

Car Seat Belt Laws DON'T Save Lives, British Govt. Reports

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hacks react to ad ban with message

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HARTFORD, Conn.

The great fax attack of 1989 an all-out lobbying campaign against a bill banning unsolicited facsimile advertising — may have backfired when the governor's fax machine was jammed for hours with unwanted messages.

Starting Thursday and continuing Friday, Gov. William A. O'Neill's fax machine has been beeping constantly, spitting out unwanted messages from angry businesses that advertise by fax.

The businesses oppose a bill now awaiting O'Neill's signature that would prohibit them from marketing their products by fax without first obtaining the permission of the recipient. Violators would face a \$200 fine.

Starting Thursday morning, dozens of Connecticut businesses faxed to O'Neill's office a form letter arguing against the fax ban. The letter argued it would cost the average company \$6,000 a year to obtain permission before sending fax messages.

The stream of fax messages was so constant — 40 came in before 10 a.m. — that the governor's office turned off the fax machine Thursday.

Told Off

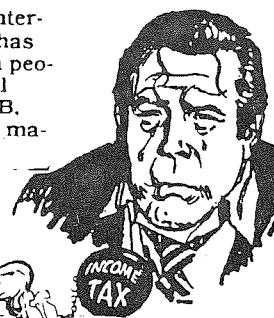
California State Senator Bill Craven is concerned at the rise in citizen's initiatives, in which people sign petitions to enact changes in laws. Craven worries that if legislators "don't watch our respective tails, the people are going to be running the government."

L.A. Times

Only two states, Massachusetts and Nebraska, have experienced highway safety statistics both with a mandatory seat belt law and after their 1986 repeals. (Oregon voters in 1988 defeated their law.) In a recent report of the National Safety Council, both states showed a marked increase in highway fatalities under a mandatory seat belt law (forty-two in Massachusetts in 1986), and a sharp decrease upon repeal (forty-two in Massachusetts in 1987). Massachusetts showed a 10 percent, and Nebraska a 12 percent, overall decrease in highway fatalities since repeal of their respective laws. Apparently other factors, such as "risk compensation", often come into play when such legislation is imposed. In other states which have imposed mandatory seat belt laws, an increase in highway fatalities has been a result. (i.e., 1987-88 in Iowa by 18 percent, in the District of Columbia by 21 percent, and in Connecticut by 22 percent.)

The assertion that mandatory seat belt laws provide increased injury protection also has come under suspicion by the Highway Loss Data Institute. A news report by the Associated Press (Aug. 8, 1988) stated, "A study of insurance claims in eight states where motorists have been required to use safety belts provides 'no clear-cut pattern'."

FOR YEARS the Internal Revenue Service has RULED the American people in a manner equal only to the Soviet KGB. FEAR being the IRS's major weapon.



TAXES, SPENDING AND VITAL

In the past when the Democrats have raised your taxes they never used the increase to reduce the federal deficit. Do you think there is any reason to believe that they would use a tax increase now to reduce the deficit they created?

☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNDECIDED

Would a dramatic increase in your Federal Income Taxes force you to cancel a major purchase such as a car, home or family vacation or make other important changes in your life?

☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNDECIDED

Many Democrats feel that federal spending is about as low as it should ever go. In your opinion do you feel there is more waste that should be cut in the federal budget?

☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNDECIDED

Seat belts killed my kids, mom tells court

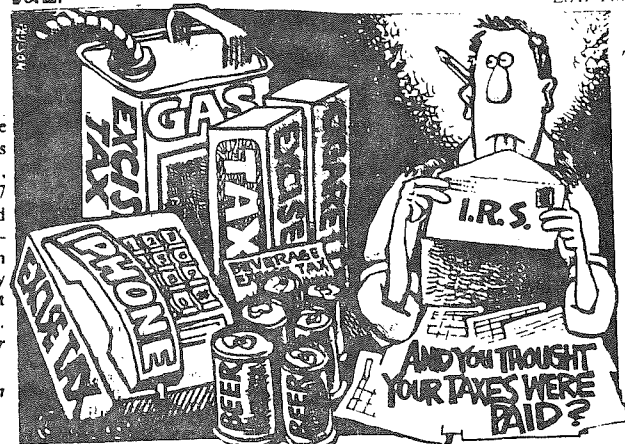
A woman arrested for failing to wear her seat belt said she will never buckle up because she vowed 18 years ago not to wear seat belts any more — when all four of her children were killed in a car fire they couldn't escape because they had seat belts on.

"I vowed then that I'd never wear a seat belt again and I never have," said 49-year-old Claire Bell of Scampton, England.

Mrs. Bell was fined \$10 for violating a new national seat belt law, but said she won't change her mind.

Mrs. Bell's twin 8-year-old daughters, and sons aged five and three were killed when a stolen vehicle slammed into her car and burst into flames 18 years ago.

Rescuers pulled Mrs. Bell from the burning car, but couldn't get her children out in time because of their seat belts.



BULK RATE

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Compulsory use of seat belts does not save lives, according to a startling British government report — and one expert says it's because belted drivers are more reckless and cause more accidents.

The report, prepared by the British Department of Transport, says mandatory seat belt laws passed in eight European countries between 1973 and 1976 have "not led to a detectable change in road death rates."

In fact, preliminary figures from the report reveal that traffic injury rates in those countries actually jumped 11 percent.

"All of the statistics suggest strongly that seat belt legislation has failed," declared Dr. John Adams, a transportation expert with London's University College, who studied the effects of seat belt laws.

Compulsory seat belt laws went into effect in Britain in February 1963 — and 11 months later the number of bicyclists killed by cars or trucks was up 19 percent, and the number of pedestrians killed jumped 6 percent, according to the government.

In Sweden, two years after a seat belt law was passed, the total number of car occupants killed in accidents rose 6 percent.

Similarly, the traffic death toll rose in Denmark, Ireland and Belgium after mandatory seat belt laws were put into effect, Adams said.

"When safety records of countries that have seat belt laws are compared with those that do not have them, there is no firm basis for concluding that seat belt legislation has saved any lives or reduced accidents," he said.

Mandatory seat belt laws may actually result in more accidents, he added, because "once a driver has a seat belt on he feels more secure and is encouraged to take more risks."

Another traffic safety expert, Mick Hamer, transport consultant for England's science magazine New Scientist, added: "The evidence indicates that compulsory seat belt laws actually increase death and injury to pedestrians and bicyclists."

— REGINALD FITZ

Gassed Up

Although the auto and gasoline corporations have constantly told us that solar powered cars aren't feasible, the truth had already come out in 1987 — with a vengeance. The 400-pound Sunracer solar car had won an 1,867-mile race through the Australian outback on an amount of energy equivalent to five gallons of gasoline, at an average speed of 42 miles per hour. Assisted by its battery, the Sunracer exceeds 80mph.

Scientific American

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Taxpayers should demand politicians who are frugal-minded

Editor:

Everyone is fed up with rising property taxes. Nobody doubts that property owners need relief. South Carolina has one of the highest total tax burdens of any state in the South. Figures published in *U.S. News and World Report* show that Atlanta is the only city in the Southeast with a higher tax burden than Columbia.

