

Despite Claims of Tax Cuts, American Laborers Still Must Work 124 Days a Year to Pay Taxes

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Washington—The average American will have to labor 124 days this year just to pay federal, state and local taxes, reaching *Tax Freedom Day*, which is May 4, the Tax Foundation said recently.

That is the same number of days of work required to meet tax obligations in the past two years — and the same as in 1981, when across the board cuts in federal taxes were enacted.

Tax Freedom Day has never been later.

From another perspective, the average worker will have to toil two hours and 43 minutes each eight hour day to satisfy the tax collectors, one minute more than last year.

"Americans ... are no better off than they were in 1981, despite economic growth, cuts in income tax rates and repeated claims that government spending has been cut to the bone," the foundation said.

Economists at the foundation, a Washington based non-partisan research organization, attributed the lack of progress to:

The 1986 Tax Reform Act, which took away or reduced several deductions to finance lower rates, and tax increases which were enacted in 1982 and 1984 tax reform acts. Social Security taxes have grown faster than the economy in the 1980s.

State and local taxes have risen steadily through the decade, in part to pay for a reduction in federal programs. □

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APRIL IS THE CRUELEST MONTH WITH AN INCOME TAX ON WORK
UPDATING MAZE MAIL-LIST

Please look at your label. If it says EX, it should be an exchange; if there's no exchange, it will be discontinued. If you want to exchange & haven't, speak up. For subscriptions, a date, like 9004 means it expires 1990 in 4th month April. IF IT HAS expired, especially in a prior year, this is YOUR LAST ISSUE!



Dear Ma'am:

To answer your questions, at a recent Libertarian meeting, to a little surprise, I found that almost all were opposed to abortions except in special cases (like danger to the mother's life, or rape), but believe that the crooked courts do not have proper ability to rule on medical questions. Of course, there are crooks who can do abortions, as there were before, and get women killed by their incompetence, but legalizing something doesn't mean approving of it.

For instance, legalizing marijuana, which I have no use for, would be a help in fighting drug wars, by making a fairly safe drug available cheap, like alcohol or cigarettes. I do not believe this is the government's business, just as it's none of their business if the priest drinks a few drops of wine, at Mass, illegally because it's in public and on Sunday. Of course, a few have been killed by the hemp of the marijuana plant, because it used to be made into rope, & was used at hangings.

Likewise, burning the flag, at public ceremonies to dispose of worn-out ones as military units do, is not a crime; the case that went to the Supreme Court was trying to incite a riot, as racist groups often do too, & if I had been the judge would have sent the defendant to an asylum, instead of prison, as stupid.

There are laws protecting animal rights that the govt. does not try to use worth a hoot; science is supposed to get permits to use animals for experiments; I think they should use convicts on life sentence for murder first. The punishment for mistreating animals should be to be put out for science experiments in labs. But game shooting can be an advantage to the wild animals, as better than dying of starvation from overcrowding of animal ranges. (On a quail hunt, our gov. managed to shoot his guide, fortunately not seriously last week. Dan Quayle shouldn't hunt.)

Sincerely,

Sentences should fit the severity of crimes

The State reported on Nov. 30 that a past State Teachers' Association president had pleaded guilty in Lexington County to second-degree criminal sexual conduct charges involving a 15-year-old boy for which he was sentenced to a two-year sentence plus five years of probation. This person had initially been indicted on six sex charges; however, the plea bargain agreement's provision was that he be sentenced on one count only

in order to avoid having the child testify. According to the solicitor, this would have been a traumatic experience for the teenager. When this man returns to society in about one year, perhaps this will also be a traumatic experience for the victim and his family.

Prisons in South Carolina are overcrowded with people who have excessive sentences for non-violent crimes. Alternative punishment for such persons should include shorter sentences, house arrest, intensive probation, restitution plans and manda-

tory community service. A bad check writer can be restricted from opening a checking account, and a drunken driver can be restricted from driving; however, a sex offender is likely to strike again.

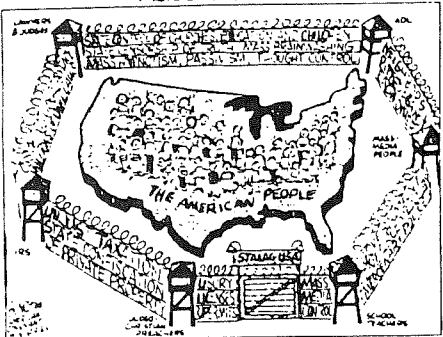
The lenient sentence in this particular case is just another example of how our justice system favors those who can afford proper legal counsel. This disproportionate sentencing must cease.

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The week of September 4, there was a three-part series in *The New York Times* on the problem of illiteracy in the United States. But not emphasized were what educational research has indicated about the causes and solutions to this problem: a return to phonics.

In a study, "College Responses to Low Achieving Students," by University of Texas professors Roueche, Baker and Roueche, one reads that "it is not uncommon today to find 30-40 percent of all entering freshmen reading below 7th grade level."

"Each fall, colleges find dozens, sometimes hundreds, of students who...are reading below a 4th grade level," the report says.

In an effort to determine how the situation has become so bad, the California Legislature commissioned a study by the Far West Laboratory, whose researchers recommended the Legislature focus on teacher training, because "too many elementary school teachers simply don't know how to teach reading."

Elementary teachers have been trained to use the "look-say" approach to reading instruction, which emphasizes remembering whole words. About 85 percent of our school districts are using essentially this method, even though in 124 studies since 1911 not once was "look-say" found superior to phonics-first programs.

The solution to the problem of illiteracy in this country then is to return to the intensive phonics method of reading instruction. Good phonics instruction involves teaching the nature, structure and logic of the alphabetic sound-symbol system and how it works. Such instruction should be presented in a direct, intensive and systematic way, using a multisensory approach.

During the early decades of our nation's history, this approach was used with great success in the McGuffey Readers, which emphasized Biblical principles such as, "Trust in the Lord, and do good" (Psalm 37:3). And by the beginning of the 20th century, when phonics was still the primary means of teaching reading in this country, illiteracy was becoming a thing of the past. According to Census Bureau statistics, illiteracy among those 10 to 20 years old went down from 7.6 percent in 1900 to only 4.7 percent in 1910.

The Dick and Jane "look-say" basal reading series was born in 1930, and so disastrous were the consequences that in 1955 Dr. Rudolph Flesch wrote a very popular book, "Why Johnny Can't Read and What You Can Do About It." It was a scathing criticism of the "look-say" approach. Since then, Dr. Robert Dykstra, professor of education at the University of Minnesota, has reviewed 59 studies on reading instruction and reported that, "Children get off to a faster start in reading if they are given early systematic instruction in the alphabetic code" (phonetics).

If one were to ask elementary school teachers today whether they use phonics in their reading instruction, a majority would probably indicate they do. However, Dr. Richard Venezky of the University of Delaware analyzed the four basal reading programs most commonly used in the 1970s (when SAT scores had sunk to their lowest), and reported that, "Never once in the decoding program do they ever get to the point of applying decoding."

When teachers have switched to phonics instruction, the results have been remarkable. After teachers at Jefferson Junior High in Washington, D.C., began intensive phonics instruction, the reading scores for 9th graders went from 8.2 in 1979 to 10.4 in 1980, the first year intensive phonics was introduced (the national norm was 9.8). Similarly, after the Spalding method of phonics instruction (which includes not only direct analytical phonics instruction, but also penmanship, spelling and reading comprehension) was introduced at Gallego Elementary School (52 percent Hispanic) in Tucson, the cost of reading instruction per pupil dropped to only \$2.61 per year, and 52 percent of the student population is now on the Honor Roll (meaning their total academic average is above 90 percent), according to principal Mary Musgrave.

