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Attorney looks at lighter side of old records

Medical record-keeping was not always as time-consuming and exhaustively complete as it is now. Missouri state officials in Jefferson City not long ago unearthed evidence of this when they microfilmed all of their old government records, including cause-of-death reports from the early 1800s.

They also discovered that some physicians in the past settled for less than definitive diagnoses and descriptions. Here are concise jottings by MDs on the causes of three Missourians' deaths, compiled by attorney Bernard P. Harrison, president of the National Commission on Correctional Health Care, and reported by the *News of New York*:

"Went to bed feeling well, but woke up dead."

"Died suddenly, nothing serious."

"Cause of death unknown; had never been fatally ill before."

"Don't know; died without the aid of a physician."

One physician obviously had done some epidemiological sleuthing — he noted in the record "death caused by blow on the head with an ax. Contributory cause, another man's wife."

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Judge says law doesn't apply in arrests of topless dancers

By Jef Feeley
Record staff writer

The arrests of five topless dancers and barmaids have been thrown out by a circuit judge because police used the wrong law to try to put the women behind bars.

Judge Walter Bristow ordered earlier this week that the arrests of the five topless employees of the Carriage House Lounge be thrown out. The women were to be tried on prostitution charges.

"The judge ruled that the prostitution law did not apply to my clients simply because they were working topless," said Columbia attorney John Mason, who represented the women.

"It took the judge about five minutes to decide that the women were right and they couldn't be charged under the prostitution statute," said 5th Circuit Assistant Solicitor John Blincow.

"We've tried everything we could to crack down on pornography and prostitution. But every time we do, we get slapped down by the courts."

— Frank Powell,
Richland County sheriff

Officers charged the women under a section of the prostitution law that makes indecently exposing a woman's private parts an indication of solicitation of prostitution.

But Mason argued that three judges already had ruled that displaying a breast is not indecent exposure and couldn't be considered a lewd act or an act of prostitution.

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Judge says women who took off shirts exercised free speech

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — A City Court Judge Herman J. Walz state law that prohibits women from sunbathing topless is constitutional, who called themselves the "Topfree but seven women who bared their breasts to protest the statute cannot be prosecuted under it, a city judge ruled.

But the judge rejected the women's contention that the state nudity law is unconstitutional because it forbids women, but not men, from going topless.

Walz said the law is not discriminatory on the basis of sex because community standards have determined women's breasts to be an intimate part of the body.

The decision, which is not binding on Rochester's other six city judges, apparently means women can take their shirts off to protest state law, but not simply to sunbathe or cool off in the summer sun.

The June 21 protest was the first time the state's nudity law was challenged on the grounds of sex discrimination. The seven women said they wanted to be arrested to challenge the state law in court.

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Social Security rolls to include 9 million kids under tax bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Social Security Administration is facing the task of opening retirement accounts for 9 million children next year as part of an anti-fraud provision in the tax overhaul bill nearing final passage in Congress.

James M. Brown, the system's press spokesman, said Social Security Administrator Dorcas Hardy has ordered a task force established to determine how best to accomplish the task.

The compromise tax overhaul bill, now awaiting final congressional passage, would require that children ages 5 and older and claimed as a dependent be listed on the tax return by their Social Security account number — a number many of them do not have.

The intention is to make sure that parents who separate or divorce do not both try to claim a child as an exemption, a scam characterized by the Internal Revenue Service as the

fastest-growing area of individual tax cheating.

But issuing the new cards will more than double the number of new accounts the agency is expected to open during 1987.

The agency estimates 9 million extra accounts must be opened to comply with the tax law. That compares with an average of 6 million new accounts Social Security ordinarily opens each year. The system also distributes between 6 million and 7 million replacement cards.

Children already account for most of the new cards. Parents opening a bank account in their child's name must obtain a Social Security number for the child. And children who technically are on a payroll, such as child models, also need a Social Security number.

The tax bill differs from those requirements, however, because it requires a Social Security account for children who have no assets and no income.

Parents going to court to challenge school boards

A group of parents that lost a bid to teach their children at home have filed a federal lawsuit challenging denial of their request by two Richland County school boards.

The suit, filed last week in U.S. District Court in Columbia, charges that the parents' constitutional rights have been violated by school officials' refusal to allow them to educate their children at home.

The parents argue that a state law that says children can be taught at home if parents can prove they can provide an education "substantially equal" to public or private school is unfair.

Parents contend the law is unconstitutional because it does not spell out what "substantially equal" means and interferes with the parents' religious freedoms and rights to control their children's education.

More government, less service is enigma

Is not the almost routine raising of property, corporate and personal income taxes in the face of minimal inflation literally tantamount to "undue taxation without adequate fiscal representation"?

Put another way: How and why is it possible that despite low, low inflation, the state's economy remains largely stagnant while city-county-state bureaucracies hungrily expand with a dizzying falloff in the number and caliber of services rendered?

THOMAS L. FLEMING

'What's an Orgy?' Billboards Part of Planned Parenthood Effort in Baltimore

BALTIMORE — Billboards with the question, "What's an orgy?" have begun appearing in Baltimore as part of a Planned Parenthood campaign to lower the city's high teen pregnancy rate by improving communication about sex between parents and children.