South Carolinians would obviously benefit from lower property taxes. However, politicians often take a good idea and turn it into bad legislation. The local option sales tax is a good example, and so are efforts to give counties the power to tax motor vehicles. The local option sales tax bill (often called the Local Government Finance Act) would allow local governments to impose a sales tax, using part of the extra tax money to roll back property taxes a little bit.

If cities and counties are allowed to impose sales taxes on their citizens, the economy of the state will suffer. Property taxes are deductible on federal income tax forms, but sales taxes are not deductible. Therefore, if any property tax revenues are replaced by sales tax revenues, South Carolinians will be forced to pay more in federal income taxes. This will leave less money in South Carolina and more money in Washington. Does

anybody seriously believe that this would help South Carolina?

The Libertarian Party is fighting for the taxpayers and against higher local taxes, and is opposing the local sales tax for the fourth straight year. If taxes are increased, small businesses will find it more difficult to offer new jobs. This will reduce our standard of living and increase the unemployment rate. Higher sales taxes will be especially harmful to the poor and the elderly.

According to a recent poll in *The State*, 51 percent of South Carolinians are against higher sales taxes, but 73 percent would favor a local option sales tax "if it means your property taxes would be lowered." This wording is deceptive, however, since no politician or government can make an unbreakable promise. Any property tax relief will be temporary, unless voters begin to elect persons who understand the value of frugality, privatization and free enterprise. No government has ever voluntarily lowered taxes without later raising them much higher.

Instead of raising taxes, governments should reduce spending by privatizing many of their services. For years, Libertarians have pointed out that privatization can result in better services at less cost to the taxpayers. This has worked when it has been tried. However, most elected officials

don't seem interested in being frugal with other people's money. The worst thing to do would be to give them more of our money to waste!

David Morris

"All that is necessary for the forces of evil to win in this world is for enough good men to do nothing."

—Edmund Burke



Doc overpays IRS \$114G — but he can't get it back!

A doctor overpaid his federal taxes by \$114,000 and a federal judge has ruled that the Internal Revenue Service doesn't have to give it back!

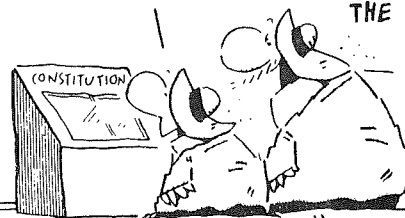
The mind-blowing tax goof occurred when IRS agents told Dr. Parvane Korangy of Potomac, Md., that he hadn't paid taxes on \$637,000 he had in the bank.

Dr. Korangy denied that the money was taxable and appealed to a U.S. Tax Court. He later agreed to pay taxes on \$544,000 of the total and the court accepted.

Then, to his horror, the doctor discovered that he and his lawyer had made a math error that resulted in a tax overpayment of \$114,000.

He asked the Tax Court to cancel the settlement. But the IRS objected. And Judge Thomas Wells decided to let the settlement stand.

WHERE'S THE FBI AND THE CIA IN THE CONSTITUTION?



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BY THE PEEPHOLE,
FOR THE PEEPHOLE."

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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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"I have reason to conclude that he who would get me into his power without my consent would use me as he pleased when he had a fancy to it; for nobody can desire to have me in his absolute power unless it be to compel me by force to that which is against the right of my freedom."

—John Locke

of a liquor store, and it was there first. (Relig. Freed. Alert) NEA prexy has told communist People's Daily World that desegregation has hurt blacks in school tracking systems. She wants to end this, invented long before desegregation to offer separate classes for college-bound, for those with reading problems, etc. (Blum) In other words, if you are training a few, put a stop to that. Cycles Research, 70A Greenwich Av #254, NY, NY is addicted to copyright, so ask them what they anticipate in the economy The Euro-American Alliance asks if the white race will ever vote again as a racial bloc. If they knew KKK history, they'd know that it was northern midwest states they carried in the 1920s-30s, and lost Southern elections to the Bourbons. 8th grade in AZ was asked to describe America's economics on a test: 42% said socialism, 19% said communism, & 31% said capitalism. This is not what they want, but what they think we have. (AZ Republ.) Anyone for mixed economy? Immigration & Naturalization has been accused of discriminating against Christian immigrants from USSR. (RFAlert) 2 more Polish priests were murdered in January, who had a reputation of criticism of govt. (RNS)

IRS SENDS INMATE \$359,000

ATLANTA—A federal grand jury has indicted a federal prison inmate who was mistakenly sent \$359,380.25 by the Internal Revenue Service and failed to return the money.

The IRS was attempting to collect \$2 million in back taxes in 1985 from Joseph H. Hale, who was serving an unrelated five-year prison term for fraud. But the IRS made a computer error and a check was mailed for \$359,380.25.

The indictment, returned Wednesday by a federal grand jury in Atlanta, charged Hale, 45, and a friend, Ann W. McRee, 43, of Atlanta, with seven counts of fraud. The indictment alleges that Ms. McRee helped Hale dispose of the money. They face maximum terms of 65 years.

After two years of searching, the IRS said it found \$55,558.34 of its money and wants the other \$303,821.91 back.

"It was a mistake," said Les Witmer, IRS spokesman for the Southeast. "It was a computer mistake."

ALL THE SUNDRY & MISCELLANY

Dr. Eve & Dr. Dunn (I don't make up these!) sociology profs. have polled teachers & find them not brainwashed in college in biology....amazing.... Gov. Rudy Perpich of MN has got fed. court to rule that the fed. law depriving Gov. of the right to forbid that their state militia (a/k/a Natl. Guard) to be taken out of the country in aggressive war. Several, like Conn. in 1812 and Georgia gov. in 1863 have done this. (Israel Ident. Fellows.) Reading Informer (for those who can read) reports 95% of 17-yr-olds unable to read college material. We're not talking about the works of Einstein, we're talking about limericks. Cardinal Szoka of Detroit has a city council that wants him to keep open churches with shortage of priests & congregation as safety centers for those seeking refuge from poor law enforcement on the public streets. Bill Moyers is angry at Sou. Bapt. for reporting that in one of his biased interviews he refilled his question part, and changed the questions, so the deacon would sound stupid. Why the Sou. Bapt. haven't defrocked him is their problem, he was an accessory to Lyndon Johnson and promotes statist totalitarianism. Jewish War Veterans in Randolph, Mass has been barred from the vet group for religious discrimination And they don't even sing songs like, "If your hair is black & wavy, join the Yiddish navy...." U S 3rd Circuit has ruled that abortion clinics can use RICO to sue anti-abortion groups for harassment or whatever. Okaloosa, FL schools have banned prayers at football games. Now if they'll just ban the profanity! Oakview Baptist in Winter Garden, FL has been banned from renting a store-front to meet in, because it's within 1200 feet

HISTORY MUSEUM

THE TIME HAS COME, THE WALRUS SAID, TO SPEAK OF MANY THINGS

One thing that annoys me is the use of words to say something different from what the word means. Fanatics of all sorts are addicted to this. Let us start with an ancient term, Aryan, and go to the dictionary and see what it means. Adolf Schickelgruber didn't know how to use the dictionary, because the group that received the highest death-rate in Nazi Germany was an Aryan group, the gypsies. Non-Aryan groups like the Finns, Hungarians (Magyars), Basques, etc. were not persecuted racistly, because he didn't know what an Aryan was.