Thus, the research findings seem clear. The problem of illiteracy in America can be largely solved with a return to an emphasis upon intensive phonics instruction in our schools.

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Just how did we get to this

Any doctor worth his salt always takes a medical history of his patient. After all, successful treatment requires an answer to how the patient got sick in the first place. If the problem is an irregular heartbeat, the treatment may be no more complex than the cessation of caffeine intake and smoking. But ignoring the patient's history, the doctor may prescribe medication that's ineffective or produces dangerous side effects.

The same reasoning can be applied to problems of the black underclass. The average "expert" of the urban ghetto sees rampant drug usage, laziness (though he doesn't call it that), wanton property destruction, rampant crime, illegitimacy rates 80 percent and above, and a generalized breakdown in institutions and normal behavior patterns. He then asks: What can we do to make things right? His answer always includes calls for more social tinkering and government programs to eliminate poverty and racial discrimination.

Such an answer is just what one would expect from a person who takes no history. But if experts bothered to take a history, they'd see that life among the black poor has never been what it is today. Let's look at it.

On hot summer nights in places like North Philadelphia, Harlem, or Southeast Washington, people felt safe enough to sleep outside, often the only sound heard was the click and soft chatter of old men playing checkers. In the same neighborhoods, there were numerous stores selling everything you needed; only the pawnshop owner saw a necessity to have windows barred. On Friday evenings or Saturday mornings, you'd hear the coin-jingling sound of the insurance man going from door to door making collections, or it could have been the knife-sharpener, the popsicle man, the huckster, or a kid coming home with a day's worth of shoe-shining earnings. Graffiti was not scrawled over

"Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

— Isaiah 43:19

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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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Letters to the editor

I look forward to relaxing with the Sunday *State* paper each weekend. You have not kept your usual standard with the error-filled and biased editorial on "assault weapons." You certainly have the right to free speech, but the public has a reasonable expectation that what they read in *The State* is correct in the facts presented.

Please let me enlighten you and correct some of the errors you put forth as fact:

(1) Fully automatic weapons (machine guns) have been restricted since 1934, not 1968. There is a provision for private ownership, and in that time not one legally owned machine gun has been used in a crime. Contrary to your contention, it is quite difficult to convert modern semi-automatic guns to fully automatic. Such a conversion is already a federal felony.

(2) You make the statement that "assault" firearms are the weapon of choice of drug dealers. In fact, the data from large cities show that only

about 1.5 percent of the guns seized by police are military look-alikes. The facts simply don't support the misinformation you are distributing.

(3) The terrible event in Stockton occurred because the judicial system turned Patrick Purdy back onto the streets. It is a matter of record that he was termed "a danger to society" after psychological evaluation. He had a long history of firearms offenses under existing laws. It is ridiculous to blame the object for the crime. The resultant law in California has succeeded in curtailing the pump and semiautomatic shotguns used by sportsmen.

I do not in any fashion mean to make light of any crime of violence, no matter what the weapon. It is of great concern that you have presented lies as facts. I applaud and defend your right to any opinion, but since *The State* is a public medium, it is incumbent on your editorial staff to be factual. This is a basic responsibility. Your First Amendment rights do not give you the right to trample on my Second Amendment rights.

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fists. If a rare piece of artillery came into play, it was a switchblade, brass knuckles, or a zip gun.

This is some of the history of the same neighborhoods we now see on the six o'clock news. A reasonable question is: How did they get the way they are today? Clearly there was more poverty and discrimination back then. So the expert who chalks today's deterioration up to poverty and discrimination must answer this question: Why was there more civility in black neighborhoods when there were fewer anti-poverty programs, and when blacks had fewer civil rights?

Experts do not want to face this question. Along with a liberal media and dishonest intellectuals, a conspiracy of silence about the past has been developed wherein Americans are supposed to believe that black neighborhoods have always

been the catastrophe they are today. It's a cover-up for their own misguided beliefs and programs. After all, it was they who argued for programs where individuals are absolved of responsibility for their actions. They called for criminals to be treated with kid gloves. They called for acceptance of aberrant behavior as "alternative life styles." And now they're using poverty and discrimination to cover their mistakes.

If large numbers of blacks are not to become America's first permanent underclass, we must find realistic answers to how things did get the way they are today. And we must stop being hosts to the double parasites who fester the wounds of the unfortunate and suck the blood of the productive.

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houses, stores, public conveyances, and school buildings. Kids cursed; but they didn't curse within earshot of grown-ups. Grownups were addressed, "Yes (or no), Ma'am (or Sir)." The only way you expressed displeasure with an adult would be to roll your eyes at them, preferably after they had turned their backs.

People did drink wine, make bathtub gin, gamble and some probably used drugs; but they didn't sell them to kids nor did they involve kids in their illicit activities. There were street fights, but they were waged with

S Health

Dr. Peter Gott



Are VDTs as safe as the experts say?

Video-display terminals are already a fact of life in the United States. Experts estimate that there are more than 30 million VDT workstations in America today, and the number is growing. Each unit consists of a typewriter keyboard and video-display screen that are linked to a computer.

The guts of the machine is a cathode-ray tube, a vacuum tube containing a device that shoots electrons in a narrow beam. This beam is focused, accelerated and directed by a series of electromagnets. When the beam strikes the phosphor coating of the screen's inner surface, the electrons generate a spot of light that glows as a letter or a number.

In the process of moving the electron beam across the screen more than 15,000 times a second, the magnets produce a recognizable image or picture on the screen. While in operation, the magnets also generate pulsed magnetic waves in the very-low-frequency radio-frequency range.

VDTs emit additional energy in the form of X-rays, ultraviolet waves, visible light, infrared waves, microwaves, radio waves and static electric fields. Most of this energy is harmlessly absorbed by glass and other materials in the VDTs. Magnetic waves, however, are not absorbed by glass and metal — or by concrete and most other substances either.

Do these waves represent a health hazard to people operating or working near VDTs?

If we can believe the authorities, the traditional answer is "no."

Nonetheless, evidence to the contrary is accumulating. Several scientists are questioning whether, in fact, VDTs do pose serious medical risks. If these experts are correct, the American public may be on the verge of hearing some very bad news.

The subject of VDT safety has been elegantly and convincingly analyzed by Paul Brodeur in the June 26, 1989, issue of *The New Yorker*. This lengthy and deadly serious article ought to be required reading for every adult who works with or near a VDT. Although newer models have shielding against electromagnetic radiation, older terminals do not incorporate this safety feature.

According to Brodeur, pulsed VLF radiation emitted by unshielded video-display terminals has been shown to cause cataracts, eye damage, birth defects and miscarriages in humans, as well as altered brain chemistry, learning disabilities and fetal malformations in animals. Despite the evidence, the public has not been informed of these facts, and U.S. scientists have yet to perform a single experiment to identify the biological effects of pulsed VLF fields. Most of the important research was carried out in other countries, including Canada, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union.

Brodeur's article is a scathing indictment of government regulatory agencies, the computer industry, the scientific community, utility and communications companies, the medical profession and the news media. The problem has resulted in "either silence or denial among most officials," he claims, because "correcting the problem will prove to be not only tremendously expensive but also disruptive."

In addition, "if the magnetic fields given off by computer terminals should prove to cause cancer or otherwise be harmful to health, an immense and continually growing segment

Removing vehicle

Seeds planted long ago for schools' failures

The article by David S. Broder (*The State*, Nov. 29) comments on a recent survey of young Americans aged 15 to 24 which he finds "disquieting," and well it should be.

