

SOCIALIST REALISM?

Pan, Poland's first postwar skin magazine, apparently filled long pent-up needs. Eager readers quickly snapped up 250,000 copies. However, the charms of Miss Marsha were ruined by poor quality which caused ink from the previous page to bleed through all over her body. "It's a socialist Playboy - gray, tired, no shine," groused a 31-year old Warsaw resident.

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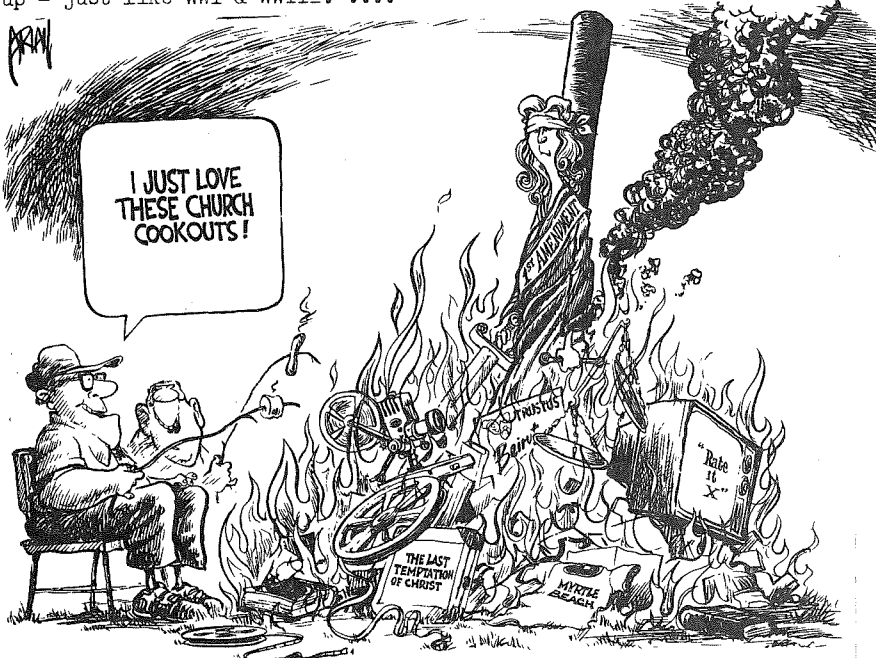
In an attack of "drug phobia" New York Mayor Ed Koch urged that we strip-search every person entering the country from Mexico or Southeast Asia.

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YES, WE HAVE LOTS OF ODD NEWS..... SOME OF IT VERY ODD!

In the Ohio 12th, Michael Brown won the Demo Congress primary unopposed; then the Demos found out that he is an extremist LaRouchist. So they endorsed an independent Michael Gelpi; he then announced that he is homosexual. The Rep. incumbent expected to be reelected. The SC legislature really did make the praying mantis the State Bug, an honor to Jim & Tammy Bakker. Richard Russell says, "Remember when governments become dictatorships, they outlaw 3 things: (1) a free press, (2) arms, & (3) gold. A free press exposes corruption. Arms let citizens defend themselves from corrupt governments and crime. Gold lets you get out of a country when all else fails." Alice Tucker of Dayton, OH was jailed for painting her own home; they didn't like the color of the paint she used in the historical district. Police in East Orange, NJ, require a permit to move into or out of town, and forbid doing it at night or on Sunday. Never on Sunday! In Morris Co., KS, sheriff M. C. (Corky) Woodward rented a video recorder to tape his sex with his wife, & forgot to remove the tape when returning it. Duplicates have been made & circulated in the county to great amusement, and he has resigned.

In 1950, about 64% of families were able to buy home. It is now down to 10+%. Lewis Lehrman has a pamphlet (from Ludwig von Mises Inst., Auburn U.), "Gold in a Global Multi-Asset Portfolio", of great interest to those who can afford a portfolio. His conclusion: if the next election doesn't bring gold money back, the economic crisis will. Marshall Fritz reports that the number of books and economics professors who favor a free market are growing, steadily..... the Finnish Communist Party politburo has offered to resign, after losing \$2½ million in bad investments of party funds. Def. Secy. F. Carlucci has discovered that Pentagon could eliminate 7300 useless jobs & save \$300 million/year. Russia has a sugar shortage - the moonshiners are taking it all up - just like WWI & WWII..

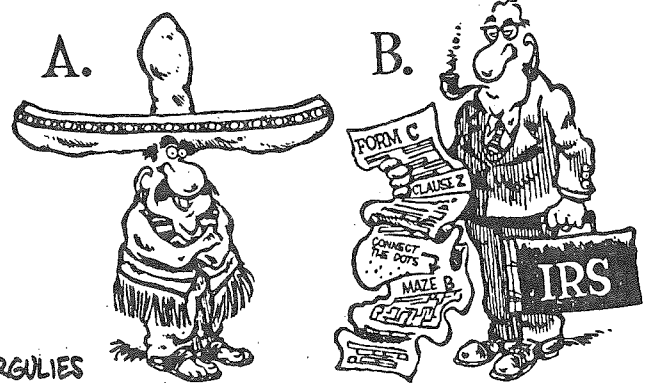


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Which group wants to share in America's wealth, but refuses to learn our language?



MARGULIES

Letters to the editor

It was communion time for the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, a group of homosexual transvestites who were staging a mock mass in protest of the Pope's visit to San Francisco. They were throwing little gold disks to the crowd. Each disk contained a condom, which the "sisters" referred to as "Our Holy Savior." The crowd was worshipping condoms, which were to "vouchsafe the safety of our sexual play." Then Scarlet Harlot, a red-haired prostitute in a green dress who claimed to be with a group called the Whores of Babylon, got up and sang a song called "Pope Don't Preach."

NEW JERSEY JOINS 20th CENTURY

New Jersey's 39-year-old law prohibiting self-service gas stations is unconstitutional. Superior Court judge has ruled.

Insight

Polls don't recognize Libertarian candidates

In the United States, there are three political parties whose candidates will appear on the ballot in practically every state: the Democrats, the Republicans, the Libertarians. With the election getting closer, polls are becoming widespread; however, most pollsters refuse to acknowledge the third choice.

In South Carolina, Dr. Ron Paul, the Presidential candidate, and Geb Sommer in the 2nd Congressional District will be on the ballot as the Libertarian choices; yet *The State* ignores them in its polls.

In a recent article about a poll it took, *The State* recognized three

choices: Republican, Democrat and undecided. With thousands of Libertarians in this state, how can a poll be conducted without telephoning some Libertarians? Any honest reporting would include, at least, a choice for "other."

The other thing that bothers me is how *The State* avoids explaining the crucial question of any poll - how the questions were asked: "Whom would you vote for if the elections were held today?" or "Which one would you vote for: Dukakis or Bush?" If the crucial question resembled this last one, then it is the responsibility of the pollster to mention Ron Paul and any other candidate whose name will appear on the ballot.

Give us some more honesty in the reporting of electoral polls. We, the readers, deserve it.

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The First Amendment Goes to College

by United States Senator Charles E. Grassley

Mr. President, I rise today to note a disturbing trend on many college campuses in America. That is a troubling intolerance of any view not in lock-step with prevailing liberal orthodoxy.

I raise the issue because many of my colleagues, and other public commentators — usually so sensitive to content-based intrusions on the First Amendment — have been strangely silent about these recent events.

A college campus ought to be an open market-place for the free exchange of ideas. Instead, examples of closed-mindedness abound.

For example, in my home state of Iowa, a conservative student newspaper was banned from distributing their campus paper at the University of Iowa Law School. That paper had criticized some law professors for their political positions. The law school found the criticism so uncomfortable that it chose to cut off distribution of the paper — a transparent and clumsy effort to silence dissenting views.

At the University of Washington, a male student was dismissed from a women's studies class for being a "disruptive influence"... which is to say he challenged the radical-feminist and left-wing views of the instructors. The course description said the class would foster "vigorous, open inquiry" into women's issues. What the course catalog didn't say was that the "inquiry" had to be consistent with the teacher's views.

“For example, in my home state of Iowa, a conservative student newspaper was banned from distributing their campus paper at the University of Iowa Law School.”

Perhaps this student should be thankful he's not at Dartmouth. There, three student reporters of *The Dartmouth Review* were suspended for having the nerve to speak up for high academic standards. The students' "crime" was that their comments about a certain professor were "vexatious."



I didn't know there was a First

Amendment exception for "vexatious" speech — it's not in my copy of the Bill of Rights.

The latest mugging of the First Amendment occurred at the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School. The faculty there, responding to what they considered "racism" and "sexism," issued a gag order against any "offensive" speech — "offensive" to whom, I wonder. The scope of the prohibition is exceeded only by its vagueness — another blunt assault based on the content of the speech.

I hope my colleagues can see that what's at work here is little more than an old-fashioned double standard. Surely we can recall the outcry over the Supreme Court's decision in the *Hazelwood School District Case*. There, the court upheld a school principal's right to edit-out certain provocative items from the school-sponsored, student-staffed newspaper. Liberals were quick to denounce this decision, characterizing it as an infringement on student rights and freedom of the press.

The self-appointed guardians of free speech were quite willing to defend the right of high school students to write about teenage pregnancy. But they are mere bystanders when college students, willing to challenge long-standing liberal doctrines, are censored.

Thankfully, there are some people in America who know what the First Amendment is all about.

As recently as this February, the Supreme Court unambiguously protected the freedom of unpopular speech. In a unanimous opinion in *Hustler v. Falwell*, the court upheld the lawfulness of offensive speech — even when the speaker is motivated by hatred or ill-will. Chief Justice Rehnquist's opinion recognizes that protecting such speech is part and parcel of the First Amendment's "breathing space."

In so ruling, the court followed a long line of cases holding that the public expression of ideas may not be proscribed, simply because the listener or reader may be offended.

Mr. President, this is a lesson that those running our nation's colleges and law schools would do well to learn.

Senator Grassley (R. Iowa) delivered the preceding address on the floor of the United States Senate Monday, April 18, 1988.

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Jesters Quiz Whiz Kids

The S. C. Academic Decathlon will be held again this year at Coker College, Hartsville, on Saturday, February 4. It's too late for high school teams to enter, but if you want to try to get one organized for next year, or if you want to enjoy the SuperQuiz, come about 4 p.m.

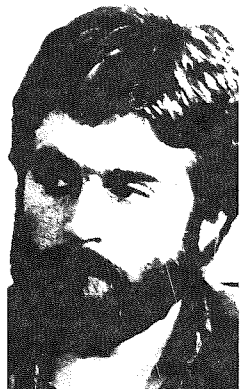


I TOLD YOU that if that Darnyankee from New England was elected President, we'd get lost in all this mess of a government wilderness of More Taxes!



