

TAX FREEDOM DAY

According to figures released by the Tax Foundation, "Tax Freedom Day", the theoretical date on which the tax-paying citizen begins working in her or his own interest after paying off all assessments of the state and federal government, in 1987 was May 4. For 1988 it is expected to be some 19 days later!

To indicate the increases in recent years, here's a look at the dates of past "Tax Freedom Days": 1930 — Feb. 13, 1940 — March 8, 1950 — April 3, 1960 — April 17, 1980

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As we head towards the National Conventions, the field appears to have been reduced to three leading candidates seeking the presidency: (1) George Bush, (2) Michael Dukakis, and (3) Jesse Jackson. All three are dedicated socialists. Being statist, they, in reality, repudiate the time-honored American traditions of individual freedom and national sovereignty. All they have to offer the American people is more Big Government and more bureaucracy. Not exactly a rosy forecast for America's future!

On the democratic side, neither Dukakis or Jackson have displayed any promise of providing leadership, except perhaps in the wrong direction! They avoid the true issues like a plague, and spout mindless gibberish and empty platitudes. Truth and reality have long since been buried in an avalanche of rhetoric.

Politics as usual!

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Letters to the editor

Governor's drug policy merely a political move

Governor Campbell must have read "Getting tough on drugs is good politics, (but) bad policy" in The State (Insight, May 1), judging by his creation of the RAID team — Retaliation Against Illegal Drugs.

Unfortunately, he doesn't care that it is bad policy, with all its consequences, as long as it is good

politics. Joanne Jacobs, writing for Knight-Ridder Newspapers, makes the logical case for legalizing drugs. But our good Governor doesn't want to listen. He would rather be Vice-President.

Prohibition failed to stop Americans from drinking alcohol. In fact it had the opposite effect; as a "forbidden fruit," alcohol became even more attractive. During Prohibition, crime vastly increased and so did government corruption,

REPORT: The 1987 & 1988 cataract operations were apparently successful, and eye glasses have been refitted to restore ability to see.

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'Geb' Sommer offers alternative

By CLARK SURREATT
State Senior Writer

Gebhardt "Geb" Sommer says his political uneasiness began when he had to sell his sailboat and New Jersey vacation home because of high taxes and excessive government regulations.

The German-born engineer said he didn't know where to turn until his wife brought home a Libertarian Party brochure from the South Carolina State Fair.

"I'd been wondering about a way to express my thinking, and the Libertarian Party fit perfectly," said Sommer, the Libertarian candidate in the 2nd Congressional District.

Sommer will run a low-budget, low-key, after-work campaign, but said he offers a true alternative to Rep. Floyd Spence, the Republican, and Jim Leventis, the Democrat. He said he knew that after reading in the newspaper that Leventis wouldn't say much about his differences with Spence.

"I like Spence's conservative ideas, and he's obviously conscientious, but he's ineffective," Sommer said.

"He should be more active pushing for legislation."

He said he didn't know anything

about Leventis, but that it was probably good politics to sound as much like Spence as he can.

"He doesn't want to antagonize the Spence people who he is trying to get to vote for him," Sommer said.

He said if elected, he'd work for the Libertarian views of individual and economic freedoms with a minimum of taxes and government regulation.

"All we need to do is go back to the ideas of the founders of the nation," Sommer said. "The main thing is that taxes and regulation are reducing our standard of living."

Sommer lives in Lexington County, where he is senior engineer in the melt house of AT&T Nassau Metals at Gaston.

He was born in Berlin, and his family fled East Germany after the war when he was 12. Sommer was trained as an engineer in West Germany, which he left in 1960. By way of Australia and Japan, he ended up in the United States in 1963. Sommer noted that he's celebrating his 25th year as an American.

His first job was in New York City as a draftsman, but he signed on with Nassau Smelting and Refining — an AT&T company — in 1964. Sommer was transferred to South Carolina in



Gebhardt Sommer

Libertarian candidate

1976 to help build the Nassau plant at Gaston, and he's worked there since.

Sommer has two teenage sons, and they are part of the reason he is running for Congress.

"When my kids ask me 10 years from now what I did about the declining standard of living in America, I can say I tried," he said.

Using army to fight drugs wrong

We hold these truths to be sacred and undeniable; that all men are created equal and independent, that from that equal creation they derive rights inherent and inalienable, among which are the preservation of life, and liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

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while respect for legitimate law was undermined by politicians and policemen telling American adults what they could drink.

Alcohol was then, and remains today, a dangerous drug. It kills 100,000 Americans every year. But it is not the business of government to outlaw booze.

In a free society adults have the right to do whatever they wish, so long as they do not aggress against others.

Tobacco kills 350,000 Americans a year. People also have the right to smoke, even though it harms them.

GEB SOMMER

I agree with your position on the use of the military in the "war on drugs" (The State, May 20).

The desire of the American public for the military's help is not justification for violating the Constitution. Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution authorizes Congress to "raise and support Armies," and to "provide and maintain a Navy" for the purpose of providing "for the common Defence." To the Founding Fathers, "common Defence" was protecting the nation from attack by the military of a foreign nation. Any other use of the military is a violation of the Constitution.

Congress' idea is a bad one, because each usurpation of power makes it that much easier for Congress (and other branches of government) to further usurp its power.

A stepped-up "war on drugs" will lead to additional crimes against innocent victims and an increase in impure drugs.

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WHAT IS FEDERAL JURISDICTION IN CRIMINAL CASES?

Why lawyers don't know enough to bring such up in court is no surprise, from their ignorance of the Constitution.

From Art. I, Sec. 8, clause 17: Congress has "exclusive Legislation" for the Seat of Government (D.C.) and "all Places Purchased by the Consent of the Legislature of the State for the Erection of Forts, Magazines, Arsenals, dock-Yards, and other needed Buildings."

From Art. III, Sec. 2, clause 3: "The Trial of all Crimes, except in Cases of Impeachment, shall be by Jury; and such Trial shall be held in the State where the said Crimes shall have been committed; but when not committed within any State, the Trial shall be at such Place or Places as the Congress may be law have directed."

Now what this says essentially is that a crime trial comes into a state court, unless it is not in the jurisdiction of any state. In that case it has to go into a federal court, with two rare exceptions: an impeachment case (which goes into the state or federal legislature for a trial) or a piracy-on-the-high-seas case, which goes into the court of the port into which the seized pirate is first taken.

There is a famous case of the latter; about 150 years ago a slave group seized a Spanish ship at sea, killing most of the crew, and sailed into the U. S. to claim sanctuary as refugees, instead of being sold into slavery in Cuba. In a federal court, with distinguished lawyers representing them free, they claimed that they had the right to kill in self-defense of those who were the result of their kidnapping in Africa. The jury agreed, and the Spanish boat owner got the boat back, but not the slaves.

So, under the Constitution, the only crime case to go to a federal court is one committed where the State court has no jurisdiction. The federal courts have a much broader range in equity cases; that is, in lawsuits, which I will not go into.

So, based on the Constitution, if the crime were committed outside of any state - in District of Columbia, at sea, or an embassy in a foreign nation, or in a non-state territory, et cetera - or if it were committed in certain federal places in a State and not in its jurisdiction, like a military base or even a Post Office, then the case must go into federal court for the crime to be tried.

Let me give you a few cases. A man in N. C. shot (and killed!) a man in Tennessee. The N. C. court would not try him, and would not extradite him to TN., a state he had never been in. This went into federal court with the 2 states arguing, and was not settled before he died of old age.

The disappearance of a whole crew at sea, the famous sailing ship, Celeste, correctly ended up in coroner's court in Gibraltar, where the ship was first towed, as it had access to the scene of the loss of the whole crew and the witnesses who found the abandoned ship. (It reached an "unknown" verdict.) This is one of the rare cases that would go thus.

Similarly, there have been cases of crimes in foreign embassies in this country that the federal courts have no jurisdiction in.

But, let's get back to the State Courts. Has the Congress passed laws for federal crime trials in matters to which it has no Constitutional right. Yes, it has. The most common one is considering a commercial bank robbery. This comes from considering a bank with a federal charter to be one that was Purchased by the Federal Government. It is privately owned land and bank. It belongs in the State Court, just as a case of a robbery of a State Bank, or a business store or whatever. It is not the same thing as robbing a federal mint.

Similarly, the XVI amendment does not convey to Congress the right to impose criminal trials in

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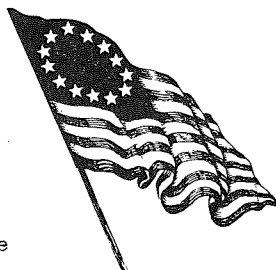
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YOU CAN'T EAT PEANUTS IN CHURCH AND OTHER LITTLE-KNOWN LAWS, by Barbara Seuling (Doubleday). A few samples:
Singing out of tune is illegal in North Carolina.

A hunting license is required to trap mice in California.

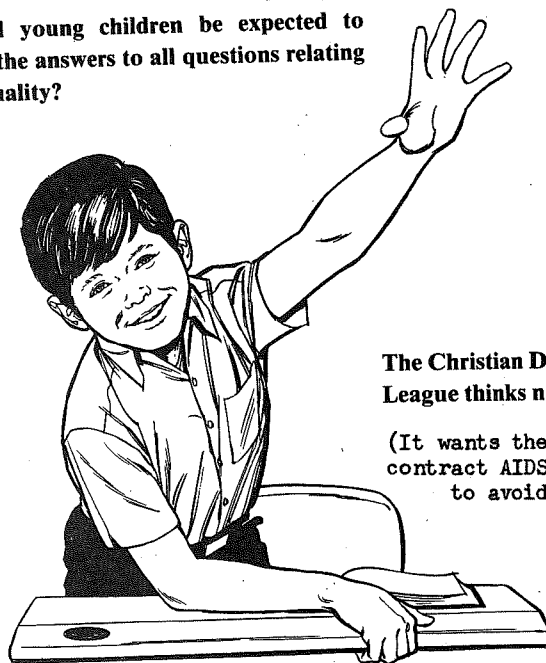
In Belvedere, CA, "No dog shall be in public without its owner on a leash."

In Dyersburg, TN, a girl cannot phone a man for a date.

In Florida it is unlawful to use a bathtub unless clothed.

In Cold Spring, PA, a married man must have his wife's written permission to buy liquor.

Should young children be expected to know the answers to all questions relating to sexuality?

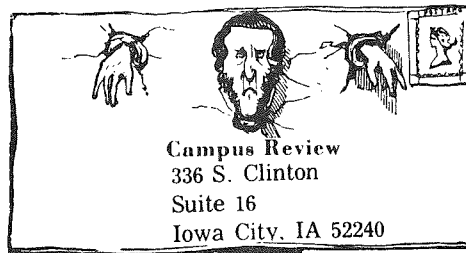


The Christian Defense League thinks not.

