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Illiteracy is the major problem area. There are 27 million functional illiterates in our nation. Based on 1980 Census data, the U.S. Department of Education estimates that there are 72 million Americans who are incapable of performing basic tasks such as reading the label on an aspirin bottle, writing a check, or following the directions for cooking a TV dinner. Eighty four percent of 1,392 colleges and universities surveyed by professors at the University of Texas has established remedial programs in reading and writing. Many corporations are setting up programs in reading, writing and comprehension because our schools are doing such a poor job. The Department of Education estimated that 2.3 million people over the age of 16 are joining the ranks of the illiterate each year. What is the solution? Throw out the look-say or whole-word approach to reading and reinstate intensified phonics instruction.

Malcolm Lawrence

"Major Problems in American Education"

"There's little doubt that we'll soon have doctors who can't easily read medical journals, lawyers who have difficulty researching a case, scientists who stumble through their professional literature. In the 1990s we'll have to import top professionals from abroad. We'll join the ranks of such under-educated Third World countries as The Ivory Coast, Saudi Arabia and Zambia."

The late, great Rudolf Flesch

If the movement needs a hero, it can adopt Lesaunder Hudson, a personal hero of ours, who found his own method for "exposing" tax officials. It happened when IRS agents showed up at his Memphis laundry to seize his equipment. He owed them \$167.

Hudson pulled a gun and ordered the agents to take their clothes off. Then he marched them into the street into the snow.

CATALOG BUSINESS

Recently there have been conflicts between miners and the so-called Bureau of Land Management. One miner said "It's a police state. You can't walk in the desert anymore without a permit." Another miner, aged 67 recalls how a federal BLM ranger threw him to the ground and "screwed my face into the dirt." Another miner says the BLM had animal control officials shoot six of his dogs.

San Diego Union

"Ten Reasons Why I Never Wash"

DUBLIN (RNS)—The Rev. Sudney Laing, rector of Tallaght, a large Dublin suburb, had heard all the time-worn excuses for why people don't attend church services.

With the switch of a word or two, he turned the excuses into a humorous piece in his Parish Paper under the heading, "Ten Reasons Why I Never Wash."

- 1) I was made to wash as a child.
- 2) People who wash are hypocrites...they reckon they are cleaner than other people
- 3) There are so many different kinds of soap, I could never decide which one was right.
- 4) I used to wash, but it got boring so I stopped.
- 5) I still wash on special occasions, like Christmas and Easter.
- 6) None of my friends wash.
- 7) I'm still young—when I'm older and have got a bit dirtier I might start washing.
- 8) I really don't have time.
- 9) The bathroom's never warm enough.
- 10) People who make soap are only after your money.

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LIBERTY GIFT

For 20 years I was persecuted as a "tax rebel," which I never was. Why would IRS lie about me like that? Why would professed Christians repeatedly tell me, "Repent and pay your taxes, as a good Christian should, and we will accept you as a Christian," while they refused to listen to the truth of the matter? Then I learned that I am not alone in being thus persecuted.

Probably you didn't know about all this. Perhaps you had neither heard that I was a "tax rebel," nor had you heard it was all lies. But many others have been treated just like I have been, in this "one nation under God."

For those who are hearing this for the first time, here is a little about what I found out. It is all fully documented. In 1933, Hitler came to power in Germany, and set his sights beyond Europe. Already America was riddled with nazi "fifth columnists." Prominent among these was then Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Guy Helvering. He did two evil things. He got the Immunity Rule abolished. Doing that violated Matthew 17:26. Because of that, the nazi-originated IRS can now put pressure on all Americans from the President down. At the same time, Helvering started those "loophole" tax exemptions. He did that then for anyone who provided supplies for Hitler's nazis.

In 1942, they were so sure of victory that, when introducing withholding, they also added a Forgiveness Feature. They "forgave" the American people for helping the Allies! That was a bit premature, wasn't it? Next year they dropped that feature like a hot potato! Now IRS enslaves all Americans by having them sign an oath at the bottom of their tax forms. For many years, signing that oath was more important than paying the taxes!

Friends, we have all sinned. We have bowed to a lordship alien to God: the IRS. IRS is to Hitler's nazism, what Haman of Esther's time was to Agag, King of the Amalekites in King Saul's time. High-level bureaucrats, installed when Guy Helvering was Commissioner, continue to pursue Hitler's original purpose in creating IRS. Its objectives were clearly defined in papers filed in the State of Delaware in 1933. You can read those for yourself, if you care to. They are still on file in the Dover statehouse.

IRS targeted me, and others like me, for what we did during World War II. They see us as the cause of the nazis losing the war. They are unbelievers. They do not realize, as we do, that God took a hand in all that. We know He did, because we were part of it. Many things we did could not have been done by human effort without Divine help.

Now let's address the question: how can we revive America? I will assume that you verify what I have here said: it is all verifiable. Then what can we do? Friends, in 1984, after 17 years of such persecution, I began to learn the truth (John 8:31,32). So I obeyed Him. Then the Lord began to bless me again, as He had blessed me in the early days.

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PUBLISHER SLAIN—Bob White, publisher of the "Sound Money Investor" and founder of the Duck Club, was shot to death in the Central American nation of Belize, apparently by robbers, on July 19. White was in the country to explore possible sites for a resort he was planning to develop there for American tourists. Accompanied by his partner Chuck Arnold, and another American, John Handy, White was approached by two men who came out of the woods with guns and demanded money. White raised his hands but was shot three times by one of the assailants, once in the face. The others surrendered their money, the killers departed, and White's companions rushed him to the hospital, where he died two hours later.

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Libertarians believe they'll prevail

By CATHY GANT
Columbia Bureau

COLUMBIA — They're not getting the kind of response that their Democratic and Republican counterparts usually do, but Libertarian Party members are active and operating in South Carolina.

"We have the belief that eventually we'll prevail," state Libertarian Party Secretary Jan Morris said. "For the country to survive as a free nation, our philosophy has to survive. Our philosophy is almost identical to that of the country's founding fathers, who would be horrified if they knew what was going on now."

Libertarians, like many other Americans, don't think the country is running so well. The party's basic philosophy is that the government has too much power over the people. Libertarians believe taxes should be a matter of personal choice, and that if people don't want to pay them then they shouldn't be entitled to the services those tax revenues provide.

"The basic principal of the Libertarian Party is that everyone is entitled to live their own life as they choose as long as they don't violate the rights of others — as long as they don't use force or fraud, or the threat of force or fraud. We believe that the sole purpose of government is to protect individuals from others."

In accordance with those views, the party is also supporting its own slate of candidates during the November election.

"For those who don't want to vote for tweedledee or tweedledum, the Libertarian Party is available," Mrs. Morris said.

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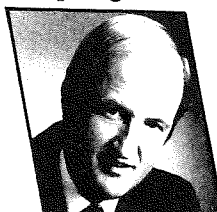
Dr. Strangelove gets tough again

According to Christopher Hitchens in *The Nation*, Henry Kissinger met with American Jewish leaders in a private breakfast on January 21. According to a leaked memo written by one of the attendees, Julius Berman, former chair of the Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, Kissinger told the group:

Israel should bar the media from entry into the territories involved in the present demonstrations, accept the short-term criticism of the press for such conduct, and put down the insurrection as quickly as possible -- overwhelmingly, brutally, and rapidly.

"Bush and Dukakis powerless to stop it . . . Major forces already unleashed affecting every investment you own . . ."

We now face "Second Great Panic" . . . Dow may plunge to 1100 . . . Municipal bonds may default . . . banking system may collapse.



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Liberty

Amnesty Inter-

national is a funny little organization. Salaried workers collect information about government abuses, they generate publicity and run a kind of "prisoner of the month club" regularly informing volunteers to write to dictator X about prisoner Y. The London office also publishes piercing country reports.

Amnesty's is not a freedom ideology, however, it's a pretended lack of ideology that translates into workaday liberalism. Look at its ground rules: First, foreigners cannot question the legitimacy of a government not their own. Second, natives who challenge their government with violence forfeit support. Third, political prisoners jailed after a "fair trial" are not a concern (unless tortured). Fourth, any principles of a government are okay, as long as they provide "due process." Fifth, priorities follow values and values are quantitative

(the state that lets you count political prisoners will have more on record and thus deserve the greatest pressure).

Then there's the problem of Amnesty in America, being led by Mr. John Healey, an ex-Peace Corpsman and defrocked monk. Mr. Healey lacks common sense. Witness: "There are countries where people are in prison and being tortured, and we know they would be released if these [big name] artists went onstage for us." The Amnesty concerts made him a liar on that one. Another time, Healey wanted to launch a transcontinental U.S. torture train with pictures of victims and flags. "By the time you get to the end you'll have stopped torture in some countries because they'll be so damned embarrassed to have their flag up there," he said.

This is no man to preside over prisoner rescue efforts or an \$8 million budget. The world lacks enough postage stamps, rock stars and railroad track to liberate itself the Healey way.

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Soviets reap the benefits of U.S. wheat

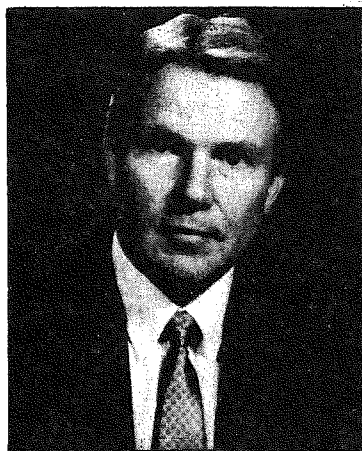
By TOM WEBB
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON

The Soviet Union bought 140 million bushels of American wheat last year. Guess who paid more for that wheat, us or them?

Thanks to massive farm subsidies, U.S. taxpayers actually outspent the Soviets for that grain, even though the Soviets wound up with the wheat, Agriculture Department figures show.

While the Soviets bought wheat for about \$2.19 a bushel last year, American taxpayers were forking out an average of \$2.45 in subsidies to grow and export every bushel of that grain, according to calculations based on USDA figures.

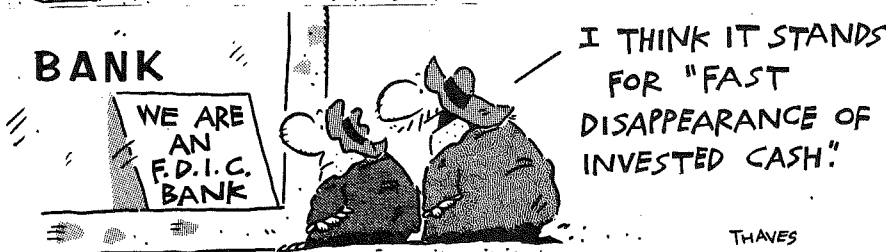
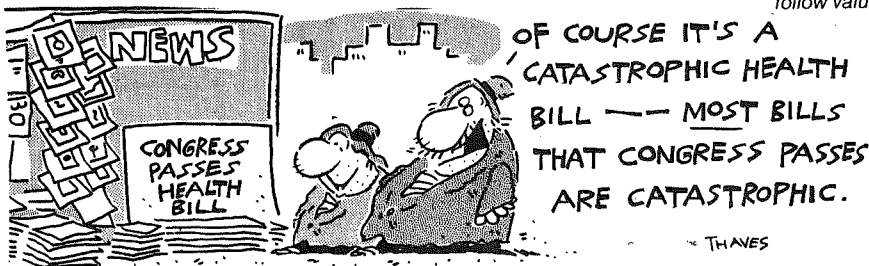


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A newspaper is not for just reporting the news as it is, but to make people mad enough to do something about it.

— Mark Twain

Group vents frustration with stupidity

Special to The News Chronicle

How many of us, faced with stupidity, have wanted to scream, "I just can't take anymore?"

Just about everyone, but alas, such ranting and raving carries certain risks, such as divorce, getting fired, etc.

Well, there's a man from Montecito named Dale Lowdermilk who has created an organization designed for safely venting outrage.

"It's sarcastic by design," Lowdermilk explained, and its name is the National Organization Taunting Safety and Fairness Everywhere (N.O.T. S.A.F.E.).

It was the lawmakers who made Lowdermilk do it, he said. Lawmakers are obsessed with protecting voters, and it was driving Lowdermilk nuts.

For example, nobody under 18 can buy shoe polish in San Francisco. Shoe polish is used in place of already-outlawed spray paint to write graffiti.

"Why not ban crayons, Magic Markers, pens and pencils?" Lowdermilk asked. "Let's extend the age limit to 75, when they are too feeble or too mature to write obscenities on the wall."

"California is the leader in stupid laws, and the shoe-polish law is one of them," Lowdermilk said.

"I find that a lot of people need a soap box, and N.O.T. S.A.F.E. provides them a soap box they can get on and act crazy for a few minutes and get things off their chest," Lowdermilk said.

The key to playing the N.O.T. S.A.F.E.

game of fighting back is simple: Zero in on a stupid law, and then stretch it to the limits of absurdity.

Then write down these N.O.T. S.A.F.E. ideas and send them to your lawmakers and newspaper editors.

Examples of classic N.O.T. S.A.F.E. ideas include:

- Every Christmas tree sold should come with a five-gallon bucket of water.

- Pluck the wings off jetliners and make them taxi to their destination. This is a favorite of Lowdermilk. He's an air traffic controller by trade.

