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## NEWS TO GIVE YOU **FITS**

In the latest example of bipartisan tyranny, the folks in Congress passed a comprehensive anti-drug bill which is certain to take the anti-drug hysteria to new heights and pave the way to a return of 1920's style gangsterism. Instead of doing the right thing about drugs - decriminalizing all of them - the Neo-Prohibitionists have prevailed, and now both casual users and dealers of all sorts will face severe penalties if convicted. Let us now take a look at what this compromise anti-drug bill - now law - will do.

For starters, there will now be severe federal penalties for possession of mere "personal use" amounts of a list of illegal drugs, including marijuana and cocaine. This civil penalty, to be determined by the Justice Department in each such case, can be up to \$10,000! All that for the possession of a few joints or for doing a few lines? Of course, they pretend to ameliorate this blatant fascism by giving defendants the right to seek an administrative review and to appeal the penalty in federal court, and they will also wipe out records of those with civil fines after three years if the person stays drug-free. This, however, is just the beginning.

Secondly, there are some rather severe user penalties that courts can invoke for whatever reason suits them. Now courts are permitted to deny people convicted of drug offenses all federal benefits except welfare, Social Security, health, disability, and some veterans programs. In this statist society, such benefits can make or break some people's lives. Of course, the judge is not obligated to impose the penalty in most cases, thus meaning that some people will be made examples of at the whim of a judge.

Third, it changes some law enforcement matters. Now the Federal death penalty can be imposed on "drug kingpins" and anyone convicted of drug-related killings. The President can impose penalties and sanctions on foreign countries involved in so-called money laundering. It imposes new regulations on companies that sell chemicals used to process "illegal" drugs. It stiffens penalties for convicted drug "traffickers". This law also creates a cabinet level "Drug Czar" with authority to develop national strategy for all areas of the absurd war on drugs.

Many other matters are affected by this drug bill, including some matters not really related to drugs - child pornography laws, drug tests of first-time applicants for driver's licenses in some states (including California). However, this should be enough to show that this legislation really represents bipartisan tyranny.

It looks like the State is bent on going into a new Prohibition era, with drugs as the new target, with the acquiescence of the majority of the populace. Just like Prohibition, there will be plenty of gangster-type activity, many people will die as a result of this madness. The gang wars have started already, but they will get much worse in the next few years as these new laws are enforced and the police crack down still further. As is usual, what the government is doing is sheer madness - thousands will have to die in this war on drugs before people finally realize that prohibiting these substances will not stop people from buying, selling, and using them. We anarchists and libertarians know what the solution to the drug "problem" really is - the immediate decriminalization of all so-called illicit drugs, all pharmaceutical drugs to be made available over the counter. Until all drugs are decriminalized, the senseless violence and destruction will just go on and continue to escalate. Stop the absurdity and demand an end to the foolish war on drugs and call for their immediate decriminalization without fail. (Ronald C. Tobin)

I am Jewish and have been the victim of racism. As such I cannot be suspected of being racist when I warn our readers that they are misinformed about South Africa.

This is a very rich country in a strategic position. The Communists yearn to conquer it, as they have done with all the countries around it and have impoverished them.

In Northern Ireland, the whole population is white and yet they kill each other for being Catholic or Protestant.

In Lebanon, all are Arabs and yet kill each other senselessly.

Killing belongs to fallen human nature. Differences of religion, race or class are only pretexts.

In South Africa, the fight is not between the

Pastor Richard Wurmband

racism.

The whites—Boers and English—are more split among themselves than with the blacks.

A unified black population does not exist either. The seven million Zulus, who are for peaceful collaboration, are at loggerheads with the six million Xhosas, whose leaders are belligerent.

There are six more black tribes, each with its own aspirations, plus Colored, Indians, and Jews.

All reasonable leaders of all groups want to abolish apartheid but only if the turmoil of such a change would not favor the triumph of Communism, which could only profit

from the political naivete of many blacks and whites, especially evil or ignorant clergymen.

The leader of the "black" terrorist organization "Spear of the Nation" is a white KGB officer: J. Slovo.

There were protests against the death sentence for six terrorists who had killed a mayor, black like themselves.

Generally, the black terrorists do not kill whites but blacks, necklacing them with tires soaked in gasoline, which they then set on fire.

Not one of the "democratic" protesters said a word of sympathy for the victim's wife. She has lost her mind because her entire family has been threatened with death if the murderers are executed.

**Seat belt law won't lower insurance rates**

"Freedom a responsibility, not a right to laziness" by W. Pegram (Letters, Dec. 15) implied that some people are lazy and confused.

Anyone who wants the law to tell them to buckle his or her seat belt can't be too smart.

Seat belts may help but are not the answer to lower insurance rates. Safety, fewer accidents and good driving habits are the answer.

Two officers lost their lives in 1988 when they hit trees. Belts didn't save them.

RICHARD BOWMAN

**Many have trouble wearing seat belts**

I would like to say "Amen" to the letter from Ms. Elizabeth Ham (The State, Feb. 9) regarding seat belts for those of us who are larger than average. Some cars have belts long enough to go around us, but I cannot reach down to hook them up! Also, I happen to be short and the belt hits me in my chin and is absolutely impossible to deal with.

Has it ever occurred to the legislators that many such people do exist?

HARRIET S. LAUB

Associated Press

PUTNAM VALLEY, N.Y.

It didn't cost much to keep Muffin the cat at the Putnam Valley library — food, cat box litter, an occasional rubber mouse, maybe.

But letting her go has cost \$80,000 so far.

Dr. John Zarcone said Sunday that he had

dropped plans to contribute \$50,000 for a children's audio-visual room at the library because Muffin had been evicted.

Earlier this month, Marjorie Horton, 94, a former Putnam Valley resident now living in New York City, said she wrote a \$30,000 bequest for the library out of her will over the incident.

Muffin, who had been living at the library since showing up on its doorstep seven years ago, was evicted after a volunteer director said she was allergic to cats and could not work in the library.

Peter Grosewald, chairman of the

board of the privately run library, said keeping the cat in another room didn't work, and the director even offered to resign. But the board decided that if keeping a cat meant someone could not go to the library, the cat would have to go.

Grosewald said the only issue was access to the library.

**N.C. Yam Commission may change its name**

WILMINGTON — The North Carolina Yam Commission is considering changing its name after learning the state produces no yams.

North Carolina is the nation's top producer of sweet potatoes, but the yam is grown only in tropical climates, primarily in Africa, said Billy Yeargin, executive director of the commission.

Sweet potatoes are smaller than yams, which grow up to 100 pounds. When cooked, the texture and taste of sweet potatoes and yams are similar, but yams are off-white while sweet potatoes are orange.

From staff and wire reports

**Ron Paul**

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By Robert Brakeman

Of all the bits-of-nonsense which define modern American Liberalism (some describe that ideology as a "Tissue-of-Nonsense", but that implies it's uniformly rotten, which isn't the case), one of the more interesting is how up-set Liberals and other Leftists get over "white collar crime".

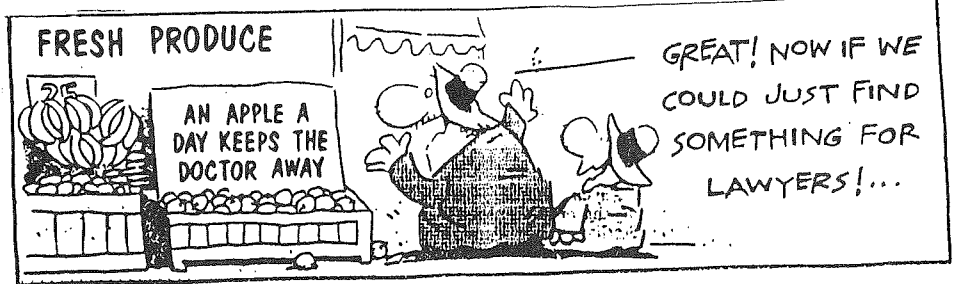
What they say is this: "Why does the public concentrate so much on the junkie who holds up the Tallyho Tavern for 70 bucks and not enough on the businessman who holds up the public for millions?" Their point is that the great unwashed "Public" (that's you, friend, and me) has it in for a bunch of poor and minority types because that's what they are, and refuses to do anything terrible to Anglo-Saxon Protestant types who commit immensely greater crimes because that's what they are. In a nutshell, the Left thinks that our priorities are out of order and that there is a class-and-race bias in our comparative degrees of anger over street crime and office crime.

Let me first congratulate them on where they're right, and then move on to what's more important for our purposes here. No one beyond the age of 11 months and 10 days pretends that a man worth 1000 dollars and one worth 1,000,000 dollars has an equal chance in court. To the extent that the Left is just saying that a thief who does his deed by robbing the local Standard station (where he expects more and gets it) will be treated more harshly than the thief who commits his crime by embezzling thousands from the firm which he heads, they're quite right. "Gentlemen" who go to church regularly and teach Sunday School and are members of the Rotary and speak with proper grammar and know the workings of the legal system and are of the same social plane as the judges before whom they appear — these men are going to be dealt with more kindly than the slum-criminal; and it's a measure of our hypocrisy that we allow that to happen.