When asked about their goals in life, 72 percent gave being successful in jobs or careers top priority.

In the article Mr. Broder says, "... (A)sked how they would describe 'a good citizen' in their own words, the dominant answer (43 percent) was that it meant someone who is generous and caring. Only one-third mentioned being law-abiding, and only 12 percent suggested voting or other forms of political involvement.

Those who teach this generation say they are alarmed at the other indications they see in the classroom where emphasis on self-fulfillment is increasingly crowding out a sense of involvement with the community and nation."

Well, now! Today's teachers and education professionals should be alarmed but not surprised at what they are seeing. The seeds so carefully planted by the education and social planners of the 1930s and 1940s and so faithfully (or is it blindly) followed and cultivated since are reaching fruition.

The direction in which those plans were leading was not and has not yet been recognized by many in the education community. Some of my relatives are among them. But, those plans have contributed to the neglect of teaching (both in schools and homes) fulfillment in usefulness and good citizenship based on moral responsibility instead of self-indulgence and self-aggrandizement.

We need to teach our children the values that count in the end.

C.P. ROBINSON
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of the nation's population will have been placed at risk."

Brodeur is especially critical of news agencies for not having objectively reported — as is their duty — the potential hazards of VDTs.

I wish to commend the Richland County Planning Management Department for its efficiency in its latest efforts to remove unlicensed vehicles from Richland County properties.

Just because a car or truck does not have an updated sticker and license plate does not necessarily make it an eyesore unless it were wrecked or otherwise unsightly. There are lots of items scattered around on properties that, in my opinion, are far more unsightly than simply a parked car.

It just amazes me how our county government spends our tax dollars these days; it had to take weeks, with numerous county employees in county cars to canvass neighborhoods, time to report, secretaries' salaries, etc. We must not forget the time it took to solicit towing companies and compile lists. These businesses will be glad to tow our antique or classic models off (for title only!). The icing on the cake was to send the completed package via certified mail, at the cost of \$2.20 a shot. I can't wait to hear from my friends at RCCTR what the exact cost to the taxpayers was.

I'm saddened by this latest action, and I believe I can see the dawning of the day when we will have to park our licensed pickups or other older cars in a community garage, rather than our driveways, and walk home because our vehicles take away from the appearance of the neighborhood. Maybe they'll even tell us what kind of trees and shrubs to plant and where. Who knows?

IRMA McMILLION



Your Tax Dollars: Going, Going, Gone

By Lance Lamberton

Citizens Against Government Waste

The U.S. Government is well known for its wasteful spending, but few taxpayers are aware of some of the special pork barrel projects sucking up dollars and ultimately raising the national debt. Here are a few examples of wasteful spending that will make your pocketbook choke:

- The government is currently spending \$750,000 to do studies on "fishing-gear entanglements."

- Georgetown University gets \$5.8 million to research, test, and fund a fleet of electric shuttle-buses for the campus. Now, that's higher education.

- Congress has directed \$2.2 million to be spent for cloud research in Illinois, Nevada, North Dakota, and Utah, continuing a research program which has produced no major results for 20 years.

- Some small "bites" on the pocketbook: \$250,000 on cranberry research, \$250,000 to stop wild pigs from destroying exotic Hawaiian plants, \$100,000 for taste aversion research, and \$100,000 to study whether redfish can be raised in ponds.

- More than \$100 million has been earmarked to build a dam in Nebraska to irrigate more corn crops. But Nebraska farmers already set aside more than two million acres of corn under federal "pay not to plant" subsidies!

- About \$4.3 million will be spent by the government on a privately owned and operated museum at the Johnstown, Pennsylvania, flood site. No wonder the country is drowning in red ink!

- Nearly 10 million tax dollars will be spent on water mains in Brookhaven, New York. Most other American towns rely on local taxes or bonds for water systems.

- All you non-skiers will be thrilled that \$6.4 million of your tax dollars are being spent to build a for-profit Bavarian-style ski resort in Idaho.

- Twenty-five million dollars for a private airport in Fort Worth, Texas, sneaked through as an amendment to 1988's big budget resolution and is in direct circumvention of the Federal Aviation Administration's power to allocate resources.

- Congress has ordered a \$200 million-plus satellite system to provide information for submarine warfare. The Navy doesn't plan to use it because it costs more than it delivers!

Our government's budget now exceeds \$1 trillion per year. That's about \$4,200 for every man, woman, and child in the U.S.

So, how much is \$1 trillion? If you spent \$1 million a day, it would take 27 centuries to spend \$1 trillion. But our government will spend it in one year!

In fact, every minute of every working day, the federal government is spending \$8 million.

It took 200 years for our Republic to accrue a national debt of \$1 trillion. We

doubled that in the next five years.

Over one-half of all personal income taxes go to meet the interest on the national debt (money already spent), not to run the government. We are spending over \$4 billion a week just to pay the interest on the national debt.

Worst of all, if you tried to balance the budget by increasing taxes, you'd have to increase everybody's personal income taxes by nearly 50 percent.

— From *Americanism Educational*
new tool for angry men

I am appalled by the audacity of Family Court Judge Marc Westbrook in his recent signing of a restraining order to prohibit a woman from having an abortion.

The order was requested by an obviously disgruntled ex-boyfriend who merely wanted to embarrass and humiliate this 23-year-old woman. He had no proof that she was pregnant, and Judge Westbrook signed the order on this man's presumption that she was.

In effect, what Judge Westbrook achieved was to provide a new tool for angry men to lash out at women who have spurned them. It was an act of judicial activism on the coattails of the Webster case. The Webster case has not impacted South Carolina state law, which continues to state that the only counsel a woman needs to seek regarding the termination of her pregnancy in the first six months is her doctor's. It does not indicate that the consent of her spouse, or worse, her boyfriend, is necessary.

Judge Westbrook should be reminded that it is his job to interpret the laws as they exist, not to create new laws. That is the job of the state Legislature. I am not in any way suggesting that he run for a seat in the Legislature. Men like Marc Westbrook only do the women of this state a grave disservice.

MARTHA O'DONNELL

And from Joseph Sobran's column in *The Wanderer*:

We are now routinely deprived of property without due process of law or just compensation. Taxation has ceased meaning a slight levy on all to pay for benefits universally enjoyed, and has become a device with which some are dispossessed for the benefit of others. "Due process of law" means a trial, not a legislative act. Depriving people of their wealth by political means is roughly equivalent to arresting them by bill of attainder.

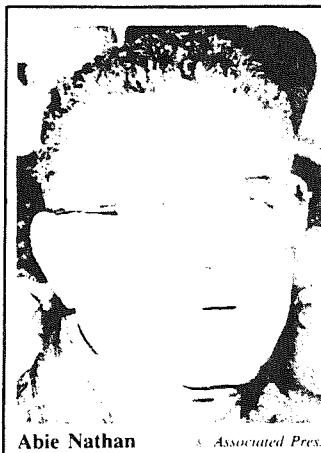


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Abie Nathan

Associated Press

Israel: Peace activist imprisoned

Israeli peace campaigner Abie Nathan, aged 62, went to prison on 10 October 1989 for breaking a 1986 law banning contacts between Israeli citizens and government-designated "terrorist" groups, such as the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Abie Nathan was convicted on 27 September for having met Yasser Arafat and other senior PLO officials in September 1988 and was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment, of which 12 were suspended.

He is the first Israeli to be jailed under this law. He decided not to appeal, or to perform community service instead of imprisonment, in protest against the law which he reportedly called "anti-democratic and stupid". He said he had met PLO officials because he believes that the Israeli Government should start talking to them.