Jailed for planning a strike against price rises

Wladyslaw Frasyuniuk, a 33-year-old skilled driver and auto-mechanic, was a co-founder and national leader of Solidarity. He was one of the few activists who was not interned immediately after the declaration of martial law in Poland and for a while he was able to remain active in the underground structure of Solidarity. In November 1982 he was sentenced to six years' imprisonment for violating martial law decrees but he was released under an amnesty in July 1984. During his imprisonment he was severely beaten by warders and took part in a hunger-strike against harsh jail conditions. He was sentenced to two months' imprisonment in August 1984 for breach of the peace during a



demonstration; and in June 1985 was sentenced to three and a half years' imprisonment for planning a 15-minute strike against price rises and the lengthening of the working week to 48 hours.

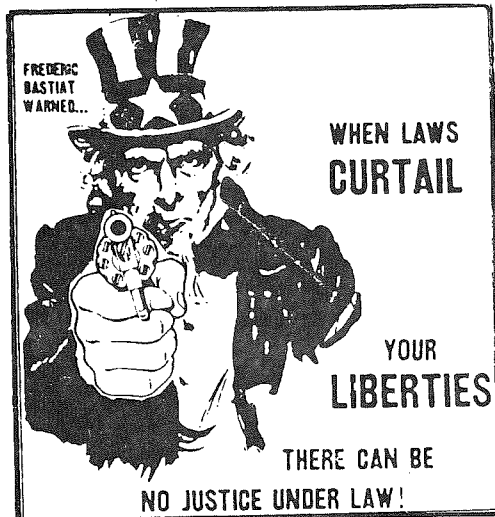
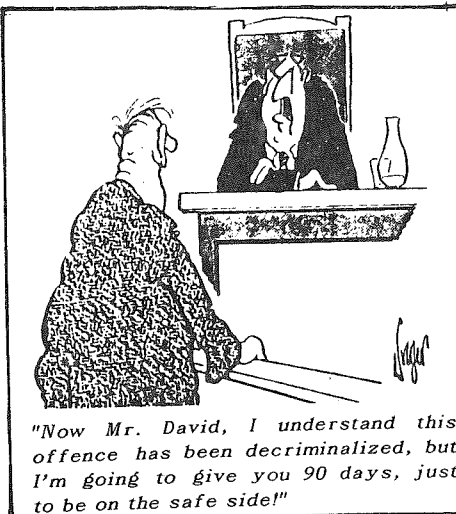
Released

Russian Orthodox deacon Vasil Shiplov has been released after 48 years in prison.

Shiplov, 66, had known only one year of freedom since his arrest in 1939 when he was studying at an underground Orthodox seminary in Siberia. He was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment,

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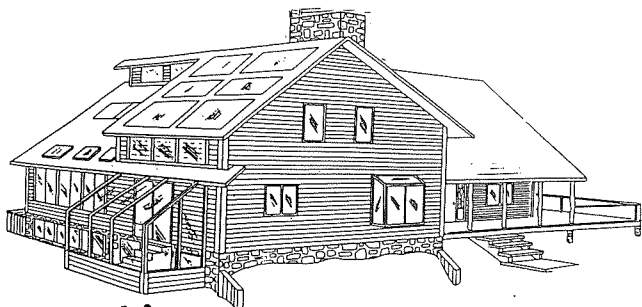
U.S. Judge BARBARA B. CRABB of Madison, Wisconsin, ruled late last month that lawyers are NOT required to join the STATE BAR OF WISCONSIN in order to practice. Her decision is contrary to a State Supreme Court ruling which declared the Bar a quasi-public agency. Bar membership has been mandatory for the state's lawyers since 1958. The case was brought by STEVEN LEVINE, an attorney for the State Public Service Commission, who charged such a closed shop union violated his FIRST AMENDMENT rights, as did use of his \$115 annual dues for political and ideological activities. JOHN WALSH, president-elect of the Bar said his organization would appeal.



George Washington: "The establishment of Civil and Religious Liberty was the Motive which induced me to the field (of battle); the object is attained, and it now remains to be my earnest wish and prayer, that the Citizens of the United States would make a wise and virtuous use of the blessings placed before them." (Nov 27, 1783)

ment, followed by an additional twenty-five year term apparently for conducting baptisms in camp.

In 1950, after a year of freedom, Shiplov was taken for psychiatric investigation, and since that time has been held in various psychiatric institutions. A campaign was begun in 1987 to secure his release. The Soviet authorities have issued a passport and exit visa for him to take up permanent residence in Britain.



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Anti-tax group honors lawmakers

An anti-tax group will name Republican Sen. Glenn McConnell and Rep. Moffatt Burris its legislators of the year in a State House ceremony this morning. South Carolina Citizens for Efficient Government, which bills itself as "the voice of the taxpayer in South Carolina," is citing McConnell, of Charleston, for his opposition to the Property Tax Reform Act, his support of the Freedom of Information Act and his sponsorship of a bill to prevent local governments from increasing tax millages in off-election years.

It chose Burris, of Columbia, for pushing legislation calling for a five-year tax freeze and trying to get deductions of gasoline and sales taxes from state income taxes.

The group also will recognize Sen. John Drummond, D-Greenwood, and Rep. Herbert Kirsh, D-York, for sponsoring the Compliance Review Act, which it named the best legislation of the year; and it will award its Palmetto Citizenship Award to Paul and Cheryl Perkins for their investigation of the University of South Carolina.

The group's South Carolina Golden Fleece Award will go to Sen. James Waddell, D-Beaufort, for his unsuccessful attempt to spend \$240,000 over several years to mark the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' arrival in the New World.

The group will present its awards at 11 a.m. in the third-floor conference room in the State House.

MOVING?



PLEASE NOTIFY US !!!

"For they prophesy falsely unto you in my Name; I have not sent them, saith the LORD." -- JEREMIAH 29:9



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Everett Koop's term of service as surgeon general shows what government can do to a good man. Koop is a brilliant pediatrician who has pioneered microsurgery on infants, saving countless babies' lives. But, as a bureaucrat, he has conducted two national hysteria campaigns.

The first is over the AIDS virus, which Koop maintains is "exploding" into the heterosexual population. But Koop is not an epidemiologist, and top AIDS epidemiologists maintain otherwise. One is a Koop employee, Dr. Harold Jaffe, chief epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. According to Jaffe, "Those who are suggesting that we are going to see an explosive spread of AIDS in the heterosexual community have to explain why this isn't happening." Yet Koop is about to spend 17 million tax dollars to send an AIDS-hysteria pamphlet to 107 American households.

Surgeon General Koop's other campaign is against cigarette smoking. He has conducted it on and off for several years. But this week it ascended to the level of hysteria. In a new 618-page report he declared nicotine to be addictive.

Great. The government just now finds out that some people can be hooked on smoking. For this they spend our tax dollars? Yet it's curious that Koop, speaking on NBC's "Today" show the morning after his report was issued, said that caffeine wasn't addictive. Hasn't he known any caffeine fiends? (Maybe we shouldn't tell him.)

Anyway, what's most absurd about his report is that it also equates nicotine addiction with addiction to heroin and cocaine. This should do wonders for the government's ongoing "war" against these drugs.

Schoolhouse friskings

It is not necessary to frisk everyone to keep drugs out of a school. The job can be done if the school will get a good guard, instead of a government agent.

A good dog can search everyone entering without frisking, by just sniffing. This is one ability in which dogs are superior. Only those caught would be searched.

Furthermore, there are plenty of unemployed dogs at any animal shelter, some of whom would be suitable for such a job. They work very cheaply. They are very faithful. And they are totally dependable.

John T. Harlee, Florence

On the one hand, people are going to figure: "This war on smoking is dumb; the government says nicotine is like heroin and cocaine; well, maybe they should just let people make their own decisions on whether to use any of these drugs." On the other hand, many ill-educated smokers (and smoking is increasingly a habit mainly of lower-class, ill-educated people) may figure: "Well, if tobacco is just as bad as smack and coke, and puffing a few cigarettes hasn't hurt me too much, maybe I'll try those other drugs."

This is what happens when the government tries to make judgments better left to the people themselves. The media have long told us about the relative dangers of tobacco, alcohol, cocaine, heroin, etc., allowing each person to make his own decision.

Other pressures exist, of course, especially on children. But let's note that parental influence on children has declined precisely as government paternalism has increased. People are less likely to make responsible choices when government decides everything for them.

Koop's report has already flown to that center of folly, Capitol Hill. Sen. Bill Bradley has introduced a bill that would add a new warning to ones the government already forces cigarette companies to stamp on their product. It would read: "WARNING: Smoking is addictive. Once you start, you may not be able to stop."

What we need is a different warning, to be stamped on every federal document and on every paycheck given to government workers, reading: "WARNING: Power is addictive. Once you start abusing your office and wasting the taxpayers' money, you may not be able to stop."

At one point, President Reagan was claiming a 5% inflation rate. One of the giant accounting firms called his bluff. Using CPI criteria from the Gerald Ford era, they came up with 15%. (Now you see it, now you don't.)

Irwin Kellner, top economist for Manufacturers Hanover Trust, tracked 36 consumer retail items he says account for 60% of the typical household budget. From January 1985 to January 1987 Kellner says inflation grew 27.8%. That's 13.9% a year.

The World - Perspective



CREDULITY

By Otto Scott

A recent case in point is the "disinvestment" campaign against South Africa. When I visited that land in 1984, I was taken to the Pace Commercial College, a modern, well-equipped secondary school in the black township of Soweto supported by 200 American corporations. These firms had contributed \$10 million to build and administer the school, which was dedicated to upgrading the skills and providing future high level entry jobs for black pupils.

That was when American firms in South Africa were following the Rev. Leon Sullivan's guidelines toward the staged withdrawal of apartheid. Then the "disinvestment" campaign began, and our university campuses began to erupt with riots and "shanties," and Amy Carter, et al, began to "protest."

American firms began to pull out, diminishing the prospects of the students at the Pace Commercial College. In 1986, according to *The Wall Street Journal* (Dec. 23, 1986), Kenneth Mason, a spokesman for the American Chamber of Commerce in South Africa, stood in the Assembly and told the pupils that American firms are interested in their success. At that point several students held aloft an American flag — and put a match to it.

Then they drove Mr. Mason out, with the scorched remnant of the flag draped around his shoulders. Shortly after the American symbol went up in smoke,

"Failure does not change the mind of a modern American. Anything that sounds good is pursued."

contributions stopped, and the Pace School — one of the best in all Africa — closed its doors.

That is not all that closed. During the preceding three years alone, the *Journal* estimates, Americans spent \$150 million in direct aid to South African blacks. That torrent has now dwindled to a trickle.

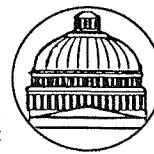
By the time the Pace school closed (Pace stood for: Project for the Advancement of Community Education), it was being called Soweto Socialist School by some of its students.

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Marxists and Nazis

Max Prender (Letters, *News Weekly*, November 25) mentions inter alia that Hitler told Rauschning that Marxists make the best Nazis.

This is not surprising and is the equivalent of saying socialists make the best socialists.

Most people do not realise that Marxism (communism), Nazism and fascism are variants of socialism.