(It wants them to contract AIDS, not to avoid AIDS.)

federal courts, except for those committed in a territory, D. C., federal buildings or military camps, or on the high sea. (The question of whether the XVI was legally passed is another matter.)

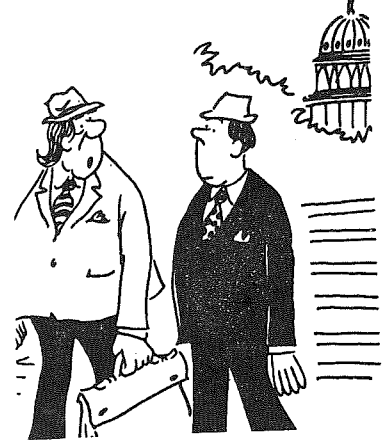
Now, if you are interested in how the Congress and Courts have embarked on a series of unconstitutional crimes themselves, it is too long a story for an encyclopedia.



RAPE REMAND

A man charged with raping a woman at Weston-super-Mare, Avon, and attempting to rape a housewife in Taunton, Somerset, was yesterday remanded in custody for two days.

"The first thing to learn as a new Congressman is that a billion is just a figure of speech."



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RIDDLE OF 'FOOTPRINT SCAR'

A MAN alleged to have been beaten up by police had a footprint on his body for 17 months before he died, a court heard yesterday.

Labourer John Lannon carried the imprint of a shoe sole on his buttocks, Liverpool County Court was told.

Lannon, 36, of Changford Road, Kirby, Liverpool, died from natural causes nearly four years ago.

But his wife Valerie claims he was injured by police and is suing Merseyside Chief Constable Mr Ken Oxford for damages.

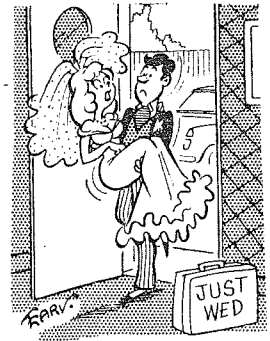
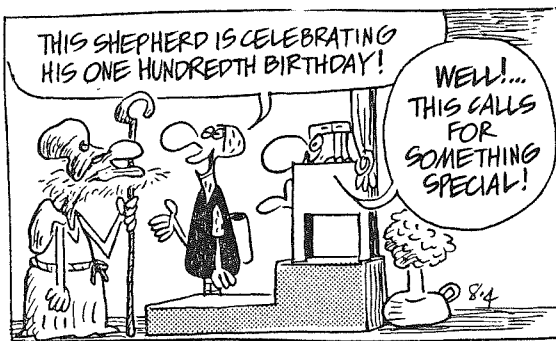
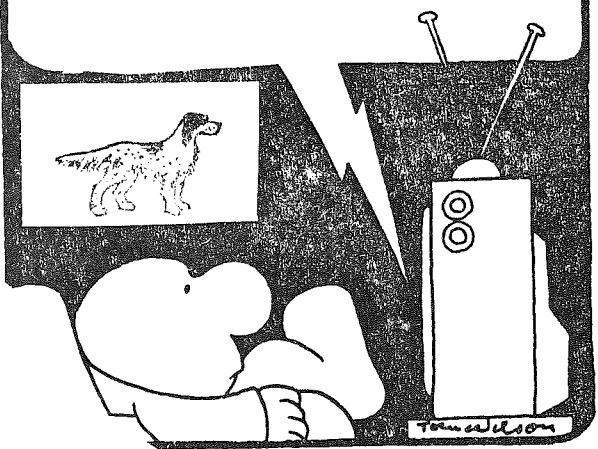
Her barrister, Mr Simon Newton, said Lannon had an emergency operation for a punctured lung after being arrested for breaking into a pub in August, 1975.

On the night of his arrest, he had drunk a

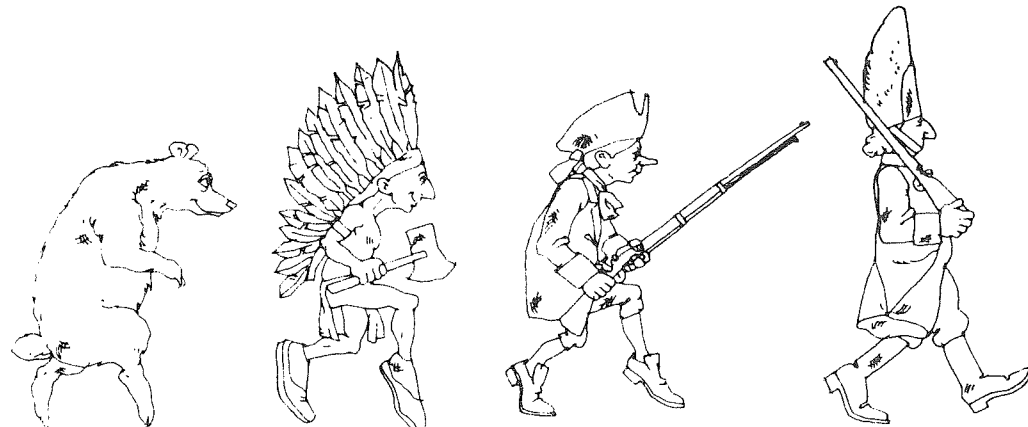
bottle of whisky and half-a-bottle of rum at his daughter's 13th birthday party.

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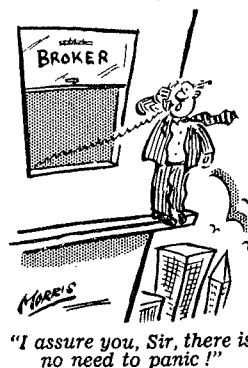
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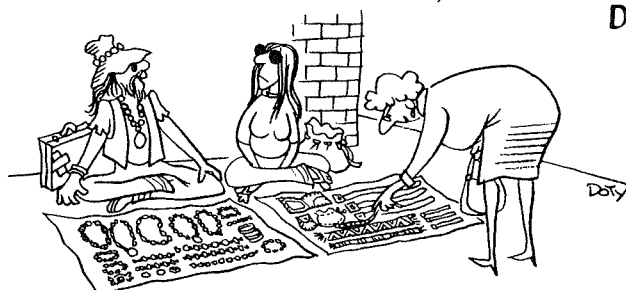
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Competition would improve postal service

Recently, a letter to Congressman Floyd Spence, bearing his Columbia address from a recent phone book, came back with a sticker saying "Return to sender. Moved, left no address."

A few months ago, a legal notice to a man in Cayce, bearing his name, his company's name and address came back. When I protested, I got a letter telling me the address needed his post office box number or his suite.

When I was a boy, postage was 2 cents, we got two deliveries a day, "neither rain, nor snow, nor gloom of night" kept the carriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds, and we needed only a general idea of the address (often, the person's name with just city and state would suffice). Postage now is 25 cents; we get one delivery a day; there is talk of cutting out Saturday and Monday deliveries (Postmaster General Al-

bert Carey, 1988); when the weather is bad, forget deliveries; and you had better use nine-digit zip codes, suite numbers, post office box numbers and whatever else the U.S. Postal Service dictates, for it is not going to accommodate you.

The problem is that the USPS is a monopoly and is behaving like one. Not only does it disdain its customers, but it has effectively nationalized our mailboxes and the area within a three-foot radius of it. For your church to put its flier in your mailbox is a federal crime.

Competition would improve service and prices by all deliverers.

RICHARD WINCHELL

Thomas Paine, an Englishman who never saw America until 1774, wrote the Revolution's most effective pamphlets urging American independence. His scorn for "summer soldiers and sunshine patriots," heartening the Continental troops before the stunning battle of Trenton, helped to win the day.

Legal Defense Fund Proposed. Veteran activist Bruce Driggers is forming a libertarian legal aid society to fight for freedom through the courts, ACLU style.

Driggers, who calls the group Eternal Vigilance, hopes to form regional and local chapters to keep tabs on government. Projected activities include: a Libertarian Defense Fund, "to maintain an aggressive program of litigation" relying on the Constitution and jury nullification; a Direct Action Coalition that will promote letter-writing campaigns to legislators and judges "on behalf of victims of governmental and bureaucratic abuse;" and a newsletter reporting on cases and providing legal information.

The project, which is in the formative stage, sounds like the kind of thing that could help Free Forum Books were it already in place (see story below). If the concept sounds interesting to you, send a legal--what else?--sized SASE for a prospectus to Bruce Driggers, 5805 Houma Boulevard, Metairie LA 70006; or call (504) 887-9141.



Those who can, flee Vietnam. Recently a group of 24 teenagers left on a small boat, having agreed that if some were to die en route, the others would not throw the corpses into the sea, but feed on them until they attained their freedom.

Fifteen arrived. The dead had been their food on a voyage that lasted five weeks.

What is Communism worth if its citizens prefer being eaten by friends to living under the Red flag?

Seize? Desist!

Seizure Fever — Catch It." So reads a sign pasted to the door of a supervisor of the Internal Revenue Service's office in Los Angeles. That's how the federal government looks on your property and earnings: something to seize on any pretext.

Such is the distance we've traveled in the 200 years since the US Constitution was ratified. That document was created for one purpose: to protect the liberties and property of the people. Any taxes — and they amounted to only about 1 percent of the national economy in those happy days — went to implement constitutional protections, not to assault them.

Today government devours up to 50 percent of your income. In this space we have listed some of the thousands of programs on which the government wastes tax money.

Government today is little more than a huge collection racket, with the IRS acting as enforcer — invading privacy, seizing property, and if necessary, jailing those who don't pay up.

The *Washington Post* last week provided a glimpse of how IRS enforcement works. It reported that an "elaborate quota system" dominates "the lives of many of the 102,000 men and women who work for the federal government's most powerful civilian agency."

Quotas — for seizures performed, investigations closed, and so on — exist for many workers in private businesses, of course. The boss wants you to make so many cars, pick so many oranges, write so many reports, or cook so many meals. But in the private sector the quotas — the quantity

factor — must always be adjusted to the reality of what consumers want — the quality factor. Competition ensures a reasonable balance.

It's different when the action involves taking the public's money. IRS quotas are like the extortion quotas a Mafia boss gives his enforcers. Since only one entity is involved — the IRS or the mob controlling a particular "territory" — there's no outside check of competition. If you don't meet the extorter's demands, you're either rubbed out (by the mob) or jailed (by the IRS).

Testifying recently before Sen. David Pryor's finance subcommittee on taxation and debt management, IRS Commissioner Lawrence Gibbs said that "enforcement personnel are not evaluated on a quota system." But John Pepping, a revenue officer from Los Angeles, testified "that agents with the week's best performance records were recorded extra leave time," the *Post* reported. That's a quota system. Pepping also cited the slogan quoted at the beginning of this editorial.

