

Short-Sighted

Amid much hoopla, the President came away from his latest check-up with a clean bill of health — except for the onset of glaucoma in one eye. He can, unfortunately, not avail himself of one of the safest and most effective treatments: cannabis. Because the McCarthyite Drug War, marijuana's legitimate medical uses are denied to the suffering thousands that could use it. Of course, we know that marijuana can lead to that worst-of-all-possible human fates: being incessantly whined at by Bill "Sanctimonious" Bennett.

Doctors also found that the President had a sty in his other eye. Sorry, George, but you're still lacking with "the vision thing."

Westside Libertarian

USSR affirms nude beach

According to *Pravda*, the High Court of Estonia approved the establishment of a naturist beach at Tallinn on the Gulf of Finland in July, 1988. Although unofficially nude for many years, Tallinn is believed to be the first naturist beach receiving the official seal of acceptance in the USSR.

The Event

Baby pictures handed over to anti-porn drive

BEIJING, December, 1989 — Children recruited into a war on pornography are turning in their bare-bottomed baby pictures, reports The Associated Press.

Primary school students confused by the campaign's slogan — "Sweep the Yellow" — also are coming to school prepared to sweep streets and turning in yellow-covered books from their parents' bookcases, the official China Youth News said. "Yellow" usually refers to pornographic material.

The "yellow calamity has spread unchecked and has seriously harmed the spirit of our youth," the newspaper said.

The report said some young pupils, told by teachers to turn in pornographic publications, asked what pornography was and were told it was pictures of people not wearing clothes.

South Carolina

In other SC races; Bill Griffin is the Senate LP candidate against the senile incumbent, 88, & Cuning Ham, the ex-CIA, 78, who ran as a Rep. for Congress in '88 & is now a Dem., with no primary races. Both are older than the 4 SC Senators who died in office this century.

Dr. David Morris is LP candidate against incumbent Earle Morris with no Rep. for only this statewide office; Slogan offered: VOTE FOR DAVID, NOT GOLIATH.

2nd Dist Congress, Geb Sommer again, without family helpers from drowning, Rep. incumbent, no Dem.

Solicitor for Horry & Georgetown counties "Doc" Quillian, clergy, has gotten a bill passed for future elections barring all but experienced members of Bar from running; the Rep. candidate is retired FBI agent who would also be banned; 2 Dem. who are ambulance chasers.

5 State House Seats: USC's Michael Shaffer, 20, in #2 (Oconee-Anderson), Bill Hamilton for #83 (Aiken), Drug-gist Andrew Armendiola for #96 (Orangeburg), Nurse Erin Kerstin for #98 (Dorchester), & Anne Reeves for #106 (Horry), with mostly only 1 opponent in Nov.

Also 5 county council seats, Denise Jackson in Horry and 4 in Aiken (aching?): Johnry Parker, Blair Watkins, Tim Moultrie & James Cochran, the only 4 up this year.

Steve Vandervelde is new SCLP chair.

Tallon incident probe continues

Congress-wife says Tallon beat her. Her father charged with golf-course kill by shooting. Only SC 6th has had 2 Congressmen expelled. Stay tuned!

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Messenger

A Newspaper, not a news litter! Beware!



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"You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32

The editor-publisher is in a 3-party race for S. C. State Supt. of Ed. as a nominee of SCLP on Tax Freedom Day, May 5. Speaking on nomination, these points were stressed:

(1) children have a right to be taught the alphabet and learn to read & write, instead of the anti-phonetic brainwash system used in pub-lick skoolz.

(2) schools should be safe, and should be able to expel without family-court co-operation any with guns, switch-blade knives, etc.

(3) social studies should go back to teaching geography, history, civics, etc. instead of being nothing more than socialist propaganda.

(4) teachers should be trained properly, so that they know the subjects that they are hired to teach; too many have only educationist classes in college, & can't spell, add, etc.

This is only a short bio: 15+ years teaching experience in virtually whole academic subjects & athletics, in private & public schools & colleges, mostly math & accounting. All sorts of other non-classroom educational work too. CPA with private practice. Phi Beta Kappa. One Masters & almost a 2nd. Taught in SC, NC, GA & FL. Tutored for USC Athletic dept. Many libertarian activities, including secy. of SCLP 1976-86; candidate for state house seat 1982.

The candid candidate is available to speak against "Cheating Charlie" & the Rep. educrat when & where possible. Contributions appreciated. Educ. reporters of Massist Media will be pounded on the head with many news releases.

Among the news so far: another protest against the slimy sales tax on books, a way of discouraging reading. State Dept. of Ed. should learn to read & spell since they confused Thomas Stewart who had a perfect SAT score by giving the credit to James Stuart of another "high" school; there are hoots in all the glens & lochs of Scotland from that one. "Are Public Schools A Dying Dinosaur" is topic of this year's essay contest, with no entries in as this issue goes to press! (Quote is from Or. school-board-member who home-schools her own.) SC has a law banning obscene bumperstickers, & the USC Game Cocks are in real trouble; can George the Bush run for re-electo in '92 with stickers in SC?

Meanwhile, pub. schools are described as a 'sacred cow' with recommendations for barbeque of it; USC Ed prof says that kids spend 70% of time at school doing busywork or nothing & 20% walking; & learn little in schools. When Barbara the barbarian joined the race as the Rep. candidate; I had to ask if the Statist paper meant the human race. No reply. When the Good twins were convicted of murder of their father & grandmother, I had to ask if the govt. schools was humanist prejudiced against the word, good, as too religious & so turned them into Bad boys. SC elementaries have a "word list" & these are the only ones the kids are taught to read by the Chinese idiotic-graphic system, & so they turn up as almost the only same words on the 4th grade achievement test.

Likewise I've condemned the "open" enrollment plan that excludes transfers to private or parochial schools to get kids out of non-educating govt. schools. I explained that 1/2 the kids in the US govt. schools don't think the US is a representative democracy because they don't live in one. I've come out for pro-choice on paddling of stud. as I've known athletes who'd prefer a sore tail to a parental conference. Hurricane Hugo stressed illiteracy, as so many victims couldn't fill out govt. forms, & it is getting worse. I've quoted Reason's article on Bayou Book Learnin' at the SC media. I've quoted Samuel Blumenfeld on Why Ivan Can Read But Johnry Can't, and Heartland on school spending. Know any kids willing to listen?

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Letters to the editor could really help!

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"THE GOOD NEWS IS IT WILL MEET CONGRESS' NEW CLEAN AIR STANDARDS!"

Banning guns affects only honest

The editorials favoring bans on "assault guns" and waiting periods for purchases (*The State*, Jan. 21) indicate a simpleton's approach to problem-solving and a very biased editor not getting his facts straight.

The shootings referred to were a criminal act, perpetrated by criminals. How could any ban have stopped these shootings? The gun used was already illegal. Did the fact that it was already outlawed stop criminals from obtaining and using it? No! It will only stop honest people who don't use them for criminal actions anyway.