- The N.O.T. S.A.F.E. toothpick, which actually is a tongue depressor. Said Lowdermilk: "It's a little clumsy, but safety at all costs. Right?"

- "A study found that one-half of all childhood deaths occur because of choking, and one-half of the time those children choked on hot dogs," Lowdermilk said. "We have to abolish the hot dog. Or at least change the shape to square. . . Something must be done."

Lowdermilk admits to having a hidden political agenda. He has Libertarian Party leanings. But he's a little bit Ronald Reagan Republican, too.

And N.O.T. S.A.F.E. has serious goals, goals he believes make sense:

- Limit lawmakers to one law per year.
- Limit lawmakers to a single term.

"That would relieve them of the pressure they get from special interest groups," he

said.

- Allow each citizen to spend \$1 of his tax return on what he chooses.

"This way Congress knows where the people want their money spent," Lowdermilk said. "If 90 percent of the people send \$1 to the Department of Defense, I'd say let's spend more on defense."

- To add "none of the above" to the ballot. "What would happen if none of the above won? Well, the office would go unfilled for that term," Lowdermilk said.

- Establish a sunset clause for laws. "If a law is not passed with a two-thirds majority or greater, that law would have a sunset clause. At the end of five years it would fall off the books. Lawmakers would have to get together and pass it again if they want it. . . . As it stands now, a law passes by 51 percent and we are stuck with it forever," Lowdermilk said.

Anyone who runs for office with three of the above items on his platform automatically becomes a member of N.O.T. S.A.F.E..

All others must pay \$15 a year, \$75 for lifetime members, and for \$99 you can attain patron sainthood, "and I'll do all I can to make sure you get to heaven," Lowdermilk said.

Anyone interested in the organization can write to N.O.T. S.A.F.E., P.O. Box 5743, Montecito 93108.

● THERE was much rejoicing in the South Wales valleys when Mr Gordon Hinchcliffe moved his window factory to Ebbw Vale.

Now the cheers have turned to groans. Mr Hinchcliffe's Gardinia Windows company has gone into receivership, owing one and a quarter million pounds, including £84,000 in PAYE, £72,000 in National Insurance, and £157,000 in VAT.

The receiver has said the creditors probably won't get their money.

Among the creditors are Labour-controlled Blaenau Gwent council, who are owed £53,000.

Thirty-seven people have lost their jobs, including the Mayor of Blaenau Gwent, Brian Scully, who was taken on Gardinia's books as a senior employee when he was leader of the Council.

Mr Scully says he declared an interest in the company from the outset, and took no part in its dealings with the council.

He says he and his wife went on two business trips with Mr Hinchcliffe, one to Germany, the other to Scotland.

"He wanted to shoot pheasants," says Mr Scully. "And I accompanied him."

He dismisses claims that he should not have taken a job with a businessman so close to the council. "We all have to work for somebody," he says.

"I feel disillusioned. I hadn't done enough background work on the company finances."

Mr Hinchcliffe is not at all disillusioned. He has set up another firm—called Mr Windows—in Poulton-Le-Fylde, near Blackpool. "It has nothing to do with Gardinia," he assures me.

He denied any suggestions that the receivership was connected with his extravagant life style. "I didn't have an extravagant life style," he said.

Clear Days, Cool Nights Lost To Government

By TOM FESPERMAN

IN AN AGE of doubt and distrust, there's one thing you can depend on. You can depend on the weather being undependable and unusual.

I've been across the country several times these past five years, and I've never run into any usual weather.

Without fail, the weather has been unusual day in, day out, through heat and cold, drought and flood, windstorm and calm, sunshine in rain forest and darkness at noon.

We've run out of usual weather. There isn't any left.

The San Francisco area long was noted for wet fog, mists, a good place to be in the umbrella business. But the area hasn't had much more than a teacup of rain in who-remembers-when.

You will recall the unusual amount of snow in Buffalo, and when snow gets unusual in Buffalo, meteorology has gone to pot.

When I got to Kansas last spring, I was told there'd be almost no rain in the summer, from June on.

All June, it rained by the barrels. Wheat fields were awash, harvesters mired. Rivers, usually half-dry streams, blew up like balloons with more water than the banks could hold.

There was nothing usual about it.

In late June, New York's asphalt became putty in 104-in-the-shade, Phoenix minus cactus.

The other day I was visiting Hilton Head Island, S. C., covered in Spanish moss, sheltered by live oaks and pines.

You have mild winters, I said to my friend, Ben Banks.

Used to, he said. You wouldn't have thought so last winter, he said. There were days in the 20s.

When we lived in Santa Barbara, Calif., our neighbors kept telling us what weather we could expect each month. The weather was never the way they said it would be. There was something unusual about it every month.

I've been pondering what might have happened. It could be nature's way of saying that we must learn to expect the unexpected, that the ordinary has become extraordinary.

I think it might be simpler than that. For as long as we can remember, we have entrusted our weather to the U.S. Weather Bureau.

Government interference in our showers, breezes, and deliciously mild nights simply hasn't worked. We couldn't possibly do worse with free enterprise weather.

Suitable case for treatment

● I WAS glad to see the British Medical Association call for a ban on advertisements and sports promotion which encourage "the excessive consumption of alcohol."

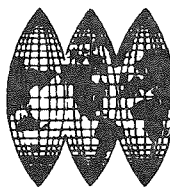
I am sending a copy of the resolution to the board of E. R. Squibb and Sons Ltd, a drug company in Hounslow, which recently circularised all Britain's 22,000 doctors with a survey on Squibb's new hypertensive drug.

To encourage the doctors (almost all of whom are B.M.A. members), Squibb are putting all the answers into a grand raffle.

The prizes? "Three cases of wine."

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AMERICA has been different from any other nation on earth. Here is why. The men who cut the pattern for Americans a century and three-quarters ago, held a deep conviction that men—all men—are born with qualities that give them an unique status. The simple fact of man's being born a human being, they felt, marks him as the most important thing God ever created—and entitles him to a certain dignity and to self-respect. They believed that in this sense men are born equal and are endowed with certain God-given, not man-given, rights—each being free to live, to be free, to build his life without the handicap of any interference that can be avoided.

These profound thinkers designed our government on the basis of this conviction, as a new kind of government that would be operated by the people themselves. Jefferson said that this was to be a great experiment which would determine for all time whether or not "men may be trusted to govern themselves without a master." He predicted future happiness for Americans "if we can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."

In the lively decades following 1776, Americans became a great and virile people—self-reliant and free. Most historians of an earlier day believed that we had demonstrated for all the world to see the truth of Jefferson's theory that men are able to govern themselves. Many are not now so sure. Something seems to have happened to America—and to Americans.

Especially during the depression and World War II we gave up much of our freedom—"temporarily." Since then we have discovered that freedoms relinquished "temporarily" are hard to get back. Emergency "regulations" have led to "planning" and now the government—which according to our rules is supposed to be the servant of the people—is pretty much taking over the running of our lives. This "planning" appears to be changing only the character of our government but the character of our people. Millions now seem willing to give up their independence for the promise that the government will take care of them.

The great cause for alarm is not that the "planners" want to plan our lives but that we are allowing them to do so. And the most tragic aspect of it all is that so many of us, who should be more far-seeing, are helping them, by scurrying to Washington every time our own "security" in the form of special favors is endangered, every time we ourselves want some "planning"—subsidy—from the government.

This country was not built by men who relied on somebody else to take care of them. It was built by men who relied on themselves, who dared to shape their own lives, who had enough courage to blaze new trails—enough confidence in themselves to take the necessary risks.

This self-reliance is our American legacy. It is the secret of "that something" which stamped Americans as

● THERE are still people who say there is one law for employers, another for workers. One man who says it very angrily is Mr. Peter Fowler, 44, of Morecambe, Lancs.

Mr. Fowler worked with distinction as a steel-fixer at Heysham Power Station in 1981 and 1982.

In July 1982 he had a row with some workmates in a pub. On the way home, he was attacked with a beer glass. His face needed 40 stitches. The man who attacked him was sent to prison for 18 months, and sacked.

Mr. Fowler was rather shocked when he was sacked too. He took his firm, Kierhurst Ltd., whose managing director was Mr. Charles Fergus, to an industrial tribunal.

The tribunal unanimously found he had been unfairly dismissed, and awarded him £7,151, mostly in lost wages.

Refused

Kierhurst appealed. The Employment Appeals Tribunal unanimously rejected the appeal and found for Mr. Fowler.

Kierhurst twice sought leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal. Twice, they were refused.

Americans. Some call it individual initiative; others backbone. But whatever it is called, it is a precious ingredient in our national character—one which we must not lose.

The time has come for us to reestablish the rights for which we stand—to reassert our inalienable rights to human dignity, self-respect, self-reliance—to be again the kind of people who once made America great.

Such a crusade for renewed independence will require a succession of inspired leaders—leaders in spirit and in knowledge of the problem, not just men with political power who are opposed to communism, or to diluted communism, but men who are militantly for the distinctive way of life that was America. We are likely to find such leaders only among those persons who teach self-reliance and who practice it with the strict devotion of belief and understanding.

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May, 1951

The pastor of the North Platte Baptist Church in Nebraska doesn't have to pay \$19,000 for operating an unapproved Christian school. But he will still have to face contempt of court charges.

In 1983, a Lincoln county judge ruled that the pastor and the church would have to pay a \$200 fine each day that North Platte Christian school was opened.

The county attorney tried to collect the \$19,000 fine accumulated by Pastor Robert Gelsthorpe. Meanwhile, the Nebraska Supreme Court ruled that the pastor would not have to pay such a fine but he would have to be charged with contempt of court for opening the school.

Kierhurst were represented by Queens Counsel, junior counsel and solicitors. Mr. Fowler represented himself. The legal process finally ran out in February. Mr. Fowler had won.

But he still hasn't got his money.

In April, Mr. Fergus put Kierhurst in the hands of receivers, Fernando and Co., London accountants. Mr. Bhavan, a partner there, says he doubts Mr. Fowler will get anything.

Mr. Charles Fergus runs another company, Fergus and Haynes, and employs about 600 people. He agrees he is a "man of substance."

Why did his company not pay Mr. Fowler as the courts ordered him to?

"I dismissed him because I thought he was a danger to the other workers," he replied.

Had that not been argued in the courts, and hadn't he lost? "Yes, on a legal technicality," he agreed.

The case, he told me, cost him over £10,000.

The lawyers have all been paid.

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Taxpayers subsidize Western logging indust

If South Carolina citizens and leaders wanted to boost the economy of South Carolina, especially the forestry/paper products industry, what could they do? Why not work to reduce unfair, government-subsidized competition?

In the Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon, and northern California), tremendous volumes of huge, old-growth Douglas fir trees are being logged off publicly owned (Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management) land. The roads, which are essential to these logging operations, are paid for by you and me through the Forest Service and BLM road-building budgets. So the federal government provides the huge trees and excellent roads so logging companies can reap profits on their low-priced timber production.

Contrast that situation with the forest products picture in South Carolina. Here most of the land is privately owned and has previously been logged and farmed. In addition, the logging companies or land owners in South Carolina pay for their own roads!

We should all fight the federal government's subsidy of Western logging interests.

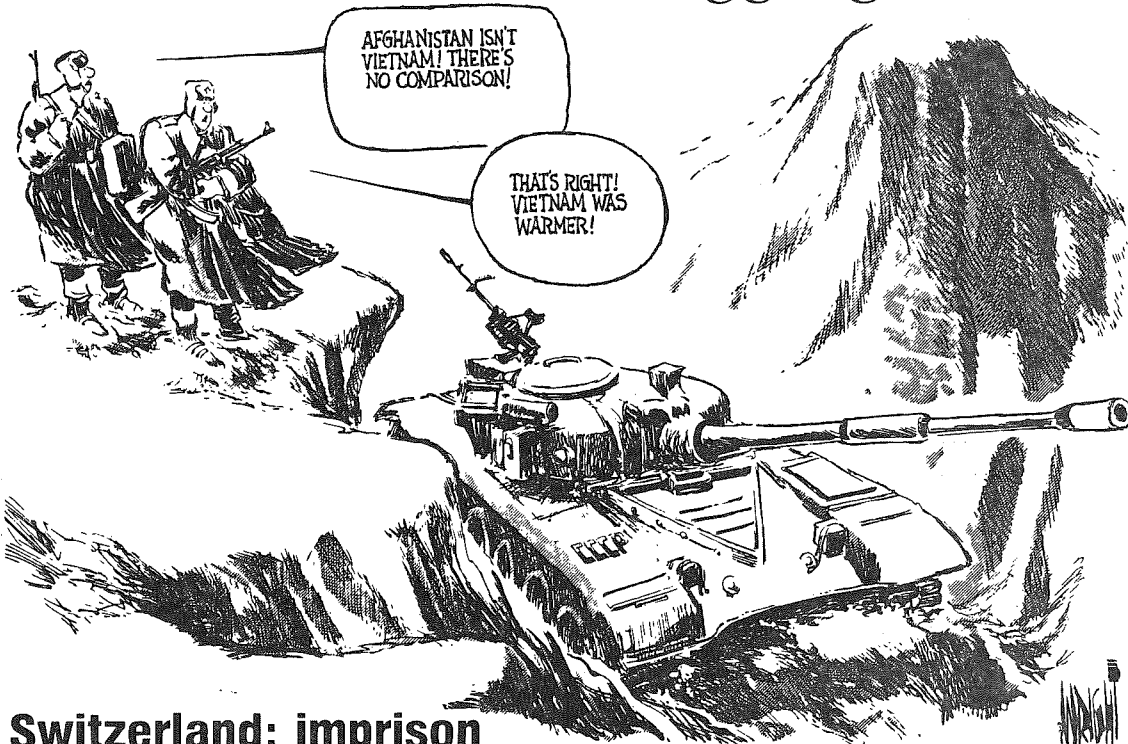
JOSEPH S. LYLES

Influence Americans

Government Propaganda

The Federal Government is taxing and spending at least \$2.5 billion annually to influence the way American people think. A survey conducted by *U.S. News & World Report* turned up thousands of government information specialists in 47 federal agencies and commissions earning a total of \$109 million, a sum they said is "only a fraction of the actual payroll" for propaganda. In fact, "nobody knows how many people are engaged in 'trumpeting the works of government.' Official estimates are about 20,000." Every audit and effort to determine the actual number has fizzled, the survey said, "because the publicity network is so widespread and the identities and activities of many of those involved are disguised by vague titles."