Pryor's subcommittee has worked on a Taxpayer's Bill of Rights. But it likely will prove too little, too late. The Constitution's own Bill of Rights once was protection enough, insuring that each American was innocent until proved guilty, and protecting him against unreasonable searches and seizures. But before the IRS you are guilty until proved innocent, and a quota system of unreasonable searches and seizures is standard operating procedure. Our liberties will be restored only if, someday, the outlaw IRS is itself outlawed.

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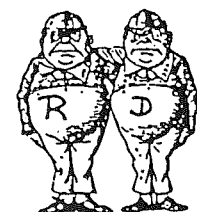
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Small Classes Are Better for Whom?

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By RICHARD VEDDER

The school-reform movement of the past five years has pointed out deficiencies of our current system. The educational establishment (teacher unions, state education departments, school boards and administrators, and colleges of education) has seized on concerns about these matters to demand more funding for education. The presidential hopefuls will have a lot more to say and promise on this score before this year's race mercifully ends.

Virtually none of the debate, however, has focused on a shocking trend in American education—the dramatic decline in educational productivity. In 1950, our public elementary and secondary schools educated 16.5% of the nation's population at a cost of barely 2% of the nation's output; in 1986, it took 3.5% of the nation's output to educate the same proportion of the citizenry. In constant-dollar terms, expenditures per pupil more than tripled.

Measuring Output

While in 1940 there were more than 29 students for each classroom teacher in the public schools, in 1986 there were fewer than 18. If non-classroom members of the instructional staff are included, the trend is even more pronounced.

Measuring educational "output" is difficult, as the very body of knowledge needed to be disseminated has broadened dramatically. Still, the human mind can absorb only so much, and it is probably not too far-fetched to assume that the teacher today teaches roughly the same amount of material (even though different in content) as 50 years ago. Given declining test scores, even this may be an optimistic assumption.

Under this assumption, the chart shows what has happened to "output" per instructional staff member between 1940 and 1986, compared with output per worker in the economy as a whole. While the output of workers outside education more than doubled, that of teachers fell as class sizes grew smaller and the number of non-teaching professional staff grew.

Some teachers would demur, arguing that they can provide so much more individualized attention in today's smaller

classes than could their counterparts in 1940, and that the quality of the learning experience has improved. Yet a recent study released by the Education Department confirms what several other investigations have noted—the relationship between class size and learning is very weak. Japanese students do much better than

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Public primary and secondary school instructional staff



All civilian workers



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Americans in math—yet the average class size in Japan approaches 40, about twice the U.S. level.

While the reasons for the productivity decline are no doubt complex, three factors are of unquestionable importance:

- **Monopoly power.** For many consumers of elementary and secondary education in the U.S., there is no real choice of schools. Private schools either are unavailable or too expensive, and public school districts do not compete with one another for students.

- **Even within school districts,** parents usually are not allowed any choice. Schools have no meaningful economic incentives to improve the quality of their product, or provide it at lower cost. Monopolists incur higher average costs than competitive firms under most conditions, and that principle applies to education as well. Private schools, which face competition for students and need tuition revenues to survive, spent 36% less per pupil than public schools in 1985.

- **Third-party payments.** For most goods and services, payments are made by the consumers to the producers—the two parties to the transaction. In public education, a third party—government—makes the payments necessary to provide the service. Consumers have little incentive to demand efficiency, since they are not paying for it. Similarly, producers can increase the wealth of their employees and make their customers happy by lobbying for ever-larger amounts of money from the

dominant reliance on local government funding probably has aggravated the problem.

- **Seeking something for nothing.** Taking advantage of the lack of much monitoring of costs, teachers relentlessly demand higher salaries and fringe benefits, smaller class sizes (to make the job easier), aides, administrative support, etc. They become "rent-seekers"—i.e., attempt to increase their income without a trade-off of any added work.

In doing this, they are no different from many others who seek "rents" from government, and certainly there are many dedicated teachers who work very long hours for very modest pay. Still, teacher groups (affiliates of the National Education Association more than those of the American Federation of Teachers) get legislatures to restrict entry into the field by imposing dubious certification requirements involving lots of methods courses devoid of meaningful intellectual content.

The lawmakers impose minimum salary and maximum teaching-load restrictions, constrain boards of education from firing incompetents, and restrict the use of merit pay. The unions generously contribute to the re-election campaigns of legislators who support the teachers' special interests and work against those who have the courage to oppose their costly policies.

Despite union opposition, in the past few years several states have removed some of the restrictions on staffing and pay. While there have been some positive results, much remains to be done.

Paying government education subsidies to consumers (students—or their parents) rather than school districts would reduce monopoly power and the emphasis on third-party payments. Parents then could approach education the way they would any major consumer purchase. The time has come for a major federal experiment using the voucher approach.

Free Choice for Students

If this still is considered too radical, the federal government could dispense aid in a way that promotes reform. It could give generously to states that emulate Minnesota in allowing students free choice among all public-school options. It could "bribe" states to end such cost-increasing provisions as elaborate certification requirements. Bonus payments could be made to states whose public schools increase productivity without any decline in student learning as measured through standardized tests.

Of course, educators will scream if we try any of these things, but given the sharp increase in educational costs resulting from falling labor productivity, it is good policy and probably even good politics to start standing up to the Educational Establishment.

Mr. Vedder is a professor of economics at Ohio University and a member of the Athens, Ohio, school board.



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SO, IF THIS BE TREASON...

by Tom Palven

Every day, on radio, TV, and in conversation, one is continually bombarded with "We are selling arms to Saudi Arabia", "We are sending warships into the Persian Gulf", "We are sending aid to the Contras", and so on. Even anti-state libertarians, voluntarists, and anarchists use "we" in this manner.

Until recently I followed this same pattern- "We shouldn't be selling arms to Iran", etc., but I now try to avoid it, and if someone else says that "we" should or shouldn't bomb Iran or whatever, I pleasantly ask them to exclude me from the "we".

I'm generally not a nitpicker and I hope that I'm not nitpicking now. It seems that by using "we" that one is subjecting oneself to the state, or as Ayn Rand said before she became partially senile, bestowing "moral sanction" on it.

Libertarian International begins its recruiting flyer with John Lennon's "Imagine there's no countries" quote, and libertarians, along with anarchists, argue for totally free trade and immigration, but in some ways we radicals haven't gone much beyond discarding the old "My country right or wrong" philosophy. I've heard more than one libertarian tell the platitude that it's always moral to support your country against your government, but never moral to support your government against your country. These people will assert that they love their country, but not its government. Apparently they accept the nonsense that we've all been brainwashed with that it is evil not to "love one's country", and that the ultimate horror would be to be a "man without a country".

When examined critically, this government-country dichotomy is nonsense. For example, the U.S. is composed of various peoples and so is Canada. To "love" the U.S. more than Canada is to love its political history and political boundaries more than those of Canada. After all, you and I have more in common with some Canadians than we do with some American Eskimos and other people. In Europe, boundaries move over the centuries, and countries have come and gone, but politicians still strive to whip up nationalist fervor. It would seem to make more sense for anti-statists to love individuals- Jefferson, Thoreau, Twain, King, or whomever, rather than love state politics and its history.

It has been an important psychological leap for me to recognize that I am not a citizen (member of a state or nation), and that if a state bureaucracy wants to call me a citizen that this is their problem. While it may force me to admit citizenship under duress (won't allow me to travel or whatever), I will refuse to sanction the initiation of force against me, and will regard myself as a denizen of North America rather than the property of any state.

Any comments will be appreciated.

Child's parents jailed in truancy case

ARVADA, Colo. (AP) — The parents of a girl who habitually misses school have been sentenced to jail.

Janice and Alfred Bryant's 15-year-old daughter missed 43 days of classes and was late 19 times last semester at Mandalay Junior High School, according to court records.

The girl was ordered to spend a month in a state-run detention center.

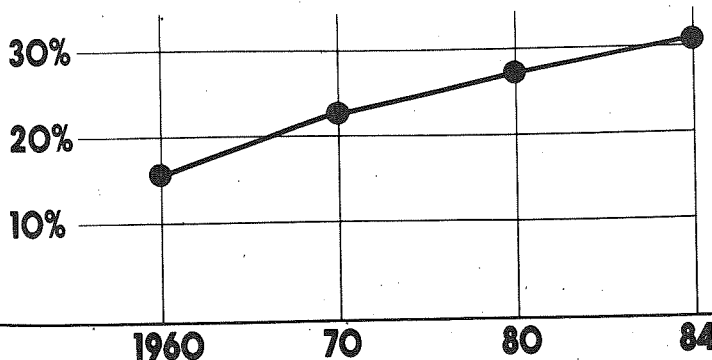
"My girl needed to get some type of a reprimand, but this is a little steep," said Bryant, a restaurant manager who begins his 10-day sentence at the end of August.

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Illegitimacy Rate

Women 15 - 19 years old



brazilian women prisoners w/ aids

SÃO PAULO, Brazil — Two women prisoners with AIDS took a prison director hostage and threatened to infect him unless an order to put them in isolation was rescinded.

The 116 other women prisoners staged an uprising in support of the women with AIDS, according to the New York Times via off our backs.

When officials promised there would be no punishment for the prisoners and the complaints of the women with AIDS would be heard, the director was released.

LACED WITH IRONY

Our lives are laced with irony;
He who loved life to full extreme
Died young, and left an emptiness.
And we, who live, as in a dream

Dance to the piper, sounding far
Upon a half-forgotten hill;
Live but in glimpses of a star;
Remember love, and taste it still;

Knowing our hearts can never be
Made small again; longing to cease
Our treadmill to oblivion.
To rest at last. To be at peace.

We who love life so little, live
So long; outwear our dream; outlast
Our youthful promise, our great hopes.
And suffer, homesick for the past.

A woman meant to call a record store but dialed a wrong number and got a home instead. "Do you have 'Eyes of Blue' and 'A Love Supreme'?" she asked. "Well, no," answered the puzzled home owner. "But I have a wife and eleven children." "Is that a record?" she inquired. "I don't think so," replied the man, "but it's as close as I want to get."

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XENOPHOBIA IN AMERICAN SOCIETY

With the new shift to the right in American politics, there has been some noticeable undercurrents of xenophobia. This phenomenon is once again creeping into our society. It can be seen in Anti-Semitism, prejudice against Mexicans, Negroes, Orientals, and anyone who is not a White in certain extreme cases. Xenophobia must be dealt with swiftly, because it acts like a cancer in a society and promotes strife among the various peoples. It is a barrier to understanding among people and is a breeder of violence. If the creeping xenophobia were to grow to epidemic proportions (not a highly likely proposition), it would help extremist groups like the Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan gain political legitimacy. Uncontrolled xenophobia would also drive America back into an isolationist foreign policy, and little if any immigration would be allowed. Help us stop the spread of xenophobia, this creeping disease of ignorance and prejudice. Note: Xenophobia is defined as hatred or fear of foreigners (in America's case, anyone who is not a white as pertaining to the majority, though other peoples are just as affected by xenophobia as whites are). (Ronald C. Tobin)

Bad eggs

DES MOINES, IA — Despite initial inaction by police, two men and two female minors have been charged with disorderly conduct in connection with an egg-throwing incident at a lesbian and gay rights rally and march in downtown Dubuque, according to the Des Moines Register.

