

# This is Your Brain *the Southern Libertarian* On Drug Laws....

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My drug addiction began in Wisconsin in the late '60s. I didn't think it was serious at first. I just took a nose full of the stuff with a high-school chum. Later, I increased the dose. I was buying it every three weeks.

I didn't know the nasal congestion I suffered was a withdrawal symptom, but I did know the stuff cleared it up. It wasn't until years later, when a doctor told me, that I realized I was addicted.

To Neo-Synephrine. An over-the-counter nasal decongestant which I took for hay fever.

Why did I become addicted back in those hippie days? Not because Neo-Synephrine was legal. After all, pot was illegal, but most of my friends smoked it; yet I abstained. What I didn't know about the nose drops was that my friend was taking far more than he needed; and following his lead, so was I. What I needed to protect me from Neo-Synephrine addiction was not laws, but information.

Drug laws cannot prevent drug use. They only prevent society from learning anything from the drug use that occurs. They foster lies to fill the silence, and this discredits valid warnings on the real dangers of drugs. The silence and disinformation, a never-ending cultural lobotomy, is the most subtle, the most ignored, and yet the greatest cost of the war on drugs.

My Neo-Synephrine experience coincides with recent findings cited by Arnold Trebach in *The Great Drug War*: that honest, credible drug education may increase drug use — but decreases drug abuse.

To illustrate this important distinction, consider an extreme case. Imagine you could choose between having everyone take one drink a day before driving home, and having four people out of five drive home sober while the fifth one drives home on five drinks. The latter case, with fewer users but more abusers, is clearly more dangerous.

No one claims that education would eliminate abuse, but some commonplace examples indicate why it would reduce it: because much abuse is due to ignorance. Many common legal products are allergenic or harmful to a hypersensitive few — sulfites or monosodium glutamate in food; components of Irish Spring soap or Tide laundry detergent. Caffeine is an elusive cause of insomnia, heart palpitation and other alarming symptoms.

In fact, if you have an "Excedrin headache," what you are suffering is caffeine withdrawal. Look at the label on a bottle of Excedrin — caffeine is a major ingredient. The fresh dose of the drug alleviates withdrawal symptoms as a Bloody Mary remedies a hangover.

Now, a lot of the use of these products results in needless anxiety, time lost from work, and doctor bills. And how does our government respond to that waste? By requiring warning labels on these products, or prohibiting them?

No. Instead it busies itself outlawing drugs many of whose users are far better informed of their effects than is the average user of Coca-Cola. By subjecting users to a black market, government makes them less informed about, and thus in greater danger from, what they are ingesting. Sometimes the government itself pollutes the drug — spraying poisonous paraquat on marijuana, as it adulterated alcohol with poisonous methanol during Prohibition.

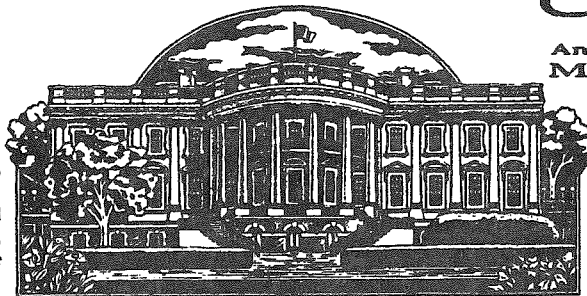
The government even tries to suppress drug research done in less hysterical days. In 1983, the government's National Institute of Drug Abuse sent a letter to librarians "strongly suggesting" that they "purge" certain "outdated" NIDA publications, of which a list was kindly enclosed.

Is this how knowledge advances? Did Einstein ask that Newton's works be thrown away? But then, more Lysenkov than Einsteins are likely to seek positions in crusades of this sort. The first casualty of war is truth, and the war on drugs is no exception.

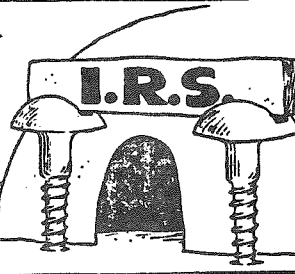
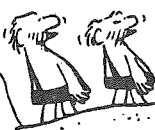
One need not be in battle fatigues to take potshots at the truth. One can be a sort of civil-defense worker, like Janet Cooke was when she wrote her Pulitzer Prize-winning fabrications about an "8-year-old heroin addict." As Thomas Szasz noted, lies on the subject of drugs are so common that if Cooke had not also lied about her academic credentials, she probably would have gotten away with it.

Another classic tale told as true came in 1968 from then-Gov. Raymond Shafer of Pennsylvania. Six college students, he said, had gone blind staring at the sun while on LSD.

# Messenger



FOR  
PRESIDENT 1992  
Stop Deliberating;  
Start LIBERATING!  
— Marrou



At Grand S., a transvestite was acquitted of stab wounds to a male date who attacked it, leading us to warn in April the tax-collector may really be a vamp.

The governor later retracted the story when his source, another government official, admitted that he had made it up. I mention this old hoax because we remember its tenacity, and it illustrates the self-fulfilling prophecy about "bad trips" which guaranteed that worried first-time LSD users would be more susceptible to bad trips as a result.

I can attest to this personally. In the summer of 1972, before moving to California to attend graduate school at Caltech, I did once what friends had done numerous times: I took LSD.

I went into the experience with the wrong attitude, and had a very bad trip. But the worst of it was that afterward, it remained a private horror. Public hysteria did two monstrous things simultaneously: it made me fear that I had permanently damaged the only asset I had — my mind — and it made this unfounded fear something that I could not confide to anyone.

I finally went to the student health service, which referred me to a psychiatrist, whom I saw once. His answer to my problem was a prescription for Valium, 10mg, taken several times a day.

I had no idea what a high dose this authority had prescribed. One-tenth or one-twentieth of that would have provided a crutch. The prescribed dose, which I took, was an emotional straitjacket. It was the opposite of what I needed.

What I needed was the plain truth, and I got chemical repression instead. The social inhibition against discussing the sort of shameful weakness that would lead to a need for tranquilizers ensured that I would not soon learn how to use even these in a responsible manner. Valium wasn't even illegal, but the error-correcting mechanism of communication was shorted out by the taboo.

All of the harm here came not from drugs, but from silence and lies. Drug laws and drug lies are not preventing errors and foolishness in drug use from taking place again and again and again. They are merely preventing the rest of us from learning from the errors and benefiting from them.

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THE PRAGMATIST



Andre MARROU / Nancy LORD

## Libertarian

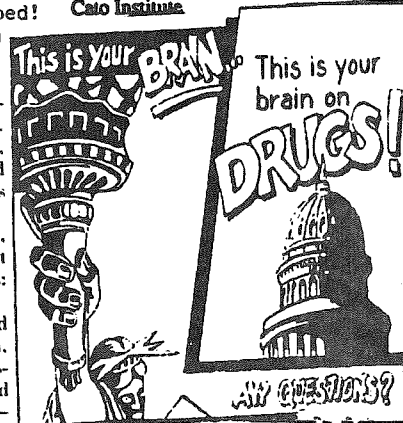
The foremost, or indeed the sole, condition required in order to succeed in centralizing the supreme powers in a democratic community is to love equality or to get men to believe you love it. Thus, the science of despotism, which was once so complex, has been simplified and reduced, as it were, to a single principle.

Alexis de Tocqueville.  
Democracy in America.



"George Bush will go down as one of the worst presidents in American history. The Republicans were the anti-tax party and now they are the dumb party."

— Edward Crane, of the libertarian Cato Institute



## plan secession

Chicago Tribune

SUSANVILLE, Calif.

Faced with bankruptcy and fed up with unresponsive state politicians, rural counties across northern California are mounting a grass-roots "revolution" to secede from the state.

Some of the 27 counties, which claim 2 million of the state's 30 million residents, want to annex to neighboring Nevada; others want to break away and form a 51st state.

Secessionists charge they have nothing in common with goings-on in the glittering, troubled streets of big cities hundreds of miles and a lifestyle away.

Hundreds of callers supporting a 51st state recently flooded rural TV affiliates that conducted impromptu polls after a state assemblyman proposed dividing the nation's most populous state.

The latest proposals to secede, like the two dozen others that have been floated since California became a state in 1850, are likely to fail, because they would require the approval of the state Legislature and Congress.

NEWS OF THE ABSURD & BIZARRE \_ TYPICAL IN DIXIE

Beaufort, SC wanted to ban skateboards, not just from sidewalks, but also parks. So, they passed a city rule that also banned wheelchairs, which also have 4 wheels & are propelled by human power. .... International Book Project, 1440 Delaware Av, Lex, KY 40505 wants donations to send books to 3rd world schools, BUT they want money, not used books. .... Ohio Senile Bill 11 makes it illegal to sell a loaf of bread weighing less than 12 oz., or any "odd" ounce size. This in 1990! .... 1A. of hemp = 4A. of trees in paper pulp produced, & will make every grade paper @  $\frac{1}{4}$  cost, with less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  air & other pollution, says USDA. Hemp & waste paper can generate all fuel for autos, & replace nuclear power cheaper than fossil fuels, without pollution or Chernobyl dangers, says US Dept of Energy. It can also make rope that was great at hanging pirates, & should be used on their equivalents. ....

Fatima Crusader declares govt. abuse of power in US getting worse. In Calif. state police can kick down door with no warrant & put owner in 3 yr. jail for having unregistered gun, like 95% of them. In Milwaukee sheriff & police search cars at roadblocks presuming all guilty of drugs. (I hope they delay a postal delivery & get hauled into fed. court for it.) A secret trial of a Chinese student sent him back to China on evidence from commun. govt. there. Luling Tex police staged night raid, shot owner, 82, arrested son, 39, for diet pills, & did not find one they were looking for. San Fran police have set up division to deal with "hate" crimes against gay. DEA is demanding customer lists from garden suppliers & raiding greenhouses of those who grow orchids. Calvin Wong, 18, was dragged out of high grad. in cap & gown & held 2 weeks on mistaken identity in San Fran. FBI opens mail of Joe Lee, celebrity photo collector, who wrote Gorbys for a free pic. Don McIlvaney, missionary to S. Africa, has all his mail from there ripped open. As Justice A. Scalia declares, US courts are creating rights for criminals, while denying constitutional rights to the innocent. ....