You make the blanket statement that older model semiautomatics can be converted to full automatic with a relatively simple, cheap procedure using a hammer, screwdriver and file. I challenge you to do it. Semiautomatics can be converted, but in nearly all cases it takes a skilled machinist with tools. A person with this skill could, as easily, build a full automatic instead.

You seem to have no guilt in blaming the "assault gun" for Patrick Purdy's schoolyard murders. Did you know that Purdy and Joseph Wesbecker (the Louisville printing plant murderer) had both been taking prescription, mind-altering drugs for psychiatric treatment? Why aren't you printing editorials condemning psychiatrists?

Your "facts" stating that "assault guns are 20 times more likely to be used in a crime" don't agree with the latest federally funded reports, which show almost the opposite. Where do you get your numbers?

Banning guns or adding waiting periods only affects honest people who don't need the laws. Criminals don't obey the laws anyway, so the laws don't hurt them.

WILLIAM GRIFFIN

Gun ownership is essential for freedom

I am a regular reader of your paper. However, the scandalous cartoon of Jan. 21 may change that.

I am very sick and tired of seeing the NRA denigrated and slandered in the media. I am a proud member of this fine patriotic organization. I am a voting moderate/conservative Democrat. I don't know why the liberal, reactionary media think gun control is the pan-

Crossbows were banned in Medieval Europe, and stiletos in France. Again, innocents were disarmed and criminals unaffected.

The United States, in 1954, banned switchblade knives in an effort to reduce juvenile gang violence. Juvenile violence and crime have escalated ever since. In the 1960s and 1970s, the official menace was the "Saturday night special." Now, it is semiautomatic weapons. Tomorrow, it will be repeating shotguns and "sniper rifles" (hunting arms). As each such measure fails, more repressive measures will be demanded, rather than admitting the concept is counterproductive.

Those areas of the United States with the most repressive firearms laws (such as New York City and Washington, D.C.) consistently suffer extremely high violent crime rates. It is time to either understand the futility of equating gun control with crime control or turn our entire nation into a large version of Washington, D.C., where only criminals and columnists like Carl Rowan are armed.

E.R. BAIR

acea for crime. The court system, with its crybaby, slap-on-the-wrist attitude, is the problem.

There are people in this country who will settle for nothing less than a complete ban on citizen gun ownership.

I have owned an "evil" AK-47 assault rifle. It is merely a tool, like any other. It is a very sturdy, reliable, combat-worthy weapon. Furthermore, it was semiautomatic — not fully automatic. Amazingly, I never committed an atrocity with it.

If the judicial system had worked like it should, Patrick Edward Purdy wouldn't have been out on the street. He had a lengthy criminal record. To use a trite, but true, expression, "Guns don't kill people; people kill people." I have been a law-abiding gun owner all my life. I am sick of us being maligned as potential maniacs, bent on mass slaughter.

Sure, gun control works. Just ask citizens of Cuba, Romania and others. Our ability to keep and bear arms is essential for us to maintain our freedom.

THOMAS R. NEWMAN

Guns don't leap up to shoot their victims

In response to your editorial of Jan. 21 concerning automatic weapons and gun regulations, I afford to purchase expensive cars, trucks, boats, recreational vehicles, etc.

In crimes involving the use of an assault weapon (or any other weapon, for that matter), the media seem to place the blame on the weapon itself. An AR-15 cannot leap up and shoot someone; it takes a person to pull the trigger.

Access to the weapon is not what should be controlled; it is the criminal who should be controlled. Far too many dangerous criminals are on the streets today because of a parole or a lenient sentence.

A murderer has no chance of acquiring an automatic weapon while undergoing the punishment that should be due such an offender. Let the civilians of this country bear all arms freely without the government's intervention in yet another area it has no business in. Government control of weapons is yet another step toward totalitarianism, which denies "freedom with responsibility" to citizens. Our Second Amendment provides the civilian with the right to bear arms, and it should not be overlooked.

TIMOTHY TERRELL

Sales tax favors the state's wealthy

According to the Associated Press news releases, the S.C. General Assembly favors the wealthy who can afford to purchase expensive cars, trucks, boats, recreational vehicles, etc.

Currently, the 5 percent sales tax in South Carolina peaks at cars, trucks, boats, etc. costing \$6,000. Purchasers of more expensive vehicles are not required to pay more than \$300 in sales tax.

This loophole allows wealthy tax evaders to buy their condo parking spaces costing thousands so that they can have their tailgate parties before the "gladiators enter the football arena."

All this in a state that ranks near the bottom in support for public education. State politicians sidestepped a tax increase on expensive cars bought by affluent S.C. citizens and, instead, cut \$39 million from school expenses and state employee benefits.

S.C. legislators excuse the wealthy from paying their fair share of sales tax but force the poor to pay sales tax on the food they eat.

Why not put a decent tax on that cancer-producing, nicotine-addicting weed commonly called tobacco?

Who was it who said, "A politician is one who is held upright by equal pressure from all directions?"

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

— Mark Twain

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\$9. by sea mail overseas, batch

NAACP officials also guilty of racism

I read with great interest your story, "Segregation law used to police Columbia Mall" (*The State*, Jan. 28).

However, my interest quickly turned to anger when I reached a quote of an anonymous NAACP official. This official was referring to the mug shots of those who had been detained under the law. I quote, "Most of the mug shots were of blacks and whites who appeared to be poor or white trash."

It is the last two words of this quote that I have an extremely hard time with. There is no segment of the human race that should be referred to as "trash."

How can an official of an organization that claims to stand for racial equality and harmony make such a blatant racial statement? I also have to ask if this is the opinion of this official on his own, or does the NAACP endorse this way of thinking?

In either case a retraction is in order. The name of the person who made this statement should be made public, and he or she, as well as the NAACP, should make a public apology. Until this is done, I will never take the NAACP seriously again, nor will it have any credibility with me.

"WIMP" — MICHAEL A

Man gave swine a swig of wine

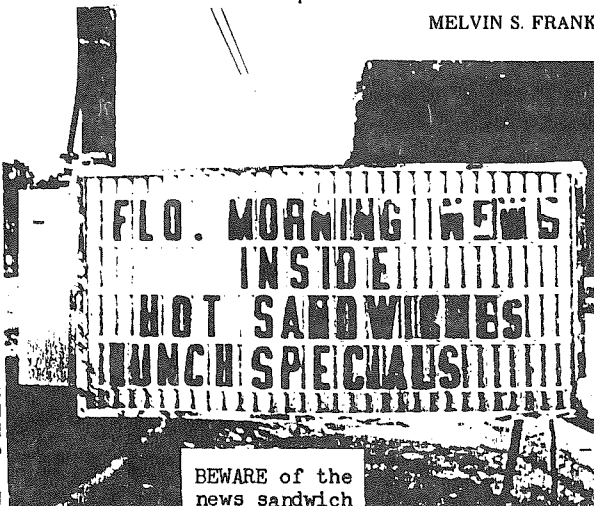
Associated Press

CANTON, Miss. — A man has been charged with trying to pickle his neighbor's porkers.