Aryan comes from the old Indo-European, such as Sanskrit in India which was the first version written, meaning tribal leader or tribe. Of the languages that are a descendent of the basic Indo-European are most of the European languages (except those above), Persian, and some 6 or 7 in India, including Romany (gypsy). In Germany, the main non-Aryan language was Wend, a group that Hitler drafted into the German army because public schools had forced them to learn German. At that time the almost totally Aryan country was Iran, which is why the Shah called himself "King of the Aryans"; since then they have imported Semites (mostly Arab) as oil-fielders.

Not all whites are Aryans, which is based on the ancestral language. There are also Altaic (like Turk or Jewish Kazak), Semitic (like Arabic or Hebrew), and a few that just don't fit. If you're interested, the language closest to the original Indo-European in Lithuanian. The scholars who went into ancient language and found that words like mater in Latin, and Mutter in German and madre in Spanish and mother in English all came from the same ancient source; the ones you might have heard of were the Grimm.

Now let us proceed to the word Nazi. It is an abbreviation or nickname for a political party with a very long name: Nationalsozialistische Deutsche Arbeiter-partei, translated: National-Socialist German Workers Party. This is what a national socialist is. They borrowed a lot from Lenin, where they differed as he did with the Social Democrats (or Mensheviks in Russian), being for socialism, & against democracy. Then Hitler borrowed one thing from Stalin himself, his anti-Semitism (or maybe it was vice-versa).

Now there are nationalists who are not socialists, and socialists who are not nationalists. Nazis are both.

It is just like there are many whose language is one of the Aryan languages, who are not of white descent. Spanish has probably a majority of these.

Now we'll go to something that gets really funny: the "skinheads". Everyone- except a few who've been scalped and survived - has skin on the head. Some have nothing else: they are called bald. In the South, those who have hair, and cut it very short on top are mostly Negro, prisoners, and/or military militarists. Some of these are required to, as punishment; others do it since they do not use the brains much and are not worried about boiling them, or wear a hat at all times outside. It is possible that some can be Nazi rock fans.

In case you're wondering, short hair goes back to ancient Greece, where it prevented being grabbed by the beard and having your throat cut in combat.

Religions, by the way, usually have nothing to do with racial descent (there are exceptions, like Shinto in Japan). This is how words can be distorted. Some Jews are of Semitic descent from the Hebrews, and some are the descendants of converts to Judaism, and some are a combination of the two. The Jews of Ethiopia or China are pretty obviously not of Hebrew descent.

Curiously, the one country that never expelled the Jews (except some that never have had any until recently) was Scotland. It is amazing that Jews of Hebrew descent get along quite well with Christians of Celt descent, but Dublin elected a Jewish mayor once, and the Jews came out 100% for the Confederacy if they lived in it, and the first Jews to make the rank of colonel or senator or governor or cabinet member were in the Old South.

I will spare you the territorialists and the terrorists (and the combinations); ask the dictionary. -jh

WE JUST REPORT THE NEWS

Anglican Bishop of Bourne, UK, wants to secede from the state, & run the church themselves, even though this would cost him a seat in the House of Lords. (") "The dream of a world where there shall be no more war, no more hungry people, where illiteracy is ended, where government is just and people are free." was the declaration of Pearl Buck, who won the Nobel Prize 50 yr. ago. She's going to be accused of being a libertarian!

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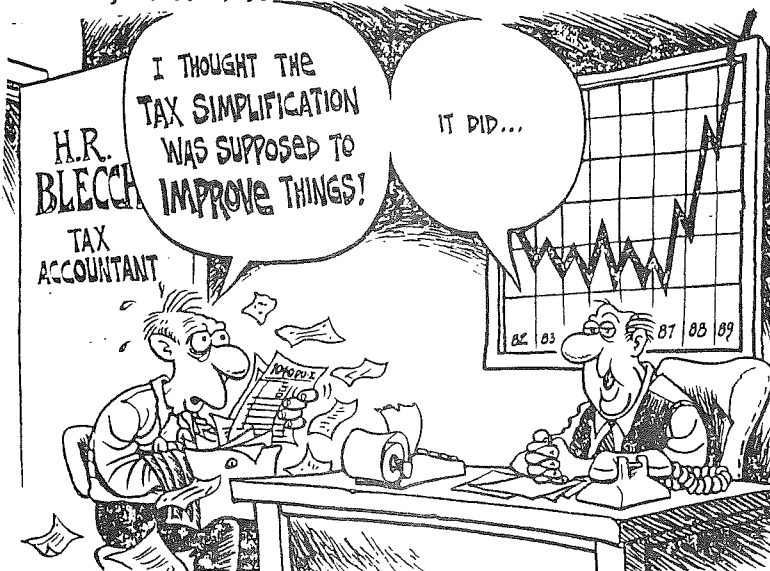
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ASK YOUR CPA TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS

By Raymond Mueller

On November 10, 1988, President Reagan signed the Technical and Miscellaneous Revenue Act (TAMRA) of 1988. It is the sixth major piece of tax legislation since 1981, but more specifically it sets forth what is called the Taxpayer Bill of Rights. The IRS has traditionally given taxpayers certain notice, explanation and other rights on an informal basis. TAMRA enacts these and various other rights as follows:

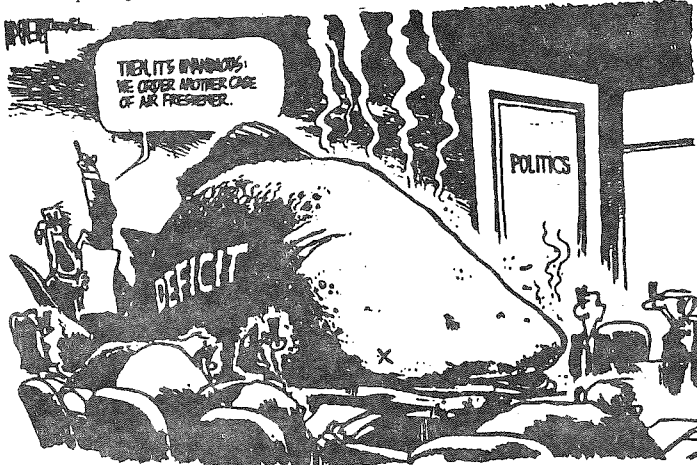
1. Disclosure Rights...
The IRS will provide taxpayers with a written statement of their rights and of the IRS's obligations. The IRS will try to prevent multiple notices being sent to taxpayers.
2. Taxpayer Interviews...
 - a) Reasonable place and time: Examination should be at the IRS office closest to taxpayer. IRS exams at taxpayer's business will be restricted if business is so small that an examination essentially closes the business.
 - b) Recordings: The taxpayer or the IRS may record interviews using audio equipment only.
 - c) IRS explanations: The IRS will explain audit and collection processes and will inform the taxpayer of referrals to the Criminal Investigation Division.
 - d) Taxpayer representatives: The taxpayer has a right to use a representative and can suspend an interview to consult with the representative.
3. Reliance on IRS Advice...
The IRS will abate tax and penalties related to incorrect IRS advice written in response to taxpayer's written request.
4. Taxpayer Assistance Order (T.A.O.)...
The taxpayer ombudsman (middleman) can issue a T.A.O. to help a taxpayer who is suffering or is about to suffer significant hardship due to IRS administration of the tax laws.
5. IRS Employee Evaluations...
Quotas and similar production goals can not be used to evaluate IRS employees involved in collection activities.
6. IRS Regulations...
Temporary regulations will also be issued in