But the Leftists who make the point discussed above are quite wrong, and the general society is absolutely right on a related point: the public's "So what?" attitude about much of what we call "white collar crime" is not only defensible, it's the only one that is defensible, for this reason: the public has deduced, through serious thought or casula intuition, what the Leftist intellectuals have missed: the fact that much of what we call "w. c. crime" is not a crime at all.

The question of what does and does not constitute "crime" has been the subject of too much philosophic discussion over the ages to be repeated here (the reader is invited to read my own work on the subject; I admit to being partial to it). But what there is room to say is this: For those who are defenders of Liberty — to the absolute right of every person to control his or her own life and the products of that life — "crime" refers to only one thing: committing aggression against another. That definition of course rejects such nonsense as "victimless crimes", which by definition can't possibly exist; it rejects applying the label "criminal" to people who are simply (in a non-aggressive way) using their lives or property in a way some hack-in-power doesn't like; & so it rejects calling "crimes" much of "w.c.c.c."

Embezzlers are real criminals; so are peo-



Dear Editor:

Letters to the editor

You f<sup>(bleep)</sup> in' hypocrite. No g<sup>(bleep)</sup> d<sup>(bleep)</sup> libertarian is gonna tell me I can't have an abortion on demand.

Eat s<sup>(bleep)</sup> and die buddy.

NOTE: The anonymous fem. is opposed to letting gynecologists, like Dr. Ron Paul, having the right to refuse to perform an abortion himself.

Get consistent with regards to your politics.

Keep your laws off my body!  
a feminist

songs from the 1940s:

YOU CAN HAVE HER -

FAT I DON'T WANT HER -  
SHE'S TOO HOT FOR ME !

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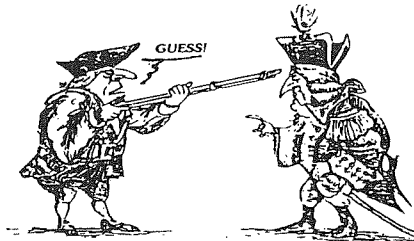
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A newspaper is not for just reporting the news as it is, but to make people mad enough to do something about it.

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WHAT USE WOULD A FARMER HAVE WITH A MILITARY ASSAULT RIFLE LIKE THAT?



ple who conspire in air-conditioned offices to extort money from other people; so are those white-collar types who commit fraud-through-false-advertising; & those worthies who steal by not honoring warranties. These "white collar criminals" really are criminals.

But this group isn't: Those who produce a product the Poles don't like; those who charge more than the Hacks think they should; those who loan money at rates the government disapproves; those who have hours-&-working-conditions policies which are "illegal"; those who merge their firms against Washington's wishes; those who move resources out of the U.S.; & those whose success lets them grow "too big". The public is right on target in being more worried about street-criminals than about white-collar criminals; all the first group the first group commit real crimes; many of the second group only do things that have been improperly labeled "crimes" by various Hacks.



## 'Scotopic sensitivity' often responds to colored glasses, Walnut clinic finds

By DONNA JOHNSON  
Staff writer

Many Valley students have a new view of learning through rose-colored glasses.

Or sometimes it's turquoise, salmon or golden lenses that color their sharper image of reading materials.

Tom Johnson, director of a recently opened non-profit clinic in Walnut, agreed, saying the customized tinted lenses dispute a generally held belief about learning disabilities.

The idea that there's "no quick fix" for dyslexia — a reading or language dysfunction — "is just not true," Johnson said.

Most professionals don't know about the lenses, he said, so many people — even educators — don't realize there's an option for overcoming learning problems.

He said it takes a simple screening exam to see if someone is a good candidate for the lens treatment, which was developed by Helen Irlen, an Orange County school psychologist.

Johnson, Hacienda La Puente Unified School District's assistant superintendent, operates the Irlen Institute Inland Clinic in his off-duty hours. His facility provides testing and consulting services, based on Irlen's studies, for learning disabled people of all ages.

But even his own district's officials remain skeptical, he said, quoting a learning specialist's comment: "Don't tell me you can teach kids to read by putting a pair of shades on them."

Through research begun in 1980 at Cal State Long Beach, Irlen said in a phone interview, she discovered 50 to 70 percent of all people with reading problems she's tested have a visual disability that can be corrected by wearing glasses with colored lenses.

The coloring can be added to prescription lenses or plain glass can be tinted for those who don't usually wear glasses.

Simply stated, the dysfunction, what Irlen calls "scotopic sensitivity," is caused by an oversensitivity of the eyes to light.

"I don't want to raise false hopes," Irlen added, saying, however, that studies in Hawaii, Australia and England have consistently backed her findings.

"For those who can't read and are struggling with eye strain and eye fatigue, (the lenses) can have

a great impact," Irlen said.

Los Angeles clinical psychologist Clarann Goldring confirmed that the lenses can aid people with certain facets of dyslexia.

But Goldring, president of the Orton Society LA Chapter, a learning disability support group, disagreed with Irlen on the proportion of dyslexics who can benefit from the lens treatment.

"Seventy percent is very high. (The lenses) are very helpful for a small number — about 10 to 15 percent — who have to read a lot and have problems concentrating for any length of time," she said.

"People looking for a fast cure will find (the glasses) don't really eliminate their problems. And it won't help others with spelling, sequences or auditory learning difficulty," Goldring cautioned.

But Johnson supports Irlen's findings.

"All dyslexics we've tested have had a span of focus smaller than the average person — sometimes it's just one letter in focus at a time. Everything around that is a blur," Johnson said.

"Not everybody is so severe they need the glasses and some people are so bad the lenses won't expand their field of focus."

Conventional eye tests don't always ask the right questions to reveal the problem, he explained.

And children don't realize that what they're seeing in books or ditto handouts — weaving lines, partially missing letters, pages blurring at the edges or words "jumping" off the page, for instance — is different from the way other people see.

Wearing the special lenses, or laying a piece of colored acetate over the pages, calms the high contrast on white paper, especially glossy magazine pages, Johnson added.

"It's amazing. When adults put on the glasses, they realize for the first time what other people see. One woman said printed lines had always rolled up at the end, another that the words looked like snakes," the educator said.

Johnson and his wife, Laurel Adler, stumbled on the treatment three years ago when they took their son Tony to Irlen's Long Beach headquarters clinic.

Tony, 12, is a sixth grader at Los Molinos Elementary School in Hacienda Heights. Recent tests show his reading competency is at the top level for his grade.

## Police chief attacked for race speech

by Andrew Jennings

THE chief constable of Greater Manchester, James Anderton, is accused today of being "highly irresponsible" in his approach to race relations. The severity of the charge is emphasised by its source: the usually conciliatory David Lane, a former Tory MP and now chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality.

In a speech to an animal welfare society a week ago, Anderton called for the dismantling of Britain's "outmoded and expensive" race relations machinery. But in a sharply-worded personal letter Lane tells the police chief that he and the commission deplore the "ill-judged and unhelpful outburst."

He goes on: "To advocate that all this (the commission and local organisations) should be 'dismantled' just because of the counter-productive activities of a very small minority of trouble-makers and extremists, which we deprecate as strongly as you do, seems to us highly irresponsible

"Contrary to what you implied, progress is being made in tackling prejudice and discrimination. Within the total national effort—as I know you yourself recognise—the role of the police is crucial and the need for sensitive leadership is especially important. The kind of things you said play into the hands of those who tend to be suspicious of the police."

Lane told The Sunday Times yesterday: "I'm particularly sad and surprised that Mr Anderton should have spoken that he personally is as committed as any of us to making a success of Britain's multi-racial society."

Anderton was away on holiday yesterday but a Greater Manchester police spokesman said that the chief constable question of race... where the would wish that his remarks about race be considered in the context of his entire speech. In this, he had said: "One area in which the force of reason and restraint is essential is the question of race... where the police can demonstrate unequivocally their unbiased, partisan duty to the people... where the principles of the law, equal rights and police practice should merge indistinguishably for the general good."

## water rates

SOME of the people angry over their water bills will soon find that they can choose to pay for water by individual meter in the same way as they pay for electricity and gas.

Pressed by angry letters from customers, and by ministers who remain unshaken in their belief that the increased bills are not justified, water authorities all over the country are going ahead with plans for optional metering of domestic water supplies.

Severn-Trent, which embraces Birmingham and the West Midlands, has the only domestic metering system in the country, in Malvern, Worcestershire. Within months it will have new-style pilot schemes in Warwick, Leamington and parts of Derbyshire.