The survey noted: "Uncle Sam is one of the nation's top 20 advertisers, with outlays rivaling those of such business giants as Coca-Cola and Procter & Gamble."



Switzerland: imprison conscientious objection

Three hundred and twenty-two people who had refused to serve in the Swiss armed forces on religious, moral or political grounds were sentenced to imprisonment by military tribunals in 1985.

There is no right to conscientious objection under Swiss law. Nor is there provision for an alternative civilian service. Refusal to perform military service, on whatever grounds, is a penal offence, punishable by up to three years' imprisonment.

In practice, however, sentences rarely exceed 12 months. Sentences of up to six months' *arrêts répressifs* (where prescribed work may be performed outside the place of detention during the day) may be passed if tribunals recognize an individual's "severe conflict of conscience" on religious or moral grounds.

Bruno Devoucoux, a 28-year-old apprentice baker from Geneva, is currently serving a seven-month sentence in Bellechasse prison. When called up he initially applied for unarmed military service but this request and his subsequent appeal were rejected. He refused to attend a second appeal hearing. In a letter to the military authorities he explained that because of his Christian, moral and pacifist beliefs he now refused to perform all forms of military service

but indicated his willingness to do alternative civilian service.

As evidence of these beliefs he told the military tribunal hearing his case on 15 February 1985 of his voluntary work in a home for the aged, in civilian work camps, as a leader in children's and youth camps and as an international rescue worker in disaster areas. He also told them that he sent a large proportion of his income to help support his wife's family in Chile.

The court ruled that he had presented insufficient evidence to prove "a severe conflict of conscience". It cited his participation in civilian service work camps as evidence for believing that his reasons for refusal were more political than moral. The sentence of nine months' imprisonment was reduced to seven by an appeals tribunal at Rolle on 10 December 1985. This tribunal recognized his religious and moral convictions but was not convinced of his "severe conflict of conscience". AI adopted Bruno Devoucoux as a prisoner of conscience when he entered prison on 29 January 1986. □

Ireland cracks down on ugly spud

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — Ireland, the land of the potato, will soon begin fining stores that sell ugly spuds, those that are cracked, bruised or cut.

It's all part of a drive to counter an intrusion of imported — and presumably inferior — potatoes.

Horticulture Minister Seamus Kirk issued an order yesterday saying: "There is no reason why Irish housewives should have to put up with bad potatoes. Only the best will do from now on."

He said government food inspectors would increase surveillance and be empowered to fine shops selling substandard potatoes.

One-third of potatoes on the Irish market are imported, despite Ireland's traditional reputation for mass production of the vegetable. Special promotions are planned early next year to give the Irish potato industry a boost.

The Federal Government has so many welfare and subsidy programs it cannot even count them all!

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N.J. called police state

Editor, The Record:

Malcolm Forbes can surely afford a \$1,500 fine should his hot-air balloon make an inadvertent landing on a farmer's north 40 (The Record, Aug. 16). Yet maybe he sees a principle here. If there's no damage to crops or machinery and the cows are not unduly frightened, why is this a crime against the state? And if there is damage, why not let the balloonist simply recompense the farmer directly?

Some might see in this, however, the continuation of a disturbing trend. New Jersey was among the first to get tough with drunken drivers. Toughness and counseling were needed, to be sure, but the mandatory punishment — heavy fines and surcharges — is ruinous to low-income families, and license suspension can end the career of a car-dependent worker.

Then came sue-the-host laws. And seat-belt laws, with New Jersey leading the pack to create still another victimless crime. In times of water shortage, the state's first response is to threaten homeowners with fines, rather than ask for their cooperation. Even taking out your garbage can subject you to a fine in some communities. The recent crackdowns on kids caught with even one joint vastly expand the net over peaceful people who have reason to fear the police.

So now it's the balloonists' turn. Do they wonder who are these legislators in Trenton who see fines and punishment as the first answer to any problem? Do they sense that The Garden State is turning into a police state?

RAYMOND YOUNG



TELLING IT LIKE IT IS

Susan Sontag:

(Liberal intellectual author and literary critic):

"Not only is fascism (and overt military rule) the probable destiny of all communist societies — especially when their populations are moved to revolt — but communism is itself a variant, the most successful variant of fascism."

Professor A. James Gregor:

(Author of *The Fascist Persuasion in Radical Politics*, Princeton University Press, 1974:) "Fascist and communist regimes are subspecies of one and the same species . . . In substance, whatever distinctions there are between 'fascist' and 'communist' movements in terms of ideological commitments — they are singularly superficial."

Hitler and Stalin demonstrated the left-wing moral equivalence to perfection. Following their infamous Friendship Pact of 1939-41 (which had been preceded by several years of secret Soviet-Nazi collaboration) these two socialist brutes finally came to blows not because they were different but because they were the same. They eventually fought to the death for the same reason: mad dogs or mafia bosses do — for power . . . for total control."

Seweryn Bialer

(Columbia University professor of Russian Studies and an emigré from Poland):

"I came to realize that the system there in the U.S.S.R. involved all of the things I had fought against in Nazism. And I made my decision on this basis to leave that system at the first opportunity."

The major design faults that put a plant in peril

A BRITISH power station was built with a major design fault which threatened its stability in light winds—and no one noticed.

The design error is exposed to me this week by Mr Danny Powell, a qualified structural engineer, who worked in the power station at the time.

He says he is speaking out "to counter all the rhetoric after Chernobyl that power station design in this country is always excellent."

Mr Powell's firm at the time — Bradshaw Buckton and Tonge — was called into Skelton Grange B coal-fired power station near Leeds in 1972.

"All sorts of things were going wrong," he says. "Pipes were fracturing, even steel beams were buckling."

"To our amazement we found there was no diagonal bracing to stop the building from swaying. It was a flimsy structure which technically wasn't safe in winds of over fifteen miles an hour."

A spokeswoman told me: "It was an error which went unnoticed at the design stage by everyone including the Board, the engineers, and the contractors."

She said that the CEBG put the mistake right as soon as possible. Danny Powell says this took two years, and cost at least a million pounds.

The entire cost was met by the CEBG. The fault was not made public.

DAILY MIRROR.

Ripe for a tax revolution

DEAR EDITOR:

History is repeating itself before our very eyes. Do our legislators, state and federal, realize that excessive taxation was one reason why early settlers in America decided to declare independence from England? Remember the Tea Act, the Sugar Act, the Stamp Act?

Now our legislators in New Jersey, a "blue-ribbon" subcommittee on tax and revenue policies (Star-Leger, Sept. 29), are considering extending the 6 percent sales tax to include some food, professional services, drugs, medical supplies, utilities (which are already taxed) and printed material (the Stamp Act).

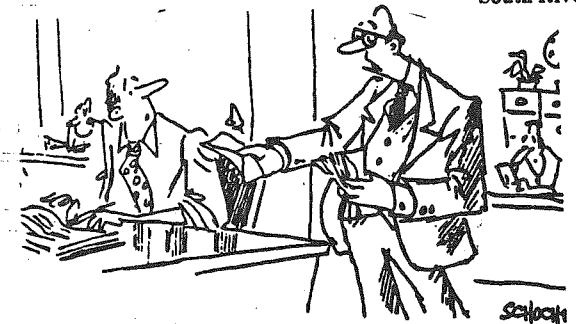
So fellow taxpayers, it will not only cost you for a Band-Aid or a cold tablet, but 6 percent extra, and possibly an added tax for the professional who prescribes it or dispenses it.

Yes, the rate would possibly be reduced to 2.7 percent tax, but all in all, it will still be a hardship on the taxpayers who use these goods and services, especially medical services.

Perhaps the state and federal governments could find ways to cut their own spending and live on a budget like the average middle-class family does just in order to exist.

Is revolution around the corner?

Catherine M. Nugent,
South River



"It's finally happened, Hosgood, your withholdings exceed your salary . . . here's your bill!"

It's good to know the government can protect us from such danger

By Alix M. Freedman

Staff Reporter of The Wall Street Journal

When is a naked woman not "in the best interest of the wine industry?"

When she's amply endowed.

That, anyway, appears to be the verdict of the U.S. government's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and it's causing a problem for Italy's Collio wines.

The controversy began last year when the bureau said bottles of Collio bearing the winery's standard label, with a drawing of a bosomy nude woman, couldn't be sold in the U.S. The agency says it has authority to censor labels that are in "questionable taste" — though it is willing to make exceptions if a reproduction is a "masterpiece."

Clear difference

"The breasts on this label were upthrust and very evident," says Dot Koester, a spokeswoman for the bureau. "If the picture had been a masterpiece, then it would have been allowed, but it wasn't, so it's obscene."

As it happens, Collio used a design by Erte, a renowned artist. So what constitutes a masterpiece in the eyes of the bureau? "We're talking Michelangelo," says Ms. Koester.

Romano Chietti, president of Collio's importer, Siena Imports in San Francisco, took a different view of the label. "To me the drawing looked like a Greek goddess," he says. "Mama mia! America is prudish."

Collio appealed for help to the Italian Embassy in Washington, but diplomatic efforts flopped. The company says the label has never provoked any scandal in Europe, where it has sold the wine for many years; this was its first foray into the U.S.

Rather than see his wine go down the drain, Mr. Chietti took some artistic license. With brushes and gold-leaf paint, he spent three weeks clothing the naked female on 4,000 bottles. She now sports what he proudly describes as a "low-cut, modern swimming costume." In May, after sending an inspector to Mr. Chietti's warehouse to verify the cover-up, the bureau approved his handiwork.

Man at beach?

But Mr. Chietti doesn't plan to repeat the process. Next spring, a fresh batch of Collio wines will hit these shores, and the bottles will bear new labels suggested by Mr. Chietti. It's Erte's naked woman — but without breasts.

The alcohol agency already has approved these labels. "There is nothing basically objectionable about being perfectly flat-chested," Ms. Koester says. "The label is like seeing a man at the beach."

ELECTION NEWS will be in the next issue; this is going to the printer now.



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Milwaukee Sentinel humor columnist ALEX THIEN poses the following puzzle we share: "The struggle to clean up the mess over the government's new tax-simplification package is going full speed at the INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE. For example, Dr. BOB CADMUS tells us that when you order IRS forms, some come via UNITED PARCEL SERVICE, which could be an indication the IRS knows something about the postal service that we don't. Anyway, on page 11 of IRS Publication 575, Program and Annuity Income, Cadmus found this statement: *If, in Example 1, you had instead died after the eighth year of retirement, you would have recovered tax free only \$9,600 of your investment. A deduction for the unrecovered investment of \$2,400 may be taken on your final return.* That does seem perfectly clear," Cadmus says, "but the glitch is they don't say what return address the deceased should use."

Congress continues to pile up dumb-headed, expensive, onerous laws on both private citizens and the executive branch. For example, the Equal Employment Act, Freedom of Information Act, and all kinds of health and safety regulations give government agencies the power to go on fishing expeditions looking for the new sins Congress has created.

However, Congress hypocritically exempts itself from the requirements of these acts. One of Free the Eagle's battles is to pressure President Reagan to announce that he will sign no law which Congress refuses to apply to itself.

SUPPORT THE LIBERTY AMENDMENT REPEAL THE INCOME TAX

Netherlands

The darling of the world's anti-risk establishment, the Netherlands has agreed to bend to public pressure and raise the speed limit from 100kph to 120kph (62mph to 74mph) effective this May. Meanwhile a grass roots effort is building in Sweden to raise the limit in that country to 140kph.

Connecticut

In its stalwart defense of the 55mph speed limit Connecticut is stocking up on Buick Grand Nationals. The result so far in 1988 is a 26% increase in fatalities over the same period in 1987.

POPE'S POSITION?

Martyred Pastor EVERETT SILEVEN says to keep an eye on a committee set up by the Vatican to do a position paper on tax protest as a moral issue. "It could be a plus for the movement."

EX-CHIEF IRSTAPO

MORTIMER CAPLIN, IRS Fuehrer during the Kennedy Administration, has petitioned Tax Court to protest an alleged deficiency of \$228,710 for 1980, according to *Newhouse News Service*.



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NOW IN THE USSR

Russian psychic Nina Kulagina recently won a libel action against a Soviet magazine purported to have 10 million readers.