- proposed form: temporary regulations can only remain in effect for three years.
7. Content of Notices...
Most tax due notices or deficiency notices mailed after 1989 must describe the basis for any amounts owed and will separately identify tax interest and penalty amounts.
 8. Installment Payments...
The IRS is officially authorized to allow taxpayers to pay taxes on an installment basis if it will facilitate collection. The IRS generally must abide by such an agreement unless the taxpayer is in noncompliance or the taxpayer's financial condition significantly changes.
 9. IRS Assistant Commissioner...
The position of assistant commissioner for taxpayer services is officially established within the IRS to handle items such as telephone, walk-in, educational and form design.
 10. Levy and Distrain...
 - a) Notice: Thirty days written notice (now 10 days) will be given to a taxpayer before the IRS collects a tax by levy. The notice will be brief and nontechnical.
 - b) Property Subject to Levy: Certain definitions and amounts of property exempt from levy have been expanded.
 - c) Levy on Wages: The amount of wages exempt from levy has been raised.
 - d) Release of Levy: The IRS is now required to release a levy if the tax liability has been satisfied and in other situations.
 11. Review of Jeopardy Levies...
New rules are provided for administrative and judicial review of jeopardy levies.
 12. Administrative Appeal of Liens...
Taxpayers will have a procedure to administratively appeal IRS decisions regarding liens. The IRS will expeditiously issue a certificate of release if it is determined that a notice lien was issued erroneously.
 13. Awarding Costs and Fees...
 - a) Recoverable costs: Taxpayers can now recover certain reasonable administrative costs (in addition to litigation costs) if the IRS takes a position that is substantially unjustified.
 - b) IRS position: The IRS position in any case is determined as of the date the taxpayer receives notice of the IRS appeals office decision or the notice of deficiency, if earlier.
 - c) Administrative settlement: The IRS now has

- authority to settle claims for administrative and litigation costs.
14. Damages for Failure to Release Lien...
Taxpayers can sue the IRS in federal district court for direct, economic damages (plus costs) resulting from an IRS employee knowingly or negligently failing to release a lien as required under the law.
 15. Damages for IRS Unauthorized Actions...
Taxpayers can sue the IRS in federal district court for direct, economic damages (plus costs) resulting from an IRS employee intentionally and recklessly disregarding the code or regulations in connection with the collection of tax. The maximum recoverable amount is \$100,000. Frivolous actions taken by taxpayers in this area are subject to penalty.
 16. Penalties for Preparer's Improper Action...
Tax return preparers are now subject to civil penalties (in addition to criminal penalties) for improper use or disclosure of information obtained in connection with an income tax return.
 17. Tax Court Jurisdiction...
The Tax Court has been given jurisdiction to do the following:
 - a) Stop the assessment and collection of any tax while a Tax Court petition is pending.
 - b) Order the IRS to pay refunds in cases decided by the Tax Court.
 - c) Review certain IRS determinations to sell seized property.
 - d) Review a taxpayer appeal regarding an IRS calculation of interest on tax due following a Tax Court decision.
 - e) Modify a decision in an estate tax case to reflect interest expense deductions taken after the estate has been closed.

Hourly Pay Levels				
(For production workers, in U.S. dollars)				
	1985	1986	1987	1988*
U.S.	\$12.96	\$13.19	\$13.44	\$13.62
Japan	6.47	9.47	11.14	13.80
West				
Germany	9.56	13.35	16.87	20.19
Italy	7.40	10.01	12.33	14.77
France	7.52	10.27	12.42	14.03
Britain	6.19	7.50	8.96	11.06

* Estimated Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



Someone scrawled two swastikas inside a government housing project in Union City, N.J. Jack Stahl, a World War II veteran who has lived in the project for 25 years, tried for seven months to get maintenance crews to come out and paint over them. Finally — after an elderly neighbor broke into tears in an elevator where one swastika had been drawn — he decided to do the job himself.

The day after he painted over the swastikas, Stahl was charged by city authorities with criminal mischief. The maximum penalty is six months and a \$1,000 fine.

Union City Mayor Robert Menendez said the swastikas were allowed to remain in the building for seven months because "we didn't have enough workers to take care of it." Mayor's spokesman Frank Sternberg said Stahl's act of volunteerism nevertheless must be punished, "because he broke the law."

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NOT JUST THE NEWS IN THE BIASED-MEDIA

Let me explain how some programs work in the real world: money given to help prevent famine in Ethiopia was used to export food. The Marxist government seized the food, and exported it for money, to buy arms with. Then it starved more than before by forcing farmers off their land and into desolate regions without seed; the good farm land is to be used to grow coffee, which gets more money in exports. (Cult Surv.)

Taxscom by Alan Stang (\$11.45 to Research Pub, POB 84902, Phoenix, AZ 85071) is a scholarly history of XVI Amendment. Meanwhile Bill Benson came to trial in late April, but does the media tell you?

Kearns of Xerox blames the dropout rate a coming disaster by 2000. Dropout rates were not important until the 60s, when they quit teaching kids to read and add; those who dropped out in the period before had a better education than most of the current HS grads now. For unspecialized jobs, they had all the education that they really needed.

Blumenfeld Ed. Letter (\$36/yr; POB 45161, Boise, ID 83711) is scandalizing the "whole language" fraud, that uses the look-see method to teach reading as if it were Chinese. It also denounces the pro-Com. NEA, which is like "1984", it's academic freedom (means endorsing) IF you express its ideas, and oppose Christianity. NEA wants to use public schools to brainwash kids.

In reporting the Canada election, Mulroney's Progressive Conservatives lost 15 seats because there were candidates who took votes away as candidates of another political party, not the usual Liberals and Social-Democrats, who brought Mulroney to power by a split on the anti-conservative vote. Liberals won 12 of 14 seats from Ottawa.

Chuck Colson, former Nixonite turned evangelic, reports that so-called value-neutral education systems are to promote immorality. Of all sorts.

Among issues in SC State House this year are a plan to drive folks to drink - with more & higher tax - and to raise the tax on beer & wine to make money from driving more to drink. Also up is a proposal to ban bumperstickers with obscene messages, which could be used to ban BUSH ones, as it refers to pubic hair.

Citizens Against New Taxes have said that they love Congresspersons, but they become "spending abusers" as a form of addiction.

Carla Transtrom (not transform), 14 came out 2nd in spelling in N. Dak., & hopes to win next year, but the officious want to keep her out as home-schooled.

Immigration & Nationalization Serv. is accused of discriminating against immigrants from Russia, who happen to be Christians. Especially Pentecostals.

Atty. Gen. Robert Maddox of Tex. has declared, "Your children belong to the State, and as a matter of fact, so do you". Never heard of XIII Amendment.

Recommendation: send the IRS gestapo to Red China where they need tax-collectors, as taxpayers beat them & throw them into latrines.

36 of 37 predictions in Natl. Enquirer didn't happen in 1988; but one did! Geraldo Rivera had his nose broken.