At 3M, taxes are the 2nd largest in the manufacturing area, exceeded only by raw materials, they report. So when you buy Scotch tape, know that more went for tax than for the labor of all those who made it. .... Local media wouldn't print letter last year noting how postage stamps have gone from 3¢ to 29¢, while bread has gone from 10¢ to \$1. Suggested selling a gov-monopoly that wasn't making a profit, as Maggie did in UK. .... Islam missionary Dr. Amed declares that pig is only homosexual animal, so perversion is usual in pork-eating nations. He has never met the housecat. ....

With mandatory drug tests, marijuana legalizers infiltrated pizza parlors in Washing, DC, & loaded those go mostly to govt. offices with pulverized hemp, enough to cause a positive drug test for "high" officials, & also a real buzz. .... Freshmen are an endangered species; Harvard Crimson now calls them "freshpersons. - Homer Pyle .... "The contradiction that the army for the defense of democracy is anti-democratic in its whole structure only appears to be a contradiction so long as we believe assurances that it defends democracy."- Max Frisch (Militia used to be democratic in colonies & US until A. Lincoln stopped it.) .... "It is unlikely that Nixon will be the last venomous, power-hungry man, touched with paranoia, in the White House." - J H Plumb .... For \$10. U can get "Whom God Has Joined Together" on miscegnation & other sins. from APM, Box 30,000, Phoenix, AZ 85046. ....

NEA (teach) convention was a scream: Boy Sprouts were kicked out for forbidding scout leaders from sodomizing scouts. T-shirt, "I Be A Teacher" caused 20 minute debate on freedom of speech, but errors in grammar won. & 1992 is not to be stressed, since Columbus did "atrocities" against American Indians. .... Letter reports corruption in psych for such as double billing & false bills. Won't bother telling you where; look into your local nursing home or other private moneymaker. .... "The human rights situation in the

# loss of liberty

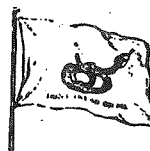
Lately the effort to undermine the Second Amendment by passing the "Brady bill" (requiring a waiting period before purchasing a gun) has been continually encouraged by the news media. This so-called "reasonable" proposal would trample upon the rights of every American citizen.

As Americans, we should oppose any efforts that might result in a loss of liberty. The Brady bill infringes on our Second Amendment rights and effectively eliminates our right to be presumed innocent. The "instantaneous background check" system, proposed by the National Rifle Association, provides a more sensible alternative. An instant check system is currently being used in three states. Interestingly, these states have been exempted from the constraints of the proposed Brady bill.

Under the NRA plan, all handgun purchases are subject to an instant background check. The Brady bill does not mandate a background check. It simply requires honest citizens to wait seven days to exercise a constitutional right. If after seven days no response is given, applicants have no recourse. Police officials (Big Brother) would be legally permitted to deny the purchase without reason. The news media have chosen to ignore this aspect of the "reasonable" proposal.

The average American does not support the "reasonable" provisions of the Brady bill. Congress should not be taken in by this deplorable attempt to equate sensitivity with meaningful legislation.

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LETTER FROM RUSSIA

I was going to write you long ago, but I wasn't in the right mood for writing letters all this time. Life has become so hard and full of unpleasant problems. If only  $\frac{1}{2}$  a year ago I could write letters sitting in a park with the pram, now all my walks consist of constant rushing about the shops looking for some food. But my searches are becoming less & less successful. It's 3 days that I can't buy any milk. When it's brought to the shop it's sold out in  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour. ... A week ago we were shocked when a 3 month old baby, whom his mother was holding, was pressed to death in the line at a food shop. With every day the chaos in the country is becoming almost total... The most free & objective TV programs are prohibited...

An incredible thing happened this week. We've got 2 parcels from you & paid - only a few kopeks for them. (Because they were 100% cotton!) We couldn't understand what had happened with our customs, but the T-shirts, jeans, & all came safely & rather quickly. Of course everything is very precious. We would never be able to buy a T-shirt here, as its price is a month's salary. To say nothing of the jeans, which cost 4 months salary. ... Though no steps have been taken to stabilize our economy & prices increase every day, still we feel a bit better. ...

## County

# County

Timothy Moultrie declared zoning was the next step. "I've never seen a government action that did not swell to more bureaucracy. County Council lives and breathes water lines and zoning," he opined.

Tom King, leader of Aiken County Libertarian Party, said the comprehensive plan was a "set up for county zoning . . . without this plan being approved, there can be no zoning." He called the limiting of what a piece of property can be used for Socialism.

Council mem-

Moultrie suggested the public hearing and the comprehensive land use plan seemed to be "a gross misrepresentation of intent."

In answer to a question about limiting small businesses to commercial "clusters," Baggott said, "We sometimes must yield some personal freedom for the protection the majority desires."

*this means everyone in the community must drink that water, unless they buy bottled water, or get a water purifier to remove the fluoride.*

# Medical Tribune

**Fed Study Links Fluoride to Bone Cancer**  
Ironically, the area of the country that has the lowest tooth decay rate has no fluoride in it.

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## Karate School Kidnapping

Evidence points to Cult Awareness Network involvement in the kidnapping of a Long Island woman in early January.

In classic deprogramming technique, Barbara Ponella, 26, a receptionist at the Tai Zen Defense School, was seized by three men and dragged into a waiting van.

Reports indicate that the woman's parents were in touch with the Cult Awareness Network prior to the kidnapping.

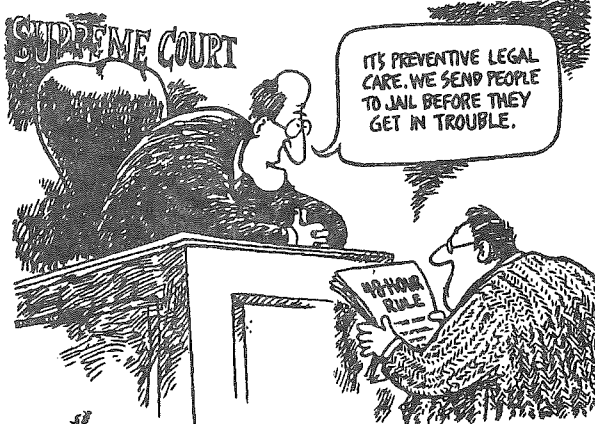
The deprogrammers apparently deceived the woman's parents into believing that she was controlled by a "Zen Buddhist cult" who lit candles and wore black robes at the karate school. According to police, no such cult exists.

"This is Germany, it's 1933. The signs are all around us -- systems close in; methodic surveillance and numerization of the people becomes more elaborate as it increases; the government is a vehicle for the power elite... freedom is rhetoric as multinationals rape the Earth and mutilate culture."

Missing Foundation, from  
-- Your House Is Mine 1933 -- 1988

"...voices could already be heard demanding that free artistic expression and free speech should be silenced... the cultural and political institutions of the people were attacked... At the beginning, only a very few people were capable of seeing the connection between reactionary restrictions in the field of culture and the ultimate assaults upon the physical life of a people itself... But these strokes were only preparations for more drastic measures... a spiritual preparation for total war which is the total enemy of all culture. A veritable exodus of writers and artists began, of a kind such as the world has never seen before... The people now have to live without roofs over their heads, without sufficient nourishment, without soap, without the foundations of culture."

—Bertolt Brecht discusses Berlin 1933



“The simple fact is that even our best students generally don't know enough and can't do enough to assure success in tomorrow's world.”

Your message here!

Lamar Alexander  
U.S. secretary of education

## Good Sex

After all the debate at conventions this summer, it would be tempting to think conservative members of mainline churches are enmeshed in a kind of Victorian prudery. Those who have opposed liberalizing tendencies seem to some always to be telling people "don't." It is time for those who hold to historic standards to dispel that mistaken notion. While it comes with clear limits, sex is great. After all, God invented it.

The Bible's attitude toward sexuality is perhaps nowhere better described than in the Song of Solomon. Admittedly, some Christians have at times been embarrassed, even scandalized, by its graphic depictions.

CHRISTIANITY TODAY

## MATH SONG

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,  
8, 9, 10 and 11;  
12, 13, 14, 15,  
16, 17, 18;  
19, 20, 21...

Isn't math a lot of fun!

## How Bill of Rights Has Gradually Been Eroded

By WALTER E. WILLIAMS

Bicentennial Celebrated 91

Passed in 1791, this year we celebrate the Bill of Rights Bicentennial. My question is: Shouldn't it be a requiem instead? Let's see how some of the rights of the original 10 amendments have been surreptitiously repealed.

The 10th Amendment guarantees: "Powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

That's pretty plain language. So you tell me how the federal government can constitutionally mandate speed limits, control public schools and waste-disposal sites, and make hundreds of other edicts. Better yet, try to think of something you or your state can do free from federal mandates.

The 9th Amendment provides: "The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."

The 9th Amendment was written to overcome Alexander Hamilton's objections to having a Bill of Rights in the first place.

Hamilton asked, "Why declare that things shall not be done [by the federal government] which there is no power to do?" That makes sense.

Hamilton was simply asking why should we have a measure saying that the government cannot restrict the press when it has no authorization to do so in the first place. Hamilton's concern was since it is impossible to enumerate all liberties, such as economic liberty, politicians and judges would rule that they were not protected rights. The courts have made a mockery of the 9th Amendment.

We retain a few protections of the 5th Amendment, but they are disappearing. Among its protections: A person cannot be "compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself."