"I had no idea that it would be so bad and that the police would do nothing about it," said Stacie Neldaughter, one of the September event's organizers and a member of the National Organization for Women. "At the end we were totally bombed with eggs."

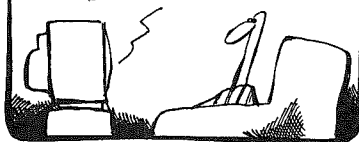
Virginia Lynns, another event organizer, said hecklers threw garbage and sticks and several men riding in a black limousine "were malicious and threatening." Neldaughter said she was splattered with eggs three times and had shouted to police for help. "One police officer told them to 'knock it off' but they didn't arrest anyone," she reported.

Police officials met with march organizers following the assaults and were criticized for refusing to arrest any hecklers during the attack and for failing to protect the marchers. Organizers requested a formal apology from Dubuque police, but were refused.

A police spokesperson said the charges were brought when witnesses identified some of those involved in the incident.

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ORAL ROBERTS CAME DOWN OUT OF HIS PRAYER TOWER TO COLLECT \$1.3 MILLION FROM A DOG RACING MAGNATE SO GOD WOULDN'T KILL HIM. THE DONOR SAID MR. ROBERTS WOULDN'T HAVE TO COMMIT SUICIDE NOW, BUT DID NEED SOME PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT. MR. ROBERTS' SON SAID HIS DAD WAS "TICKLED TO DEATH." MORE LATER.



Summary of the Food Irradiation Safety and Labeling Requirement Act

The bill in the House is HR 956 and was introduced by Rep. Douglas Bosco (D-Calif.). The Senate bill is S 461, introduced by Sen. George Mitchell (D-Maine). These bills would

1. Place a moratorium on the FDA and USDA approval of the irradiation of fruits, vegetables, and pork, and the tripling of the amount of radiation allowed on spices.
2. Direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to arrange with the National Academy of Sciences to conduct studies of the safety of consumption and nutritional value of irradiated food, the health risks to workers in irradiation facilities, and the health and environmental risks to the communities near irradiation facilities.
3. Direct the FDA to require written labeling on a wholesale and retail level for all irradiated foods: whole foods, processed foods, and ingredients.
4. Ban the export of irradiated foods not legal for sale in the U.S.

DIVINE MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM CEREAL BOWL

As I sat inspecting my toasted rice breakfast cereal for structural integrity and contamination, my wife began reading a newspaper article about an evangelist who has announced that God would "Call him home" if followers could not cough up \$4.5 million before March.

I was about to chuckle when I suddenly noticed that my cereal seemed to be crackling out a secret message while simultaneously, my feet started to quiver and my ankles began to swell. A dull pain began to move up my shin as I thought of the thousands of people who would never know the meaning of the word "satire" if NOT-SAFE experienced financial collapse. Puns and sick jokes began to flash before me as I pondered our dwindling checking account balance and I grieved for the billions of insects that would be slaughtered on our nations highways by uncaring so-called "animal rights" advocates. As I contemplated NOT-SAFE's impending bankruptcy the intensity of the pain grew, creeping past my knees, thighs and into my loins and I ached for the countless joggers who unwittingly are destroying themselves for their own endorphin-aholic carnal pleasures. Only with an immediate infusion of \$4.4 million can NOT-SAFE survive and help save others. Your unselfish donation of \$14,250 (per member) would bring us back from the brink of disaster, and I know I can count on you to sell everything you own and respond to our plea within the next 10 days. (MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: D. Lowdermilk, Box 5743, Montecito, CA 93150—SORRY, NO CHARGE CARDS ACCEPTED!) Further up my waist the throbbing, trembling, burning agony continued as I reflected on the thousands who would never understand the dangers from high level radiation found in home smoke detectors or camping lanterns and my spirit began organizing this, our most urgent PRESS RELEASE. The gnawing and gnashing-of-teeth anguish moved through my body as a wave, across my chest and arms shooting into my finger tips as I envisioned a world plummeting into damnation because of subliminal messages, dominoes and drug paraphernalia. Only you, a dedicated lover of safety at any cost, can preserve sarcasm for future generations by liquidating all your assets NOW on behalf of NOT-SAFE (please do not send IOU's or foreign currencies!) Finally, as an apocalyptic-like pain burst into my head and my body became hot and rigid, there was a brilliant flash of white light and a great peacefulness descended on the room. And in that peacefulness, all that was heard was a snap, pop and crackle which I deciphered as a clearly divine message for everyone to "SEND MONEY, SEND MONEY".

And that my friends says it all... either you heed the words and offer a generous contribution, or a series of unexplained accidents, PLAGUES AND BAD LUCK may strike your family. . . or even worse, we evangelicals might have to start working for a living.

If it's worth doing right,
It's worth OVER doing.

Dale Lowdermilk,

Founder & Chief Intrepreter of Divine Messages

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WHAT IS A POLITICAL PRISONER?

What is in a name? What is a political prisoner? When an individual murders for a political purpose, is he a criminal or a politician? If he is caught, tried and convicted, should he be classified as a political prisoner or a murderer?

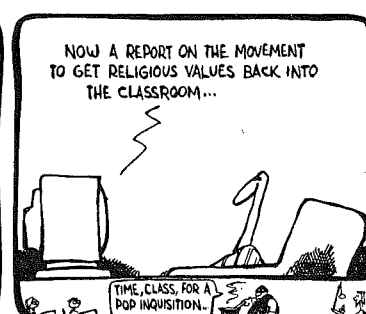
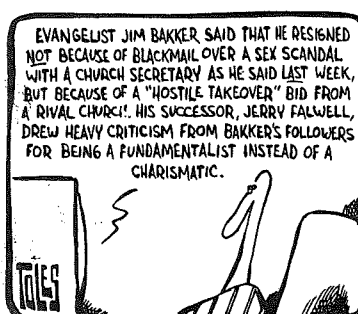
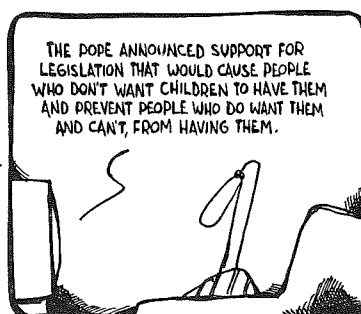
The communists sometimes claim that all blacks in prison in America are political prisoners.

In contrast, Gorbachev claims that there are no political prisoners in the Soviet Union. On February 4, he affirmed this in the French communist newspaper, L' HUMANITE. He stated: "We do not put people on trial for their convictions."

Shcharansky points out what happens to those with unorthodox political convictions in the Soviet Union. He states that of the original one hundred members of the Soviet Helsinki Watch Committee, 50 are in prison, labor camps, psychiatric hospitals or internal exile; twenty have been released, and twenty have emigrated.

"Every dollar you send is a nail in the coffin of Big Government!"

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SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTION RESULTS & RON PAUL RACE IN 1988

Here are some tables, statewide, for 3 major

races:

	Clark '80	Bergland '84	Davis '84
Abbeville	96	18	62
Aiken	151	320	473
Allendale	12	20	36
Anderson	210	139	439
Bamberg	5	17	42
Barnwell	11	21	40
Beaufort	87	71	246
Berkeley	75	76	178
Calhoun	6	17	39
Charleston	636	323	1,962
Cherokee	54	36	110
Chester	20	27	100
Chesterfield	24	18	73
Clarendon	10	31	104
Colleton	21	21	57
Darlington	85	194	364
Dillon	23	24	80
Dorchester	20	55	148
Edgefield	16	13	49
Fairfield	24	14	64
Florence	134	124	355
Georgetown	37	40	218
Greenville	445	337	1,250
Greenwood	64	63	227
Hampton	6	16	45
Horry	84	95	326
Jasper	5	11	66
Kershaw	56	60	203
Lancaster	99	37	132
Laurens	49	25	106
Lee	7	23	79
Lexington	262	225	741
McCormick	9	6	19
Marion	22	19	41
Marlboro	21	19	60
Newberry	29	29	73
Oconee	59	70	233
Orangeburg	72	55	131
Pickens	118	100	301
Richland	1,083	766	1,679
Saluda	23	18	52
Spartanburg	425	555	1,632
Sumter	73	61	172
Union	44	34	86
Williamsburg	18	29	59
York	144	98	371
	4,975	4,360	13,323

Now, having done all that, some things are obvious, and some are not. The counties in which Clark got the fewest votes, less than 10, are the smallest; the one in which Bergland got less than 10 is the smallest in the state. Likewise the largest votes came mostly from the largest counties.

There are also some other population differences; some counties like Lexington & Horry grew in population of suburbanites & retirees from 1980 to 1984.

So Bergland got fewer votes in 1984 than Clark in 1980, with a lot less publicity and drastically less in advertising. But it did not go down as much in SC as it did nationwide. The reason has to be the Steve Davis campaign for Senate with a lot more votes, some going to Bergland, some to Reagan, some to Mondale, & possibly a few elsewhere. Steve Davis ran the most active LP campaign statewide in SC, with the most experience, having served in the AZ state senate.

Incidentally, that is not the SCLP record: Tom Campbell drew that in 1980 in a Congress race in Dist. 5 with no Republican candidate. There is no Republican candidate there in 1988. WE NEED ONE BADLY.

Now let's go down a level. Here there is a combination between the county party and the candidate on the ballot for Congress or local office. Part of Davis' very good showing in Spartanburg is that he lived there, and part is the campaign of Ray Pike for Congress there. But Pike got 797 in the county, compared to more for Davis & fewer for Bergland; he also lived in that county. His 586 in Greenville & 48 in Union run likewise.

In Darlington, the SCLP candidate for Congress, Hugh Thompson who lives there & works in Florence, got 422 votes, more than Davis, which shows personal friendship votes. Likewise he lead in Florence (591), but not much difference in the other 7½ counties.

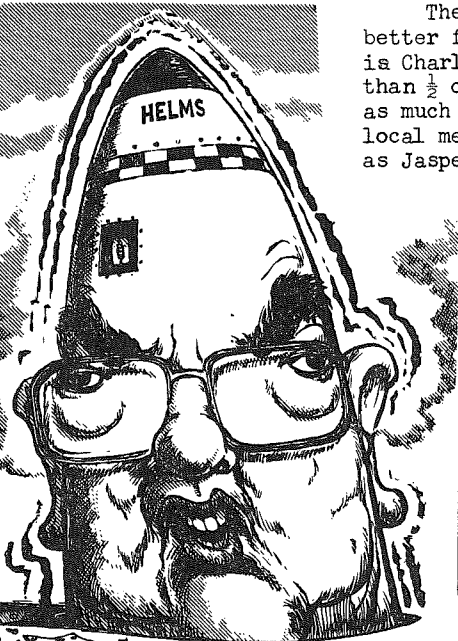
Even local candidates who are not so active do some help to the ticket. Vote for LP Presidential candidate more than doubled not only in Darlington but in Aiken, — not all voted for Ron Heaton for state senate in Aiken, (219).