But just a few years ago, Tony was a non-reader.

"We had the smartest kid on the block, but he couldn't read or write," Tom Johnson said. "He understood the problems when given special tests but couldn't do the regular work."

Irlen fitted Tony with reddish-brown lenses, following a series of tests to determine the best tint to correct his problems.

Tony began to show marked improvement in his work, Tom Johnson said. "Now he knows what the things he sees really are, instead of what they look like."

"In time I would expect the take-up of domestic water meters to be 80,000 out of three million households," Sir William Dugdale, chairman of the Severn-Trent Water Authority, told me.

Anglia's domestic meters became available last Wednesday; Wales makes a beginning with optional meters next April, and Yorkshire expects to take action within months.

The Southern Water Authority has had an optional scheme for some time but, as yet, it benefits only the super rich.

All this activity is taking place in advance of the publication, due on October 14, of a two-volume study by the National Water Council on domestic metering and alternative pricing arrangements.

JUST three years ago school counsellor Dr Peter O'Connor would have been the first to laugh at the suggestion that wearing tinted lenses would cure many people with reading difficulties.

A former teacher, and now a psychologist, Dr O'Connor has seen too many people overcome their learning problems by wearing the special lenses to remain a disbeliever.

He and his wife are now qualified in the technique, which was developed in California three years ago.

Dr O'Connor said in Albany yesterday there had been some very exciting results from that initial work.



John Jenrette and his wife Rita.

## The unruffled bed that ruffled the Congressman's wife

By HUGH DAVIES in Washington

A DEMOCRATIC Congressman's wife told yesterday of conducting a "rampaging search" of their home after finding his side of their bed "unruffled."

According to Mrs Rita Jenrette, 31, in a racy series of memoirs, she eventually found him in another room.

"I found him drunk, undressed, and lying on the floor in the arms of a woman who, I knew, was old enough to be his mother."

She also claimed that at the time her husband John, from South Carolina, was trying to shake off a reputation as a ladies' man.

John Jenrette, who was defeated at the polls but stays a member of the House of Representatives until Jan. 3, is appealing against his October conviction of accepting a bribe in the so-called "Abscam" scandal, in which FBI agents posed as front men for Arab sheiks.

In an interview with the WASHINGTON STAR his wife said she was making her revelations because "I need the money." Her husband was facing legal fees of more than \$25,000

'Something about . . .'

"Every Congressional wife learns there is something about

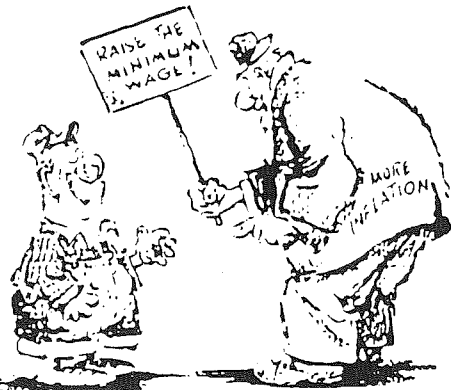
a Congressman that brings women out of the woodwork."

"If he's young, handsome, flirtatious, trained attack dogs won't be able to keep them away. I know. I tried."

Omitting names, she said the wife of another Congressman had confided that her husband was a cocaine addict who frequented massage parlours and brought home prostitutes for three-way sex.

"Congress is a world of thirsts that can't be quenched," Mrs Jenrette went on. "The drug habits, the drinking problems, the mistresses, the boy-friends attest to that."

'Here's your sign but remember I get my cut!'



Journalism is one of the devices whereby industrial autocracy keeps its control over political democracy; it is the day-by-day, between-elections, propaganda, whereby the minds of the people are kept in a state of acquiescence, so that when the crisis of an election comes, they go to the polls and cast their ballots for either of the two candidates of their exploiters. Not hyperbolically and contemptuously, but literally and with scientific precision, we define Journalism in America as the business and practise of presenting the news of the day in the interest of economic privilege.

Upton Sinclair, *The Brass Check*, 1920

## Mother not charged in child porn case

ALEXANDRIA, Va.

Alice Sims, the Alexandria, Va., artist who was under investigation for child pornography, will not be charged in connection with taking what police said were "sexually explicit" photographs of her children.

Although Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Randolph Sengel said some of the photographs were pornographic, he did not believe Sims took them with "criminal intent," according to his written opinion explaining why he will not prosecute Sims.

"There is no evidence to indicate the photographs were intended for distribution . . .," Sengel wrote. "In addition there is not evidence of any act of abuse against any of the persons depicted in the photographs."

It is against state law to produce sexually explicit photographs of children under the age of 18.

Sims told police that there was nothing sexual about the pictures. She said she had planned to combine the children's photos with the images of waterlilies for a series called "Water Babies."

## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



1 "The US has the right to mine Nicaragua's harbours as an act of collective self-defence." — Kenneth Dam (left), deputy secretary at the United States State Department, speaking about the planting of mines outside Nicaraguan ports by the CIA, April 11, 1984.



2 "Mining of the high seas without notice and interfering with restricted navigation is unlawful and a serious threat to world public order." — President Ronald Reagan (right), letter to Congress on alleged Iranian mining of the Gulf, September 24, 1987.

## HOT POTATOES HAVE FIREMEN RUSHING TO HOSPITAL

By ANTHONY HOPKINS

FORTY firemen had to rush themselves to hospital in their own fire engine after eating seed potatoes roasted in a barn fire yesterday.

They were told by the farmer at Braunton, seven miles from Barnstaple, Devon, that the crop was likely to be poisonous. It had recently been sprayed with fungicide before winter storing.



## JAMES DOLE: THE BEST TYPE OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN

By Robert Brakeman

Hawaii's James Dole may not have been the perfect American Businessman, but he'll do until the flawless one comes along. All independent entrepreneurs are several different people in one, and Dole was MANY. Taking a look at his various roles and services throws some helpful light on the way the U. S. business systems operates at its best — when business people are neither victims or victimizers, when they neither prey upon other people by having the government confer special favors upon corporations, nor are preyed upon by a predatory "public" which uses government to loot certain individuals labelled "Big Business".

**THE VISIONARY:** The Hawaiian Islands came under the control of the U. S. government in 1898, as sort of a side-light of the War with Spain; it had been partly under the control of private Americans for a few decades, with missionaries and businessmen sharing power with the native monarchy. James Dole and men like him were given nearly-total freedom to operate when a revolution in '93 overthrew Queen Liliuokalani (Queen Lil to the press) and established a government patterned after those of the American states. The Americans who organized that coup then worked diligently for annexation to the U. S., and after being turned down by Grover Cleveland, they were finally treated kindly by Bill McKinley, who took them in.

Dole in his visionary role did just what the label implies: he looked around at things as they were and compared them with things as they could be. Specifically, he saw a combination of factors that, if put together properly, by someone like James Dole, could form a great industry and satisfy the needs of millions of humans (the common term is "consumers", but that suggests that there are some people who are consumers and some who aren't, which is ridiculous; consumers are all of us). Dole looked at the lowly pineapple, a yellow fruit largely unknown back in California and points east, and he thought he saw something Americans would love if only they were given a chance to sample the stuff.

**THE AGGREGATION OF CAPITAL:** Dole had performed the first, and most classic, role of the entrepreneur, when he had looked around and seen something which people might like to have done for them but which wasn't being done; but that would have been a nonproductive role if Dole hadn't gone on to the next one. Having had his vision, he didn't go to some hack-socialist in some government agency somewhere and try to get the public's cash to bring that vision to fruition. Rather, he combined some of his own money with some money from other private parties who voluntarily gave it to him. He, and they, had enough faith in his vision to produce money from their savings, money which they might have spent to give themselves pleasure immediately, and to invest that cash in a venture which might later on return them a tidy profit (and which might also lose them every penny they put in; it all depends upon the soundness of the vision, and there are just as many demented ones as intelligent ones — more, in fact). Out of this aggregation of private capital the Hawaiian Pineapple Company was born, with our James Dole as its head.

**THE INTELLIGENT PRODUCER:** Dole's next role was the one in which he actually started churning out the stuff that consumers (OK, I too sometimes use the word for the sake of variety), he hoped, would find attractive and buy. He and his associates needed no erudite professor at the Harvard Business School to inform them of this datum: there would be a one-to-one correlation between their efficiency of production and their chances of being successful. Efficiency in agriculture, as in industry, meant mechanization to the maximum degree, and Dole soon turned large parts of Hawaii into the kinds of places that warm the

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DEFICIT SCANDAL...