Countries with seat-belt requirements have a higher death rate than US with 3.4 deaths/100 million miles. France has 8.6, followed by W. Germany, Italy, Finland, Holland, Australia, Canada. The last 2 have another reason for a high rate; accidents so far from any medical help.

But in 1901 the US had a death rate of 32, from traveling by horse, with or without buggy.

Residents of Buncombe County were outraged to discover that a state highway improvements package "No one asked [us], or the people in Madison County, included a plan for a four lane loop to run through whether we wanted their lives changed forever, or heavy Swannanoa, through Reems Creek and Ox Creek trucking brought in from the Ohio Valley, or if we Valleys, to the Enka-Candler area. Transportation wanted rapid development as in the urban areas."

The public feeling is that state officials could save trouble and embarrassment if they would consult with local residents before trying to force through new ideas for development.

The Progressive Review

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUEST

o The New York Times recently reported growing recognition that our cities are in some ways worse off than they were 30 years ago, despite years of urban planning, billions of dollars, and 'downtown revitalization.'

At last, they're starting to see facts! The slums were mostly old homes, and better built, by people, not govt. that builds worse apts. Inflation hurts the poor most. And folks live farther from work to get away from the cruel city govt. & its zoning dictatorships.

o According to a study by the House Ways and Means Committee, average family income of the poorest fifth of the country, after correction for inflation, is 6% lower than it was in 1979, while that of the highest fifth is 11% higher.

At last folks are realizing that what we need is LESS government!

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ILLITERACY ON INCREASE

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Homosexuals Invade Bathrooms

How have they done without restrooms so long?

Zoning Fight

(RNS)—Concerned Women for America is representing an independent Bible church in a lawsuit against the city of Hastings, Minn.

Attorneys for CWA plan to challenge the application of the city zoning laws against the church.

The city is trying to evict Cornerstone Bible Church from a downtown storefront. Although it has leased for the past four years, the city is now pursuing eviction procedures on the ground that the church is in a commercial area not zoned for religious purposes.

NOTE: In 1930, illiterate meant "unable to read English". Thus, an immigrant from Greece who could read Greek in the Greek alphabet was counted among the census as illiterate. Thus too almost all Puerto Ricans outside PR were counted as illiterate if they could read Spanish, but not English.

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Clap-trap

CONGRATULATIONS to The Australian (Editorial, 7/10) for ignoring the offensive recommendation of The Office of the Status of Women to make the English language "non-sexist".

This must surely be the most idiotic, wasteful and trivial of the many socialist clap-trap ideas to spring from the lunatic Left's twisted mind.

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GAO & IRS WANT TO PUT SMALL BUSINESSES OUT OF BUSINESS!

GAO has reported to Congress that government agencies and businesses have been lax in filing reports on payments to independent contractors, and in subjecting those who have provided services to the Socialist Servitude Tax.

IRS wants any employer to take out socialist insecurity on any non-corporation that provides the business with a service of more than \$600. in a year, as "an employee", and to pay in double as "employer".

According to the way the IRS thinks, they would want a business to take out taxes on an employee on:

- 1) an attorney on retainer,
- 2) a CPA who performs an annual audit,
- 3) a plumber who makes more than \$600. in repairs,
- 4) a truck repair shop that is not incorporated,
- 5) et cetera, et cetera, et cetera....

Congress fortunately outlawed this 11 years ago. The conspiracy is to get this repealed.

Thus the IRS could require that socialist insecurity could be withheld on payments to the local postmaster for providing a service to the postage meter. It would require that the county treasurer must have federal tax withheld on the tax he collects from the business. It would require withholding tax on payments to the local water department, unless it is a private corporation. It would take out taxes on the insurance agent who sells insurance to the business if he is an independent, and not an employee of the insurance corp. It would make all computer hackers incorporate. It would make Mom&Pop grocery store incorporate instead of being a partnership, so that another tax would not be taken out on selling brooms and cleanser.

GAO, like IRS, employing so-called auditors may claim that some person is not an independent contractor, when in fact the person is not. They do not want such things as dentists not considered a business employee if he does more than \$600. work for the business, such as taking care of 1 person who broke 1 tooth in an accident at the business.

Essentially, what they want to do is to put any independent business out of business, and to swamp the survivors with tax returns and tax payments. - jh

"For here we are not afraid to follow the truth wherever it might lead, nor to tolerate any error so long as reason is left to combat it"— Thomas Jefferson.

Individual rights meaningless without means to defend them

In the current debate over firearm ownership, the repressive viewpoint dominating the news media repeats the assertion that "assault rifles" have no sporting use.

The sportsmen's rebuttal does not come from a member of our world shooting teams, which use the AR-15, M-16, M-14, and M-1. Rather, the spokesperson fed to news consumers is a slob or an eccentric collector. Even if media executives allowed a rational discussion of the "sporting use" issue with real representatives of the shooting sport, the true issue is being suppressed.

The Second Amendment to our Constitution, like all our Bill of Rights, was not to protect our leisure time. These explicit rights are to protect the citizen against the government. If Congress outlawed newspapers and left us with comic books and travel magazines, we would not consider that we had freedom of the press. Likewise, the primary purpose of weapons ownership is self defense.

Individuals do not have the prerogative of hunting down muggers or assassinating politicians. That is murder. But when a mugger attacks, we are entitled to use whatever degree of force necessary to protect ourselves. When governments or their officers turn rogue, as England did in 1770, and Panama has now, citizens are entitled to use force to defend themselves. The right to use appropriate force means nothing without the instrument. A knife or handgun is sufficient for most criminal attacks. As the Palestinians can attest, something more is needed to resist lawless police and soldiers — the same small arms they use.

There are no rights of speech or press or property without the right and the means to defend those rights with force. This misuse of the press, of cars and of guns is the price we pay for the other freedoms they insure and the wealth and happiness that follow.

Some individuals are always going to transgress against others, but the state need not. Any



When there is an income tax, the just will pay more and the unjust less. fool can raise taxes or ban objects. Solving real problems within the confines of budgets and individual liberty requires more than we have come to expect from politicians. That is why our Bill of Rights prohibits restrictions on the fundamental rights.

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CHAINSAW BANDIT STILL AT LARGE

Natural World News Service

As of this reporting, Beech Mountain Town Police and the Avery County Sheriff's Department still have no suspects in the destruction of three billboards. The signs were allegedly toppled by a chain-saw on Wednesday, May 17. Apparently, there was some public support for this action, as a large paid advertisement, thanking the unknown perpetrator, appeared in a local paper soon after. It seems as if many residents were upset with the visual pollution created by the billboards, and they wished to encourage people to frequent only those merchants who do not use billboards.

In Asheville, North Carolina voters defeated by a two-to-one margin a bond issue that would have had them drinking the water of the French Broad River. Supporters of the bond issue claimed that the French Broad water is safe, but opponents noted that the real issue was that residents were not ready to drink polluted river water so that business people and developers could make extravagant profits on unlimited growth.

Upstream from Asheville looms the Chem-tronics plant, a possible Superfund clean-up site. During drought time as much as one-fourth of the river is sewage and waste discharge.

US Navy used to name destroyers for rivers, until they came to the French Broad River, and said, "No way is anyone in a foreign port to believe that French Broad means a river!" Now, what does go on in Naked Creek?