Communism is where government controls the whole economy directly, whereas Nazism and Fascism control the whole economy through a layer of big business that is completely subservient to the government.

What further is not generally realised is that socialism, to function effectively, leads invariably to terrorism, as terror is needed by the government to force the people to accept the inevitable decline of their living standards and conditions.

Without terror, they will revolt.

One has only to look at every socialist country in the world to realise the truth of this statement and to marvel at the lemming-like attitude of people not yet socialist who yearn for socialism.

The Chrysler bail-out in the United States is a classic example of this and there have been recent examples in Australia.

The taxpayer can be assured that what we have seen so far is only the tip of the iceberg.

In the next few years, big business and big government are going to cost him a lot of money.

Socialism even in the early stages is a painful process.

*Robert D. Smith,
Burwood, NSW.*

Fans of a Moscow soccer club shouted anti-Lithuanian slogans and brawled with supporters of the home side, Shaligiris Vilnius, in a new outbreak of stadium hooliganism.

In China, Kung-Pin-Mei, bishop of Shanghai, was freed from jail after 30 years of detention. He is now 86.

COMPARISON

Scientific Law (Common Law)

Political Law (Legislation)

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Whatever the powerholders decide.

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Whatever the powerholders decide.

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Whimsical.

Evolutionary change. Few reversals.

Frequent revolutionary changes. Many reversals.

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Made by politicians in response to political pressure and "influence."

Highly developed. Advanced.

Primitive.

Results

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Creates liberty and security.

Destroys liberty and security.

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Uses force to redistribute wealth. Destroys incentive to produce wealth.

Stable economic environment.

Boom-and-bust cycles.

Enables civilization to advance.

Destroys civilization.

**Applies to all mentally competent adults, whether acting as individuals or in groups. Does not apply to children or mental incompetents.*

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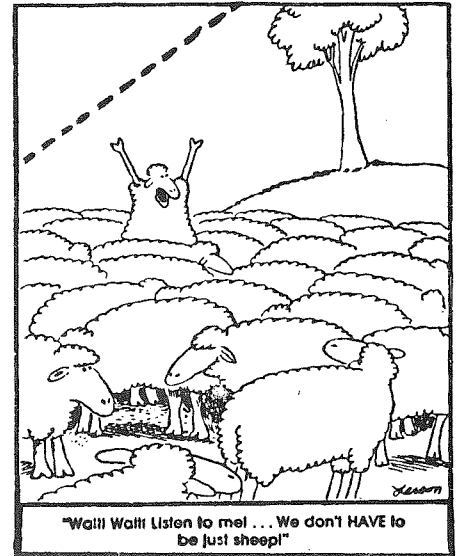
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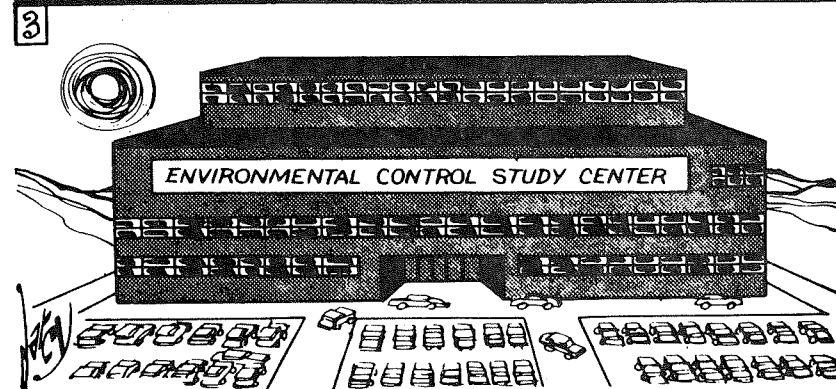
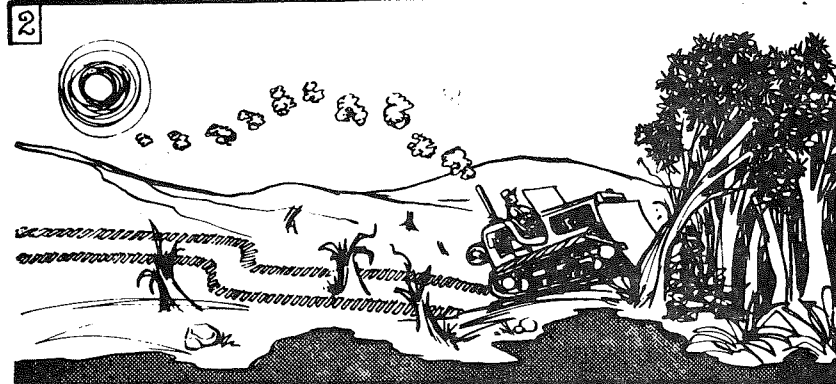


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We sometimes learn more from
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Blaise Pascal





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Raising the dead

UP in Norfolk, the authorities have a touching faith in resurrection, as one of our readers discovered when he went to visit his late mother's cottage there. He was amazed to find a card from the Eastern Electricity Board in King's Lynn which read:

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Group claims tax increases unnecessary

By **BILL ROBINSON**
State Staff Writer

An organization that monitors local government spending has developed a list of suggestions on ways Columbia City Council should reduce the 1988-89 budget by \$1 million.

When council convenes at City Hall at 10 a.m. Wednesday, it will find members of Richland County Citizens for Tax Relief looking for answers to questions about how the city will spend tax dollars starting July 1.

Don Weaver, chairman of the group's local government budget review committee, said Columbia's financial advisers have done an incomplete job explaining next year's budget.

Those advisers, including City Manager Gray Olive, said the group has misinterpreted a spending plan they insist is a frugal one.

Olive and staff are recommending a \$36.2 million budget that would be balanced with the help of a 6-mill property tax increase, \$800,000 from a surplus account and a \$1 increase in monthly fire service fees for out-of-city water customers.

The tax group, which Weaver said has a mailing list of 1,000 names, thinks Columbia's budget can be enacted without having to increase taxes and fees.

Among the cuts the tax group would like to see council support are elimination of an allocation of \$580,000 for community promotion and almost \$300,000 for merit increases for city employees.

Weaver's committee questions whether Columbia "should ... be handing out taxpayer dollars to certain groups that it favors while ignoring others. We believe not, particularly in the face of tight funds."

Organizations on the city's "community promotion" list include Columbia Green — a gardening group, the Columbia City Ballet, the Palmetto Orchestra and the local arts council.

The only promotion initiatives the group supports are the annual Christmas parade and holiday decorations, an allocation to the U.S. Youth Games program and the mayor's committee on the handicapped.

The tax group also is skeptical of pay increases and questions whether they are being doled out equitably.

Olive is recommending that all employees get a 4 percent raise and, for those who qualify, a merit increase based on job performance following a subjective review.

Weaver said the tax group believes the merit evaluation system is unpopular and undermined by feelings of favoritism. He also said the group doesn't accept an explanation that high-ranking officials deserve what he calls generous salaries unless a comparison of compensation for similar jobs in private industry justifies them.

Olive rejects the group's attack of merit raises, saying the evaluation system is set up for supervisors to judge performance subjectively. He also said the group's criticism of his decision to recommend more than departments applied for is unfounded. The city manager said initial departmental requests did not include money for employee raises.

Judge rules girl never pregnant or legally wed

To The Editor:

I have enjoyed reading articles pertaining to the New Banner Cult-Sasha Owens case in both The State and Southern Libertarian Messenger. It is incredible that the authorities would attempt to make a criminal case against New Banner Principals with such flimsy evidence that they had. However, this pales into insignificance when compared to the audacity of Sasha's mother, Betty Holcombe.

During the late 1970's, Betty, along with husband Randy, regularly proselytized the New Banner Cult under the billing, "Objectivist Seminars". One of the hallmarks of these "seminars", as I understand it, was the belief that it was "immoral" to do business with the law enforcement authorities because of its tax-supported financial base. How then, the curious phenomenon of the Holcombes' asking the "immoral" Richland County Sheriff Department to locate and recover the "kidnapped" Sasha? No doubt the answer to this perplexing question lies at the New Banner Institute, where "philosophy seminars" are currently being given. Presumably, these are the same ones dispensed by New Banner expropriates Betty and Randy Holcombe, which ultimately led them to commit their "immoral" behavior. Circular reasoning, anyone?

As I see it, the essence of the Holcombes' current predicament is failure to grasp a crucial aspect of Ayn Rand's Atlas Shrugged; specifically, the chapter entitled "Sanction of The Victim". Had they done such, they would have learned that the only power a theologian, philosopher, or "fearless leader" can have over another is that which is granted, either by conscious deliberation or by default, by the victim. Because Betty chose either or both of these options, Sasha has essentially become a creature of the New Banner Institute and is forevermore lost to her affections.

Thank you,

Walt Hampton
Walt Hampton

THE ESTABLISHMENT

In Santa Monica, California, police officers (with gun holsters unbuttoned) were among the 30 state and local government officials who descended on the Lighthouse Foursquare Church to "investigate" the unlicensed "Weekday Sunday School." The educational ministry had been operated by the church as an outreach to children of the community for over two and one-half years. The directors of the school and pastors of the church, Ron and Linda Norris, were charged with 31 violations of Title 22 of the California Child Care Act, an ambiguous law which by broad language requires the licensing of all Sunday Schools as child care facilities (and all Sunday School teachers before they could teach in the Sunday Schools). So said Judge Jack Newman, Superior Court Judge from Los Angeles County.

Among the 31 charges were allegations of the use of sleeping mats of less than three-quarters of an inch. For this violation alone the Norrises faced six months in jail and fines of \$1,000 each.

Community Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas objected to state licensure of its boys' home ministry which required compliance with 240 "minimum standards," many of which were openly at odds with the church's Biblical beliefs. For refusing to submit the church's ministry (primarily with young men having problems with alcohol and drug abuse) to state control, the pastor of the church was fined over \$97,000 and the church property was nearly sold at public auction to pay the debt.



Sasha Owens Marsh

To be placed in foster care

Report indicates IRS letters often mislead

By PETER ROPEK

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Internal Revenue Service letters to taxpayers are frequently wrong or incomplete, causing taxpayers to pay more than necessary or incur penalties, according to a new congressional report.

Reviewing a sample of 700 taxpayer cases over three months in 1987, investigators from the federal General Accounting Office said that 31 percent of the IRS letters to taxpayers had "critical" problems that caused wrong tax payments.

Another 16 percent of the letters were confusing and did not answer the questions in the taxpayers' correspondence.

"These sorts of correspondence problems can lead to incorrect determinations of tax and penalties," said the GAO report. "They can also confuse and frustrate taxpayers, increasing the correspondence workload as taxpayers write again trying to resolve the same issue."

In reviewing the 700 random cases at three IRS offices, the GAO investigators found examples where taxpayers had been overbilled by thousands of dollars or had payments credited to wrong accounts, leaving the taxpayer to receive payment due notices while he or she struggled to correct the IRS records.

