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## Officers beat blind man oust city officials

The Associated Press

**FEDERAL HEIGHTS, Colo.**  
Voters in this Denver suburb have recalled their mayor and four City Council members in a flap that began when a TV crew filmed the police and fire chiefs drinking on the job.

"The mayor condoned the activity," said recall organizer Verna Cook. "As far as the council is concerned, I certainly think that their inaction has caused his to happen and they should be recalled."

Voters cast 801 ballots to recall Mayor Lester Bauer, 81, and 361 to retain him, said City Clerk Peggy French. Mark Stickel was elected his successor with 433 votes.

Four of the council's six members were recalled: Mildred Early, Bob Hamilton, Grace Diamond and Mayor Pro Tem Ernest Shelton. French said.

**HAYWARD, Calif.** — Two police officers beat a blind man with their batons after mistaking his collapsible cane for an illegal martial arts weapon, police said.

"It bothers me to the core and I want to get to the bottom of this right away," said Acting Police Chief Dick Dettmer, who on Monday announced an investigation into the incident.

According to a police report, field training officer Eric Ristrim was with trainee Marie Yin on Thursday when they came upon David St. John, 37, standing at a bus stop.

Ristrim said St. John placed in his pants pocket what appeared to be a set of nunchakus, a martial arts weapon which consists of two wooden towels connected with a chain. Possession of the weapon is illegal in California.

The officers thought the man could see their uniforms so they didn't identify themselves when they demanded that St. John hand over the contents of his pockets, the report said.

St. John said later he thought he was about to be mugged and a struggle followed.

"I did what my self-defense training and my instincts told me to do," a bruised and swollen St. John said Monday.

Ristrim said St. John's eyes were milky in color but were wide open "as if looking directly" at him.

The officers said they first hit St. John twice on the legs. Then when he pulled the cane out of his pocket "and raised it to about face level" they struck him on the forearm in an attempt to get him to drop it.

It was then that someone yelled, "he's blind" and the officers identified themselves, bringing an end to the struggle.

"They ought to be careful who they clobber with their night sticks," said St. John, who was on his way to beep-baseball practice when the beating occurred.

## Americans Will Be Gored and Abused Before They Will Reform Government,

### Quayle's a Dope

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At a background briefing for reporters covering his visit to El Salvador, Vice President Dan Quayle was quoted as saying that the United States "condones" violence in that country.

He also told the press that "we expect them (Salvadoran officials) to work toward the elimination of human rights."

He later said that he misspoke.

The Progressive

Six South Carolina businesses obtained a total of \$13.8 million Thursday from the sale of new industrial development bonds offered in a financing by the state's Jobs-Economic Development Authority.

The businesses — Batesburg Industrial Fabrics, General Nutrition Laboratories, Phoenix Finishing Corp., Seacord Corp./John D. Cram, Tungsten Industries, and Brown Packing Co. — are expected to create or retain 630 jobs within the next 24 months as a result of the new IDBs.

Batesburg Industrial Fabrics, located in Batesburg, will receive \$7.7 million to acquire existing facilities from Burlington Industries, which has discontinued operations.

## \$13.8 million in bonds fun for six businesses

THE STATE, SEPT. 17, 1988

J. Wrisley - Sept 17, 1988

The six companies assisted by JEDA to the tune of \$13.8-million could not have borrowed that amount of money at the low rates the state is charging them. What has happened, in effect, is that JEDA has looked with favor on six firms and given them a deal they could not get in the commercial markets.

The money was raised by borrowing money through the sale of bonds, backed by the full faith and credit of the State of South Carolina — which is say, the ability of the state to tax its citizens to pay back the money if one or more of the companies default, for whatever reason. That's the reason the rates are lower. The lenders (buyers of the bonds) know that the risk is almost non-existent. The taxpayers stand ready to make good, if necessary.

The State of Michigan has recently plunged into this field even more directly. It built a kitty of \$320-million for "venture-capital investments." The object is to create jobs, wealth and prosperity. This program presumes that the State of Michigan is smarter than banks and other private lenders in figuring out what's a good risk and what is not. A bank may not think a business scheme to be credit worthy, but Michigan will supply start-up capital in the hope that it will get off the ground and create jobs. To make matters worse the state is also offering advice to new businesses.

The plain fact is, it is not the business of government to directly channel money into starting up private enterprises. On the surface it sounds like a good idea, especially to the enterprisers who have met resistance at the banks. The government's job is to secure the background in which free enterprise works and not try to be one of the players.

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"I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform (them)." Thomas Jefferson

## Amish show we do not need a welfare state

**T**he government is picking on the Amish again. Why can't it just leave those humble, harmless people alone? This time Mercer County authorities in Pennsylvania are prosecuting a woman, Lucille Sykes, who served as an unlicensed midwife to the Amish. She is accused of delivering the sixth child of an Amish couple, who strongly praise the midwife. Sykes says she has delivered 600 children for the Amish in recent years.

Outrageously, the government is using the Amish couple's own upright beliefs to persecute Sykes. The family holds dearly to the commandment, "Thou shalt not bear false witness." The government used their honesty to gain testimony about Sykes' work.

The assault on the Amish, moreover, is bad health policy. Midwives are a blessing, furnishing low-cost, expert delivery of babies, in place of the thousands of dollars hospitals charge. Midwives also provide prenatal care to expectant mothers. Salina Walters, president of the Pennsylvania Midwives Association, said the Amish case is "an opportunity to challenge the law and to make the issue of midwifery known. We would like to see midwifery decriminalized."

The strange workings of our government are a puzzle to the straightforward Amish. Says Walters: "In talking with the Amish, they can't understand why a woman is permitted by law to have an abortion, but she can't choose where and how she will have a baby."

So the Amish are again forced to stand up for rights that never should have been questioned. Two decades ago, the Iowa state government tried to impose state education rules on Amish schools. When the Amish refused, Big Brother jailed some parents and seized Amish property. State authorities even tried to nab Amish children and bus them to government schools. A tide of national outrage ensued. The Supreme Court eventually sided with the Amish people's right to teach their children as they saw best.

Why have Americans, including the Supreme Court during its most radical years, sided with the Amish, even as the government imposed vast new systems of oppression on the remaining 240 million Americans? Maybe we subconsciously know that leaving decent, hard-working, law-abiding people alone is the best policy after all. Letting the Amish retain their ways may be a kind of tacit admission that the welfare state — with all its high taxes and controls — doesn't work and should be revoked.

## Burglar who packed lunch gets packed off to prison

Associated Press

**CHESAPEAKE, Va.** A 320-pound man whose appetite got the best of him while burglarizing a home fixed himself a meal — and one to go — but was caught when authorities found his fingerprint on a salad-dressing jar.

"We have a man apparently overcome by the vigor of his own appetite who stops during the course of his own burglary and prepares himself a feast," Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Stephen Givando-Cline said.

Darryl J. White, 24, of Chesapeake was convicted of burglary, fined \$1,000 and sentenced to 5½ years in prison.

Givando-Cline said White entered a

townhouse through an unlocked door on the night of June 4, 1986, while the family of four slept upstairs. The burglar took a videocassette recorder, tapes and \$69.

But White then plundered the pantry, Givando-Cline said. Littering the counters were a plate that previously held four salmon cutlets, an open loaf of bread, orange peels and pitchers of milk, water and Kool-Aid.

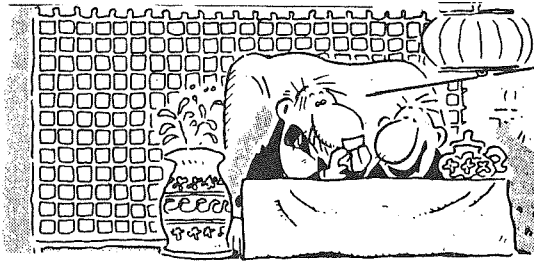
The burglar also packed a snack to go of luncheon meats, cheese, oranges, ice cream and Kool-Aid.



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is treasurer for the legal fund for Kevin Cullinane.

The primary thrust of Freedom School is not his philosophy, Cullinane said, but teaching people to see both sides of an argument and to think. Milliken, for instance, rejects a number of Cullinane's beliefs, Cullinane said.



WOW, CHINA REALLY  
IS LOOSENING UP!  
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THAVES

Plain Dealer: "The Bureau of Indian Affairs is hurting progress among native Americans," said Chief Wilma Mankiller of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma at a special Senate investigations committee. [A woman Indian chief? I'm surprised--DeJ]

Her views were supported by other chiefs and by RUSSELL MEANS, head of the American Indian Movement who said "We have the right to fail; we have the right to succeed." He detailed abuses, and said the Bureau of Indian Affairs should be abolished.

### Traditional values can restore harmony

As I read of the violence in our society, I recall the years of the deep Depression, of living on the edge; yet, we held on to the traditional values of faith, moral living, truth, trust, respect and self-reliance, and we feared God and lived in harmony and peace with our neighbors.

In 1933, the winds of time changed when the focus was cast on material things. Unwise decisions in government and society put our country in a quandary. For years, education declined steadily; then Bible reading and prayer were ruled out of our schools, and out went morals and discipline, two key elements in sustaining civilization and freedom. During the rights movements, education and morals fell to their lowest level. As morals go, so goes education. The pornography industry escalated to its highest level — \$8 billion annually.

During these turbulent years, the seeds of evils were sown, and we are reaping an abundant harvest. It is no wonder that child abuse and abuse of women are so rampant. For years, many of our lawmakers, the courts and others involved in the justice system were too insensitive to the well-

being of women and children.

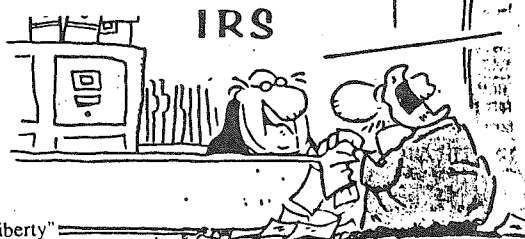
It is truly gratifying that child abuse, women abuse and mind abuse are among the priorities of our President. He is pleading to Congress and all Americans for their sincere commitment, cooperation and teamwork toward a kinder and gentler nation.

Surgeon General C. Everett Koop is equally concerned about this crisis in domestic violence and is seeking full cooperation from the doctors who see the horrible sights of child and women abuse in emergency rooms all across our nation.

Are we going to accept violence as a way of life? For America to survive, citizens in all walks of life must contribute to this vital crusade. We must be committed. First, we must purge our minds and hearts of all carnal traits, greed, hate, malice, envy, prejudice, sloth, revenge, gluttony and fake pride and fill our hearts with love, kindness, patience and compassion coupled with faith and prayer, asking God to heal our land.

We must keep in mind that our thoughts rule our lives.

MRS. L.H. HUGGINS



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HUMAN, BUT  
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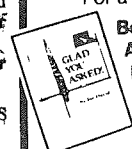
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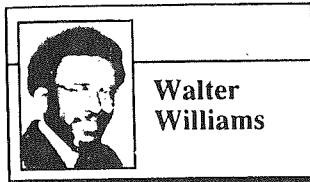
# Revolutionary spirit must

The American people's action in forcing the rollback of the congressional pay increase proved that our revolutionary spirit is not completely dead. In the total scheme of things, however, it was mostly for naught. In terms of the great harm that Congress imposes on our people, it would be a bargain if we paid each member of the Senate and House a million dollars a year on the condition they stay out of Washington. Let's take a look at Congress.

When you and I manage our household finances, the first thing we do is figure out our total income, then we make any decisions on how we're going to spend it. If we decide to send the daughter off to college, we have to sacrifice by not buying a new car. If we want to take that winter vacation, we have to give up the expensive summer vacation. We're always faced with that unpleasant reality: You can have more of this only if you have less of that.

Congress does things oppositely. The House and Senate Budget committees, operating under the influence of various spending lobbies, first put together a spending list; then they vote on its adoption. Afterwards, Congress tries to figure out how to pay for it.

Therefore, when one member of Congress wants to up the spending for housing, another for research, and another wants billions for rural electrification, they all get what they want. There's none of that unpleasantness you and I face whereby having more of one thing means being content with less of another. Congress has a blank check — drafted on us.



Walter Williams

Whenever tax revenues can't pay for their wish list, they sock it to us by raising the national debt, inflating the currency, driving up interest rates, or increasing taxes.

Right now the deficit is politically unpopular, as are tax increases, nonetheless, the spending constituencies still prowl the halls of Congress. Telling them to get lost is far beyond the courage of congressmen, but you can bet the rent money that the rascals will not be deterred. "OK, Williams," you say, "the ball is in your court; what will Congress do?"

For Congress to cut handouts to farmers, the homeless, and countless others imposes immediate costs in the forms of demonstrations, ugly mail, and lost votes. Congress doesn't face that kind of unpleasantness if they cut national defense. After all, our radar hasn't picked up incoming Russian missiles. Thus, fewer votes are lost cutting national defense than cutting handouts. Moreover, if we're ever faced with military jeopardy, no one will blame it on handouts. After all no one blamed Britain's near defeat by the Argentineans on its addiction to handout programs.

"That's it, Williams," you say. "These are honorable men who don't put their personal political ambitions before the national interest!"

Read my lips: Just because a person becomes a public servant doesn't mean that he abandons his personal ambitions. This notion is fully developed at George Mason University by my colleagues, Profs. Robert Tollison, Richard Wagner, and James Buchanan, the latter having won the Nobel Prize for public choice theory.