Try this. Ask your Internal Revenue Service agent whether the information on your tax form can be used against you in criminal proceedings. Then ask whether you are constitutionally required to give that information.

Fifth Amendment provisions explain why we have the charade of "voluntary tax compliance." That way, when you appear in tax court and ask that your tax form be inadmissible as evidence under the 5th Amendment, the judge will say, "Sorry, you voluntarily gave the information."

The 5th Amendment also provides: "Nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation." Not only has the court made a mockery of that provision, it permits, as in a Hawaii case, taking of private property for private use. It denies some owners of private property the right to raze it and build another building. It denies landowners the right to chop down trees on their own land.

The 2nd Amendment guarantees "the right of the people to keep and bear arms." The 2nd Amendment is not a deer-hunting or duck-hunting amendment. It affords us some protection against wanna-be tyrants.

The people leading the attack on the 2nd Amendment are the very people who want to control greater portions of our lives and restrict our freedoms. Therefore, part of their agenda is to first disarm us. I don't know about you, but whenever you hear that the government has taken Williams' weapons, you'll know that Williams is dead.

Any bicentennial celebration of our Bill of Rights is almost a hoax. Almost, because we still have freedoms envied by most of the world; but they are under siege. The only rally I'll attend is one that has a stated agenda like "Rally for Full Restoration of Our Bill of Rights."

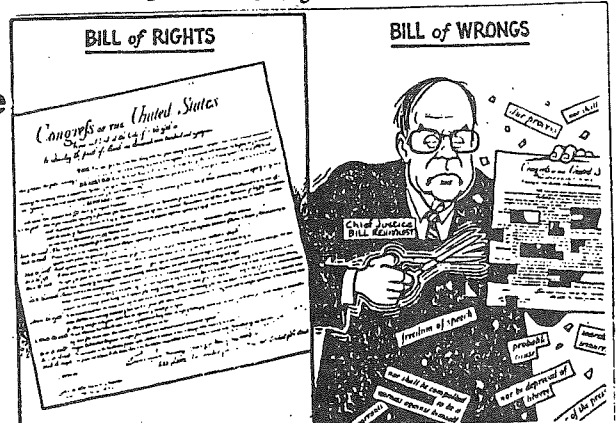
"...a bill of rights is what the people are entitled to against every government on earth..."

Thomas Jefferson

## Tax money electrifying

CLOVER — The tax money provided to Clover schools by Lake Wylie's Catawba nuclear plant has afforded them such amenities as a \$6,000 electric flagpole.

But school officials say they didn't order the flagpole that automatically unfurls the flag each morning and rolls it up at night. It was included in a package for their new \$1.5 million administrative offices.



A ROCK FOR A ROCK. (Or rather, 600 rocks for a rock). In its latest attempt to halt protests of the Palestinian people in the "occupied territory," the Israeli army has introduced a jeep-mounted rock thrower that fires 600 egg-size rocks a minute. The new device is the latest addition to the army's growing anti-uprisal arsenal, which includes tear gas and various types of rubber, plastic and metal bullets. Israeli officials would not comment on the new assault weapon. (The Jubilee, P.O. Box 310, Midpines CA 95345.

liberties are slowly eroding



# Irresponsible taxpayers

In your Aug. 6 article entitled "Pregnant teens get help one-on-one," the writer praised Ms. Ernestine Matthews for helping teen-age mothers care for their children. How wonderful! The more illegitimate babies the state of South Carolina has, the better, right?

I am tired of paying for "poor, underprivileged" teen-age girls to go out and have a good time! Innocent citizens must pay the price. Taxpayers pay for prenatal and postnatal care for the mother as well as for food, diapers and medical care for the baby.

Later, the teachers who instruct these kids will have to deal with many children who are the products of drug addicts, alcoholics, smokers and neglectful mothers. In fact, the federal government will support many of these children until the age of 18, and the cycle often continues.

Once a woman has one baby who must be supported by the government (i.e., the taxpayers), she should be sterilized. That may be taking away her rights, but she is taking my money.

As a 17-year-old-girl, I can relate to many of the problems and temptations these girls face. However, there comes a time when we all must become responsible adults.

JANE E. PRESSLEY  
Chester

## Crumways

Our nation and our community face a very big and very fundamental problem. Our highways and bridges are deteriorating faster than they are being repaired. And to compound that problem, we have no national long-range plan for the future.

Right now, 60 percent of our highways and 41 percent of our bridges are in need of major repair. The poor condition of our highways affects individuals and businesses that use trucks.

Crumbling highways and deteriorating bridges are contributing to a great loss of productivity. These poor highway conditions have created a traffic congestion nightmare that wastes our precious fuel and pollutes our air. Pothole-filled roads promote highway accidents and even death.

Now is the time to solve this national problem that seriously injures our community. The Federal Highway Reauthorization Act expires Sept. 30. Congress, over the next couple of months, will be called upon to consider a national long-range highway plan. We desperately need a sound plan to take us into the future.

The Federal Highway Reauthorization Act is perhaps the most important transportation issue to be considered by Congress in three decades. If this issue is not resolved, experts predict that, by the year 2000, traffic delays caused by inadequate roads will cost \$50 billion in lost wages and wasted gasoline.

LARRY PATTEN

"THE STATE has progressively disestablished Christianity as its foundation and, while professing neutrality, has in fact established humanism as the religion of states. When the religion of people changes, its laws inevitably reflect that already established trend." Rev. R.J. Rushdoony



### Civic Center will increase taxes

The editorial on August 18, in the *Florence Morning News* began with the sentence "Truth quickly became the first victim in the Florence Civic Center and Florence Jail." The editor then commenced to bury the victim. He used innuendos, insinuations and half-truths as a covering.

The editorial states "the assessments were not tax bills and did not mean an increase in taxes." It is true that the assessments were not tax bills. The higher assessments do mean an increase in taxes. I will lead you through the system. In 1990, taxes were assessed on my house valued at \$62,000. In 1991, taxes will be assessed on the new valuation of \$83,000. By law, my taxes cannot be increased by more than one percent per year. But the one percent is on \$83,000 not \$62,000. That means that my taxes will be one third more than under the old assessment.

Officials claim that taxes have not been raised since 1977. In 1980, taxes (city and county, combined) on my house were \$307. In 1990 taxes on the same house with no improvements made were \$441. That's a 43.6 percent increase in 10 years. Ten percent was that allowed by law (one percent per year). The 33.6 percent was the result of the new assessment in 1980. The same results will be seen in the 1990-2000 assessment period. The new assessments do mean a tax increase.

The editorial states "No tax increase will appear on county tax bills in 1991 because of the civic center. No city tax increases have resulted from the center." What are we going to blame the tax increase on, inflation? The straight-line system of bond retirement will require \$4,650,000 per year for the next 20 years. The civic center bonds will require slightly over two million per year for 20 years. We haven't paid yet through a tax increase, but we will.

The editorial states, "The civic center clearly will improve

the quality of life in Florence and the Pee Dee." A very costly improvement and no help for education, streets and roads and crime rate.

The editorial states, "A \$500 million investment is a nice payoff for just \$42.5 million in bond funds." Make that \$93 million, Mr. Editor. If you buy a \$15,000 car, finance it, and pay \$32,000 dollars to the finance company, you paid \$32,000 for the car. And remember, the \$500 million investment won't pay taxes for a number of years.

The editorial states "Florence is getting the civic center for a third of what it would normally cost. Florence puts up its third, a total contribution of \$5 million. In return, the state matches that \$5 million —." If we are only putting up \$5 million, why are we borrowing \$10 million? Seems to me that part of that \$5 million dollar state grant is our tax money, too. We are putting up \$21 million plus our part of the matching state funds.

The editorial states, "The land for the center was donated by the Byrd Estate group, with the only condition being that the 25-acre site be used for a civic center." This is untrue. A stipulation attached to the "use" of the site is that the center must be operated by the city-county government. It is a proven fact that no government, city, county, state or federal has ever been able to operate a business efficiently (example — Postal Service, TVA, Parks and Recreation, government). We are "stuck with it" because we can never dispose of it, white elephant or not.

The editorial states, "It already has commitments for several shows in 1993." They had better be lucrative because by that time we will have sunk \$10 million into a building, accrued over \$6 million in bond retirement, paid employees for two years, plus insurance and utilities and more than likely, a very hefty cost overrun.

The editorial states, "The Florence Civic Center is a part of Florence. The time is now for Florence to accept that fact — and indeed celebrate it." And I would add, dig deeper and deeper in your pockets to support the white elephant.

Lowell Lee

Do you support the Florence Civic Center?

No. The democratic process has been bypassed by not holding a referendum initially. Our elected officials have acted on the desires of the few against the interests of the many.

Duncan Tyson Jr.  
No. The taxpayer furnishes the funds. Any major projects should be approved by and be voted on by taxpayer. We'd all probably be better off if credit was cutoff to all government bodies from federal to city. We survive on Social Security and sure have to live within our budget.

James and Louella Crocker  
Johnsonville

No. Let the persons and businesses who think this is such a great venture pay for it completely. Then let them keep all the proceeds.

Glynn Webster  
Lake City

No. Let the wealthy citizens of Florence build it if they want it so badly. Let the businesses who say it will profit them build it. I don't want to pay for something I will never use.

Brenda Neil  
Coward

No. The county can not afford it, nothing but a costly thing to keep spending on. No good for average citizen.

Mary Ward  
Lake City

No. Where is the progress if it serves to impose hardship on the residents of Florence County? Most people like myself could not afford to attend a show there and even if we could, it would be a difficult trip to the center because of our poorly maintained roads.

Betty and William Hudson

No. If those who have enough money to sell their land — which increases the cost of the rest of the land, and those who would have the tax payers to foot the bill: should form a coalition and have the "Sickley Center" built at no taxpayer expense.

Why should taxpayers people who will never use this arena, pay for something that they will never use? Why not ask the people in Darlington County to contribute to the cause?