Charles Myers, 19, of Canton, was in the Madison County Jail on Friday after giving whiskey and wine to a neighbor's hogs, sheriff's investigator Carroll Phelps said.

Myers was arrested Sunday after Mattie Mae Randall accused him of giving the hogs alcohol despite her pleas to stop, Phelps said. Myers threw whiskey on Ms. Randall and left only when she threatened to get her gun, she told authorities.

Pig mistaken for Boss Hogg.



U.S. senators again forge

The SC medicos want to ban midwives, as the physicians started this conspiracy in England 300 yr. ago to try to take away the money for delivering baby from women. .. They want to require a midwife to spend time twice a month watching them do a delivery. IF they make a mistake, the patient would have an expert witness on hand to sue them for everything including their false teeth. ... Let them think that one over.

Since cars have killed more than guns, it is time to ban the automatic car, says artist Hamilton in Or. Why the police will not confiscate drunk drivers' cars to hold as evidence, like they used to know how to do with bootleggers' in Prohibition is a complete mystery. It would get a lot of drunk drivers OFF the highway if their car was taken away from them, not just the driving license, just a piece of paper. A car, locked up, now, is more effective.

Of course if a kid lost a family car, he would probably try to join the marines to get way away from an angry father.

One school district is doing something with any real sense: it is depriving students with bad grades of parking privileges in the school parking lot. (Now if they would just do that with the administrators!)

In efforts to control guns & establish a police state I noted that in its first 118 years, city of Flo had only 1 cop killed, by the angry husband of the woman whose bed he was caught in, when he was supposed to be patrolling the red light district. He was not wearing his holster at the time. He was filled with buckshot by the Confed. vet, who had killed several deer with the same. Jury of 12 married males found him not guilty for temporary insanity.

These cars have killed more children than guns...



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Income tax exemption desirable

Many feel that, if an income tax exemption were implemented for the elderly, everyone who provides any type service or product would gain considerably.

It seems that many of our legislators are placing the cart before the horse in seeking plants and businesses to improve the economy. Considerable time, effort and money were expended in inducing Mack Trucks Inc. to relocate in South Carolina. This was hailed as a major accomplishment. Now that truck sales have fallen off, Mack is in a financial bind. This major accomplishment may now result in a liability to the state.

The state of Florida takes a different approach. It has no personal income tax. Thousands of senior citizens with hefty pensions are retiring in Florida. Most, from northern states, travel through South Carolina on their way to Florida. The population forecast for Florida for 1990 is in excess of 13.3 million, an increase of almost 2 million since 1986. Of its present population, 17.6 percent are

aged 65 or older, and only 35 percent were born in the state. In South Carolina, the population forecast is 3.56 million, an increase of about 300,000 since 1986. Ten percent of South Carolinians are aged 65 or older, and 73.3 percent were born in the state.

In 1950 Florida's population was only 600,000 more than South Carolina's. The sales tax (4 percent) collected in Florida in 1980 exceeded the total income tax collected in South Carolina in 1983. New, privately owned home construction in Florida in 1985 was valued at nearly \$8.5 billion. In South Carolina, new home construction totaled \$360 million. An independent study indicates Florida will have a net gain of \$5 billion between 1985 and 1990.

There is an old saying: "If you build a better mousetrap, the world will beat a path to your door." Tax-free pensions could be our mousetrap.

CLAUDE E. COOPER

They don't have an 800 number, but the U S Dept. of Just Immigration & Neuterization can be very useful. In the Carolinas, their only office is Charlotte, 704/371-6691 & I have no idea if they know how to use the phone; call them from a public phone, to be safe. You might even ask them to pay for the call. Surely you know some local govt. agency or other crim. conspiracy. Surely you know someone who works, or is paid to, there who does not act like a son (or daughter) of freedom, but an advocate of Gestapo oppression. Surely you were not there when this person was born, & cannot prove that he, she or it is a legal citizen, not an alien (whether from Haiti or Mars). You think that this person should be deported. If they ask for your name, give that of the local animal shelter, which needs the reward. Please do not report non-human govt. employees like dogs, as the Im & Neut. will not give that a real, serious look. Better yet, report yourself as some other local cop-ist, so they will have 2 to investigate.

After all, it is your duty to report law-breakers. And tax-eaters.

They want to relocate NY city AIDS victims in the South, & the local news isn't reporting it. Take a NC-SC map & connect Asheville, NC, Waynesville, NC, Greenville, SC & Clayton, GA in an irregular quadrilateral. & what do we find in that area? Transylvania county, NC! They must think they are in Roumania, at the home of Dracula, since they are vampires themselves! It is the only county that is entirely in the area. What they don't know is its history from Prohibition, when it exceeded all others in shooting revenooers. It had an interesting system; got some gal to charge them with rape & lynched them.

If anyone is interested in going into the Bumper-sticker business, unlike LP HQ, I'll be glad to make a few suggestions:

TAKE A BITE OUT OF GOVERNMENT CRIMES!

SAY NO TO DRUG CZAR
BAN NICOTINE ADDICTS

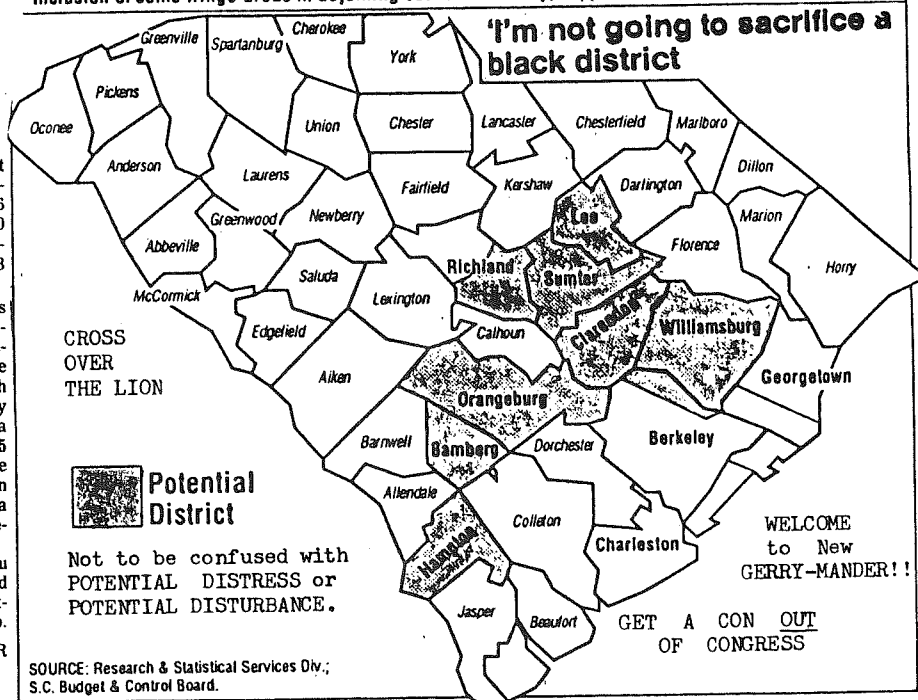
DON'T RE-ELECT ANY
FAT & LAZY INCUMBENT

I'm sure you can think of more!

