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**GREENVILLE** — A state legislator says "New Age" teachings are "voodoo" and such practices as meditation and channeling should be taboo in classrooms.

### GET THE HOMELESS AND UNEMPLOYED TO BUILDING THEIR OWN HOMES

Mitch Snyder, champion for America's homeless, sees government as part of the solution. William Tucker, Hoover Institute fellow, gets it right: Far from being part of the solution, federal, state, and local governments are the problem. Tucker makes his case in his new book, "The Excluded Americans: Homelessness and Housing Policy" (Regnery-Gateway), excerpted in the Fall 1989 issue of Policy Review.

Since pre-Revolutionary War days, there has always been affordable housing for the poor. There were no government-funded low-income housing programs until the late 1940s. How were poor Americans housed without the multi-billion dollar Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs? It's easy. Most housing, whether for the poor or the middle class, comes from the existing stock — used houses. Tucker says yearly construction comprises only 1 to 2 percent of the total housing.

Higher-income people buy new houses or migrate to other areas. This creates vacancies for those with lower incomes. Places like Harlem, Haight-Asbury, and downtown areas of most large cities, once occupied by the prosperous, are not occupied by those with lower incomes. Tucker argues that housing built specifically for the poor is unnatural and leads to some of the worst housing available — often with projects being torn down in as little as 20 years.

Vacancy rates are a measure of the housing problem. The national average is 7.8 percent. In Boston, New York, Los Angeles, Washington, and San Francisco, rental vacancy rates are less than 3 percent. Low vacancy rates provide the fuel for high housing prices, high rents, and low availability.

No-growth government policy is part of the blame. In some areas, residents protest construction of new developments. Thus, wealthier people, who'd buy the house, are restricted and there's one less house to filter down to a less-prosperous person. California's Redwood City no-growth residents even

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take to burning down construction sites.

Rent controls reduce housing availability. Ninety-five percent of all rental housing is owned by people with little capital. When cities legislate rent controls, they drive down the return on renting to a point where owners often cannot cover operating costs plus a normal rate of return. If owners can't get away with black-market prices, they let the buildings deteriorate and abandon them, rent to more "desirable" tenants, or take rental units off the market.

Zoning ordinances drive housing costs up by 20 percent or more. It may be nice to have walls with long burn times, zoned heating, a set minimum for floor space, and a cul-de-sac wide enough for a hook-and-ladder fire engine to do a u-turn, but its cost can mean that less well-off people go less well-housed.

Policy makers love to write laws to address problems they've created instead of getting rid of the mischievous policy. Rent controls give landlords incentive to convert units into condominiums. Then politicians legislate anti-condominium conversion laws. These actions reduce the incentives for builders to enter the market. Then the politicians call for housing subsidies. Politicians never change because they never look back at their last policy. Years ago, Congress took the federal bulldozer to low-income housing in downtown areas. They replaced it with high-income high rises and office skyscrapers. Now they wonder about lack of "affordable" housing in cities.

### Establish Witchcraft as Religion

A lawsuit brought by a conservative Christian organization, the American Family Association, may help establish Witchcraft, also known as Wicca, as a recognized religion in the United States.

The suit has been filed by the AFA Law Center on behalf of Douglas and Katherine Brown and their three children who attend public schools in Woodland, California.

One government miracle after another has backfired in the face of the poor. I say it's about time government got out of the miracle business. The best thing HUD Secretary Jack Kemp can do for the poor is to shut HUD down.

Walter Williams is an economist and a nationally syndicated columnist.

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THINK OF  
PARENTAL  
LEAVE?



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IGNORANT AND FREE,  
IT EXPECTS SOME-  
THING THAT CANNOT  
BE."  
THOMAS  
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If a resolve to remove all "crazy and dangerous dictators" from their leadership positions is behind the war, why haven't we deposed Moammar Ghaddafi, Deng Xiao Ping or Fidel Castro? In the past, why didn't we take out Idi Amin, Ayatollah Khomeini, Somoza or any of the other crazy despots who have repeatedly threatened their own peoples and their neighbors?

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Rep. Mike Fair, R-Greenville, has introduced a bill in the House to make it illegal to teach by "mind-altering techniques," including transcendental meditation, mental telepathy, yoga, astrology and other practices "derived from Eastern mysticism origin or the occult."

"Christianity has been asked to leave public schools ... (and) it's grossly unfair to let the other side in when we keep our own ministers out," Fair said.

The Target 2000 education reform package adopted two years ago contains provisions to encourage "higher-order thinking skills" after educators expressed concern the school reform movement had taught students how to memorize facts but not how to solve problems.

But Fair said a program adopted by the state Department of Education teaches students more about out-of-body experiences than how to analyze a problem. He said such practices "are messing with the psyche of a child."

I'M ALL FOR IT, BUT  
WHO'S GOING  
TO WATCH  
THE KIDS?

THAVES

I SEE BY THE PAPERS

# New tax bite 'SLEEPING' JP JAILS

President Bush, speaking to the World Bank/IMF annual meeting last week in Washington:

The Peruvian economist, Hernando de Soto, has helped us understand a worldwide economic phenomenon. By walking the streets of Lima, not analyzing economic statistics, he found that the poor of Latin America—who have never read Jefferson or Adam Smith—ran their affairs democratically, outside the formal economy, organizing their private, parallel economy in a free and unregulated manner.

De Soto's great contribution has been to point out what, in retrospect, may seem obvious: People everywhere want the same things. And when left alone by government, people everywhere organize their

lives in remarkably similar ways.

De Soto's prescription offers a clear and promising alternative to economic stagnation in Latin America and other parts of the world. Governments must bring the "informal" workers into the regular economy—and then get out of the way and let individual enterprise flourish.

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From a recent Manhattan Institute report to HUD Secretary Jack Kemp by Peter Salins and Gerard Mildner:

If the federal government is conditioning foreign aid to Hungary and Poland on economic reforms and decontrol of prices, why shouldn't housing assistance to New York City and Washington D.C. be conditioned on housing reform and decontrol of rents?