The report said that IRS officials acknowledged the problem and are expanding their quality control system to review more correspondence leaving IRS offices.

According to the GAO report, the basic problem is the IRS uses a computer system to create form letters in reply to taxpayers' correspondence. The system allows tax examiners to select various paragraphs that answer typical questions. The end result, however, is often a confusing letter that does not answer the taxpayer's questions.

For example, one taxpayer received a refund of \$600 but was expecting more. In response, the person provided additional paperwork, justifying an extra \$360 in refund. He wrote the IRS asking what to do with the \$600 check — cash it.

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or return it to the IRS in exchange for a check made out in the full amount of \$960? The only response he received from the IRS was a letter saying the additional \$360 refund was justified, but the letter did not answer any questions about the taxpayer's dilemma with the \$600 check.

In another common complaint occurred when taxpayers sent in a tax payment and, in reply, received a letter acknowledging there was no longer any balance due. However, the letters commonly add an extra paragraph saying the statement does not reflect any penalties or late charges the taxpayer may owe — leaving the impression that penalties may have been assessed.

GAO investigators said the IRS computer system allows examiners to choose from among 500 basic form letters to use in reply to taxpayer correspondence. Officials said, however, that most examiners only use a few common letters that do not answer specific questions.

A second problem, according to IRS officials, is the tax agency has trouble retaining examiners so that inexperienced personnel are frequently answering taxpayer correspondence.

The minimum requirements to be an examiner are two years of college or two years of clerical office work. Starting salary is between \$13,000—\$15,000 a year, and there is limited promotion. GAO officials said that situation contributes to the high turnover rate among tax examiners.

Clerk charged with saturating food with salt

Associated Press

DUBLIN, Pa.

A 16-year-old convenience store clerk has been charged with putting too much salt on a state trooper's sandwich.

The clerk, David Uriarte, was charged with disorderly conduct, punishable by up to a \$300 fine.

Uriarte said that he did nothing wrong and that if anyone sabotaged the sandwich, it was done when he wasn't looking.

Trooper Barry Gaston said Wednesday that a fellow officer ordered the sandwich by telephone from the store in suburban Philadelphia on July 26. The officer, whom police declined to identify, told the clerk he was a trooper.

Gaston said the officer who ordered the sandwich found it heavily salted, which could aggravate his high blood pressure.

Uriarte, who will be a junior in high school, said that he used the usual amount of salt and pepper.

Louis Marks, the store owner, said police came to the store the day after the incident and urged him to fire Uriarte. "They're making a great deal out of this thing. I just can't believe it," Marks said.



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Narco-Terrorism

Bok Kwan Kim, a 49-year-old electrical assembly worker, lived peacefully in a tiny apartment with his wife, three daughters, and 78-year-old mother-in-law in Newark, California.

Then late on the night of May 12th, nine narcotics police broke down his front door, handcuffed him and beat him until he was unconscious, handcuffed his wife and shoved her to the floor as their daughters screamed, and ransacked the apartment. Not one piece of furniture was left unbroken; every pillow or piece of upholstery was torn and emptied of its stuffing. All their dishes and porcelain were shattered. Only a picture of Jesus on the wall was left in one piece.

Why? The narcotics police had gotten a false tip from an informer that Kim had has a stock of amphetamines. Why the beating? The police said Kim had "resisted" the destruction of his home and few possessions.

Kim is still in the hospital, and his daughters have nightmares every night. The head of the narcotics squad apologized, but noted that "this is war."

PALESTINIAN TAX RESISTANCE

The refusal to pay taxes on the part of West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians is causing serious problems to the Civil Administration. Citizens of Israel and the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip are issued identity cards which they are required to carry at all times. These have been confiscated by Israeli authorities in the territories in order to force people to report to temporary tax collection offices. Residents can be force to return there each day and wait there until they agree to pay their taxes.

On July 7, the Civil Administration, which governs the occupied territories, launched a tax-collection blitz about 5:30 a.m. Backed by Israeli soldiers, the tax collectors set up roadblocks and raided stores in the predominantly Christian Arab town of Beit Sahur, numbering approximately 12,000. As elsewhere, merchandise from tax resisting shops is carted away in lieu of money. In Beit Sahur on July 7, about 60 cars were confiscated and villages said as many as 1000 identity cards were taken away from people on the streets.

'PICK-ME-UP'

Following the acquittal of the Fort Smith Treason Trial defendants I called one of them, PASTOR ROBERT MILES, to discuss the trial. One question I asked was "What new or unusual occurred at the trial that you consider worth mentioning."

"The FBI's use of 'pick-me-up' agents", was his answer.

"Whenever the FBI wants manpower they hire local amateurs and pay them \$400 a day. When they go after someone, almost overnight they can produce a cloud of informers, snoopers, impersonators, all newly hired."

"As these new agents stumble over each other questioning neighbors, poring over courthouse records, grilling teachers, friends, etc. they make quite an impression. This is your new FBI."

I've got news. The FBI has been doing this for years.

A few years back, on a dare, I wrote the FBI, Washington, DC, and asked them to release to me under the "freedom of information act" a copy of any record they might have on me. Then, I had my signature "notarized" so they wouldn't have a reason to turn down my request.

A few weeks later a thick packet returned. I was shocked! Yes, they had a file on me. Not only did they have a file, but the entries went back into my teens. The first agent had followed me onto a bus when I was perhaps 15 years old. He reported that I had advised other school children not to say "Civil War" but "War Between The States" because it showed which side you were on. Can you imagine? This is important enough to go into an FBI file? — when I was a teen!!!

My father, a surgeon, was identified as a dope fiend, not respected in the profession or the community. (My father, a medical doctor, had 4 specialties and was one of the few doctors in the country deemed capable of practicing all four at the same time, internal medicine, eye ear nose & throat, surgery, and urology). My mother was identified as a "religious fanatic" who taught Sunday School and was chaplain to a radical organization known as the Daughters Of The American Revolution. The FBI report described my family as "strange" and "standoffish."

A group of woodland scouts, led by me, was of particular interest to the FBI. Some parents and certain boys belonging to my group of pre-teens had been questioned by agents on the QT.



JESSE HELMS

Unusual
Senator

Investigation showed that the group was possibly subversive. At meetings, tortures were inflicted. Boys offending some rule were made to sit absolutely still with their feet out in front of them (error: legs crossed) for 20 minutes (and they were not even allowed to move their eyes except to blink). Further investigation at last convinced the investigating agent that this group was local, had no contact with any national group, and was probably harmless.

When I got into college the files got even more interesting. Places I went. Political speakers I heard. Letters to editor I had written. Things I said. It was all there. The really interesting parts that I suppose dealt with bugs, wire taps, informer's names, mail interceptions, agents grilling employers, breaking and entering, payoffs, and amount of the bribes paid weirdos to collect this sort of kinky information must be in the parts blacked out. Almost entire pages were blacked out.

All this is unbelievable. I have searched my memory and can't recall a single unfriendly face. Who were these mysterious agents doing this watching? Why didn't I see them? Why were they following me around? What had I done? Except for brief periods I have lived here all my life. In my teens Lynchburg was a small town. Everyone knew everyone else. It was a fish bowl life. Were FBI agents prowling everywhere? Was something going on that I didn't know about? Something that people were afraid that I might find out about? Later in the military I even had "Top Secret" clearance. Even after this clearance the record continues.

I mentioned to Pastor Miles that I was a little "paranoid". The old man said to me - "Dick, just because you are paranoid doesn't mean that they aren't watching you." A good observation.

Look! If the FBI will pay their agents fortunes to watch me from the time I was a boy, and I still haven't done anything illegal, they'll watch you too. Why don't you sit down right now and write the FBI in Washington and ask for a copy of your own FBI record.

Be sure to have your signature notarized before you mail your letter. Then, sit back and see what arrives in YOUR file. This is the good old USA, the home of the free. Remember?

Note: There is an excellent chance that you will receive back an interesting folder. If you don't, just remember, you have their word that they have no folder on you. Only that.—Richard Kelly Hoskins, Portfolios, Box 997, Lynchburg, VA 24505

BEAT

In Idaho, a Christian boys ranch was shut down after state authorities launched a helicopter raid on the home. Although the operators of the ranch were legal guardians of the young men and had dutifully complied with all state health and safety requirements, the boys were removed because the facility was not licensed. Residents of the home, aged seven to fourteen, were forcibly removed, some in handcuffs, and sent to a state mental hospital for "safeguarding" during which time one of the boys was placed in a "rubber room" and lost for a week before being discovered by officials of the state mental hospital.

One of the California officials carrying out the raid on the Light-house Foursquare Church told Mrs. Norris, "these children belong to the state." The Attorney General of Texas has stated that "your children belong to the state, and as a matter of fact, so do you."

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Julius Lester, a professor in the department of Afro-American Studies at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, was expelled from that department by a vote of its faculty.

It will surprise no one who remembers the 1960s that Lester—then an outspoken black militant—is again at the center of a political controversy.

But being controversial isn't supposed to cost you your teaching post—not in America anyway.

Well, apparently it can do just that at U-Mass. Here's what happened.

Lester, author of 15 books and winner of many U-Mass teaching awards, wrote critically in his most recent book about the late James Baldwin, one of America's pre-eminent black writers.

In particular, Lester took issue with Baldwin's argument—advanced in a lecture—that the U.S. media shouldn't have reported and harped on Jesse Jackson's 1984 reference to New York as "Hymietown." Lester characterized certain of Baldwin's remarks in that lecture as anti-Semitic.

Believe it or not, that's the whole story.

EEK & MEEK By Howie Schneider

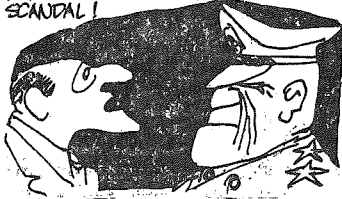


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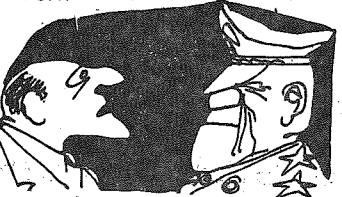
A recent ABC News poll asked Americans which drug caused the most problems in society. The responses: cocaine, 28 percent; alcohol, 25 percent; crack, 25 percent; heroin, 6 percent; marijuana, 4 percent.

What's missing from this list? Tobacco, which Surgeon General Koop says kills 320,000 Americans a year, compared to 125,000 deaths from alcohol and another 10,000 related to cocaine, heroin and other drugs. —The Charlotte Observer

HOW COULD THE U.S. TOLERATE SUCH A DRASTIC MILITARY IMBALANCE? IT'S A NATIONAL SCANDAL!