Small counties are not so easy to tell; getting 6 times as many votes for Davis in '84 as for Bergland, & with him getting more than double Clark's vote in Jasper is too small a county. It is also one with Savannah TV predominant.

There are a few other added factors. Steve Davis ran against the weakest candidate with the least financial support in the Demo. party, winning the primary in a tight fluke over a black candidate, & getting less than ½ of incumbent Thurmond's vote. But the Rep. candidate lost the Senate race even worse in 1980, although Reagan carried SC both times.

Then there is the media. Some places give more & better fair coverage in such than others. Significant is Charleston Co., where Bergland's vote is hardly more than ½ of Clark's, but Steve Davis got nearly 6 times as much there, too. He got a lot more & better in the local media, with newspapers & TV spreading out as far as Jasper.

CAREFUL, MIK - SOME OF THESE OLD, OBSOLETE WAR HEADS ARE VERY UNSTABLE...



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If Ron Paul is elected president of the United States, he says he will abolish the income-tax system, bring all American troops home, scrap the Federal Reserve System and, eventually, set America and Americans "free."

Paul, an ex-congressman from Texas and an ex-Republican, is the Libertarian Party's candidate for president. He announced his candidacy early in 1987 and spoke on the University of South Carolina campus Feb. 4.

"We sort of chopped the freedom idea to pieces," Paul said. "The Founding Fathers knew what free enterprise meant," he said, "they knew what individual liberty meant and they knew what it meant to mind their own business overseas."



Ron Paul

Paul spent four terms in the House of Representatives, from 1976 to 1984, slowly realizing that, as he put it, "there wasn't a dime's worth of difference" between the two major parties.

"A lot of people from the media ask me 'what is the Libertarian Party about, what do you believe in?'" Paul said. "You know, it's interesting to me because they probably never ask a Republican, 'what do you believe in?' What DOES a Democrat believe in?"

In Paul's opinion, both parties believe in garnering excessive governmental power, be it the Democrats monetarily, or the Republicans militarily. This is one belief that fostered the creation of the Libertarian Party 27 years ago, he said.

It was formed in December 1971 in Colorado Springs, Colo. In his book *Libertarianism In One Lesson*, David Bergland, 1984's Libertarian presidential candidate, says the party was solidified by young people joined in the '60s after being influenced by such things as the concept of a free-market economy; the writings of author Ayn Rand, whose novel *Atlas Shrugged*, discussed the concept of individualism and the free man; protesting the Vietnam War; and participating in the civil rights movement.

The first time a Libertarian presidential candidate was on the ticket in South Carolina was in 1980, according to the state election commission. The candidate received 4,975 of 889,707 votes, little more than 0.5 percent. In 1984, the Libertarian candidate garnered 4,360 of 968,540 votes, less than 0.5 percent.

The party has been active in the state since 1974, and, according to the Encyclopedia of Associations, some 14 Libertarian associations have sprouted nationwide since the first, The Society For Individual Liberty, was founded in 1969.

The party's philosophy is based on a document called the "Statement of Principles," drafted by the first Libertarian presidential candidate, John Hospers, in 1971. The document begins "We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual."

South Carolina Democrats and Republicans have expressed reservations about Libertarian philosophy. State Republican Party Chairman Van Hipp said "I have a hard time philosophically with the Libertarians. They're either too far to the right or too far to the left." However, Hipp said he felt Paul's voting record in Congress was "a fairly good" one.

Chris Verenes, executive director of the state Democratic Party said he felt that "ideally, something of it sounds good," but added that "from a practical standpoint a lot of it is not feasible."

Paul, in turn, says he has a problem with the ability of the Republican and Democratic parties to get things done.

Edited by Mark Hartsell

In his letter of June 11, Mr. Frank Cerny asserted that first-class postal rates are a "bargain," and he disagreed with a previous letter writer on the value of competition. While Mr. Cerny has made some thoughtful observations in his letter, I must respond to the above points.

Postal rates may be higher in some other countries. However, in order to call something a "bargain," you have to be able to compare it to a competing service or product. In the United States, it is against the law to compete with the government Postal Service — it has a complete monopoly on first-class mail delivery.

There is some evidence that monopoly postal rates are not a bargain. Several years ago, Ms. Pat Brennan of Rochester, N.Y., gained national recognition when she and her husband went into competition with the U.S. Postal Service. They were able to deliver mail faster and at a lower cost than the Post Office. Their business thrived until the government forced them to close down.

Mr. Cerny implied that competition has failed to lower telephone rates. However, there is no competition in local telephone service. Long-distance services were partly deregulated a few years ago, but this was done in a slipshod fashion that was criticized by many free-market advocates. Local phone companies still have a monopoly in their respective areas, so there is no incentive to be efficient, and there is no way to hunt for a bargain.

If the postal service and other monopolies are deregulated properly, and if competition becomes legal, then we will be able to find the best bargain.

DAVID MORRIS

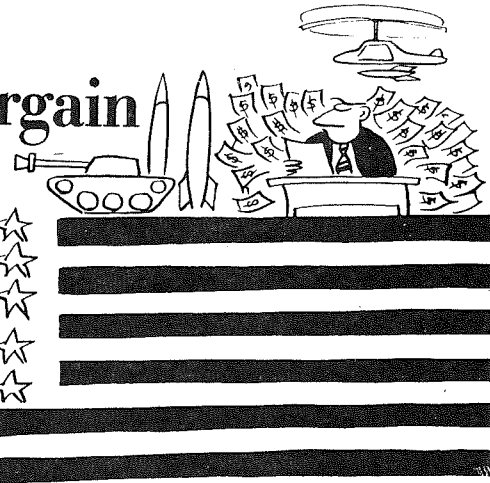
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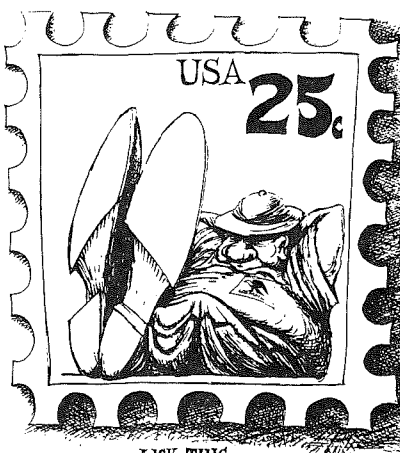
I am in full agreement with Mr. Richard Winchell's letter regarding direly needed competition to put the U.S. Postal Service in its place. So, postage is now 25 cents, but the average working stiff, working from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 20 or more miles from the nearest post office, cannot even mail or pick up a package or his registered mail. Why? The post office is closed on Saturdays. Thanks for the memories.

And what about the new neighbors, who recently moved here from out of state? Welcome to South Carolina! Their mail was not being delivered because the poor, over-worked delivery person found something wrong with the height and distance (extended arm to

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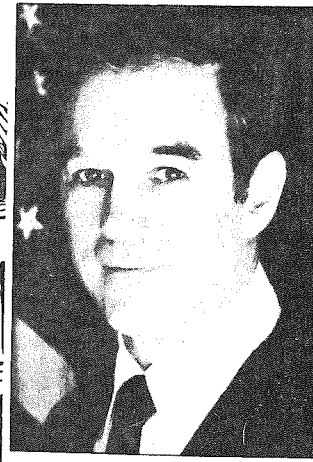
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Libertarian message to the Pen

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Letters to the editor



RON PAUL

Just as USSR jailed a group that tried to set up a non-communist political party, the US major media tries to keep the public from hearing about a vote for a non-socialist party. You can VOTE Libertarian.

Voters should study senators' records

The just-released Legislative Score Card on the South Carolina Senate, prepared in detail by the S.C. Policy Council, gives conservative passing grades (70-95) to only a dozen senators, whose attendance percentages (70-100) are also passing (eight of the top 12 had perfect attendance).

The top three, with conservative ratings in the 90 percentile, also had perfect attendance in the year's session — Sens. Alex Macaulay, Glenn McConnell and Joe Wilson.

It would be well worth voters' pre-election study of this detailed report on how all the senators voted on the various bills to know not only who are the best guardians of the taxpayers' pocketbooks, but also who are the chiefest golden fleecers — and among the 46 senators there are truly far too many of this latter group.

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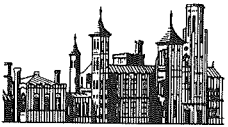
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Newsweek reports "tax therapists" who help distraught taxpayers cope with IRS-induced emotional problems, may become a growth industry. Beck, syndicated by the Establishment *Chicago Tribune*, comments: "Whether it's driving people crazy or not, the income tax has become a shabby way for a nation that began with a revolution over taxes to treat what is supposed to be a free people."

Birmingham, AL: Ron spoke at the Alabama State Libertarian Convention where the Libertarian Party experienced an impressive growth spurt. As proof of the event's success, State Chair Frank Monachelli reports that at least 20 attendees were new to libertarianism, and fundraising was 1000% over the previous high in Alabama. Congratulations!

At Birmingham Southern University Ron appeared before a mixed audience of students and nonstudents who gave him a warm and enthusiastic reception. Afterwards he was a guest on three separate call-in radio talk shows, one of which was *ALNET*, an 80-station network. There the switchboard stayed lit during the whole hour Ron was on (unusual for this station). The station received calls for the next two days about Ron and to find out if the Libertarian Party was running Congressional candidates in Alabama!

After Ron's interview, the show's host was asked: "If Ron were to get the same media coverage as other Presidential candidates, do you think he'd get at least 40% of the Alabama vote?" "Without a doubt," responded the host.



Is it being impolite to ask 'why'?

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SCLP now has a new telephone! The # is 755-2405! And, if you call there will probably be No One there, but a machine will answer the phone, & take your message. Messages are to be checked daily. The phone is in W. Cola., SC.

Maybe it's impolite to ask certain questions, but nevertheless I've got a few.

First, February was declared Black History Month. That's nice; but what about America's other minorities? Where's the proclamation for Irish History Month? And lest we be accused of discrimination or playing favorites, shouldn't we designate a month for Jews, Germans, French, Spanish, Greeks, Polish, Japanese, English, Italians, Swedes, Armenians, Chinese, Vietnamese, Mexicans, Turks, Indians, Russians, Norwegians, and whomever else I may have left out.

Now you might say, "Hold it, Williams, we've got trouble. You've listed well over a dozen ethnic groups, but we've only 12 months in a year." If you think I'm going to be the one who says which ethnic group doesn't deserve a month, think again; I'm not going to touch it. Let Congress add a sufficient number of months to the year or proclaim ethnic fortnights.