"The abandonment of the gold standard made it possible for the welfare statists to use the banking system as a means to an unlimited expansion of credit. They have created paper reserves in the form of government bonds which -- through a complex series of steps -- the banks accept in place of tangible assets and treat as if they were an actual deposit, i.e., as the equivalent of what was formerly a deposit of gold. The holder of a government bond or of a bank deposit created by paper reserves believes that he has a valid claim on a real asset. But the fact is that there are now more claims outstanding than real assets.

"The law of supply and demand is not to be conned. As the supply of money (of claims) increases relative to the supply of tangible assets in the economy, prices must eventually rise. Thus the earnings saved by the productive members of the society lose value in terms of goods. When the economy's books are finally balanced, on finds that this loss in value represents the goods purchased by the government for welfare or other purposes with the money proceeds of the government bonds financed by bank credit expansion.

"In the absence of the gold standard, there is no way to protect savings from confiscation through inflation. There is no safe store of value. If there were, the government would have to make its holding illegal, as was done in the case of gold. If everyone decided, for example, to convert all his bank deposits to silver or copper or any other good, and thereafter declined to accept checks as payment for goods, bank deposits would lose their purchasing power and government-created bank credit would be worthless as a claim on goods. The financial policy of the welfare state requires that there be no way for the owners of wealth to protect themselves.

"This is the shabby secret of the welfare statists' tirades against gold. Deficit spending is simply a scheme for the "hidden" confiscation of wealth. Gold stands in the way of this insidious process. It stands as a protector of property rights. If one grasps this, one has no difficulty in understanding the statists' antagonism toward the gold standard." by Alan Greenspan in 1962 (Greenspan in now head of the Federal Reserve.

WITNESS John Randles spent a night in jail after accusing a magistrate of dozing off during the case he was listening to.

The three-man bench took a dim view of Mr Randles's outburst and ruled he was in contempt.

They brought the haulage worker back into court and sentenced him to two days jail.

But yesterday Mr Randles was freed after 19 hours behind bars at

## A DAD

Mold, North Wales, after a plea from his lawyer.

Back home in Shotton, Deeside, last night he said: "Justice has not been done. This chap had nodded off, so I got up at the end of the case and said I didn't think it was fair.

"The same magistrate who had been asleep told me to sit down.

"I told him he couldn't say anything because he had been asleep."

Mr Randles's outburst came after his son Andrew, 18, was fined £200 for obstruction and resisting a police officer.

A spokesman for the magistrates said last night: "We vehemently deny anyone on the bench was asleep.

"Mr Randles was held in contempt because his remarks were grossly offensive."

**A DIVORCED man must carry on paying his ex-wife so she can look after her love child by ANOTHER man.**

Three Appeal Court judges yesterday rejected a bid by managing director John Fisher to stop maintenance payments to his ex-wife Janet.

They add up to more than £10,000 a year.

Although the judges agreed that ex-wives should not have "meal tickets for life", they said the seven-year-old illegitimate son had to be taken into consideration.

## Unfair

Mr Fisher, 58, had claimed that earlier court decisions were unfair in ruling that he must continue payments because his ex-wife's love child meant she was unable to go out to work.

But Lord Justice Purchas, sitting in the Appeal Court, said it was not a question of 41-year-old Mrs Fisher refusing to work.

And she could not be said to have "voluntarily disabled herself".



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A newspaper is not for just reporting the news as it is, but to make people mad enough to do something about it. — Mark Twain

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## THE THINGS THEY SAY

“IF I laid down outside the Brixham Conservative Club I wonder how long it would be before my watch and wallet was rifled.”

Mr Anthony Steen, Tory MP for South Hams, in a speech at Brixham, South Devon, on declining standards in young people. Quoted in the *Herald Express*,

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The RSPB applied to the Government's Nature Conservancy Council for a grant to buy 16 acres of wild marshland in Cambridgeshire.

The Nature Conservancy Council refused to give the Society a grant unless they guaranteed the local gentry's time-honoured rights to shoot birds on the land.

Naturally the RSPB was not keen to agree to the wanton destruction of birds for sport. The deal fell through. The NCC told my colleague Bryan Rostron: "This policy was imposed by the D of E."

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## Houses that need no fuel—and no insulation

During the height of the oil crisis of the early 1980s, the U.S. National Bureau of Standards started homeowners and home builders alike with a study that showed that houses with solid wood walls were 45% more energy efficient than those built with the standard frame and fiberglass construction.

Now, a North Carolina engineer has taken this discovery one step further. He has patented a construction design for buildings that need no fuel at all—either for heating in winter or cooling in summer.

The first prototype, built near Greenville, NC, included no furnace or

Because of these thick wooden walls, Eneria designed homes are five to ten times more massive than conventional frame construction. However, they are available in kit form, which the owner can assemble himself.

Not surprisingly, material costs run higher than conventional construction costs. Solid, impregnated logs naturally are more expensive than conventional lumber, and double-glazing is required to reinforce the thermal effect.

In addition, transport of the heavy kit from the North Carolina sawmills to the point of final destination is expensive and not included in the price. Depending on the home model and extras such as

## Why not become a friend of the earth—and make a pile of money at the same time?

air-conditioning equipment. Yet, it is able to maintain an interior temperature within two degrees of 70 degrees Fahrenheit all year long.

Even more extraordinary, this remarkable result is achieved without using any insulation. What it does require, however, is a special "house within a house" construction.

### Patented success

This unique and efficient design was developed by engineer Michael Sykes of Eneria Building Systems and was granted patent number 4,621,614 in 1986. A year later, Eneria Building Systems won both the Governor of North Carolina's Energy Achievement Award and the U.S. Department of Energy's Award for Energy Innovation.

Eneria designs call for what amounts to building a massive wood-walled house inside an outer envelope. The spacing between the inner and outer walls varies from one foot on the north side to about eight feet on the south.

The south wall incorporates a number of large windows. The eight foot air space provides the house's "solar battery," which can also be used as a home solarium, porch, or greenhouse.

The inner walls are made of massive wooden blocks pressure impregnated with salt to maximize their heat storage characteristics. Air circulates naturally between the walls, driven by the difference in temperature between the north and south sides of the house.