My vote is NO — NO — NO.

Francis E. Haselden

No. It will cost too much. We don't have enough people in the area to pay or attend the events. Tickets for events will cost too much to pay the big entertainers and they will take the money away with them. I could go on and on.

Elwood Guilford

No. Don't think Florence is big enough to support such an undertaking. Tired of higher taxes from local to federal level and constantly reading about misuse of the funds.

Juliet LaMance

No. This civic center should have been voted on by the public. My tax money will be subsidizing the hotel and restaurant industry and I can't afford it.

Lawrence Harnera

No. This is just another example of the working class footing the bill to benefit the upper class.

John & Debbie Wright

Yes. The delaying tactics by our local luddites will only make a good project more costly.

W.E. Smith

### Attorneys' advice shouldn't be taken

It would be foolish to make an appointment for a second opinion with one's regular physician. Likewise it was ludicrous for county council to get a second and third opinion from Sullivan and McLeod of the McNair Law Firm pertaining to the \$42.5 million Certificates of Participation.

In most instances three strikes and you are out is the rule. Council's handling of this fiasco gives taxpayers the impression that three strikes and you are in — in debt for \$89 million over the next 20 years.

Realizing the citizens were against several proposed projects, council hired the McNair Law Firm to devise a plan to finance them so the citizens would be powerless to oppose. Strike one!

After many complaints from taxpayers, council voted in January to meet with bond officials in New York to inquire as to the procedure to return or cancel the COPs. This was never done; instead Messrs. Sullivan and McLeod appeared before council and gave us their opinion, all negative, as as to why nothing could be done. They also warned council that the county credit rating would be drastically lowered and look for many law suits. Strike two!

Seven months go by and the citizens' wrath continues, so Chairman King asked the administrator to investigate the possibility of making changes in the projects. Well, the administrator got in touch with his golf buddies and they appeared before council August 15, again at taxpayers expense, and gave us the same old broken record of disinformation. Strike three!

The people who purchased the COPs don't care if Florence County builds a jail, civic center or whatever. All they want is their money. Any competent bond attorney or investment counselor can devise a procedure to accomplish this.

The state pledged \$5 million to build a civic center; it has not been delivered. The state treasurer only releases matched funds when the county's expenditure on behalf of the civic center are evidenced to the state treasurer's office.

Alternatives to the present plans are many. Perhaps the City of Florence, Florence County, Francis Marion College (with approval from the Commission on Higher Education) could build a concert hall-theater on the FMC campus and we would have a first class facility for the performing arts here in the Pee Dee.

With the new fair grounds proposed I am certain the Fair Association would cooperate and several large buildings, similar to those at the state fair grounds in Columbia, could be built and used as exhibit halls.

Since state and federal regulations only required the county to eliminate overcrowding the jail situation could be resolved easily. The old chain gang facility at Effingham could be brought up to approval and a similar one built on property the county owns on National Cemetery Road.

W.J. Hoffmeyer  
Florence

# Excuse-mongers make junk of schools

People may complain about the abysmal failures of the American public schools, but our educators are strictly world-class when it comes to public relations and propaganda.

Recently released statistics show that American high school students who take the Scholastic Aptitude Test have now reached an all-time low in their average verbal score on that test. In no time, the automatic excuse machine in the educational establishment came on, like a furnace activated by a thermostat.

"It's a misconception reinforced by the media that the SAT is a report card on the schools," said Dr. Ernest Boyer, President of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Learning. According to U.S. News and World Report magazine, Dr. Boyer "insists non-academic factors such as poverty strongly influence scores."

If the Scholastic Aptitude Test were the only sign of a debacle in our public schools, it might be possible to take such statements seriously. For more than a quarter of a century, however, innumerable other signs of educational degeneration all point in the same direction.

Scores on tests by the rival American College Testing Program have shown similar downward trends, as have a number of other tests. International test score comparisons have repeatedly shown American students at or near the bottom among comparable nations. Where the tests require several steps of reasoning to solve problems, American students have been at their worst, compared to students in other countries.

Some years ago, the same Dr. Boyer tried to claim that our top students "receive an outstanding education, perhaps the finest in the world." But when the top 5 percent of American students were tested against the top 5 percent from a number of other countries, ours came in dead last.

In addition to the usual lofty dismissal of the "misconceptions" of the great unwashed outside the educational establishment, Dr. Boyer's response was also typical in blaming factors outside the schools, including poverty.

It is certainly true that students from higher-income families generally score higher on tests than do students from poor families. But does that explain why test scores are lower today than they were 30 years ago? Are we poorer than we were 30 years ago? Blacks are certainly poorer than whites, and have lower test scores, but the fact is that black SAT scores have been rising in recent years, so that cannot be why the national average is going down.

The cold fact is that the top students of today are not doing as well as the top students of 20 years ago. In 1971, more than 116,000 students scored above 600 (out of a possible 800) on the verbal SAT. Today, fewer than 75,000 score that high — even though more students take the test today.

At some point, it is time to stop the excuses and the condescension. If people all across this country started running temperatures of 103 degrees, what would we think of doctors and public health officials who pointed out that thermometers are not always an accurate way of making medical diagnoses? We would tell them that they ought to damn well do something about the problem, instead of wasting everybody's time with pettifoggery.

Only Alice in Wonderland rivals the unreality of discussions among educators about what should be done in our public schools. With American students increasingly unable to write coherently, reason with any sense of logic or even be familiar with basic information, educators are busy trying to get more and more trendy and esoteric subjects brought into the school.

All too typical of this mindset was a report submitted this summer to the New York State Commissioner of Education, Dr. Thomas Sobol. According to this report, there is an urgent need for "multicultural perspectives" throughout the curriculum, which should also deal with "ecological precariousness" and "world citizenship." Using "interactive modes of teaching," the schools should develop the student's "empathetic sensibility," among other things.

According to the Sobol Commission report, "students need to see themselves as active makers and changers of culture and society." In other words, ignoramuses should take on the role of philosopher kings. How many of

today's students can even spell either "ecological" or "precariousness"? The author of a well-known history textbook used in high schools was urged to remove words like "spectacle" and "admitted" because they were considered too difficult!

The only way we are going to get better education in our schools is to get the junk out. That will not be easy. There are millions of dollars in tax money involved in this junk and the junk-dealers are not going to give it up easily. There are also ideologues who see the schools as a place with a large captive audience for their brainwashing.

It is going to be a long and hard battle, if we intend to keep our children from going down the tube. We can start by not being impressed or intimidated by the excuse-mongers.

## Prison Entrepreneurs

By Adam Starchild

The Federal Bureau of Prisons has a regulation which prohibits an inmate from "conducting a business" while incarcerated. Other regulations state that a prisoner may appoint a manager for a business interest he had prior to incarceration, and that he may have a special visit for occasional major business decisions which might affect the whole course of the business.

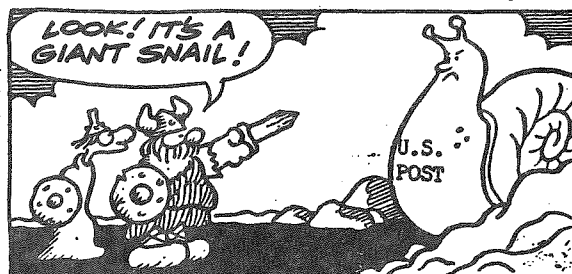
These definitions are obviously vague. Is it conducting business for a prisoner to trade his stock portfolio through his broker? How is that hurting the Bureau of Prisons?

I am the owner of several trademarks and unpatented inventions. I have tried to appoint a manager for the trademarks, but the Bureau of Prisons has stopped the correspondence, alleging that would be new business, and that I should have done it as soon as I was arrested. (Apparently that means that they don't see hiring a manager as a major business decision that would fall under that exception.) Owning an apartment building is a good analogy. If I owned an apartment building when I came to prison, I could appoint a manager, who would continue to rent out the apartments and collect the money for me. Bringing in new tenants would hardly be new business—I still own an apartment building.

Also, it is important to note that the rule is "conducting a business" not "conducting business," which would seem to indicate that there are business transactions an inmate might need to enter into. I was even charged with attempting to conduct business for signing a confidentiality agreement with a prospective future employer, in which it was stated that the company and I agreed to maintain mutual secrecy as we were contemplating the possibility of a future business relationship.

Likewise, I have been prohibited from making an outright sale of a trademark or an invention, even though one is not in the business of selling such things, and it is no different than an inmate being able to sell a house or car from prison, which is commonly permitted.

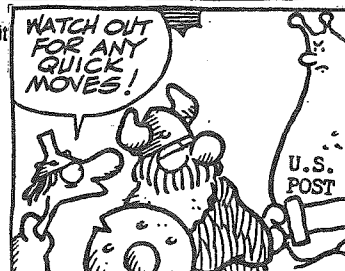
The economic freedom issue, however, goes well beyond a mere interpretation of the Bureau of Prison rules. Not only do they not have a right to order me to completely abandon all of my property outside of prison — which is their de facto present position



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— but the rule itself raises some interesting issues.

The protection of society from criminals is ensured through physical confinement, not through restriction on the flow of inmate ideas or prevention of inmate enrichment. Thus the conducting a business restriction bears no relation to the protection of



costs saved to the taxpayers.

Restricting conducting business serves no deterrent function. In deciding whether to engage in criminal activity, an individual will not consider the rather remote consequence that, if convicted, he will be prohibited from realizing a profit from his business.