The magazine *Man and Law* is published by the Soviet Justice Ministry. It described Mrs. Kulagina as "a swindler and a crook" and stated, "The demonstration of her alleged abilities was designed to 'mislead credulous people.'"

The Moscow court ordered *Man and Law* to publish an apology to Mrs. Kulagina.

So here we have the materialistic society of the USSR defending the rights of an alleged psychic while the self-appointed CSICOP guardians of American rights-to-believe are scouring the law books for a way to limit them.

The testimony in the Soviet court is interesting. *Soviet Weekly* which reported the trial stated: "Of course, anyone has the right to doubt whether the extraordinary phenomenon of ESP actually exists and passions often run high on the subject."

"But the issue was one of ensuring that journalists produce proof to back allegations that question an individual's honor and dignity."



Communication

Dear Sir:

From careful observance, it would seem that the media does not want the public to be informed that there is actually a third candidate for the presidency of the United States. He is Dr. Ron Paul, a man of 8 years experience in the U. S. Congress, and a true Jeffersonian. If anyone is concerned about the abilities of either Bush or Dukakis to be president, let him not feel he has to vote for "the lesser of two

evils" since that, of course, would still be evil.

If the League of Women Voters would invite Dr. Ron Paul, Libertarian, to debate with Bush and Dukakis, we could have a real choice and a real surprise. There could even be hope for the return of morality to politics! Encourage the L.W.V. to invite the Libertarians to participate. We now can really use a third party!

Thank You,
Helen Hartmann
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CHALCEDON**P. O. Box 158****Vallecito, CA 95251****HEROES**By Samuel L. Blumenfeld **U. S. A.**

It is regrettable that our media continue to make heroes of criminal leaders like Mikhail Gorbachev but ignore men like Armando Valladares, the Christian Cuban who spent 22 years in Castro's prisons, suffering torture and degradation for the crime of being philosophically opposed to communism. Imprisoned at the age of 23, he saw the communist hell as it really is — a system designed to destroy the human spirit. In 1982 Valladares was finally released as the result of an international campaign of protest. Once free, he decided to put down on paper all that he and his fellow prisoners had suffered at the hands of the communists. The book, *Against All Hope*, was published in 1986 and is, by far, the most eloquent, devastating testimony of a prisoner of communism ever written. The dedication reads: "To the memory of my companions tortured and murdered in Fidel Castro's jails, and to the thousands of prisoners still suffering in them."

Even when the Cuban prisoners in American jails rebelled, no one cited Valladares's book to explain why these Cubans preferred to die in American jails than live in Castro's prisons.

They say that there are no heroes anymore. There are, but most of them have vanished in the black night of 20th century statism. Fortunately, a few have survived: Vladimir Bukovsky, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, Armando Valladares. These are the men our youngsters should be reading about in school — men of courage, conviction, and honor. ■

Unjust taxation policies are always the symptom of a dying nation that rejects God's sovereignty. Nations that embrace Hegel's idea of a divinized state inevitably construct a system of taxation to expand its powers and to subjugate its citizens. Such is the case presently in the United States despite all the rhetoric about tax reform and simplification.

Taxes presently consume nearly 50 percent of total personal income in the U.S., 30 percent of the G.N.P. and approximately 35 percent of the average American's income. The slave status of the modern American becomes apparent when one reflects that the ancient Egyptian tyranny required only 20 percent from its subjects, the Middle Ages serf rendered about 25 percent to his feudal lord, and the Viet Cong demanded 30 percent from the Vietnamese peasants. Even the pre-Civil War black slave only had to shell out 10 percent of his production to the plantation owner. Statist enslavement is God's judgment on a people when they reject God and His commandments. The American people, having rejected the tithe, give about 3 percent to their churches, and are now liable to a 400 percent increase in their system of taxation. If people want Caesar to be lord, God grants them their hearts' desire, with all the pernicious consequences.

Those working for restoration, unfortunately, are not exempted from this tax tyranny and the responsibility to obey God in the tithe offerings. This is a particular hardship for believers, but obedience to God oftentimes requires great discipline and sacrifice, especially in periods of judgment such as our own.

The third economic dilemma the workers faced was the *bondage of indebtedness*. Indebtedness was precipitated by the famine, the persecution, and the king's tax. The collateral they had to offer was their property and the bond service of their children. Because they couldn't eat walls, their dire circumstances forced them into the role where "the borrower becomes the lender's slave" (*Proverbs 22:7*).

Debt similarly is a crisis today, yet with one notable difference. Whereas Nehemiah's associates were forced into it to survive, we embrace it as a desirable

lifestyle. Mortgage debt is encouraged by our tax code by granting us a deduction, and consumer debt is heralded as a patriotic act in that it purportedly spurs our economy. Ted Turner acclaims his companies' \$2 billion debt as a badge of honor: "I'm proud of it; it's bigger than the budgets of some third world countries and today it's not how much you earn, but how much you owe."

Consumer debt for everything from VCRs to BMWs has tripled from 1976 to 1986 to over \$600 billion. Add the outstanding mortgage debt to that, and you're at \$2.1 trillion, which accounts for one dollar out of every four from the average after-tax paycheck. So much for "owe no man anything." The borrowing frenzy has done wonders for the printers of plastic money cards. There are over 630 million credit cards in the United States, with nearly six in each consumer's wallet. Plastic money accounts for over \$150 billion in debt, and credit balances are skyrocketing: from 1984 thru 1986, the credit balance of the nearly 100 million American Master Cards has risen over 300 percent from \$9 billion to \$28 billion. How telling is Master Card's commercial jingle: "So wordily, so welcome."

The latest debt fad is the "Home Equity Loan" which tallies another \$200 billion in second mortgage debt. This hot phenomena was amplified by the 1985 Tax Reform Act which eradicated all other interest deductions but that which you can borrow on your home. The unfortunate effect is that, like those in Nehemiah's day, many will lose not only their equity (which is a rare commodity in our culture of debt) but also the property itself, if perchance they cannot service their payments. Mark Twain aptly diagnosed our cultural infatuation with debt: "Beautiful credit. The foundation of modern society."

The veneration of debt is a logical expression of the contemporary *zeitgeist* of existentialism. Debt enables one to experience more of the present than one's resources may justify. Because modern man lives only for the present, debt enables him to break into the future and gamble with unknown resources. Possibly he will pay back the debt with a depreciated currency; possibly his future capital position will be stronger; possibly he might not be alive to face the future, or . . . possibly none of the above, and he may lose everything he has.

The prescription to the present and future economic oppression is obedience to God's economic commands. They include diligent labor, tithing, saving, budgeting, avoiding debt, strengthening the family, and working to limit the size of civil government.

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Pope: Religious Freedom is Basic

Pope John Paul II has called for religious tolerance and the acceptance of religious freedom as a fundamental right. The pontiff stated, "Religious freedom, an essential requirement of the dignity of every person, is a cornerstone of the structure of human rights." (ODNS)

Bennett Says Textbooks Ignore Persecution in USSR

U.S. Secretary of Education William Bennett told participants of a Washington forum that he believes history textbooks currently in use throughout the United States are biased in reporting the "impact of religion or its suppression," particularly in light of recent Soviet history. Currently missing from school reading is the destruction of religious faiths and the imposition of an atheist state in the Soviet Union and the Eastern bloc, Bennett said. (NNI)

ANOTHER COLLECTIONS WRINKLE

In New Jersey, a war tax resister reported that her Homestead Rebate check was reduced by the amount she refused to pay on her income tax. A call to the N.J. division of taxation confirmed that this is now routine procedure.

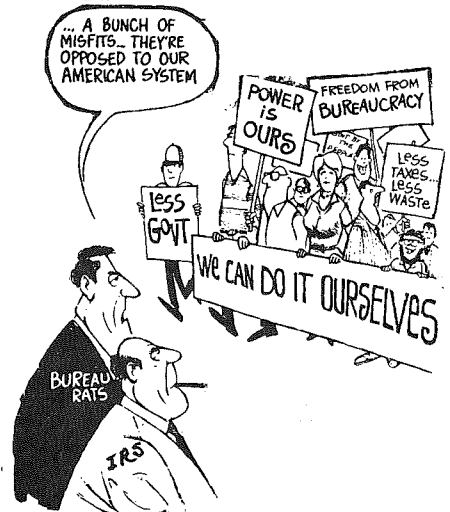
Libertarians to offer 11 candidates

The S.C. Libertarian Party this fall will field nine candidates for the state House and Senate and two for Congress.

The party nominated seven more candidates for the Legislature when it reconvened its state convention this month. Two congressional candidates already had been named in April — Geb Sommer of Lexington for the 2nd District and John B. Heaton of Aiken for the 3rd District.

The Rev. Ben Stanley of Johns Island will run for state Senate District 44. Libertarians seeking House seats are Mark Johnson of Peake, District 71; William Griffin of South Congaree, District 88; Gil Atkins of Gaston, District 93; Jim Wilson of Myrtle Beach, District 107; William F. Morea of Charleston, District 114; Phil Borden of Folly Beach, District 115; Tony Anderson of Johns Island, District 116; and Tom Limehouse of Charleston, District 119.

Dr. David Morris of West Columbia, chairman of the Libertarian convention, said Limehouse is a distant relative of Rep. Tom Limehouse, R-Dorchester.

**Stolen license plate racks up \$9,299 bill for innocent senior**

A SENIOR CITIZEN whose license plate was stolen had to enlist the help of a state senator to clear her name after she was falsely charged with a staggering \$9,299 in parking tickets.

Helga Huitt, who is 83-years-old, lives in New York City, but had the plate stolen when she was visiting up state in Albany a couple of years ago.

She reported the theft promptly to the proper authorities, but she kept receiving notices from the New York City Parking Violations Bureau about the unpaid tickets — a whopping 169 in all.

Default judgment

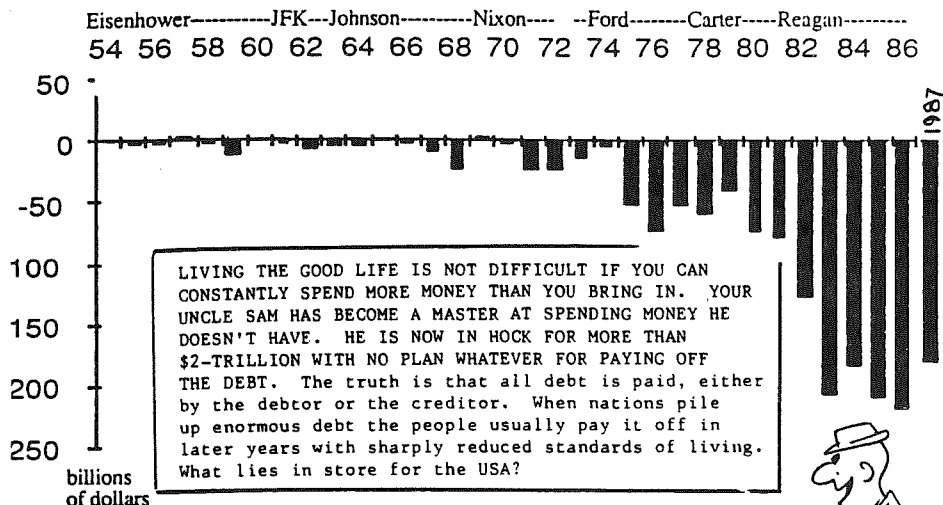
She tried to explain, but the delinquent notices kept coming, and a default judgment was finally issued against her. Authorities warned Helga that her property and bank accounts could be seized if she didn't pay up the \$9,299 they felt she owed which included interest and penalty payments.

Finally, with the help of state Sen. Mary Goodhue Helga received a letter from the parking bureau relieving her of responsibility for the tickets and saying she didn't owe New York City one red cent.

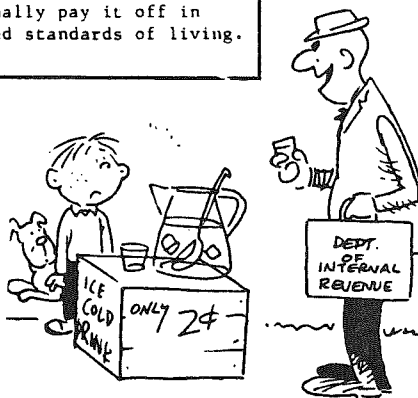
Florence Co. L. P. made a banner for the state fair booth saying "WELCOME, RON PAUL!" in blue on white sign paper, 3 X 8 feet.

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Dear Editor,

The more tax money we spend on education the worse it gets. There is no evidence that the proliferation of education professionals, unions, journals, graduate degrees, conferences, books, and the theories over the past few decades has had any beneficial effect on the education of our youth. In fact, the opposite is true. Literacy has declined in recent decades. This is largely due to the perverse financial incentives in the public school system.

At the present time public schools are rewarded for doing a lousy job. If they actually taught students to read, write and do arithmetic, they could not pretend to need more money. Every time a report comes out that mentions the poor quality of public education public school officials say "We need a lot more money to do the job."

If a private school does a poor job of educating its students, parents will send their children elsewhere and the school will lose money. Any private school that wants to receive money must offer a decent education to its students. By contrast, the only thing public schools have to do in order to get more money is to complain, lobby, and ask the government to take more money from the taxpayers. As long as tax money keeps coming public schools will not get much better.