### Convection engine

The colder it gets outside, the greater the difference in temperature, and the better the circulation. (You might say, the entire house acts like a giant heat pump.)

For this reason, the design tends to work best in colder climates. About two dozen Eneria houses have been built so far, most of them in the colder New England states.

These convection currents distribute and regulate solar heat that is stored in the massive inner wall. As a result, heat from sunlight is stored in the inner wall during the day for release at night.

garages or balconies, a kit costs between US\$35,000 and US\$100,000.

### Entrepreneurship potential

Eneria Building Systems, Inc. has also begun licensing its technology to a network of manufacturers and dealers. Accordingly, we suspect that there might be an entrepreneurial opportunity for contractors and lumber-processing companies, especially in Canada and the northern United States.

We believe energy efficiency is likely to be one of the megatrends of the 1990s. After all, energy prices are going up again. And if Saddam Hussein is able to strike the Saudi oil fields prices will climb a lot higher.

A business that helps people build solar homes out of renewable resources should also benefit from the growing environmentalism likely to mark the coming decade. Why not become a friend of the earth—and make a pile of money at the same time?

For more information, contact Michael Sykes, c/o Eneria Building Systems, Inc., Route 1, Box 67, Wake Forest, NC 27587 USA; (919)556-0177. 大衆

## 90 Candidates

The American and Libertarian parties were out in force.

John A. Peebles Jr., American Party candidate for governor, warned that the country has become so addicted on feeding its huge budget deficits it now runs the risk of eroding to the moral equivalent of Hitler's Germany.

Libertarian John T. Harlee, candidate for education superintendent, noted Broome High School was an appropriate setting for the forum because "this is the year South Carolinians should take a broom and sweep some of the trash out of public office."

Mainstream political candidates also made a strong showing.

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## Why should teenage mothers expect the government to help?

This adult reader takes a hard line on a controversial issue. What do you think?

"In a recent column, a 16-year-old girl said that 'the government' should offer single teenage mothers more incentives to stay in school and get a job and be responsible for their children.

"Going beyond the question of whether pregnancy out of wedlock is right or wrong, why should teenage mothers expect any help from the government or from any other agency or person, when they alone made their decision—or succumbed to their own passions—leading to sexual intercourse?

"Individuals must take responsibility for their actions and not expect society to help them with the results of those actions. There is an old saying: 'You made your bed. Now sleep in it.'"  
—Charles M. Giauque

"The most dangerous man, to any government, is the man who is able to think things out for himself, without regard to the prevailing superstitions and taboos. Almost inevitably he comes to the conclusion that the government he lives under is dishonest, insane and intolerable, and so, if he is romantic, he tries to change it. And even if he is not romantic personally he is very apt to spread discontent among those who are."  
H.L. Mencken

The art of government consists in taking as much money as possible from one class of citizens to give to the other.

Voltaire

Blessed are the young for they shall inherit the national debt. Herbert Hoover

## Accused of Discriminating Against Christian School

(RNS)—Members of a family that owns a Christian school in Fairfax County, Va., have filed a federal suit complaining that the county government has systematically discriminated against them.

The lawsuit accuses the county of religious bias, political dealmaking and setting double standards for public and private schools.

"It is the classic fallacy of our time that a moron run through a university and decorated with a Ph.D. will thereby cease to be a moron."  
—H. L. Mencken



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The Peruvian army has resisted efforts to disrupt coca growing because doing so would alienate rural peasants and strengthen the hand of the Shining Path, a ruthless band of Maoist revolutionaries. President Alberto Fujimori has encouraged economic assistance to the region instead of increased use of the police and military in coca eradication. He has even suggested granting land titles to coca growers. As a result, the United States is threatening to decertify Peru for U.S. aid for not cooperating with U.S. drug war efforts.

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HOW IS IT THAT I STILL HAVEN'T FOUND MYSELF, BUT YOUR BILLS REACH ME EVERY MONTH?

THAVES



Not all of South Carolina has recovered yet from hurricane Hugo, and the damage done.

Life is not lost by dying; life is lost minute by minute, day by dragging day, in all the thousand small uncaring ways.

Stephen Vincent Benét

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## A penny for your thoughts, Minister

MR B. Saunders, of Tonypandy, South Wales, got his unemployment benefit recently. He was owed £8.83 for one day's benefit in February.

With his cheque (above right), came a letter from Mrs C. A. Groves, area manager for Mr John Moore's Department of Social Security:

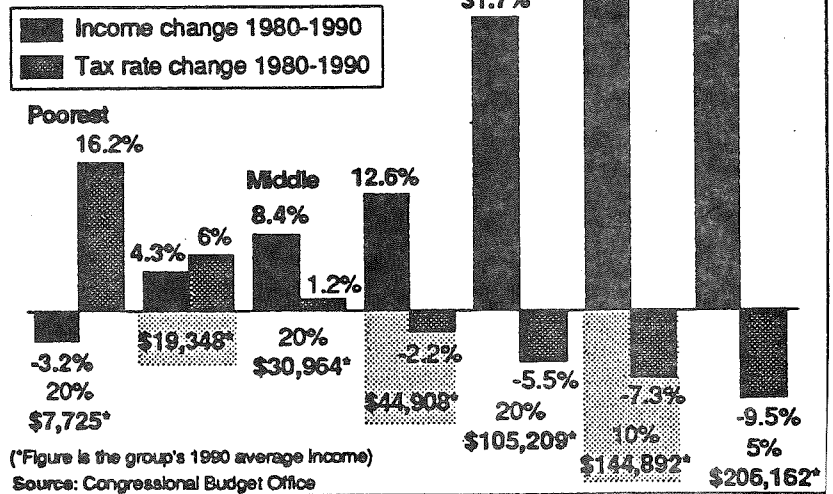
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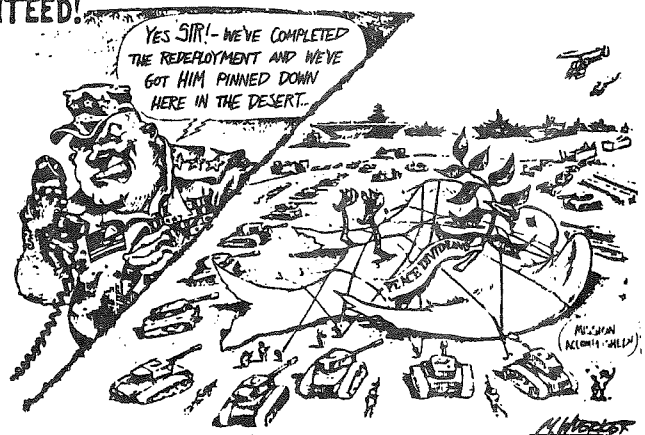
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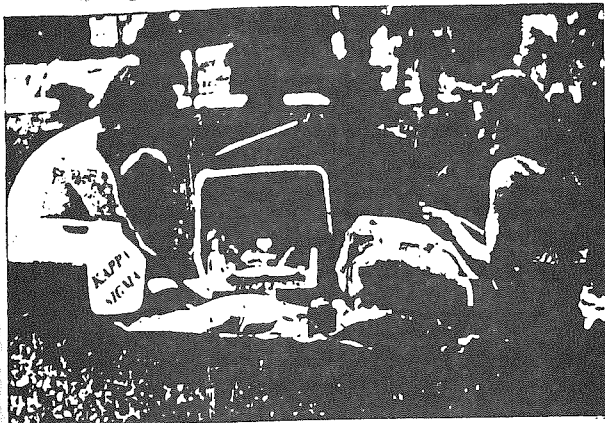
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Is he mad?