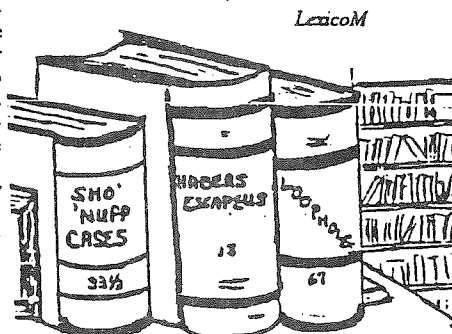
The conducting business restriction serves no legitimate goal of the Bureau of Prisons. In fact, the restriction functions solely as a punishment, mandating that an inmate suffer certain financial deprivation. (Not to mention the cruel and unusual punishment aspect that the government is forcing me to both abandon my property and to pay restitution after my release.) Prescription of penalties is a legislative function and individual sentencing is a judicial function. Neither lies in the province of the Bureau of Prisons.

The current Bureau of Prisons position also teaches inmates that capitalism is evil and criminal — all inmates must be equally impoverished.

## Rotten Apple Disposal

Info-World, a computer-industry trade journal, reports that the Apple Computer corporation buried 2,700 unsold Lisa computers in a Utah landfill last fall. Destroying the machines gave Apple a better tax write-off than could have been obtained by giving them away to schools or Third World countries.

from the Progressive



society.

The restriction inhibits, rather than fosters, the goal of rehabilitation. Mastery of a legitimate marketable skill is certainly a part of rehabilitation. Moreover, to the extent that a prisoner may earn compensation while incarcerated, he will be enabled to meet certain responsibilities, the meeting of which will aid in rehabilitation. For example, profits from an inmate's creative work-product might be utilized to make restitution to his victim. The Bureau of Prisons approach ensures that funds will be unavailable for victim restitution. Under an approach allowing unlimited profits, the inmate, aware that he would receive the benefit of profits realized in excess of those to which his victim was entitled, would be encouraged to earn funds which could be utilized for restitution. In the process of repaying his victim, the inmate would be exposed to the concept of responsibility for wrongs committed. Alternately, profits might be utilized to support the inmate's family; and the fulfillment of family obligations is one of the hallmarks of a well-adjusted citizen. Not to mention the welfare

## College anti-Christian bias

There's a battle over religious freedom brewing at the College of Charleston, but not the kind you'd expect in the place that bills itself as the Holy City.

Two former professors and several students say the state-run school's philosophy and religion department discriminates against Christians.

Affidavits in a federal discrimination complaint paint a picture of a department where people with religious affiliations are never seriously considered for permanent faculty po-

sitions and where professors use courses on the Bible to debunk Christianity and indoctrinate students in their own religion of atheism.

"It's not a matter of speaking out as much as it is just being found out," said Donald Schley, who alleges he was denied a tenure-track position because he's a Christian. "It's bad enough for them to know you're a Christian. It would be even worse if you were outspoken about it."

Schley, a 38-year-old Episcopalian with a doctorate from Emory University and study at the Gottingen U

Please remove my name from your mailing list. I am not in agreement with the sentiments expressed in your Southern Libertarian Messenger, especially in regard to renting.

Most of the landlords I know have plenty of money, but still want more & more. My land is worth a few million dollars and still raises my rent every year.

Landlords are like utility companies, they want to raise every year, and, an exorbitant rate of return on their investment, rather than just a fair one.

If a people want two classes of people only: Rich and poor.

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#### Yankee Ingenuity

A fellow I know named McGhee Said, "It's welfare time for me. Instead of working all day The government's way I'll stay home and let them pay me."

"The land of the free will not fail",  
Is the cry heard up hill and down dale.  
Just try hard to make it  
So then we can take it  
And don't have to put you in jail.

A neighbor of mine name of Kirk  
Revealed a political quirk.  
"What good is prosperity,  
freedom and charity;  
If nobody has any work?"

A hard-working fellow named Shade  
While checking the taxes he paid  
Was stricken with fear  
When he found out this year  
That he owed twice as much as he made.

## doesn't do windows

SAGINAW, Mich. — Looking for a house maid? Don't call your congressman — even if he is listed under "Maids and Butlers' Service" in the telephone book.

Rep. Bob Traxler learned Tuesday that's where his listing appears, right after "Time Savers Cleaning" on page 356 of the Ameritech PagesPlus Bay City-Saginaw telephone book.

The Democrat from Bay City jokingly said it's appropriate, in a way —

"Read my lips," the conservative said, so we studied lip reading and read:  
"No new taxes except on the weak, the inept, the unborn, the alive and the dead."

Joanne Seltzer

"You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love" (Galatians 5:13).

#### Limericks to:

Southern Libertarian Messenger John K. Metcalfe

On the day they threw out the new czar,  
and dismantled the U.S.S.R.,  
because of the riots,  
and starvation diets,  
Danny Quayle—on the back nine—shot par.

To the shame of our great grieving nation,  
we have bungled our kids' education:  
the young are such louts,  
that a seat in the House,  
is their one only hope of salvation.

The pro-lifers are marching in force,  
with their own special logic, of course;  
if this dot . is a baby,  
I reckon that maybe,  
this asterix \* here is a horse.

The new Disney World is a wonder,  
but an ideological blunder,  
with nannies gone feral,  
attractions turned fatal,  
and Minnie going down, if not under.

"For those who say I can't impose my morality on others, I say just watch me."

—Joseph Scheidler  
Executive Director  
Pro-Life Action League

#### PRaise the Lord! AND PASS the AMMUNITION!

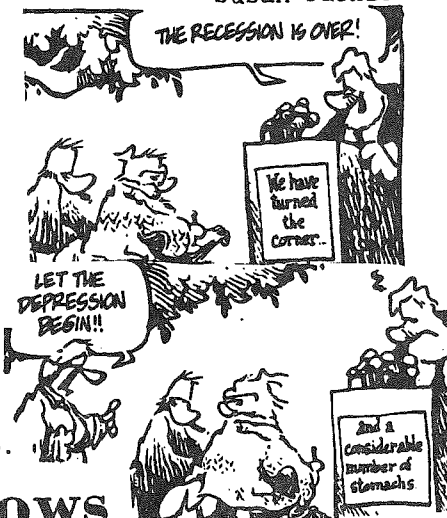
Nancy Lord, LP V-P  
candidate is to speak at  
SCLP convnt. at Grand  
Strand on May 2 & 3.

Please come  
& speak up.

Bank teller machines  
Are Freudian dreams:  
We conduct our affairs  
With a punch here or there  
And the climax is less than it seems.

There once was a man in a box  
Who said it was just like Fort Knox:  
It kept out the rain,  
Wasn't hard to maintain,  
And the contents were always in hock.

Susan Packie



## Bill of Rights Going, Going...

The crass hypocrisy of our federal, state and local governments is no better illustrated than when compared to our Bill of Rights. Any semblance of this document to its original intent and today's interpretation is purely coincidental. Listed below are a few examples:

- Try exercising your 5th Amendment right against self-incrimination on your tax return and you go to jail. I have read of court cases where judges have actually stated that 5th Amendment rights apply only to criminals.
- Try exercising your 2nd and 9th Amendment rights to defend yourself against criminal attack by using an unregistered gun; you go to jail and the perpetrator goes free.
- Try exercising your 1st Amendment right to freedom of religion in a government school if your religion happens to be Christian.
- Try exercising your 4th Amendment right to privacy by applying for a driver's license, opening a bank account or doing business without a Socialist Security number. Futurists anticipate a microchip implant on the forearm.
- Try exercising your 4th Amendment right to privacy when faced with an IRS audit.
- Try exercising your 7th Amendment right to a jury trial when the penalty exceeds \$20 the next time you are in traffic court.
- Try exercising your 5th and 9th Amendment property rights by building or adding to your house without a permit or try getting your full gross pay in your paycheck.
- Try exercising your 4th and 9th Amendment rights to travel the next time your vehicle is stopped by some government enforcer (formerly called peace officer) without probable cause, such as "weaving," "sobriety," and "safety" roadblock check points.
- Try exercising your 6th Amendment right to counsel, in court, using a non-lawyer counselor.

Unfortunately, the Bill of Rights is a thin shadow of its former self thanks to the Republicans and Democrats.

John L. Kucek  
New Jersey Pop



WHERE WE ANNOY OTHER ZINES BY TYPESET HERE

Confederate Action Party of Australia (YES!) is a lot like the libertarian Progress Party they have had for years. The address is 127 McRoyle St., Wacol, Queensland 4076.

This is nothing like ye Confederate National Congress, at POB 1321, Raleigh 27602, which hates Jews most; & never heard of Judah P Benjamin.

From SCAT Tax Watch: '79-89 property tax per capita went from \$151 to \$353, a 134% increase, more than DOUBLE. Only DC, NH & LA went up more. Personal income tax went up 15% in SC (due mostly to inflation that put taxpayers into higher brax) exceeded only in DC, LA, OR & TX. Send \$10 to SC AT, Box 50799, Cola, SC 29250 to get on maillist.

To Make the Punishment Fit the Crime: Chitrb reports queerbashers with cuts & victims blood on hands, now has positive HIV, despite being impotent for 10 years, & loyal to wife.

HALLELUJAH! Jury in Memphis has cast out 52 counts against 17 IRS victims of doing such things of collecting real silver coins. See Moneychanger Box 241203, Memphis, TN 38124 for details.

Queens College, Charlotte is one of the sites for Queen Conference (Oct11-14) of gay & lesb.

"At least half of all economic history is concerned with the tragicomedy of governments getting into debt by extravagance and trying to get out by fraud. A good deal of the other half is concerned with individuals attempting to do the same thing. But governments have the advantage over individuals in this respect, since they are immune from the police power because they control it." Freeman Tilden, 1936 (Freedom Network)

To locate a federal political (or real) prisoner, touch-dial 1-202-724-3126, listen to multiple instructions, press 2, & have prisoner name & ID # (not socialist insecurity #) & wlat, as your tele bill mounts up..... (Aryan Res)

Louis Farrakhan wants release of 1/2 million black criminals for an Islam nation in Africa, no mention as to where. (Spotlight)

WdNews reports that a father of sons killed by drug overdose liquidated his assets, & went to running cocaine, laced with poison.

