back of a police Land Rover — but failed to move it.

They roved it to the Land Rover and tried to drag it to the kerb but again it refused to budge.

That was when they discovered the "safe" was an Electricity Board junction box, concreted into the grass verge.

## Locks

The alert was given by a motorist who called police in Halesowen, West Midlands.

One red-faced bobby who was called out to help said yesterday: "When we discovered our mistake, we all turned our coat collars up and crept away."

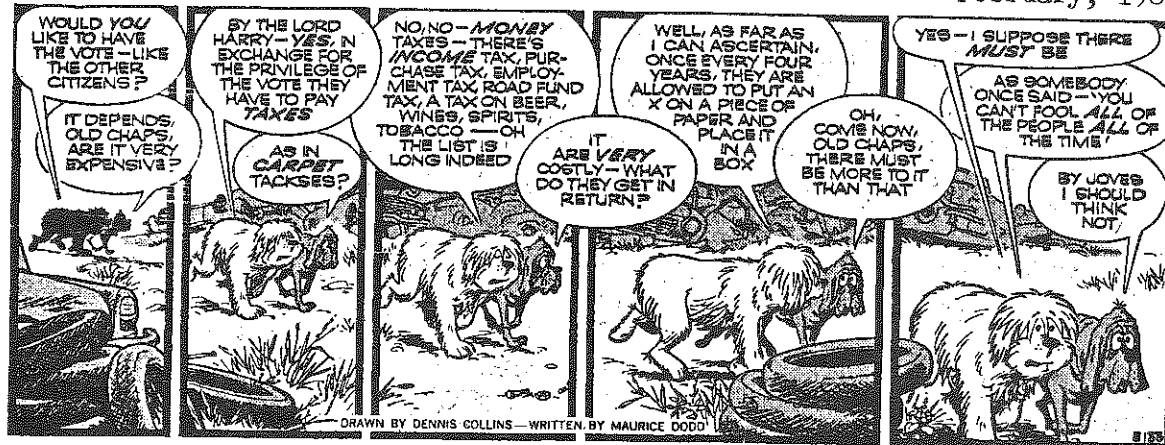
A police official spokesman said: "It is very embarrassing. We have been left with egg on our faces. But it is better to be safe than sorry."

"It looks like a safe. It has double locks."

DAILY MIRROR.

A BRITISH schoolboy could be forced into national service in the Greek army... because of his surname.

Andrew Pericleous, 16, on holiday with his grandparents in Cyprus, has been refused permission to return home without a special permit.



## JUROR, 18, JAILED FOR MISSING TRIAL

TEENAGE juror Howard Shaw was jailed yesterday for missing the last day of a trial.

Shaw, 18, had been out all night and "was in a stupid state," his lawyer Jonathan Davies told Inner London Court. His only memory of the shoplifting case was that his seat was so small he was in agony after an hour.

## SUN

**BARBER Les Farrar has been "scalped" by the law in a row over his radio.**

He was left with just three pairs of scissors and two combs after bailiffs cleaned out his salon.

Les's "crime" was refusing to buy a £25 special licence for the radio, on which he let customers listen to programmes.

He was taken to court by the Performing Rights Society, which issues the licences for public broadcast of copyright music.

The society then told Les that, because of court costs, he owed them £400.

He said the row dated back to the time of the Falklands' war when he let his customers listen to news bulletins.

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**A JUDGE "failed" a breath-test in court yesterday... in exactly the same way as the teenager in the dock had done.**

Judge Anthony Bulger simply ran out of puff as he tried the new alcometer machine.

But despite his own embarrassing experience, he dismissed Richard Dawes's appeal against a conviction for failing to provide a breath specimen.

Judge Bulger told him: "These court tests are not very good. We shall ignore them."

Dawes, a 19-year-old air-refused permission to return home without a special permit from driving for six months under the totting-up rule.

*I expect to pass this way but once,  
Any good therefore that I can do,  
or any kindness that I can  
show to any fellow creature,  
let me do it now.*

*Let me not defer or neglect it,  
for I shall not pass this way again.*

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Judge Anthony Bulger simply ran out of puff as he tried the new alcometer machine.

But despite his own embarrassing experience, he dismissed Richard Dawes's appeal against a conviction for failing to provide a breath specimen.

Judge Bulger told him: "These court tests are not very good. We shall ignore them."