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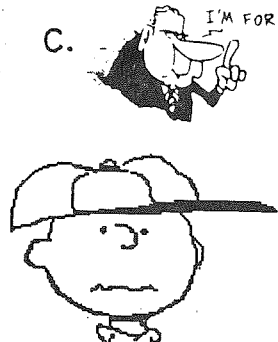


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A. IT WOULD SUBVERT OUR SYSTEM OF JUSTICE

B. IT WOULD DENY A FINAL ACCOUNTING OF THE AFFAIR

C. I'M FOR IT!



A VIEW OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC FROM THE TOP STEP OF THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING

Those naked Doukhobors

A few thousand Protestant Christians calling themselves Doukhobors, formerly Russians, now live near Saskatchewan, Canada. They pose problems for the local and national governments because they're total pacifists, refuse to engage in commerce or pay taxes. They don't believe in marriage but in living together, and when love ceases they simply separate without benefit of divorce. Since they've been in existence longer than local governments and any of their neighbors, these quirks have been overlooked.

Only one aspect of their beliefs seems to upset people — they have chosen to "put off these troublesome disguises which we wear," and to walk about naked anywhere they wish.

In the past, whenever authorities have attempted to interfere with their lifestyles, the Doukhobors have marched en masse and in the buff straight through the center of town. Since arresting and prosecuting a few thousand people for indecent exposure would wipe out a small town's budget for a decade, and since they refuse to pay fines and would have to be imprisoned, the town sensibly never prosecuted the protesters. And official eagerness to avoid further protests may account for the fact that no Doukhobors have been arrested for wandering around the countryside naked from time to time.

SUBSTANCE



POLISH HUNGER STRIKE FOR JAILED MILITARY RESISTERS

In a Polish church on Sept. 13 more than 40 members of Freedom and Peace (WiP) went on a one week hunger strike. They demanded the release of 2 military resisters: Oskar Kasperk who received a 2 year term and Piotr Rozycki who was sentenced to 2½ years. Demand the release of these and other resisters by writing to General Jaruzelski, U1. Wiejska 4/6 00-902, Warsaw, Poland.

DYSLEXIA, ANYONE?

Dyslexia didn't used to be a problem when schools had real daylight, instead of windowless dungeons & flickering Fluor.

Anyhow, I have a batch of reprints of Irlen Institute in California. Obviously, you don't have dyslexia to read this, but if you know a kid who does, ask.

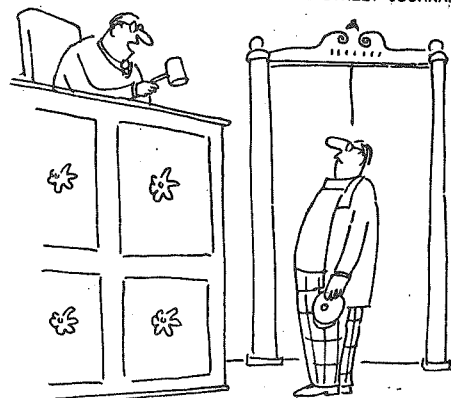
West Germany and Japan, after all, can afford their own defense. Moreover, as American Indian activist Russell Means has noted, the Germans and Japanese are tough people. They have proven it more than once. Why do we have to protect them?

—Gerald Schneider, Ph.D.
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...The first casualty in the War on Drugs...

Runaways might be better off

Life on streets outweighs pain of home for children, study finds

By Susan Campbell
Los Angeles Times Service

HARTFORD, Conn. — Children who run away to the street may be treated better by junkies and bums than they are at home, said a researcher who has studied why runaways leave home.

Mark-David Janus, a Catholic priest and a graduate assistant in the department of clinical psychology at the University of Connecticut, has completed a yearlong research project with 195 teens who left their homes and sought help in Toronto shelters.

According to his study, even the horrors of prostitution, disease, hunger and drugs found on the street don't outweigh the pain of abuse in a runaway's home life. Of the teens he interviewed, 86 percent had been physically and/or sexually abused at home; 67 percent got the same treatment on the street.

A third of the teens interviewed

were female. Of them, 94 percent reported being physically and/or sexually abused at home, while 64 percent reported the same treatment on the street.

"I think people don't have a lot of ideas about what a homeless or runaway youth is," Janus said. "There's a sort of general myth — David Copperfield or Huckleberry Finn — adventurous youth out in search of America. Or we remember ourselves being mad at our parents and running around the block."

"These kids are not in that vein at all."

He said that the teens he interviewed ran away an average of 8.5 times before they left home for good. Despite their treatment at home, the youths who left did not want to go, he said.

In the United States, an estimated 2 million teens run away from home each year.

Given the number of runaways with home environments to which they can't return, programs should

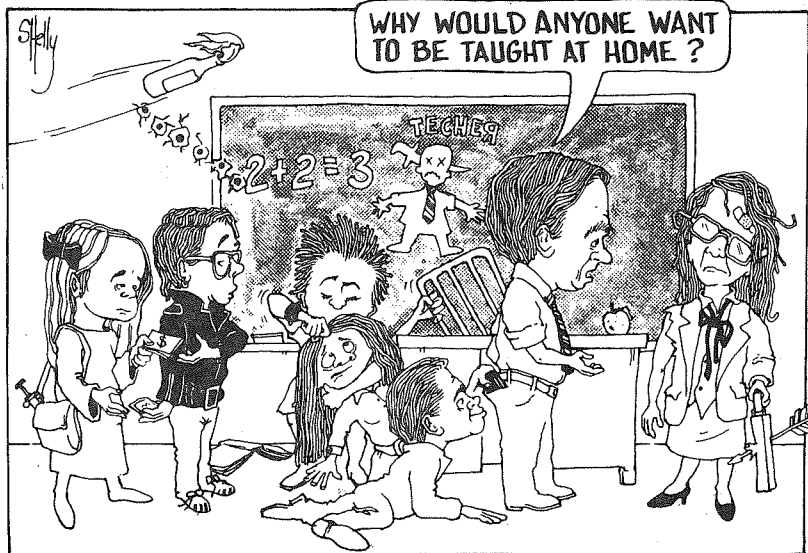
offer more long-term care while the older adolescents look for jobs and permanent housing, and while homes are found for the younger ones, Janus said. Most larger cities have short-term shelters that allow teens to stay an evening or, at most, a few weeks.

"The thought was that we wanted to get these kids back home," he said. "Maybe that's not what we want."

Janus said he was struck by the stark home lives the runaways had left.

"The data suggested that the (home) environment may not be as safe as everyone thought," he said. "Kids perceive the street as not as great a risk."

However, the easy availability of drugs and the specter of AIDS among a population that does not practice safe sex make the street even more dangerous than in years past. "We need to be more assertive in our approach and help," Janus said.



Hate

Regrouping after several setbacks this year in their "anti-cult" crusade, the Cult Awareness Network (CAN) will be holding their national convention in Portland, Oregon, in late October.

National officers will be elected at the meeting. But there is speculation that Ron Loomis, CAN president, will not run for reelection in the wake of controversy over his lectures on the "danger of cults" at Cornell University's freshman orientation. Mr. Loomis, director of unions and activities at Cornell, did not deliver his annual lecture at this year's orientation in the face of criticism from both religious leaders and Cornell faculty. Attempts to reach Cornell officials for comment were unsuccessful. The Committee To Abolish the Fed 325 Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20077

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City will mow down housing tenant's garden

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — A decision that appears planted in concrete is soon going to do more damage to Eddie Lee Mungo's vegetable garden than a pack of jack rabbits.

Mungo has been tending crops of collards tomatoes, cabbage, peppers, turnips and other vegetables at Hampton Homes, one of the city's public housing projects, for nearly 20 years.

The Greensboro Housing Authority has decided to take over lawn maintenance at the city's public housing communities. So mowers won't be impeded, a new rule will forbid flowers or gardens extending more than 6 feet from the edge of an apartment.

"I don't want to get rid of my garden," says Mungo, who is arthritic and looks all of his 68 years.

"We done growed old," he says, referring to himself and Ernestine, his wife of nearly 50 years. "We have to have something to do."

Each apartment comes with a tiny patch of yard. The Mungos, who live in a corner unit, have made the most of their space. Their garden wraps

around the north side of the apartment, extending at the farthest point about 18 feet from the wall.

Every inch is cultivated with good eats.

"I have enough collards to nearly support the whole project out here," Mungo says, surveying a long row of leafy plants.

For years, Housing Authority policy has allowed public housing residents to keep up their own yards. Gardens have been encouraged.

Eddie Mungo's garden is Hampton Homes' biggest and most famous. A television station came out a few years ago and filmed him amid his peppers, turnips, cabbage and tomatoes.

"He feeds his family from that garden and he feeds other people," Dumas says.

"Those gardens mean so much to the senior citizens," she says. "The housing authority urges people to do something positive. These gardens are something positive."

She says the residential council would like to take over lawn care itself and contract it to someone willing to mow around the gardens.

Have you noticed that network news anchormen always lean to the left?

JUST THE FACTS, MA'AM.....

It can become most annoying, unfortunately, to hear things from those who know little or nothing of history. For example, they tend to think of the Viet War as the beginning of drug addiction of troops returning. In fact, the War that led to the most drug addicts was the War of Secession. The drug was morphine, used by surgeons on the battlefields to try to save lives. And those who survived (many did not) severe wounds tended to become addicted to it.

The growth of illegitimate births, up from 5% in 1960 to about 23% now is blamed on all sorts of things. What the so-called experts don't blame them on is the increase in welfare programs, and the decrease in enforcing the laws against prostitution. Since abortions have been legalized, too, it is mostly not those who venture into love and sex before marriage to try to attract a boy-friend. Those who want to have illegitimate issue tend to be those who want to stay home and give the kid as little care as possible and draw welfare, instead of having to work for a living. And, of course, they make a little on the side by using their bodies to get pregnant again, for pay.

Take the "homeless" problems; the biggest cause is the govt. kicking a group out of state asylums, who are unable to earn a living, or take care of their bodily needs or whatever. They are dumped on the streets with the winos, hoboes, beggars, et al. Then the govt. makes it all worse, by demolishing run-down housing, by harassing landlords, by building public housing slums that are more dangerous than jungles, by using it for graft and fraud, and all the rest.

Now education is something I am interested in. Most public school officials are not. Lots of parents are not. And the biased media is a part of the disaster. Let me quote you, paraphrased to protect my source, what one of the "mainstream" media does:

"He" said to say nothing about any alternative to the public schools. The state doesn't publish test scores broken down between public and private schools (to hide it). "He" makes the decisions...."

Why some facts are hid can be interesting, even in the crime news, like cases that eventually get into out-of-town news media, but not into the local ones. Such politeness!

ELECTION RETURNS

S.C. HOUSE

Mark Johnson, HS71, 532 votes, 7% against Rep. who defeated incumbent in primary; no Dem.

Bill Griffin, HS88, 556 votes, 8% against Rep., Dem. dropped out, 0%

G. Atkinson, HS93, about 1%

Jim Wilson, HS107, 231 votes, 3% Rep. defeating Dem. incumbent.

Morea, ex-Rep. city councilman, c. 14% votes, against Rep. who beat incumbent in primary, no Dem., HS114.

Borden, 121 votes, 1%, HS115, & Dem. beat incumbent Rep.