Enjoying the day

## Forfeiture bill clears Senate

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Senate on Friday passed a bill that would further crack down on drunken drivers by requiring forfeiture of autos driven by repeat offenders.

The measure, SB 859, was approved 22-7 and now goes to the House.

Sen. Jim Bunn, R-McMinnville, sponsor of the bill, said the main goal is to punish drunken drivers by depriving them of their cars.

Under the measure, a police officer arresting a suspected drunken driver in some cases would put a special sticker on the car.

That would occur when the driver had either a drunken driving conviction or a drunken driving charge that resulted in a diversion program during the past 10 years.

Bunn said the purpose of the sticker would be to warn potential buyers of the vehicle that its title couldn't be transferred. Judges would be required to order autos forfeited to local sheriff's offices if the driver was convicted of drunken driving a second time or convicted after having previously been in a diversion program.

If the driver wasn't the registered owner of the car involved, the owner could have it returned but only after having reported it stolen. The report would have to be made before the court action in the case.

## Gospel Choir Equal Access Act

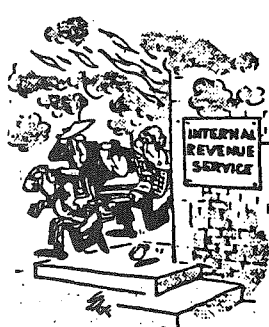
By Darrell Turner  
Religious News Service

A gospel choir that is affiliated with a public high school in Philadelphia has been told that it must broaden its repertoire, get a student director or meet off campus if it wants to continue operating.

By Robert Boezkiewicz  
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DENVER—The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is illegally discriminating by refusing to consider women for employment as Catholic chaplains, a federal administrative judge has ruled.

Judge Juan E. Vigil, in an



"I phoned the fire department, but they just laughed and hung up."



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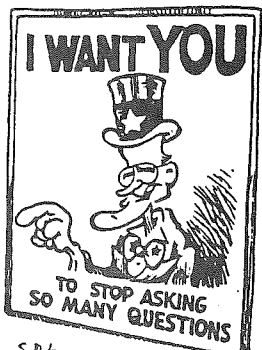
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## 'Gay' Designation Deleted By Synagogue

ELLEN BERNSTEIN  
Special to The Jewish News

With no guarantees of acceptance into the Atlanta Synagogue Council, Congregation Bet Haverim voted recently to cease publicizing itself as a "gay and lesbian synagogue" and instead will be known as a "Reconstructionist synagogue... serving the gay and lesbian community."

"Reconstructionist" means scalawag or carpetbagger in Dixie!



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## Fundamentalists Battling IRS

By Darrell Turner  
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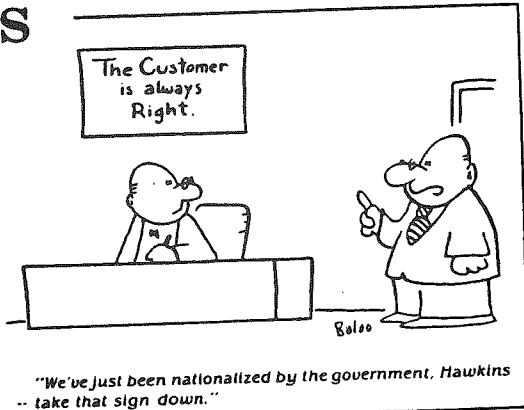
NEW YORK—Fundamentalists Anonymous, a national support group for people who have left fundamentalist organizations, has won the support of several prominent religious leaders and civil liberties activists in its battle against an Internal Revenue Service demand that it turn over its confidential correspondence files.

At a Nov. 14 news conference at the offices of W.R. Brown & Company, where IRS agents were auditing Fundamentalists Anonymous, retired Episcopal Bishop Paul Moore of New York said, "We are here because of the trampling of the liberties of a United States citizen by an agency of the United States government—the IRS."

As a minister, he said, he would consider the confidential communications to FA by its members and supporters to be privileged.

Richard Yao, the former Wall Street lawyer who is executive director of FA, said he has turned over all of the organization's financial records to the IRS "because we have nothing to hide." He said, however, that he "cannot in good conscience turn over to the Internal Revenue Service our confidential membership list and correspondence files" because "this would enable the IRS to intimidate and harass our members and supporters."

Equal Employment Opportunities Commission case, ruled that it is illegal for the VA to require that Catholic chaplains be ordained priests because the requirement discriminates against women.