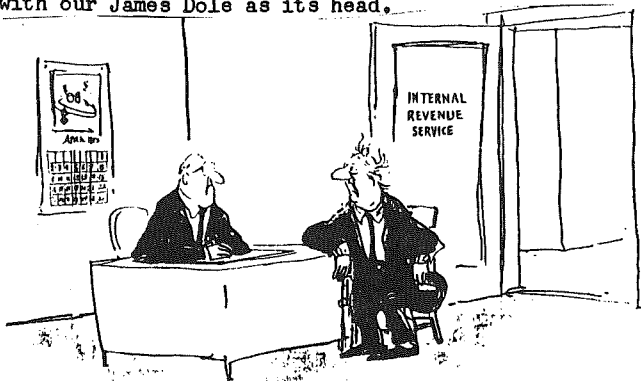


hearts of sales people from such firms as International Harvester and John Deere. Dole's operations in the first decades of this century were primitive by today's standards, but of course that's an irrelevant comparison. What matters is this: for the time, they were the ideal combination of steel-and-wheels-and conveyer-belts-and-containers-and-the-division-and-specialization-of-labor; and Dole would be proud of how superefficient his successors are.

**THE INTELLIGENT LOCATOR:** As basic a decision as how to produce was where to produce. In that decision-making role too, Dole excelled. His primary decision was to start producing assemblyline pineapples in Hawaii, where the climate was perfect for it. The rains-and-temperatures combination was made in heaven (which, come to think of it, is about the same thing as being made in Hawaii). But a secondary decision J. D. made was equally important — it was secondary only chronologically, not in terms of its significance.

There is in Hawaii an island called Lanai, and in 1922 Dole bought it ~~at~~ all of it — to devote it to pineapple production. When Dole first looked it over, it wasn't suited for pineapple production, but he saw that potentially it was ideal. Lanai is located on the leeward side of two larger isles, Maui and Molokai, which means they keep the rains which sweep down from the northern Pacific from dumping much water on Lanai (the windward side of an island is the side facing the direction from which the wind blows; the leeward side faces the direction toward which they blow). This drier soil-and-climate on Lanai meant that the sensible land-usage suggested that it be utilized not for the production of sugar, which predominated on nearby islands and which required supermoisture, but to grow some crop which didn't need so much moisture. A role of the entrepreneur is to figure out the most productive uses for factors of production (in this case, land), and Dole did that for Lanai.

**THE CONSERVATIONIST:** There was, however, one problem (actually, as with any young business enterprise, there were several thousand problems; what I mean is there's one I want to mention here): Lanai was too dry. It wasn't just too dry for sugar, it was too dry for anything — in



"I'm going to need a barf bag."

BOOTH

**DOLE, continued**

fact it was a little old dust bowl that was fast blowing away to sea; if you'd like to see how bad things were, visit nearby Kahoolawe Island, across the Kealaikahiki channel, which is still blowing away. I emphasize the "still" in speaking of Kahoolawe because Lanai isn't blowing away anymore, and it's all due to James Dole.

Dole reversed the disappearance of the Lanai topsoil, and he did it because he and his company had an incentive to do so. It was their land which was being stolen by the winds and redistributed into the far southwestern Pacific, and their future well-being which was going down the drain (it was also the interests of the consumers who might like to have what Lanai could produce which were being hurt, but obviously that matter didn't weigh as heavily upon Dole & Company as their own interests; which is no cause for cynicism about the business system, for the Hawaiian Pineapple Company acted as if it thought of itself as the fiduciary for consumers — which it was — even though its key motivation was its own financial wellbeing; that's the nature of the system: it forces the firm to serve the citizen). So, what did Dole do?

He hired the best talent around and applied the techniques of scientific conservation to saving the island. He planted pine trees to hold the soil in place in spite of the wind; he planted grass to do the same thing; he drilled wells to counter the soil's dryness; and he instituted contour-plowing. The result was predictable: he saved Lanai and turned it into an immensely productive piece of

agricultural real estate. For comparison, think of the way the federal government/lumber company combine treats federal timberlands; the land is decimated, because when the "public" owns land, no one owns it, and there is no incentive to safeguard or improve it.\*

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\*For an example of federal lands, see the report on how the policy of not fighting forest fires ruined Yellowstone Park in 1988. - jh

## Schools blamed for illiteracy

By ROXANA HEGEMAN  
Chronicle Staff Writer

American public schools are purposefully "dumbing down" the population, author and educator Samuel Blumenfeld told more than 200 parents and educators here last week.

More than 27 million adults are functional illiterates — unable to read a want ad, fill out a job application or balance a checkbook. And their ranks are swelling by two million each year, he said.

Blumenfeld contended that top educators are reducing the intelligence of the population so that a world socialist state can govern without any resistance.

A population that can't read its own Constitution or Bible is more easily controlled, he told a large crowd gathered at Christ's Church near Bozeman.

"They don't know when they are losing a freedom," he said.

From 1985 to 1988 the verbal SAT scores in Montana declined 21 points, one of the highest declines in the country, Blumenfeld said. Similar declines were noted in other Western states such as South Dakota, 23 points; Wyoming, 21 points and North Dakota, 15 points.

The Office of Public Instruction in Helena confirmed those figures. Montana students scored an average of 492 in the verbal Scholastic Aptitude Tests in 1983 and 471 in the verbal SAT in 1988. Math SAT scores also dropped from 547 to 529 in the same years, said Francis Olson, assistant superintendent of Administrative Services at OPI.

Blumenfeld placed the blame squarely on the takeover of education by behavioral psychologists such as John Dewey and others who put the educational emphasis on development of socialization skills.

It is so difficult to come out of the public schools with any intellect, that the term "American airhead" has now evolved, he said.

However, Olson pointed out that the national average for verbal SAT scores was 428 and for math SAT scores was 476, so Montana students were still above the average.

Montana students ranked as the fourth highest in the American College Testing Program (ACT) in 1987, he added.

The literacy problem is not that women today are suddenly giving birth to millions of dysfunctional babies, Blumenfeld said.

The nation's reading problem is directly attributable to a new method of teaching reading which was adopted with the introduction of the Dick and Jane and the McMillan readers, Blumenfeld said.

It was at that time that public education switched from the alphabetic phonetic method to the idiographic or "look and say" method of teaching reading.

"We teach children as if it (English) was Chinese, each word as if it was a little picture," Blumenfeld said. "Educators had to go back 4,000 years to a method we threw out — which was discarded and thrown in the trash can of history ... and called it progressive education."

What little phonetics is taught now in the schools is "phonetic clues" to help reduce the number of guesses when a child reads a word, he said.

Instead Blumenfeld advocates a return to "intensive, systematic phonetics" as a method of teaching reading.

The Bozeman school system used a heavy phonetics base in its reading program, said Whittier School Principal Sally Richter. The schools here

use the Ginn Reading Series and supplement that with a separate phonetics program.

Blumenfeld contends the "look and say" method of teaching produces symptoms of dyslexia — such as errors in letter naming, reversals of letters and difficulty in reading printed words.

"The child comes to school quite normal," he said. "He gets dyslexia in the schools."

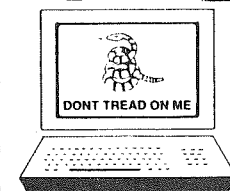
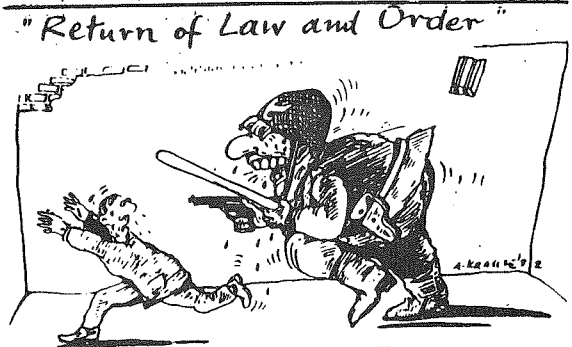
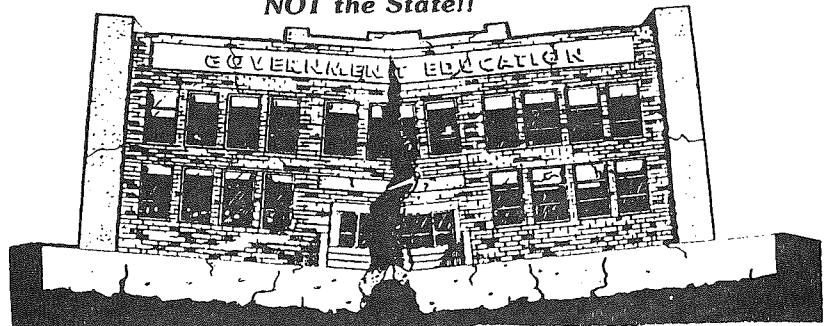
The International Reading Organization rides herd on teachers, Blumenfeld said, making sure almost every public school reading teacher uses the "look-say" method.

Children who are unable to read soon fall behind in other subjects, actually regressing mentally. "It can permanently damage children," he warned.