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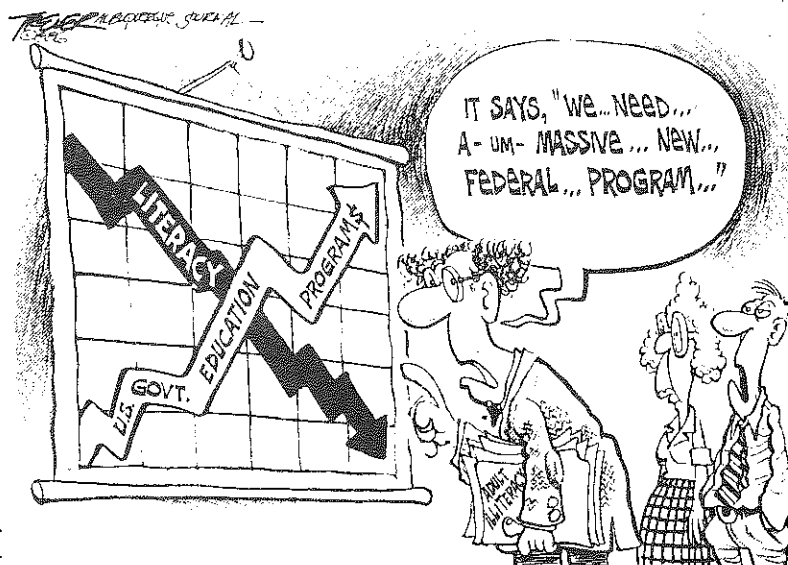
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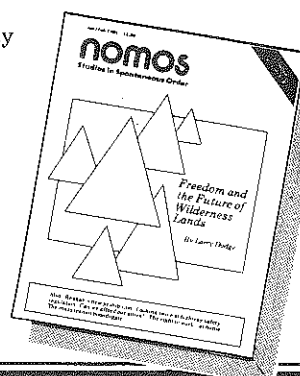
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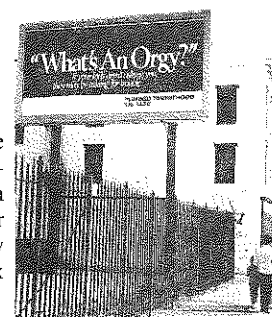
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Judges who break the law

LAWYERS, magistrates and judges often make desperate legal mistakes—according to the lawyers.

Some of them have been totting up the year's ghastly errors and writing to the Law Society about them.

Here are some they list.—

● The High Court boomed when it stopped magistrates listening to cases brought under the "sus"—suspected persons—laws. It was premature.

● Twenty-five disabled drivers had to be given pardons because prosecutors and defenders didn't know that the law about invalid carriages on motorways had been changed.

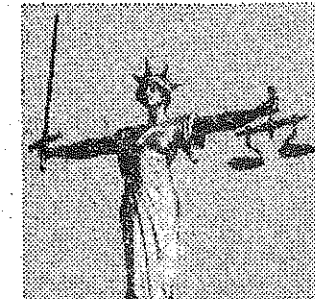
● Thousands of summonses issued by local councils against shopkeepers were declared invalid because lawyers didn't understand the law.

● And courts wasted time recruiting juries in Crown Courts to do work that could have been dealt with by magistrates at less cost.

Mr Francis Bennion, barrister and former Parliamentary Law expert, writes in the Law Society Gazette complaining that no lawyers are being trained in statute law—the law laid down by Parliament.

bearded PCs

BEARDED special constables Robin and Peter Morris, who refused orders to take a shave, got the sack yesterday after an angry showdown with the Chief Constable of West Mercia. They were dismissed for breaking the Official Secrets Act by complaining publicly about the ban.



"Only a thorough inquiry could establish the full extent of the harm done by lack of training in statute law."

But the worst drubbing is reserved for the House of

YOUNGSTERS are dropping out of Government Youth Opportunities schemes because of petty restrictions that include suspension without pay for swearing.

This was claimed yesterday by jobs boss Michael D'Brionne, 39, who has quit his £7,500-a-year post in protest.

Father of three Mr D'Brionne said youngsters—paid £25 a week—were suspended for swearing or spitting and given written warnings for being late.

Norm

"Some of them just drift away because they are treated as school kids," he said.

"I know there has to be some discipline to prepare them for later life, but I've worked on building sites where swearing is the norm."

A SLIP-UP on a point of law cost solicitor Clyde Freeman his driving licence yesterday.

After a crash in his car he went home and was drinking a beer when police arrived. They gave him a breath-test which showed positive.

But later at a police station he refused to give a blood sample and this led to him being charged.

If he had given a sample he would not have been charged if he was over the limit, said Mr Graham Hunsley, prosecuting, at Barnard Castle, Co. Durham.

"He was seen drinking after the crash so there would have been no prosecution whatever the sample showed," he said. Freeman, who admitted careless driving and failing to give a sample, was fined £130 and banned for a year.

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Hart has roots in people

Fortunately, his roots as a weed don't last.

● HAVE you heard about the man who is in prison for robbery though the man he is supposed to have robbed swears he had nothing to do with it?

He spent all last week protesting his innocence on the roof at Nottingham prison.

He is Martin Foran, convicted five years ago of robbing a Mr Apechis, among others.

In March 1980, he sought leave to appeal.

Mr Apechis, who got a good look at his robber, was brought to the Court of Appeal, and was shown Martin Foran.

"Is that the man who robbed you?" asked the presiding Appeal Court judge. "No, sir, definitely

The school board in Duval County, Florida, approved a voluntary sex-education course for high school seniors. However, it ordered that glue stickers cover sections of the text dealing with homosexuality, abortion, and masturbation.