JOIN the WAR for RACIST DISCRIMINATION against WHITES!
Set up a Gerry-MANDER Congressional District in South Carolina. (And throw present Congress-incumbents OUT!)

60% Black Congressional District

The shaded areas denote the nucleus of a majority black congressional district that may be sought during the 1991 Legislature by a coalition of black Democrats and white Republican members. Inclusion of some fringe areas in adjoining counties is likely, supporters say.



ALL THE NUISANCES & DISTURBERS TO GIVE YOU HEADACHES

With credit to the Raleigh daily..... Dr. Jerome Horowitz who developed AZT, now used for AIDS, declared, "We had the right drug, all we needed was the right disease." (ABC) Chemical warfare? & what, besides sex, breaks down immunity? Could it be drug abuse & addiction to legal, prescription drug? After all, it's fluoridation of city water that was proved to contribute to Alzheimer's, but it doesn't make the papers unless it's Canada, New Zea, etc. "Ultimately it becomes perfectly proper to measure civilization in terms of the respect we show our fellow-man, and barbarism in terms of the violence wrought upon him by those who wield greater power of whatever kind." declared Dr. Ernest Truffer at an IATROS conference (Jag) The Swiss expert has not yet met the savages. I spare you comments on flag-burns & desegregation by wearing it on the seat of the pants.

Will "boot camps" & asylums be used to "cure" drug addiction, or to mind-control it's prisoners. (Mae Brus Res Ctr) Many strange things go on, not the least in gun squads, who want to nazify Amerika. I just ask questions: did Marilyn M really commit suicide, after threatening to tell the press how she'd been one of JFK's bedmates? Who killed Jo Kopechne & how & why at Chappaquiddick? The case of anchorwoman has come up, but who killed Dorothy Kilgallen the columnist many years ago or did she die of natural causes while about to bust a big story? Did black panther Huey Newton get shot for coke? Did Martin Luther King try to stay out of The South, where he knew they wanted to shoot him to put the blame on All Southern Males? Was Sirhan Sirhan really brainwashed?

In RICH-land county, SC, news has taken after the countless councillor who take off on expensive trips, at the cost of the tax-payers. (var) Tax-eaters are like that. Like junk trips, & all sorts of other junk. Also want to try for the highest taxes in the South outside Atlanta.

In Wyoming, Statist Supreme Court "Justice" Chief Joseph Cardine has threatened to jail the state auditor, Jack Sidi, for failing to pay an illegal voucher for Cardine's ABA dues. (Casper) Just enforce the law, not obey it.

"I don't feel as permissive about anabolic steroids. Those drugs are a literalization of the feminist metaphor of 'testosterone poisoning'. They can lead to random violence, atrophied testicles, and probably early death, but they make the user bigger, stronger, and meaner." (DR) And just how is the govt. War On Drugs helping? Now in N. C. state Troopers have started taking anabolic steroids to make themselves "more impressive". Isn't it dangerous to let them carry guns when they're addicted to this drug?

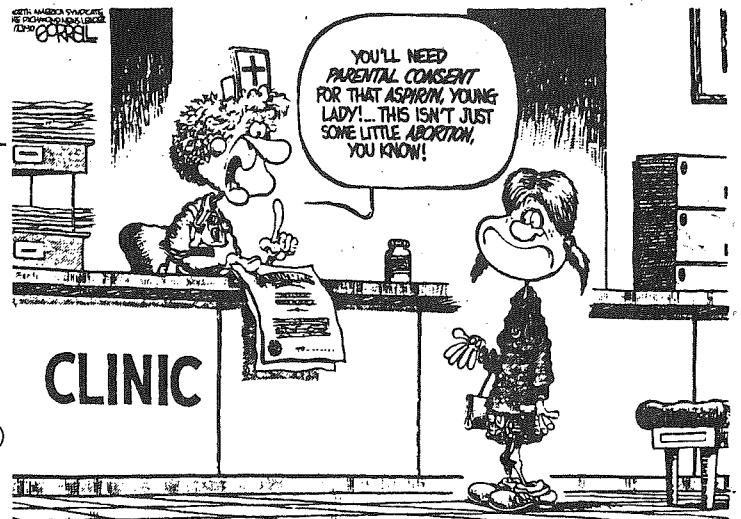
While I continue my war against blinding monitors, one big Desk-top-publishing zine doesn't use state-of-the-art computers for scanning photos, but just pastes them up, like I do. (DR) They also have problems with getting computerese to print labels in multiples. Now I could do it with NEET, but rarely bothered since I only needed a max. of 2 alike usually, with one case going as high as 6. When will they put out a sane computer again?

In Welch, WV (also known as Belch) city could build a sewage system for less than \$1 million. But the state would not give a permit, because it didn't involve a federal "grant" that would have given \$1.2 mil & cost the city \$1.2 more. Judge ordered state to give the permit, but they never got around to it. This is how "clean water" works. (Bluef)

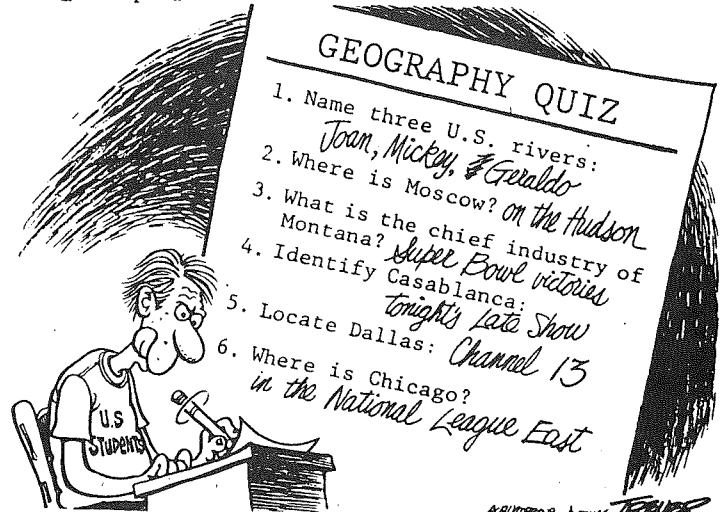
According to Just. Dept., crimes by federal officials went up 89% in the years 1977-1986. (Wash Rep.) Come on, guys, you can make 900%! Just a few more!