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"As a libertarian, I am almost as embarrassed by Llewellyn Rockwell's condonation of police brutality (Column Right, March 10) as I am disgusted by the LAPD's beating of Rodney King.

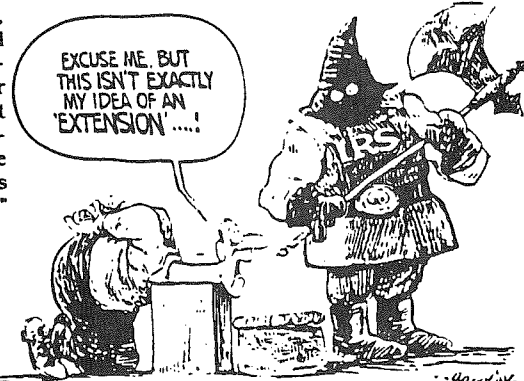
"Contrary to Rockwell's suggestions, libertarians unequivocally support strict enforcement of the Constitution's due process safeguards. We cannot afford to relax our guard against intrusions on our rights, even in the face of Rockwell's purported concern about 'urban terror'. Indeed, it is precisely when demagogues invoke such bogeymen that we need to be most vigilant.

"The danger to a peaceful and free society from police disregard for our rights far outweighs that posed by criminals. Urban terror is especially frightening when delivered by police clubs."

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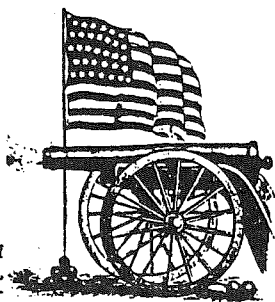
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# The people have power if they will only wield it

'State' as teacher  
needs brush-up course

"Liner flounders in storm off South African Coast" (*The State*, Aug. 4). All those fish must certainly have impeded rescue operations. Since *The State* says it is an excellent teaching tool, we can all be thankful school is currently out and students don't have to founder around in a sea of ignorance and split infinitives.

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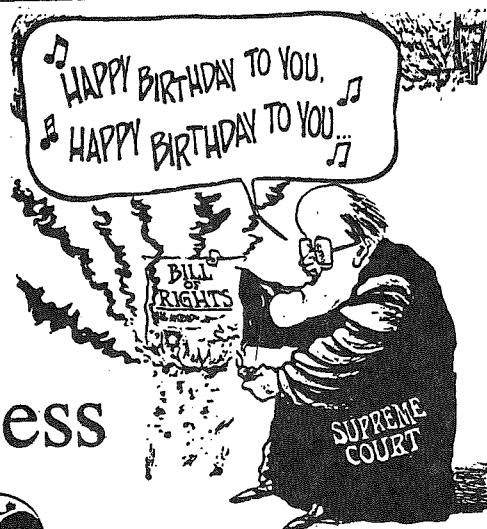
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# George's lips give a new mess

The economic policy statement most strongly associated with President Bush is: "Read my lips; no new taxes!" On that promise, he was swept into office by a landslide vote. Now, as Bush negotiates the budget with Congress, he tells us we may expect some kind of a tax increase. That's why my rule is: If you want to tell whether a politician is lying, watch to see whether his lips are moving.

The art of politics is the art of deception. Think back to 1982 when the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act was making its way through Congress. President Reagan signed this massive tax increase on the congressional promise to cut spending by \$3 for every \$1 tax increase. That was a boldfaced lie. What actually happened was that for every \$1 tax increase, Congress increased spending by \$1.29. You can bet the rent money that it won't be any different this time. You'd wonder why we have a deficit in the first place. In 1978, Congress passed the Balanced-Budget Act. Congress cannot be trusted.

Let's look at what has been happening. In 1980, federal tax revenues were \$517 billion. By 1990, they had more than doubled to a whopping \$1,074 billion, increasing at an annual average rate of \$75 billion. In 1980, federal expenditures were \$591 billion. By 1990, federal spending also had more than doubled to nearly \$1.2 trillion which does not include underground government — off-budget expenditures like loan guarantees and the savings and loan (S&L) bailout.

Adequate tax revenues are not the problem; reckless spending is. In 1989, when

George Bush took office, tax revenues were \$991 billion, and federal expenditures were \$1,143 trillion, giving us a deficit of \$152 billion. Had federal spending been frozen at that level, with economic growth bringing in \$1,074 trillion in tax revenues this year, our budget deficit would be \$69 billion instead of \$124 billion. Keeping spending frozen, while tax revenues grew another \$75 billion, we would close 1991 with a slight budget surplus.

What if we had elected a president with the guts to confront America's spending addicts? That president would have started off by submitting a balanced budget to Congress along with a warning of a veto should Congress send an unbalanced budget for his signature. You say, "Williams, that's impractical; government programs might come to a halt in a down and dirty fight between the White House and Congress." I say it's a safer bet that the earth will stop rotating before government programs come to a halt. More important, some principles are worth down and dirty fights.

Under the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings (G-R-H) Act's sequestration provisions, if the president and Congress fail to meet 1991's target deficit of \$64 billion, automatic spending cuts begin. A modicum of presidential guts would see Bush go to sequestration rather than sanction any tax increase. Recent changes in Europe shift sequestration in favor of the White House since Congress can't use the defense budget as blackmail. That's why some in Congress are considering the repeal of G-R-H's sequestration provisions.

Just a teensy-weensy bit of presidential guts would see Bush launching an all-out effort to support a balanced budget/spending limitation amendment to our Constitution. Thirty-two state legislatures have already called for reconvening the constitutional convention for that purpose.

George Mason, author of the Virginia Declaration of Rights, which inspired our Bill of Rights, got it right, saying Washington was: "This 10-mile square, set at defiance the laws of surrounding states, ... (will) become the sanctuary of the blackest crimes."

Walter Williams is a nationally syndicated columnist.

## Spend center funds somewhere else

I do not support the civic center because we as taxpayers do not need another white elephant for the taxpayers to feed and support, and it will cost money that could be of better use.

Every department in Florence County is always asking for more money because they are short, and this would drain off more money. I guess this is the signal for all in power to spend, spend, spend, etc., etc., etc. There has been some in the newspaper in favor of it, so let them pay for it out of their own pocket with their own money, and let them feed the white elephant and leave taxpayers alone.