San Juan Star, (NewMex) reports that The Phoenician, most expensive hotel ever built, was \$61 seizure from Charlie Keating by Fed. Managing is having High Level gov. administrators come in for "conferences". At taxpayers expense, of course.

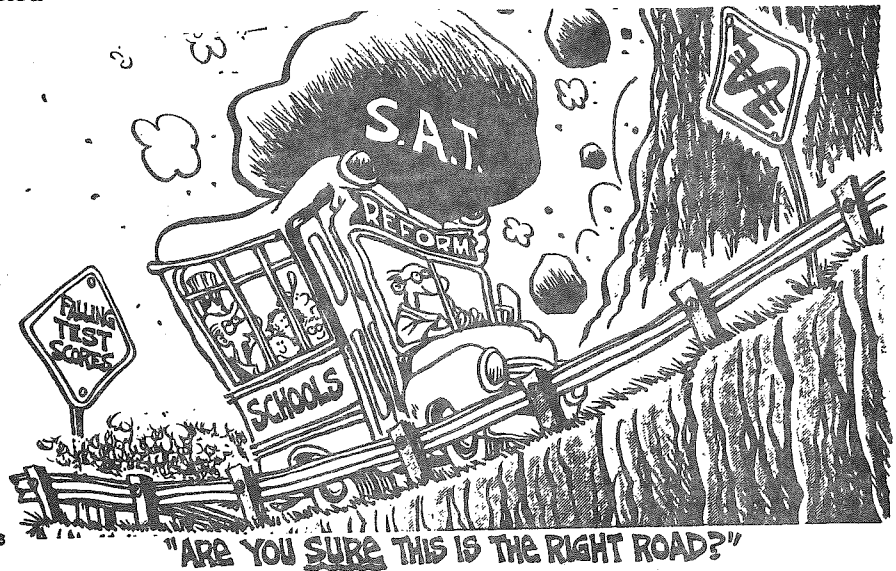
"Over 225 years ago James Otis (Boston) complained about Taxation Without Representation. Our forefathers fought a war over those taxes. Today we have Taxation with Representation at a far higher rate than James Otis ever dreamed of," declares Richland citizens for tax relief.

Scandals continue in SC politics: in Marl. county, treasurer took \$720,000 state school \$\$ & put it into county, so council spent it frivolously. Now they have to pay it back, + interest. Taxpayers are mad. Illegal road tax, bonding of officials etc. are being looked into. Schools waste so much money they didn't miss it, but the county hired an experienced older CPA, who found out what was going on.

13 unlucky SC counties hold Nov. '91 vote on LOST again, thinking only those a public trough will turn out for a special vote. But some have to fill vacant Seats from federal jailing!

THE TRUTH COMES OUT in Chapel Hill, as reported in an Associated Press article by Paul Raga that electromagnetic fields from burn, "epidemiological, or statistical studies have linked residential exposures [of electromagnetic fields] to childhood cancer and occupational exposures to cancer in adults." Savitz is the author of an important study on the subject.

According to David Savitz of the University of North Carolina It should be pointed out, how-



## Affirmative action is beginning to backfire

The pseudo-scientific racial theory of the 18th and 19th centuries was that blacks had lower intelligence than other racial groups because of smaller cranial capacity. Decent people (non-racists) of the era argued that it was inappropriate, and indeed cruel, to hold blacks accountable to "white standards of behavior" because blacks were inferior and had only a limited experience with civilization. Today these attitudes are routinely dismissed as ignorant and racist.

But hold it!

An October New York Times report, headlined "Boston Case Raises Questions on Misuse of Affirmative Action," told how in 1975, Philip and Paul Malone — fair-haired, fair-complexioned identical twins — took a civil service examination to qualify as Boston firefighters and bombed out.

But not to worry; their mother found a photograph of their great-grandmother, whose skin tones suggested a tint of black blood in her ancestry. Mother told Philip and Paul, who were always considered to be white, they might opt to be black.

Armed with this knowledge, the twins re-took the civil service exam in 1977. Again they bombed, scoring 69 and 57 respectively. The Boston Fire Department's cutoff score for appointment was 82 percent. But this time, since the twins had applied as blacks, they won appointment. The city's affirmative action program had concluded, as did the "enlightened" 18th and

ever, that the government, through lymphoma in children."

its Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) claims only that exposure to high-power transmission lines. Don't use electric heaters. TV sets are generally between household power distribution systems and certain can-cers [leukemia, brain cancer and from the backs—as possible.

19th century thinkers, that it was cruel to hold blacks accountable to white standards. Thus, it set dual standards for appointment: one for whites, and a lower one for blacks.

Last month, the Malone twins' charade was discovered. They were charged with making fraudulent applications and dismissed from the fire department.

Walter Williams

Their attorney's defense is that the only criteria for racial classification is self-description, and, given the sepia tones of their great-grandmother, they had made a "good-faith claim" to being black.

Whenever society tries to divide its opportunities and blessings by race, there's bound to be fraud and various other forms of hanky-panky. Prudent preventative measures must be undertaken. Now, if we're going to be serious about racial quotas, there is no nation better-qualified to serve as a model of how to divide the goodies than South Africa.

South Africa's Population Registration Act empowers its secretary of the interior to classify the population in categories of: white, coloured, and Bantu, thereby thwarting attempts by

people, mostly coloured, many of whom are fair-complexioned, from making false claims and thus benefitting from goodies reserved for whites. The Population Registration Act says: "A white person is one who in appearance is obviously a white person who is generally not accepted as a coloured person; or is generally accepted as a white person and is not in appearance obviously not a white person."

The director of the census and statistics may change the classification of a person, and, if the person objects, he may appeal it to the Racial Classification Appeal Board. The act also provides for recorded documents specifying

name, sex, race, date and place of birth, and nationality. In addition, there are perjury penalties for falsifying one's race, and penalties for frivolously challenging another's racial classification.

If we had a Population Registration Act in the United States, as a part of our affirmative action law, the Malone boys would simply be charged with perjury and theft of goodies intended for another race. But let's not be too harsh on them.

Back in 1960, beginning my tour of duty in Korea, I wrote in "white" as my race on a military form. When an irate warrant officer challenged this, I told him my great-great-grandfather was Irish.

And, besides, I didn't want to be assigned to the worst job over there.

Better computers came with no bloody monitor, but rather black ink on white paper. Discrimination against black& white by computer-backs is nearly.

# TAX RESISTANCE

From: *The Squeeze*, a book by James Dale Davidson, Simon & Schuster, 1980.

The Correspondent

Another possibility for you to entertain is outright tax resistance, or what *The Economist* calls "the private guerrilla warfare of tax-avoidance." Even if you determine after study that the risks are too great to break the law yourself, you should at least extend warm support to those who do. This is radical advice, to be sure. It derives from a close study of the thinking of those radical gentlemen whose early efforts did so much to establish a context for a favorable evolution of society. They would have agreed as Jefferson said explicitly, that there are many advantages when the government is reminded that the people preserve the spirit of resistance. One of these advantages is lower taxes. Contrary to the commonly held conviction which has been employed by government prosecutors with consistent success to sway juries into convicting tax resisters, it is untrue that law-abiding citi-

zens must pay more to make up for the revenues withheld by the resister or the tax avoider. The truth is more nearly the opposite. The more successful and widespread tax resistance is, the greater the number refusing or evading higher tax levies, the lower the rates on the more law-abiding members of the community.

Here is why. Most people do not pay taxes because they wish to avoid breaking the law; they pay taxes to avoid the consequences of breaking the law. The difference is major. It would be readily apparent if the tax laws with all their current provisions were changed in this particular: remove the penalties for noncompliance in favor of a provision that it was the citizen's legal duty to pay his taxes. In other words, if it were merely "the law" that one must pay his taxes, and those who failed to do so suffered no other cast than the knowledge that they had broken the law, it would be doubtful to say the least that the current level of taxation could be collected. What keeps the tax money rolling in is the threat of force. By reducing the credibility of that threat, you reduce the tax rates rather than increase them.

## Help teen mothers get off

I read with great interest the article in *The State* paper dated Aug. 6. The resource mother, Mrs. Ernestine Matthews, travels many miles to check on the young mothers and pregnant teen-age girls to see that they are getting the proper care. She has more than 90 assigned to her alone.

While I admire all the help Mrs. Matthews gives, helping them sign up for the various government programs, advising them on meal planning and, most of all, showing them love and care, wouldn't it be wonderful and in their best interest, if these young people could be reached in time with the idea of postponing motherhood until they are prepared to take care of a child, both physically and financially? Surely we must find a way to get these 90 mothers and little babies off the welfare roll. They deserve more out of life.

SARAH SIMPSON

## Smaller cars will mean more deaths

Just as the Soviet Union tries to escape the effects of central control of industry, our government is extending its control over the auto industry in this country. I refer to S. 279, co-sponsored by Sen. Ernest Hollings, which would require an average increase of 40 percent in automobile fuel efficiency by the year 2001.

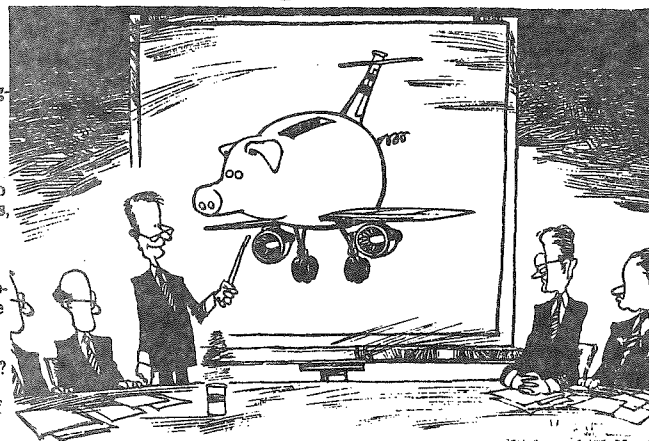
We are all aware of the fact that cars, on the average, have been made smaller and lighter to achieve the current fuel efficiency requirements (partly set by the consumer and partly set by Congress). There have also been many other changes which have improved performance.