The revolutionary spirit, directed against the congressional pay raise, would have been better spent against the imprudent and underhanded ways Congress makes spending and taxing decisions. Congress has failed to balance the budget for 19 straight years; and 28 out of the last 29. As long as we have an irresponsible budget process, Congress will continue its reckless ways. And we — and our children — will pay dearly.

Congress will only respond to an outraged American populous with the revolutionary spirit that the British faced in Boston.

Proposals: We need a constitutional amendment mandating a spending limitation and balanced budget and several million of us should descend on Washington and go into each congressman's office to adjust his attitude.

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## 'Duke Quiz' 2

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ANSWER: MICHAEL DUKAKIS.



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## Tenn. Churches Face Tax on Clergy

(RNS)—Nashville officials have filed a lawsuit against the State of Tennessee and more than 140 churches in the state in an effort to have parsonages taxed because they are not used for religious or charitable purposes.

The suit, filed Dec. 29, asks the Davidson County Chancery Court to strike down a 1984 state law that gives an automatic property tax exemption to one parsonage for each church without regard to its religious purpose.

Nashville Tax Assessor Jim Ed Clary estimated that the city could receive an additional \$250,000 in revenues if the 141 exempt pieces of

church property involved in the lawsuit were added to the tax rolls.

"This is breaking all precedents," Roman Catholic Bishop James Nidergeses said of the lawsuit. "This is contrary to all past traditions."

The prelate explained that "parsonages in the Catholic Church are where the priest works and lives as well. Catholic priests are like people who live above their offices, and we're on call day and night."

"There's nothing secular about it, except we eat and sleep here."

In contrast, the Rev. Bill Sherman, pastor of Woodmont Baptist church, said he doesn't have any problem with churches paying taxes on parsonages.

## Orthodox Jew Allowed to Keep his Beard While in Prison

FLORENCE, Ariz. (RNS)—Kenneth Friedman, 31, an inmate at the Arizona State Prison here, is being allowed to keep his beard, at least for the time being.

An Orthodox Jew, Mr. Friedman convinced U.S. District Judge Robert C. Broomfield that having a beard is his civil right despite an October 1988 ruling by the Department of Corrections that beards are not permitted in prison.

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The government's latest drug-smuggling detector, a blimp-like balloon, looms 10,000 feet over the Arizona horizon and costs taxpayers \$18 million. Its purpose is to track airplanes near the Mexican border that evade regular radar by flying low. It has apprehended two drug-carrying planes.

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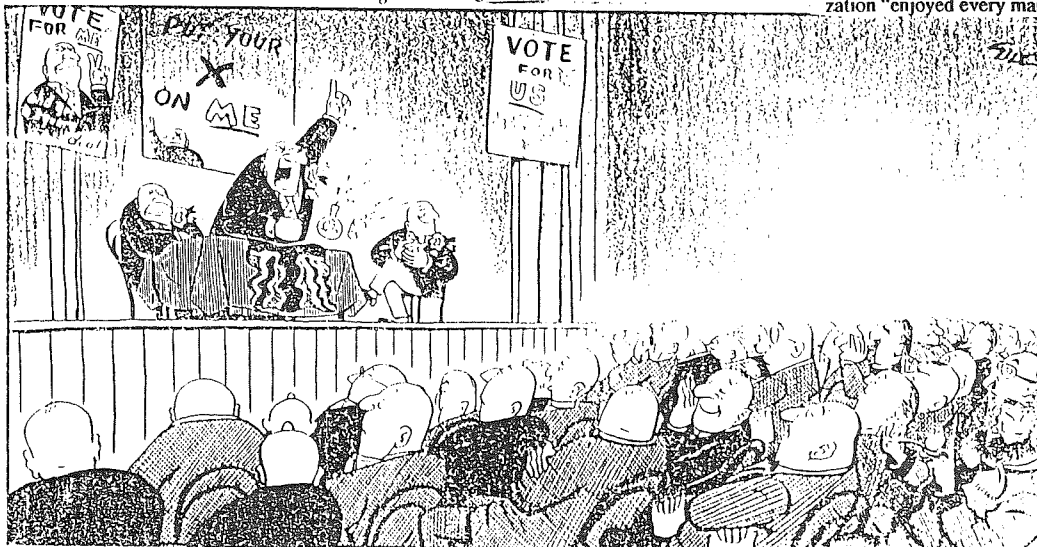
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Will Rogers

The San Diego Libertarian



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Daily Express, April 26th, 1955 "The reason so many Fat & Ugly run for office is a need for exercise."



Siva as Lord of the Dance



## Bush's dog not kind, gentle to squirrels

Now that he's leader of the free world, George Bush has settled down to some serious work: The president has turned loose Millie, his springer spaniel, on the White House squirrels. He had vowed that the squirrels running around the South Lawn would soon be "history" with Millie around. He told reporters Wednesday that they had "missed one of the great news stories" at the White House. "Millie almost got a squirrel yesterday," he said gleefully.

## IRS Revokes Church Tax Exemption For Racial Discrimination

(RNS)—In a precedent-setting move, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has revoked the tax exemption of a church for three years in which it allegedly practiced racial segregation in operating a now-defunct school.

The revocation order is being challenged in the U.S. Tax Court in Washington by Second Baptist Church of Goldsboro, N.C. The fundamentalist congregation contends that the school was not segregated during the years in question—1983 through 1985—and adds that even if it had been, "the church's activities as a church provide a public benefit to society" that would justify an exemption.

The new IRS ruling removes the tax exemption of the church with which the school was affiliated. An IRS official said it was the first case in which the agency has taken such an action against a church.

## Supreme Court Rejects Appeal to Review Mission's Tax Status

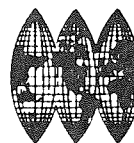
WASHINGTON (RNS)—The U.S. Supreme Court has rejected an appeal to review the revocation of the federal tax exemption of a breakaway Catholic group called Contemporary Mission Inc.

The Internal Revenue Service revoked the tax exemption of Contemporary Mission in 1977, after the group moved into a 19-room mansion in the upscale Connecticut community of Westport and acquired three Mercedes Benz automobiles and a yacht. The Justice Department noted that the group had made nearly \$1.5 million that year in direct mail sales of products that included tax guides, diet books, bath salts, exercise devices, jewelry, golf tips and books written by psychic Edgar Cayce.

Government attorneys contended that "rather than living in a frugal or ascetic fashion consistent with a vow of poverty," the five priests who make up the organization "enjoyed every manner of luxury."

## FIRST AMENDMENT WHERE ARE YOU?

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# We Just Report The News!!

New South Wales (Australia) reports electoral fraud in every contest last year. Vote early & vote often! (Prog) .... Bata Shoe's store at Dkaka, Bangladesh, was attacked by fanatic Muslims because of a shoe logo that resembled Allah in Arabic; 1 killed, 50+ injured; police attacked w/ steel-tip bamboo sticks & tear gas. (WR) Exporting can be very dangerous. .... Since Honduras has abolished the death penalty, as advocated by such as Amnesty Intl., police have started torturing & killing delinquents arrested, instead of letting them come to trial. (") If you commit murder in Teguchigalpa, the state won't hang you, but the police might kill you accidentally during an arrest. .... Soviet Union has fired more than 25000 cops for incompetence, + 1457 thrown in jail for crimes like stealing. (") .... The honest cop is hard to find. .... J F Kennedy's German was not too good; "Ich bin ein Berliner" means "I am a Berlin jelly roll". (") .... Sen. Dole & Sen. Thurmond are working on a sex deal: they have schnauzers of opposite sex. (") Jack Pole, prof. of Amer. hist. at Oxford says: The written English of students is so poor they have to be sent for extra help once they get to college. (") Even Prince Charles complains of not being able to get secy. who can type & spell. .... Survey shows 1 of 4 fed. employees in Wash, DC is gay --- sexually. (") Some are very happy for other reasons, like a job at HUD. .... I won't even bother with the gay call service that has made the major media even. .... Prison race report, at last: 52% white, 45% black, 1% Am. Indian, 2% Asian & other. Prison population goes up, up, up, as govt. wants more slaves. Only 4 states have not 1000 prisoners: ND, VT, NH & WY. (CBA) ....

In Iowa: 1985, 473 traffic deaths

1986, 441 " "

Seat-Belt Law, 1987, 491 " "

1988, 554 " "

(Frag)

Draw your own conclusion.....

Ken Bailey, 66, called by the watchdog to investigate a business break-in, called statist police, who said they would send an officer when one was available. He then took his rifle, & found 2 motorcyclists who said they wanted to steal some gas. When he told them to go away, one charged, shouting a batch of obscenities, and was shot in the right hand in self-defense. Bailey, not the habitual convict, was arrested by statist police. (Klamath OR H&N)

In Jawjuh, the sodomy law takes a new twist from the Hardwick case (he was a homo convicted of using a hard dwick). James Moseley is in jail for oral & anal sodomy with his ex-wife. The Ga. press is having a "field" day.

Fr. Nicholas Gruner faces defrocking for trying to get the Pope to consecrate Russia to the Virgin, instead of its traditional patron St., Nicholas & Andrew. (Fat Crusad.) I think Russia could use a few prayers.

The coalition for 100% drug reform, 9 Bleecker St., NY, NY 10012 has a proposal: Stop recycling crackheads via zero tolerance through jail, which makes them drug dealers to pay their lawyer. (KKK claims zero tolerance, too.) Use drug treatments instead of more jails. They recommend the drug, Endabuse, as being less damaging than methadone, etc. and non-addictive itself. Legalizing marijuana, the next less dangerous drug, would put the crack dealers virtually out of business, as it can be so cheap. (This is how we put bootleggers out of business by repealing the Prohibit.)

"The simple truth is that a government education system serves the government, not the children or their parents," says Samuel Blumenfeld, who is a blooming expert. Bos. Herald notes that Soviet teens are more optimistic than those in U.S. Blumenfeld notes that they don't have to put up with TV & NEA teachers union, venereal epidemics, llok-say, new math, death education, nuclear holocaust studies, etc.

Stewart Shafer, 11, hanged himself in Boise, ID to get away. From public schools? Young Worshipers?

I get no kick from cocaine. But does the CIA? Or does it just import it (not under customs control as a "special" govt. agency) for a desire for loot?

Iceland has legalized beer, after 74 years. (WR)....



MEMO: TO ADVERTISING STAFF  
FROM: PRESIDENT OF PEPSI COLA  
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Letter to Mark Satin of "New Options": "There is a simple explanation of the problem of the 'Green' movement. In American slang, 'green' means 'immature'. Your account of the Eugene, Oregon meeting gives examples. Those who do not want to be called immature, drop out." - SLM.

The Thought, Box 3092, Orange, CA 92665 seeks essays on whether the founding fathers were heroes or villains or what/ my opinion is they had some of all kinds. ... Natl. Ass. for Campus Activities (Box 6828, Cola, SC 29260) doesn't want to tell me what sort of organiz. they are, or what sort of zine they put out. If anyone sees one, please let me know what kind of campus Acts they participate in. As I told them there are all sorts of things on a campus that are illegal, immoral or fattering. .... ALF (Animal Front-Liberation) burned a dept. store, Dingle's in Plymouth (England) at a damage of £9 million; At Howell's of Cardiff (Wales) the sprinklers came on and did £180,000 flooding. (Green Anarchist) .... Pack of Albright Foxhunt went wild on Shenstone Av. in Norton, chasing cats & trampling gardens. Fox got away. (") .... BBC reports that 185 schools in UK were set on fire by students, doing £25 million in damage. And these are kids who don't want to go to school. .... Anti-Racists in Holland raided library of Dutch/South Africa Soc. & dumped it into the canal in Amsterdam. (GA) Are they anti-racist or anti-readers? .... Govt. of Injuh wants to evict 100,000 peasants & set up a nuclear test range in Bengal. (5th Est.) .... Thailand has overlogged to cause floods & disasters, losing 88% of its forests. .... Plans to log for paper to make toilet rolls have upset many in Indonesia's West New Guinea, who do not use such. ....

Let us now sing! the folk song, Hey Li-Lee, Li-Lee, Hey Li-Lee, Li-Lee Lo!, can be made up as you go along:

Tom Jefferson Was really brave,

Hey li-lee li-lee lo,

Now he's turning in his grave,

Hey li-lee li-lee lo!

You make up as you go along. Here are a few that someone sent us:

Bribe you Congressman today, h. l. l. l.

Tomorrow it will surely pay, " " " "

or, Taxez take from you and me, h. l. l. l.

Bring the taxman to his knee, " " " "

or even, Politicians are such jerks, h. l. l. l.

They just rob us for their perks, hey li-lee, li-lee lo! .....

There are several things SLM needs, such as a real computer, not a blinding one with a monitor, more subscribers (send us names & addresses to send a sample to), and articles that are not double-spaced, please. Also, HMC has a lot of rare & unusual books for sale, & needs buyers to get shelf space for more. I do not have room to list all the groups that need donations. Also, SCLP needs members who want to run for office; we have lots of @#%& in the statist government, and some may be unopposed in 1990.

## Quote

"How can you not support AIDS research, if you're a man of God?"