Anderson, HS116, c. 7% against Dem. incumbent, no Rep.

Senate Dist. 44, Rev. Stanley was not taken off ballot after dropping, & got 4 votes, 0%.

Charleston county council, H. B. Limehouse, 1335 votes, 2%, & listed as Libertarian, not Other.

Aiken county council, Chair, 1004 votes, 3%, Johnny Parker; Dist. 1, 90 votes, 3%, C. Wayne DuBose.

Still Out: not only the statewide Jon Paul / Andre Marrou votes, but John Heaton in Congress Dist. 2, and Jeb Sommer in Dist. 3, and one more state house seat in Charleston County.

It is difficult to winkle out reports of Libertarian candidates' votes.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

by Doyle Henry

Nothing can take the place of a good doctor when a real emergency arises--and the Good Doctor could not reject anyone. But...

Not all indigents turned away from hospitals because they had no insurance went away and died. Judging from decreases of death rates of up to fifty percent in large metropolitan areas when doctors have gone on strike, one may be safe in assuming that by far the majority did not. Having avoided the hospital, they avoided also the doctor who must practice a form of aggression in sheer self-defense. The lawyer he sees behind every patient is causing him to say to himself: Better I find a disease that's not there than to miss one that is there. A schedule of extraordinary treatments, surgeries, procedures, medications that from the doctor's view "failed to work" and from the patient's view "failed me", had one very significant--if unspoken--intention that *did* work: The extras brought profit and legally covered whatever harm or even death they may have caused.

With no other place to go in his hurting--and no way to remove the lawyer behind his back (if in fact he were aware)--he has had to trust his body to the licensed medical man. He doesn't even think about the fact that certain social considerations and articles of reality have made of his body a place where the treasure is buried. X marks the spot--on the buttocks, on the chest, on the back, over the pelvis or even the metatarsus--where thousands of federal dollars are buried. The treasure hunter is assisted in his search by the patient himself--and even if the hunter is reluctant to disturb the delicate ecology, he is urged to dig somewhere by an array of mappers, recorders, insurers, tax collectors, clerks and technicians who must be paid.

The news item dated Sunday June 12, 1988 reads:

"The catastrophic-care bill awaiting President Reagan's signature will mean the biggest expansion of a federal health program in a quarter century but carries a less-welcome surprise for millions of elderly Americans: a big income tax increase."

Never was so much pepper put in so many eyes by one man. By telling the victims it was sugar, they would go home forever blinded to what they have been suckered into. The bill was sponsored by the old crocodile from Florida, Rep. Claude Pepper, with a symphony of tears and abaking.

But even if no one ever had to pay a dime in taxes or premiums for this catastrophe--but somehow the doctors would still get those federal dollars by digging in my eppawhattamus--you would never see me go near a place where people in white are running up and down hallways with ether bottles and chloroform-soaked gauze waiting the chance to take my clothes off. If I were younger and better looking they might want to save me for another form of ravishment--or would be embarrassed if they didn't reclaim the topography they mined. I could take some comfort in that. But Medicare will pay for a foot I might want to keep!

Now why would a person take such a cynical view of his fellow earth-mates by believing they are almost certain to do him mischief when he hasn't done a single mischief to them? After all, isn't he a paying customer, needing a service and wanting to be treated right? Well (to answer these in order) first off, those people (each one) may have been listening to the news about there being too many people on their earth. Second, I have as Citizen done them mischief; rather my court system exists as a threat to their every misstep and my government's tax collectors will be there to collect from them after their better steps. When I present myself to them I come as the representative of "the others" they have come to mistrust. Third, I am not the paying customer. They are not required to please me in order to be paid.

"For many Medicare recipients, the increase would more than wipe out the gain won when the tax system was overhauled in 1986," the new item continued and reported that the increase could amount to 35 percent by the turn of the century. Meanwhile nothing of the above no-man's land has been changed for the ailing Pepperite. The staff of the hospitals still need only his body to collect their paychecks. Maybe this is why 350,000 people die each year from the extra services required when patients contract new diseases in their visits to the hospital. The doctors have named these "nosocomial" diseases. Presumably this is a compound of "not so comical"--named so after the medical man realized that anyone of them might get caught minus white coats and their colleagues could see all those X marks on the still-human body of the doctor. In any event, Plato noticed, a doctor must be a friend of his patient. And the present system of Federal doctor-payers and damage-collectors is doing its dead level best to see that doesn't happen.

Thomas Jefferson

By Clay Jenkinson

Clay Jenkinson's portrayal of Thomas Jefferson is unique, as Jenkinson is not an actor, but a scholar in the humanities who invites audiences to engage in a discussion with his character. Recently invited by the DC Community Humanities Council to appear in Washington, Jenkinson offered this unusual description of the third President.

Thomas Jefferson is a secular saint. He is perhaps the most often quoted figure in American history. He thought of himself as a farmer and scientist. His enemies called him a Jacobin, a political machiavel, an atheist, a "philosopher" (that is, a bubble-headed theorist). In fact, Jefferson should be remembered as the foremost exemplar of the Enlightenment in America and an enormously gifted man of letters. Like his hero Francis Bacon, Jefferson took all knowledge to be his province.

Biographer James Parton wrote that the young Jefferson "could calculate an eclipse, survey an estate, tie an artery, plan an edifice, try a cause, break a horse, dance a minuet, and play a violin." In his 83 years of indefatigable activity, Jefferson built one of the finest private homes in America, invented an award-winning plow, served as wartime governor of Virginia, first U.S. Secretary of State, minister plenipotentiary to the court of Louis XVI, Vice-President under John Adams, and two terms as President.

He wrote four essential state papers (*The Declaration of Independence*, the *Virginia Statute for Religious Liberty*, the *Inaugural Address of 1801*, and the *Plan for the Government of the Western Territories, 1784*), an enlightened book about his native Virginia, and thousands of brilliant letters. He had what he called a "canine appetite for reading."

He is considered the father of monumental architecture in the United States, the father of American paleontology and the inventor of trench archaeology. He purchased Louisiana, inspired a number of western explorations, including the Lewis and Clark Expedition (1804-06), devised the land survey grid which brought order to westward expansion, and (anticipating the Homestead Act) proposed that every adult male be given 50 acres of land in the West on which to subsist and pursue domestic happiness.

For six decades he collected the finest private library in America. In 1815 he offered it to the nation as the seed-bed of the Library of Congress. He reformed the law code of Virginia and redesigned American coinage and wrote a booklet of rules still used by the U.S. Senate. He was the most scientific farmer in America in his time. He wrote scholarly essays on the Anglo-Saxon language and the fossils of a prehistoric creature he called the Megalonyx.

He invented or perfected a copying machine for his voluminous correspondence (the polygraph), a wine dumb waiter, a four-sided music stand, a calendar clock, and a rotating chair. In his old age he founded and designed the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, helped hire its faculty, even prescribed many of the texts.

Jefferson was a humanist. He believed in the perfectibility of man. And though he believed that a benevolent God created for humanity a cosmos of Newtonian orderliness and beauty, he argued that humans must build paradise on earth and not wait for a heaven that might not exist and should not be permitted to siphon off our urgency for justice and equality and brotherhood on earth. To his nephew Peter Carr, he wrote: "Fix reason firmly in her seat, and call to her tribunal every fact, every opinion."

After visiting Monticello the French philosopher the Marquis de Castellux wrote, "Mr. Jefferson is the first American who has consulted the fine arts to know how he should shelter himself from the weather."

In political theory Jefferson was a rationalist and sometimes a radical. He defended armed protest ("I like a little rebellion now and then"), argued that every constitution should be declared null and void every 19 years, declared that national debts must be retired by the generation that undertakes them, supported the French Revolution and defended the Reign of Terror. To his friend Lafayette he wrote, "We are not to expect to be translated from despotism to liberty in a feather-bed." He advocated a "militia only till actual invasion" and a coast guard rather than an expensive and war-prone navy. He proposed universal manhood suffrage and championed the idea that the people should (at least must) be trusted with self-government. He considered the union a voluntary compact of sovereign states, the national government an institution of severely limited powers. And he defended (at the time of the Kentucky Resolutions) the right

Jefferson was an enormously energetic extremely healthy man. He claimed never to have risen after the sun through his entire adulthood. He bathed his feet in ice water to maintain his health. He preferred a diet of vegetables to meat whenever possible. He took exercise every afternoon. While he was President he personally supervised the purchase of fresh vegetables for the White House. His dress was almost always plain; his detractors called it slovenly.

Jefferson was born on 13 April 1743. He died on the 50th anniversary of the signing of the *Declaration of Independence*, 4 July 1826.

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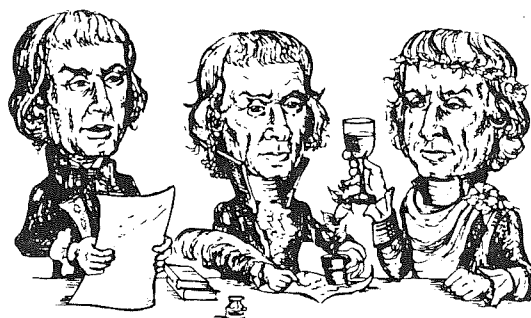
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of individual states to nullify unconstitutional acts of the national government or — in extremity — to secede. He taught that nothing is sacred but the rights of man; all else is negotiable.

He was a man of contradictions. He was an eloquent abolitionist and yet he kept more than 200 slaves — purchased slaves furtively while serving as President of the United States. He was an ardent student of American Indian culture. He believed that the rights of Native Americans must be protected.

And yet he articulated the twin pillars of an American Indian policy that led to tragedy in the late 19th century: temporary removal and eventual assimilation. He declared that if he could only go to heaven at the head of a party he would rather not go there at all, and yet he created (with his friend Madison) one of the most effective political parties in American history.

He was a strict constructionist and yet he purchased Louisiana and imposed on his countrymen an economic embargo whose enforcement required the greatest concentration of executive authority prior to the Civil War. He was a passionate champion of the rights of man and yet he unblushingly asserted that women's happiness, if they only knew it, resides in the nursery. "The tender breasts of ladies were not formed for political convulsion," he informed Anne Willing Bingham. "The French Ladies miscalculate much their own happiness when they wander from the true field of their influence into that of politics." He swore upon the altar of God eternal hostility to every form of tyranny over the mind of man and yet in the course of five decades of political turbulence he drafted a bill of attainder, used the army to enforce laws in time of peace, urged a few wholesome prosecutions of opposition journalists, violated the Fourth Amendment's protection against unreasonable searches and seizures, declared Aaron Burr guilty "beyond question" before he was tried for treason, and selected University of Virginia professors on the basis of their political opinions. He had, as Leonard Levy has demonstrated, a dark side.

He was an intensely private man. He burned all the letters he exchanged with his wife Martha, who died in 1782. He never kept a diary. His autobiography was abortive. He said he felt an "invincible repugnance" in talking about himself. This shroud of privacy makes it impossible to understand Jefferson's innermost feelings. Nor are we likely to find satisfactory answers to our crude and distracting obsession with Sally Hemings, the slave woman whom some suppose to have been his mistress.