--St. Petersburg Times

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By SUN REPORTER

A COUNCIL is under fire—for refusing to put a sex-hungry Lolita on the birth pill.

The 14-year-old temptress lured boys into bed in a council-run home — and even offered her favours to men in a town centre.

Worried social workers pleaded with councillors to give the girl the Pill before she ended up in a maternity ward.

Staff at the home in Bolton, Lancs, had also grown tired of trying to curb the sexy siren's amorous antics.

Illegal

But Councillor Betty Hamer, the Roman Catholic chairman of the town's

social services committee, refused to allow the girl to be put on the Pill.

Mother-of-four Betty said yesterday: "This girl is still under age and putting her on the Pill would have condoned illegal sex."

"As a Catholic, I am personally opposed to the Pill—but my committee's decision was unanimous."

through the roof

not" replied Mr Apechis. The judges promptly refused Mr Foran leave to appeal. This was not a case of mistaken identity, they said, because Mr Foran had not been identified in the first place!

This crass judgment infuriated Justice, an organisation which fights against wrong convictions. Mr John Farr, Tory MP for Harborough, is also convinced that Mr Foran is innocent of the Apechis robbery. On March 26, John Farr wrote to the

Home Secretary outlining what he calls "substantial new evidence". Fingerprints on a weapon used in one of the robberies are not Martin Foran's.

Nothing happened. Mr Foran escaped from Gartree Prison, tried to publicise his case in local papers, and gave himself up again. Nothing happened. Now there has been the roof protest.

What else has he got to do to convince the Home Office to re-open his case?

The memory lingers on...

STUART CHRISTIE, who is an anarchist, lives on the lonely island of Sandy in the Orkneys and like pretty well everyone else on the island he wants a shotgun to shoot rabbits. So he wrote and asked the police for a shotgun certificate.

Back came a personal reply from the Chief Constable of the Northern Constabulary, Mr. Donald Henderson.

No. Section 21 (1) of the Firearms Act says that no one can have a shotgun who has been convicted of an offence and sentenced to more than three years' imprisonment.

This puzzled Stuart Christie who could not remember being convicted of anything in this country. So he wrote asking for more details.

Prison

The chief constable replied that Christie had been convicted in Spain in 1964 for trying to blow up General Franco and sent to prison for twenty years but only served three.

True, replied Stuart Christie, but all offences of that kind were wiped off the records in an amnesty after Franco's death and the election of a democratic government.

Stuart Christie even has a letter from the Spanish Ministry of Justice, agreeing that they have no



STUART CHRISTIE
Point-blank refusal

records of any convictions or crimes in his name.

Mr. Henderson however, is not budging. He is continuing to rely on a decision by a Fascist Military Tribunal which is not even recognised in Spain.

A police spokesman said: "If Mr. Christie is not satisfied, he can appeal."

jury 'rigging'

By TIM MILES

A TOP Scotland Yard officer last night accused defence lawyers of 'rigging' juries so that more and more criminals were walking free from court.

Their clever legal manipulation and a poorer quality of jurors were eroding standards of justice, claimed Metropolitan Deputy Commissioner Mr. Patrick Kavanagh.

He revealed that the growing difficulty in getting juries to bring in 'guilty' verdicts had led already to high-level talks between police chiefs.

They wanted major changes in the law so that courts stood a better chance of convicting defendants.

What troubles the police most is that a growing number of 'dubious' people who have themselves been sentenced by the courts are now serving on juries.

Mr. Kavanagh called for a One hundred thousand gallons of the stuff!

Unfortunately for the taxman there was no one on the farm at the time so he had to swim through the clinging, evil-smelling slurry

CHARLES TAYLOR, who lives in a South London council house, was one of the people who got a rise when State benefits went up the other day.

His invalidity benefit, on which he lives, went up from £29.20 a week to £31.93.

He was counting his lucky stars when a letter arrived from Wandsworth Council (Tory-controlled, in case you didn't know).

His rent rebate he was told, was being cut by £2.16 a week, leaving him a net increase of 57p.

A spokesman for Wandsworth Council said: "The Government has raised the threshold at which we can pay rebates. People in this area will be worse off by an average of £1.20 a week. And that's without Sir Geoffrey Howe's new measures."

The Department for the Environment are "ironing out a few anomalies."

The people who will suffer, they say, live in high-rent areas (like Tory Wandsworth).

Fire-bomb raid on milk van as pint war rages

By KEITH COLLING

TWO guard dogs patrolled outside a dairy farmer's home yesterday as he defended his right to sell cheap milk.

The Alsations were brought in after 20 angry dealers called at Chris Thomas's Farm.

They were furious after he bought £10,000 worth of equipment to process his own milk, which sells at 16p a pint compared with 20p elsewhere.

Police were called after a firebomb attack on a delivery van owned by dealer Michael Gibson, who sells Mr Thomas's milk for 16p in his mini-market. His family have

also had threatening phone calls.

"The attack has only encouraged me to carry on," said Mr Gibson, of Beake Avenue, Coventry. "I hope the price war on milk around here will bring to light the enormous profits being made by those selling at 20p a pint."

"They can carry on threatening, but they won't frighten me off."

Mr Thomas, 38, of Fosse Farm, Wolston, Warwickshire, has also faced a barrage of anonymous calls threatening to put him out of business. One caller warned that his equipment might be burned if he cut his prices further.

"People are getting cheaper milk," he said. "It is only business, and inevitably others can become annoyed."

It was quite rough when the 20 men came to the farm.