Al believes he is a prisoner of conscience, imprisoned solely because of his non-violent political opinions and peace activities and is calling for his immediate and unconditional release.

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Ideer Om Frihet in Norway is celebrating its 10th anniversary; if you're not on the mail list & want to be, send money, via postal money order to Jan S Petterson, Box 1134, N5001 Bergen, Norway. North Korea executed 2 women for wanting to have sex with, by marrying, foreign males. Unthinkable! (The Australian) "I can't remember when a liberal was generous with his own money," Will Rogers. (SDLib, Box 16449, SD, CA 92116) Pediatricians say 5% of kids are mentally ill, while psychiatrists say 20%. (TMNTrib); why is the U S govt driving so many kids crazy? Public schools? New Jers is 2nd (after Alaska) in spending on public schools, \$7571/pupil, with some of the worst schools in places like Trenton & Jersey City. (Blumfeld Educ. Letter). Meanwhile test-cheating with help from teachers goes on in most, if not all states, to get kids into college. Anything to get them OUT of high. In Avon, Mass it is illegal for a bar to hold a non-alcohol night (var). ... Flow gently, Sweet Afton!

War tax resisters don't want to pay tax for arms for natl. defense, but are devoted to more socialist programs according to study (NHLL). Feed me, feed my dog. Always in reporting spending of feder. funds leave out the Socialist Insecurity tax. IRS, Customs, Dept. State & Immigration now tied into Socilist Insecurity computer to try to trace, so as to hold up passports for those who may owe income tax, etc. Verrry interesting! And Library of Congress lost contract to Dept of Def, so it cut back, & has 40 experts, like Ph D's, stacking books or typing as they can't lay them off, like ordinary folk. To swep next? IN NY, NY, 5 highs have put in metal detectors to enter the school bldg, & need them. Will add 1 jr. high next. (Wash Report) Rita Jenrette, formerly of Playboy & Congresswife, is with group W in Wash, interviewing Imelda Marcos, Lech Walesa, etc. ... She'd like to get an interview with ex-hub John after his conviction for shoplifting in Alexandria. In Georgia, etc. mafia-like gangs are kidnapping the kids of the rich for ransom; in 1 case a father got back his 4-year old son without ears after paying \$91,200. on \$96,000. ransom. No that's in the USSR. (they hate Russians in the Caucasus). (Wash Rep)

What would Sherlock Holmes say? asks Q Ed PR reprint of WSJ article on ignorance of students in US highs, who don't know when The War Betwixt States was (42%), or when Reconstruction despotism (60%), or who was Prexy then. Does public school attendance violate the 13th Amendment? Math is even worse; 44% don't know 10 X 10. 57% can't figure the slaes tax of 5% on \$2. Do they wait till high & teach multiplication only in sex ed.?

U Cal, at Berkeley has an interesting racist discrim. against stud. applying if white of Asian. Admit stud. in racial proportion to Calif. census, not grades in school or ability. (Wash Times). James Oppenheim, 20, Jewish was caught painting swastika, etc. on 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht, near synagogue. (NYTimes) 100% Drug Reform, 9 Bleecker St. NY, NY 10012 is commemorating the song to that street with conf. on Safe Drugs Now!

FIIA is the Fully Informed Jury Amendment, not to be confused with the island of Fiji. Larry Dodge, Box 59, Helmsville, MT can give more info on how to inform jurors of their rights, & ability to reject unconstitutional law, let alone acts by judges, prosecutors, police & others.

Progress Party of Norway went from 2 to 22 seats in the Thing (parliament) & is only party there for lower tax & less govt. power. (Ideer om Frihet) United Methodist Church is updating hymnal to destroy masculine references to God. Nor do they let Jesus wash them "whiter than snow" because of black objections. Or ask for healing of the dumb (speechless) & lame, as discriminatory. (Jubilee). They also will sing, "We Shall Overcome" in an attempt to overcome salvation. ... In Cumbria, England judges ordered a 17 year burglar to eat brown bread, fresh vegetables & fruit. To reform him. (")

On page 3 you'll see expert comments on why NO Monitor should be allowed on a computer, & it doesn't tell half of the problems, like headaches. I ran & programmed a NCR399 which had none. If you know how I can get a decent new one, not one I can't get parts for, with no screen, & readable print, let us know.



When Patrick Purdy gunned down kids at elementary in Stockton, Calif, it was the school where he went his 1st 3 grades, before he became a drug addict with AIDS. Was the public school run for lobotimization? Just the facts:

1/3 of 9 year olds cannot read simple texts.

61% of 17-yr-olds cannot read high school level texts.

1/2 of 9-yr-olds cannot do any arithmetic, or know anything about science, like plants or animals. (Facts)

All the animals are equal, but some are more equal than others, said George Orwell in Animal Farm.

Q Ed. sends out to the unlistening media news that they should report, much from Sam Blumenfeld, like a review of "Is Public Education Necessary?" We ask, is it possible? Anyhow, his newsletter (Box 45161, Boise, ID 83711) says, "The dumbing down process will continue well into the '90s, and we see nothing in the thinking of the establishment to indicate a change in direction."

"That the academic decline will get much worse."

"That the wholesale lobotomization and moral destruction of American youth will continue unabated."

"That the education reform movement is a fraud devised to extract more money from the taxpayer."

"We will also see more teenage depression, suicide and mental problems due to heavier doses of death education, values clarification, and New Age pagan mysticism."

"That the home-school movement will continue to grow."

"Drugs and school violence will plague public schools"

"Anit-phonics 'whole language' programs in primary schools

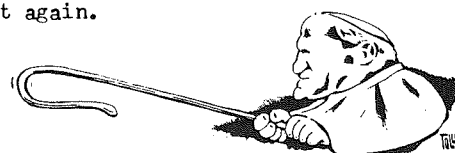
.... indicates that the educators are more than ever up to their deceptive tricks. They have no intention of guaranteeing that all of their pupils become proficient, fluent, phonetic readers. They are literally condemning millions of American children to lives as learning disabled functional illiterates."

Meanwhile, the govt. subsidizes welfare for the mentally retarded to encourage them to have more kids, that only the rich can afford, so as to produce more mentally retarded stud. for the public schools. & ye public schools are not like what they were when I washed out 1 senior's mouth with soap, & his parents couldn't stop laughing for a week. The rest of the student body gave up profanity to keep me from trying it again.

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Letters to the editor are probably needed by your local newspaper to let readers know about the fight for liberty & justice, despite the two-major parties.

What's It All About?

There had to be a beginning
a fantastic explosion
that keeps the stars flying
away from the central point
and the faster they go
and the less time they have
that's what they say
those who seem to know
--and he watches it all
from UP THERE?--the drama
from beginning to end
this series of scenes--why?
For what reason? --Entertainment?
Power? Glory? Part of the beauty
must be the dream in his eyes
the dream of distant places
still not explored

Amerika

Could it happen?
I hate to be negative
but other governments
have gone under. Their
people were lucky to live.
If we listed all
the countries that have
existed since it all began,
and then disappeared
I feel a fear rising.
Could it happen?
Then I think of our Constitution
and my confidence
returns!

Really



Sister Mary Ann Henn
St. Benedict's Convent
St. Joseph MN 56374

Quote
"--For better or for worse?
Who can build on a cloud?
You don't have to answer
but let's get serious. BE
reasonable. I've said before,
we're either one world or no
world at all. You know
what that means if you think
a little. You've heard it said,
'We live in the parentheses--
the space between two ages.'
Whatever comes, We're In."