Fluoride may also cause cancer, claims Dr. John Yiamouyiannis of Safe Water Foundation. (VoxLib), about a 5% cancer increase when a city fluoridates its water. Kills about 10,000 a year.

We have an interesting suggestion for those who are bothered by a media question, quote Jesus Christ's answer to the scribes & Pharisees, "I will answer your question only if you will answer my question." Ask them why they discriminate about/against libertarians. Ask them if a black Pres. candidate in 1992 will be discriminated in the news as they did with socialist Lorena Fulani in 1988. Is that her real name? Do you know what it is in Spanish slang? (I embarrassed Tart Furniture Co.'s next-door shop by telling them what a Tart was in Brit. slang.)



I should have told you this before, but it is a risk to carry potato chips in your car. Not just the dangers of cholesterol. But some potato chips have little bags of humidity absorbent, labelled "Do Not Eat" so as to protect the potato chips. Well a machinery (sic) shipper from Turkey included a similar rust preventer & the Customs dog at Charleston thought it was heroin. There are several soggy preventers, some in prescribed drug tablets. Let me, however, encourage you to eat baked or mashed potatoes as safer.



Libertarian workshop in SC for candidates, etc. was cancelled for lack of any willing to listen.

The bill requiring labels on the containers of alcoholic beverages should also include drunk drivers, & the cars or trucks that they are driving. Unless the drunk has a warning label branded onto him, he is violating the law. There is also federal law to prohibit trafficking obscene materials, which could hurt the supporters of the USC Game Cocks, who use bumperstickers.

I don't put up with the "Walter Williams Busters", & am not an expert on who should be a LP Pres. candidate & who may try out for it, but the big advantage of having a non-white candidate is that we can raise H\$\$\$ with the Massist Media if they try to hide a LP candidate who is not a white male, like our first 5 (& all the Demo, and all, with maybe 1 exception, the Repub, & so on, including the Commun. Party) candidates for Prexy. There has been 1 black candidate for Pres. before, Lenora Fulani of the "Aliance" in 1988, who is suing League of Women Voters. There have been non-white candidates for V-P, going back to Frederick Douglass & the Equal Rights Party more than 100 yr. ago. One 1/2-Indian was even elected V-P as a Rep. in the 1920s. I am not even prejudiced against running a Latino, BUT Alicia Clark is not eligible, since she was NOT a native citizen of the U.S.

Letters to the editor

'Government Propaganda'

In Carl Langley's story on county zoning titled "Education Called Key to Countywide Zoning," the Aiken County Planning Commission identifies the Libertarians as the foes of countywide zoning. However, the story does not give any information on "why" the Libertarians oppose zoning.

Pulitzer Prize winning-economist Milton Friedman, along with a vast number of others, identify zoning as the pernicious seed which produces higher taxes, inner-city blights, housing shortages and the death of small businesses.

I thought that "education" and the press required presenting both sides of the issue. Let's hear the other side on the zoning problem. Of course, the *Aiken Standard* can continue to act as a funnel to force feed the Aiken County taxpayer government propaganda, but perhaps "stooge" isn't a label the *Aiken Standard* wants.

Phyllis L. Wicker

Officials should list contributions

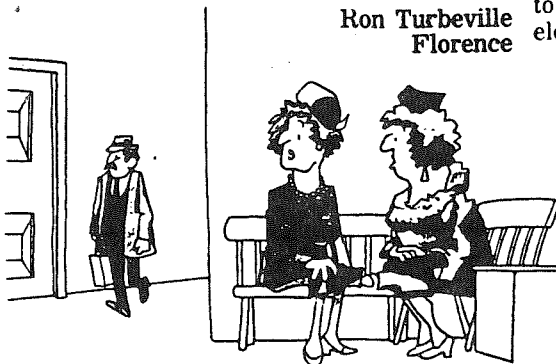
We take issue with Rep. Malloy McEachin proposal concerning handouts and/or gratuities given to people in public office. Our understanding of his idea is that all public officials must declare any gifts of monetary value.

Question. . . isn't this illegal? Isn't the bottom line of this still bribery? For example, if I'm stopped by a police officer for speeding and offer him something (money or gift), I have broken the law and must face the consequences. Why are public officials exempt?

This is the question that continually infuriates us. If the law indeed prohibits bribery, then let's enforce it. Let's indict anyone from lobbyist (who we know thrive on soliciting votes) all the way to the president of the United States.

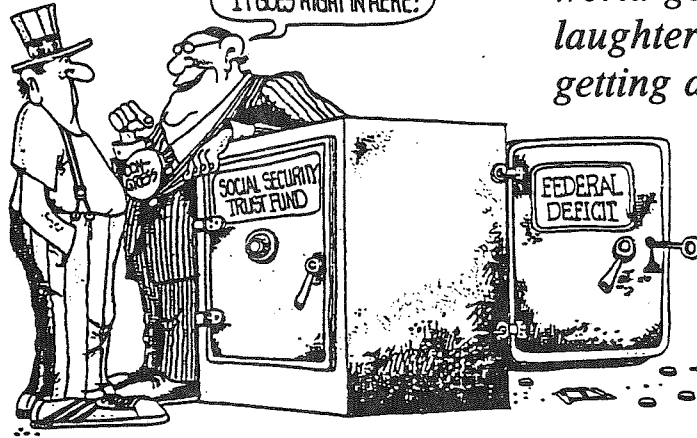
We would appreciate your and the representative's response to what we honestly consider a disguised travesty of justice. Also, we would like the public to respond by writing to the media as well as their representative. This corruption of our system should be stopped and if enough of us stand up, maybe we can finally put and end to it.

Ron Turbeville
Florence



"He's a criminal lawyer...But, then, aren't they all?"

"...OF COURSE YOUR INVESTMENT IS SAFE! IT GOES RIGHT IN HERE!"



"Love may make the world go round, but laughter keeps us from getting dizzy."

— Donald Zochert

POVERTY IN S.C.

Of the 1.4 million South Carolinians who filed income tax returns in 1988, 58 percent reported taxable earnings of less than \$10,000.

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Backs 'right to recall' for South Carolina

Sales Tax Vote Is Poor Choice

Editor, *The Chronicle*:

As a Libertarian educated in the field of psychology, I suspect the phenomenon of learned helplessness is occurring within the state of South Carolina.

Voting seems to be useless because the ubiquitous solutions, offered by legislators for every state problem, demand higher taxation and regulation.

Our politicians always raise taxes in off-election years, strip our property rights when we are not looking, and consistently try to sell the populace a false bill of goods.

Aiken County property tax reassessments, proposed zoning ordinances and the local option sales tax are each perfect examples of what I have described.