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REFUSES URINE TEST, SOLDIER FACES JAIL SENTENCE

Fort Eustis, Va. (AP) - An Army private sentenced to 15 days in jail for refusing to give a urine sample says his company commander threatened to have him involuntarily catheterized.

"I'm not fighting the mandatory urinalysis as much as I'm fighting the threat of physical torture...the catheterization. The whole situation was like a little Spanish Inquisition," said Pvt. Kevin Franzen, 18.

An Army hearing board denied Franzen's appeal of the penalty for refusing to obey an order, but suspended a \$658 fine.

Franzen, who was to begin serving his sentence today, said he would appeal the board's decision to the Military Court of Appeals.

Franzen said his 400-man company was awakened at 4:30 a.m. on Jan. 31 and told to prepare for a urinalysis sweep.

"I had a lot of thoughts while waiting and felt there was something wrong with this happening in the U.S.," he said. "It was like Big Brotherism and I thought it was unconstitutional."

When he refused to take the test to detect drug use, he said he was ordered to report to his company commander, Capt. Richard A. Enderle. Enderle gave him several chances to change his mind, then took Franzen to the base hospital, where he told the soldier he would be involuntarily catheterized for a urine specimen, Franzen said.

Carolina fraternity

CHARLOTTE, NC — The front of a shirt sold by a Univ. of North Carolina-Charlotte fraternity proclaims "BACK OFF." The back shows two stick figures preparing to engage in anal sex, surrounded by a circle and a slash. "Stop AIDS," it says, "None for me, thanks."

According to the Charlotte *Observer*, UNCC's student newspaper refused to print an advertisement for the shirts. "I think it's very discriminatory and shows an obvious bias against a group of people," said Matt Brunson, the paper's entertainment editor.

Kappa Sigma member Chris Murray, originator of the shirt, published a column accusing the newspaper of censorship. "I do believe these people are causing a serious problem for the rest of society," Murray wrote. "Homosexuals have caused the AIDS epidemic, there's no argument about it." He explained that the shirt is intended to be humorous: "I think people like to laugh at groups causing problems."

Kappa Sigma President, Matthew Liska, says the shirt, in addition to being funny, "brings awareness of how the disease can be contracted."

The Freedom and Peace Movement (RWP) was formed in Poland in April 1985 following a series of protests over the imprisonment of Marek Adamkiewicz, a conscientious objector.

Marek Adamkiewicz was sentenced to two and a half years' imprisonment in December 1984 for refusing to swear an oath pledging allegiance to Poland's "fraternal alliance with the Soviet army".

The RWP campaigned for the release of Marek Adamkiewicz, for recruits to be allowed to swear a more limited oath and for an alternative service for conscientious objectors to be established. As part of this campaign, 28 young men returned their military papers to the authorities, for which most of them were subsequently fined or imprisoned for short periods. Petitions supporting the RWP's demands were signed by thousands of people.

One member of the RWP, Wojciech Jankowski, a 21-year-old teacher, was sentenced in December 1985 to three and a half years' imprisonment for conscientious objection. He had expressed a desire to perform alternative service. Another RWP member, Tomasz Wacko, was sentenced in March 1986 to one and a half years' imprisonment for refusing to take the military oath.

Two other prominent members of the movement, Piotr Niemczyk and Jacek Czaputowicz, were arrested on 19 February 1986. They have been charged with participating in illegal activities in connection with the RWP and face a maximum sentence of three years' imprisonment.

These men have all been adopted by AI as prisoners of conscience, imprisoned for exercising their right to freedom of expression and association. □

THE CAUSE OF THE CRASH

For many years Libertarian Presidential Candidate Ron Paul has been predicting that the Washington "House of Cards" economic system would come crashing down. He says it is tragic that many people's wealth has been seriously depleted by the market tumble, but his main concern is that the major response to the crash will be more government controls.

"I'm afraid our leaders will not realize that it is big government and centralized banking that have caused the problem," Paul says. "The crash is the result of a monetary expansion caused by the Federal Reserve, which pumped money into the economy, creating an illusion of prosperity. The problem is that the money created by the FED went into speculation in the stock market, not into productive investments."

In many previous news releases and statements issued to his subscribers, Paul predicted today's crises. "A worldwide financial system built on 'funny money' plagued with an unbelievable amount of debt and special-interest politics in control is soon to come apart at the seams," Paul wrote in May, 1987. On September 21, 1987, in his *Weekly Financial Hotline* he wrote his subscribers. "The Dow was down 84 points for the week, the sharpest one-week drop in a year, with 28 of the 30 industrial stocks down. However, it remains to be seen whether or not this is a correction in a bull market or the beginning of a long-term bear market in stocks."

On March 20, 1987, in his *Weekly Hotline* he wrote: "A wave of common sense hit the market on Friday, prompting a 37-point drop in the Dow Jones Average and \$11 jump in the gold prices...the Friday excitement will seem like a Sunday-School picnic once the crash comes. When the big panic hits, the movement of hundreds of billions of dollars in short periods of time will play havoc with the world's entire political and economic system."

"I couldn't have told you precisely when this would happen but it was inevitable," says Paul, a former four term Congressman from Texas who served on the House Banking Committee and Gold Commission while in the House of Representatives. And he was a major influence in the reissuing of the American Gold Eagle coin. He currently publishes a financial newsletter, *The Ron Paul Investment Letter*. He resigned from the Republican Party and accepted the nomination for President of the United States on the Libertarian Party ticket. ▀



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And Bush and Dukakis plan to do something about it. Both of them want to increase the IRS's budget, employees, and power! Both want to spend more of your money, and they intend to extract it with horror tactics.

But the American people don't have to vote for a bigger IRS--an agency that already has 113,000 bureaucrats. They can vote for the only anti-IRS candidate running this year, if you help me get the message out.

I want to put the first anti-IRS advertising campaign on national television. And even the networks can't censor a presidential campaign.

A mole of mine inside one of the major parties tells me the politicians are worried sick. The voters aren't buying the same old guff. They're restive. They're anxious. They're unhappy. And so are their political masters.

For they know, even better than we, that the situation is very unstable for them. Despite the leviathan government in Washington and its Gestapo IRS, the whole thing will tumble like a house of cards if even a small proportion of the people cry Enough!

And I believe it's beginning to happen.

Innocent Americans have been terrorized by the IRS-KGB for long enough. I'm burning mad, and I'm not going to take it any more. And I know you feel the same way. So do millions of our fellow citizens. But they don't know what to do about it.

Without action, their anger will turn into frustration, and then into bitter resignation. And that's exactly what the politicians want.

But you and I can take the bellows of liberty, and fan these embers into a white-hot fury that will consume the tyrants, and restore Jeffersonian government.

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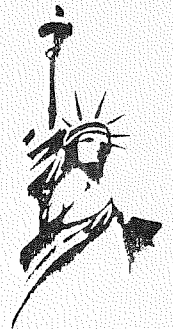
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"Mathematics."

The word sends chills down most of our spines.

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It conjures up thoughts of failure, confusion and ineptitude.

"I am lousy at math" is an all too familiar lament, freely uttered by a few hundred million Americans. We seem to be proud of this disability; it's like a badge of honor. There is almost a sense of comradeship among the vast multitude of math wimps and wimpets.

So what is the problem?

We could use the well worn excuse and blame our inferior math genetics. In other words, it's our parents' fault. They couldn't distinguish an obtuse triangle from a tarantula.

Or, we might look at the methods of math instruction in our schools.

Dear readers, I can read your minds. You are thinking: "Oh no, not again. We RRF members have spent 26 years screaming about inferior reading instruction methods. We just can't bear to hear that math suffers from the same problem. But is it true?"

Math is a learned skill. Could it be any different from learning to read or riding a bicycle? Just teach the basics and let the kids practice.

Math instruction, however, is different. To really grow a nation of math enthusiasts, it takes ingenuity and a little show business with the instruction.

Let me explain. A child who learns to read can enjoy books. A child who learns how to ride a bike can then enjoy bike riding. A reward is built in, success brings fun and pleasure.

What does a child get when he learns how to compute? Answer: absolutely nothing. Therein lies the problem. A child learns his math so that he can pass a test. Four seconds after the test, the brain discards most of the knowledge because it is perceived as useless.

See also the article by Stan Hartzler elsewhere in this issue.

Let's zoom over to a craps table in Las Vegas. Try and convince a serious gambler that percentages, odds, and math in general are useless skills. His income depends on these skills. If advanced integral calculus could help a craps gambler, watch how fast he'd enroll in college and learn calculus at top speed.

Somehow we must present math to children in a way that makes them want to learn and use mathematics. Children must learn to think mathematically... just like our gambler.

Motivation is the name of the game.

Lets take a cue from John Locke, the English philosopher who said: "I have always had a fancy that learning might be made a play and recreation to children; and that they might be brought to the desire to be taught if it were proposed to them as a thing of honour, credit, delight, and recreation, or as a reward for doing something else..." He said this almost 300 years ago.

Five years ago I introduced my son, Daniel to the world of card games. He spent hours playing poker, rummy, war, blackjack, and casino. I modified the games somewhat in order to teach subtraction, division, square root, and multiplication. He learned his math concepts at light speed for two very good reasons:

1. Cards are games and thus lots of fun.

2. Kids will learn anything in order to beat an adult at a game.

Kids like to play and win. I just took advantage of this fact.

So my RX for math instruction is quite simple. Throw out all those terminally boring texts and start presenting math as it really is— a very interesting and stimulating subject. Listen to the words of John Locke, as well.

I rest my case.

Assuming that the IRS gestapo does not exterminate the profession, as it is trying to, there are plans from the Amerikanist Institutionable group of over-age yuppies to do some things to the entry initiation.

It used to be that to become a CPA one had to take & pass an exam, and have 2 years experience working for a private practice. The result, as became obvious in the '60s when I took the exam, was that 98% who took it were white, male, & literate. This upset socialistic groups. There were few females in the CPA profession, let alone those who were non-white or non-literate, groups that they wanted to give Equalist righteousness to.

Now the first thing that made it easier and admitted a whole host of those to the CPA a few years after I took it was to allow bringing an adder in to take the test. Not the snake of that name, but the hand-calculator. Many who worked in the public acctg. could not add & subtract in their heads; they had to have a machine to do the arithmetic for them. This, however, only cut down the standards to white males, by admitting those poor at grade school task of arithmetic. This did not make the discontented happier.

So they found out that the reason was that something had to be done to get more non-whites, more non-males, etc. was to encourage those to try to take the exam. But that meant that they had to sit through classes that required a lot of homework! Now especially in the late 60s, the one thing that the extremist pro-communists hated to do was homework, and they stayed away as a drove, & they were a drove. But others who were non-male or non-white came into this as rumors were spread that there were more chances for them. And rumors spread that the CPA exam was a lot easier than it used to be, and that a lot more were taking it with about the same fraction passing, so that the more who took it, the more passed.