If we want schools that really teach our children useful skills, we have to reward schools that do a good job. One way to do this is to have tuition tax credits, which would allow parents to send their children to better schools without having to pay twice (tuition and taxes) for the education of their children. Another option would be to give cash vouchers to parents that could be used to partially pay tuition at the school of their choice. Whatever option one considers the goal is to decrease the role of government in the education of our children.

Many advocates of public schools claim that poor persons will suffer if government funds are cut, but the opposite is true! Public schools in low-income areas of large cities are among the worst. By contrast, many private schools are providing a good education to children from low-income families, and they are doing it with less money than the public schools spend. Two of the most notable are Marva Collins' Westside Preparatory School in Chicago and the Marcus Garvey School in Los Angeles, both of which cater to children of low-income families. These successes have been discussed in print and on TV but most politicians and school board officials don't seem interested.

Third graders at the Westside Preparatory School are taught by non-licensed teachers and yet they actually score higher in math and reading than sixth graders in the public schools! They do this without one cent of government money. The free market can work wonders if the government will just get out of the way!

Sincerely,

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SIX BULLETS IN HEAD, VICTIM DECLARED FIT

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The only bullet visible is on the back of Sexton's neck. It might be removed later for cosmetic purposes or ballistics tests. There are no plans to remove the other slugs. The only drawback, Dr. Cary claimed, was that Sexton may have a problem going through the metal detectors at the airport.

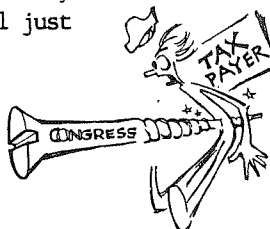
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Ron Paul In Congress: "A Stubborn Idealist"

By Bill Winter

How far will principle get you in American politics? In the case of Ron Paul, he hopes that it will take him all the way to the White House.

Ron Paul—whose friends call him a "stubborn idealist"—was elected to Congress in 1976 (as a Republican from the Houston, Texas area) by the razor-thin margin of just 8,500 votes. However, once in the House of Representatives, Dr. Paul quickly put miles between himself and his fellow Congressmen, and forged one of the most remarkable and consistent pro-freedom voting records of the 20th-century.

He also won awards as a friend of the taxpayer, baffled his fellow politicians, outraged the IRS, angered big business, voted against federal subsidies for his own district—and, most amazing, managed to get elected again three more times. For anyone curious about Ron Paul's presidential campaign, a look at his record in Congress from 1976 to 1984 provides a fascinating glimpse at what kind of president this former Air Force flight surgeon would make.

Running On Principle

Actually, Ron Paul never seriously expected to get elected to Congress. "When I told my wife that I was going to run for Congress, she said, 'That would be a very dangerous thing because you might get elected,'" he recalled. "I said that that would not be the case because I was going to run on principle."

But Paul's election catapulted him into Congress and gave him an opportunity to put his principles into practice. He quickly staked out his positions on a number of controversial issues, and made a name for himself as a tough foe of government privilege, a friend of the taxpayer, an enemy of communists, and a supporter of a sound money policy. With his principles as a guiding beacon, Paul didn't hesitate to take on anyone—no matter how powerful.

In 1979, for instance, in a newsletter to his constituents, Paul ran a picture of his compact Chevrolet parked next to the huge gas-guzzling Lincoln owned by the Speaker of the House, Democrat Tip O'Neil. The caption called attention to the energy crisis and noted that O'Neil bought his gas for 67 cents a gallon at government pumps.

O'Neil was not amused. Shortly after the picture was circulated in the press, a \$1 million federal appropriation for a harbor expansion program in Paul's district was quietly dropped from a spending bill being considered by a joint House-Senate committee.

While most politicians would have been furious, Paul wasn't even fazed. As a matter of fact, he had planned to vote against the bill, just as he had voted against every federal program that would have benefited his home district. Needless to say, this completely mystified his colleagues, who jostled each other in

their rush to grab "pork-barrel" federal money for their home states. Paul was different. "How are you going to show that you are serious about cutting spending without cutting your own [district's] program?" he asked. As one writer noted later: "No one could believe his ears."

Paul also annoyed his fellow Congressmen by suggesting that budget cutting should start at the top. One newspaper wrote, tongue in cheek, Paul "endeared himself to his colleagues" by calling for a freeze in Congressional salaries, and a mandatory pay cut every time the cost of living went up. Obviously, these Washington insiders were not used to such talk.

Excess Spending

They shouldn't have been surprised. Paul consistently claimed that excess government taxes and spending were the prime cause of American economic problems, and that only by slashing federal spending could the country get back on track. Further, he consistently voted in line with that belief.

In 1982, he voted for the proposed Constitutional Amendment that would require Congress to balance the budget every year. But Paul went even further than that. He also sponsored the proposed "Liberty Amendment," which would abolish the personal income tax by repealing the 16th Amendment. (It did not pass.)

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Will the Statist paper break a long-time journalism record? It came close in February with a 3 line report of Ron Paul speaking at USC. The record is 2 lines, set by Charles A. Dana, editor of The Sun of NYC, with an obituary he left for himself. See what happens when Ron Paul comes to SC Fair!

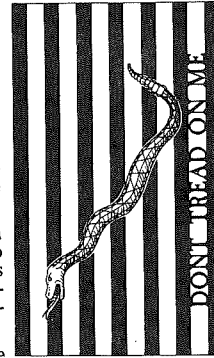
According to a 1979-1985 study by the National Crime Survey, when a robbery victim does not defend himself or herself the robbery succeeds 88 percent of the time, and the victim is injured 25 percent of the time. When a victim resists with a gun, the robbery success falls to 30 percent and the victim injury rate falls to 17 percent. It is clearly an advantage to be able to defend yourself if necessary so why make it more difficult for a law-abiding citizen to obtain the means to do so?

Some may not personally want to own a firearm; that is their choice. But let us not do away with the right to choose. Do what makes sense—punish those who refuse to live by society's rules but do not punish those who have no intention of breaking any laws.

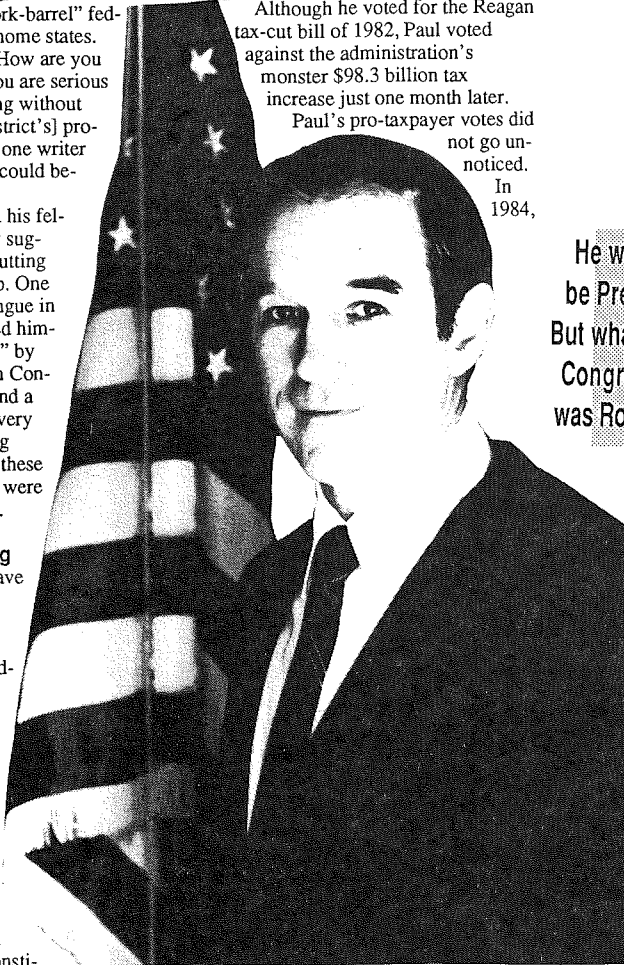
R.B. Reeves, Florence

Although he voted for the Reagan tax-cut bill of 1982, Paul voted against the administration's monster \$98.3 billion tax increase just one month later.

Paul's pro-taxpayer votes did not go unnoticed. In 1984,



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He wants to be President. But what kind of Congressman was Ron Paul?

Golden Triumph

Perhaps Paul's greatest success in Congress was the American Gold

Eagle bullion coin program. The Gold Commission Paul served on rejected a return to the gold standard, but did recommend (at Paul's strong urging) the resumption of government gold-coin mintage. In 1986, two years after Paul left Congress, Americans were finally able to buy United States gold bullion coins.

Freedom Votes

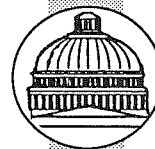
In other areas, Paul consistently voted against government intrusion in Americans' personal or economic lives. He voted against the Chrysler Corporation bail-out (1979), against federal job-creation schemes, against the establishment of a Department of Education (1979), and against federal regulation of energy (1980).

Quits Republican Party

But, eventually, Ron Paul had enough. Although he had originally supported Ronald Reagan, he finally grew disenchanted with the disastrous economic policies the president endorsed. Three years after he left Congress, Paul forcefully resigned from the Republican Party, writing: "I want to totally disassociate myself from the policies that have given us unprecedented deficits, massive monetary inflation, indiscriminate military spending, an irrational and unconstitutional foreign policy, zooming foreign aid, and the attack on our personal liberties and privacy."

In 1987, Ron Paul completed his unconventional political journey when he accepted the nomination of the Libertarian Party to be its Presidential candidate. As with his Congressional campaign, he doesn't expect to actually win, but says he will run on principle. With a "stubborn idealist" like Ron Paul, that is one thing you can always count on.

Even this late, the Ron Paul campaign can use money, as well as your votes. Send to Ron Paul, 1120 NASA Blvd. # 104, Houston, TX 77058.



Ron Paul's pro-taxpayer votes did not go unnoticed

the National Taxpayers Union presented him with their annual "Taxpayers' Best Friend" award for voting for the least amount of taxes and spending by any Congressman. . . ever.

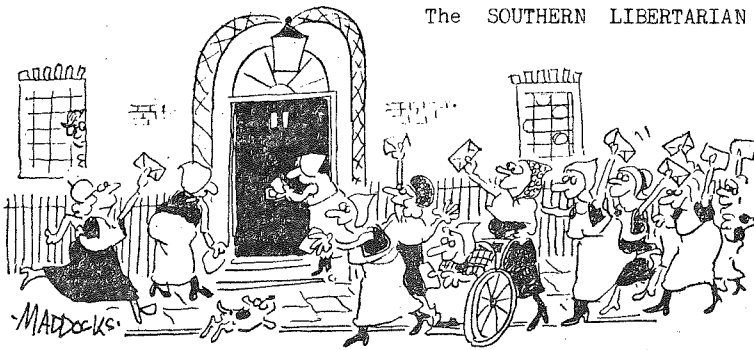
Fighting Communism

Paul also staked out a position contrary to most of his Republican colleagues in the area of defense. Believing that the proper and constitutional function of the government is to defend our country—and not rich western allies and third-world tyrants—Paul consistently opposed useless military programs. He voted against a nuclear-powered

aircraft carrier (1979), neutron weapons (1981), the B-1 bomber (1983), and chemical weapons (1984).

But none of his colleagues could accuse Paul of being soft on communism. Indeed, Paul was outraged by our government's loans to communist countries. In a speech to Congress, Paul blasted this bizarre strategy: "Our official policy currently is to be tough on communism but promote at the same time low-interest loans allowing Red China to buy nuclear technology, F-16s, and other military technology. Our Export-Import Bank financed the building of the Kama River truck plant in Russia—trucks then used in the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan."

To counter this, Paul opposed federally subsidized trade or financing of communist countries. He voted against \$75 million in aid to the Sandinista government (1980), voted to ban International Monetary Fund loans to communist dictatorships (1983), and vigorously opposed granting "Most Favored Nation" trading status to Red China.



HAVE YOUR SAY ON TAX

Federal interference no boon to bus system

Recently your paper has covered reports concerning the new, all-adult (over 18) school bus drivers' problems, such as bus accidents, driver shortages and drivers threatening to strike over hours, wages and benefits. What has caused all the turmoil in school transportation?

The federal government decided to "fix" the South Carolina school bus system. It didn't matter that the system had worked reasonably well for well over 30 years, or that some 17-year-old drivers might be preferable to the "adults" who replaced them, or that this might force our state to transfer money from the classroom to the school bus. The feds were going to "fix it." Well, "fix it" they have.

Before they "fixed" school transportation, they "fixed" the phone company. Today, while enduring jammed long-distance lines (even on non-holidays), poor connections and higher phone bills, we average phone customers long for the days of Ma Bell — before she was "fixed." I just hate to imagine what our overactive federal government will "fix" next.

DAN HENDERSON

STATE BUDGET SHELL GAME

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Gorbachev has been sold to the American public as a commodity. But then the empty-headed Dukakis and his rival, "skeleton-closet" George Bush are being sold in the same way. Why should we be surprised to discover that the modus operandi is the same? Gorbachev is as much Washington's man as are George Bush and Dukakis, the surviving Presidential "bumpkins". (Soviet Russian terminology - not mine).

Hedbor Opposes Child Care Bill

MONTPELIER — Libertarian congressional candidate James Hedbor said Wednesday he was opposed to the ABC Child Care Bill.

In a prepared statement, Hedbor said he opposed the federal bill because it "would make the current shortage of good day care even worse. It would favor the institutional day care centers at the expense of all other sorts of care for children, including that of their own mother."