In the same time frame, trucks and other vehicles have grown in size and weight. In truck-car accidents, cars usually come out second best. At the current rate of about 4,500 truck-car deaths per year, only one trucker dies for each 45 car occupants who die. So much for the idea that size and weight are not important!

It has been predicted that about 4,000 extra deaths (part truck-car and part car-car) will result each year if the above bill becomes law.

GLENDON C. SMITH

Please write letters to your editor, and let them know that there are more for liberty, and not for Boss Hopes at the public trough, seeking Well Fares.



EVENTUALLY ALL THE BANKS MERGED INTO ONE BANK AND ALL THE AIRLINES MERGED INTO ONE AIRLINE, SO THE ONLY POSSIBLE MERGER LEFT WAS... WELL, YOU GUESSED IT!

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is seeking lots of 1992 volunteers, as candidates, as money-givers, or just as helpers of all sorts. Ask to be put on the mail list to find out!

"Even the most cursory glance at what passes for humanities offerings at colleges and universities across the country will serve to corroborate these impressions. With a few notable exceptions, our most prestigious liberal arts colleges and universities have installed the entire radical menu at the center of their humanities curriculum at both the undergraduate and the graduate level. Every special interest—women's studies, black studies, gay studies, and the like—and every modish interpretative gambit—deconstruction, poststructuralism, new historicism, and other varieties of what the literary critic Frederick Crews has aptly dubbed 'Left Electicism'—has found a welcome roost in the academy, while the traditional curriculum and modes of intellectual inquiry are excoriated as sexist, racist, or just plain reactionary..."

— Roger Kimball, *Tenured Radicals*

## IRS Integrity?

John T. Harllee, of the Florence County (SC) LP, is publicizing the new "IRS Integrity Hotline." The toll-free number was set up by the "Internal Security" section of the IRS in Washington, DC, to "report incidents of fraud, waste, and abuse within the Internal Revenue Service." This is not a joke!

In other words, the IRS says it is policing its own. Although the IRS claims "anonymous calls or requests to keep identity confidential are respected," Harllee is suggesting callers may wish to use a pay phone to be sure. Oh, yes—the number is 1-800-366-4484.

By the way, when the NEWS called to check out the number, a recording asked that we leave our phone number where an investigator could get back in touch with us—so much for anonymity.

## EDITORIAL P.O. BOX 158 VALLECITO, CA 95251 HONORING UNGODLY MEN

I have long hesitated in saying this, because it is not my desire to interfere in the internal affairs of various churches but to speak to the issues of faith. However, because I have heard of no protests within that specific denomination, I feel it necessary to speak out.

One of the remarkable steps in the church within the United States occurred in recent years when a group of truly outstanding pastors and laymen worked successfully to recapture one of America's largest churches from the modernists. It was a magnificent work and is still in progress.

This great struggle was shamed and disgraced this year when President George Bush was asked to address the Convention and was there honored. But Bush is the man who fired an evangelical White House staff member for protesting a bill favoring homosexuals and protesting a celebration with them in the White House! Is it God-honoring to honor such a man as President Bush?

We went to war to defend two Moslem slave-holding states. Our chaplains could not wear crosses, and Bibles could not be mailed to our service men. We bombed Christian churches out of existence but not mosques. Should we honor the commander-in-chief of such an operation?

I am not questioning the freedom of the president to his opinions, but I challenge the morality of the church in honoring him. Has the church so low a view of the Lordship of Jesus Christ as to have His house receive and honor every Caesar that comes along, irrespective of what he does? Saint Ambrose rebuked from his pulpit an emperor who claimed to be a professing Christian. The early church prayed for the conversion of rulers, not their blessing.

One of the more abused texts of Scripture is 1 Timothy 2:1-4. Paul asks us to pray for kings or rulers and "all men," especially "for all that are in authority." Why? The reasons are plainly stated: *First*, "that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty," i.e., in a way that "is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour." In other words, pray that these ungodly ones do not molest the church and that they leave us alone! *Second*, we are to pray because God "will have all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

The usual church prayer, "bless the president, bless the governor," is idiocy. *What we are commanded to pray for is their conversion, and that we be left alone, unmolested in Christ's service.*

Jesus Christ alone "is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords" (1 Tim. 6:15). He alone is to be honored in His House. In His presence, kings and commoners, presidents and the humblest believers are to bow before Him, believe in Him, and obey His Word. We must beware of dishonoring God and the Son of God.

We are not our own. We have been bought with a price, Christ's atoning blood. Him only must we serve (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

CHALCEDON REPORT

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## Human Kindness Found

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Saddam, who poses as the follower of the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar (Iraq is on the site of ancient Babylon), has killed thousands of Christians and also Moslems of the Kurd national minority, using poisonous gas against his own citizens.

Nebuchadnezzar was put out to eat grass, like oxen when his mind failed. Saddam may be just like him. What do you think? (Daniel 4:33)



Hoot Mon! They can't read SAT.

June 17. The Supremes let stand a lower court ruling preventing states from requiring that out-of-state mail order companies collect sales taxes.



# FLORENCE ASTONISHER



## Florence County Libertarian Party

### Drivers in Florence are crazy

I have driven in 40 of the 50 states — including New York City during rush hour — and I have never encountered the type of drivers that we have in Florence. Therefore, this letter is for these careless, rude, selfish and stupid drivers: You don't drive your car. You point it.

You will stop at a sign, look each way and see me coming. You will then pull out in front of me, making me swerve or slam on brakes to keep from hitting you.

I stop at the red light. I look down the street and see you one-half block away, driving slowly. You see your light turn yellow. Then you speed up — knowing very well that you cannot make it

through the light before it changes. Nevertheless, you increase your speed so much that when you run the light, you are running 40 mph. Should you hit someone at that rate of speed, do you realize the damage or injury you could inflict?

You will run up behind me, traveling at a high rate of speed. I can tell because I am watching you in my rear-view mirror. You will slam on brakes, hang there for about a minute, pull into the passing lane, just clear the front of my car, pull back in front of me, slam on brakes and turn right. You don't care that I may not have time to stop or change lanes to keep from rear-ending you. I feel that you want me to hit you. You feel that if I hit you in the rear, I will automatically be at fault. Still, I consider myself

fortunate. You have, many times, passed me in the left lane, cleared my car by inches, then turned right — across my path — from the left lane.

And, I certainly don't want to leave out a very important piece of rudeness on your part. Whenever I am trying to exit a restaurant parking area or the U.S. Post Office, you will block the exit opening — although, they are clearly marked. With traffic behind you a block long, you will deliberately block the exit. I know it is deliberate because you will turn your head away when I hit my horn.

Also, I would be remiss in my duty if I did not mention your speeding. Can't you read? Don't you realize that most of the time I have the most precious part of

my life in my car — my family. And, I swear, you have never heard of turn signals or turning lanes. If you have, you have forgotten the instruction on how to use them.

I drive six miles each day to and from work, and you make me want to weld steel plates around my car and don armor to protect myself from grievous injury or death. You have made me contemplate assault and/or torture. You have made me lose my religion. You are a menace to society and should lose all driving privileges forever. You should not be trusted with a pair of rollerskates in public.

I am a careful and considerate driver with a good driving record. I abhor drugs and alcohol. I am giving you ample warning. I intend to get involved. If I know you are driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, I will notify the proper authorities. If I witness an accident, I will leave my name and number and be prepared to testify against you. I may be a relative, neighbor or friend but that will not deter me. Since you are rude, careless, selfish, stupid and have no regard for my life or property, I will do everything I can to take you off the road.

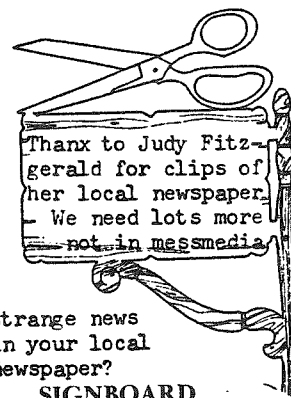
Barbara Corbett  
Florence

And from Citizens for Tax Justice: Poor people in most states cough up nearly twice the percentage of their income in state and local taxes as the affluent do. The middle class pays a third larger percentage.



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Throw the "Trash" out!



Strange news in your local newspaper?

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SOUTH CAROLINA HAS 148 STATE EMPLOYEES PER 10,000 INHABITANTS. (National average, 93)

SOUTH CAROLINA HAS MORE STATE EMPLOYEES PER CAPITA THAN OTHER SOUTHEASTERN STATES.

SOUTH CAROLINA HAS THE LOWEST PER CAPITA INCOME IN THE SOUTHEAST, YET RANKS HIGHEST IN THE REGION IN STATE AND LOCAL TAXES TAKEN FROM ITS CITIZENS.

### A poor way to save

The Internal Revenue Service reports that about 75 percent of all tax returns filed last year resulted in refunds. At the same time, economists writing for *The Wall Street Journal* say over-withholding is a very poor way to save. It amounts to an interest-free loan to the government. The IRS requires an amount equal to 90 percent of the tax liability be paid within the tax year, and the balance can be paid at the time of filing a tax return. No one likes to owe the government, but adjusting withholding to eliminate large refunds is a money-wise move.

"It is our position that teaching that monogamous, heterosexual intercourse within marriage is a traditional American value is an unconstitutional establishment of a religious doctrine in public schools."

— The American Civil Liberties Union, California Legislative Office

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**YES  
IT'S  
TRUE!**

John Lofton now has his own newsletter and a lot of folks will be horrified because he tells the truth, from a Biblical/Christian perspective, re: liberals and conservatives. For a sample copy, write: "The Lofton Letter," Box 1142, Laurel, Maryland 20725.