Propaganda

1987 Communists move in
take over. Did we let them?
Or what could we do?
1997 Ten years later, here
we are yet unenthusiastic
walking their way
for what else could we do?
What was the purpose?
To show them as Bad Guys?
To show us as enemies?
Or to cover up the things
we've done with excuses?
Make us look the other way?
For what else could we do?

COMMENTARY

There are things we can't afford

Let's say Williams has been
wrong all these years and civil
rights leaders have been right
all along saying America is the
seat of rampant, unyielding rac-
ism. Given this "fact," what
strategies are appropriate for
the black leadership communi-
ty?

In most black neighborhoods,
insecurity is a way of life where
residents, often to no avail,
must take extraordinary mea-
sures to protect their persons
and belongings. Those who
would clean, fix up, and repair
their physical surroundings see
their efforts go for naught be-
cause of vandalism and wanton
property destruction.

These transgressions are not
perpetrated by the Ku Klux
Klan, Skinheads, or White Citi-
zens Council; they are perpe-
trated by blacks, on blacks. In
fact, if blacks only had to worry
about white rape, murder, as-
sault, robbery, and arson, black
communities would be the
safest in the country. Given the
civil rights assertion of ram-
pant, unyielding racism, and a
hostile America, we ask: Can we
blacks afford to allow other
blacks to magnify our prob-
lems?

Civil rights leaders blame
black low academic achieve-
ment on underfunding of educa-
tion. Let's accept this as true
and ask about strategy. Can
blacks afford to have school
property wantonly destroyed or
vandalized? Can we afford to
permit a system to survive

where it is possible for a few
students to make academic ex-
cellence impossible for the
many? I say it's a luxury we in-
dulge but can't afford.

Let's look at the breakup of
the black family. Actually,
breakup is an inappropriate
word, most often the black fami-
ly doesn't form in the first
place. The high rate of illegiti-
macy, in some cities exceeding
80 percent, is not what you'd
expect as a viable strategy for
poor minorities in a racist, hos-
tile society. In fact, strategies
that lead to growing dependen-
cy assume just the opposite --
white people are going to al-
ways act nice and, through wel-
fare, financially be husbands
and fathers to black mothers
and children.

If black leaders were really
serious about their stated
assessment of whites in Ameri-
ca, they would have an entirely
different agenda from their pre-
sent one. First, they would be
entirely intolerant of antisocial
and destructive behavior among
blacks. Their reasoning would
be that, since blacks have the
lowest income, they can least
afford to have their property
stolen vandalized or destroyed.
They'd figure that, since blacks
have a difficult time getting into
business in the first place, we
can least afford to have black
businessmen run out of business
by equal opportunity thugs.

If black leaders truly believed
that whites were unyielding,
hostile racists, they wouldn't al-
ways be showing up in Washing-
ton and corporate headquarters,
hat in hand, begging for money;
it'd be a waste of time. They'd
push independency rather than
dependency.

"Hey, Williams," you say,
"you've got it all wrong: All this
antisocial behavior among
blacks is itself a result of rac-
ism; it can't be changed until
we get rid of racism." Such a
position differs little from say-
ing that blacks shall continue to
suffer at the hands of blacks un-
til white people behave them-
selves. That's like a father who
brutalizes his kid, because his
boss is mean, and you say, "We
can't stop the brutality until the
boss starts acting nice." Non-
sense, the first order of busi-
ness is to stop the father's bru-
tality, then worry about his
boss. Similar reasoning applies
to the devastating brutality and
destructive behavior in the
black community.

The burdens placed on the
backs of people least able to
bear it must stop if progress is
to be made -- these people can't
afford it.

Walter Williams is an econo-
mist at George Mason Universi-
ty and a columnist.

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SAN JOSE, Calif.

Red-faced administrators have
ordered workers to tear down a huge
multilingual welcome banner outside
the San Jose Public Library after sev-
eral Philippine patrons complained
that the Tagalog greeting actually
meant "circumcision" and not "wel-
come."

"Some of the mistakes were ours,
and some of them were typos," senior
librarian K. Christie Vogel said
Wednesday. Tagalog, the chief na'tive
language of the Philippines, is spoken
by many of San Jose's 60,000 Philip-
pine residents.

The \$10,000 banner, which took a
San Francisco sign company three
months to complete, was supposed to
be a centerpiece decoration Thursday
for a much-ballyhooed re-dedication.

Ms. Vogel said a Philippine securi-
ty guard noticed the mistake. "He
wouldn't even say what it meant in
front of the women."

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By Richard Dujardin
Religious News Service

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (RNS)--

A coven of witches, with the
help of testimony from a Uni-
tarian minister, has convinced
state officials here that it is a
legitimate religious group en-
titled to tax-exempt status.

The state Division of Taxa-
tion July 28 reversed one of its
own rulings and issued a sales
tax exemption to the Rosegate
Coven, also known as Our Lady
of the Roses Wiccan Church.

"Yes, I think the decision
gives us legitimacy," declared
the coven's high priestess,
Lady Genevieve, known to most
people outside the coven as
Joyce Siegrist. "With this rul-
ing, we witches will definitely
be able to come out of the closet
and take our place in our soci-
ety."

And we had so hoped they
would impose a HEX on the
I.R.S.!

This may not come as news to
everyone, but two economists at
Michigan State University say they've
discovered that working class mothers
get less sleep than working fathers.

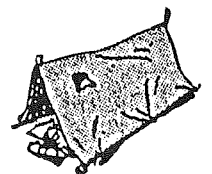
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WHAT THE LOCO PRESS NEEDS CLIPPED IS THEIR FEATHERS
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I get a little bit disgusted when "reviewers" of SLM say that I cut almost all of it out of the local papers. Why they have trouble reading is another matter. So I did a small study of my clips lately, & find:

- #1 is letters to other editors, expressing a pro-free opinion, unlike the massist media's.
- #2 is cartoons, the best thing the papers put out themselves, instead of having their readers write the Ed page.
- #3 is foreign clips, mostly England.
- #4 is columns that made some newspaper you can't get in S. C., like Walter Williams, who is discriminated against in the press because he is not so anti-white or pro-crime.
- #5 is news of SCLP mostly, or events that don't get a natl. coverage. Why should I retype it, especially if I typed the PR, & let the statish set type for me.
- #6 is misprints & funny stories. Relax already.
- #7 is from other states' LP newsletters, that most of you all don't get, & would like to hear of.

(Let some reviewer report that!)

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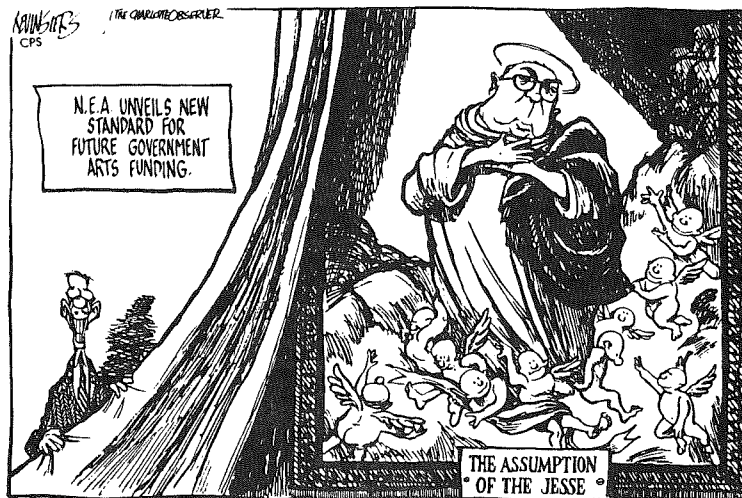
PLEASE KEEP WRITING LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, AND THEY MIGHT EVEN PRINT ONE ONCE IN A WHILE

Zany Libertarians, according to the Augusta Chronicle & Herald, not to be confused with Herod, say things that the Mess Media don't want to hear. They let you know that the seat-belt is still required for the electric chair. That bumperstickers can be ruled obscene if they mention a body part that is used for multiplication. That the S C State House has attacked 2 of the worst drugs: cigarettes & steroids. That "zany" comes from Venice, meaning Johnny. That the pope is known there as Papa Zani Polo, which does not translate as Dad, the crazy horse-rider.