Hedbor said that studies have shown institutional day cares are the least desirable form of day care for a child's physical and mental development.

He called the \$2.5 billion program "a disaster waiting to happen."

"I will work for choice rather than another bureaucracy," he said. "Child care, when it's needed to allow parents to work, should be fully deductible from income...."

Hedbor said he favored developing tax incentive for employers who provide or subsidize day care for their employees.

Education system, taxes questioned by reader

I was amazed to hear a report that there would be a \$30 million shortfall for the state education system.

Teachers would not get the raise they were supposed to have gotten.

My question is why not? The last Democratic governor of this state told the people of South Carolina, or words to the effect, that you let me raise your taxes by 25 percent and there will be no more problems with poorly paid teachers, unqualified teachers and the schools will not have to worry about a thing.

Of course the Democratically controlled House and Senate of the state went right along with him. After all, this was supposed to bring in \$320 million extra every year.

The taxes are getting worse but the education in this state still stinks.

JAMES L. TAYLOR

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DEPRESSING NEWS
DEPRESSION NEAR

Retiring Senator Proxmire (D-Wis) has predicted that the U.S. will be in a major depression by 1992. Further, he has said that the Congress will be the cause of the depression, by its laws to increase unemployment to 30 million then.

All he predicts is a regular slide in the way the economy has gone since '81. Taxes have gone up, and government deficit has gone up far more. Government debt & interest are steadily going higher, with no effort in Congress to reverse it.

He also predicts a flood of paper money, with its value steadily declining. A zoom in inflation - and in interest! "Our country is in an economic mess," he concludes. (May 27 speech)



WILLIAM H. REHNQUIST

Speeding justice

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP)—Supreme Court Justice William H. Rehnquist was ticketed last week for driving 41 mph in a 30 mph zone, police said Thursday.

Rehnquist was cited for speeding, failing to have a car registration in his possession and failure to update his driver's license.

Use of seat belt does not guarantee survival

In his recent letter regarding the use of seat belts, Alfred P. Loughran, president of S.C. Insurance News Service, expressed a typical special-interest opinion. He wrote on behalf of the insurance companies, which, in concert with the government, make life miserable for the average American in order to reap bigger and bigger profits. In the process, they trample on the freedom of individuals to protect themselves the way they see fit.

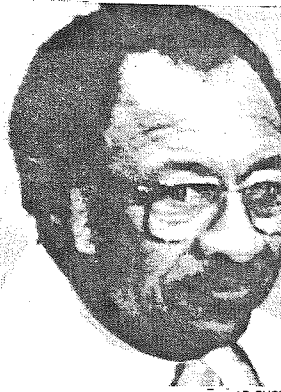
A close friend of mine survived a major car accident only because he did not wear a seat belt. When another driver ran a stop sign and hit his car broadside, the other car's motor came to rest in the driver's seat, throwing my friend into the passenger-side door. He had to be freed from the passenger side, but he survived.

From among the cases of drivers who are killed year after year because they do wear seat belts, let me just mention one. As reported in *The State*, Professor Henry Lumpkin drowned when the car he was driving landed upside-down in a creek. "Mrs. Lumpkin... was able to free herself from her seat belt..." and survived, while police had to "... cut Lumpkin's seat belt and brought him to the surface" — dead.

Just because a greater number of people are saved wearing seat belts than those not wearing seat belts does not give people like Mr. Loughran the right to condemn a group of drivers to die for the sake of the majority.

GEB SOMMER

criminal libel law



AP PHOTO

Editor Jim Fitts
...receives award



AP PHOTO

Don Weaver
...presents award

Do 'minor' parties get fair shake?

By CLARK SURRATT
Senior Writer

The Libertarian Party of South Carolina raises a provocative question about inclusion of its candidates in news coverage and public political events.

It's bound to be frustrating to leaders of that party to have candidates who don't get mentioned in news stories and don't get included in debates and such.

Libertarian John T. Harlee of Florence uses *The State* of last Monday as an example of how his party gets ignored.

Articles on the presidential campaign made no mention of Ron Paul, the Libertarian candidate. Some might say Paul is an unknown candidate with no chance and no credentials, but Harlee points out he served four terms in Congress, which is more than George Bush or Michael Dukakis can say.

There was also an article in the paper about the 2nd Congressional District race between Floyd Spence and Jim Leventis. But the piece failed to mention Geb Sommer, the Libertarian candidate, who has been campaigning for the office for months. Harlee wonders whether *The State* discriminates against Sommer because the West German native wasn't born in the United States.

The Rev. Ben Stanley's name wasn't in a brief account of the Senate District 44 race in Charleston, and Harlee asked whether that was because Stanley, the Libertarian, is black and the other two candidates are white.

Taxpayers association honors Fitts

COLUMBIA — Kingstree newspaper editor Jim Fitts, who was jailed in June on charges of criminal libel, was given the Palmetto Citizenship Award yesterday by the South Carolina Association of Taxpayers.

"As long as I pay taxes, I want to find out what happened to my money," Fitts said.

"I'm not concerned about the amount you put into the treasury," Fitts said. "I'm concerned about the amount I put into it."

Fitts is editor of "The Voice," a weekly paper with a circulation of about 2,300. He worked 13 years as an agriculture teacher in Dillon and North Myrtle Beach and 20 years as Clemson University's agricultural extension agent before retiring in 1986.

He started "The Voice" in January 1987.

Fitts was charged in May with criminal libel by Rep. B.J. Gordon Jr. and the late Sen. Frank McGill, both Williamsburg County Democrats. McGill died on Friday of cancer.

Fitts spent a weekend in jail under \$40,000 bond. Charges later were dismissed.

Minimum wage laws called 'anti-poor'

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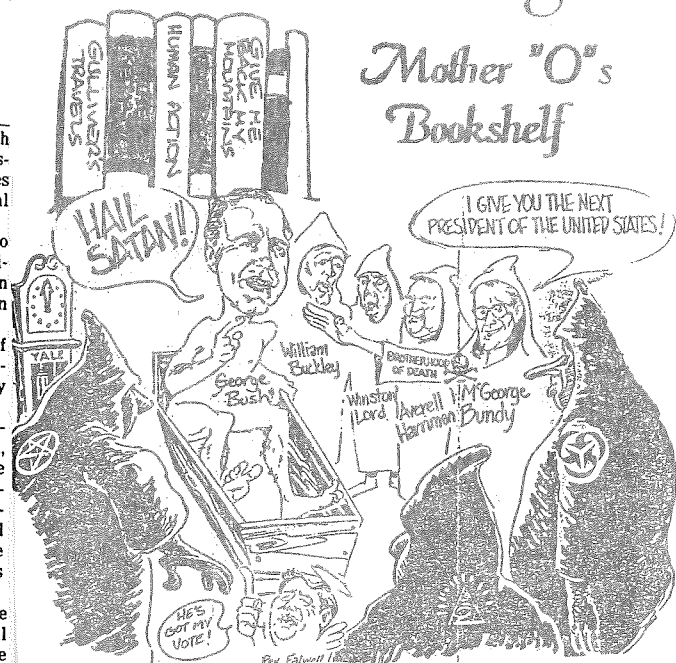
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Mother "O"s Bookshelf



Martial Law Over America

By James Hazel

Box 4024, Medford, OR 97501

THE PREMISE of this book is that America was placed under martial law on April 14, 1861. The conclusion of this book is that: martial law has never since been lifted. Between the premise and conclusion we learn some amazing things: One: the U.S. Constitution does not provide for republican government but representative democracy. Two: when the State representatives ratified the Constitution, they surrendered State sovereignty to the Union or National Government. Three: the imposition of martial law is lawful under the terms of the U.S. Constitution and can last as long as there is a perceived threat of armed insurrection against the National Government. Four: the National Government has perceived such threat since the War Between the States. Five: under martial law, all military and law enforcement personnel at all levels are acting upon the directives of the Commander in Chief or the President of the United States. (And of course, whosoever he may take his orders from). Six: the rules of martial law are whatever the enforcers want them to be. Seven: you are free to exercise every inalienable, God-given right the enforcers permit at any given time. Eight: any unauthorized exercise of such rights may result in any penalty or punishment so desired by the enforcers (if you get caught). Nine: the American Judiciary operates in strict conjunction with military enforcers while attempting to maintain the appearance of justice and democracy (which also just happens to be a lucrative activity for millions). Ten: a Constitutional Republic can be installed only by a majority vote of the people or successful revolution.

Letters to the editor

LIBERTARIAN- GEB SOMMER

In the Second Congressional District, you have a unique opportunity to vote for a candidate this year who has no serious health problem, and who does not want to waste your money in more taxes and more government waste.

I refer, of course, to Geb Sommer of Lexington, who is on the ballot as the nominated candidate of the S.C. Libertarian Party. He has said such things as, "Democratic and Republican politicians have run up a 2 - trillion dollar national debt...\$2,000,000,000,000... the interest alone amounts to close to 20% of the U.S. budget; they are mortgaging the future of our children."

If you want a better world for your children than even higher and crueler tax burdens than we have now, here is someone you can vote for, and send a message to Washington. It needs to be told.

Sincerely,
John T. Harlice
Florence, SC

I commend you for your fine editorial, "Minimum pay hike would cost jobs."

Libertarians have opposed minimum wage laws for years because they destroy jobs and hurt the poor. In addition, they violate the property rights of both wage earners and employers. Unemployed individuals are prohibited by law from selling their labor at a price (wage) mutually agreed upon by the worker and the employer. As is the case with any price-fixing scheme, those at the lower end get hurt the most.

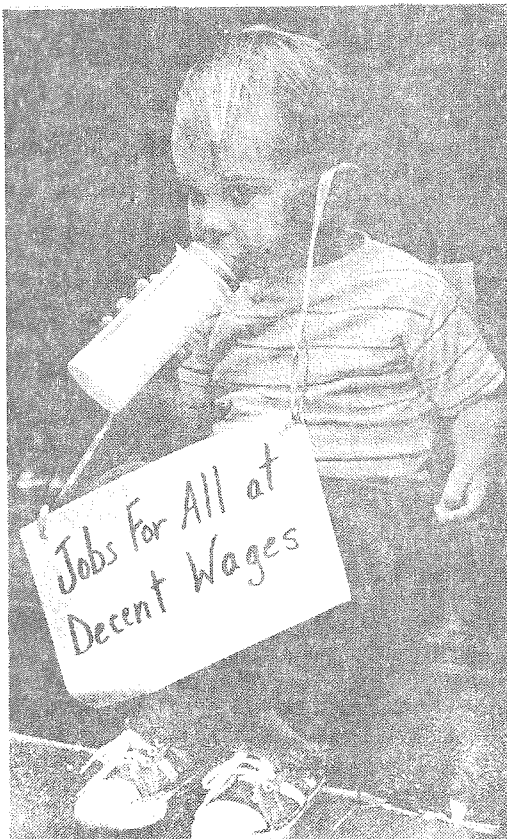
Walter Williams, a black economist at George Mason University, has pointed out that minimum wage laws are the most racist, anti-black, anti-poor laws in existence. They favor medium-wage workers and make it impossible for unemployed persons to compete by taking jobs at low wages then working their way up. In South Africa, the white labor unions favor minimum wage laws because these laws give them a monopoly and keep blacks out of the work force.

Those who want to raise the minimum wage say they are helping the poor, but exactly the opposite is true. It is important to separate the reality from the fantasy. Rhetoric doesn't help the poor, but opportunity does.

WILLIAM GRIFFIN
Vice-Chairman

S.C. Libertarian Party
P.O. Box 50643
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"I'm from the
government..."



Tee shirts from Freedom Enterprises, 15765 Main Market Rd., Burton, OH 44021:

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Style #1

Changing the name of city of Florence

The suggestion to change the name of Florence to Larence is excellent!

Miss Florence H. Harlee did not like to have the town and county named for her, and refused to acknowledge it. She shuddered every time some scandal came up, whether it were the murders by the family of the first state senator, Bigham, the nickname of "Sin City" during Prohibition, or the stories about various local politicians.

The biggest accomplishment of the 1988-1990 centennial of Florence County would be a change of the city and county name. Whether the city is changed to Little Apple or Lorenzo, Florida or Firenze, or even back to the original name of the site, Wilds, does not matter. The friends and relatives of Miss Florence Harlee would like to have her reputation separated from it.

Please, set her name free!

John T. Harlee, Florence

Woman's thoughts taxed by a penny

Associated Press

HAVANA, III.

Don't offer 80-year-old Bernita Boggs a penny for her thoughts about state tax collectors.

Her life has been complicated by the bureaucratic hassle over a one-cent error the agency said she made on her 1987 Illinois income tax return.

"I always thought if it was less than a dollar they just let it go, but maybe Mr. (Gov. James) Thompson is hard-up for money," Mrs. Boggs said Friday.

It all started when Ed Miller, the woman's lawyer, caught an error on Mrs. Boggs' state tax form shortly after the return was mailed to Springfield.

Feb. 5, Miller filed an amended return. He determined that she owed \$3.82 more than she had paid. The additional payment was sent with the return.

For a couple of months, Mrs. Boggs thought all was fine. But, "here last week, I got a letter from the state."

The letter acknowledged receipt of the \$3.82 but said she really owed \$3.83. "Please pay \$0.01," it said.

The errant taxpayer wrote a check for one cent to the Illinois Department of Revenue.