The latest fad is the "whole language" method of reading, which is just the "look-say" method dressed up in fancy clothes, he said. It is a reading method which lets pupils guess at a word.

For example, it would be acceptable to read the word "house" for "home" or the word "pony" for "horse." The state of California now uses this "whole language" method, he said.

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Headline in the *Washington Times*: Economic Panel  
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**Libertarian Books** (see also **FREE LIFE**), Chris R. Tame, Brian Micklethwait, 1 Russell Chambers, The Piazza, Covent Garden, London WC2E 8AA, England, 01-836-6913. 1988. "Political, economical, cultural articles from a libertarian perspective" Expects 2 titles 1988, 5 titles 1989. fof.

## City favors 'carpetbaggers'

When I was a junior in college, I escaped from the dorm, and got to spend my last year there on student government introducing all the complaints about the way the dorms were run disgracefully, such as the story of how Dan Reeves found a cockroach baked into the cornbread; and we tried to get the state health board to close down the college cafeteria.

Now that I have escaped from the city limits of Florence--selling the last family property there last month--I get to explain to people things they don't understand about the city, and why folks like Mike Ford of the Community Concerned Citizens have so many good reasons to be concerned. The problem is not simply racial.

One kid who used to play baseball for me applied for a job with the city police. He was turned down because he was a "local". The policy of discrimination is in favor of carpetbaggers. Naturally, the carpetbaggers have a tendency to be whatever is a majority outside the Southeast. The city is not the only government agency that

discriminates this way; for all I know some of the government employees I've met in this area may be illegal immigrants from Mars, not local folks from Mars Bluff. Like cousin Florence was.

John T. Harilee  
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# Tax cut high

The state should use \$26 million in supplemental money to begin financing Gov. Carroll Campbell's tax cuts beginning with the 1989-90 fiscal year, the state Budget and Control Board decided Friday.

The board was virtually locked into recommending supplemental funds for the Campbell tax-cut plan after endorsing the idea late last year.

Campbell on Friday convinced the Budget Board that an independent actuary should be hired to study the system before the board considers changes in benefits or deductibles. "It's almost like a patient about to have a major operation," Campbell said. "I want a second opinion."

Out of a projected \$69 million in supplemental money available after the end of this fiscal year, the board recommends \$26 million to fuel Campbell's plan for tax cuts.

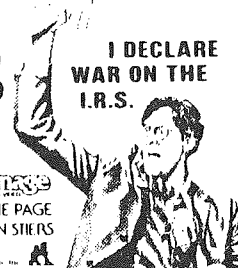
The income tax rate reduction would save South Carolinians about \$10.

Pursued by police, a Newcastle, Australia, bank robber began a shoot-out. Down he abruptly fell. He only got to shoot one time, but the police didn't shoot at all. The bandit's bullet struck the metal frame of a door and ricocheted right at his body. Hospital doctors removed the bullet and the offender wound up in jail.

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## It's a kinda gentler administration

With all the transition-time brouhaha about the dearth of women and minorities among Bush appointees, another human deficit has gone virtually unnoticed: we're now faced with a decline in the number of Cabinet-level Jews. Despite all the scripted blather about a kinder, gentler nation, the result so far can at best be described as a kind of *gentler* administration. While Reagan's Hollywood connections created openings for Jewish advisers, Bush's Waspy, polo-pony, yacht-club milieu is hardly a traditional Semitic stomping ground. Of course, it's not just Jews, but also women and minorities who are receiving scant or token representation in the new government. The elite, members-only cast of Bush appointees serves further to blister the president's already peeling veneer of folksiness, which at any rate had been only an illusion conjured by opportunistic, if media-savvy, hirelings. A moment of nostalgia for Ronald Reagan is a strange and terrifying thing, but it seems that Reagan's boyish charm has given way to something less charming and decidedly more *goyish*.

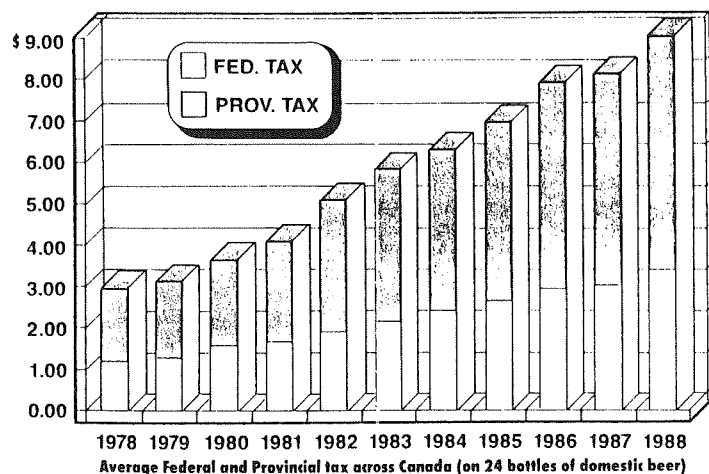
--In These Times

I never intend to adjust myself to economic conditions that will take necessities from the many to give luxuries to the few. I never intend to adjust myself to the madness of militarism and the self-defeating effects of physical violence."

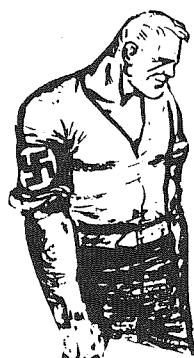
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## 25-year retirement idea for teachers supported

Thirty years ago, I met a lady in her 90s who was a retired school teacher and talked to her about five minutes at a church supper. She had taught in the public elementary schools for 50 years until she retired, and then a school was named for her. She then taught another 16 years in the elementary school run by her Protestant church until it got to be too much effort.

This is what she told me: "I loved every day I taught, but if I were young now, I wouldn't go into school teaching."

Since I was working for the public schools (which were so notoriously maladministered they couldn't even meet their payroll because they were wasting so much in administration and the voters were disgusted with them), I understood what she said.

So when the teachers ask for 25-year retirement, I have to support the idea, as she would have, because I have seen so many good school teachers who wanted to get out of the public schools because of the way they were treated, with working conditions they would never have imagined when they started. It is not like the days when teachers retired with regrets in their 70s; those days are gone forever.

Of course, if we would reform the public schools with a voucher system, which would give parents a choice, someone, somewhere would start good schools, which would attract teachers to stay. And if we could recruit good teachers who want to take courses in college in academic subjects instead of educationalist mush, they might have those who would teach the kids a lot, like they used to.

JOHN T. HARILEE

# Chinese go to extremes to show disapproval of income-tax system

Associated Press

BEIJING

Angry Chinese unwilling to pay taxes are attacking collectors across the nation, according to news reports.

Thirteen collectors have been killed and more than 6,800 have been injured since 1985, the *People's Daily* reported Wednesday. The paper also announced a policy change that allows police to accompany tax collectors on their rounds.

"The masses are attacking, surrounding, beating officials from the State Administration of Taxation who are trying to collect taxes," the paper said. "This type of violent behavior has rudely trampled on social order."

The paper also told the story of a band of pig farmers in Jiangxi province who stuffed four tax collectors into a pig pen after they demanded payment.

"Man and pig mixed together as they drove the collectors from town to town," the story said. "One of the criminals stood on the crate and urinated on the officials."

## Proposed seat belt law doesn't make sense

I wish to respond to those who want to pass a seat belt law (which I consider unconstitutional), as stated in *The State* by Cindi Ross on Feb. 8. Such a law would include a mandatory 3.2 percent rollback in automobile insurance rates.

This seat belt law just does not make sense. First, the General Assembly has already passed a law in 1974 that gives the insurance companies the right to assess their customers a recoupment charge that reimburses the insurance companies for any losses which they say they have. In my case — a liability policy insuring for property damage up to \$25,000, \$50,000 per accident for bodily injury and \$100,000 for each person per accident — the premium was \$65.16 with a \$20 recoupment charge, which is a 31.7 percent increase.

The above figures are for a six-month period and apply to a 1978 Chevrolet automobile with drivers having a good driving record. This information was obtained by me from the Department of Insurance by telephone by way of the Better Business Bureau.

Secondly, it should be the public's decision if they want to die strapped in a car, unable to unfasten a seat belt or take a chance to live by being able to get out of a wrecked car. I generally wear my seat belt when I think it is safe to do so.

R.H. HUTTO

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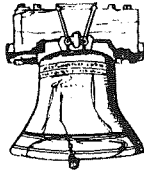
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## Taxpayer

The recent bankruptcy filing of the Patriots Point Associates seems to have the Patriots Point Development Authority, the lessor of the land, upset over the possibility of the authority's losing the prerogative to choose a new developer. Furthermore, the authority's attorney, Dewey Wise, indicates the state should intervene and bail out the associates — and thus the authority — from this financial quagmire.