Naked Creek, a tributary of the New River and a discharge site for treated water, "was named as a 'toxic hot spot' in an EPA report just released by the Division of Environmental Management," according to Janet Hoyle of the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League (BREDL). Ms. Hoyle fears that, though the move is unprecedented, Congress could revoke the designation of Scenic River. "Because the values for which [the river] was protected are not being preserved, we fear uncontrolled development threatens the designation".

Plato

Anyone who does not trust the citizens with guns probably doesn't trust them with the vote. He just knows which one must be taken away first.

LEE MULLER

What's the difference between a taxidermist and a tax collector? The taxidermist only takes your skin. Mark Twain



China events teach lesson on gun control

I was going to write you about the proposals for an unconstitutional gun control law which would not apply to governmental officers and officials. I was going to tell you how only the Libertarian Party has come out against all gun control programs to eliminate the right of self-defense.

But with all the news and pictures coming from China this month, everyone should see how a disarmed people can be mistreated by an oppressive state. They can see how the crowds were seizing bits of pavement in their anger. They will see how the farmer was not even allowed to keep a pitchfork (which became common property) or a chow dog (they were exterminated) for protection. They have heard cries for freedom and reform.

So any time a governmental agency wants to control or restrict or restrain the freedoms we have for a citizen to mind his own business, it is our freedoms that they are trying to destroy.

And we need some governmental reforms.

JOHN T. HARTLEE

The Statist paper won't print this: "The only policeman killed here in 100 years was caught in the bed of a wife of another." He was not wearing his holster at the time.

READING REFORM FOUND

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In 1979, a study which followed students through college showed that of 4,416 graduates, a total of 1,177 had received degrees in education. The SAT scores for the education majors placed them 14th of 16 fields on the verbal tests with only office-clerical and vocational-technical fields having lower verbal scores. In the SAT math tests, education majors placed 15th out of 16, ranking only above the office-clerical group. From The Interactive Parent by Lin Laughy.

But 50 yr. or more ago, the best went into teaching, when they could major in history in college & go to teach history in highs! A govt. now wants the worst college studs, who could not have passed the entry exam then, to teach in the public schools.

CHILI AND ORANGE don't mix. The Orange County (CA) sheriff's department has placed chili peppers on its list of "dangerous weapons". No reports yet on whether anyone has been charged with an assault with a deadly pepper, though — hold your breath, I guess. (RTD)

"WITHOUT TRUTHFULNESS, FREEDOM IS IMPOSSIBLE. Without freedom, peace is impossible. To reverse the order — first peace, then freedom, then truthfulness, is hopeless."

Karl Jaspers



Effigy of Statue of Liberty stands outside Shanghai government offices as demonstrators rally for reform using Libertarian symbol: Statue of Liberty

Lawyers

By JEFF MILLER
Staff Writer

Arranging Sasha Owens' marriage was yet another maneuver by founders of the New Banner Institute to keep the teenager from her mother's custody, an attorney for the mother told the state Supreme Court on Monday.

John D. Elliott, who represents Beti Owens Holcombe, said the founders want the case to drag on until Ms. Owens' 18th birthday on Nov. 11, when she might legally be recognized as an adult.

"If we let these people get away with what they've done," Elliott said, "then we might as well tell parents . . . you may as well take the law into your own hands."

David Kennison, one of the founders who attended the hearing, said later that the real issue is "age discrimination."

Ms. Owens feels she shouldn't be subjected to anyone's custody "simply because she hasn't had enough birthdays," he said. "She's more in control of her own life than most of the people in that room today."

Elliott accused Kennison of "sinister puppeteering," which Kennison said was "slandorous."

Ms. Owens was a student in 1986 at New Banner's College of Early Learning in St. Andrews when Mrs. Holcombe filed kidnapping charges against Kennison, David Black and Linda Black, now Kennison's wife. The charges were later dropped because Ms. Owens wasn't available to testify.

In 1987, Ms. Owens, who had been missing for several months, reappeared briefly to announce she was pregnant and had wed Harry Ray Marsh Jr., then 29, in Augusta, Ga.

Marsh later testified that the marriage had never been consummated and that his only reason for marrying Ms. Owens was to free her from her mother's control. After seeing a picture of Ms. Owens, the doctor who certified her pregnancy said he was "reasonably certain" the girl he examined was not her.

A Georgia court upheld the marriage, but S.C. Family Court Judge Warren Jolly declared it to be a fraud.

Elliott said it doesn't matter whether Ms. Owens turns 18 or not because being a free adult in South Carolina is determined on a case-by-case basis. Elliott said Ms. Owens had been "disabled" because of New Banner's influence.

"I don't think this child's emancipated," Elliott said. "She has no existence apart from Kennison and New Banner."

City to buy, move shelter

MIAMI — Miami commissioners voted Thursday to pay at least \$2-million to move a shelter for the homeless away from the city's shining new basketball arena. Mayor Xavier Suarez and two commissioners view the homeless shelter, the Camillus House, as an eyesore and have tried for years to get it out of the area in the city's Overtown section. The commission voted 3-2 to buy the shelter despite the city manager's contention that the city has no money to pay for it. The city would pay the \$2-million over a five-year period. In return, the Camillus House agreed to stop feeding the homeless within one year of the sale and to move the shelter within two years. The Camillus House, which feeds more than 300 homeless men every day, is less than two blocks from the Miami Arena, home of the NBA's Miami Heat.

ST. PETERSBURG TIMES

Paving medians

There has been much discussion recently about building a new highway from Florence to Myrtle Beach. Someone wrote recently suggesting widening the current highways (U.S. 301 to Marion and U.S. 501 to Conway). I have an even better suggestion.

My suggestion is so simple that I'm wondering why the engineers at the highway department haven't thought of it. But then, considering the mess they made of "Malfunction Junction" in Columbia, it doesn't surprise me.

My suggestion is to pave the grass median between the already existing lanes, with a concrete barrier dividing the opposing lanes. This is what is presently being done to I-20 just north of Columbia.

There would be no need to purchase additional land or acquisition of right-of-way since the land is already there and is already owned by the state. The only big expense would be in adding lanes to the bridges that cross the Little Pee Dee and Big Pee Dee rivers. But even that would be cheaper than building new bridges somewhere else.

U.S. 301 between Florence and Marion and U.S. 501 extending to Conway have grass medians for most of that distance, and U.S. 501 from Conway to Myrtle Beach has a grass median the entire distance. This same thing could be done to S.C. 9 north of Little River, since it also has a grass median.

I guess my idea is so simple and so cost-effective compared to building a new highway that the highway department just can't fathom it.

It may not be the final solution to the problem, but it would certainly alleviate part of it.

JOSEPH P. ABDALLA

LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (LOST), AGAIN

On the last day before Easter holiday, Speaker Sheheen & others finally brought up a bill to raise the sales tax to 6%, by letting the city & county governments have a cut in your money.

IRS agent gets on Pres. Bush's case

By Calvin Knox
The Justice Times

President George Bush has already got himself on the bad side of the Internal Revenue Service. Bush apparently ruffled a few feathers among tax collectors with his anti-tax, anti-IRS rhetoric during last year's presidential campaign.