Even writing the check posed a problem because Mrs. Boggs had never written a check for such a sum. "She didn't know how to write it out. How do you write, '1 cent'?" Miller asked.

Postage to send the check to Springfield was 25 cents, on top of the 45-cent stamp the Revenue Department used to send its letter to Havana.

Verenda Smith, an agency spokeswoman, said she was unaware of the case, but suggested that a computer may be to blame.

"God bless computers, eh?" she said.

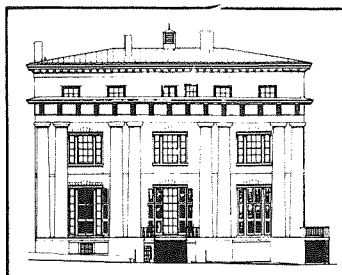
A Barefaced View

The manager of a nudist camp discovered that a hole had been cut in the fence surrounding the property. The police are now looking into it.

The police find the crime VERRRY Interesting.

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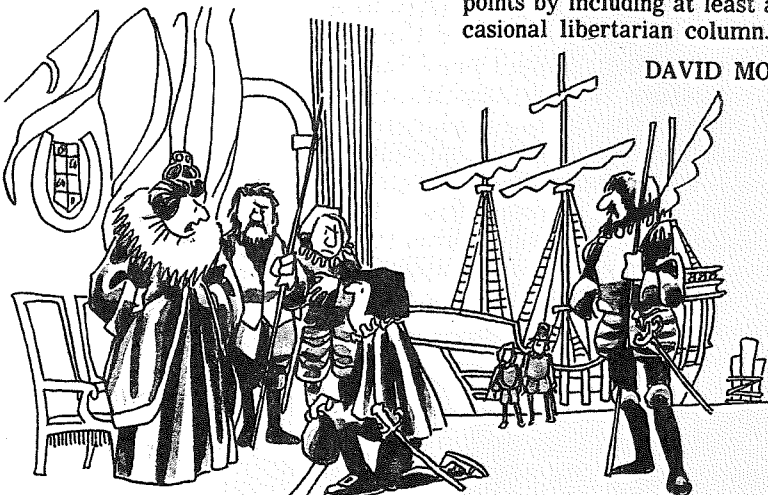
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"Freedom of religion; freedom of the press, and freedom of person under the protection of the habeas corpus and Trial by Juries Impartially Selected. These principles . . . should be the creed of our political faith . . . should we wander from them in moments of error or alarm, let us hasten to retrace our steps and to regain the road which alone leads to peace, liberty, and safety." GEORGE WASHINGTON - First Inaugural Address.



"America? I told you to discover Armenia!"

Libertarian viewpoint should be published

I enjoyed reading Katherine King's article describing the syndicated columnists who have moved from *The Columbia Record* to *The State*. Both liberal and conservative columnists were mentioned, but I was struck by the absence of any columnist representing the libertarian portion of the political spectrum.

Many political scientists now recognize the inadequacy of the outmoded left-right (or liberal-conservative) classification system. Several organizations, including the Cato Institute, have pointed out that there are really four distinctly different systems of political beliefs — liberal, conservative, libertarian, and totalitarian. An editorial in *The State* several years ago discussed this in some detail.

Liberals usually defend personal freedom (civil liberties and freedom of lifestyle) but call for government restrictions on the free-market economy. Conservatives usually call for the opposite — restriction of personal freedom but some degree of economic freedom. Totalitarians call for government control over both areas. Libertarians (the opposite of totalitarians) consistently defend both economic and personal freedom, with an emphasis on basic constitutional and individual rights.

Surveys have shown that at least 15 percent of Americans hold libertarian views. Several columnists are writing articles that embrace the libertarian viewpoint, but I have never seen one of these columns in *The State*. I urge the editors to provide readers with the entire range of political viewpoints by including at least an occasional libertarian column.

DAVID MORRIS

FLORENCE ASTONISHER



Florence County Libertarian Party

Loans to Marxist Countries

When a vote was taken in 1983 on whether the U.S. should oppose International Monetary Fund loans to Communist dictatorships, Bentsen opposed it.

Conservative Digest
August 1988

In 1980, Sen. Bentsen voted to provide \$75 million in foreign aid to the Marxist-Leninist Sandinista regime in Nicaragua.

Biblical Scoreboard Editors
August 1, 1988

Economy

"I can bring the same economic success to the rest of the country that I have brought to Massachusetts," says Dukakis.

Governor Dukakis burdened the citizens of the Bay state with the largest tax increase in the state's history.

Business investments were driven down so far under Dukakis that by 1978 such investment was running at a rate nearly 50 percent below the national average, and the same year saw the state's personal-income growth falling to 47th in the U.S.

The Bay state voters soon made their own gesture, ousting Dukakis in the 1978 primary, after he had enjoyed a 50-point lead.

Conservative Digest
October 1987

The two primary reasons for the astonishing Massachusetts economic turnaround from '70s "sluggard" during Mr. Dukakis' first term (1975-79) to '80s "superboom" were the 17 percent reduction in the state's tax burden (1978-84) [Dukakis was out of office] and Mr. Reagan's massive defense buildup (more than six percent of the total defense spending is in Massachusetts, which has only 2.5 percent of the total population).

Both of these were publicly opposed by the liberal Duke.

Washington Times
February 24, 1986

Euthanasia

Stelian Dukakis, three years older than Michael, was an ace student, athlete, and school politician until Michael trumped him in every field. Stelian broke down at Bates College, attempted suicide, and came home to family care.

The Atlanta Constitution
July 21, 1988

It was 1964, and Michael was running for reelection to the state legislature, when word suddenly spread that Stelian was distributing leaflets attacking his brother. Michael's friends mobilized for a nightlong trek around Brookline, retrieving the leaflets from doorsteps and mailboxes, and the damage was minimized.

Newsweek
July 25, 1980

Then in 1973, Stelian got knocked off his bicycle by a hit-and-run driver. For four months he lay unconscious in a coma before his family, Michael included, pulled the life supports.

The Atlanta Constitution
July 21, 1988

Whether or not Michael Dukakis received psychiatric treatment after the unsolved hit-and-run assault on his brother Stelian, he had every reason to be depressed after pulling the plug on his breathing assistance — the true cause of his death, even though he boasts he never felt any guilt.

Biblical Scoreboard Editors
August 11, 1988

Gun Ownership

Dukakis is a passionate opponent of gun ownership. He told the leader of a major gun lobby that it was his goal to "disarm the state except for police officers and the military."

Human Events
February 14, 1987

Massachusetts now has one of the most restrictive and punitive gun registration and owner-licensing laws in America. Any violation subjects a person to a mandatory one year in jail.

The Massachusetts law even calls for licensing of owners of BB guns. When the legislature saw the silliness of making a felon of a kid who failed to turn himself in for owning a BB gun, it passed legislation to correct the issue. Mike Dukakis vetoed the bill — not once but twice.

Conservative Digest
August 1988

Crime

...In 1976, Governor Dukakis pocket vetoed a bill to ban furloughs for first-degree murderers. It would, he said, "cut the heart out of efforts at inmate rehabilitation."

On average, in Massachusetts, prisoners whose sentences are commuted from life without parole spend fewer than 19 years in prison. Governor Dukakis, in fact, had already commuted the life sentences of 28 first-degree murderers by March 1987.

Reader's Digest
July 1988

Life sentences in Massachusetts under Dukakis mean very little — even for Willie Horton, who stabbed a gas-station attendant 19 times, mutilated him sexually, and stuffed him in a barrel. On Willie's tenth furlough last year, he fled to Maryland where he repeatedly stabbed a man, raped a pregnant woman, and was captured only after a shoot-out with police.

Conservative Digest
October 1987

Dukakis' own Department of Corrections states that between 1983 and 1986 there was a 60.9% increase in furloughs for sex offenders. In 1986 alone 220 furloughs went to those with six or more sex offenses charges.

A 70.5% increase in furloughs given to those convicted of raping children.

A 103.3% increase in furloughs for those convicted of drug crimes.

A 96.1% increase in furloughs for those convicted of first-degree murder.

A 36% increase in furloughs for those convicted of second-degree murder.

Between 8% and 12% of those furloughed had a criminal history of previous escape offenses. In 1986 alone, 39 furloughs were given to criminals with four previous escape offenses on their record.

Currently, 58 violent felons are missing because they just kept on walking after Massachusetts "temporarily released" them — 11 murders, 25 armed robbers, and nine rapist among them.

Human Events
August 20, 1988

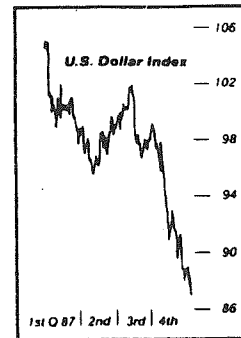
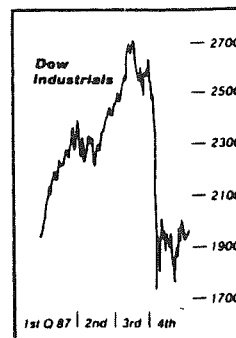
Administration Corruption

On July 26 "the *Boston Globe* reported that Irving Buchen...had become the sixth Dukakis privacy, plus providing a method for selectively framing Christian patriots and getting them off the street."

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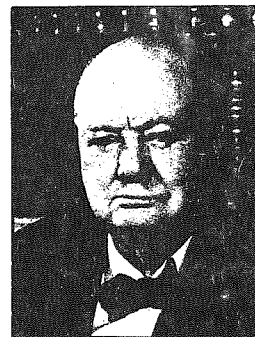
A Roller-Coaster Dow... As Dollar Plunges



...the above charts show how the combined collapse of the U.S. dollar -- and the stock markets have made a nightmare of planning for one's retirement!

Q Who said: "If you're not a liberal at 20, you have no heart, and if you're not a conservative at 40, you have no head"?

A That quotation, or a variation thereof, has been attributed to the late Winston Churchill, (1874-1965), British statesman, soldier and writer.



Churchill—long after his liberal days

Churchill left the Liberal Party (Whig) and joined the Conservative Party (Tory) at 39.

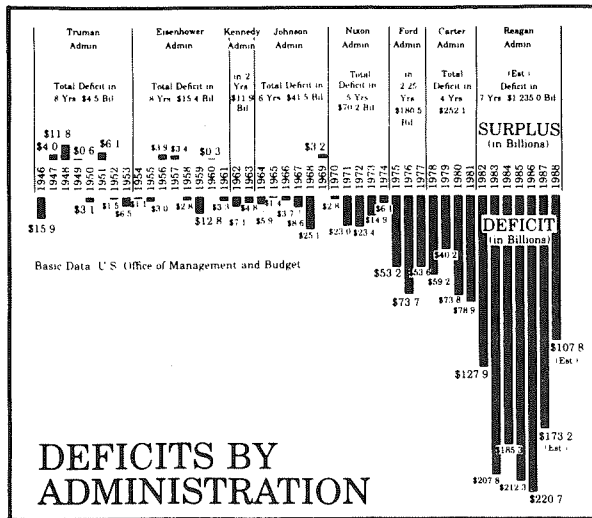
GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS. **** Millions of Americans are being caught up in the boob-tube propaganda campaign as if it makes any difference who will be president. They're preparing to vote for one candidate who has had drug traffic connections, and another who has proven Communist connections. A swell choice. The good news is you can vote Ron Paul. While "Dukakis" and "Rocky Bush" both advocate expanding the I.R.S., Ron would abolish the gestapo as he calls it and his new commercials will focus on that fact.

**** The only issue on which many people differ with Ron Paul, including us at one time, is his recommendation that drugs be legalized. All we can say is, the present program certainly is not working. Drug enforcement is the omnipresent excuse for dismantling all our freedoms and rights to privacy, plus providing a method for selectively framing Christian patriots and getting them off the street.



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DEMOCRACY'S ROAD TO TYRANNY

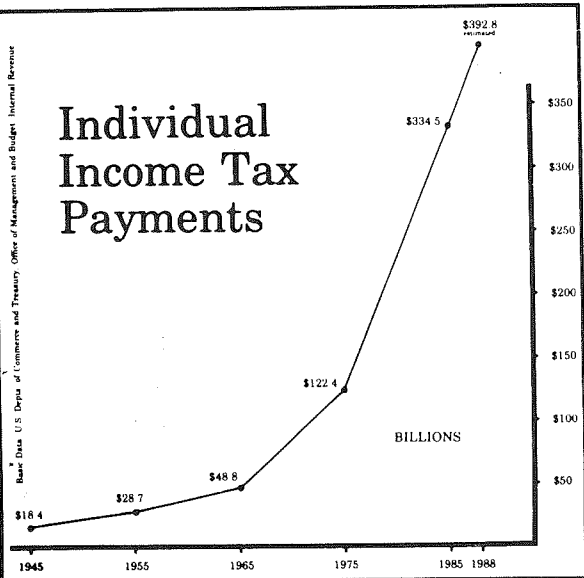
Tocqueville did not tell us just how the gradual change toward totalitarian servitude can come about. But 150 years ago he could not exactly foresee that the parliamentary scene would produce two main types of parties: the Santa Claus parties, predominantly on the left, and the Tighten-Your-Belt parties, more or less on the Right. The Santa Claus parties, with presents for the many, normally take from some people to give to others: they operate with largesses, to use the term of John Adams. Socialism, whether national or international, will act in the name of "distributive justice," as well as "social justice" and "progress," and thus gain popularity. You don't after all, shoot Santa Claus. As a result, these parties normally win elections, and politicians who use their slogans are effective vote-getters.