"All I have done is provide competition. I am not out to take custom from dairymen."

Farmers were previously restricted to selling to the Milk Marketing Board, which in turn distributed to major dairies. But by becoming processors as well as producers farmers discovered they could undercut major firms by up to 5p a pint if they sold direct to milkmen and shops.



SLAVERY results from laws, laws are made by government, and therefore, people can only be freed from slavery by the abolition of government.

Tolstoy

BISLEY crackshot Dr. Olive Arkle went to court yesterday fully armed with a copy of Magna Carta.

But his arguments about the rights of the individual failed to save his three beloved guns, which are locked in a police station.

Magistrates at Llandudno agreed to the chief constable's request that the guns — a .303 rifle, a Smith and Wesson revolver and a Colt pistol — should be melted down.

Dr. Arkle, 57, of Benarth Hall, Conwy, had previously lost his



Dr Arkle... crackshot

firearms certificate on the ground of "intemperate habits." He told the court: "Under the Geneva Convention I am allowed to carry firearms for the protection of my patients."

I WON'T JOIN JURY, SAYS MISS BIAS

A WOMAN was excused jury service yesterday because she said she had too many prejudices.

Secretary Christine Vale, 35, told Croydon Crown Court, Surrey, that she was biased against young people, coloured people and shops.

But she is not biased against shoplifters. "I would be on their side because stores make shop-

lifting too easy," she added. After Judge Jean Graham Hall dismissed her, Miss Vale of Pease, said: "It would be wrong for me to sit in judgment. I would have refused the oath."

'Cheeky' robber caught with his pants down

By John Batteiger
Record staff writer

A robbery suspect made no attempt to disguise himself yesterday in his unsuccessful attempt to hold up a gas station at Broad River Road and I-20.

Authorities said the man was wearing nothing but a T-shirt when he walked into the Racetrac station at 2114 Broad River Road at about 5 a.m. and demanded money from a cashier.

"That's the only thing he had on, a pullover T-shirt," said Inspector Allen Sloan of the Richland County Sheriff's Department.

The man claimed to have a gun, Sloan said, but

the cashier apparently was unimpressed because fore the car came to a stop, Sloan said. she refused to turn over the money and instead activated an alarm.

Sloan said the suspect then ran outside and bloodhounds were called to the scene, and they knelt down, "peering in the window, looking at the traced a path to a nearby home."

There, Sloan said, deputies found a suspect later, Sloan said, and saw the man, still clad only nothing but a T-shirt. The man was arrested and taken to station, jumped in a car and sped away, pursued stop on a police command and reckless driving. by the deputy.

The man drove less than a mile before he 21, of 45 Riverside Circle. Boykin remained in turned onto Long Creek Drive, then drove over a custody this morning in the Richland County jail curb and through about 60 feet of shrubbery be- on a \$20,000 surety bond.

Griffin 'can't lose' in his long shot

By CARPENTER KING
Staff Writer

William Griffin doesn't really expect to be the next governor of South Carolina, but he does think his candidacy on the Libertarian ticket can make a difference.

"Whatever I do in the way of vote count, the ideas that I am putting forth and that other Libertarians are putting forth are being adopted," Griffin said in a recent interview.

"I really can't lose and I'm not putting much money in it."

Griffin and the Libertarian Party are officially recognized in state politics and he will be on the ballot with Republican Carroll Campbell and Democrat Mike Daniel in November. He insists airing Libertarian philosophy and stands on specific issues has the potential to change the political climate in South Carolina.

"At heart, most Americans believe in a good part of the Libertarian philosophy," Griffin said.

"They just don't know it."

Griffin grew up in Florence and his parents still live here. He lives in Columbia and now works as a supervisor for Carolina Eastman.

He describes himself as a member of the practical wing of the Libertarian Party.

"In the past, South Carolina Libertarians have focused more on philosophy. I'm trying to apply the philosophy to issues and then focus on the results."

Griffin agrees with his opponents that education is a primary issue in this year's state-wide political races. But he said the Education Improvement Act will only lead South Carolina schools to turn out mediocre graduates.

"The best way to achieve excellence is to allow those who want to excel to excel instead of holding them back," he said.

Griffin contends the EIA centralizes the educational process and he said this can lead only to mediocrity. He said centralized systems don't leave enough room for students capable of out-of-the-ordinary results to achieve their full potential.

In general, Libertarians are more conservative fiscally than Republicans and more liberal on social issues than Democrats, Griffin said. They favor private and corporate charities to government involvement in the day-to-day lives of citizens, however.

Griffin contends that applying this philosophy to the issues makes an attractive platform. For instance, he is in favor of repealing the 55 miles per hour speed limit.

"Why have an arbitrary limit that 90 percent of the people ignore?" he asked.

Education reform should be accomplished through the involvement of parents in the system, according to Griffin. He contends this can best be achieved through a voucher system.

That would grant the parents of a child a "check" redeemable by any school for the average tuition paid by the state per pupil. Parents would be able to choose the school their children attended.

"That one piece of paper would be just like a parent spending cash money for a child's education and the fact that they are handing over the money forces parental involvement," Griffin said.

He contends giving the parents a voucher and allowing them to spend it in any school they choose, public or private, would give them a say in how the school they pick is operated. He said the state's role in education should be to set basic minimum course requirements and the parents should have the say so after that.

Griffin is opposed to property taxes, calling them "renting your property from the government." Failing to pay the rent will result in the confiscation of the property, he pointed out.