— Johnny Cash, country and western singer, in the *Gay Times*, a British publication. Some of Cash's fans are upset because Cash recorded a compilation album, the proceeds of which are to go for AIDS research in London. Other performers who appear on the album include Michelle Shocked, Marc Almond, and Voice of The Beehive. Back in Nashville, Cash and Waylon Jennings recently started the Music Business Foundation for AIDS Research.

## Gay editors acquitted of debauchery

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Two editors of a gay and lesbian newspaper were recently found not guilty of promoting "prostitution and debauchery" through the paper's classified ads.

The case against the paper, *Tels Quels*, was drawn out for more than a year, according to reports in *Philadelphia Gay News*.

## Secrets

The media chose not to report on the findings of Ben Bagdikian that revealed half or more of the U.S. media business controlled by 50 corporations in 1982 were by December '86 controlled by 29, and by 1987 controlled by 26. Some Wall Street analysts are predicting that a mere six companies will control most U.S. media by the 1990's. "The fact that General Electric (a major manufacturer of nuclear power and nuclear weapons technology) now owns NBC wipes one network from covering the nuclear power issue with any real objectivity." (Project Censored director Carl Jensen, professor, Sonoma State University, California).

Peace Newsletter

## Athletes

In February 1967, Governor Ronald Reagan came to San Diego for the opening of the new International Airport Terminal at Lindbergh Field.

After giving his speech, he was faced with the problem of cutting the ceremonial ribbon, which was 400 feet away.

Reagan walked fifty feet to his private plane, got the pilot to start up both engines, and had the plane taxi to the ribbon. Reagan then got out of the plane, walked to the ribbon, and cut it.

—The Indicator, 1967

## Real Estate

"I don't feel we did wrong in taking this great country away from them. There were great numbers of people who needed new land and the Indians were selfishly trying to keep it for themselves."

—John Wayne

## Sour Grapes

"The growing conservative force threatens the liberal establishment."

—The Dartmouth Review

Capital punishment — what we get when Congress is in session.

—Henry Boyd

# NEWS TO GIVE YOU FITS

Was Mark Chapman (not a music critic) who shot John Lennon "programmed"? By CIA? There's a book out in England by lawyer Fenton Presler who claims it happened, using drugs & hypnosis. (WR) .... Charles Grassley, (R-IA) declares, "We do have the right to pass stupid laws." (") .... Freedom First, Box 371, Swampscott, MA 01907 has a bumpersticker, "Stop the Killer Fees!" \$5. to join. .... Southern Partisan notes a problem with Yankeeification of Conservative Thought; that Kesler & Buckley leave out the thoughts of Southern cons. .... Govt. is selling \$5 gold pieces for \$215. But the federal mint couldn't mint them, alas. (Free Ent.) .... Chad Brenner, 8, received a \$39,541.55 tax refund from IRS which did not owe him. His father won't let go of the uncashed check until IRS expalins. (").... Liberty Action, Box 730, Clinton, AR is accepting gifts for medical expense of A J Porth, 87. .... Gene Crouch of LP of NM declares, "... we are going to have to buy our way into the media." And you thought we had a free press in the US. ....

At the Kings Bay, Georgia, nuclear submarine base, the Navy used \$4 million in taxpayer money to build a golf course that appears on the books as a sewage treatment plant.

The Progressive

No coal has been mined in the Netherlands for 20 years, but there's a lot of it being exported from that country these days. It seems that Shell, the Dutch oil company, is shipping South African coal to the Netherlands and re-exporting it as "Dutch coal." Shell is the target of an international boycott because of the assistance it gives to South Africa's apartheid regime. On November 29, a coalition of company shareholders announced that it had accumulated more than half the shares it needs to force a special shareholders meeting to vote on Shell's continuing sale of oil to South Africa.

Labor Notes



## Condom giveaway in SF county jails

SAN FRANCISCO — Despite possible legal ramifications, Sheriff Michael Hennessy has decided to expand the AIDS education and prevention campaign here by permitting the distribution of condoms to male prisoners in San Francisco county jails. San Francisco is the first jurisdiction in the state of California to initiate giving condoms to prisoners as a part of AIDS prevention, according to the *Sentinel*.

An article about UCSD Philosophy Professor Herbert Marcuse that appeared in the *San Diego Union* during the 60's stated that "Behind the facade of a mild manner professor, Marcuse is actually an active source and agent of today's international chaos."

"I love rock 'n' roll. I was one of the earliest Springsteen fans....You're talking to someone who truly understands rock music."

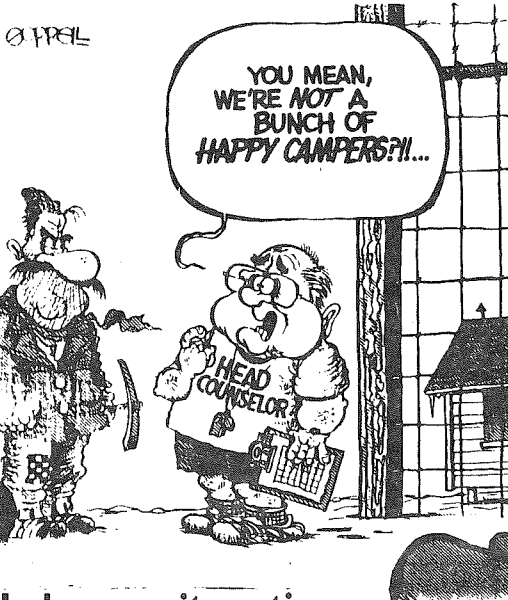
—Tipper Gore

"Our foreign policy must always be an extension of this nation's domestic policy. Our safest guide to what we do abroad is a good look at what we are doing at home."

—Lyndon B. Johnson

"We come here to serve God, and also to get rich."

Conquistador Bernal Diaz



## Judge acquits anti-abortionists

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Nineteen anti-abortionists who blocked a Planned Parenthood clinic were recently acquitted based on a "necessity" defense. The anti-abortionists argued that they were attempting to prevent the "greater crime" of abortion, according to the *National NOW Times*.

The "necessity defense" argues that a crime was committed in order to prevent a more serious crime.

"Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it."

—Thomas Paine

From *DAILY NEWS DIGEST*, Box 84902, Phoenix, AZ 85071, 5/31/89.

CANCER: A chemical found in small amounts in red wine may help prevent cancer from developing, say scientists from the University of California at Berkeley. The chemical, *quercetin*, is also found in such foods as onions, garlic, broccoli, & squash.

PRISONS: US Attorney General Dick Thornburgh said he favored converting closed military bases into prisons for drug offenders as a means to relieve jail overcrowding. The idea is being seriously considered at the highest levels of the Bush Admin.

EQUAL RIGHTS? Suzanne Yeager, a teacher's aide at a middle school, had a sexual affair with a 14-year-old boy student for about 6 months, according to country prosecutors. Schoolteacher Kenneth Lambertson had an affair with a 14-year-old girl student. Yeager got probation. Lambertson is spending 12 years in prison. As columnist E.J. Montini commented, if a girl has sex with a man in Arizona, she got raped, but if a boy has sex with a woman, he only got lucky.

## Quote of the week

"It wasn't a male and a female, so I don't know if you would call it sex."

State Senator Thomas Magee (R — New Hampshire) referring to a June 10 "bachelor party" he attended at a local hotel, in the *Boston Globe*. The party of about 50 men was broken up by a State Liquor Commission investigator when he "discovered the women apparently having sex together," according to the *Globe* report. The *Globe* said that the two women who were "performing" for the men were strippers. The commission is investigating whether or not any state liquor laws were violated.

## OTHER ODDITIES:

Robocop is being tried out in Seattle to photograph speed violations, & bill the car-owner. This will raise more tax money while saving work by human traffic cops & judges.

Do you think the govt. jobs will be eliminated? Or will they just sit around doing little to grow a beaver tail.

Insurance will go up Up UP! — NDRF

In late August student Zhan Weiping was sentenced nine years' imprisonment for "counter-revolutionary propaganda and incitement — the first student known" have been sentenced to imprisonment for participation in recent protests.

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## A TRUE, AND VERY STRANGE STORY . . . . .

When I was about 5 years old, we spent a week one summer, probably in hot August, at Ocean Drive, SC which was north of North Myrtle Beach and unincorporated. It had a pavillion & pier, no restaurant, 2 stores & 1 filling station, besides a lot of beach cabins. We borrowed Uncle David's for a week. The "cook" got her annual vacation at the beach by going with us, and there may have been one aunt or cousin.

Anyhow, I spent too much time on the hot beach with Papa, who was watching the fishing, and turned pink & had a fever. When the fever would go away that evening, after orange juice & chicken soup, they started looking for a doctor. Now there were lots of doctors who had beach cabins, including one next door, and one across the street; both were not there that week. On weekends, there were a lot more doctors there, but then only one who was taking a whole week off would be there.

One of the stores was Grice's Pharmacy; Grice had retired to the beach and sold a lot of sunburn lotion and shaded glasses and soda fountain drinks, preferably with lots of ice, and so on; once or twice a day he even filled a doctor's prescription, which saved going 25 mi. to Conway with the nearest hospital etc. He knew, then, which doctors were at the beach, as they usually checked in, so they could be called in an emergency; about once a month someone had to be stitched up from a broken bottle.

The Dr. they found that evening was Dr. Hall, from the S. C. Asylum in Columbia, who was taking his vacation to get away from an even hotter town. He pointed out that his youngest patients were 16, as the lunatics younger were not allowed in the state asylum, and he hadn't seen a kid who was sick since he was in medical school. Still he did come, check the 103\* temperature, & find nothing wrong except heat stroke. He prescribed baths, which I'd already had, and a curious medicine, ginger ale.

The drug store was out, the only store open, but Grice pulled one out of his refrigerator next door, and refused to charge for it, just as the Dr. refused to charge for coming 2 blocks on a dull night. My fever was down the next morning and gone the next night. (Let me recommend this drug, it is legal and harmless.)

Anyhow, let me tell you why he recommended this as even better than drinks that may once have contained coke; he was the head doctor at the asylum, and got a lot of patients with tertiary syphilis. This means that the sexual infection had gotten to the brain for lack of treatment, especially among the poor and stupid, and led to loss of the brain. They noticed there something interesting: in the hot summer, the tertiary syphilis would recede in some who also had malaria; the malaria germ was fighting, and burning out the germ of the syphilis. There was no drug to treat tertiary syphilis; it had gone too far for the mercury treatment used on the sex organs. So they began infecting the tertiary syphilis victims with malaria.

## Cheating teacher's future

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) — The first teacher in South Carolina to be convicted of helping students cheat on a standardized test said Thursday she is not sure if she wants to teach again — or if she'll be allowed.

"The answer is I don't know," said Nancy Yeargin, a former Greenville High School geography teacher. "Right now my feelings are real hurt. A year from now I might say, 'Yeah,' but I don't know now."

Mrs. Yeargin said, however, she is certain the state Department of Education will pull her teaching certificate.

"I have been convicted of a criminal violation of a testing situation," she said. "They aren't going to let me keep that certificate. I knew that when I pleaded guilty."

Mrs. Yeargin, 37, was arrested May 15 on a misdemeanor charge of violating the state's test security law. She is

the first teacher to be convicted under the statute, which was enacted four years ago.

A State Law Enforcement Division investigation found she prepared slides that answered questions on the Comprehensive Tests of Basic Skills, Solicitor Joe Watson said during a court hearing Wednesday.

"She basically gave the students the questions to the test," Watson told Circuit Judge C. Victor Pyle Jr.

"Is that what happened?" Pyle asked Mrs. Yeargin, who was flanked by her husband and two lawyers.

"Yes," she answered, pleading guilty to the charge.

She was ordered to pay a \$500 fine and court costs or spend 90 days in jail.

In South Carolina, teachers' bonuses are tied to how well their students score.

Mrs. Yeargin won a \$2,000 merit pay bonus last year.

## A judge rules that married heterosexual couples have a right to privacy in the Hardwick state

GAY COMMUNITY NEWS

Stupid Statist Tricks

News Tidbits edited  
by H. Randall Reynolds

By Jennie McKnight

DECATUR, Ga. — A Superior Court judge ruled Sept. 6 that Georgia's sodomy law violates the privacy of married heterosexuals. Foes of the 156-year-old sodomy statute said the ruling underscores the real purpose of the law: to criminalize gay and lesbian sex.

The case involves a man who was accused of raping his wife, but who was convicted of having consensual oral sex with her. The man, James D. Moseley, was released from prison after serving over 18 months of a five-year sentence. Moseley's challenge to the sodomy law was taken up by the Georgia chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

Marc Montoni recently showed me an envelope he'd gotten back from the Post Office on which someone had scrawled "Return to sender — Deceased". Below that, the PO had stamped "Return to sender — authorized time for forwarding has expired". I am not making this up! And you didn't think that gov't had a sense of humor.

## Florida's New Felony Animal-Cruelty Law

Those found guilty of torturing animals in Florida will now face longer prison terms and higher fines. A recently enacted law lobbied for by the SERO makes Florida one of only three states in the country with felony penalties within their general animal-cruelty statutes.

Until now, a person accused of cruelty to animals, no matter how heinous the incident, could only be charged with a misdemeanor carrying a maximum penalty of one year in jail or a \$5,000 fine. Because of low penalties, law-enforcement officers and prosecuting attorneys often shied away from the aggressive pursuit of animal-cruelty cases.