I won't go back through the olden history when double entry bookkeeping was brought in before the adding machine; girls who were good at math became the bookkeepers and boys became the accountants since the latter involved often a lot of travel or working in warehouses instead of comfortable offices. Travel by train was not fun, nor were the olden hotels, where the bathroom was at the end of the hall. Then the fascist IRS brought in the income tax in a way that not just the rich and intelligent but everyone had to file a return, and swamp the accounting business or the so-called tax preparers with the paperwork.

Anyhow, the result of a feeling that the profession was being filled up by those who could make it now with college courses made easier to take an easier exam, a new plan from the older-yuppies came out to make it harder to be given a certificate. After all, a lot more folks are getting a certificate of insanity, and there's a certificate for welders to try to keep Rosie the Riveter out of the antique defense industry. And they are now allowing govt. auditors (not with the IRS) who audit govt. offices (& find lots of crime) to be admitted for experiences in the non-private sector.

So they want to make it harder now. They want to require a 5 year college course, not the usual 4, and 3 years (not 2) of experience to be certified. Sometimes it reminds you of an effort by veterinarians to spread rabies by not allowing anyone else to give a rabies shot cheaper. Next if you are bit by a rabid fox, they'll want you to go to the vet's instead on the MD.

Anyhow, less than 5% of the CPAs have an advanced degree. (A few took 5 years of college to pass 4 years work.) Some of the older ones went to no college at all but to a business school or a correspondence course. Those who have a masters have usually an MBA, which is in general business administration with a minor in accounting, designed for the yuppies who can afford an extra year of college to start higher in business. The tax lawyers have a J.D. from law school because they wanted both professions to specialize in tax law. There is a M. Acctg. offered by only 1 university in SC, mostly for those who want to specialize. A few universities offer a Ph. D. in accounting; it is the 2nd most rare doctorate (to Nursing) for those who want to go into college teaching.

So I did a survey of the colleges in SC & NC, and got one interesting piece of information: the colleges don't understand the accounting profession when they hire profs to teach accounting. They'll hire anyone who has a Ph. D. who says it's in Accounting, even if - as one of the 2 I had as USC - it is one with no experience in public accounting, who has never tried or passed the exam.

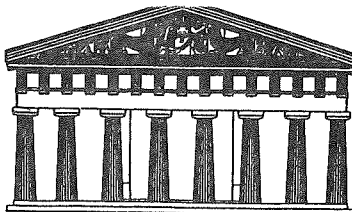
So this is what they want, & this is what they get. But there are not enough of them to fill all the jobs. So, to teach the beginning courses, they have 2 choices. They look for those with a Masters degree. Mind you, they'd much rather have one whose doctorate is a DBA, with a minor in Accounting. So they hit mostly the MBAs with a minor in accounting, many of whom have less of the accounting courses from a BBA before than those who take a college bach. in accounting. Of course, the M. Acctg. get jobs, but they still haven't filled half of the jobs. So the next group is CPA with an MBA. But they want rich jobs in business & industry, so few of them want to go into college teaching except as a 2nd part-time job. And like almost all college profs, they know nothing about teaching. (But, so what?) So the basic accounting courses get taught by many who have an MBA, and can't pass the CPA exam, or at least haven't. And it is said that many colleges here try to hire black females to get some govt. agency off their backs.

Where Will All the Flowers Go, Long Time Passing?

GUEST COLUMN

Reading Informer

by Dr. Stanley Hartzler
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Amy Olive Chateaufort was probably the first to observe the dumbing down of mathematics textbooks (algebra specifically) in 1929. Since then, Kahn (1974) and I (1982) have observed the same thing.

Shortly after completing my own investigation, I became mathematics and science coordinator for the K-12 teachers and the 40,000 pupils in the Oklahoma City Public Schools. My almost complete lack of feeling for elementary mathematics issues was replaced by a consistent and familiar complaint from the primary-grade teachers:

"There is less and less material on the important things like arithmetic facts and computation as the years go by. What is there is in the back of the books? We have to skip over some topics to get to arithmetic and computation by the end of the year."

No empirical investigation is needed to establish the truth of these teachers' claims. The amount of space devoted to attractive pictures and open space in elementary mathematics books has been widely reported. The amount of time that a second grade pupil will spend to do a day's arithmetic assignment with a pencil may take some investigating, but my guess is that a child may spend at most 30 seconds completing "today's two pages" of an arithmetic workbook. (Readers of this publication need not be reminded of the importance of writing skills in learning anything, but let me add this comment: my best high school students in suburban Chicago could write their mathematics thoughts with utmost clarity and speed. Small wonder that they were good; their writing never got in the way of their hearing nor of their thought processes.) The mere *half-minute* requirement of pencil work in the early stages of math development is outrageously inadequate in my opinion and is perhaps the most critical example of the delegation of content which has occurred recently in curricula.

The Oklahoma City teachers asked what topics could be omitted from the early portions of the elementary courses, so as to improve the chances of getting to the essentials at the back of the book. My list of omissible topics was long and included such topics as union and intersection of sets, open-closed simple curves, and much more. numbers, graphing on the Cartesian plane, and much more.

There were protests: "But those are the things that the kids can *DO*! The kids *LIKE* those topics." I agreed that such might be the case, but that all of my objectionable topics could wait until later years, even until graduate-level courses in mathematics. Meanwhile, many years are needed to bring mental agility with number concepts, basic facts, and algorithms to the point of foundation for sophisticated application and for algebra and geometry. My conclusion was accepted, or at least was not protested.

As it turns out, the big and good news from Oklahoma City had little to do with reversing the harmful trends of changing and rearranging content. The Oklahoma City Public Schools had just completed the first and (thus far) the finest study (McBee, 1982) of the Saxon first-year algebra textbook (1982).

Saxon's biggest innovation was to force the daily integration of a wide variety of review exercises with the brief study of new material and chapters were integrated. Teachers using the system praised the fact that Saxon students were learning to shift between topics that appeared to be similar but which were significantly different in reality and which were separated by traditional chapter boundaries in the other textbooks.

It seems to me that pupils working from typical arithmetic textbooks were suffering the same fate as their traditional algebra counterparts. Here was a chapter on adding, followed by a chapter on money, followed by a chapter on subtraction. At the end of the year the pupils had good grades based on piecemeal performances on one-topic assignments and quizzes and one-chapter exams, but achievement test scores were still poor. District administrators and school board members rushed to blame this failure on the nasty old achievement tests and to call for such actions as providing a drink of orange juice to each child prior to testing. In truth, the achievement tests were the only thing right about the system. Like life itself, and like



next year's math teacher, the achievement tests were requiring the students to be able to shift between the different chapter topics within a few minutes' time. Practice in that kind of shifting was not being provided in the chapter-by-chapter textbook and classroom.

So, with the inspiration of Richard Rhoad, we created the DARES program (Daily Assorted Review Exercise Set) whereby every teacher in K-8 was given a year's worth of assorted practice to give pupils daily sets of five or more exercises at the beginning of the day or period (a time when students need something to do while the teacher takes care of housekeeping business). Each day the children were practicing addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and at least one problem where computation was not the main goal.

The program cost nothing except my time; teachers worked voluntarily because the idea seemed good. The results showed that the urban kids *could* successfully take those bad old achievement tests (see Figure 1), without benefit of citrus pick-me-up.

I am reminded of the phrase "cold cranking power" from car battery advertisements when I recall that with a DARES session at the start of the day, the pupils were expected to do their math without a preliminary warming session of examples. Under the old system kids could not subtract until the teacher had provided reminders; while they promptly forgot how to subtract soon after class. However, pupils trained with DARES became capable of subtracting anywhere, anytime (No empirical investigation to date.)

To a class of graduate students I later deplored the fragmentation of arithmetic/mathematics courses and topics. Back came "you-don't-know-the-half-of-it" comments. One student told how one textbook series now includes a page of subtraction with the borrowing partially completed for the children, while a lesson expecting them to do all of the borrowing came one or more days later (Moses, 1987). The grad student (a teacher) reported that the lesson on finishing the borrowing confused pupils, as such fragmentation of content usually does. The pupils would have been

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capable of finishing the borrowing material immediately, but not of deciding *when* and *where* to borrow.

Another graduate student reported the same confusion for pupils when *carrying* was partially covered in one lesson, thus giving a similar "readiness experience" for the following day's addition assignment (Allen, 1987).

I was reminded of the abysmal fragmenting of first-year algebra into a two-year sequence of Pre-Algebra I and II and Introductory Algebra I and II, to compensate for students whose basic arithmetic backgrounds (thanks to New Math) were inadequate for a regular course in algebra. Fragmenting is still popular, and one may easily surmise that future students who cannot pass Introductory Algebra I or Pre-Algebra I will take an as-yet-nonexistent course called Pre-Introductory Algebra I.

How has content changed over the years?

1) Essential topics have been watered down and omitted.

2) Topics of little actual value are substituted under the pretext that they will provide underlying conceptual foundations for facts and algorithms, a cart-before-the-horse situation.

3) Topics have been resequenced so that essential facts and algorithms are delayed until the end of the year.

4) Problems requiring that the students *really* decide whether to add or subtract (or use whatever procedure) have vanished.

5) Topics have been introduced which appear to break a difficult task down into simpler component parts, but which really hide issues that must be confronted directly and repeatedly.

6) Curriculum remains fragmented by chapters and by topics in the daily classwork experience of students.

7) The very basic topics such as counting and writing numbers are delayed. The kids have *trouble*, after all, they've just started school!

How did we get here, anyway? A reflective teacher will tell you that the achievement and final exam scores are almost always bitter disappointment for teacher and pupil alike. Over the summer the teacher hankers for something that the children will understand and remember well. When the next textbook adoption time rolls around, teachers look for what appears to be easier—more fragmentation, more attractive topics that don't look like drudgery, the hard stuff pushed to the back where maybe the pupils will be ready when they get to it, more color and pictures to spark pupil interest and motivation. (Never mind the distraction from arithmetic and mathematical thought, or the demoralizing final outcome).

Thus the dumbing down of content, in my view, is a publisher's response to the market demand by teachers who know of no genuine solution to the problems of forgetting and confusion—a product of poor training. My own observation of the dumbing down of algebra textbooks (which, I found, *began in 1814*) was so intense that I would pause, often in fury in data-gathering; at each such pause I would exclaim, "If someone wanted to subvert the United States by weakening the education of its students, they couldn't have done a better or more subtle job than what I see here." When A Nation at Risk came out a year later with a similar statement, I asked my wife if she remembered my exclamations. She remembered.

My best guess, however, is that we have more or less buried ourselves. We've had some help; we've had what I would call negative leadership from within our own ranks. Some of us flunked out of teaching and went back to graduate school to become administrators, professors who train poorly, or curriculum supervisors with nothing effective to recommend. Such individuals tend to form committees. These committees will be the subject of my next article.