"This country was founded on the private ownership of property and that is one of the main distinguishing factors between this country and the communist countries," Griffin said, "but if you have a property tax the state retains ownership and rents you the property."

He said the property tax usually works out fairly well for young people with rising incomes, but it presents increasing difficulties for disabled or older citizens on a fixed income.

"And you don't have any recourse," Griffin said.

"If you can't pay it, you can sell and cut your losses or else lose it and it happens to over 1,000 people a year right here in South Carolina."

He said property taxes are immoral and there should be some kind of alternative adopted. Using a voucher system should reduce the administrative costs of public education, Griffin said, and since this tax is the primary one used to fund the schools, this could result in lower property taxes.

Griffin also suggested a bottom limit on property taxes. He said it costs more to process the paper work needed to collect some property tax bills for old cars than the government makes off the tax.

He suggests setting a limit where taxes are no longer collected on these older vehicles and saving the money it costs to collect them.

Griffin said he would favor a state lottery with the profits used to fund education and reduce property taxes. He said the lottery should provide more money and it would be a voluntary way of raising funds.

Griffin wants to put as many government services as possible into private hands. He said selling the right to perform these services to individuals and letting them make a profit should reduce the cost of the services and improve the quality of service. Specifically, Griffin favors "privatizing" South Carolina's prison system.

WILLIAM GRIFFIN
Libertarian candidate for governor

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- The National Taxpayers Union has just rated him—again—as the top tax and spending cutter in Washington (a position I used to hold until Ron came to Congress).
- The Council for a Competitive Economy—again—just named Ron the top free-market man in Congress.
- Ron is fighting to audit the Federal Reserve, so the people can find out the truth about this engine of inflation.
- He is leading the fight against foreign aid and the World Bank



Rep. Ron Paul [R-Tex.]

Not even date can lure macaw back to coop

HEALDSBURG, Calif. (AP) — Weary would-be captors contemplated everything from a tranquilizer dart to a bird dating service in their efforts to snare a macaw that has insulted them from the treetops since it flew the coop last Friday.

"We've been chasing that bird all over town and we can't even get close to getting it," firefighter Charlie Jurcek said yesterday of the efforts by city public works teams, animal control officers and others to capture the 9-year-old parrot.

"She's getting real sarcastic," said the bird's owner, Patricia Foss, a painting and decorating contractor. "Not long after she got away, I went up in the public utilities bucket. I was within inches of her when she yelled out, 'Hello, dodo,' and took off."

"Then, from the next tree, she screeched, 'I can talk, can you fly?'"

Ms. Foss said the Macaw may have picked up some of its vocabulary from the cartoons it would watch with her stepdaughter, Lindley, 5.

"Remington and Lindley were real close. Often, when Lindley was visiting, she would come out of her cage, get on Lindley's shoulder and they would wrap up together in a blanket in front of the television and watch cartoons," Ms. Foss said. "Remington would let Lindley put doll clothes on her, and they would play together all day."

ANOTHER HUMAN ERROR

The Union of Concerned Scientists reports that someone at an unidentified U.S. nuclear facility accidentally connected a hose leading to a drinking water faucet to a 3,000 gallon radioactive waste tank resulting in radioactive drinking water. In its own follow-up investigation, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission commented that "The coupling of a contaminated water system with a potable water system is considered poor practice in general."

Fraud hot line

The State Budget and Control Board has announced that a hot line has been established to allow South Carolina citizens to report incidences of waste, fraud and misuse of State tax dollars. Calls on the "Fraud Hot Line" will be treated confidentially. The hot line can be reached 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Fraud Hot Line number is 1-800-521-4493 statewide.

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Ex-alcoholic files suit for negligence

A reformed alcoholic filed suit in Cook County (Ill.) Circuit Court charging the makers of his former favorite alcoholic drinks with negligence for not warning — on the liquor labels — about the dangers of alcohol.

The 24-year-old Chicago suburban computer manager, who stated that he started drinking at age 16 and was addicted to Jack Daniels whiskey and Old Style beer within a year, has asked for compensatory and punitive damages against the companies making the drinks, according to the *Chicago Tribune*.

The suit seeks at least \$15,000 in compensatory damages, including at least \$4,800 for the cost of rehabilitation, as well as for other injuries such as: weight loss; abnormal sleep patterns; hostility; personal injury and property loss from auto accidents while under the influence; loss of his driver's license; and, "embarrassment and mental anguish from being labeled an alcoholic," according to accounts.

Wayne T. Hoover said he had planned to attend college and become a professional pilot but began drinking beer and whiskey, which led to a loss of interest in school and his graduating late. He said mood swings from the alcohol forced a break-up with his fiancée and made him unable to hold a job, according to the suit.

After a string of jobs, one employer insisted that Hoover enroll in an alcohol rehabilitation program, which Hoover completed.

He then decided to file suit. "I feel this is one way of bringing to the public's eye what manufacturers are getting away with," Hoover said.