In 1988, though, the tragic death of a dog named Fame illustrated the inadequacy of the existing law and spurred legislators into action. The doberman pinscher had to be put down due to infections of his injuries after two teenage boys in Ft. Lauderdale poured gasoline over him and set him on fire while he was chained in his owner's carport. The teenagers burned the dog as an act of revenge over a dispute with the pet owner's son.

The torching of the defenseless dog shocked the community. A local judge sentenced one of the boys to the maximum of one year in jail for misdemeanor animal cruelty, but greater penalties were levied for burglary of the home and possession of cocaine, both felonies. The frustrated judge urged the state legislature to make extreme cases of animal cruelty a third-degree felony.

The Regional Report

The SOUTHERN LIBERTARIAN  
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Then they could fight the malaria with quinine, when it became the disease. But to fight against heat strokes, with malaria in hot fevers, they tried all sorts of ice cold drinks, and decided that ginger ale was the best.

So that is how I got that prescription from one of the few doctors (most of the other staff heads at the asylum were psychologists & 1 biologist; they didn't have a psychiatrist then) who knew this.

And so I have the honor of being the only child treated by the head of the state asylum, and found sane.

- jh

## American Liberty is in jeopardy

As government continues growing, it is becoming more and more oppressive of individual rights. The reason it is able to plunder Americans so flagrantly is because most Americans don't know their rights nor how to assert their rightful power as the sovereign.

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# RACKETEERING GOVERNMENT

## GOONS SUED UNDER "RICO"

**I** dramatically turning the tables on the federal use of "conspiracy" and "racketeering" statutes against UPRIGHT Constitutionalists, a \$16 MILLION suit has been filed in U.S. District Court at Washington, D.C., against five INJustice Department goons for setting up a "Framing Company" of "self-appointed vigilantes" protected by an "ol boy network" of government officials.

The 65 page complaint, prepared by Washington attorney EDWIN VIEIRA, JR., one of this nation's top experts on the Federal Reserve fraud, also is an expose of that gigantic swindle, and of the government cover-up concealing it. **JURY TRIAL IS DEMANDED.**

Charged with conspiracy, racketeering, fraud, mail and wire fraud, conspiracy to defraud the United States, perjury, suborning perjury, misprision of felony, violation of constitutional and civil rights, obstruction of justice, aiding and abetting, and various other offenses are IRS investigator JAMES T. RIDEOUTTE of Nassau, Bahamas; and INJustice Department lawyers JOHN CONROY of Burlington, VT; THOMAS D. BLONDI of Santa Ana, CA; HERBERT W. ROSEN of Herndon, VA; and STANLEY F. KRYSA of Alexandria, VA.

Plaintiffs victimized by the alleged Framing Company are BURTON D. LINNE, presently incarcerated at the federal facility at Loretto, PA; JACK O. SLATER of Washington, DC; and JOHN C. IMLAY, IV of Winchester, VA.

The complaint charges that the Framing Company deliberately suppressed an investigative report by Rideoutte in order to effect the frame up and knowingly lied to the Grand Jury which indicted plaintiffs for off-shore money laundering, and to the trial judge and jury, about existence and contents of the report.

Intent of the alleged frame up was to thwart plaintiffs' proposed business venture based on their "Strict Accounting System" (SAS) which would disseminate information about lawful avoidance of the Federal Reserve swindle. SAS was developed by plaintiffs, operating as Citizens For Dollars (CFD) in 1985 to make use of the fact that since mid-1968 the United States has had two parallel money-systems: 1. The constitutional silver and gold or statutory "dollars" and, 2. Legal-tender paper currencies such as Federal Reserve Notes and base-metallic money-tokens which are not redeemable in gold and silver. These parallel money systems are economically and legally equivalent to parallel money systems of the period between 1862 and 1878. Therefore, leading nineteenth century Supreme Court decisions concerning parallel money systems are again applicable. Furthermore, since late 1977, citizens are entitled to use either one or both of the nation's parallel money systems via contracts which so specify, again as authorized by Congress, after having been outlawed from 1934 to 1977. Plaintiffs' SAS, taking cognizance of this restored legality of parallel money systems, offered many advantages, particularly "in the present era of monetary and banking instability, chronic depreciation in purchasing power of Federal Reserve Notes as against silver and gold."

"Although CFD was a legitimate, effective, and profitable business with an excellent potential for rapid growth, it was destroyed as a financially viable organization and terminated its operations as a result of plaintiffs' convictions in United States v. Linne brought about by defendants' conspiracy," the complaint charges, asking an injunction against further suppression of SAS including information about it.

THE UPRIGHT OSTRICH

For those who may wish to obtain a full copy of this very important document from the Clerk of the U.S. District Court in Washington, DC, it is filed as Civil Action No.89-1005.



## Janitor bungles burglary by wielding stale bread

Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla.

A burglar went stale Thursday when a janitor surprised two intruders at an Orlando VFW post and pummeled them with two old loaves of bread and a box of sweet rolls.

The teenagers dropped part of the loot and ran to avoid more bun beating.

Janitor Dean Mitchell said he didn't feel like chasing the pair.

"I'm 70 years old, and it would have been a chore catching up with them. They lit out," he said.

Mitchell opened Post 2093 about 5 a.m. and stepped over two knapsacks — one filled with expensive liquor and cigarettes.

"I knew something was funny. Then here's those two young kids coming around the corner by the popcorn machine," he said. "I let out a big noise and said a few things."

"I had two bags of stale bread for the ducks I feed every morning and a box of Entenmann's sticky buns. I started hitting them with those."

The two crooks, younger than Mitchell by at least 50 years, "were busy defending themselves," he said.

The burglars didn't make off with much — maybe \$150 worth of change and cigarettes, said George Gray, post commander.

## The Dispatch-News

Our County Council has come up with a provocative new plan for getting rid of household garbage. They are considering instituting a mandatory garbage collection system in some of the more populous parts of the county. Such an arrangement (pardon our pun) stinks.

The county already has given franchise collectors exclusive rights to serve certain neighborhoods in Lexington County. But to date, only about 20% of the homeowners contract with the collectors. Why? Because, county officials privately admit, service is poor.

Yet without any guarantee their work will improve, our county would require the other 80% of the homeowners to pay the collectors to haul their garbage.

What will happen in the less densely populated areas of the county? The greenbox system will continue. But if you own property in these areas, you soon will be assessed a fee for greenbox use.

We don't really have much of a problem with this arrangement. As it is now, everybody pays for the greenbox system, no matter where they live in the county. The cost comes from the general fund to which we contribute our property taxes.

Assessing a greenbox fee for those of us who do not have garbage collection seems fair. It's a user fee not a tax. And if we charge only those who come to the greenboxes, we end up encouraging folks to take their garbage to the woods and dump it.

What we have a real problem with is making captive consumers of Lexington County residents who may or may not want garbage collection service. This system seems to us to reward the collectors who haven't done a reliable job in the first place.

And THIS was BEFORE Hugo!

# abused children

Associated Press

Kevin Cullinane replacing LaFavre in seminars, jailed too.

A woman who went into hiding with her children after accusing her husband of abusing the youngsters and engaging in devil worship and child pornography is "deeply, tragically disturbed," her brother-in-law said.

Dona Washburn, 37, of Macon, Ga., was arrested Saturday on charges of illegally taking custody of her children. She was taken into police custody at Freedom Country, a corporate retreat near Campobello, where she had been living with her youngsters after leaving home about a year ago.

Fifteen months ago, she accused her husband, Derrell, of abusing their children. The Georgia Department of Family and Children Services continues to investigate the abuse charges, bureau spokesman John Bankhead said.

Mrs. Washburn was denied bond Monday by U.S. Magistrate William M. Catoe and was being held at the Greenville Detention Center pending her return to Georgia to face charges of interstate interference with child custody.

She also faces a charge of making false statements to police in Macon, according to court documents filed Monday.

The documents contend Mrs. Washburn accused numerous people in Macon of participating in a child pornography ring, sexually molesting her children and being involved in the murder of infants.

A probe by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Macon Police Department "did not corroborate" the allegations. But independent medical examinations disclosed that two of Mrs. Washburn's four children "showed signs or evidence of sexual abuse," according to an affidavit from FBI Special Agent Fred Stofor filed in court Monday.

A grand jury failed to indict Derrell Washburn on child abuse charges in fall 1988, the affidavit states.

Mrs. Washburn's children were turned over to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, which released them to the custody of their father on Saturday, Catoe said.

Early Saturday, agents from the FBI, the State Law Enforcement Division and the Greenville County Sheriff's office moved in on the 72-acre Freedom Country retreat to arrest Mrs. Washburn.

## Publicity over stolen car was exaggerated

The State for days reported about the theft of a car with important papers in it owned by a doctoral student at the University of South Carolina.

Some months ago, my daughter, a student at USC, also had her car stolen. As the thieves drove off in her car, she called the police. She, too, had important papers in the car, i.e., notes and textbooks for the upcoming exams and a paycheck. The difference in this case was — that we recovered the car.

My daughter had to take her exams without her notes and textbooks and wait weeks to get her paycheck replaced. After recovery of her car and costly repairs, again thieves attempted to steal it at about 4 a.m. She called the police immediately while the thieves were trying to crank her car, but they ran away when they spotted the police. When she described the thieves, she was questioned about the reality of their trying to steal her car a second time. The new steering column again was broken (except that we had it fixed so they could not crank the car so easily again).

In my daughter's case, who cared that she had a difficult time with her exams because her books and notes were in the stolen car? Who cared that she had to do without her paycheck for weeks? Who cared that she had to get her car

fixed two times and was out of money and transportation for days? Who cared that she had to move to another apartment because she no longer felt safe, for fear that the thieves would come again and harm her? Who cared that the thieves now know her name, address and other personal information through the papers in her car?

She is just a hard-working student (and a certified tutor of literacy) who did not have a letter from the President in her car. Who cares?

URSULA MONIKA LAIN

## 'Militia' included majority of population

Mr. Donald Finlayson's assertion (Letters, Sept. 7) that "the right of the people to keep and bear arms" refers only to an organized militia is factually and historically incorrect. At the time the Constitution was written, George Mason pointed out that the "militia" referred to "the whole people, except for a few public officials."

There was never any intent by the framers of the Constitution to restrict the Second Amendment to persons in a military organization. In fact, the militia was seen as an insurance policy against a standing army, which they viewed as dangerous.

JAN L. CHAPMAN



## AN APPEAL TO REASON AND LEGAL DEFENSE FUND (KJC V. THE FOURTH REICH)

*Under a government which imprisons any unjustly, the true place for a just man is also a prison... the only house in a slave state in which a free man can live with honor.*

—Henry David Thoreau

With shock and sadness I learned of the arrest and incarceration of Kevin Cullinane on September 9. The flimsy and fictitious charge: obstructing justice.

As readers should be spared a second-hand account of this matter, the following report is in Kevin's own words:

The episode began when a mother of four, living in Georgia, sought help for her children from an underground railroad which provides sanctuary for children sexually abused by their fathers. In this particular case, the father was allegedly operating a kiddie-porn ring and using his own children and others to make films of adults using children for sex.

The Cullinanes, having learned of the "railroad" from an article in *U.S. News and World Report*, contacted its founder in Atlanta and volunteered to provide sanctuary.

Accordingly, the mother, Dona Washburn, and her children arrived at the Cullinane's Freedom School some months ago and went into hiding.

On Saturday, September 9th, shortly after 7:00 a.m., the Cullinane's son was awakened by a low-flying helicopter circling the property. Numerous men, dressed in camouflaged utilities and armed with automatic weapons, had broken through a locked gate and were swarming over the grounds. Several men in civilian clothes, accompanied by a man in a police uniform, presented themselves, announced that they had a search and arrest warrant for the woman, and ordered him to take them to Kevin Cullinane.

Kevin, awakened by his son, was told the FBI had come to arrest Dona and capture the children. Cullinane, knowing the porn ring had money, means, and motive to stage a fake raid, and not knowing the scope of the incursion, rolled out of bed, drew and cocked his .45 calibre pistol.

Ordered to drop the weapon, Cullinane, while keeping his gun pointed away from the officer covering him, responded, "I'm not dropping it until I see and read your warrant".

"I'm not coming any closer until you drop your weapon," the officer replied. (It must have been a tense moment.)

"Then hand it to my son and let him bring it to me," Cullinane replied. After reading the warrant, Cullinane said to his wife (who had awakened to the policeman's shout and drawn guns): "It's a proper warrant." He set his gun down and stepped away from it.

"Now come out of the bedroom," the officer ordered from the door, his gun still drawn.

"Just a minute," Cullinane challenged, "Am I under arrest?"

"No, you are not," the officer replied. So Cullinane walked out of his bedroom and upstairs to the kitchen where he encountered an FBI agent.

"Do you know Dona Washburn?" the agent demanded.

"Are you the FBI?" Cullinane countered.

When the agent replied that he was, Cullinane stated that he had nothing to say to the FBI.

"We're just doing our job," the agent responded.

To which Cullinane replied, "That is the excuse the Nazis offered at Nuremburg, but it didn't hold any water." Heated words followed. Cullinane learned that even as the officers had presented him with the warrant, they had already arrested the mother. Accordingly, he ordered the agent out of his kitchen and off of the property, stating that the authority granted by the warrant had been fulfilled, and that they no longer had legal grounds for remaining in his house.