The money could be of better use to fix and repair the crummy roads we have. Also why not support our schools and teach the main things the kids need, like reading, math and all sciences, instead of how to play ball, and go on trips, etc.

People who pay tax are taxed to the limit now. So all we don't

## Center: Taxpayers pay several ways

I would like the parties responsible for the "Let's start building" advertisement in the Aug. 11 *Florence Morning News* to consider one fact. No matter how it is explained, the money for the civic center will come from the taxpayers. The advertisement, until the very last, was an attempt to make it appear the center wouldn't cost the taxpayers anything.

The last block in the advertisement states the center will be paid for by five different groups. I would like the person who devised this con job to know I am in three of those groups, and the taxes I pay are directly affected by the other two.

I am a resident and taxpayer of the state of South Carolina, the county of Florence and the city of Florence — which puts me in groups one, two and four. Group three is tax money — not donations — from tourists and visitors, so using this money for the center affects my taxes. I am directly affected by the so-called group four because the donation of land for the center takes it off the tax rolls, and the donor will receive tax deductions which will

need is the civic center, or playground for the upity ups.

I'm still against it and just thinking about it makes my blood boil.

Gene S. Murphy  
Florence

cause my taxes to be more.

I believe the time of the investigators of the advertisement and the money of the businesses that paid for it would have been much better spent in convincing the citizens that the center would be worth the money rather than trying to convince us that it wouldn't cost us anything.

It seems to me these are some of the same folks that were so sure the purchase of the Sears building downtown was the best that ever happened to the city of Florence.

John E. Daniels  
Florence

**QUESTION: Do you support  
the Florence Civic Center?**

□ □ □

No. In 10 years it will be as obsolete as drive in theater.

J. Elford Godwin  
Pamplico

No. Sorry, I wish I could help, but high taxes have left me flat broke.

John Harleee  
Florence

No. It's a luxury we cannot afford or need. We all will be paying \$15 more for each auto — why? My taxes will double next year — why? The crime in Florence County is out of control — why?

Too many people want to shuck and jive and let someone else work and pay their way.

Tom Loudin  
Scranton

# South Carolina Sixth District

## JESTER & EXAMINER Look for county fun

### (Extra-)Ordinary People

"Professional ethicist Michael Josephson clearly did not amuse state senators at the beginning of the new legislative session during a mandatory day-long seminar on ethics. Josephson told the senators that ordinary working people don't receive gifts as part of the job. 'We're not ordinary people,' said state Senator Diane Watson (D-Los Angeles)."

Which reminds me of Mencken's comment in The American Language that "[a]n honest politician is regarded as a sort of marvel, like a calf with five legs, and the news that one has appeared is commonly received with derision."

California Lawyer



DRUG FREE

Adrenalin is my only drug  
It's all I'm allowed to feel  
I grew up watching people be mean on the TV screen  
I go to sports events and shout and scream  
My heart races  
as my team smashes faces  
I'm drug free and ready to kill  
I ride a motorcycle just for the thrill  
Adrenalin, natural speed in my body  
I watch all the cop shows on TV  
Visions of violence is the drug for me  
Preachers call visions of sex obscene  
so violence is all I can see on the screen  
Adrenalin is the drug for me  
It keeps lawyers and police employed  
and is good for an oppressive society  
I listen to loud music to get me hyped  
It flows through my veins and gives me might  
Adrenalin is the drug for me  
Because I'm normal and drug free  
Marxist bankers and lawyers steal our freedom each day  
Let's get hyped and make them pay  
Put adrenalin in your veins and it's off  
to war we go  
Let's put an end to their show  
Destroy the oppressors of liberty  
Adrenalin is the drug for me  
Because I'm normal and drug free

Songs by Norrie Maguire

### America's greatness based on goodness

Timothy Moultrie's letter of July 23, concerning the loss of freedom in America, spoke of the great men of the past, such as Thomas Jefferson, George Mason and Alexis de Tocqueville of France.

I was reminded of a statement made by de Tocqueville: "I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her harbors, in her fertile fields and boundless forests; in her rich mines and vast world commerce, in her public school systems and institutions of learning. I sought for it in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

Has America ceased to be good? A school administrator recently told me about a child who brought a copy of *Hustler* magazine to school and showed it around. When the school administrator contacted the parents and told them he was going to take disciplinary action against the child, the parent responded, "What's wrong with *Hustler* magazine?"

I, too, grieve for America and agree with de Tocqueville's assessment of our former greatness.

WILLIAM R. GEDDINGS JR.

West Columbia

### Liberty

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Once again, time

for a tax revolt

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Do you support the  
Florence Civic  
Center?

Then move to  
Deadbeat, &  
pay taxes to  
waste money.

### Governments are wasting tax money

Lets ease up on the tax. Our leaders and people in positions to tax us must take us for a bunch of idiots with an endless supply of tax dollars for them to dig into when they mismanage, or poorly manage their fiscal responsibilities to us — the taxpayers.

I realize we have fiscal responsibilities to support the educating of our children, but we also have responsibilities to hold our managers of those funds we supply for that purpose accountable for properly managing those funds to see that they are being used for what they are supplied for. Thusly, I was against the (now dropped) suggested 12-mill increase in school District One. In comparison to monies supplied in the past, our school officials have given us poor returns in students properly trained to perform practically, or academically.

About five years ago the school district purchased 13 acres between South Florence High and Highway 52 South — for what? The only activity I've seen on that land was heavy equipment for several months, and crews of men eating out the

No. We think any project as costly and to be funded by the taxpayers should have been voted on by the people of Florence County.

Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Shaw

No. Citizens should have had a referendum to vote on it. Traffic on I-20 and Radio Road is going to be a problem when events let out.

Mrs. Pat Schultz

No. Absolutely no. I can't support a project of this magnitude (total cost \$85-95 million before it paid for — ridiculous! The City/County Complex building is not paid for yet. How much is owed on it? (City pays \$260,000 per year for 20 years now. How much has county paid — total? Building cost \$8 million (1972). The building was built to support both wings to go to top. What happened to that? Does county or city know what it's all about?