Neither alcohol company had responded to calls made by the *Tribune* for comment on the suit. AMERICAN MEDICAL NEWS

Re: Cooperatives as a Code Term

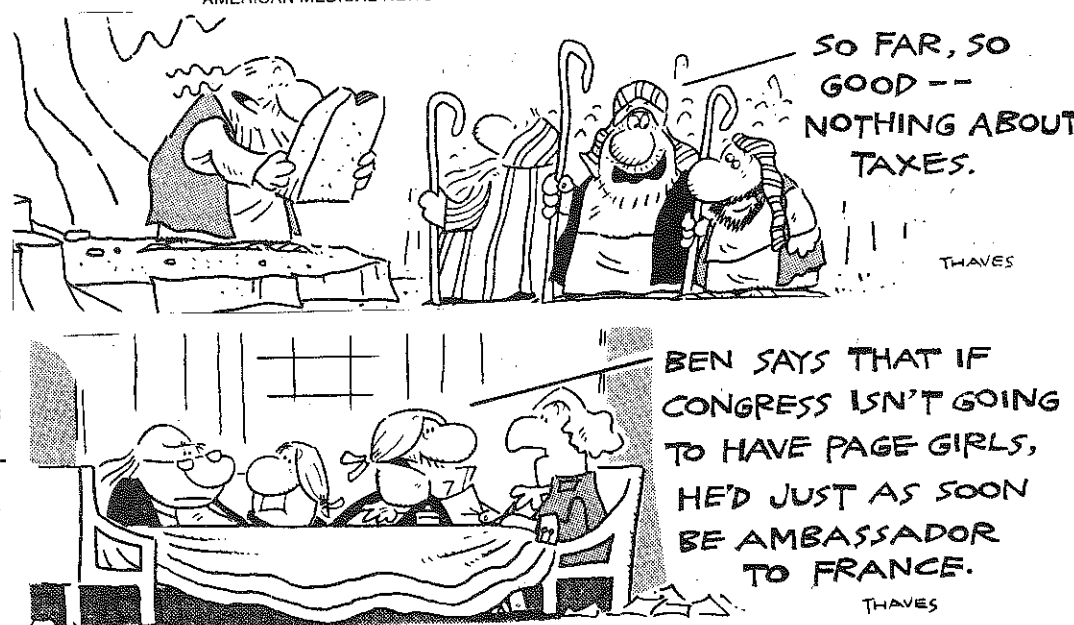
Fred Foldvary

As a member of a cooperative, maybe I can give a different perspective than that of Robert Brakeman (Sept. 1986) on co-ops.

Co-ops differ from other corporations by giving each member one vote regardless of how many shares he owns, providing a more democratic form of organization. The idea of cooperation also means that the enterprise exists to serve its members as consumers more than as investors. For example, while a non-coop grocery might put candy by the check-out counters where kids will scream for it, co-ops don't do such tricks. Thus, the company cooperates with its members by avoiding tricks and games.

The name "cooperative" implies not that others do not also cooperate, but that in co-ops, this is the primary goal, even if it reduces profits, whereas normally profit maximizing is the primary goal of an enterprise. If the name "cooperative" is not acceptable, then neither is "Republican", since others also favor a republic, "Democrat" since others favor democracy, "Objectivist" since others also consider themselves objective, and "libertarian", since other groups (such as Objectivists) also favor liberty. In all these names, the implication is not that all others do not have the named feature, but that the named group has it as a primary feature.

If libertarians object to the "cooperative" label for co-ops, they must logically also reject the label "libertarian", since by such reasoning it wrongfully implies that no others favor liberty. Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones.



Leave Us Alone!

by Tommy Jefferson

Alexander Hamilton JHS
American History 1, rm 101
Assignment: "What should the government do to make our country better?"

When the time comes to decide you're not going to have anything to do with the government anymore, and that you want to live free by your own rules, you should tell everyone why.

It's obvious that people are all the same in basic ways. If people want to live well, be free, and have fun, it's nobodies business but their own. The government is supposed to protect our rights to do this, but when the government won't let you, it's alright and it's a good idea to get rid of it and start up a new one that won't interfere anymore. Of course, to be on the safe side, you shouldn't just change the government because you feel like it. On the other hand you can see that people usually put up with bad things rather than break their routines and get rid of them. But when you've been taking crap from a government for a long time and you don't have any rights it comes high time to get rid of the government and figure out a new way to look after ourselves. Well that's what's happening right now. The government we have here is trying to run our lives in every way possible like we were their slaves. If you don't believe it, check out these facts:

-If it's a good law for the people the government probably won't pass it.

-They won't let you live by your own rules unless they say you can, even if you aren't bothering anyone.

-The government hardly gives anyone any say in what it does.

-When they do let people get together to protest they make sure it's real hard and inconvenient to do it.

-On the other hand, if people get together themselves to protest the government they're treated like criminals even though they have legitimate gripes.

-They treat the poor people who come here from other countries like dirt unless they have this green card which is almost impossible to get if they're from a country the government doesn't like.

-If you don't like their brand of justice you can't go anywhere else. If you don't like it you

can lump it because all the judges work for the government.

-They've set up this incredible system of red tape and they have IRS agents who act like they'd just as soon eat you alive as smile.

-They've allowed the Army to become a law unto themselves which we don't have any say over anymore.

-They have Army troops around to use against people who don't tow the line.

-They don't let you buy things from other countries or do business with foreigners unless they say you can.

-They make us pay taxes for things we never wanted or even know about.

-If they feel like it you won't get a fair trial with a real jury.

-They even make up charges against you if they want to and then you have to go to the trouble and expense of defending yourself.

-They mess around in other countries and try to do the same to them.

-They let the sea and land get polluted and they've ruined neighborhoods in cities and messed up the lives of lots of people.

-They're sending out the Army right now to other countries and they help other dictators kill and torture innocent people while claiming they're for peace and democracy.

-They make you register for the draft and after they draft you, they might make you shoot your own brother or force him to shoot you in self-defense.