At that point, Cullinane heard screams from the guest house where the children were being taken from their shackled mother. Heartsick, he walked away from the agent and toward the guest house. The sheriff's officer who had faced him in the bedroom allowed him. Knowing that he wasn't going to be able to stand idle while the children screamed in terror, he turned to the officer who had long before holstered his weapon.

"You'd better draw on me," Cullinane said, "I can't stand this, and there is a loaded gun in this room."

"I'll cuff him!" the FBI man interceded aggressively. He handcuffed him tightly and ordered him to sit down. Cullinane, knowing then there was truly nothing he could do, sat down. Five minutes later the FBI agent said, "OK, let's go, you're under arrest."

"You can't arrest me," Cullinane retorted, "you haven't any grounds."

Cullinane, pajamas and bare feet, was taken from the house, put into a

*Man knows no master save Creation.*

*or those whom Choice and Common Good ordain.*

-- Charles Thomson

police car, and whisked away. No bail hearing was possible until Monday morning, so he spent the weekend locked up with seven convicted men. Two of them, during previous incarcerations, had killed or maimed other prisoners.

On Monday the federal magistrate refused to grant bail, and ordered him back to his cell until Wednesday, in order to conduct a background investigation of a man dangerous enough to challenge abuses of federal power.

At the Wednesday hearing, the judge said to Cullinane, "You scare me," then agreed to release him on a bond of \$450,000! Moments later, acting on an unsubstantiated allegation whispered in his ear by his secretary, the magistrate reversed his decision and ordered Cullinane to be held, once again, without bail.

The media present in the courtroom were dumbfounded, as were Cullinane and his lawyer. Minutes later in a holding cell in the Marshall's office, Cullinane was told that the clerk had accused him of muttering, "You S.O.B.," to the FBI agent, as the latter had been testifying. The Marshall who had been standing very close to Cullinane readily admitted to having heard no such remark, but to no avail.

"I don't want my agents being exposed to dangerous men," the magistrate had exclaimed. (His agents? Farewell to the idea of supposed "checks and balances." Welcome to the Fourth Reich!)

Cullinane was thus returned to his cell until the following Tuesday when the judge re-reversed his decision and ordered him released from FBI control on the ridiculous bond of \$425,000. (Conclusion of Kevin's statement.)

*"In a disagreement with the state, be prepared to prove your innocence, (and) be prepared to pay."*

—Robert LeFevre

Those of us who have experienced the dubious pleasure of suing the Untidy States Government will attest that the Federal District Court is a dumping ground. While giving the impression that the citizen may seek redress of grievances, in fact the federal government employs this level to discourage any attack on itself by virtue of the obscene cost in time and money: three years and \$30,000 minimum. But that's not the worst part; the sad thing is that the judges are corrupt. Most Americans have not opened their eyes to the scheme, and do not know the process begins with a five-figure contribution to a presidential campaign, through at least that many intermediaries (to skirt the election laws, naturally), and then when a vacancy opens up in his division of a state, the U.S. president at the time is reminded by his campaign aide of just how "qualified" that turkey is for the appointment: "Of course, Mr. President, he is the best man for the job, and by the way, he contributed \$50K to your election." That's precisely how we get so many stooges at the federal district level, and attorneys openly joke about it. But that's still not the worst part. The worst part is that the federal district judge literally roasts with the U.S. attorney who presents the government case against you. Both are hired by the same INjustice Department that has a monopoly of jurisIMprudence in this land; both are frequently already acquainted when you arrive on the scene, because they play golf and bridge together; and because their check is stamped by the Treasury Department, neither has any recollection of where the money is coming from. It's hopeless.

Now that I've spent a paragraph excoriating a corrupt entity, why am I proposing that Kevin go through the dumping ground? Simply because that "court" is something he must patiently endure in his suit against the MONSTER for its terrifying deeds. I expect Kevin to lose at the district level, irrespective of the many merits of this case, and he does have a very winnable case for extensive damages. We must gear down now for the long pull, because the case will be won in the U.S. Court of Appeals in Richmond, and that will take another three years and \$60,000. It's a different ball game there because:

- 1) Law is written from its decisions, and it is much more visible.
- 2) The U.S. Supreme Court is on copy for its proceedings (as they may inherit the case) so fewer "mistakes" are made.
- 3) Collusion by the U.S. attorney is somewhat more difficult. (He must then risk violation of court procedures with two out of three judges on the tribunal.)

*"The surest way to make the law respected is to make the law respectable. When law and morality are in contradiction, the citizen finds himself in the cruel dilemma of either losing his moral sense, or losing respect for the law."*

—Frederic Bastiat

Yours in Liberty,

*Alan Johnson*

Dear Friends:

I am still alive, although you may have read much of the disasters of hurricane Hugo which came through on the last day of Summer. We had a little damage to a few roof shingles, but the trees that fell did not hit the house itself; being built of real wood in 1892 it did not collapse in the storm, as many newer houses did, built on the shore or in shoddy fashion. One across the road lost a fake porch to the wind and a car garage to a tree that fell on it. One of the "mobile homes" a/k/a mob trailers was twisted into the shape of a pretzel from the material used to build it that should have been made into kites. 2 of the cats slept through the storm; the 3rd paced the floor.

The following night Mother fell in the bathroom without her flashlight to see where she was going, and injured her knee. It has since been operated on. We were able to get an ambulance here early the next morning; the county tree cutter refused to cut the pecan tree blocking the gateway at the road; the foolish ambulance driver tried to drive across the ditch & bogged down & called for a tow truck, which took 2 hr to get here. Meanwhile the county emergency serv. sent another ambulance, so they trundled her down the road in the rain on a gurney, & waited about 1/2 hr. for the 2nd ambulance at the roadside. She is to go to a rehabilitative center after the hospital to be made able to walk, so that she can return home instead of going to a nursing home for her 91st birthday. I can't wait to get the ambulance bill!

A friend cut some of the tree so that we could get a car through 4 1/2 days after the hurricane, & the power line cut some more so that they could get to the house to cut a tree resting on their line here. There's still one in the field resting on the phone company line. They gave up electricity back after only 6 1/2 days without it, and we got an expert to re-prime the well so that we had pump water again after only 6 1/2 days with only water carried in.

We have no pear trees any more; the grape crop was the lightest ever before the storm, and pecans are everywhere, ripe or rot, since 6 more trees came down besides the one last Spring. There are several other trees in the yard.

J. H. Miller

## HIDING

FBI Special Agent Donald Hayden said about 15 officers were on the premises. The Cullinanes said 40 to 50 officers were there.

"The idea of using FBI agents and 40-odd men and a helicopter to take an innocent woman and her four children is outrageous," Mrs. Cullinane said. "It was like storm troopers."

A few hours after Dona Washburn was taken away in handcuffs, Cullinane family members sat around their kitchen table pointing to pictures of the four children they had grown to love.

They expressed outrage over the tactics of the police and fear over the fate of the four children. "The law, as I see it, is that mothers and children should be protected," Patricia Cullinane said. "These people are being abused, and the courts aren't protecting them."

"When the kids came, they were really quiet, really withdrawn. Now they've really opened up. They're a part of our family, and they're terrified about having to go back to their father," said Mary Cullinane, one of the Cullinanes' seven children. The Cullinanes had been planning a birthday party. Today is Daniel's birthday, and tomorrow is Emily's.

There were plenty of scares. Patricia recalled last Christmas Eve, when police officers seeking information about a nearby property drove down the Freedom Country driveway with their lights flashing. Dona and her children immediately scampered out of their house and started to run.

Yesterday afternoon, both Faye Yager and the Cullinane family vowed they would do whatever they could to help Dona retrieve her children. "Not many women would go through what she did to protect those kids."

Yager estimated that out of the "thousands" of people — men and women — who seek to protect their children by going underground, about 15 percent are finally apprehended.

## Couple who hid Washburns 'generous, kind'

By ADAM C. SMITH  
Staff Writer

CAMPOBELLO — To their neighbors, Kevin and Patricia Cullinane were the folks who helped organize a neighborhood crime watch, who picked up roadside trash, whose generosity could always be counted on.

Then on Saturday, the Cullinanes became something more.

Federal, state, and county law enforcement agents exposed them as part of an underground network that shelters women and children on the run from abusive husbands.

Kevin Cullinane, the man who used to clear snow from his elderly neighbor's driveway, was taken away in handcuffs. Police say he had pulled and cocked a loaded gun on officers who walked into his bedroom as he and his wife slept.

But the incident has brought an outpouring of support and kind words from loyal neighbors, many of whom said they would be happy to serve as character witnesses.

"They're just real good people. That's what you're going to hear from everyone around here," said neighbor Amy Hinson. "Every time you needed help, you could count on them." She recalled that when a brush fire erupted at her house a few months ago, Kevin Cullinane was the first to arrive.

"The Cullinanes are good neighbors, as good as you could ever get," said Tessie Pruitt, another neighbor. "They would do anything you asked."

"I feel real bad about all this," Houston Pruitt added. "They're real good folk. They keep pretty much to themselves, but they've been awful good to us."

"Until one is committed, there is hesitancy, the chance to draw back, always ineffectiveness. Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and imagination in it. Begin it now."

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## Washburns came close to fading into the crowd

By ADAM C. SMITH  
Staff Writer

Dona Washburn and her four children were two months away from "disappearing" when the FBI apprehended them at a Campobello safe house last weekend.

Had they managed to avoid authorities for two more months, Dona, Daniel, Jamie, Emily and Derrell Washburn could have entered "deep underground," the ultimate goal of countless men and women seeking to protect their children by breaking the law.

Armed with new birth certificates, social security numbers and possibly new appearances, they could have quietly slipped into new lives elsewhere.

But they didn't make it.

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another individual in any way without their consent, he says. A corporation, for instance, has no right to pollute the air without the consent of every individual breathing that air.

U.S. Magistrate Bucky Catoe declined to set bond for Cullinane, after Cullinane was overheard saying "S.O.B." during the testimony of an FBI agent.

"You people that are running this hideaway house, do you think that you're above the law, pulling a gun on law enforcement officers?" Catoe asked in federal court in Greenville Wednesday.

Cullinane has his own view of "law."

"These people are talking about political statutes," Cullinane said in a telephone conversation from prison. "There's a vast difference between law, which is a natural force, and political statutes. Laws cannot be broken, but statutes clearly can be."

In other words, gravity is a law; jaywalking being forbidden is a political statute. "There are times when a person must choose between following the principles upon which America was founded and political statutes."

Cullinane said he bases his life on natural laws, and those are based primarily upon Judeo-Christian

## Controversial figure sees government as an unnecessary evil

By ADAM C. SMITH  
Staff Writer

Kevin Cullinane, a firm believer that government deprives man of his freedom, has been jailed without bond by a federal judge who told him, "you scare me."

A week ago, Cullinane pulled a gun on lawmen who raided his Campobello property to capture a fugitive mother hiding her four children from a husband she said abused them. Cullinane had been harboring her and her children at his property for a year.

But Cullinane is not an average criminal. He's not average anything.

He is a former Kennedy liberal, a former Goldwater conservative, a former Washington, D.C. lobbyist, a former bartender, a former farmer. He is a counterinsurgency expert trained at the Green Beret school in Okinawa, a mountaineering expert, and an influential teacher for corporate managers.

Cullinane and his wife, Patricia, run Freedom Country, an executive retreat center at their Campobello home, where Cullinane teaches management seminars.

"A terrific man and a terrific teacher" is how textile magnate Roger Milliken described Cullinane. Milliken is largely responsible for Cullinane's 1982 move from Idaho to Campobello, and he said Cullinane "has made an enormous contribution to the thinking of hundreds of people in our company." The gist of the course, Milliken said, is that "government is lousy."

Cullinane is often described — inaccurately, he says — as a libertarian. He believes society functions best when the free market is unfettered by government, and the government has no right to impact its citizens.

His Freedom School is required for all entry-level managers at Milliken. The school was founded by the late Robert LeFevre, a libertarian, who passed the reigns on to Cullinane 10 years ago.

His course emphasizes the sovereignty of the individual and that a person must consider the long term impact of every decision and action he takes. No one has the right to impact

principles. To Cullinane, the Tenth Commandments are laws, as is the principle that children in danger must be protected. "Like the signers of the Declaration of Independence, we have a belief in a divine order."

Cullinane's neighbors know him for bringing food to them when they're sick, or giving them snow wood when it snows. He is expected to become president of the Landrum Lions Club next year.

Mike Carruth, a former member of the Landrum City Council and former student of Freedom School, said Cullinane lives the Freedom philosophy, so it is natural for him to become involved in his community and help his neighbors whenever possible. The Freedom philosophy, Carruth explained, is that individuals take responsibility for all their actions and follow the Golden Rule.

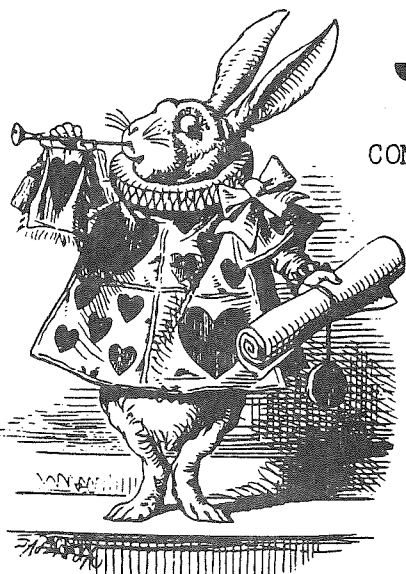
"If everyone were living the Freedom philosophy, it wouldn't be necessary to have these things — state, police. If everyone were living the Freedom philosophy, taking responsibility for their actions, there would be no crime," Carruth said.