H.E. Wood

No. No use to me. Don't want taxes money wasted.

Elizabeth Cain

Pamplico

No. Because look who is paying the 3-percent sales tax and the one cent more we will be paying more on everything they can think of.

W.H. Edgerton

No. Let the people who want to pay for it. Don't punish everybody with higher taxes. Florence is not large enough to support civic center.

A.B. Calcutt

### Dillon will pay for center, too

I read the letter from John E. Daniels, of Florence, about the costs of the new civic center.

The two-page advertisement spread left out the sixth group paying for the center — taxpayers of surrounding counties.

We have paid millage for McLeod Hospital; are paying for Florence airport; and we will be taxed for Florence Civic Center.

Dillon County is being forced to accept 911 — it's not just address changes. It was not the majority of taxpayers wanting it — looks like just our "elected officials."

Florence and Dillon County are being subjected to taxes by a few who want things with us paying more taxes come Hades or high water.

And then, too, we have the "good old boy" system when it comes to employees on payroll.

Lake View and Latta were to be sent contracts to sign to have 911 — I was told they weren't going to sign — well, we'll wait and see.

Linda W. Rowell  
Latta

stumps and cutting out the wood, which I would venture to say cost the taxpayers many thousands of dollars, coupled with the \$358,000 purchase price would probably amount to close to a half million tax dollars very poorly managed. It seems that politicians and school officials are only interested in our children when it's election time, or funds are needed.

Lonnie L. Harrelson Jr.

Do YOU want Florence county to build a civic center on land it does not own, huge costing, & guaranteed to lose money in operation?

No. Another Florence blunder is upon the people of Florence again. This idea of a civic center in Florence is being crammed down the taxpayers' throat.

It is just like the "Downtown Fountain" joke of the past. Money was wasted building the fountain and then tearing it down. Also, the downtown canopy project was another waste of the taxpayers' money.

Florence would benefit little from a civic center. It will bring more problems to Florence — as if Florence doesn't have enough at present. We need to address these problems and not be concerned with financing a civic center.

Let the people who want a civic center get together and pass a hat around. Let these individuals split the cost of the building and maintaining it.

Florence doesn't need a civic center and never will. Florence needs to use the money to work on problems we already have, such as drugs, drinking, and garbage.

Taxpayers need to put their feet down on this matter of a Florence civic center.

Let's not let the 'few' make decisions for the majority. I seriously doubt most Florentines want a civic center.

I was glad to see County Council has put a hold on the civic center idea for 60 days.

Someone out there must be listening to the rumbling going on in Florence concerning this matter.

Down with the civic center.

Thomas D. Capotosti Jr.  
Timmonsville

No. The public has had no input on this major decision. Hold a referendum — if public is willing to pay for it then build it.

Cecil Bozard

No. Anyone who wants special entertainment can drive either to Charlotte, Columbia, Myrtle Beach or to Charleston. The monies could better be spent on our streets and roads.

Alberta B. Poole

Yes. Sure why not? Florence built Harlee Square, revitalized downtown Florence, built Freedom Florence — wherever that is — and I read in the Aug. 13 edition of the *Florence Morning News* they are going to build a place for the agricultural fair out in the swamp beyond FMC.

Sooner or later they are bound to hit a money maker. I say "go for it." If it flops, they can turn it into a gambling casino. That will at least get our state and local representatives together. We all know they like to gamble. Besides, it sure beats giving more money to "Billie D" for his travels. The return on that is zilch!

E.W. Meyer  
Timmonsville

No. I think money should be spent on more practical things — roads and streets. You can't go on a street in Florence without banging a tire from potholes.

Judy and Jerry F. Smith

WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?

## WE GET LETTERS ET CETERA

The 1990 census is an example of bureaucratic bumbling at its worst. The Census Bureau has strayed so far from its Constitutional mandate to enumerate that it can't even do that correctly or efficiently. Entire towns did not receive the Census but a cat in Ohio did. - MLS. .... Petitions to S C Statist House urge that Congress be pressed to adopt Balanced Budget. .... SC Policy Council of rich conservatives call for ordered liberty (not violating others), limited government, separation of powers (by making courts not pass laws), market economy, strong national defense, religious values & character building education. The strongest natl. defense systems are in Israel & Switzerland, with small full-time army & huge natl. guard. Religious values include opposing theft, murder, rape, and govt. oppression. Any education builds a character, but welfare system & humanistic schools build a very bad one. .... They also want to preserve first principles, like cut the feds back to Thos. Jefferson.

U S Post Off has been caught spending millions on plush conferences, like IRS. No wonder they had to raise the postal rates. .... A snake sheds its skin and reappears as a snake. A communist party sheds its skin and reappears as a democratic socialist party. - K McSweeney, NSW, Aus. .... LP Canada reports rebels at Canada's oldest law school when Prof. told them to interpret law on the basis of color & race (& sex), rather than impartially as in the trad. common law. ....

"During Bush's Thanksgiving to Saudi Arabia, our troops immediately around the president were ordered to remove the bolts from their rifles." - Calif. Review, UCSD .... Hunger Act For, POB 789, SF, CA 94101 wants to know what they can do to fight hunger. Please send them suggestions, & tell them to make bureaucrats & welfare anti-workers to get their fat tush off the cush & into the fields of veggies. .... 100 million gallons of high-level nuclear waste lurk in aging tanks under the Sav. River Nuclear plant reservation. (Don't live downstream). .... "Expert" declares that Hilton's LOST HORIZON of the '30s is world's first paperback novel; I've seen one that was a bestseller in the 1890s, & cowboy novel paperbacks before that. ....

"... a pol is lying when he moves his lips." - Peggy Noonan .... "Never forget that if you leave your law to judges and your religion to bishops you will presently find yourself without either law or religion." G B Shaw .... "The biggest need in auto safety is the recall of a few million defective drivers." Anon. .... "War is the unfolding of miscalculations." - Barbara Tuchman .... Thanx to Prairie Rambler.