Some folks might suggest the way around this mess would be to honor all these ethnic groups with a single "White History Month." Now if I were white, I'm protest against being lumped into one homogeneous grouping. It would entail asking for a

Minority View

Walter Williams



solidarity among people who have been killing each other off for centuries. How much kinship can an Armenian feel for a Turk, or a Jew for a German, or a French or Irishman for an Englishman?

Which takes us back to the original question: Is it fair to other ethnics to have a Black History Month?

Another question on race and ethnicity: How come when presidential aspirant Jesse Jackson says ludicrous things, the new media and Jesse's Democratic competitors sit in smiling silence — wearing the kind of tolerant smile you'd give a dog who can use a knife and fork, but improperly?

For example: Jesse proclaimed that 58 percent of government spending was for the military. Well the actual figure is close to 26 percent. Then, Jesse

says the United States has lost 38 million jobs since 1973. The truth is total jobs have increased by 27 million since 1973.

And we're all familiar with the Rev. Jackson's political sermons about "Going from the outhouse to the White House" or "From Disgrace to Amazing Grace." Yet no one in the news media nor among his Democratic competitors bothers to ask what he means by these cutesy little rhymes. Or why he speaks in rhymes in the first place.

Now Jesse has a new sermon, calling for an end to economic violence. I've been teaching economics for 21 years, and I can tell you that phrase is gibberish. I think what he means by economic violence is the tendency for people to want to keep what they earn. Or could he be talking about IRS collection tactics?

Just in case Williams ever runs for the presidency, I want to go on record now: I want both the media and my competitors to take off the kid gloves and treat me like a white man.

Another tiny question that's been bothering me for a while has to do with the behavior of telephone receptionists. How many times have you called a

company, only to have some receptionist answer, "Hello, XYZ Company, can you hold"? Before you can say, "No, I can't," you hear the click or the canned music. Not only is that practice grossly rude, it's costly; the caller could be on a pay phone starved for quarters, or worse, calling long distance and paying out money only to be placed on hold. Why do they put you on hold so long?

Another little telephone question: I've had "Information" operators tell me, "The number is eight-eight-five six-oh-nine-oh. Occasionally, time permitting, I'll ask the operator whether I'll reach my intended party by following her dialing instructions. Naturally, she'll say, yes. But she's wrong. An "oh" is different from a zero. So why do people insist on calling a zero an "oh"?

Another question, but a big one this time is: why has Ronald Reagan gone from being a life-long distruster of the Soviets to the leading advocate for trusting them? I know you can't teach an old dog new tricks, do you think maybe he's being held hostage?

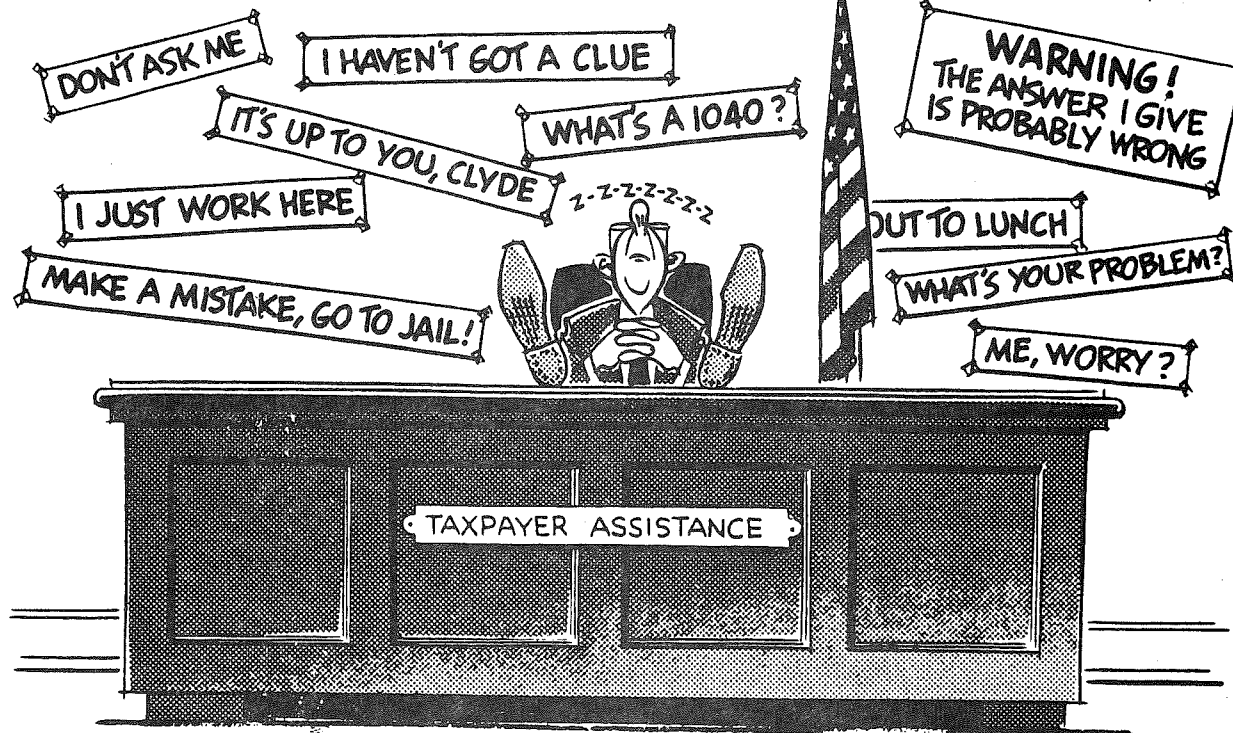
Oh well. After all these questions, I think I'd better get back to the classroom.

Victory over the Beast's Image

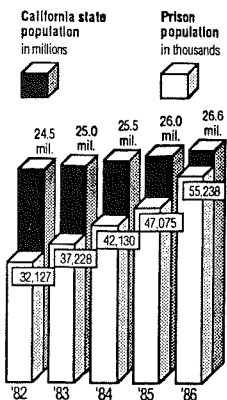
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The effect of California's tougher prison laws



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I Add New News

My pitch, as the Libertarian, was to examine first the nature of the pie we are so casually splitting up--it's stolen property, acquired by morally wrong means. Then examine how these "assets" are distributed. The Grace Commission found 963 federal programs to help the poor. This means 963 offices with expensive employees, a mission, and a budget. How successful is the result? Charles Murray's "LOSING GROUND" concluded that the money was harming rather than helping.

After the event I was asked to put a couple of names on our mailing list. And one lady said, "I had to restrain my husband so he would not jump up and cheer when you said the Federal Reserve has got to go!" I left feeling good.

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Eyeing privatization

WHETHER or not politics is involved, Richland County's decision to look into privatizing of the county's vehicle maintenance shop is a sound one.

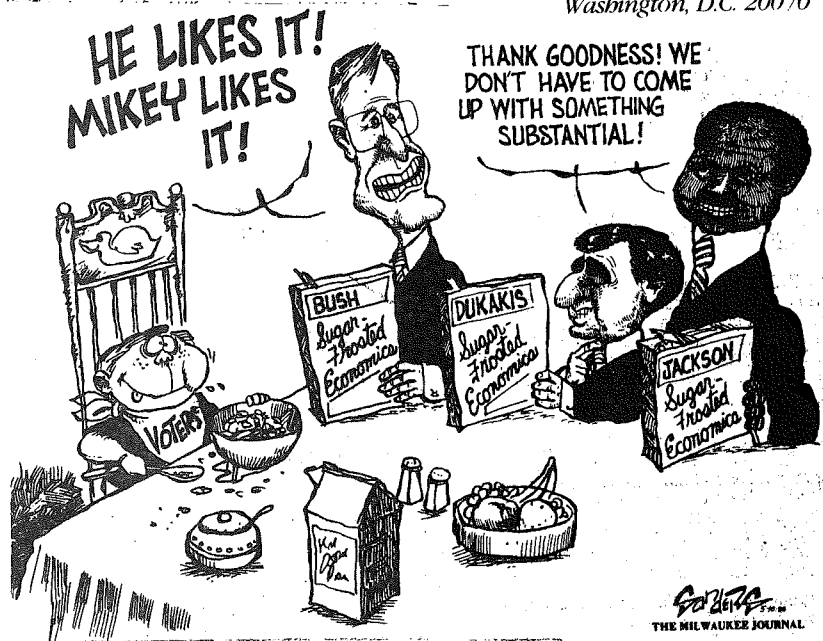
Council Thursday okayed getting bids on operation of the shop, as well as on janitorial services, operation of the county landfill and food service.

Some council members, however, are suspicious and fear that a change would cost the job of Mel Newman, who is supervisor of vehicle maintenance and happens to be the husband of Councilwoman Susie B. Newman. Indeed, there

has been reported animosity between Matt Wood, public works director who supports the change, and Mr. Newman.

While we can't vouch that Mr. Wood's motives are pure, the privatization concept needs exploring. And the county obviously shouldn't make a decision based on Mr. Newman's job, although we assume most of the present shop employees could probably keep their jobs.

We'd be surprised if privatization didn't improve service as well as save money.



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Christian children martyred in Zimbabwe.
Deborah (left) and Jerry Kaitley, daughters of Pentecostal missionaries slaughtered with knives by Communists.

In Zimbabwe, (Africa) killers who call themselves Communist-Leninists killed a group of 16 Pentecostals, among whom American missionaries and their little children. They were all slaughtered with knives.

The Communists came to power in Zimbabwe with the financial help of the World Council of Churches and Western governments.

The Communist newspaper knows that neither the police, nor atheist lectures, but "radical changes will free men from all fear, improve the conditions of life, and defend their rights against arbitrary wickedness and lack of spirituality."

Only that would mean the end to Communism.

"Znamia Ynasty" (July 27, 1987) expresses wonder that atheists reproach people for believing in Christ.



Penny on sales tax more than a penny

It has been pointed out that the so-called Property Tax Reform Act may reform or alter the present system of handling local property taxes. This takes more away from the taxpayer than it gives in the form of reduced deductions on the individual's tax return. Legislators should know that property taxes are deductible and that sales taxes are not.

Compounding the misinformation are articles appearing in the newspaper that describes itself as "in depth, in detail, indispensable." A couple of years ago, when the sales tax was proposed to be raised by 25 percent — from 4 percent to 5 percent — your

reform

paper referred to that increase as "a penny tax bill." In truth, it was a penny only if one were to buy an item costing only one dollar. But the thought of "only a penny" in the minds of many of your readers made it seem much less than the 25 percent raise that it actually was.

The State of Jan. 26 carried a large headline that said, "Penny tax bill mired in dispute." This item obviously refers to the proposal to authorize the addition of another raise in the sales tax from 5 percent to 6 percent. Because we are now speaking of slightly large numbers, the arithmetic tells us that this is a raise

Citizens don't want any tax increases

A public hearing on the 6-cents sales tax bill was held. Actually the correct name of the bill is not the 6-cents sales tax bill. It has been variously called the Local Government Finance Act and, currently, the Property Tax Reform Act. A rose by any other name is, in this case, still a tax hike.