But Cullinane says he's not an anarchist. "An anarchist is one who seeks to destroy. That's not me," he said, adding that he has no inclination to do away with the government.

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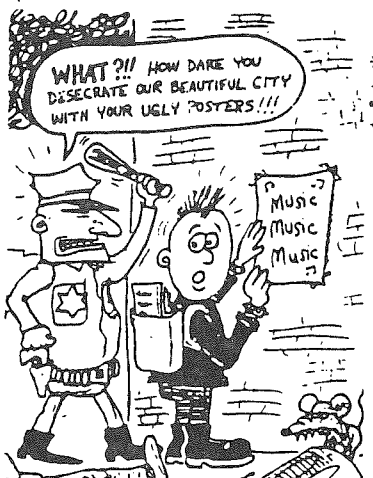
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A major assault on alternative cultural and political expression is now underway in New York City. In May, 1986, the New York City Council quietly enacted an anti-postering ordinance subjecting anyone deemed to "benefit" from a poster or handbill found on public property to a fine.

Now wherever there are signs or posters found on lamp posts or other "city property," "Sanitation" cops are busily investigating the addresses and other information on them. Those they determine to be "benefiting from the posting" of such signs or posters, such as by having their name or address on them, are subject to a \$50 to \$100 fine for each poster.



In fact, as far as the law is concerned, who actually did the posting is irrelevant. "Violators" are ordered to pay the fines or appear at a hearing before an Environmental Control Board (ECB) officer to "argue their case." These hearings are really no more than kangaroo courts; in hundreds of hearings at the ECB in the past two years, almost no one has been found innocent.

The sweep has been broad and far-reaching—targets have ranged from political organizations to music clubs, small businesses and even small area churches.

*An anti-littering law has become an issue of free speech*

By STANLEY MIESES

MARIO Cuomo, El Castillo Night Club, Alphonse D'Amato, The Famous Glati Chinese Restaurant, Lenora Fulani and dozens of home improvement companies, movers and piano teachers have one thing in common: they've all been busted under Local Law No. 30 for posting handbills on public property.

The law was sponsored in the City Council by no fewer than 15 legislators who supposedly were motivated by aesthetics and concern for the environment to ban littering of public property with advertisements, announcements, personal polemics and art projects.

It spawned a special Sanitation Department task force dedicated to tracking down offenders and issuing summonses — at \$50 per handbill — and created a system for judgment and collection of these fines at the Environmental Control Board.

But what started in 1986 as a solution to an eyesore has become a pain in the neck for everyone involved. That's because most people who mount handbills on light poles, flagstones, telephone booths, mailboxes and trees believe they're "doing the right thing." For some, it's a matter of free speech. For others, it's a necessity of small-business economics.

Similarly, a graphic designer/printer from Brooklyn who calls himself Bob Z has racked up \$3,700 in fines for promoting poetry readings and, he claims, for having the telephone number of his print shop on the flyers of someone else's advertisements. Bob Z says he has been to court several times, and his fines have risen to \$22,000. He has been consumed by his defense to a somewhat philosophical point.

"They call it garbage, but it's not about garbage," Bob Z said. "It's about totalitarian control that outlaws communication in the streets."

But Bob Z has been advocating another idea to solve the problem — permanently stationed bulletin boards where anyone in a community can post a message.

#### IRS strikes

It's quite obvious that Mark Howard's article entitled "IRS seizes tax protester's home, two autos" was written for the purpose of instilling fear in the taxpayers' mind. In other words, if I protest taxes this could happen to me is the message I see in Howard's article.

Howard, like most reporters, is apparently scared to death of the IRS. You know, like the German people were scared of the Gestapo. He was probably specifically requested by the IRS to cover this story.

Howard should have known that after July 1, a taxpayer's principal residence and personal property essential to his trade or business are protected from levy. See section 6334E of the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights passed by Congress last year. Howard makes no mention of the IRS having a writ of execution or an order from a court to seize.

Notice the IRS claims, and that's all it is, a claim — there is no court order or judgment, that the alleged Greenwood property must be sold to pay the \$76,000 indebtedness. The total lack of due process (notice and hearing) is evident of the tyranny involved in the way the IRS intimidates and harrasses people. But that is nothing new with the IRS as this writer is well aware.

It was interesting, but not surprising to find city cops (Kemmel, Miles and Severn) on the property protecting the IRS thieves from the irate property owner (victim). What a reversal of their duties as peace officers from 20 years ago.

So now when you see that sign, "To Protect and Serve," on the po-

lice cars you know what it really means. No law enforcement group is to assist any government agency to seize property of any citizen unless they have a proper warrant or writ of execution signed by a judge.

Art Hollowell



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# take children from father

By ADAM C. SMITH  
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Georgia authorities took temporary custody yesterday of four children who have been the object of a bitter custody battle that resulted in a police raid on a Campobello home last weekend.

**Children,  
parents  
to undergo  
evaluations**

The children had been hidden for a year by their mother and a Campobello couple co-operating with an underground railroad for victims of abuse. A week ago, FBI agents aided by state and county authorities raided the home of Kevin and Patricia Cullinane, arrested the mother, Dona Farr Washburn, and returned the children to the custody of their father, Derrell Washburn.

Mrs. Washburn was extradited to Georgia Wednesday and released on \$15,000 bond.

Yesterday, a judge in Jones County, Ga., turned the children over to the Georgia Department of Family and Child Services for evaluation, said Nancy Atkinson, Mrs. Washburn's attorney. After a three-hour hearing, Judge John Lee Parrott ordered that the children be placed in custody for 13 days of evaluation, she said.

"I don't think that's long enough, but we'll see how it goes," Ms. Atkinson said. "There's

there is evidence two of the children were abused.

"I'm thrilled," Patricia Cullinane said yesterday afternoon referring to Judge Parrott's decision. "At least for 13 days we can rest a little easier." Members of the Cullinane family have been seeking to remove the children from the father's custody since the children were taken.

However, Kevin Cullinane is still behind bars. Cullinane and his wife, Patricia, run Freedom Country, an executive conferencetreat.

## Overkill tactics

Add my and my daughter's names to the list of people who were outraged by the treatment of the Washburn and Cullinane families. While the only ones who know the truth about the sexual charges are the Washburn children and their father, we can all be angered by the overkill tactics of the FBI.

Doors being smashed by axes, guns being pointed in your face, a helicopter circling overhead: It must have been frightening for all those involved, but especially for the children, the ones "being rescued." We can only hope that the FBI and other law enforcement personnel use as much zeal when going after such criminals as, say, drug dealers.

By the way, I find it extremely interesting to read about Mr. Cullinane being denied bail at his hearing, and then, a few pages later in the Stroller column, read about drug dealers being released on other own recognizance. Kind of makes you wonder, doesn't it?

Susan and Rebecca Huggins  
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**'There's a tremendous number of allegations coming from both sides.'**

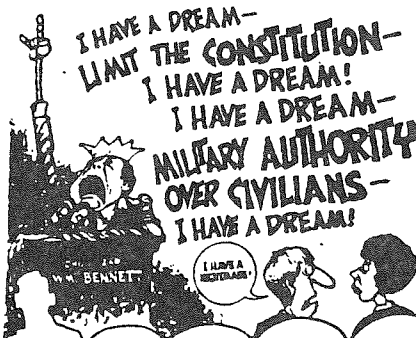
NANCY ATKINSON

a tremendous number of allegations coming from both sides."

Another hearing is scheduled for Sept. 28, and in the meantime, both parents will undergo psychological evaluation, she added. The children will be placed in a "neutral location," where neither parent can see them.

Mrs. Washburn has claimed that her husband was involved in a satanic cult along with many prominent members of the Macon, Ga. community. She has claimed that he sexually abused the children in connection with rituals of the cult and the production of child pornography.

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation has found no evidence to back the allegations of Mrs. Washburn, but a spokesman said the investigation is active. According to an FBI affidavit filed in federal court in Greenville,

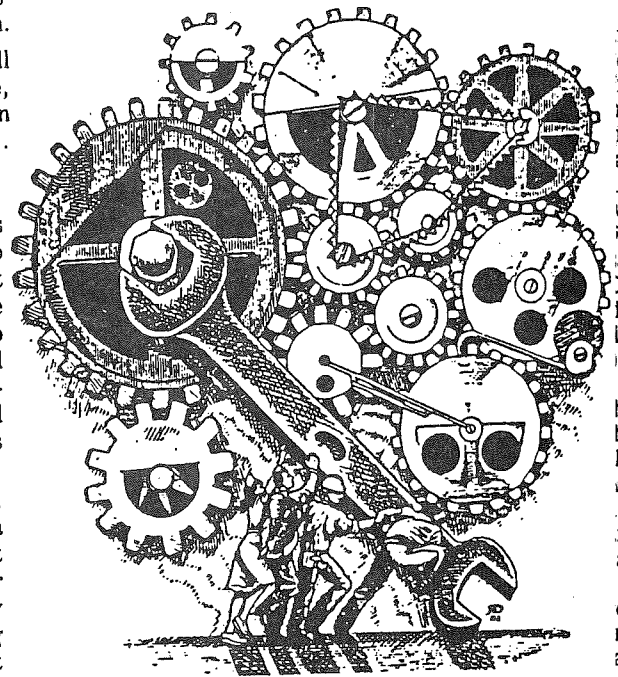


The first scientific paper on homosexuality appeared in a German journal, "The Magazine of Experimental Psychological Studies."

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## The Return of the Anarcho-Syndicalists



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It's wrong

Teresa Eastes of 855 Floyd Street Extension, is upset that Kevin Cullinane, the Campobello man accused of pulling a gun on lawmen, is not allowed to go free on bond. "Mr. Cullinane poses no threat or harm to society and has no criminal record. On the other

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hand, accused murderers and rapists are often granted bond. I understand Mr. Cullinane pulled the gun because he didn't know the identity of the intruders in his home and I feel the Campobello man did what he thought was right and is not a criminal. His case is an example of how the judicial system protects the criminal and hurts the victim."



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## Florence County Libertarian Party

### Yearning for Liberty Won't Die in China

When China's leaders denounce "bourgeois liberals," we Libertarians cheerfully admit to being experts on the subject.

"Bourgeois liberalism" is our stock in trade. Like the students and other protesters in China, we favor free speech, a free press, freedom of intellectual life, free markets, and democratic and constitutional checks on government. We Libertarians want to see these things in China, the U.S. and throughout the world. In the words of China's most prominent dissident, Pang Lizhi, "freedom of speech means the same thing everywhere." And, like the Chinese, we Libertarians see the corruption that results when a privileged and politically powerful elite dictates the course of economic life.

What should individuals do who sympathize with the Chinese people? What should the American government do? Individuals should donate to refugee-relief groups, to Amnesty International, in order to help political prisoners, and to Chinese student and community groups in America that have links to those suffering in China.

The U.S. government should end permanently its military ties with China. Not only are these ties a present-day embarrassment, they easily can embroil America in overseas troubles in the future. Congress should repeal the Neutrality statutes that block private Americans from aiding in anti-government resistance in China.

The people of China have stood up and said: "Give me liberty or give me death." The Chinese government has responded by dealing out death and arrests to thousands, but it cannot rub out the Chinese people's yearning for liberty.

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### Yonkers 'Lone Voice' Admits Fake Threats

Special to The New York Times

WHITE PLAINS, April 26 — Laurie A. Recht, the Yonkers legal secretary who gained prominence as a "lone voice" favoring compliance with a court-ordered housing desegregation plan, pleaded guilty today in Federal District Court to concocting death threats against herself.

Ms. Recht, who is 34 years old, admitted lying to agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by reporting that she had received threatening letters and phone calls and that the wall outside her apartment had been decorated with scrawled threats.

Lisa Margaret Smith, an assistant United States attorney, said telephone security equipment revealed that no calls had been made to Ms. Recht during the time she reported receiving them, and a concealed camera showed Ms. Recht writing the threats on the wall.

The defendant is to be sentenced by Judge Gerard L. Goettel on June 27. She faces a maximum of five years' imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine for making false statements to Federal Investigators. She declined to comment as she left the courthouse.

### Black history specialist talks of separatism

"Today, racism is growing in this country," said Clifton H. Johnson, the white executive director of the Amistad Research Center in New Orleans, the world's largest repository of black history. "And it's not just whites; there are many blacks today who are talking about

separatism and giving up on whites and the American nation."

### Duke in the News

Robert Wagman of the Newspaper Enterprises Association credits David Duke with being largely responsible for the defeat of Louisiana Governor Buddy Roemer's tax increase amendment. "Duke," wrote Wagman, "cast the tax proposal in populist terms, saying that it benefited only the very rich business people and welfare recipients. He argued that too much state spending is aimed at 'an out-of-control welfare class' at the expense of the middle class."

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In 533, Byzantine emperor Justinian I decreed that homosexuality and blasphemy should be equally blamed for famines, earthquakes and pestilence. He ordered offenders punished by castration.