His rhetoric moved an Augusta, Ma., IRS employee to write letters to editors bashing Bush and to also reveal a tax deficiency payment Bush made four years ago. The agent is now under investigation by his superiors for allegedly disclosing the confidential information about Bush's income tax history.

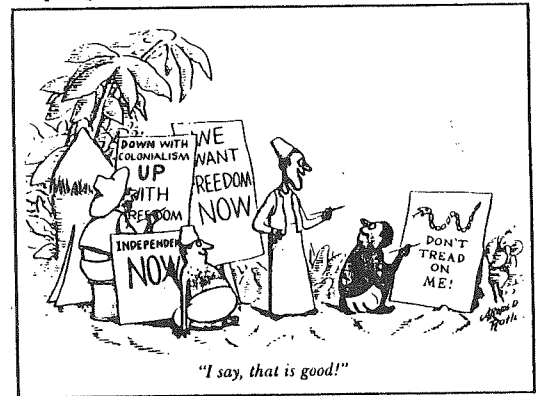
John Kozos, a 13-year veteran with the IRS, wrote a letter to the editors of two Maine newspapers blasting Bush's derogatory remarks about the IRS during the 1988 presidential campaign. "I resent Bush's notion that IRS employees work against the interests of the American public," Kozos wrote late last October to *The Lewiston Daily Sun* and the *Kennebec Journal*. "Perhaps his attack is prompted by the fact that

in 1984, he was forced to pay \$196,000 in delinquent taxes, and he proclaimed then that he was going to challenge the IRS. Is this his challenge?"

Kozos is also a local official for the National Treasury Employees Union and signed his letter to the editors as such. But just weeks after the letters were published, the IRS began investigating Kozos for unauthorized disclosure of a taxpayer's personal tax information. The union has since tried to justify Kozos' letter, saying the information he referred to had been previously published in local newspapers and, therefore, was no longer confidential.

Kozos and other IRS agents apparently took offense at remarks during the campaign by Bush in response to Michael Dukakis' commitment to raise taxes and to arm the IRS with more tax collection power.

Bush took political advantage of the tax revolt sentiment throughout the country and bashed Dukakis for threatening to increase IRS power and abuse already oppressing the U.S. taxpayers.



"I say, that is good!"

resent self-protective law

Many of us who are proponents of personal freedom feel put upon when we are given no choice but to get in line and wait for the "forward march" as though we were in basic training.

We want to be good Americans and hard-working honest citizens. But we can't help but feel that we don't need Big Brother around to protect us from ourselves.

To make a law that does not protect my neighbor from me or me from my neighbor results in a law that can only build resentment. Thousands of people die each year with diseases either brought on or hastened by the use of alcohol and tobacco, but they know it, and I feel that anyone over 21 years of age should have the right to know the facts and

then have the wisdom to act accordingly.

I admit that seat belts certainly may be good; however, I also feel that it should be my own decision whether the belt is used. Why not pass a law that it is illegal to jump from a 10-story building? Or, maybe we should find a law that will make it illegal to sell foods that are high in cholesterol.

There are a great number of things that could kill a person. What will we be made to do next to protect us from ourselves? I think it boils down to giving the government another way to collect a fine so as to raise more revenue. Wearing seat belts is a good idea, but to wear them to make travel legal is ridiculous.

REV. J. MELVIN PADGETT

"Lean liberty is better than fat slavery." —John Ray

GUN CONTROL BY BUSH & BENNETT

George Bush warned us all last fall that if we voted for liberal Michael Dukakis, we would get gun control. Well, some voters did vote for Dukakis, and sure enough, a few months into his administration, Bush has given us the first significant piece of gun control since the 1968 anti-gun act (which Congressman Bush voted for). And not even as legislation, but as government fiat, issued by drug czar William Bennett for the president.

The uproar over semi-automatic "assault" rifles has been orchestrated by the anti-gun forces, and spread by the media. In fact, these weapons are no more dangerous than normal sporting rifles; they just look that way thanks to their military styling.

We've had killings committed by criminals with handguns, rifles, shotguns, knives, and baseball bats. But the recent Stockton, California, schoolyard atrocity gave the anti-gun people an opening, and the media jumped into help. Soon George Bush, life member of the National Rifle Association, crumbled, and instructed Bennett to outlaw the importation of foreign assault rifles.

The government loves taking public pressure off itself for failing to prevent and punish crimes. That's one reason it targets weapons rather than criminal weapon-users. And tyrannical governments, and those on their way to becoming tyrannical, want a disarmed people. That's the reason the Founding Fathers enshrined our right to keep and bear arms in the Constitution—so that the people could protect their liberty from its natural enemy, the government.

This is a most disturbing move towards people disarmament. Where in the Constitution is it written that a bureaucrat can, by mere verbal order, restrict imports of any product? Such an action is, of course, lawless and ominous.

It is not enough that the drug kaiser—fresh from making conservative love the Department of Education as he extended its tentacles into every American classroom—is in charge of drug prohibition. He is also advocating a host of further invasions of our financial and personal privacy in the name of fighting

**"NO FREE MAN SHALL EVER
BE DEBARRED THE USE OF
ARMS."** —Thomas Jefferson

WIMPS PROMOTE RELIGIOUS IDOLATRY

Back in 1988, the fanatics were into requiring in public schools the pledge of allegiance, which the Jehovah's Witnesses and Supreme Court in WWII condemn as a violation of freedom of religion. Then, folks like humorless Strom Thurmond tries to ban all books, like the Bible, that discuss obscene acts; this includes all physics texts that mention Archimedes' invention of the screw. Now they can not stand burning a flag they worship.

drugs. The real agenda of the neo-conservative drug caesar has always been to expand what his mentor Irving Kristol calls the "conservative welfare state." And the welfare state.

Bennett's first action as drug emperor was to restrict the constitutional rights of law-abiding Americans. This will prove, I am afraid, an all-too-accurate prediction of his future conduct.

Three other thoughts: 1) By simply banning imported assault rifles, drug shah Bennett has given a large subsidy to domestic manufacturers. I wonder who gave what campaign contributions? 2) Those who consider assault rifles evil

"I often wonder whether we do not rest our hopes too much upon constitutions, upon laws and upon courts. These are false hopes, believe me, these are false hopes. Liberty lies in the hearts of men and women; when it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court can save it; no constitution, no law, no court can even do much to help it. While it lies there it needs no constitution, no law no court to save it."

—Judge Learned Hand

gun. And there is virtually no crime in Switzerland. Far from it being a risk to society for honest people to possess capable weapons, it is a blessing, and a mighty deterrent to crime. (Criminals dislike entering homes where the owner is armed.) No one but the honest will obey gun control laws, and no one expects anything else. Such laws are designed to disarm the people, not the scum.

Reprinted from The Ron Paul Report, 1120 NASA Blvd., Suite 104, Houston, Texas 77058.

All 'assault' weapons must go

In spite of a headline (written by The State, not the author) that seems to distort the true tone of his letter, Mr. Phillip F. Laverne (Letters, June 2) is absolutely correct in his observation that laws placing restrictions on honest citizens when purchasing firearms will not reduce crime, and that computers can be helpful in many areas of modern life.