Let's not be confused into letting these big spenders select the battle field and make the rules. They want us to accept their position that a tax increase is inevitable. Then they want to "craft" the terms. If the main body of taxpayers accepts these conditions, the battle is lost before it is even joined.

The real issue is whether we will have any tax increase.

The issue is certainly not what to call it or how to divvy it up. The battle cry is "no tax increase." Why do we have to pay Chernoff and Silver to lobby against us?

R.L. TEMPLIN

'Penny tax bill' is misrepresented

Instead of the tax bill (*The State*, Tax Reform Act or Local Government Jan. 26) being referred to as the "pennant Finance Act or whatever they ny tax bill," why is it not referred to call it to provide 1 percent sales tax as a "20 percent sales tax increase" for the counties.

Wouldn't that type of reporting make a greater impression upon the minds of the citizenry? And having done so, with the property tax, but they pro-wouldn't there be a greater outcry posed to do away with only one-third against the passage of such of the property tax, which is a farce. legislation?

That's what really bothers me. There really has been no outcry. I to 5 percent, stating that it was for the believe the reason there hasn't been schools and that they would allow any is quite simple. The people of each taxpayer to deduct \$12 or \$13 intelligence and money (property from their income tax to make up for owners) stand to benefit. The poor and the increase. That deduction lasted the "put upon" expect this kind of only one year. This is exactly what treatment and will just have to pay will happen on the property tax roll more for their loaf of bread. back.

ROBERT J. MCGARRIGLE

of "only" 20 percent.

It is unfair to refer to this tax gouge as only a penny. It was 25 percent two or three years ago and it's 20 percent this year. That's four or five times the current rate of inflation! No wonder the average citizen has less money for essentials, and even less for discretionary items and for saving for that rainy day.

If nothing else, your paper could resort to more honest reporting on this subject and not let those desiring to raise more money to spend (rather than finding ways to economize) hide behind the fiction of "only a penny."

FRANK MEREDITH

Columbia newspapers slighted Libertarian

Libertarian Presidential candidate Ron Paul spoke to an audience of about 100 people at the University of South Carolina Feb. 4. Although informed of the event, neither of Columbia's newspapers mentioned his speech.

Reporters from both *The State* and *The Columbia Record* were told that Dr. Paul would be speaking, and both said their papers were going to cover the event, but neither did. But *The Greenville News* did.

It's a sad commentary on the state of Columbia's newsprint media when people have to read a Greenville newspaper to learn what went on in Columbia, especially considering the fact that this newspaper says in its ad that it's "in depth, in detail and indispensable."

JAN L. CHAPMAN

Giving counties right to tax is dangerous

Citizens of this state should not be hoodwinked by the so-called Property Tax Reform Act or Local Government Finance Act or whatever they

The 1 percent sales tax would be a fair tax if the counties would do away of the citizenry? And having done so, with the property tax, but they pro-wouldn't there be a greater outcry posed to do away with only one-third against the passage of such of the property tax, which is a farce. legislation?

Several years ago, the Legislature increased the sales tax from 4 percent to 5 percent, stating that it was for the believe the reason there hasn't been schools and that they would allow any is quite simple. The people of each taxpayer to deduct \$12 or \$13 intelligence and money (property from their income tax to make up for owners) stand to benefit. The poor and the increase. That deduction lasted the "put upon" expect this kind of only one year. This is exactly what treatment and will just have to pay will happen on the property tax roll more for their loaf of bread. back.

Granting counties the authority to tax is a dangerous thing and should be looked at very carefully.

GEORGE R. WISE Sr.

"THE game therefore remained in the hands of the Tory government of Liverpool, Wellington and Castlereagh... They had no economic or political remedy to propose except the severest forms of repression... Rioters were tried for high treason, and printers and authors for sedition... Spies and provocateurs were let loose by the government among the Radicals. The Habeas Corpus Act was suspended..." — G. M. Trevelyan, *HISTORY OF ENGLAND* (1926 edition), pp 622,623.

Authentic casting Fantasy

We hear all sorts of proposals in Florence to spend more of our money: make the two-story Sears building into a three-story museum, provide more housing for local prisoners, provide more space for offices in the City-County White Elephant Building with so many on the payroll, and lots of other ways to spend more.

Naturally, I try to suggest ways to save money by getting the best results. Some of the crowded offices can be put into the building with the museum exhibits. The parole officers, for instance, can go with the Old West exhibits, dressed as cowboys or cavalry, and armed if necessary. The water department can be run from the decks in the naval exhibits, dressed as midshipmen or pirates. The delinquent tax collection office can work with antique furniture and colonial wigs. (I will spare you the office that should be put into the Ancient Egypt collection as mummies.)

Not only will this protect the museum exhibits, it will draw lots more visits.

I do not suggest housing the prisoners there. The abandoned bus terminal a block away can be made into a temporary depot for prisoners. When enough have been collected, a busload can be shipped out one-way only to some remote location (The farthest bus trip possible is Managua, Nicaragua.)

And as the busload leaves, crime victims can watch and sing that country classic, "Thank God and Greyhound, They're Gone"!

John T. Harllee, Florence

How reliable

I am glad that they are not setting up "one-stop tax information centers" in South Carolina except in Columbia.

The Internal Revenue Service has a rating of correctly answering basic tax questions only 76 percent of the time, according to the General Accounting Office, which made telephone calls to IRS offices to test their ability. The GAO thinks the IRS should clean up its act.

I won't even speculate how IRS employees would do with S.C. state returns. I won't even go into how the S.C. Tax Commission would do with federal returns.

And I won't speculate on which certified public accountants will go to these one-stop centers. After all, they get paid for doing complex tax returns for those who can afford to pay for the service, and those who specialize in this will be very busy at the office until April.

What I really hope is that reporters will check on these one-stop centers and see if they exceed the IRS record for so many mistakes on basic tax questions.

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When Cal Coolidge married Grace in 1905, they rented six rooms in Northampton, Mass., half of a two-family house, for \$28 month. With the wartime inflation, the rent soared to \$32, and Governor Coolidge feared a second increase in 1919.

But he was able to manage. In the early years his law practice had netted him \$1500 to \$2000 a year, and when he graduated from mayor of Northampton to the State Senate in 1912, he made a little more. By the time he left the governorship for Washington and the vice presidency in 1921, his investments were worth \$25-\$30,000 (say, in the \$300,000 range today), and every dollar honestly come by.

They kept their place in Northampton. For living quarters in Washington, Vice President and Mrs. Coolidge had a suite in the Willard Hotel, complete with maid servants and large enough for entertaining. This set Cal back \$8 a day, but did he worry? At \$12,000 a year he was making more money than he ever dreamed possible, and saving a good part of it. Besides, as Vice President he had a sizable staff (secretary, chauffeur, two clerks), all paid for by Uncle Sam.

Life got busier when Cal became President after Harding's sudden death in August 1923. He shook hands with some four hundred tourists on a typical day, and they never had to be searched for guns, knives or bombs. He often signed autographs and posed for pictures with visitors. If he was too busy to stop and greet them, he let them pass through his office while he was working or conferring.

The mail was heavy, some ten thousand letters a week. (Yes, Virginia, Americans wrote letters in olden times.) Most of the mail appealed for help in dealing with the bureaucracy — even back in the Twenties. His staff took care of those requests. But Cal himself read the more personal letters, several hundred a week, and more often than not answered them himself.

He invented the press conference and held two a week. The questions had to be submitted in advance, and Cal answered those he chose to answer. Direct quotation was forbidden. If a Sam Donaldson had shown up, he'd have been tarred, feathered and pelted with aging eggs. (Too good for him, you say?)

Cal, however, should not be mistaken for a plaster saint. Grace had most of the warmth and all of the charm that the Lord allotted to the Coolidges. When Lindbergh stayed overnight at the White House, Cal was out of sorts. The young hero was getting all the attention.

When Coolidge took office the population was approaching 115 million. When he left it was around 120 million. In short, not quite half our present size. But while the budget runs over \$1 trillion today, it ran under \$4 billion in Cal's day. At that, he worried about high taxes and government spending, not to mention the horrendous \$20.5 billion national debt, legacy of Wilson's war. So he cut *all three*.

He repealed the gift tax, slashed the estate tax in half, trimmed surtaxes on the rich by half. Not until the end of his tenure could he persuade Congress to lower corporation taxes. The Democrats and liberal Republicans, almost as economically illiterate then as now, charged him with favoring the rich. Yet he also cut income taxes, eliminating them entirely for the lower third of the taxpayers. After the Coolidge cuts, only 2.5 million paid any income tax — about one American in fifty. Cal's only regret: they wouldn't let him cut taxes more.

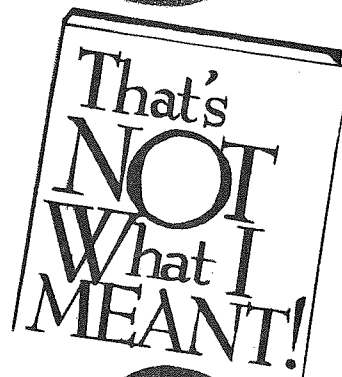
While Coolidge was cutting the budget, he *also* cut the national debt by \$1 billion a year.

If all this sounds like another country, be assured, it is. Why then do I write about exotic lands and alien cultures like America 1927? I guess because the liberals don't want me to. Since they can't entirely rewrite history, they'd rather we didn't read about it. They'd rather we think it normal to live in a cesspool, with profligacy the way of life for governments and citizens alike.

One last thought. From Cal, of course, as reported by Dwight Morrow:

"It is not the business of government to do good but to prevent harm. When governments try to do good they generally get themselves and other people in trouble."

—Neil McCaffrey



MADAME DE POMPADOUR

Cruel joke has costly punchline

A CRUEL prankster who wore a grotesque rubber mask during a fake hold-up copped a £2000 fine yesterday.

Sick joker Mark Scholey, 25, terrified freezer centre owner Julie Gatton when he said he had a gun, and demanded money.

But he ran out when quick-thinking Julie pressed an alarm bell. Police arrested Scholey after he was seen laughing with friends.

But Brighton magistrate Joan Grant was not amused. "It must have been very frightening," she said.

Scholey, who said he played the trick after a drinking binge, plans to appeal against the fine for breach of the peace. "It is really taking a liberty," he said.

Has the Sandanista Government of Nicaragua Lost Its Bananas?

Vanunu Trial

The espionage trial of Mordechai Vanunu resumed in December, following a break for the Jewish holidays. The former Israeli nuclear technician broke the cover on that nation's secret nuclear weapons program and was subsequently kidnapped in Rome by Israeli secret police and spirited back to solitary confinement in Israel.