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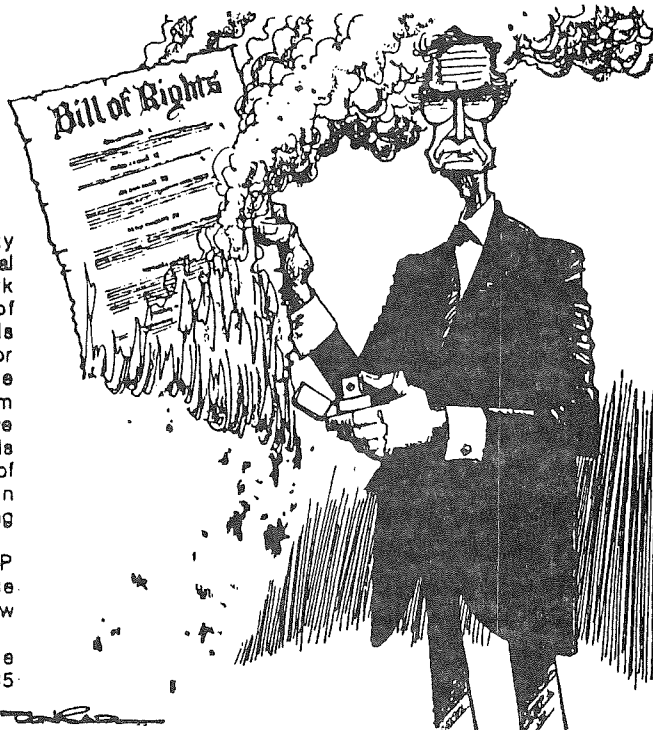
THE Socialist Workers Party have launched an international defence campaign for Mark Curtis, one of the leaders of their American section. Curtis was jailed last November for 25 years. The SWP are claiming that he is the victim of State oppression and have raked in thousands of pounds for his Defence Fund, some of which has been spent on campaign leaflets highlighting this 'oppression'.

The trouble is that the SWP have forgotten to tell people exactly why Curtis has a new home for the next few years.

This defender of the proletariat brutally raped a 15-year old schoolgirl.

The government of Botswana wants to expel the *Basarwa* people ("Bushmen") from the Central Kalahari Game Reserve.

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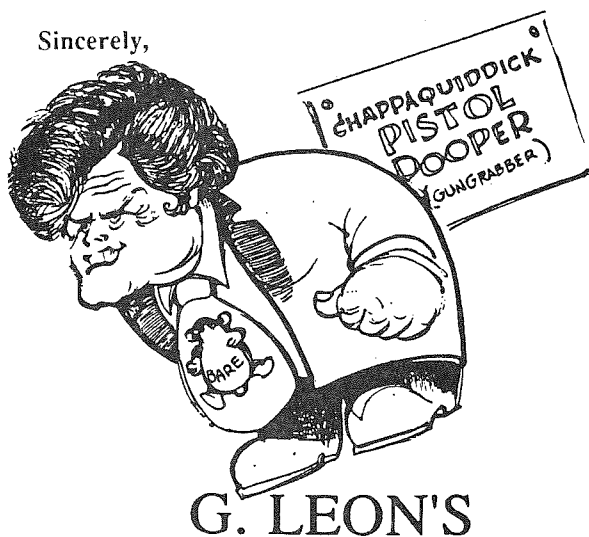
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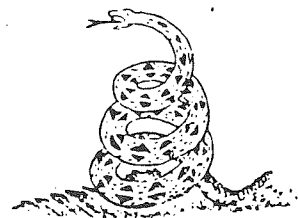
## A humorous look at planning your boating getaways

BY DOYLE HENRY

**A**s you and your family or regular boating crew get ready for the 1990 season, you might find this checklist helpful in planning your escapes and escapades.

1. Be sure to be *necessary* at all times. You can, however, be unnecessary when you return to work on Monday, that is unless "Sixty Minutes" is following you around with a camera.
2. Never attempt leisure without filing a flight plan. Watch out for careful people. They can be dangerous. Be sure to file for bankruptcy on Friday. The "Deep Pockets" legal concept makes your assets available to lawyers if they can prove you were at the lake when someone at the other end was injured.
3. If you don't know how to swim, stay out of the water until you learn how. OSHA says most drownings occur in water and not on land.
4. If you take a boat to the lake, make sure it has drain holes in the bottom so that any water that sloshes in can quickly drain out.
5. You can further enhance your enjoyment if you don't kill yourself or your friends. A recent study by the Surgeon General's office indicates that friends appreciate it if you don't wipe them out.
6. If you plan to sleep in your boat, don't moor it near the shore where skunks or raccoons could come aboard. Anchor well out in the middle of the lake where you may rest assured that no car will crash into your flying bridge. Turn lights off to prevent attracting snakes that might swim toward them, believing they are TV cameras.
7. Don't forget to purchase your monthly license-buying permit before leaving town. You might encounter a state employee who will refuse to take your money for a worm license or suntanning permit. The new yearly license to buy a permit to buy all permits has not yet been approved, but watch for it.
8. Don't use your neighbor for bail. This is permitted only in New York or New Jersey, where fishing has been outlawed.
9. Don't forget to take along your FCC and Coast Guard-approved one-station terrorist channel TV set. It is no required equipment as the President may need to declare war and will want to inform you who the Enemy of the Week is.
10. Don't call television stations and complain about the one that got away. Their staffs have no time for people.
11. Big fish (except the ones that get away) brought home are subject to random urinalysis tests to determine if illegal bait was used. Polygraph tests are mandatory for fishermen who allow big ones to escape. Urinalysis tests are permitted on polygraph machines.

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## 65, The Real Story James J. Baxter, President

*The following information was sent to most major newspapers and enthusiast publications in the US:*

Recently the wire services carried a story based on a government report that purported to prove severe safety consequences related to the new 65mph speed limit. Although disclaimers and exceptions were cited the overall impression remaining was that the highways posted at 65mph were experiencing dramatic increases in fatal accidents. Conversely the highways posted at 55mph were supposedly experiencing much smaller increases in fatal accidents.

To call this analysis flawed would be the height of understatement. A more appropriate description would be "deliberate deception."

Setting aside the more obvious flaws (e.g. no attempt to factor in increased mileage, abnormal weather, unusually high numbers of fatalities in a single accident, actual change in speed and speed related accidents, or differentiate entrance and exit ramp accidents from highway accidents) the data used in the government analysis is incapable of generating the published conclusions.

Specific examples of misrepresentations, distortions, and self-serving manipulations are abundant.

Example 1: The fatality counts are for the months of May, June and July. However, the states of California, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming did not even pass their 65mph laws until sometime in May and the highways were not posted until later in the month or early June. Consequently, as much as one third of the reporting period for which fatalities were assigned to 65mph rural Interstates the highways were actually posted at 55mph. Considering that states such as California and Texas fell into this group it is obvious that this is not a minor error.

Example 2: All rural Interstate fatalities in California were attributed to highways posted at 65mph. However, a significant portion of California's rural Interstate system remains posted at 55mph. Here again fatalities occurring on rural Interstates posted at 55mph are being assigned to 65mph highway totals.

Example 3: When looking at the data for the seven states that retained the 55mph speed limit it becomes apparent that one state, Alaska, off-sets what would otherwise be a much worse safety picture than that presented. Ironically Alaska, a state that does not have any rural Interstate highways\* was included in this analysis while six other states that do have rural Interstate highways were omitted, without explanation.

If Alaska data is removed, the six remaining control states move from a 10% increase in fatalities to a 42% increase in fatalities.

Example 4: The control group of six "55" states have rural Interstate systems that carry fairly heavy traffic flows; over 80% of their rural Interstates have ADT counts in excess of 10,000

\*The 1049 miles of designated rural Interstate in Alaska is for funding purposes only. It is not limited access divided highway and was not eligible to be posted at 65mph.

vehicles. Conversely the 22 "65" states have much more sparsely travelled rural Interstates. Only 38% of their combined rural Interstate systems have ADT counts in excess of 10,000 vehicles.

A little known but well documented fact is that more heavily travelled highways typically have lower fatality rates, regardless of speeds or speed limits. This phenomenon is best illustrated when comparisons are made between urban and rural Interstate highways.

It is not uncommon for urban Interstates to register higher traffic flows and higher speeds but lower fatality rates than their rural counterparts. Consequently, an objective study of the impact of speed limit changes must include comparisons between highways carrying the same volume and type of traffic as well as exhibiting similar design construction, and maintenance standards. No attempt was made to conduct this kind of analysis.

The obvious question is why was such incomplete and misleading data fashioned into supposedly legitimate government report and disseminated to the press. The equally obvious answer is politics.

This "report" was released just as Senate and House conferees were debating the expansion of the 65mph speed limit to highways other than rural Interstates. Representative James Howard, New Jersey, Chairman of the Public Works and Transportation Committee and chief advocate of the 55mph National Maximum Speed Limit literally coerced (according to congressional sources) NHTSA into producing data that could be used to undermine arguments supporting expansion of the 65mph speed limit.

In reality there is every reason to believe that the 65mph speed limit and the elimination of compliance requirements for highways posted at 65mph has had a significant positive impact on highway safety. Consider these desirable characteristics of the higher speed limit:

Reduced exposure time: Highway safety analyses are not frequently based on exposure time, i.e. hours of travel time. However, when considering accident causation factors such as fatigue and inattentiveness exposure time is a significant consideration.

Reducing exposure time by 15-20% can result in a meaningful reduction in rural highway accidents. Exact data are not available but related studies on truck accidents and state based estimates of fatigue caused fatal accidents suggest that at least 50% of all rural highway accidents are directly attributable to fatigue and inattentiveness. An admittedly simple analysis implies that reducing exposure time 20% per mile travelled can potentially reduce overall accidents and fatalities by 10%.

Reallocation of enforcement resources: Because highway funding is tied to showing compliance with the 55mph speed limit many states were forced to devote significant manpower and resources to speed limit enforcement on highways with the very best safety records. These same resources were being tied up enforcing a speed limit that 80% of the driving public ignored while other more productive functions went begging for attention.

With the advent of the 65mph speed limit and the elimination of compliance mandates on those highways posted at 65mph the states have gained the latitude of shift enforcement personnel to problem highways and higher priority enforcement objectives.

A review of early fatality statistics gives every indication that this shift from "55" enforcement on rural Interstates is paying off in reduced accidents and fatalities on the secondary highways system. This is particularly significant when viewing comparisons between 1986 and 1987 fatality rates.

**Shift in traffic to safer highways:** The single greatest perceived value of the Interstate system is its ability to accommodate high speed travel. The 55mph NMSL undermined that perceived value. In instances where other highways offered distance advantages or less intensive enforcement traffic was attracted away from the Interstates, despite the greater likelihood of accident potential. With the advent of the 65mph speed limit traffic volumes on these highways have frequently increased at rates twice the rate of increase for overall vehicle miles travelled. For purposes of explanation the overall vehicle miles travelled in the US will be approximately 6-7% for 1987. Some states (e.g. California) have reported 12-14% increases in vehicle miles travelled on highways posted at 65mph. A portion of this increase is attributable to increased trip travel but there has also been documentation of travel shifting from 55mph highways to 65mph highways.

**From a general safety perspective** this means vehicles are leaving highways with fatality rates that may average 3 or 4 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles travelled (MVMT) and moving to highways with fatality rates of 1 per 100 MVMT. This accounts to some degree for the increase in fatalities on rural Interstates and the decrease in fatalities on secondary highways. This shift to safer highways results not in a simple change of fatality location but rather a net decrease in overall fatalities (i.e. theoretically taking traffic from a highway with a fatality rate of 3 per 100 MVMT and moving it to a highway with a fatality rate of 1 per 100 MVMT will result in a two-thirds reduction in fatalities, for that group of vehicle occupants).

**Smoother traffic flow:** The value of uniform traffic flow has become recognized as a significant highway safety consideration. The 55mph speed limit and its enforcement promoted erratic traffic flow, poor lane discipline, and motorist aggravation. The small percentage of drivers that obeyed the low speed limit frequently disrupted and blocked traffic flow and felt justified in doing so because they were driving the speed limit.

**Speed traps or the mere presence of a patrol car** would abruptly slow traffic, create congestion and otherwise disrupt smoothly flowing traffic. The higher speed limit has picked up the pace of the slower traffic or at least shifted it to the right lane. (Obviously not all slow traffic has moved to the right lane but the situation seems to show signs of improvement.)

**Because most of the traffic moves at or near the speed limit** there is no need for abrupt changes in speed everytime a patrol car is sighted. The elimination of federal compliance requirements and vastly improved driver compliance have eliminated the need for intensive speed enforcement campaigns and the problems such campaigns create.

**Improved speed limit credibility:** Speed limits have virtually lost their value as an aid to motorists. Because speed limits have no relationship to the appropriate speed for a given highway they are universally ignored. While it is a very small gesture the 65mph speed limit is a first step toward restoring public confidence in the value of posted speed limits.

**If such confidence existed compliance would follow.** Highways, roads, and streets with speed sensitive flaws could be identified and posted and the driving public would respect these warnings.

**Realistic speed limits based on sound engineering criteria** and public consensus have the potential to improve highway safety and efficiency and greatly enhance motoring enjoyment. The first step toward this end should be the return of speed limit jurisdiction to state government. Until that happens we will continue to suffer the consequences of misguided and counterproductive federal policies.