I hope the Budget and Control Board and the General Assembly quickly refute an attempt to push this obligation on the taxpayers of South Carolina. The bonds that were sold to investors were revenue bonds, which essentially means the return to the investors is strictly to come from the revenues of the project undertaken. Moreover, Mr. Wise says that an analysis has been done by the authority and shows that a completed hotel and marina could not support the bond payments. Thus, he wants the taxpayers to foot the bill since the project is not economically feasible.

The concern of the authority about losing control of the choice of a new developer to the bankruptcy court is not a valid concern. After all, the authority is the one that chose the developer that is now in bankruptcy and ran an *ex post facto* analysis that shows the project to be uneconomical. A bankruptcy trustee surely could not do any worse in his decision making.

Mr. Wise seems to have a concern about the image of the state if the bankruptcy is allowed to proceed. I think the taxpayers of South Carolina have an even greater concern about what kind of image the state will project if it bails out this project.

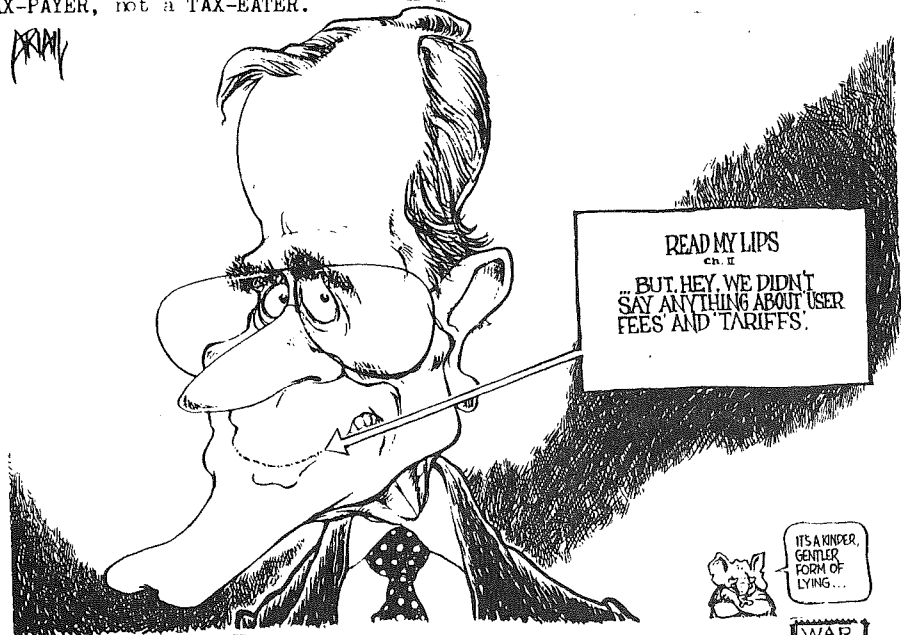
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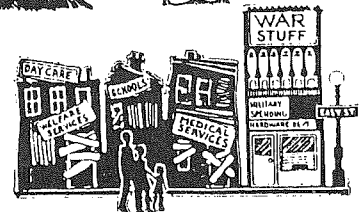
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### CAR CRAZINESS BY IRS

A new "luxury" automobile purchased now and used 100 percent for business purposes could require 35 years to fully depreciate under the new tax rules. IRS does not offer suggestions for finding a car that will endure 35 years, much less be suitable for business use after the first five.

San Diego Union, Dec. 8, 1988



## My turn / Geb Sommer

### Third parties in America



It is not generally known, that the voters of the United States have in the past frequently formed third political parties when they became dissatisfied with the older two parties.

In 1840 when it was clear that neither of the two parties of that day, the Democrats and Whigs, would take a stand against slavery, the Liberty Party was established.

It polled only about 7,000 votes for president that year, but it was the start of the anti-slavery movement. In 1848 the party was reorganized and polled close to 300,000 votes; and six years later placed second in the presidential election as Republican Party. The rest is history: Republican Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860.

Agrarian protest in 1872 was the beginning of the Greenback Party. By 1894 the 'Greenbacks' were strong enough to elect 16 members of Congress. The party's success caused the first labor rights and anti-monopoly legislation.

Another third party with significant social impact in later years was formed towards the end of the 19th century. The Social Party presidential ticket of 1888 received only 2,000 votes, but by 1912 the Socialists had over 1,000 elected office holders and received 6% of the presidential vote. In order to keep the Socialist Party from growing still stronger the Republicans and Democrats adopted major portions of the Socialists platform and began to introduce laws regulating hours and working conditions in factories and established legal recognition of labor unions.

Political scientists generally agree that a political two-party system cannot operate if the voters are denied an opportunity to form new parties when the old ones both fail to represent them. If it were impossible for the voters to organize new parties, then the two older parties would tend to become more and more like each other...each one striving to occupy the bland middle ground, and fearful of any bold new proposals. Only the threat that a new party will be organized, or the actual success of a third party, guarantees a healthy two-party system.

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## NUMBERS AND STATISTICS: THE EDUCATIONIST BUREAUCRACY

First of all, the tables omit the District of Columbia, which is 2nd in average teacher salary, & 4th in spending per pupil. It's not counted in the graduation percentage, but is next to Fla. at the bottom.

Come, let us reason together. Teacher pay has little to do with the quality of teachers. There are some states with unrelated items, however. Alaska has to pay its teachers more because it costs more for necessities, like groceries and heating, to live in Alaska. This runs up the cost of schools, too, not only on salaries, but on utilities for the school building, transporting students, and especially having smaller classes because of low population.

Another interesting case is Minnesota, which has the lowest non-white population in the US, and the highest percentage of kids finishing high school. Florida, at the other end does not have the lowest white population, but it has a split, with many whites in the retirement age, but many blacks & Hispanics in the reproducing and student age group. Arizona has the highest Indian percentage, & New York has a high percentage of all sorts of non-whites. All these come out with the fewest high school grads, with states like Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia, etc. with the largest black minorities. Hispanics & blacks combine in Texas & California.

The statistics also do not tell you that highly racist integrated schools tend to drive white students out; it does not work in virtually segregated schools of Swedish rural towns in Minnesota.

The amount spent per student includes things like school buses to get the kids back & forth. This is why a state, with excessive transport problems, like West Virginia with this problem doesn't pay high teacher salaries, but has things like small classes or small bus routes because of mountainous areas. The same occurs in a state like Montana with a rural population spread over a large area.

In reverse, some systems may spend less per student and do a good job, because they don't waste so much on bureaucracy. Taking a guess, a good example would most likely be Utah.

Also, there are some indirect costs of the schools that are not included; for example a private school has to have a bookkeeper bill the parents; a public school gets tax money, which costs more to collect.

And there's one curious fact about North Dakota; in the depression teachers went on strike for higher pay, so they hired nuns to teach in the public schools for less.

Also, please note that in many states the percent graduating does not mean that all of these are literate. Admittedly, the percentage is much higher among immigrant groups as having difficulty with English.

Now let us go to SAT scores. The % of grads who take the SAT is based on 2 things: are they considering going to college, and do the colleges in that state use SAT or the ACT system. The states with the fewest taking SAT, whether Iowa or Mississippi are only those considering a college in another state, whether Ivy League or what, because their state and some adjoining states do not use SAT.

Similarly, scores must be compared with courses taken. Males score higher on Math, but they average more math courses taken. Blacks scored higher on 1988 math, but they also averaged more taking math.

Now when SAT was set up, an average college applicant with a chance of getting in would score about 500; on the first try almost 30 years ago the national average was 523, better than expected. Those Days Are Gone Forever!

Then SAT scores started dropping every year after a few years with more students taking it and a larger % of grads going to college. What forced kids to go to college was the Vietnam draft, with a major decline in the college grades' value as a system to keep guys from flunking out and being drafted. (In the Korean War, the