-In the meantime they let real criminals run around loose robbing, raping and killing innocent people.

People have tried to change things for the better, but the government goes ahead and makes them worse. When they act like slavedrivers they aren't fit to be the government of free people.

Alot of people have friends and relatives who work for the government. We should try to tell them to see what they're involved in so they'll hate their jobs. I hope it doesn't happen, but if outright revolution happens they may end up as enemies even though they are our dear friends.

In conclusion, on behalf of myself and all other people like me, I declare that we are free and independent folks who don't have to obey the government anymore. I say we have the right to fight back against criminals, run businesses, make friends with anyone we want to and do everything else a responsible person has the right to do. We mean it and I for one am willing to lay everything on the line for it.

A right and responsibility to be politically involved

MARION — Diane Renee Wiggins of Marion and Clark Gordon Smith of Florence were married at 6 p.m. on Nov. 1 at Shiloh Methodist Church.

The Rev. Wesley Murphy performed the double-ring ceremony. Dale Johnson soloist, Janice Rogers, and Eloise Rogers, organist provided wedding music.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Wiggins of Marion. She graduated from Marion High School and is employed with Fleet Road Estate Funding.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Smith of Florence. He graduated from South Florence High School and is employed with McLeod Regional Medical Center.

Serving as maid of honor was Wendy Byrd of Columbia. Attendants included Renee J. Soles of Marion, Dana Guyton of Florence and Cheryl Howie, sister of the groom, of Greenville.

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Glen Bullard of Marion and Phil Johnson of Mullins served as acolytes.

The father of the groom stood as best man. Ushers were Chuck Smith, brother of the groom, of Cincinnati,

Our MORNING MISPRINT

Bring on the safety

Editor, News-Press: An L.A. fire official, following a recent small fire in a high-rise apartment, said it was fortunate that the smoke alarms failed to operate, otherwise several people might have been trampled in the panic.

Most battery-operated smoke alarms utilize a small piece of dangerously radioactive "Americium 241" to ionize the air within its sensor.

Battery and alarm manufacturers will reap unfair and outrageous profits from mandatory smoke detector requirements.

Despite these three minor objectives, the National Organization Taunting Safety and Fairness Everywhere (NOT-SAFE) congratulates the Santa Barbara City Council for enacting the mandatory detector ordinance.

We feel that additional protection should be considered and offer the following suggestions for your readers' comments: Enact a national law requiring fire extinguishers, sprinkler systems, first-aid kits, mandatory telephones and semi-annual home safety inspections. We also support the concept of a 25 mph national speed limit, a federal program to abolish the black widow spider, and a toll-free number to report drug pushers, prostitutes, tax cheaters and "suspicious-types." We believe that everyone is entitled to a decent, affordable house, clothing, food, and automobile as well as the attorney-of-one's-choice for any crime. We object to sending unwanted animals to Cambodia for human consumption as well as the commercial or scientific exploitation of whales, dolphins, seals, guinea pigs or rats.

Thank you, City Hall, for reminding us that government has the responsibility to protect everyone from everything... at any cost.

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Ohio, Carl Smith brother of the groom, of Marion, Randy Causey of Marion and Jeff DeLung of Florence. A reception was held at Shiloh Methodist Church in the fellowship hall.

After a wedding trip to Florida, the couple will live in Florence.

Revenge Of The Taxpayer

WASHINGTON — Acting Internal Revenue Service commissioner James I. Owens went before Congress recently to plead his case that cuts in the agency's budget have caused an increase in uncollected federal taxes of 31 percent to \$45 billion last year.

As part of the Gramm-Rudman budget-balancing bill, the IRS was forced to reduce its budget by 4.3 percent this year.

According to General Accounting Office Associate Director Johnny C. Finch, the increase in unpaid taxes is especially dramatic when compared to the overall growth rate of the tax base and to the corresponding growth in accounts receivable. Unpaid accounts grew at a rate which was almost four times as great as net collections last year.

The IRS commissioner attributed the soaring totals of unpaid accounts to a two-year increase of 7 percent in the number of returns filed; a 46 percent one-year increase in the amounts owed on tax returns; and a backlog of several billion dollars worth of unposted payments and account adjustments resulting from the massive computer problems last year that delayed processing of millions of returns.

Of the current situation, Hugh Calkins of Cleveland, taxation chairman of the American Bar Association, said that he remembers no other president that has allowed "20 percent of the dollars citizens owe" to remain uncollected, "and thus is unfairly imposing on law abiding citizens a larger tax burden than they would have to bear if their fellow citizens paid what they owed."

[Comment: There is an unwritten

rule in Congress and most other legislative dens, to wit: "Government expenditures will always expand to waste all income available, and then will expand even more beyond that." The mush from brother Calkins is a perfect example of someone who must justify the existence he has made at the expense of productive members of society (complicated tax law means more business for him — thus support for more laws, higher taxes so more people will be FORCED to try to buck the system, and more enforcement so they get caught and then must be defended, \$\$\$!).

1) If citizens paid every dime the government said they owed, there would still be spending mania on the part of Congressmen; and there would still be a deficit.

2) If those law-abiding citizens felt they could get away with it, the figure on uncollected taxes would be even higher because people LIKE to spend their own money as they please.

3) Taxation is an institution of dubious integrity anyway; libertarians define it as legalized and enforced theft. We believe that protecting your own property from theft is perfectly honorable. However, in this day when prisons, guns, courts, and (as shown by the statement from the Barmad above) lawyers are pretty well in the pocket of the thieves, it is wiser to "do as they say, Henry, maybe they'll leave." — Ed.]