# Speed

## Fewer fatal accidents occur on S.C. roads

By **BOBBY BRYANT**  
Staff Writer

When the Legislature raised the speed limit to 65 mph on about 700 miles of rural South Carolina interstates two years ago, some officials crossed their fingers and worried it would spur a highway blood bath.

But it hasn't happened.

Instead, fewer people have died on rural interstate highways since the higher speed limit took effect in July 1987.

"There's no alarm ringing that 65 mph is a culprit," said Max Young, safety director for the state highway department. "It's too early to draw any conclusions that 65 mph is a bad thing."

During the year before the new speed limit became law for portions of interstates outside city limits — from July 17, 1986, through July 16, 1987 — there were 50 fatal accidents on South Carolina rural interstates, killing 64 people.

During the first year the new speed limit was in effect, from July 17, 1987, through July 16, 1988, the number of fatal accidents fell to 42 and the number of deaths to 51.

During the second year the new law was in effect, from July 17, 1988, through July 16, 1989, there were 43 fatal accidents on rural interstates, killing 51.

"It shows you clearly there's not an increase occurring on the rural interstate sections," Young said.

When the Senate was taking its last vote on the speed-limit change in 1987, Transportation Committee Chairman Isadore Lourie, D-Richland, warned lawmakers that they would regret raising the limit from 55 to 65. Lourie predicted the change would result in more road deaths.

"A lot of people did think there would be a blood bath," Highway Patrol Maj. Henry Addy said. But he said the wide-open rural interstates never have been a real problem for the patrol. "Our real problem is, and always has been, the secondary roads."

### S.C. rural interstate highway fatalities

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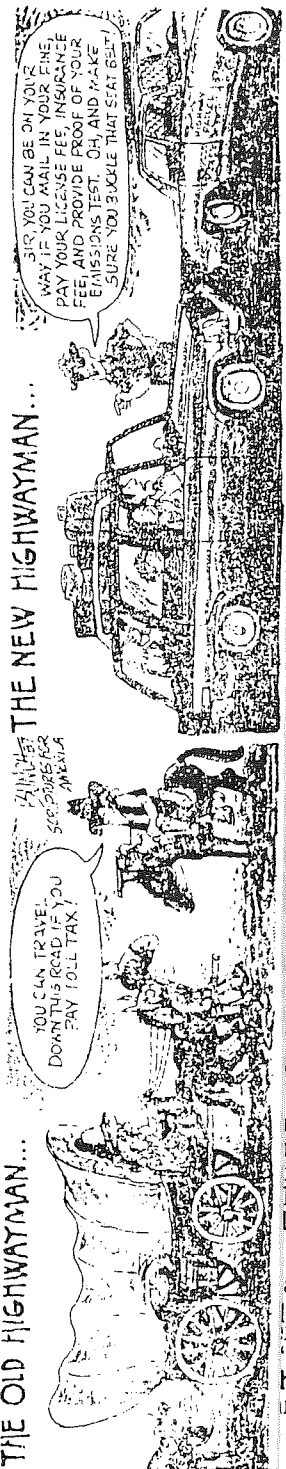
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### Mistaken identity plagues traffic tickets

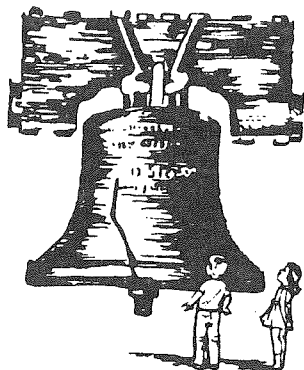
A recent ticket my wife received from a South Carolina highway patrolman makes me wonder where the state hires these boys from and what their education level is.

After reading the citation, I found the license tag number wrong, the location of the offense wrong, my wife's middle initial wrong, the year of my automobile wrong and the model of my automobile wrong.

The only thing I found right was the offense, the fine and the highway patrolman's name.

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Sherlock Holmes, may say, "This is not even elementary!"

Children should learn how to multiply in basic arithmetic, not wait for sex education in "high" school.

## education gets a grade of F

Here you are, baffled again by a request to name the man who was president during the Civil War. You can't place Mexico on a map, and you don't have a clue how to compute the area of a 10-by-10-foot room.

In other words, you're a fairly common U.S. high-school student.

What do you suppose top education officials have to say about your ignorance? Are they alarmed? Surprised, perhaps? Do they respond by exhorting schools toward greater effort and a renewed emphasis on basic knowledge?

Not necessarily. Consider the reaction of Bill Randall, Colorado education commissioner: "Instead of asking who was president during the Civil War," Randall said, "it may be more useful to ask, 'How would you find out?'"

Ignorance of Abraham Lincoln is acceptable? Is it really possible to appreciate the history of the greatest social issue this nation has known — race — without at least a fleeting acquaintance with the 16th president?

"I think it probably is important to know about Lincoln," Randall concedes under questioning. But having offered this limp endorsement, Randall quickly retreats. "Knowing (such facts) may just be something our generation thinks is important and it really isn't," he suggests.

"Information is growing at exponential rates, and it's going to be impossible for any of us to know all we should," he continues. So, he says, we may have to decide whether to know about things or "to know how to find out" about them.

My conversation with Randall followed publication of a poll of Denver area high-school students that revealed a wearisomely predictable lack of knowledge and skills. Among the findings:

(BU) A majority couldn't name the president during the Civil War.

(BU) Nearly half (44 percent) couldn't compute the square footage of a 10-by-10 room.

(BU) Fifty-seven percent were stumped by a request to calculate a 5 percent sales tax on a \$2 purchase.

### Vincent Carroll



(BU) One of five failed to cite the country on our southern border.

Randall's reaction would hardly be worth mentioning were it not for the fact that it reflects a common mindset within today's education establishment. Although a growing number of educators admit that U.S. students lag behind their counterparts abroad in math, science, geography, history and knowledge of foreign countries, a pervading ambivalence undermines their resolve to respond. They're like cavalry officers who shout "charge" while reclining on a sofa.

This ambivalence toward classroom content and standards is reflected in U.S. textbooks, too. A recent study by the American Federation of Teachers found that the five most commonly used high-school history textbooks reserve little or no space to discuss such greats as Washington and Lincoln — even though several of the same books lavish biographical sketches on Blackbeard the Pirate, Tecumseh, Cabeza de Vaca or "Fatt Hing: a Chinese Pioneer."

By such means, history degenerates into a cafeteria discipline: self-service only, in which every choice, focus or opinion is presumed as useful as the next.

All the education summits in the world will not rejuvenate our schools unless we're willing to acknowledge, for starters, the modest notion that content and context still count — or, to put it another way, that a high-school kid who doesn't know about Lincoln is disgracefully ill-educated.

Until federal educationist school AIDS, the average grade school grad could not only tell who A. Lincoln was, but Jeff Davis, and give the years.

### What College Seniors Don't Know

A multiple choice test given to a nationwide sample of 696 college seniors last spring revealed that:

**60%** couldn't recognize the definition of Reconstruction, the period that followed the Civil War.

**58%** couldn't identify Plato as the author of "The Republic."

**54%** didn't know that "The Federalist Papers" were written to promote ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

**44%** didn't know that Herman Melville wrote "Moby Dick."

**42%** couldn't identify the Koran as the sacred text of Islam.

Source: The Gallup Organization Inc.

Cullinane espouses the sovereignty of the individual. He is a strong believer in a laissez-faire system, which includes as little government interference as possible.

"I went into the Marine Corps in 1960 as a Kennedy liberal, came out with a broken neck and a severe concussion before I began to settle down and think," he wrote in a biographical sketch included with Freedom School materials. "The result of that experience was my introduction to the Freedom Philosophy."

### The Sounds of Reading

#### READING REFORM FOUND

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Local school 'Advisory Group' that won't answer mail has received suggestion to ban worst book, "Dick & Jane" and put in a real reading. We don't know if they could read the letter.

# College Seniors Fail to Make Grade

By KENNETH H. BACON  
Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

Many schoolchildren learn the rhyme "In Fourteen hundred and ninety-two, Columbus sailed the ocean blue." Yet 25% of the college seniors surveyed in a Gallup Poll didn't know that Columbus landed in the New World before 1500.

The 87-question survey was commissioned by the National Endowment for the Humanities to test basic knowledge of history and literature as people graduate from college. The results aren't good. If the poll had been a test with 60% as the lowest passing grade, 55% of the seniors would have flunked.

The poll, along with a report that calls for a revamping of college curricula, is the latest in a series of studies spotlighting the failings of the U.S. educational system. But while many other studies have focused on what high school students know, this is one of few to look at what people know, or don't know, after four years of college.

## Wrong Again

Only 58% of the seniors knew that the Civil War was fought between 1850 and 1900, and 23% incorrectly said Karl Marx's phrase "from each according to his ability, to each according to his need" appears in the U.S. Constitution.

"Students who approach the end of their college years without knowing basic landmarks of history and thought are unlikely to have reflected on their meaning," says Lynne Cheney, chairwoman of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

In response to this state of affairs, Mrs. Cheney recommends that colleges and universities require all students to take a block of courses designed to give them "a core of learning" in the humanities, such as history, literature and philosophy, as well as in math and science, the social sciences and a foreign language.

Now, Mrs. Cheney says, requirements are so loose that students can graduate from 77% of the nation's colleges and universities without taking a foreign language; from 41% without taking math; and from 38% without taking history.

What's more, when requirements do exist, they're often lax. Mrs. Cheney cites one Western university that, to satisfy a humanities requirement, allows students to take courses on interior design.

The report outlines a sample core curriculum "that would encourage coherent and substantive learning in essential areas of knowledge." It stresses the importance of understanding the origins of Western civilization and American society by including works from the Hebrew Bible to Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter From Birmingham Jail," with the pillars of Western thought (Plato, Voltaire, Marx, Thoreau and many more) in between. The

curriculum also suggests two courses on other cultures, such as Asian and Islamic. Mrs. Cheney emphasizes that its purpose is to provide an example of a core curriculum rather than a definitive model.

Curriculum reform may seem like a simple and laudable task. But last year a debate over what books Stanford University freshmen should read in a required Western civilization course turned into an acrimonious political spat that attracted national attention. Students, chanting "Hey, hey, ho, ho, Western civ has got to go," charged that the reading list reflected the values of a white male, Western power structure and demanded books that recognized the interests of women, minorities and the Third World. Stanford broadened its reading list.

Mrs. Cheney, a tough-minded, politically adept conservative, threw herself into the debate, noting that "our society, like all societies, depends for its cohesiveness on common knowledge."

Richard Rosser, president of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, says he finds the poll results "appalling" but doesn't necessarily see them as an indictment of college education. "She's trying to focus on what she thinks we ought to do in college, but practically everything she's talking about is basic knowledge students should have learned in high school," he says.

## 'No Common Agreement'

At the college level, he says, "there is no common agreement around the country about what you would call a core. Some people today would argue that the core ought to be 50% aimed at dealing with international issues."

In the 1960s and 1970s, many colleges and universities relaxed course requirements. They argued that students learned more—and teachers taught better—when they were in classes out of choice rather than compulsion. But in recent years, the tide has begun to turn back to more structure as national concern about the quality of U.S. education has increased. This trend is likely to continue. At President Bush's education summit last month, the administration and the nation's governors agreed to draft national performance standards for public schools.

In February, 1776, COL. CHRISTOPHER GADSDEN, member of the Continental Congress, gave the South Carolina Provincial Congress a flag 'such as is to be used by the commander-in-chief of the American Navy'. It had a yellow field with a rattlesnake coiled about to strike and the words: DON'T TREAD ON ME. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN's newspaper, the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, had suggested sending a cargo of rattlesnakes to London parks in retaliation for British injustice. Subsequently, the first U.S. Navy Jack, which was in common use at sea for many years, known as "American Stripes", bore seven red and six white horizontal stripes, as does our present ensign. But it was without our starry canton. Instead, a golden snake twisted diagonally across the field, and in the bottom-most white stripe was the slogan DON'T TREAD ON ME. This Navy Jack evolved from a nine-striped flag flown by the Sons of Liberty when they met in New York in 1765 to protest the Stamp Tax imposed on what at that time were nine colonies. THE UPRIGHT



## Home study a challenging alternative

By Kay Gordon  
Community Editor

### Neighbors

A chalkboard with assignments hangs from one wall in view of school desks. Against another, there is a computer, a globe, and shelves lined with books.

A list of field trips to places such as the post office, zoo, State Museum, Governor's Mansion and the Veteran's Day Parade holds a special spot.

The room is light and airy, with curtains at the windows.

Vicki and Grady Merritt's classroom is typical in almost every way. Except their classroom is in their home.

The Merritts are one of 13 pairs of home schooling parents teaching their 23 children in Lexington District One.

One of the first district families to apply to teach at home, the Merritts have taught their three sons for four years.

This year, their oldest son, Ben, 14, is attending Ben Lippen High School, a private Christian school in Columbia. Mrs. Merritt said he completed five years' worth of work in four years.

David, 12, would be in the seventh grade this year, but he is working at the eighth-grade level, Mrs. Merritt said. Next year, he, too, may attend Ben Lippen.

The youngest child, Joel, 8, is now a third-grader.

The older two boys were in public schools through the fifth grade, while the youngest went to public school through the second grade.

The handbook costs \$4 and may be obtained by writing the Palmetto PEN, 313 Cinnamon Lane, Lexington 29072.