So answer me this question, "Why is accounting taut, not taught, by those who know too little to read books?" I sent copies of TAX WATCH to all the col. bus. admin. dept. in SC to see if they wanted to get on the mail-list, but -O- were willing & able to answer.

Another letter the Flo Mourning Noose wouldn't print would relieve jail crowding by (1) making trials come fast, by making govt. officers work on time, not to be confused with govt. orifices, (2) sending prisoners up to the state asylum to see which ones are crazy, (3) to put non-violents in a military barrack like the old chain gang. Why do the local unspeakables not print this? Are they afraid they might get caught for their frequent intoxication, & be put to hard labor? After all the Noose-pepper bought the Elks Hall with the best bar in town for their new offices.

Figures from some states (like Alaska or Rhode Isl.) are not adequate, but "slave states" (with seat-belt law) an increase in traffic deaths came in 16 of 17 when seat-belts, known as cock-straps, were imposed on the drivers. (NDR) The exception, Texas, was going through an oil crisis at the time, with a sharp decrease in total driving as another cause of fewer traffic deaths. The belt is known as the Hangman's harness in England, which had sense enough to repeal it, finding that it was promoting reckless & very drunk driving, saving the lives of those, at the expense mostly of children, riding, biking, or walking too slowly.



HOW BAD ARE OUR SCHOOLS? No, this isn't comedy theatre. Chi Trib calls for a voucher system & abolition of the pub-lick schools. Meanwhile Sen. J Storm Thurmond was advised that his proposal to ban books discussing obscene matters would not only ban the Bible, but also texts in math (starting with multiplication, a form of reproduction), physics (Archimedes' screw), history (William the Bastard, 1066), etc. Of course, they want to teach as near nothing..... "Advisory" Committee in Flo School Dist. 1 is unable to answer its (certified) mail, but was advised anyhow to ban the worst book, "Dick & Jane". As a result of the reading program, they cannot even read the mail. Meanwhile in the funnies, the Morning Misprint would not print a letter saying that the opening of Ali Baba's restaurant would be a benefit, if they would start boiling thieves in oil, as traditional. Flo No probably thought the 40 thieves a black away were public officials, not the burglars in the suttee-kowtow jail. This could cause all the surviving thieves to flee the county, and bring in lots of folks who want to live in a theft-free environment.

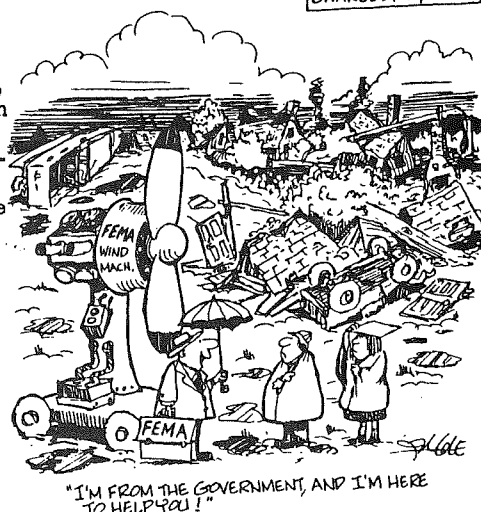
Murray Rothbard's article on hurricane Hugo was

sent around to the SC media, most incapable of listening or reading press releases.

They do listen, once in a while, as an article on Drug Wars compared it to the depressing Prohibition era, & its many-failure increase in alcohol addiction. Quoting the roaring 20s, "I get no kick from cocaine; mere alcohol doesn't thrill me at all!", LP told the media that Drugism would probably get a lot worse. Told them that what gives Libertarians a thrill is to kick the scoundrel out of office.

But I tell them everything, like how Russia lost WWI by putting a ban on vodka, & bankrupting the Tsar govt.

I also send to the media, & I actually published it, on a way to abolish capital punishment, by turning over the murder convicts to science as laboratory human-animals to test prospective disease cures on. After all, there are a lot of diseases that only monkeys are also subject to, & the supply of lab rhesus is too limited. Insisted that taking the life of another should require that the rest of the life should be committed to saving the lives of others. I also noted that science research would be glad to pay for keeping them isolated, & save the taxpayers the cost.



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Letters to the Editor

Value added tax won't help deficit

Senator Hollings is "barking up the wrong tree" and he is barking loudly in his promotion of a value added tax (national sales tax). Not only would we be faced with an additional five percent on every purchase we make but the price of everything would increase as manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers recoup the added accounting costs.

Senator Hollings is either naive, stupid or has ulterior motives if he honestly believes that the a VAT would result in decreasing or eliminating other taxes! We are all aware that what Washington collects — it spends!

New taxes are not the answer to the problems of budget deficits and the growing national debt. Instead of trying to find new taxes and sources of revenue, our senators, congressmen and administration must direct their efforts and energies to reducing spending. Most of the programs of the federal government are unneeded. There is only one way to solve the problem. Reduce spending!

All politicians and bureaucrats should look at what is happening in Europe. The people have risen and thrown off the yoke of those who feather their own nests at the expense of the people.

Bob Hartley,
Walterboro, N.C.

You thought Walterboro, Colleton County, was in SOUTH Carolina? The misprint gets lost at it.

Local option sales tax won't be deductible

Libertarians agree that "sales taxes hit hardest those least able to pay," as you pointed out in your Jan. 16 editorial. We have been pointing out this simple fact for four years. The worst thing you can do after a disaster like Hugo is to hit poor people with higher sales taxes. If we have a recession in the next year or two, this will hurt the poor even more.

The Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) will also take money out of the state's economy and send it needlessly to Washington, D.C., to be wasted. Everyone who itemizes deductions will pay higher income taxes, thus offsetting part of the property tax decrease. I challenge anyone to show me one economist who thinks that sending more money to the federal government will help the South Carolina economy.

State and local governments should stay away from non-deductible taxes in order to keep more money in South Carolina and to bolster the local economy.

Governments should exist to serve the people, not to rule over them. It is therefore irresponsible for local governments to ask for more money while ignoring the fact that poor taxpayers need to hold onto every dollar they can to

pay for basic necessities.

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If you want to know the real stupidity of the brash bureaucrats, consider:

A wheel-chair has 4 wheels,
It is propelled by human power, whether the passenger or another,
A person rides while sitting.

According to House Bill 4037, that makes it a skateboard. That makes it illegal to ride down the sidewalks of Beaufort at 2 m.p.h., slower than a walking person, in wheelchair.

And it violates many federal laws by discriminating against the physically handicapped in such a way to forbid wheelchairs as "skateboards".



LOS ANGELES FREE PRESS

Truly,

Grammian, USC, 1955

Headlights measure fails to cut wrecks

Our legislators took it upon themselves to pass a law requiring motorists to turn on their auto headlights when it is raining.

I believe that their goal was to cut down on auto accidents. I have never been able to comprehend how they thought this would reduce the number of accidents, and based on the number of accidents during our recent rainy period, the law has not helped. There were 130 accidents Dec. 8. I think that if the legislators had studied accident records, they would have discovered the majority of accidents during rain were caused by excessive speed, following too closely or hydroplaning, not by visibility problems. Perhaps it would have been better to pass a law that reduced the speed limit during rain. I hope someone will study the number of accidents during rain the year before and the year after the law and report it.