Vanunu himself testified during this phase, and consistent with the ill-treatment his captors have shown all along, he was repeatedly punched by his guards while in transit to court the day his testimony began.

American supporter Judy Zimmet flew to Israel for this phase of the trial, and reports that although the press was not hostile during numerous interviews she gave, public support for Vanunu in Israel is rare. Some journalists personally expressed to Zimmet their disdain over the government's handling of the case. One woman soldier approached the picketing Zimmet and said that although she was not supposed to be speaking to her, she wished her luck. Zimmet reports an atmosphere of fear of government reprisal seems to silence the elements of Israeli society one would assume likely to be supportive of Vanunu.

After another recess, the trial is scheduled to resume again in January, with American international law expert Richard Falk and University of Maryland Professor George Questore taking the stand in Vanunu's defense. It has been announced that this phase of the trial will be conducted in public, but Vanunu, who has been vigorously shielded from all contact with the press and public, will likely observe the proceedings via closed-circuit TV.

Contributions to Vanunu's legal defense fund are needed. Donations and requests for more information should be sent to the Mordechai Vanunu Legal Defense Fund; P.O. Box 45005; Somerville, MA 02145 (617)623-3264.



Letters of support can be sent to Mordechai Vanunu; Ashkelon Prison; P.O. Box 17; Ashkelon, Israel. Not all are received but their arrival at the prison is a clear sign of international support for Vanunu.

Libertarian to file for Congress

Geb Sommer, a 55-year-old AT&T engineer, will announce his candidacy for the Libertarian Party nomination for the 2nd District congressional seat Jan. 27.

Sommer, a Libertarian Party activist from Lexington, will make the announcement at 10 a.m. in the Magnolia Room of the Town House on Gervais Street.

'Big Brother' mentality promotes weakness

Your editorial of Jan. 6, "It's time for state to pass seat-belt law," is in step with our times: Big Brother can take care of us from the cradle to the grave, even if God doesn't.

Big Brother now takes care of us if we are hungry (that used to be 100 percent the responsibility of the church), pays us if we are out of a job, demands that we pay him money for our retirement (strictly unconstitutional, but now it's done with impunity), and now, evidently because he feels that we are irresponsible, he would demand that we buckle up.

Along your line of reasoning, Big Brother should pass a law outlawing cigarettes and strong drink. Now just think of the thousands of lives that would save and the millions of dollars to be collected from fines (no doubt for education, as that also is now the thing). I don't advocate this, but your line of reasoning does.

I am a senior citizen, and I have witnessed the great expansion of this "Big Brother/mother care"; it promotes character weakness by taking away the spirit of self sufficiency and independence. Yes, we need the mandatory seat belt law that we have for children, but let the individual adult citizen paddle his own canoe.

And, if you are really so "gung-ho" on buckling up, you should lobby your U.S. Senate to pass a law mandating manufacturers to make the car inoperable if belts are not used. That would be very easy and inexpensive; maybe a \$200 fine could be imposed if one were caught tampering with it.

FLOYD C. EARGLE

Tax increases diminish one's control over life

At some point we will have to stop all tax increases — stop them forever. This is so because, otherwise, taxes will approach 100 percent.

Adding tax increases of 6 percent, 10 percent to any base percentage of one's income, repeated five or 10 times, approaches 100 percent. The sales tax increased one cent last year, a 25 percent sales tax increase. That is 1 percent of all your take-home pay which we spend on necessities. Most of us spend practically all of our take-home pay on necessities.

Welcome to the News ! !

Tax 'dream'

Associated Press

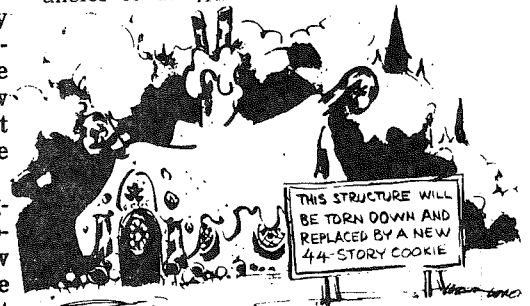
WASHINGTON

President Reagan's dream of a tax system in which most people wouldn't have to file returns apparently is not to be. The Internal Revenue Service says it just isn't feasible.

The idea, advanced by the president when he sent his tax-overhaul plan to Congress in May 1985, eventually would have allowed most taxpayers to settle their accounts with the government simply by verifying the accuracy of a return prepared by the IRS.

A yearlong study "has led to the conclusion that it is not currently feasible to implement a return-free system which meets the desired objectives at a reasonable cost," the IRS told Congress.

"Although participants would be relieved of the burden of filing returns, they would instead have the burdens of understanding the return-free tax system eligibility requirements, filing a postcard (to elect to participate), verifying the IRS report and notifying IRS of any discrepancies or disagreements."



PLEASE write your editor & tell YOU hate taxes.

Every tax increase decreases our standard of living by some fraction for some supposed indirect benefit over which we have lost control personally. Every tax increase decreases our control over our own lives. Our lawmakers are discussing a new tax measure renamed "homeowners tax relief."

Why not call it "the renters and homeowners tax increase"? With this proposal, county governments can tax this group here, tax that group there, with never-ending increases. At some percentage of taxation of our take-home pay, we will have lost control of our money and that also will mean we have lost control of our lives.

C.H. TUCKER



Mike Royko

Readers give their 22-cents worth

Letters, calls, complaints and great thoughts from readers:

...
Andy Barniskis, Levittown, Pa.: In a recent column, you said that our allies should pay for the defense we give them or provide their own. And you said you would vote for a presidential candidate that has such a plan.

I point out that Libertarian Party candidate Ron Paul is campaigning on just such a platform. So it looks like you'll have to vote for him.

Comment: The way things are shaping up, I not only might vote for him, I might go out and work a precinct.

Name that dictatorship — Here's a quiz: What third world dictatorship, annoyed at the activities of a certain group of its citizens, recently proposed legislation that would: 1) Prohibit those individuals from congregating in public in groups of two or more; 2) Prevent them from remaining on public streets for more than five minutes at a time; and 3) Empose a dusk-to-dawn curfew on them? Did you guess South Africa? Nicaragua? Afghanistan? Sorry, the correct answer is Los Angeles, where the city attorney recently requested those powers against a street gang called the Crips. Fortunately, a Superior Court judge denied the request, and so the city will be forced to use constitutional means to combat crime. (Reported in *The Boston Globe*)

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Nudes are prudes: study

Nudists have more conventional sex habits than people who wear clothes all the time, says researcher Marilyn D. Story of the University of Northern Iowa.

Story asked 100 members of the American Sunbathing Association, half of them men and women, about their sexual activities and compared their answers with those given by 100 non-nudists. The nudists were less likely to have had premarital sex, to have engaged in group sex, to have had homosexual experiences during adolescence and to have had extramarital affairs, Story reports in the *Journal of Sexual Research*.

The study "confirms that social nudists mentally separate nudity and sex, seeing naked bodies as 'natural' rather than sexually arousing," says a comment in *Medical Aspects of Human Sexuality*, a magazine for doctors.

New York Daily News



"All I don't know is what I don't read in the newspapers."

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STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD!!

A SCHOOL farming club has been dealt a sour blow by officials in Whitehall.

They have been ordered to reduce their dairy herd by half because it is producing too much milk.

But there is one problem — for the 50 pupils have only one cow, Lizzie, a four-year-old Jersey.

She produces about four gallons of milk a day for the youngsters at Saffron Walden county high school in Essex.

They keep Lizzie so they can learn about real-life farming.

But now they have received a letter from the Ministry of Agriculture.

It has told them to reduce their herd by half in line with Common Market regulations.

The letter was sent out by Ministry officials on the instructions of the EEC in Brussels.

They are trying to

By PETER KANE

keep milk production down because there is too much of it.

Yesterday Dave Crosby, head of the rural studies at the school, said:

"Clearly someone did not realise we only have one cow . . . and it is going to be very difficult to carry out these instructions to the letter."

Friend

Pupil Fay Hartley, 11, said: "We were upset when the teacher told us that Lizzie was under threat. She is our best friend and we all help milk her."

A spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture said: "There has obviously been a mistake in this case and I think the school will be allowed to keep Lizzie as she is."

The Ludwig von Mises of Auburn University

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VICTORY IN IOWA

Iowa isn't against parents after all. The Iowa Supreme Court has thrown out the convictions of a couple who home schooled their two children.

Home school advocates say the court's decision will give them time to lobby for legislative changes.

Greg and Karen Trucke were charged in 1985 for failing to have a state-certified teacher educate their children.

The high court said the law requires children to be taught by a certified individual for 120 days. Yet, the Maple Valley school district brought charges only 30 days into the school year. The Truckes still had plenty of time to comply with the compulsory attendance policy by sending their children to public school or finding a certified teacher to teach their children at home.

Justice Linda Neuman wrote in the court's majority opinion, "The complaints here . . . erroneously led to convictions based on crimes not yet committed."

A bulletin published by the Committee on Safety Belt Users argues: "No driver has the 'right' to be knocked out of the driving position and lose control of his/her car, thus endangering his/her passengers and other traffic." Yet an article that appeared in The Star Ledger on April 5, 1985 reported that the number of New Jersey highway fatalities in the first month of the state's seat belt law increased by 40% over the same month last year. Since the effectiveness of wearing safety belts is obviously disputable the only sensible thing to do is let people make up their own minds.

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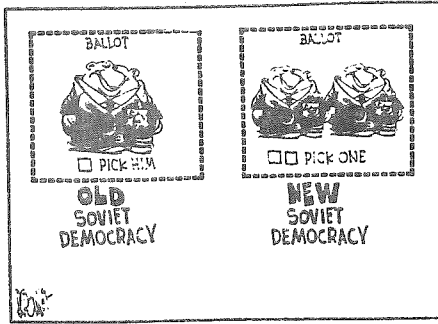
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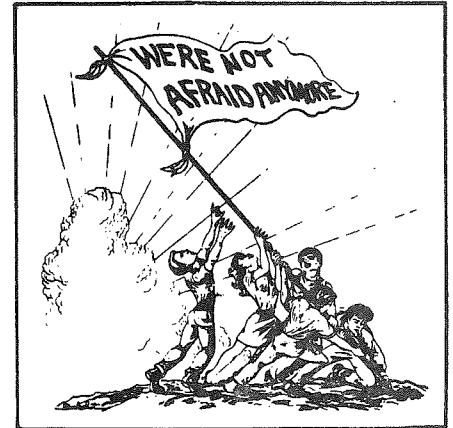
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* In a Polish church on Sept. 13 more than 40 members of Freedom and Peace (WiP) went on a one week hunger strike. They demanded the release of 2 military resisters: Oskar Kasperek who received a 2 year term and Piotr Rozycki who was sentenced to 2 1/2 years. Demand the release of these two and other resisters by writing to: General Jaruzelski, Ul. Wiejska 4/6 00-902, Warsaw, Poland.

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