These are a few of the reasons why the South Carolina Libertarian Party is circulating right to recall petitions. South Carolinians currently have no right to recall and the absence of that right may explain why politicians pretend to be responsible only during election years.

Libertarians believe that South Carolina citizens deserve frugal, responsible representatives dedicated to public service and not merely reelection. . . .

South Carolina residents who are tired of being abused financially and helpless politically are encouraged to send a self addressed stamped envelope to Recall Petitions in care of the South Carolina Libertarian Party.

These petitions will be submitted *en masse* to the General Assembly.

Timothy Moultrie
North Augusta

A political party is always attempting to clarify its political positions and attract new people to its cause.

Write A Letter!

The Letters-to-the-Editor sections of most papers are looking for fresh ideas

One of my neighbors was ecstatic to read that "voters in each South Carolina county will have a chance to decide between a sales tax increase and a property tax decrease."

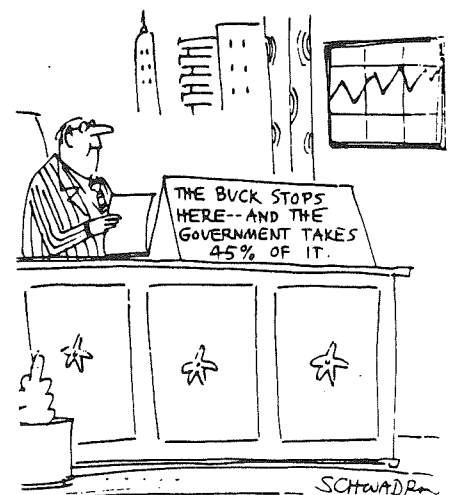
Although this was the full moon, I had to calm him down, and tell him that the unfair Local Option Sales Tax Act would not give him the choice he wanted: to vote against a sales tax increase and for a property tax decrease. It would not even give him a chance to vote for a sales tax decrease.

Many taxpayers would like to have a choice here, to vote for a property tax decrease but against a sales tax increase. But as John C. Calhoun said, the country has two classes, the taxpayers and the taxeaters. The taxeaters would want to vote for a sales tax increase, but against a property tax decrease. But since they have to vote for or against both, they might have to wait for years to reverse the property tax increase, while keeping the extra sales tax.

And I had to tell him that a 1% sales tax increase is not really a penny; if we go out for Sunday dinner at a buffet at \$4.75 plus tax, we now pay \$4.99; it wouldn't raise it to just \$5.00, but to \$5.04.

John T. Harllee

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"How am I supposed to know the value of a dollar when it changes every day?"

Citizen input should have high priority

On the evening of Dec. 6, I went to Mill Creek Elementary School to attend what had been reported in *The State* as a public hearing for citizen input to the Richland One School District's 1990-91 budget. As a former member of the district's board, I had prepared remarks urging fiscal restraint to be delivered to the district representatives (school board) and the hired chief executive officer (superintendent) who formulate the budget. No one showed up.

Oh, the citizens were there, but not one of the seven board members, not the superintendent, not even the deputy superintendent.

I have never seen such contempt for those who "pay the bill!"

We were told by the district representative, "There is a lot going on tonight."

I can't imagine what event could be more important than hearing from those who will be asked to provide the \$100,000,000-plus to operate the district during the next fiscal year.

BILL CAUTHEN

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.

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Reclaim Your Freedom

Tell Big Government to Play in Traffic

SOME PEOPLE WONDER why it's unjust to have the government playing cop in the marketplace. Why shouldn't we subsidize some businesses? Why shouldn't Uncle Sam tell us whom to hire and how much to pay them, if the purpose is to make everything fair?

Thomas Paine knew why. "Government, even in its best state," he said, "is but a necessary evil; in its worse state, an intolerable one." Paine recognized that the essence of government is coercion. Today, government spends more than one-third of our GNP, and controls ever more of our lives. We face fewer free choices and more coercion. That's the difference between seduction and rape.

In free markets, people make only what they consider to be mutually advantageous, voluntary exchanges. Voluntary exchange is similar to seduction — one person says to another: "If you make me feel good, I'll make you feel good." I say to the grocer: "If you make me feel good by giving me a carton of milk, I'll make you feel good by giving you \$2.00." Both of us gain. I have the milk, which is worth more to me than the \$2.00; he has the \$2.00, which he values more than the milk. It's a "positive-sum" game.

By contrast, rape is an involuntary exchange. One party offers: "If you don't make me feel good, I'm going to make you feel bad." That would be like my offering the grocer, "If you don't hand over a carton of milk, I'll shoot you." Rape and robbery are zero-sum games where one party is made better off only when another is made worse off.

Despite the power they are alleged to hold over us, industrial giants like IBM, Ford, and Mobil can only get a dollar from us in a free market if we decide to give it to them; they must seduce us. Businessmen can get dollars from us involuntarily.

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ly, but only through government. When the savings and loans were having a bit of trouble, they could have knocked on my door and asked, "Buddy, can you spare a dime?" I probably would have told them to go play in the traffic.

Instead, the bankers went to Congress to plead, "If we ask Williams to help us out voluntarily, he'll tell us to play in the traffic. Could you have your IRS agents shake him down for us?" Industry bailouts, food stamp programs, and farm subsidies are all zero-sum games where someone benefits at the expense of the taxpayer — who takes home a smaller paycheck.

IS GOVERNMENT NEEDED?

Of course, the fact that mankind has not achieved a state of grace means that *some* government is necessary — for the national defense, the adjudication of disputes, and the provision of some public goods. To finance these things, taxation — and some coercion — is necessary: Paine's "necessary evil." But as Thomas Jefferson predicted, "The natural progress of things is for liberty to yield and government to gain ground." As our Government has grown, individual decision making has been expropriated.

Current notions such as "industrial planning" or "business/government cooperation" represent nothing more than the forcible superseding of citizens' plans by various elites. You may plan to buy sugar from the Caribbean. By tariffs and quotas, the U.S. sugar lobby and their Congressional friends force you to buy from an American producer at a higher price. Or the hardware store owner and my kid may plan a \$2.50-per-hour wage for summer work; labor unions and their friends outlaw that plan, saying, "Unless the wage is \$3.35 per hour, no deal." There is nothing older than the notion that some people should be forced to serve the purposes of others. Our Founding Fathers sought to break that tradition — but we've betrayed their efforts.

Restoring liberty means having the courage to reject government's plans to take others' property — even if it benefits us — and rekindling the ideas of Jefferson's inaugural address: Liberty requires "a frugal government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned."

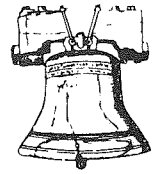
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Black education: The big sellout



The tragedy of black education is common knowledge. By any standard of academic achievement, black youngsters are well below the national average, a fact made worse considering the national average is nothing to brag about. In some schools, black dropout rates approach 50 percent or even higher. Many of those who do graduate cannot fill out a job application, pass police or fireman entry examinations, or read and comprehend simple instructions.