Also, last year they passed the seat belt law. I think this is a horrendous violation of individual freedom.

What would the legislators say to the family of a person who wore a seat belt because of this law and was killed in an accident because of wearing it?

The standard answer is that this would be a very rare occurrence, but to me once is too often. Within the last six months, I have read about two accidents in which the person involved would probably be dead if he/she had been wearing a seat belt. So maybe this is not such a rare occurrence after all. Maybe our legislators should spend more time on fighting crime and drugs and improving the standard of living of the people of our state than on taking away our individual freedoms.

DANNY R. MIXON

Klan launches drug program

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — Ku Klux Klan groups have kicked off a campaign to rid Lakeland streets of crack cocaine dealers — a move that the NAACP and police view with suspicion.

A "Krush Krack Kocaine" initiative calls on Klan members to act as eyes and ears for police, gathering the goods on drug dealers and forwarding the information to law-enforcement authorities, group leaders say.

Legalizing marijuana has many advantages

I am writing in response to Mr. John C. Blankenbeckler's letter in your Jan. 23 issue. I wholeheartedly agree with and applaud Mr. Blankenbeckler for doing his homework, but I would like to add several points that I feel are also shared by many others.

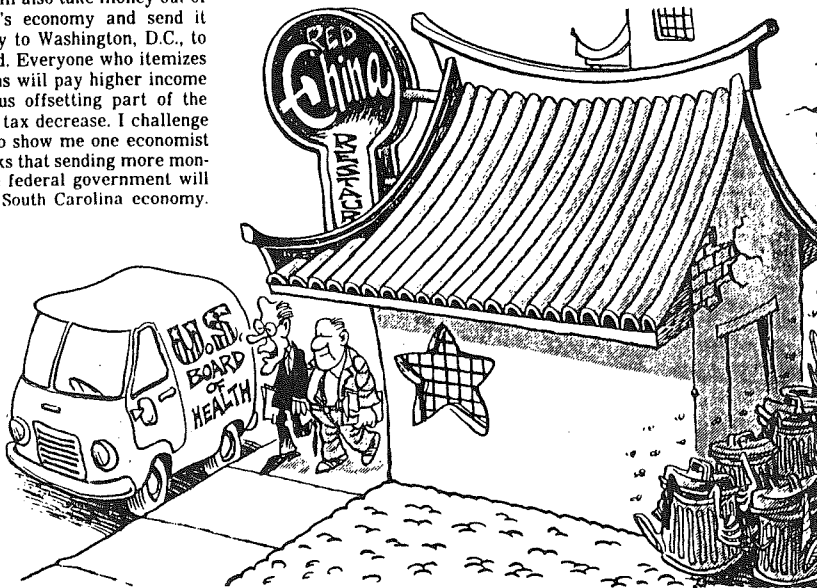
(1) Legalizing cannabis would boost our economy more than we are led to believe. Taxpayers would not have to pay the \$30,000 per year per prisoner, and those who purchase it would gladly pay whatever price.

(2) Healthwise, cannabis is no worse (better if anything) than alcohol and has a better effect. I know people who can drink alcohol and become totally irrational but not so when they smoke cannabis.

(3) The use of new and/or harder drugs would definitely decline. The poor guy who works like a dog all week and only wants (and is entitled) to relax with a little buzz in his own home on weekends (just like alcohol drinkers) would not feel compelled to settle for what's available at the time when cannabis is not — such as cocaine, crack, ice, heroin, etc.

The "holier-than-thou" powers that be should stop trying to push around the little guys, stop bleeding the taxpayers and open their eyes to better ways to solve their problem. Reefers have been around a lot longer than any of them, and no one will ever be able to completely do away with it.

JAN WILLIAMS



"CONSIDERABLY FEWER BODIES AROUND THIS TIME - I SAY WE UPGRADE 'EM."

BIG BROTHER WANTS TO KNOW

With the census upon us, I thought I might suggest a few truthful, but uncooperative answers to some of their very nosy, and useless, questions. Let me warn you that

*Note: no toilet will always flush if the drains get stopped up. All air conditioners will wear out.

What is your racial and ethnic background?" YES

Do you have a flush toilet?" SOMETIMES*

What is the value of your property?" TOO HIGH COUNTY TAX

Did you raise and sell any crops on your property in 1989?" VERY LITTLE

What are your fuel costs?" FAR TOO HIGH!

Do you have air conditioning?" SOMETIMES*

How much are your mortgage payments?" WORTH-LESS EVERY YEAR

How do you travel to work?" ANY AVAILABLE METHOD

What was your total income in 1989?" CASH & CHECKS

Have you served in the Armed Forces?" NOT VALIANTLY

If this is a girl or woman, how many babies has she ever had, not counting stillbirths?" LOST COUNT

Did this person work at any time last year?" PROBABLY, NOT SURE

Has this person been married more than once?" NOT WED LEGALLY

If you pay by the month, what is your rent?" FAR TOO HIGH

Letters to the Editor
The Edgefield Advertiser
Post Office Box 628
Edgefield, South Carolina 29824

Dear Sir:

With a proposal to hold a referendum on a \$15 million bond issue for the Edgefield County Public School System, simply to upgrade the existing system, the voters ought to be given a choice.

They should be allowed to vote AGAINST the \$15 million bond issue, and FOR upgrading the existing school system.

The system has about 3,500 children and about 250 teachers. Dividing the money up could spend more than \$4,200. on a new desk for each kid. Or it could be used to buy a pair of Mercedes for each teacher. More likely, it will go into the purchase of a Taj Mahal for the administrators.

After all, the county has been getting the money from the sales tax for almost 40 years to build new school buildings, and does not need to go into debt for that.

Now if the voters want to upgrade the school system, the first thing might well be to fire the incompetents who want lots of money for waste and corruption, so that they will not be left in a severe temptation to steal. They can start with the school board, which could have prevented this referendum, and work down.

The best thing to upgrade the school system would be to ban the obscene book, "Dick and Jane", and put in a reader that will teach kids the alphabet and how to read. The next best thing would be to tell the teachers in kindergarten through grade 3 that they must guarantee that they will teach all the kids to read. This, of course, would start the kids thinking, and learning, and make the teachers in higher grades work to stay ahead of them.

I am all in favor of an upgrade of the schools into more and better learning. Why, it would even require taking money out of the budget for office supplies for paper-shuffling and buying more books for the public library, since there would be so many more readers, instead of fewer. It would mean getting some of the desk-bound out of an administrative office, as the public library would need more help. It might even require building an extension to the public library!

But that wouldn't take a tax bond issue; people would be delighted to give money for that.

opens controversies

Meanwhile the jail-building booms, as govt. doesn't want to rent out slaves or put them to enough real work, (unlike bureaucrats). Nor do they want to impose heavy fines. Take Jim Bakker; think how much more the govt., a Pass The Loot itself, could get by putting him on TV at a minimum wage, to raise donations to govt. projects, like subsidizing Art, or nationalist parks, or military reality in research. Hallelujah! If enough of you don't send in cash, our fat bureaucrats will have to go on a diet!

Another interesting suggestion for getting some out of local jails was to send them all up the first time to the state asylum to be checked out (and a few kept);

Like Gilbert of Gilbert & Sullivan, of THE MIKADO, I want to make the punishment fit the crime. So I came up with a way to avoid the death penalty, which is a way to enrich lawyers. Instead of death row, killers should get a minimum sentence of 20 or 30 or 40 years as a lab animal for scientific research. Medicine always needs those to try out drugs on, or new surgery techniques, or treatments for psychiatric problems, or whatever. Keep them under a strict quarantine, and make them serve to save lives, even if it means as organ donors in emergencies.