State	Graduation Percentage and Rank	Average Teacher Salary and Rank	Amount Spent Per Pupil and Rank
Alabama	67.3 (39 tie)	\$23,500 (31)	\$2,565 (47)
Alaska	68.3 (36)	43,970 (1)	8,253 (1)
Arizona	63.0 (47)	25,972 (24)	3,093 (40)
Arkansas	78.0 (15)	19,904 (49)	2,658 (45)
California	66.7 (41)	31,219 (5)	3,543 (25)
Colorado	73.1 (28)	27,387 (18)	3,975 (17)
Connecticut	89.8 (2)	28,902 (7)	4,743 (6)
Delaware	70.7 (33)	27,467 (16)	4,610 (8)
Florida	62.0 (50)	23,785 (29)	3,529 (27)
Georgia	62.7 (48 tie)	24,200 (27)	2,966 (44)
Hawaii	70.8 (32)	26,815 (20)	3,807 (21)
Idaho	79.0 (13)	21,480 (44)	2,484 (49)
Illinois	75.8 (21)	28,238 (12)	3,781 (22)
Indiana	71.7 (30)	26,083 (23)	3,275 (35)
Iowa	87.5 (5)	22,603 (39)	3,619 (24)
Kansas	81.5 (8 tie)	23,427 (33)	3,829 (20)
Kentucky	68.6 (35)	22,612 (38)	2,486 (48)
Louisiana	62.7 (48 tie)	20,054 (48)	3,187 (38)
Maine	76.5 (20)	21,257 (47)	3,472 (32)
Maryland	76.6 (19)	28,893 (8)	4,450 (10)
Massachusetts	76.7 (18)	28,410 (10)	4,562 (9)
Michigan	67.8 (37)	31,500 (4)	4,176 (12)
Minnesota	91.4 (1)	28,340 (11)	3,941 (18)
Mississippi	63.3 (46)	19,447 (50)	2,362 (51)
Missouri	75.6 (22)	23,468 (32)	3,189 (37)
Montana	87.2 (6)	23,206 (34)	4,091 (15)
Nebraska	88.1 (4)	22,063 (40)	3,634 (23)
Nevada	65.2 (42)	26,960 (19)	3,440 (33)
New Hampshire	73.3 (27)	22,011 (42)	3,542 (26)
New Jersey	77.6 (16 tie)	28,718 (9)	5,395 (3)
New Mexico	72.3 (29)	23,977 (28)	3,195 (36)
New York	64.2 (45)	32,000 (3)	6,011 (2)
North Carolina	70.0 (34)	23,775 (30)	2,982 (43)
North Dakota	89.7 (3)	21,284 (46)	3,481 (31)
Ohio	80.4 (11)	26,288 (22)	3,527 (29)
Oklahoma	71.6 (31)	22,060 (41)	3,146 (39)
Oregon	74.1 (25)	26,690 (21)	4,141 (14)
Pennsylvania	78.5 (14)	27,422 (17)	4,416 (11)
Rhode Island	67.3 (39 tie)	31,079 (6)	4,667 (7)
South Carolina	64.5 (43)	23,190 (35)	3,058 (41)
South Dakota	81.5 (8 tie)	18,781 (51)	3,051 (42)
Tennessee	67.4 (38)	22,627 (37)	2,612 (46)
Texas	64.3 (44)	24,588 (26)	3,298 (34)
Utah	80.3 (12)	23,035 (36)	2,390 (50)
Vermont	77.6 (16 tie)	21,835 (43)	4,031 (16)
Virginia	73.9 (26)	25,473 (25)	3,520 (30)
Washington	75.2 (23 tie)	27,527 (15)	3,881 (19)
West Virginia	75.2 (23 tie)	21,446 (45)	3,528 (28)
Wisconsin	86.3 (7)	27,976 (14)	4,168 (13)
Wyoming	81.2 (10)	28,103 (13)	5,114 (5)

age grab depended on the county draft board, and it would draft kids with B+ out of college to keep farm kids out.) In the period of 20 years ago, a college became the equivalent of what a C- used to be; in some courses a majority got an A, when originally it was rare for more than 10% in any class to do it. Math dept. would give the same exam to all in a variety of classes, and could find that the schedule had put several of the best in 1 math class, because of the scheduling, not the prof.

To give you an example, when I was at Davidson in 1952-3, out of 250 frosh, there was 1 with an A avg. and 19 more with B+ avg. There were 11 who made A in college algebra, and 5 of them were in 1 class. At the other end there were about 25 who flunked out as frosh with less than a D avg.

In coordination with more taking the SAT and more going to college, the SAT is revised every year, because a few students take it over to get a better score, and has a tendency to be made easier to keep up with the

# Average S.A.T. Scores by State, 1978 and 1983-1988

State	1978		1983		1984		1985		1986		1987		1988		% of Graduates Taking S.A.T.*
	V	M	V	M	V	M	V	M	V	M	V	M	V	M	
Alabama	438	469	488	508	467	503	481	513	478	514	478	515	480	520	9
Alaska	458	488	437	468	443	471	446	477	445	479	446	479	441	475	43
Arizona	492	529	465	505	469	509	473	512	486	509	463	506	465	500	22
Arkansas	483	514	482	518	482	521	481	517	482	519	480	521	479	518	7
California	427	488	421	474	421	476	424	480	423	481	424	482	424	484	44
Colorado	473	516	469	520	468	514	473	521	466	514	466	514	460	511	29
Connecticut	438	469	433	465	436	468	440	475	440	474	439	473	436	472	81
Delaware	436	477	433	467	433	469	444	474	442	475	440	470	433	466	62
Florida	428	461	423	464	423	467	421	463	426	469	423	470	422	468	49
Georgia	394	424	390	428	392	430	399	438	402	440	400	440	404	444	63
Hawaii	398	468	393	471	395	474	401	476	403	477	404	477	408	480	52
Idaho	488	521	479	513	480	512	472	510	475	512	473	502	467	501	16
Illinois	463	511	462	517	463	518	468	522	466	519	463	521	484	520	18
Indiana	413	457	410	454	410	454	415	460	415	459	415	459	412	458	56
Iowa	516	569	520	573	519	570	521	576	519	576	515	574	513	577	5
Kansas	503	550	498	540	502	549	504	550	498	544	498	547	494	541	10
Kentucky	473	510	475	513	479	518	491	529	483	519	479	519	475	515	10
Louisiana	464	501	469	502	472	508	473	503	474	507	473	509	476	513	10
Maine	429	467	427	464	429	463	432	466	434	466	433	466	430	466	59
Maryland	431	466	427	466	429	468	435	475	436	475	437	477	433	475	60
Massachusetts	430	465	427	463	429	467	434	472	436	473	435	474	432	474	73
Michigan	459	511	458	511	461	515	467	517	462	514	459	513	457	513	13
Minnesota	497	550	482	538	481	539	481	537	482	540	472	531	470	531	17
Mississippi	478	505	474	507	480	512	489	528	485	516	487	521	482	519	4
Missouri	465	506	466	510	469	512	475	518	478	519	474	518	471	519	14
Montana	493	549	480	535	490	544	492	547	485	541	479	530	471	529	20
Nebraska	484	538	494	546	493	548	497	549	493	549	488	545	487	545	10
Nevada	457	494	441	480	442	489	441	480	445	485	439	484	440	486	24
New Hampshire	446	486	444	481	448	483	450	489	450	485	450	488	446	487	68
New Jersey	419	451	418	455	418	458	425	464	424	465	425	467	424	469	69
New Mexico	485	524	484	519	487	527	484	521	489	527	484	526	478	524	12
New York	431	471	422	466	424	470	427	473	427	471	425	469	420	469	72
North Carolina	390	424	394	431	395	432	398	435	399	438	400	438	401	440	58
North Dakota	510	552	505	580	500	554	513	568	508	558	509	558	498	555	5
Ohio	459	504	458	504	460	508	460	504	460	503	456	499	452	499	23
Oklahoma	483	527	489	521	484	525	497	531	487	521	486	520	483	522	9
Oregon	437	469	432	469	435	472	444	484	444	486	444	484	441	482	50
Pennsylvania	427	467	425	461	425	462	428	465	429	465	428	463	424	462	63
Rhode Island	425	463	422	459	424	461	429	466	432	466	433	465	431	469	64
South Carolina	378	409	383	415	384	419	391	424	395	431	397	435	400	438	57
South Dakota	519	564	517	560	520	566	534	575	531	567	513	563	511	559	8
Tennessee	477	514	483	519	488	523	489	521	488	521	487	524	485	524	13
Texas	425	460	412	453	413	453	419	459	419	458	418	459	417	462	45
Utah	518	584	508	545	503	542	511	543	506	541	503	540	498	536	6
Vermont	434	473	434	472	437	470	441	478	442	474	440	474	437	472	64
Virginia	428	462	427	463	428	466	435	473	435	473	434	473	430	472	63
Washington	484	525	463	510	463	505	465	508	461	502	455	496	448	494	37
West Virginia	465	506	466	512	466	510	468	507	462	502	458	496	451	496	14
Wisconsin	479	540	473	533	475	532	477	534	478	536	475	534	473	534	14
Wyoming	498	542	492	530	489	545	495	539	484	534	483	533	474	527	12

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\* Based on number of high-school graduates in 1988 as projected by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, and number of students in the Class of 1988 who took the S.A.T.

SOURCE The College Board

decline in the quality of high school grads taking the SAT. Most of the decline is not only due to more going to college, but poorer high school training.

South Carolina was one of only 7 states to show a better score in 1988, and still remain at the bottom; generally, a small increase or decrease of less than 5 points is just normal fluctuation with no big change. (One time SC went up 1 point after going down for 18 consecutive years, & the statist supt. threw fits.) Only Hawaii and Georgia show real increases, and it could be a result of fewer taking the SAT. Likewise a decline of 23 points in South Dakota could be a fluctuation since it's one of the states with the fewest taking it. With a majority taking SAT and the score going down 11 points in Delaware is significant.