The stubborn fact of fraudulent education persists despite our pouring billions of dollars into general education and remedial programs. Self-appointed black leaders, black politicians, and the public education establishment, through their misguided visions, have done more to thwart black education excellence than any racist organization could ever have done.

Part of this misguided vision is being played out in Kansas City. According to Newsweek (7/31/89), Kansas City schools are under a 1985 court-ordered desegregation plan. In meeting that plan, the city has developed a magnet schools program. More than 3,000 blacks have been shut out of those schools (even though there are 2,311 vacancies), because the judge decreed that 40 percent of enrollment had to be white — a ludicrous order since system-wide, only 26 percent of Kansas City students are white.

Black parents have filed a lawsuit demanding that Kansas pay for their children to go to the city's private schools which have 4,000 vacancies and are willing to accept students receiving aid. Judy Rivarde is one of the parents who wants that option for her son. According to Rivarde, her daughter graduated from high school with good grades and a spotty attendance, but couldn't pass college entrance tests. She says "I'd like to know how she pulled A's in some of those classes she wasn't attending."

Black leaders are vehemently opposed to Judy Rivarde's, and other black parents', suit for a voucher plan. Public education activist Clinton Adams says, "Everybody's entitled to a good public education supported by taxpayers." Most black civil rights leaders, politicians, and educators agree, but many, including Jesse Jackson, are not sacrificing their children's education in the name of saving public schools; their kids go to private schools.

A nationwide voucher system, operating along the lines of the World War II G.I. Bill, would be the single best thing we could do for education in general and black education in particular. Under a voucher system, the state would simply give each parent a voucher which could be used as tuition payment at the school of the parent's choosing. In Philadelphia, a parent might use his voucher to send his kid to Ivy Leaf School.

South Carolina Sixth District JESTER & EXAMINER



Louis D. Brandeis (1856-1941)

U.S. Supreme Court justice

Experience should teach us to be most on our guard to protect liberty when the government's purposes are beneficent. Men born to freedom are naturally alert to repel invasion of their liberty by evil-minded rulers. The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well-meaning but without understanding.

Dissenting, *Olmstead v. U.S.*, 277 U.S. 438 (1928).

Crime is contagious. If the government becomes a law-breaker, it breeds contempt for law.

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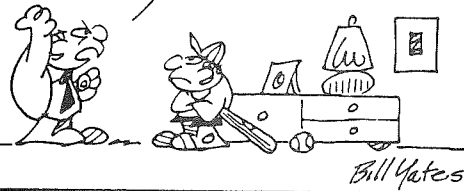
On November 7, 1989, one of the closer city council elections in New York city was in the 11th district, in the South Bronx. However, one would never know it from reading the daily newspapers in New York. Pedro Espada, the New Alliance Party candidate, received 12,381 votes. The only other candidates in the race were Rafael Colon, the incumbent Democrat, who received 16,469 votes, and the Conservative Party candidate, Benjamin Newmark, who didn't campaign and who received 290 votes. Both the *New York Times* and the *New York Post* reported the vote for Colon and Newmark on November 8 but failed to mention Espada or his vote. Both newspapers have refused to run any addendum or correction since their November 8 edition, even though both newspapers have received evidence of Espada's vote. A *New York Times* editor reportedly told an Espada supporter that under no circumstances would the newspaper mention his vote total, unless he won the election. However, this was an oral remark, not a written communication.

Ballot Access News

Smartcards are already on duty at the *Marine Corp's Parris Island* training base in South Carolina. On pay-day, recruits receive a "chip-based" card rather than FRN's. Purchases are made at the "company-store" where Marines use a small terminal and the sum is deducted from their pay.

WHY DO YOU HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL AGAIN TODAY? I'LL TELL YOU WHY YOU HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL AGAIN TODAY!

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Bill Yates

This obscene nude photo was in the Fort Worth, TX Star-Telegram



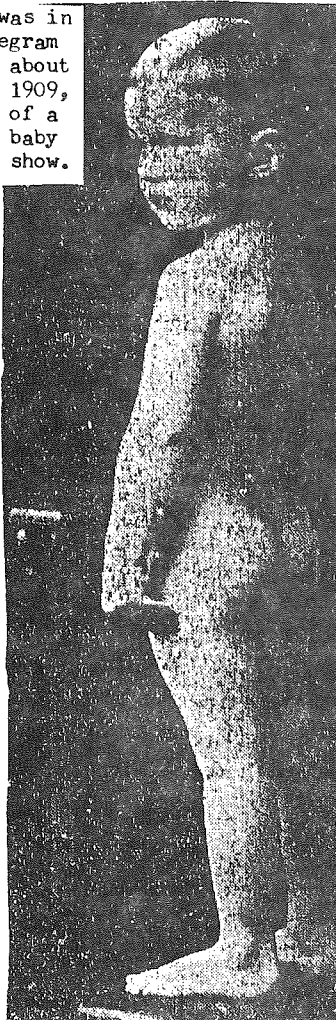
Walter Williams

about 1909, of a baby show.

Ivy Leaf is a black private school whose students come from low- and moderate-income families but, according to Mrs. Liller Green, its principal and owner, 85 percent of the students test at grade level, and in some cases two or three years above.

Ivy Leaf's annual tuition is \$1,750. By comparison the annual cost per student in Philadelphia's public schools is nearly \$5,000 and most of its black kids are below grade level. Now I ask you: Doesn't it make sense to develop a system where we have more kids in high-cost schools providing inferior education? And wouldn't taxpayers also benefit since \$1,750 is less to lay out than \$5,000? But black leaders in service to the public education establishment don't see it that way. In the name of desegregation and protecting public schools, they are willing to commit a generation of black youngsters to mediocrity, dependency, and despair. Black leaders, who played a vital role in the civil rights struggle of the '40, '50s and '60s are now useless, obsolete and destructive.

Walter Williams is a columnist and an economist at James Madison University.



6 in 10 favor parents picking kids' schools

By Pat Ordovensky
USA TODAY

If poor parents had a choice, would they want this public noneducation?

Most USA adults think parents should be allowed to choose the schools their children attend regardless of where they live, says a survey out Thursday.

The annual Gallup Poll of Public Attitudes Toward Schools shows 60 percent of adults favor "choice" — allowing students to pick schools without regard for boundaries. Approval among public school parents, 64 percent; non-public school parents, 68 percent.

Statewide choice now exists in Minnesota, Iowa, Arkansas, Nebraska. It's being considered in at least 13 other states.

The poll captures "the pulse of the people," Education Secretary Lauro F. Cavazos said Thursday. "Americans want their schools restructured, and by a 2-1 margin they favor choice as a means to that end."