Columbia is being held up by the local baseball low league which wants millions of tax money for a new park. I was the one who put semi-pro out of business here about 35 years ago, when they wanted a new name for a losing team. I said that the perfect name for Florence was the Nightingales. The owners were hilarious. The players hated it. The local sports misprint wouldn't even name the team in its scores. By the end of the season, they had a hard time trying to get 9 players. They wanted to give the name to the nurses' softball team.

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Dillon Council
is wasting money

Dillon County needs to get as much publicity as possible, but for the right kinds of positive deeds. However, it looks as if we are in for another headline-grabbing occasion since there has been an election in the county. Should we say more? If there is an election, it stands to reason that, as usual, there will be some kind of irregularity to bring about yet another official investigation — again. It seems that history does not teach anything to some. Even those with very short memories can recall that only a few short years ago, Dillon County paid the painful price for the same kinds of voting misdeeds. For those who have forgotten, active sentences were handed down by federal courts as punishment. Could this happen again?

It has been reported that the Jan. 30 County Council election will bring about a lawsuit against the Election Commission. The axiom that because that which might have been done (and generally accepted in elections 40 years ago which enabled a few to decrease. From a personal point of view, there might be some justification for a modest increase in the tax millage allocated for the really certain specific improvements. But, this is NOT the main thrust of the really major hike in your taxes. When justified, most reasonable people can accept increased taxation but not, in our opinion, when the County Council has imperiously loaded the public payroll with the salaries and benefits of those whom we do not need, thereby wasting our money.

Neil C. Lee
Dillon

Brands proposed Aiken County ordinances as 'socialist'; claims 'the war continues'

The Libertarian View

I do sympathize with Nona Renew's apparent problems with her neighbors' "hog pens" and "derelict vehicles".

However, the Nuisance Law passed by the County Council is certainly not the answer! Mrs. Renew's remedy as an individual with a grievance against another individual and proven damages should be sought in Magistrate Court.

The Nuisance Law sets up an administrative government "court" procedure that denies individuals their Constitutional due process rights, which is far more dangerous than any nuisance could ever be!

Nazi Germany did not happen overnight. Socialism began to get a toehold in America about the same time as Germany's Socialist Party. Hitler's rise to power only occurred because many Germans began to believe "national socialism" to be the answer to everything from crime in the streets to a depressed economy (and perhaps smelly hog pens!), and others did nothing to curb a socialist movement that like a disease, infected the government, progressively became entrenched, abusive, and finally violent in its effort to spread.

America's Founding Fathers had the foresight to write our Constitution to protect individuals' rights from our own government. Libertarians, far from being "indifferent" (as Mrs. Renew charges), believe it is our duty as Americans, as in the Declaration of Independence, to be alert for and try to stop any attempts by our government, whether federal, state or local, to infringe on our Constitutional rights. We feel the Nuisance Law to be such an infringement.

Mary Lou Seymour

Nuisance Law Denies Rights

To the people that supported the new nuisance ordinance recently passed by the Aiken County Council, and to the members who actually voted in favor of it, thank you for taking away another one of the few freedoms we still have left.

I keep my property clean, do not own any derelict autos, but I respect my neighbors' rights to use their property as they wish.

If ignorance is bliss, some of you have to be the happiest people on the face of the Earth!

Harold Steele

In the "rowdy" meeting, one even described the C.C. as a batch of rats shocking one who'd never been called that before.

Bath led a mostly unorganized crowd of critics who not only attacked the ordinances but assailed council members on a variety of side issues, including taxes, prisons, industrial expansion and road clean-up.

Ms. Seymour said the reworded nuisance ordinance should go through hearing review again because of changes made in the origi-

Nuisance

By CARL LANGLEY
Staff Writer

With the threats of their detractors still ringing in their ears, the Aiken County Council passed by overwhelming majority votes Tuesday night ordinances aimed at cleaning up the unincorporated areas of the county.

Targets of a raucous crowd were a new law that expands the county's unfit dwelling ordinance and a set of procedures designed to rid neighborhoods of junked cars, pig pens, chicken coops, loud noise and other nuisances.

"This is nothing but national socialism," shouted one opponent as council began what turned into an hour-long often-acrimonious debate on the nuisance law.

But advocates of the tighter restrictions, almost equal in number to the protesters, cheered on the council members.

One supporter said if the law could not be made countywide "at least make it apply to New Hope." The critics also were chided by an elderly former educator who admonished those opposed to promoting cleaner neighborhoods.

And an elected official said the council should be supported in its efforts to improve the unincorporated areas, especially in Horse Creek Valley.

The nuisance procedures, authored by Councilwoman LaWana McKenzie and the main target of the protest group, had been recalled from the agenda of an earlier meeting for legal fine tuning.

Mrs. McKenzie was among several council members threatened with defeat at the polls, while the entire panel was accused of promoting socialism at the expense of individual liberties and freedom.

The nuisance ordinance requires complaints from five homeowners living within 1,000 feet of an undesirable piece of property before its provisions can be triggered. The complaint will go through county channels and efforts will be made to resolve differences before court action is taken.

In both cases, disputes will be resolved in magistrates' courts.

Aiken County Libertarian Party Chairman Tom King and Mary Lou Seymour of

national law, but County Attorney Robert Bell ruled that was not required.

King claimed the ordinances were a "threat to our individual constitutional freedoms." He said passage of the nuisance ordinance would lead to "the abolishment of our rights and private property."

Bath is near Clearwater, South Carolina.

Editor, *The Chronicle*:

Jim Baggot, head of the appointed Aiken County Planning Commission, has stated that "the people must give up some of their (constitutional) freedoms in order to receive government protection." The "DemoPublican" County Council ramrodded just that type of socialist government "protection" down citizens' throats Feb. 6 as Chairman Carol Warner told them "if you don't like it you can leave Aiken County."

Since the government has not yet "educated" Southerners on zoning, Council's rush "to clean up the county" may be in part to help Westinghouse choose the Bath mill offered for office space by the county and oblige developers, like Horse Creek Associates, who plan an area "real estate project."

The original three-page "nuisance ordinance" was completely changed over the weekend and the new five-page ordinance was presented to the public for the first time Tuesday night under the guise of "third vote."

The new ordinance lists two pages of violations already the responsibility of state agencies and lists several new "socialist" regulations; allowing the county to declare your property or building unlawful if "detrimental to property of others" or "tends to cause substantial reduction in the value of other property in the neighborhood." The other makes unlawful "derelict vehicles" such as "disabled, partially dismantled, wrecked, unused cars, trucks or otherwise non-operating motor vehicles." ...

Socialists use every pretext in their relentless expansion of control over the lives of free people. This illegal ordinance by Council of Governments is part of their administrative war plan to abolish private property and the rights implicit in self-ownership by use of arbitrary rules and regulations.

The free people in Aiken County lost a battle to the socialist forces Feb. 6, but 45 "freedom fighters" left work and home to fight for their constitutional rights.

With countywide zoning next on the COG and County Council's socialist agenda, the war continues. ...

Tom King
P.O. Drawer Q Bath

(Editor's note: The author is chairman of the Aiken County Libertarian Party.)

This is creeping socialism again, and you should not pass it. The councilwoman said the ordinances had to be passed because there were not sufficient laws. I am proud of Aiken County, but not as proud as I was before Scott Barnes started turning it.

Noise