### WE NEED LIMERICKS! Lots of them!

The fools we have running our country need to be ridiculed, so that folks can understand what they really are. Prizes in book, magazines, etc. will be awarded to those with rhyme and rhythm, & raw printability. Pick a target; hunt Quayle or Tammy Fay.

There once was a President named Bush,  
Who had a wild hair up his tush;

He warred in Kuwait  
With a hole in his pate  
Because Big Oil Pull came to Push.

He was Magic in skill on the court  
With a basketball, that was his forte.

But he took One to bed  
And got AIDS back instead,  
So now he tells kids Not to Morte.

When H & R Blockheads do tax,  
They trust all the facts to the fax;  
They trust the computer  
To split mail - and neuter  
And high-charge the low-rates who're lax.

When Holder man ruled the game cocks,  
He chased studs with the cask in his box.  
When his wife called it lewd,  
He replied, "In the nude  
I have fun with the funds and the jocks."

A militant Nun from Atlanta  
Thought the polls had him running for Santa;  
The voters themselves  
He treated like elves,  
And the tax funds he drank like a Fanta.

Senator Ted Chappaquiddick  
Had trouble controlling his hot quick,  
With his nephew's arrest  
For a rape, he confesst:  
"Ah could nevah stan' trial and be convick."

The Carolina Patriots meet the first Saturday in every month in Greenville, South Carolina at 1 PM at the Quincy's Steakhouse, I-85 and Highway 25. For more information contact Robert Clarkson, 803/225-3061

### The Judge admonished the IRS

witness," Do you understand that you have sworn to tell the truth?" "I do." "Do you understand what will happen if you are not truthful?" "Sure," said the witness. "The IRS will win."

The prison population is the fastest growing group of people in America. — Mike Barber

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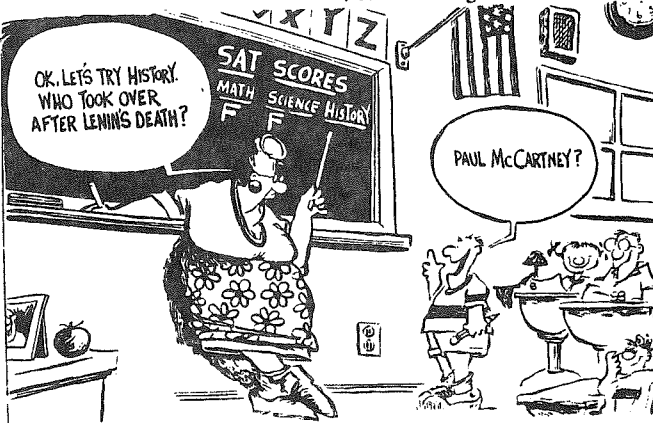
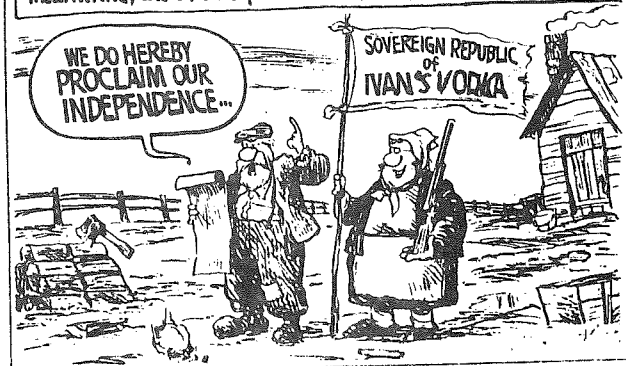
*"Remember that you  
have been called to  
live in Freedom."*

The Hon. Ron Paul

## The Ron Paul Investment Letter

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Meanwhile, the breakup of the Soviet Union continues:



## Does Christ Ask Christians to Be Libertarians?

by Marshall Fritz

"No, he demands it. And more!" is Marshall's surprising answer to this provocative question. This is the tape to lend to your Christian friends to challenge their thinking about the role of self-government vs. others-government for Christians.

This is also a tape for any libertarian who wants to know how Christian libertarians match their belief in freedom to the requirements of their faith.

A70 60 min audio \$9.95

## Can Followers of Christ Be Libertarian?

Marshall Fritz is the moderator on this panel which includes Steve Baer, Joe Bast, Al Bloomquist, P.J. Hill and Mark Sellers. Recorded April 8, 1989, before a predominantly Catholic audience.

Hear how the Ten Commandments established the basic rights to life, liberty and property on which libertarian principles are based. Listen also to Paul Jacobs, a participant from the audience, as he asserts that Jesus made the earliest known argument for a free market money. The highlight on this one has to be Marshall telling why Christians *should* favor drug re-legalization.

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## Should Christians Be Libertarian?

This panel which took place in February '90 in San Diego includes Dr. Gene Floyd, a minister and newly avowed libertarian, Del Harbour, Sam Treynor, Calvin Wallis, M.D., Curt Youngs and, of course, Marshall as moderator. Hear Dr. Floyd ask, "How can Christians *not* be libertarians?" when the essential theme of the Bible is individual freedom. And Del Harbour's interpretation of Samuel's warning against the power of kings as an endorsement of self-government.

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## How Christians Become Libertarians

Five libertarians discuss the compatibility of Christianity with liberty and how libertarians can reach out to Christians. This tape also includes a lively audience question period.

The panelists are Kevin Cillinane, Marshall Fritz, Phillip Mitchell, Robert Sirico and John K. Williams. They offer many insights to help Christian libertarians learn how to better explain their liberty ideas to their Christian friends.

One highlight: You'll join Marshall in an imaginary journey where he encounters a left-liberal Christian with a bumper sticker that reads, "Steal for Jesus".

After disposing of the welfare state with humor and insight, Fritz spots a right-conservative with a "Cast A Stone for The Lord" bumper sticker. He uses Scripture to answer the question. "Does Jesus want us to kick them into the kingdom?"

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## Lower taxes would bring prosperity

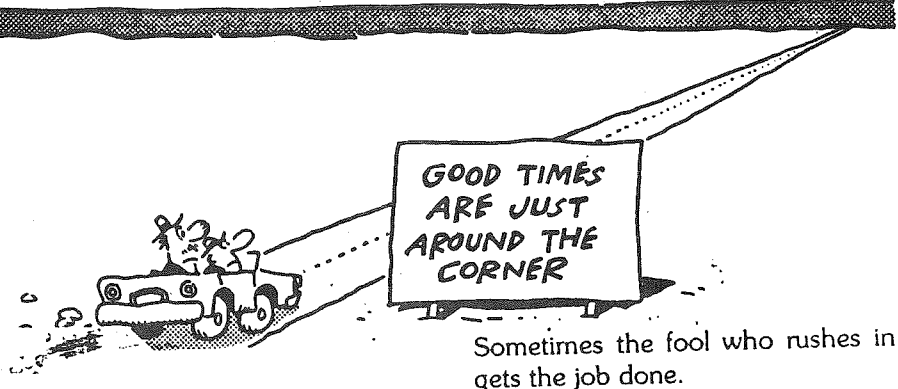
From reading tax magazines, I find ways that wealthy investors can save enough on taxes to pay for their children's education in college. But people who are not rich do not get this break.

If we want more young people to be able to pursue a higher education, we need to allow a relief from the tax burdens that make it impossible for their families to finance it, even with the student and several others working more than full-time. So much

money is wasted by government that if it were cut out completely, income taxes could be eliminated and debt funds paid off, according to the Grace Commission.

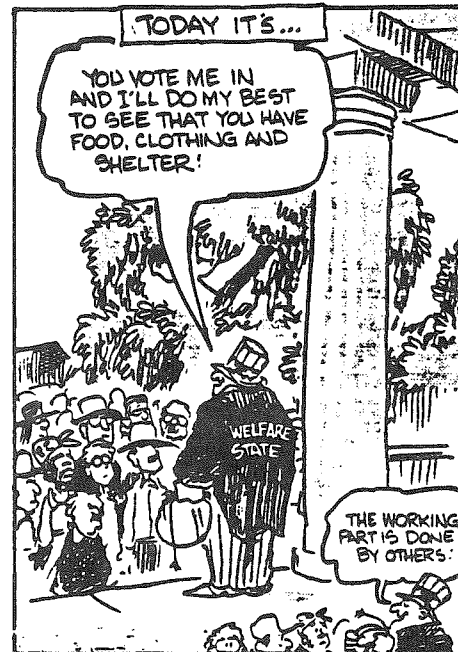
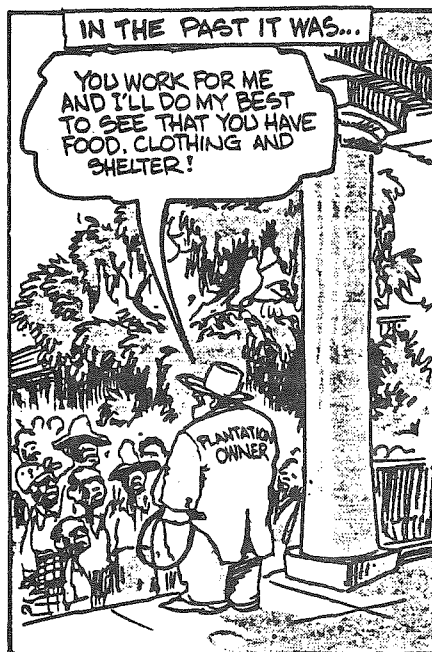
So there you have the solution: Stop taking so much money away, and those who want to educate their young further would have the funds; those who want a luxurious life for themselves would employ the unemployed; and those tax-eaters laid off from non-productive jobs would have to work for a living. As for those who are still too poor to send a kid to college, charities would get enough additional contributions to pay for it.

JOHN T. HARLLEE



Sometimes the fool who rushes in gets the job done.

Al Bernstein.



THE WORKING PART IS DONE BY OTHERS.



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