Other findings of the poll, based on 1,584 interviews in May and June: ▶ 42 percent of public school parents say "choice" will improve student achievement; 51 percent say it will hurt some schools, while helping others; 53 percent feel it will increase "student satisfaction."

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& Queer?

The latest Barney Frank story is that he and Stephen Goble made it in the congressional gym. It wouldn't be the first time a congressman has given a taxpayer the shaft.

"Play it Again, Quayle!"

Vice President Dan Quayle when asked why the United States should send humans to Mars: "Mars is essentially in the same orbit. Mars is somewhat the same distance from the sun, which is very important. We have seen pictures where there are canals, we believe, and water. If there is water, that means there is oxygen. If oxygen, that means we can breathe."

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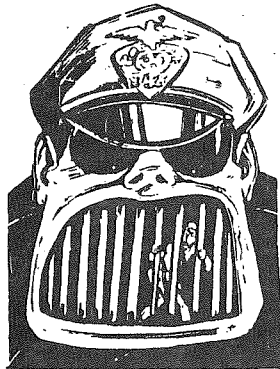
On U.S. investment possibilities in Southeast Asia: "The potential for Vietnam is enormous," said Richard Hartman, Sheraton Corporation's senior vice president for Asia and the Pacific. "There are a lot of places where tourist facilities can be built. Vietnam would have a special advantage for tourism, because it's well known in the United States."

The Progressive

Police State

Between sixty and sixty-five students at West Seneca Junior High School were prevented from entering their classes Tuesday because they violated the new policy against wearing black clothing. Principal Richard Caputi said the new policy was not specifically in response to fears about Satanism, but arose from observations made by the previous principal that more and more children were wearing black clothing to school. "He found a close association between their dress, their conduct, and their performance in school," Caputi said.

The Progressive



"Sorry, sister, but a nun in a black habit 'looks' as if she were in another type of religious order."

Ballot Access News

Unsettled teen leads a chase

By Paul Larsen
Morning News staff writer

It was a long, strange trip for Christopher K. Parks and the police officers who fought and chased him Tuesday morning from Florence to Latta.

Officials tried to determine why Parks, 21, cut himself with a knife in a Florence County motel room, said half his body was Jesus Christ

and the other half was the devil, then pushed a deputy and led officers on a 30-mile, high-speed chase into Dillon County. Parks, of Danielsville, Ga., was taken to the South Carolina State Hospital in Columbia Tuesday afternoon for psychological evaluation.

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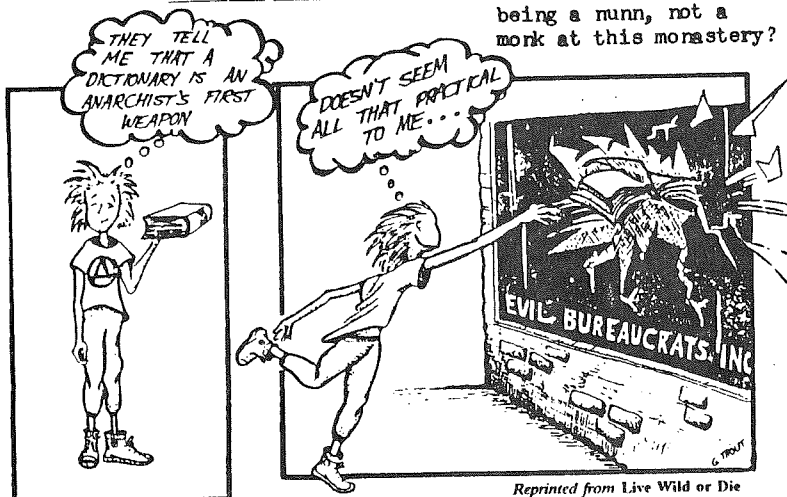
Local paper can't count to 20!



Nunn resigns from all-male golf club

The Associate d Press

Or was he expelled for being a nunn, not a monk at this monastery?



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

How stingy can the U. S. Congress and Senate be? Last week (Wash Post) Congress raised the minimum wage rate to only \$4.25. Why did they stop there? If Congress believes it can make their subjects wealthy by legislation, why not raise the minimum wage to \$20.00 an hour and make everyone rich?

Of course, this is nonsense; only dimwitted politicians believe they can increase wealth by edict. Congressmen can only increase a worker's wealth by transferring (stealing) wealth from one worker and giving it to another. The only real and just way for wages to rise is for capital to increase per worker. Minimum wage legislation can only have pernicious effects on the labor market. Those whose labor is not worth the minimum wage (teenagers) will not be employed.

If Congress is really serious about raising wages, I suggest they consult the works of Ludwig von Mises, Walter Williams, and W. H. Hutt.

James Philbin, Maryland

(Note: Please do not send me double-spaced letters, so that I can save retyping them. Thanx. -jh)

WHY STUDENTS HATE TO WRITE ESSAYS

I think that most students hate to write essays, not so much because of the writing, but because the composition of writing. I feel that most students, once they sit down and start writing would find that part easy.

The part about writing essays that they don't like is when, after putting all your effort and hard work into it, no matter how good the thought, and ideas are the receive the paper back filled with red marks and a great big "F".

I feel that if instructors would give two grades on papers, one for composition and one for grammar that a lot more students would find the encouragement to write longer and eventually better essays. If a student who has the creativity keeps finding "F"'s on his papers why bother writing? Why even try to improve when all your best feelings are only worth a failing grade?

With a two grade method maybe some students with creative abilities would be encourage by seeing a good grade on his paper along with a failing grade. I might even give them the incentive to try to improve their grammar grades as well.

John D Blackowicz, Andrews
Horry-Georgetown Tech

(This won 3rd in the 1989 SC Essay contest, & has been re-copied accurately without corrections from the dot matrix that resisted all attempts to reprint it.)

I HATE TO WRITE ESSAYS

Writing the English language and I are enemies, at least - that is what I have come to believe. My emotions are better understood if I express them verbally. If given the opportunity, I would rather work a thousand math problems (I hate math) than write one essay. My idea of pure delight is to read, read, read! The information that I obtain is between me and the author. It does not have to agree with what someone else reads. To quantify and quality my findings to that of some 'expert' is laborious to me. Who is to say that my essay is better or worse than the next?

I would seriously consider giving up the keys to the car and the use of the telephone for an entire weekend rather than to write one essay. I have tried to cultivate some skills in writing to keep from getting bad grades (my parents hate bad grades). My teachers are unaware of my dread for writing essays. Sometimes, when given an assignment to do, I undoubtedly have a 'writer's block' because I simply can not get the words to flow. I struggle with this requirement and finally something comes together. As I hand in my paper, I often think: "If you knew the torture that I have endured to come up with this version of 'sweet nothing', you'd give me The Nobel Prize for Literature."

Sanita Lavette Paul
Westside High, Anderson

(This also had to be retyped because of a faint ribbon; she won the 2nd prize for 1989.)