Dawes, a 19-year-old air-refused permission to return home without a special permit from driving for six months under the totting-up rule.

## Punch victim to sue

**BRUTAL cop Brian Renton was jailed yesterday for an attack which left his victim almost totally blind.**

Renton, a former RAF boxer, punched businessman Barry Cariell so hard that his left eye ruptured and had to be removed.

Mr Cariell, who has only 10 per cent vision in his other eye after a work accident, wept when the thug PC was jailed for two years.

He said: "I wouldn't mind serving 20 years if I could see again one day."

Renton, 28, was off duty with two colleagues when a row began with 6ft 7ins Mr Cariell and a group of his friends in an Indian restaurant.

## Justice

The Islington-based PC called for assistance from his station which led to Mr Cariell, described as a "gentle giant," being taken in.

After the "ferocious" attack—in which blood poured from 36-year-old Mr Cariell's eye—Renton pleaded for fellow officers to cover up for him.

Because of the injury Mr Cariell, of Bloomsbury, had to give up his £250-a-week garage business. He now lives on £29 Social Security benefit.

Renton, of Highbury, North London, had denied grievous bodily harm.

He claimed at Southwark Crown Court that he acted in self-defence.

But the burly blond Scot admitted he had drunk six pints of lager.

Shouts of "Good — Justice has been done" went up from the public gallery when the verdict was announced.

Mr Cariell, whose injuries mean he cannot drive and cannot read or watch TV for long periods, is planning to sue the police.

**BOOZE has been banned at a town hall in Worcestershire.**

Apparently some members of Wyre Forest District Council were consuming so much alcohol during their 45-minute council meeting break that they were tipsy by the time they returned to the chamber. In future, only soft drinks and wine will be served.

## Nudists' house is burned down

By WILLIAM DANIELS

**AN angry mob burnt down Ron Mason's house — because he and his family are nudists.**

The astonishing attack was made after Ron, his wife Margaret and their four children had fled in terror.

Last night they were hiding at a secret address while police hunted the fire-raisers.

But Ron, 32, vowed: "They won't scare me into changing my ways."

People living near the family's council house in Beddows Road, Walsall, West Midlands, were angered by their habit of walking around naked inside their home.

One neighbour said: "Mr. Mason was sometimes in the garden with no clothes on. Children were always trying to peep into the house."

The family's ordeal began when about 50 people hurled stones at the house and Ron's van window was smashed.

He hustled his family away to a relative's home. But when he returned his four-bedroom house was blazing.

Ron, who moved in only three months ago, said: "I've done nothing to be ashamed of."

A police spokesman said: "A man has been charged in connection with the broken van windows. We are investigating the fire."

DAILY MIRROR.

TWO women dressed as nuns stole £600 from an office in Paddington and cash and silver from a flat in St John's Wood, London.

For her front door is at the side of her house just three feet from a neighbour's garage.

And to get in the door you have to creep along a passage 2ft 8in wide.

A furious Anne Marie stormed: "It's like going into a prison."

"I'll have trouble moving anything into the house if it is wider than me. I can't even get an armchair in."

## Sell

Anne Marie, an advertising agency manager, said everything was fine with the £26,250 house in Beckton, East London, until the garage went up next door.

She added: "As I open the front door it almost hits the wall. I would never be able to sell this house."

"I want to get out of the contract but the builders won't let me."

The builders, Brosley, said they had stuck to the terms of the contract.

SUN



By MIRROR REPORTER

**A TORY club has barred a man because his parents vote Labour.**

The ban was imposed at Clayton-le-Moors, Lancs, after wages clerk Michael McWalters had a pint in the club with a friend.

His friend, club member Robert Leach, was taken aside later by an official.

Mr Leach said last night: "I was told he wasn't welcome because

A JEALOUS husband who killed his wife because she would only make love to him on Sundays, was jailed for life by an Old Bailey judge yesterday.

Reginald Francis, 38, stabbed his wife to death after finding her with another man.

He told police: "We had only been making love on Sundays and here she was with a geezer on Tuesday."