So, here you have the Numbers. We need Deuteronomy, are a second set of laws, separating the schools from the State.

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# Education, civic center, government unity key Chamber of Commerce retreat issues

In Education, the Chamber pots favor illiteracy and baby-sitting; in civic center they want to spend huge amonts of taxpayers money for subsidies to some special interest on an auditorium that can't pay its own expenses; on unity, BAH!

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*Some regulatory laws  
an affront to citizens*

By enacting regulatory laws such as those requiring the wearing of seat belts and motorcycle helmets, the legislators are telling the citizenry that they are incapable of making their own decisions about how to live their life.

If ordinary people are incapable of making such decisions, they are not capable of making a wise decision when voting or serving on a jury, so why doesn't the nation return to a monarchy? After all, right or wrong, the king is always right!

If God wanted people to be told

JAN CHAPMAN



### Letters

#### Local option sales tax — get off our backs

Dear editor:

The local option sales tax will be a massive increase in revenue for county governments. Taxpayers will be out \$140 million. That is about \$125 per year for an average property owner. Renters will be out even more money.

County officials are also presenting puny property tax rollbacks as an incentive for voters to vote yes for this tax. To even think that these rollbacks will be permanent is wishful thinking. Last year the infamous "vehicle maintenance fee" was supposed to keep our taxes down. Fat chance. Taxes that year skyrocketed.

There seems to be no fiscal discipline in this county. Officials constantly moan that their budgets are "cut to the bone." Yet no budget that has programs like aerobics, and crocheting can be considered frugal. Subsidized arts programs, subsidized summer baby-sitting programs, subsidized tennis courts, subsidized technical colleges and lots of other subsidized "essential" services like these can be cut and the county would not enter a depression.

County officials never even consider contracting out government services. Why should taxpayers tolerate monopoly government control over the provision of services. Privatization saves money. Wichita, Kan., contracted out its entire waste disposal system to the private sector and reduced its budget 25 percent. Lafayette, Calif., did the same with

its public works, saving 2 percent. Bay County, Fla., contracted out its jail to a private firm, saving \$1 million. Wherever tried, privatization has overwhelmingly been proven to provide better services at less cost. To look at an example of a monopoly, one should examine our public schools in the only real national standard. Bowman High School's average SAT score was a disgraceful 540. That's only 140 points above a moron level. In any business, those responsible would be fired. In Orangeburg County, the teachers were given pay raises and the school was actually taken off the "seriously impaired" status. No wonder parents who can afford it send their kids to private schools.

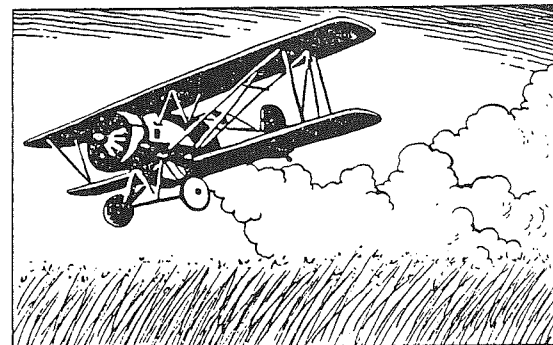
Orangeburg is poor. Taking more money from its citizens will not help the economy. Government cannot create wealth. It can only redistribute income. The local option sales tax will do this. To say or even suppose that a sales tax will help this county is wrong. In reality, the county is giving you \$125 in a property tax rollback but consumers will end up paying back \$250. The payback occurs every time that one cent on one dollar is added up on our purchases.

People work hard for their money. A sales tax takes that money right out of their pocketbooks. \$125 is a lot of money. County Council and county officials should get off our backs and let Orangeburg County residents spend their money on what they want and not on what county government wants.

Drew Amendola  
Chairman  
Orangeburg County  
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Neeses, S.C.

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# Soviet elections have major advantage Bumper sticker ban?

## Prison farm reopening could solve the problem

A civic center and multi-million dollar recreation complex, or a place to house the prisoners? I understand it costs more per day to house a prisoner at the Florence Detention Center than it would to put him up in one of Florence's nicest motels with room service.

If they (county and city officials) would forget about the civic center and recreation complex and put those millions into the old prison farm at Effingham it would solve a lot of problems; it might keep some judge from turning a lot of scum loose on the streets just because they don't have anywhere to put them. They could take some of that money and buy additional farmland and let the prisoners work the land and grow their own food and what they don't use themselves they could sell at the market and put the profit back into the system.

They could grow everything that any farmer grows—vegetables, cotton, soybeans, etc. They could supervise and guard

## How to ease crowding problems in the jail

There are ways to relieve the serious problems caused by overcrowding of the Florence City-County Complex without having to build a new jail at an enormous expense to taxpayers.

First, there are far too many there awaiting trial in uncontested cases, not for days but for months. The last case I was to testify in (against a burglar) took three months of holding him there, even though he confessed to a clear offense so simple that I didn't even have to testify as the main witness. He was put on probation on a first offense. The trial and preliminary hearing took less than 30 minutes. It cost the taxpayers room and board for him for three months.

Imagine what it would be like if the folks that run such a system were delivering your milk!

Second, very few of the prisoners have had a psychiatric examination. I do not know how many may be crazy, but it is likely some are. I don't know which ones.

“If people behaved in the way nations do they would all be put in straitjackets.”

Tennessee Williams (1914–1983)

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THE FIRST Amendment took a hit the other day when the S.C. House gave tentative approval to a bill to outlaw bawdy bumper stickers.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Steve Lanford, R-Spartanburg, allows magistrates to fine motorists up to \$200 for displaying stickers “containing profane, indecent or lewd words describing sexual acts, excretory functions or parts of the human body.”

them at the same time and they could probably get some free supervisory help from the agriculture department just by asking for it. They could build buildings like army barracks with bunk beds instead of cells. They could equip a kitchen out there and train some of the prisoners to be cooks and let them prepare their own food instead of buying it from some restaurant.

I say to County Councilman Johnny Powers and Chicken Little, whoever that is, if we are going to get a tax increase let's get it for something we really need that will benefit everyone. I have always believed in taking care of needs first and wants later. If it comes down to it, why not hold a referendum? Let the people vote on it. That way we can let the people decide how they want to spend their tax dollars.

Bubba McCutcheon, Effingham

But if they would send each one held on a serious charge (whether drunk driving, drug dealing, not paying child support or assault and battery) who has never had a through psychiatric examination up to the state asylum for a few weeks it would clear a bed in the local jail meanwhile. If a few never come back, so much the better.

Third, as a privilege non-violent offenders, who get out in the daytime to go around collecting trash from roadsides and other useful tasks, should be allowed, as a privilege, to go off to camp at night too. Let them have a low-security barracks as the county used to have at Effingham and the state had at the Florence airport. Deprive them only of civilian clothing and living with the violent criminals. There may be a few who don't want to get out and go back to a home or job, but that can be solved otherwise.

John T. Harilee, Florence  
‘Tax reduction’ plan  
is bogus magic act

The issue of income tax cuts for South Carolina has been settled — unanimously, no less — as the House of Representatives voted 107 to 0 to pass the “great compromise” of 1989.

This measure calls for a reduction in the capital gains tax from 7

Anyone who opposes oppressive big government cannot help being excited about the recent election results in the Soviet Union. Adam Smith's “invisible hand” of the marketplace has begun to have its inevitable effect there, as the Russian people fight back at the polls against a government that has failed miserably to control the economy.

Granted, there is only a glimmer of hope at present, as the Communists still hold a large majority; but the first steps are being taken. Many entrenched politicians have been replaced with independents who have the overwhelming support of the voters.

Amazingly enough, the Russian voters are armed with a particularly valuable freedom that we Americans do not have. It is the right to vote for “none of the above” by striking out the names of candidates who are not liked (even unopposed incumbents). Exercising this right, the citizens have been able to oust those politicians who have not earned the faith of the people. Numerous cases have been reported where the incumbent was the lone candidate but was not re-elected because the voters hated him and preferred to have no one elected.

Isn't it time the American people had the same option? Don't we deserve at least as much freedom at election time as the Russians?

WILLIAM S. BROOKS Jr.

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percent to 3 percent (over four years), cutting the tax on the first \$2,000 in income by \$5, and raises the homestead exemption by a mere \$5,000. This must be the greatest non-tax-cut tax cut ever pulled out of the legislative/executive hat.

Originally the Governor called for a 6 percent income tax cut; the Legislature said none. Then “poof,” the magic “act” creates the new “tax reduction.” Under this plan those who will benefit will be large-capital-holding individuals and companies, not those who really need it. The little guy will be forgotten, and under this “great compromise,” the rich will get richer and the little guy will get the shaft.

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