Despite denials from Pentagon, rumor persists that AIDS is a genetically altered virus, deliberately released to wipe out homos, non-whites & drug addicts, here and in 3rd World countries. (var.) .... (AP) Apollo, PA: Woman's Household magazine sent a bill to Anne Brestensky on 3-6-40; she got it 12-20-90. PO declared, "We deliver no matter how old it is." .... Do violent movies cause all crime? Or did crime happen before 1900? .... Circ. Court has let Hawaii deny voters the right to write-in.

Questions from a Feminist organization, seeking donations:

**Why are women and children the majority of those living in poverty?**

Welfare programs that encourage poverty, & immorality.

**Why do women college graduates of all racial and ethnic groups earn less than men with high school diplomas?** Hours worked, years worked, union memberships, danger of job, and lots of other things, like self-employment.

**Why do women professionals still earn only 68% of what male colleagues with comparable experience earn?** Again, TIME is a major factor.

**Why do women comprise fewer than 16% of state legislators and less than 6% of Congress?**

Because they are such a small percentage of candidates.

**Why is adequate child care seen as a 'women's issue'?**

Mostly because those working in child-care are overwhelmingly women.

**Why do women's incomes go down significantly after 'no fault' divorce settlements and men's incomes and assets increase?** Men's income increases normally with age. Assets increase with lower expenses, of fewer dependents to support.

**Why do girls emerge from adolescence with poor self-images, lower expectations, and much less self-confidence than boys?** That's what's wrong with the publik skoolz, which stress athletics, and oppose academic training.

**Why are less than a dozen of the 6,400 top-ranking CEOs women?**

Ask the stockholders, who are almost 75% women!

**Why does less than 4% of all private foundation funding and corporate philanthropy go to women's organizations or to support women's issues and needs?**

Because there are other things it goes to besides sex problems.

There are no quick answers to these questions (besides the obvious one of discrimination),

### Press fiddling while Florence burns

Our founding fathers provided explicit constitutional protection for only one private enterprise in our land: they prescribed any law "abridging the freedom... of the press."

This enormous protection afforded the "Fourth Estate," to borrow a concept from Sir Edmund Burke, a Whig Member of the British Parliament some 200 years ago, carries with it a heavy corresponding duty: a duty morally, if not legally, to tell "the truth, the whole truth," no matter whose ox is gored, to be impeccably fair.

Judges represent the weakest segment of the governmental triology. They have no appointive authority, no power of the purse. They make, they execute, no law. Thus, the power of judges rests upon the respect afforded them and their decrees by the executive branch, the legislative branch, the public. It is in this context that I find bothersome the penchant of the press in recent times to declare open session on judges. And I am perturbed at the absence of press discussion of some of the serious issues affecting the court.

Locally, there has been no press discussion of our city council's secret processes in choosing — and in dismissing — judges, or of the extent to which the court may be affected by politics. How can you justify the fact that municipal judges, unlike any other judges in our state, are without tenure; unlike the lowliest municipal employee, can be summarily fired without notice. What are the constitutional implications of the city's failure to provide a lawyer for a poor people it accuses of crime? How about the city's denial of funds for a trial judge to attend a seminar on the law of evidence?

Shouldn't the press and public be disturbed that, for the first time in memory, our city council majority has appointed as trial judge, one who is not learned in the law (don't criticize her; she didn't appoint herself)? Isn't there concern that while the prisoners are mostly

black men, the judges today are all white women (don't blame them; it wasn't their decision)?

What about firing a judge because the jail is overcrowded? How about firing a judge to "save" \$14,000, while spending several times that for a "supercop" to run a police department which has a chief; hiring several lawyers to represent the city council but, without explanation, refusing to provide a lawyer to represent a city judge under assault for doing what judges are supposed to do all while budgeting hundreds of thousands of dollars predicated upon income produced by operation of the court?

Shouldn't there be a press hue and cry when 17 local leadership folks appear before the council and request that a judge be retained, no one appears in opposition, and, by four man fiat, the judge gets fired? Have we no First Amendment rights?

A black judge orders that a presumed innocent black defendant not be booked. She's booked anyway, because of "procedures," on contravening orders of a white police captain. The press vilifies the judge. Stripped by the black judge of his presumption of innocence, the white police captain is released without being booked, "procedures" notwithstanding. The press doesn't even mention it. When the black judge ordered the non-booking of that young lady, high city officials announced, amid press drum rolls, that his order was "unlawful." But when a white judge imposed upon her a sentence of questionable legality, no one noticed. Does the constitutional right to "equal protection of the laws" mean something different if you're black? Are some folks "more equal" than others?

Why hasn't the media scheduled a series of debates on these and similar questions between, say, the mayor pro tem of our city (or some other member of the council's ruling white majority), on the one hand, and the president (or some other member) of the bar, on the other? Why no media series examining such questions in depth?

I am disquieted that we may be facing a crisis of constitutional dimensions. And I shudder to think that the press, so purposefully protected by the Constitution, swings, pendulum-like, between affirmatively abusing its trust and, like the legendary Emperor Nero, fiddling while Rome burns.

Mordecai Johnson  
Florence

### Sales tax favors the state's wealthy

According to the Associated Press news releases, the S.C. General Assembly favors the wealthy who can afford to purchase expensive cars, trucks, boats, recreational vehicles, etc.

Currently, the 5 percent sales tax in South Carolina peaks at cars, trucks, boats, etc. costing \$6,000. Purchasers of more expensive vehicles are not required to pay more than \$300 in sales tax.

This loophole allows wealthy tax evaders to buy their condo parking spaces costing thousands so that they can have their tailgate parties before the "gladiators enter the football arena."

All this in a state that ranks near the bottom in support for public education. State politicians sidestepped a tax increase on expensive cars bought by affluent S.C. citizens and, instead, cut \$39 million from school expenses and state employee benefits.

S.C. legislators excuse the wealthy from paying their fair share of sales tax but force the poor to pay sales tax on the food they eat.

Why not put a decent tax on that cancer-producing, nicotine-addicting weed commonly called tobacco?

Who was it who said, "A politician is one who is held upright by equal pressure from all directions"?

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