The Tighten-Your-Belt parties, if they unexpectedly gain power, generally act more wisely, but they rarely have the courage to undo the

policies of the Santa parties. The voting masses, who frequently favor the Santa parties, would retract their support if the Tighten-Your-Belt parties were to act radically and consistently. Profligates are usually more popular than misers. In fact, the Santa Claus parties are rarely utterly defeated, but they sometimes defeat themselves by featuring hopeless candidates or causing political turmoil or economic disaster.

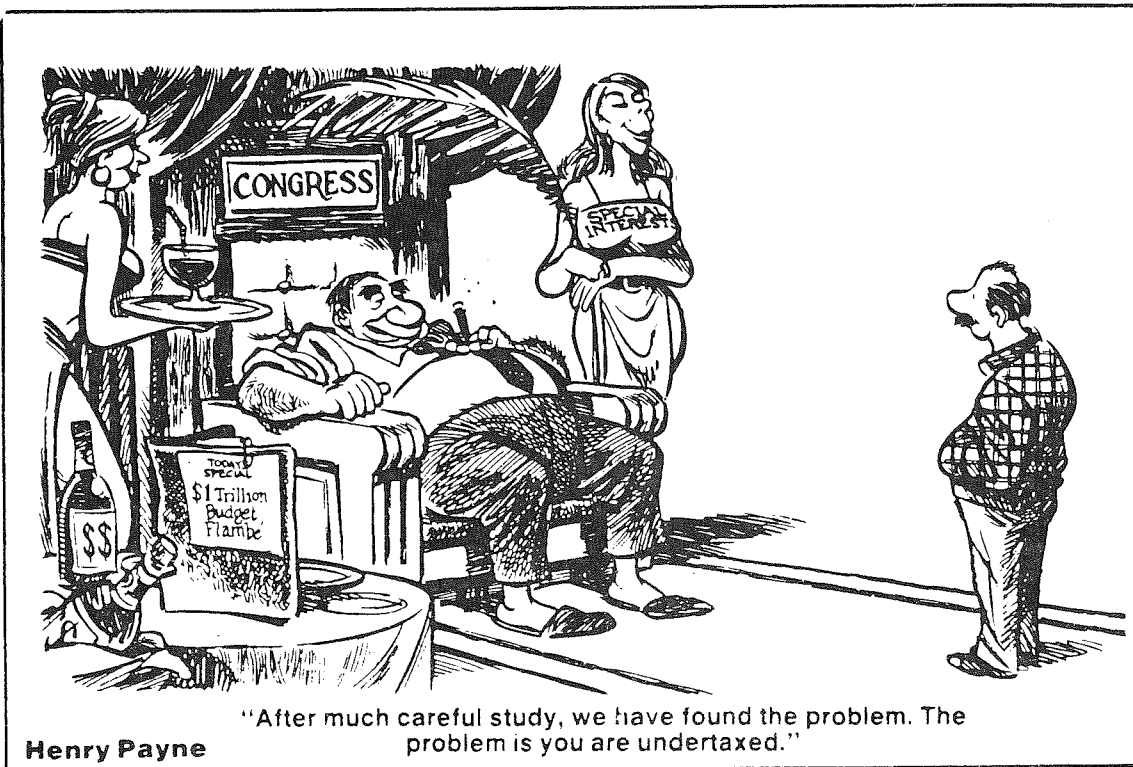
A politicized Saint Nicholas is a grim taskmaster. Gifts cannot be distributed without bureaucratic regulation, registration, and regimentation of the entire country. Countless strings are attached to the gifts received from "above." The State interferes in all domains of human existence—education, health, transportation, communication, entertainment, food, commerce, industry, farming, building, employment, inheritance, social life, birth, and death.

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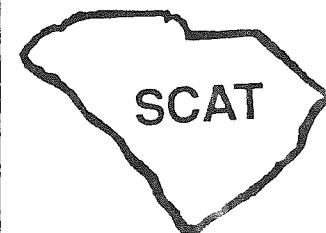


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Speed not big killer

Several recent hand-wringing letters have prompted me to make the following observations on the new speed limit:

Speed does not kill. Inattention kills. Inadequate driver training kills. Unsafe equipment kills. Carelessness kills. Above all, drunk drivers kill. The Highway Patrol should change its priorities from harassing speeders to seeking out and eliminating unsafe vehicles and drunk drivers.

Fast is not necessarily unsafe. Inconsiderate drivers ambling at 55 mph in the fast lane create far more danger than smooth 65 mph traffic. By refusing to yield to faster traffic, slower drivers encourage the unsafe practice of passing on the right. Slow drivers have the right to drive slowly. They, however, must vacate the fast lane while doing so. Slow drivers, take note. Those flashing lights behind you mean only one thing: Move over!

Regarding the speed limit, state highway patrolmen create as many problems as they solve. The sudden appearance of a highway patrol car disrupts traffic flow by

Crime rather than gun control should be issue

The mere mention of gun control gets my blood boiling! For some reason, certain members of society choose to ignore the fact that 77 percent of all violent crimes are committed without a weapon. Not surprisingly, in one of the most in-depth studies conducted on criminals' experiences with firearms, 82 percent of the felons believed gun laws affect the law-abiding; criminals will always be able to get guns.

It's simply foolish to regulate legitimate sources of firearms when criminals continually use illegitimate sources of firearms.

creating a panic among otherwise safe drivers, who jam their brakes and lunge for the slow lane. On I-26, a mile-long pack of bumper-to-bumper traffic is invariably headed by a highway patrol car locked on 60 mph. No one will pass for fear of being ticketed. This practice makes it impossible to maintain proper distance intervals.

Highway patrolmen themselves are not paragons of legal driving. Recently, upon approaching the outskirts of Columbia on I-26 East, I reduced my speed to the posted 55 mph. I was very promptly overtaken by a highway patrol car cruising at about 75 mph. Surely this is not setting a good example for South Carolina motorists.

Traffic along I-26 between Columbia and the Upstate has averaged 65 mph for the past five years. The only difference between today and five years ago is that 65 mph is now legal. The 55 mph speed limit was a national joke and served only to fill government and insurance company coffers. I say good riddance to a bad law.

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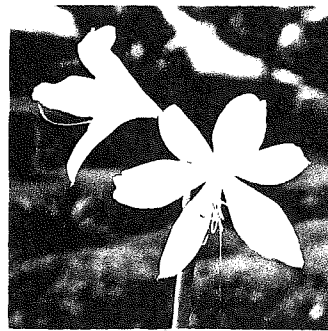
The problem is not the private ownership of guns. The problem lies in our judicial system. The only way to work successfully against crime is through stiff, certain punishment. In South Carolina, murder rates fell 38 percent in 10 years after we adopted a mandatory penalty for using a firearm in a violent crime.

Areas with lower levels of private firearm ownership have higher robbery rates because criminals know their victims are less likely to have the means to defend themselves. In the study mentioned, 75 percent of the felons felt that burglars "avoided occupied dwellings for fear of being shot." And 53 percent "didn't commit a specific

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crime for fear the victim was armed." Also, 60 percent felt that the typical criminal "feared being shot by citizens more than by police."

Crime should be the issue — not gun control. Criminals say gun laws hurt only the law-abiding but people still lobby for gun control. I'm sorry but that kind of thinking doesn't appear rational to me. Stiffer punishment has been proven effective and it results in lower crime rates, while gun control sets open season on you and me.

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Your pain is the breaking of the shell that enclosed your understanding.

Even as the stone of the fruit must break, that its heart may stand in the sun, so must you know pain.

And could you keep your heart in wonder at the daily miracles of your life, your pain would not seem less wondrous than your joy.

And you would accept the seasons of your heart, even as you have always accepted the seasons that pass over your fields.

And you would watch with serenity through the winters of your grief.

Kahlil Gibran

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for its remarkable achievement on Saturday, January 2, 1988, in celebrating the New Year with alcoholics.



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There is a choice other than Bush and Dukakis

In an unfair poll, South Carolinians who don't want either George Bush or Michael Dukakis for president were not told that they have another choice—ex-Congressman Ron Paul of Texas, the Libertarian Party candidate.

In November, voters will not have to put up with the lesser of two evils. Dr. Paul has a distinguished record. He was elected to Congress four times, more than Bush and Dukakis combined. In Congress he was recognized as outstanding because of his fight for less waste and corruption in the federal budget.

Although he is from Texas like Bush and Lloyd Bentsen, he managed to get reelected to Congress most recently in 1982 even after the Democratic legislature gerrymandered his district to try to defeat him. Like Bush, he lost a Senate race in Texas to a Democrat, but in his case it was in a Republican primary. Unlike Dan Quayle and Dukakis he made officer in his military service, as flight surgeon.

I write this because the media tries to hide from the public that they have a chance to vote for a candidate they can admire in November, instead of the only two the media will tell the public much about—the ones so many don't care for.

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More Information

Coerced allegiance violates Constitution

At first glance, a forced Pledge of Allegiance sounds patriotic. On second look, such laws are coercive. Coerced allegiance is as un-American and communistic as you can get. Totalitarian regimes traditionally use loyalty oaths and pledges of allegiance to identify dissenters.

Many conscientious Christians feel their allegiance belongs only to God and that flags of nations are not to be worshiped. The United States Constitution has long upheld freedom of conscience and prohibited forced pledges. George Bush knows they violate the Constitution and everything America stands for, but he makes an issue of this in an effort to gain votes and power.

We have a plethora of rights today because our forebears cherished and fought for each. When we start forgetting of them, you can rest assured that elitists and authoritarians will grab them away.

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Does the truth astonish you? Already?

to assist in defending individuals from those who would violate their rights.

UTOPIA IS NOT AN OPTION

Politicians routinely promise much more than they ever deliver. There will never be a "Utopia," no perfect place where everyone has everything they want and nothing ever goes wrong. There are only three basic options in American politics:

First, is the status quo—the way things are now. Most people are less than satisfied with government that is too large, too expensive, woefully inefficient, arrogant, intrusive and downright dangerous. Democratic and Republican politicians have created the status quo and are not disposed to change it much.

The second option is for the government to do even more: more red tape for business, more snooping into the private aspects of our lives, more meddling overseas, and more taxes to pay for it all.

Not surprisingly, most Americans find this option less desirable than continuing with the status quo.

The third option is the Libertarian option. Substantially reduce the size and intrusiveness of government and cut all taxes. Let peaceful, honest people offer their goods and services to willing consumers. Let them decide for themselves what to eat, drink, read or smoke and how to dress, medicate themselves or make love, without fear of criminal penalties. The U.S. government should defend Americans and their property in America and let the U.S. taxpayer off the hook for the defense bill of wealthy countries like Germany and Japan.

MOST AMERICANS ARE LIBERTARIANS

Most Americans, after giving it some thought, prefer the Libertarian option in politics since most people in their private, non-governmental affairs deal with each other on the libertarian premise of mutual respect. You don't threaten your neighbors with fines or jail just because they choose careers or lifestyles different from yours; and you would be outraged if your neighbors threatened to lock you up unless you changed your way of making a living or entertaining yourself.

Libertarians say that people in government should be held to the same standard. As they do their one legitimate job of protecting our rights, they must do it in a way that respects the rights of all citizens.

The Libertarian Party is for all who don't want to push other people around and don't want to be pushed around themselves. Live and let live is the Libertarian way.

WHERE THE ACTION IS

The Libertarian Party was created in 1971 by a group of people who realized that the politicians had strayed from America's original libertarian foundation with disastrous results. Their vision was a world where individuals are free to follow their own dreams in their own ways, a world of peace, harmony, opportunity and abundance.

The Libertarian Party is America's third largest and fastest growing political party. Libertarians are practical; we know we can't make the world perfect. But, it can be better. Libertarians intend to keep working, for as long as it may take, to create that better, freer society for everyone.

What Is The LIBERTARIAN PARTY And Why Should You Care?

The Libertarian Party is your representative in American politics. It is the only political party which respects you as a unique and competent individual.

The Libertarian way is probably your way—if you think about it a bit and consider the options.

Libertarians believe in the American heritage of liberty and personal responsibility. Those ideas made it possible for Americans to build a society of abundance and opportunity for anyone willing to make the effort. Libertarians recognize the responsibility we all share to preserve this precious heritage for our children and grandchildren.

Libertarians believe that being free and independent is the only way to live. We want a system which encourages all people to choose what they want from life; that lets them live, love, work, play and dream their own way, at their own pace, however they wish, with whom they wish, win or lose.

The Libertarian way is a caring, people-centered approach to politics. We want a system which respects the individual and encourages all of us to discover the best within ourselves and reach our full potential; a system which encourages the development of harmonious relationships among all people.

The Libertarian way is a consistent approach to politics based on the moral principle of self-ownership. Our positions on all issues recognize that each individual has the right to control his or her own body and property. Government's only proper role is



Nicaragua, a small country, now controlled by the Communists who call themselves Sandinistas, with a population of only three million, has 8500 prisoners, among whom are many believers. The "El Chipote" jail in Managua is underground. Prisoners live there in absolute darkness. Air enters through a pipe. Under interrogation, the victims are doped to make them confess to crimes that were never committed.