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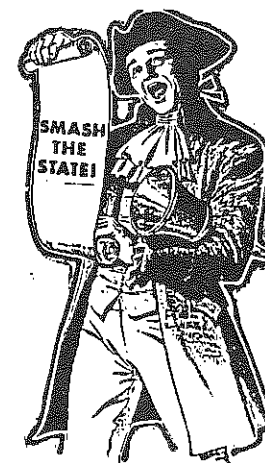
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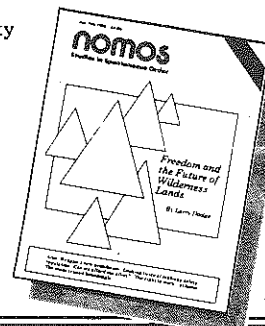
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## Tastiest Merc in town!

ERNST BANIK'S gleaming Mercedes doesn't burn up the miles — it fries them up.

For Ernst has the only car in the world that runs on fish 'n chip frying fat.

Ernst, 48, who owns a chain of chippies in Cologne, West Germany, had the car specially converted.

He uses waste fat which would normally be thrown away.

And he reckons to get an average 30 miles to the gallon.

Passers-by complain about the whiff of fish and chips.

But Ernst said: "The authorities told me my fuel causes 20 per cent less pollution than normal."

He uses diesel to start the car — otherwise it would take half an hour on chip fat.

THE MIRROR

## A cross to beer

A PUB that dates back to the Crusades has won a war to keep its name, The Red Cross. The British Red Cross Society withdrew a claim that the inn in Lancaster, was breaking the Geneva convention.

**YOUNG** offenders are being "brutalised and traumatised" at Britain's "short-sharp-shock" detention centres, it was claimed yesterday.

And The Children's Legal Centre — a charity for

# Butterflies start a hush-hush flutter

DEFENCE experts were in quite a flutter over the latest secrets threat.

They were determined to smash the security risk at the grass roots.

For someone was about to blow the gaff on a hush-hush Royal Ordnance factory.

Or at least, on what was in its grounds.

## Ban

For at the heart of the scare are butterflies and wild flowers.

And an Official Secrets Act ban has been slapped on an article betraying details of the flora and fauna at Euxton, near Chorley. It has caused red faces on the security-conscious parish council at nearby Astley.

The article was about to be published in their three-times-a-year newsletter.

Said the paper's

THE SUN,

young persons' rights— calls for an end to them.

A report published yesterday by the GLC interviewed a 16-year-old recently released from Send Junior Detention Centre in Woking, Surrey.

The report alleges that 57 per cent of former Send inmates committed further crimes.

And it accuses Home Secretary Leon Brittan of turning petty offenders into criminals by sending them to the tough centres.

By GORDON HUGHES

editor Michael Thompson, 34, yesterday: "The article was written by a villager who works at the factory."

"He submitted it as a matter of course to his bosses for vetting."

"But they compounded it on the grounds that it contained classified information," Parish council

chairman Bob Armstrong said: "In journalistic terms we thought it was a scoop."

"The factory grounds are virgin territory and only a few people know about its wild-life secrets."

At the 1,000-acre factory, however, a spokesman said: "We could have had camera-wielding people tramping all over the place."

## Thief strikes at MPs' clocks

DETECTIVES are trying to catch a phantom thief at Westminster

At least ten valuable antique timepieces have been stolen in the Houses of Parliament during the past few months.

Some of the clocks are more than 100 years old and worth up to £500 each.

Police believe the

thief has inside knowledge of the Parliament buildings, along with the movements of MPs and peers.

Scotland Yard — who recently tightened security at Westminster because of possible terrorist attacks — are particularly worried.

## Sex 'games'

● **THREE** firemen involved in bizarre "induction" ceremonies which involved Firewoman Lynne Gunning were transferred to other stations yesterday.

● Firewoman Gunning, 23, claimed she was hosed down, and men used obscene language and exposed themselves when she arrived at her first posting in Soho.

## Love perils on the dole

By DAVID RADCLIFFE

LOVE on the dole is giving family planning experts a headache. Jobless teenagers are throwing caution to the winds... because they can't afford contraceptives.

Now clinics in North Staffordshire are urging out-of-work youngsters to collect free contraceptives—and not risk unplanned pregnancies.

Between March and May this year there were 94 births at the North Staffordshire maternity hospital, Stoke-on-Trent, to girls aged 18 and under.

Yesterday Dr. Anne Pedrizzini, the area's senior family planning officer, appealed to teenagers to forget their shyness and call at the clinics.



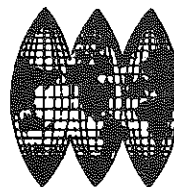
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