"Personally, I wish the IRS was more like a honeybee — that way, I'd only get stung once by that bee, and it would go and die somewhere, leaving me alone the rest of my life. Now, I get stung once every year, and always by the same bee." — Anonymous



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110 Loony Lawsuits End Amateur Attorney's Wacky Career

By PAUL F. LEVY

Fred Sullivan was the kind of guy who tried to make a federal case out of everything. Literally.

In just two years, Sullivan, a street wanderer and self-styled amateur lawyer, filed an incredible 110 lawsuits — some written on brown paper bags — in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C.

Sullivan didn't even have to pay a filing fee, because he was a pauper.

And most of the time he used the federal court offices to prepare his cases — much to the distress of court officials.

According to court documents, he would "sit at tables with his shoes removed, bundles of papers and other materials spread across the tables," frequently aiming "loud and verbally abusive language" at court clerks and other officials.

In his loony lawsuits Sullivan claimed some outrageous damages: \$500 billion because a drugstore clerk tried to toss him out of the store; "\$100 zillion" when a

Book Ban Continued...

In 1977, school officials in Springfield, Missouri, took a felt-tip pen to the illustrations of *In the Night Kitchen*, a storybook by Marice Sendak. A pair of shorts was placed on the drawing of a naked boy.

Explained the director of elementary education: "We felt it was a good story but as far as nudity is concerned I guess I'm an old fogey, I think it should be covered."

The school board of Cobb county, Georgia, in 1977, banned Richard Dorson's *American in Legend* from school libraries, saying the book "is terrible for children." They also charged that the book "condones draft dodging" and includes stanzas from "Casey Jones" that refer to the legendary hero's sexual prowess.

—Post-American

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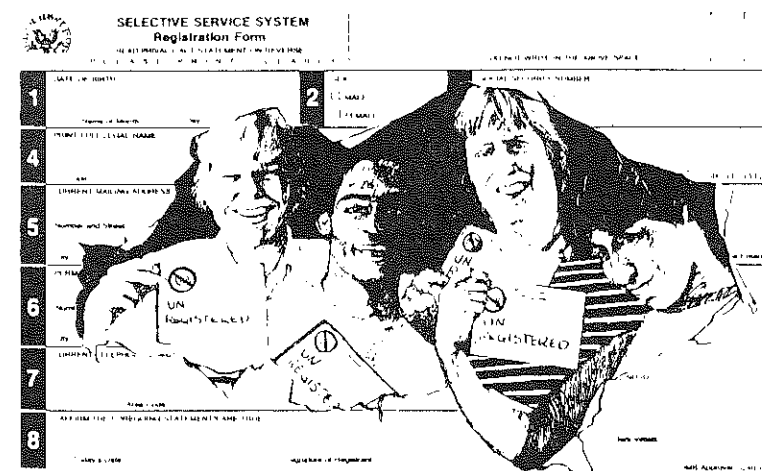
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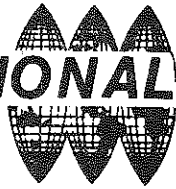
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**WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS:
Paul for President**

Ron Paul for President

by Paul Jacob

Will former Congressman Ron Paul of Texas run for President on the Libertarian ticket? I hope so. The LP has had its problems finding candidates that have expertise at campaigning, mainstream credibility, and a solid Libertarian philosophy. Dr. Ron Paul has all three of these.

Plus, if he runs, then I can finally put a "Paul for President" bumper sticker on my car.

Seriously, a Ron Paul campaign could bring back for us the visibility and momentum we lost between 1980 and 1984 and are just now very slowly regaining. Visibility is one reason we are often believed to be the party of Lyndon LaRouche. (Is he a Republican-Democrat plot or what?)

While we were the most visible alternative to the major (old) parties in 1980 with dozens of prime-time TV ads that helped us garner almost a million votes, it was LaRouche who was all over the television in 1984. When people see an alternative with the ability to be on TV, they immediately think it's the Libertarians. Even if this perception by the public has hurt at times, it certainly is not a bad thing.

Television is expensive, but it's essential if we are to reach people. Running ads only on cable and then only very late in the campaign in 1984, we ended up with less than 250,000 votes. Reaching people is the whole ballgame. Ron Paul can raise the money to do it.

What would cause Paul not to run? The fear that there will be more of the factionalism and childish egoism that caused the Party to focus inwardly at the expense of outreach and growth, that sapped the strength of

many an activist, and that led to a full-fledged split in the Party at the 1984 convention. I'm not suggesting that fierce argument and discussion should stop or lessen even a single degree, but we cannot afford to become a debating society—especially an unfriendly one.

I'm certain that Ron Paul wants to know that the Libertarian Party is truly committed to taking its message to the people; not to purges or staging power plays or bickering internally. What do you say? Is the message of liberty in the eyes and ears and minds of 250 million Americans worth forgoing pettiness?

Be glad. My sense is that Paul will seek the nomination. At my July 1985 trial in Little Rock, Arkansas for having refused to register for the draft, Dr. Paul had this to say: "...the State is massive...the state is now encroaching on our personal liberties, it's encroaching throughout the world on a daily basis... and also in the economy. I think the State itself is a threat to us. It's a threat to the individual liberties, not only of Paul Jacob, but of every single solitary person in this country." Ron Paul was there to testify when I needed him; he'll be there in 1988 because the cause of liberty needs him.

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