However, his letter does not address the question of so-called "assault" weapons. While the topic of "assault" rifles has been covered fully in The State and elsewhere, I would like to address the issue of other "assault" weapons, such as:

(1) "Assault" knives. Since those who would eliminate "assault" rifles cite appearance, potential for harm or lack of legitimate sporting utility, certainly knives which meet the above criteria should be banned as well; pocket, kitchen and fishing knives would be exempt; I am not certain whether electric carving knives should be allowed.

(2) "Assault" sticks. Sticks having a legitimate sporting purpose (such as cricket bats and hockey sticks) would be free of restriction provided they are properly registered; walking canes would be allowed with a medical prescription. Plain old tree limbs should be examined by a legislative committee (at taxpayer expense, of course) to decide whether they are legitimate sporting instruments.

(3) "Assault" automobiles. These same legislators should ascertain the type of vehicle most often correlated with fatalities and outlaw these autos (but "legitimate sporting uses" may be allowed).

(4) "Assault" people. In light of the recent rape and near-fatal beating of a young woman in New York City by feral beings (such perpetrators cannot be called human), I suggest that the logic of prohibition be carried to a final conclusion and include elimination of "assault" people.

Letter to the editor

I continue to enjoy your paper. The Walter Williams column on the welfare state and morality was especially good.

However, is there any way to get a message to him so that it can be pointed out that the preamble to the Constitution says, "PROMOTE the general Welfare". The word is "Promote", not provide.

There is a tremendous difference between the two words. People are always mis-reading this passage. How can we get people to use the correct word?

Dennis Kurk

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IRS Loses Millions of Tax Documents Every Year

Reprinted from The Washington Post

The Internal Revenue Service loses about two million tax returns or related documents from its files each year, according to an in-house study.

The agency usually discovers the loss when its employees, seeking to conduct an audit, make requests for tax return or related documents.

"It is very embarrassing to tell a taxpayer I am disallowing all of your losses and then ask them to provide a copy of their return because we can't find their original return," said one IRS employee quoted in the agency-wide study.

An IRS spokesman declined to comment on the study, saying it is raw material and not a finished document.

The report charts a path strewn with misplaced files, unnumbered tax returns, poor storage facilities, high staff turnover, costly delays and unnecessary duplications.

The study does not estimate how much tax revenue is lost each year because of misplaced original tax documents.

You will not grow if you sit in a beautiful flower garden, but you will grow if you are sick, if you are in pain, if you experience losses, and if you do not put your head in the sand, but take the pain and learn to accept it, not as a curse or punishment but as a gift to you with a very, very specific purpose.

Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

Nevertheless the flowers fall with our attachment, and the weeds spring up with our aversion.

Dogen

In all countries all tax laws are today written as if the main purpose of taxes were to hinder the accumulation of NEW capital.

Ludwig Von Mises

(preferably by decapitation) of those possessed of the potential for such acts.

THOMAS H. OLDROYD

Mourning For The Right To Privacy

A national organizing campaign is underway to commemorate the third anniversary, on June 30, 1989 of the Supreme Court's decision in Bowers v. Hardwick.

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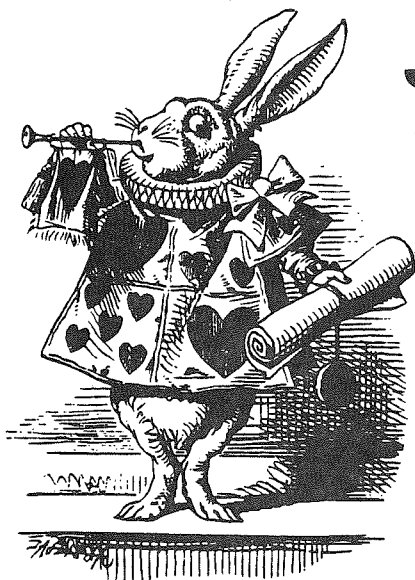
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PEOPLE will have to 'PAY to make a tax return after April.

The Government is withdrawing pre-paid reply envelopes for returns and inquiries.

The move, which will save £2 million a year, was revealed in a Commons written answer.

Clive Brooke, deputy general secretary of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation, said: "We are surprised and angered by this mean and penny-pinching action."

But some people will continue to get free postage — those sending money they owe.

from England

HIGHER SPEED LIMIT = LOWER DEATH RATE! It's true! State Police traffic statistics last year indicated a drop in deaths per million vehicle miles to 1.8 deaths per 100 million miles — the lowest rate recorded since recordkeeping began 54 years ago. (RNL)

Sales tax proposal will benefit wealthy

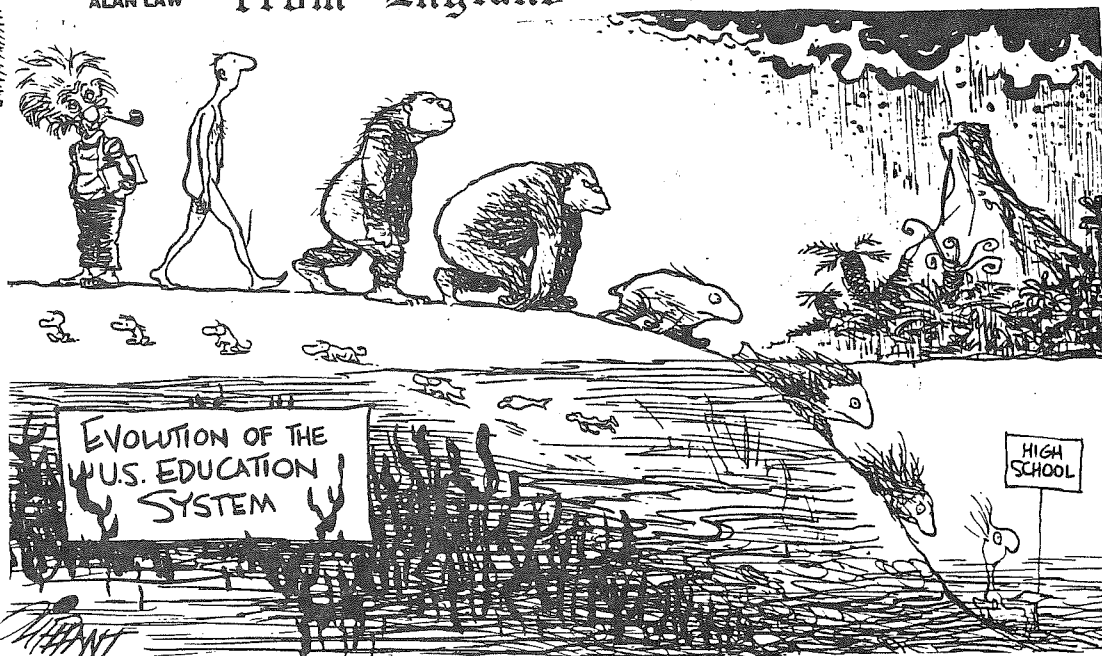
More taxes for the poor. Fewer taxes for the rich. That is the bottom line of the new "sales tax proposal."

All the fat cats with their \$50,000 cars and \$150,000-plus homes will get another windfall.

The only fair way, if the sales tax must be increased, is to leave the property tax at its current rate, remove the \$300 cap on auto sales tax and exempt all food for home consumption from all sales tax.

The little man is the one who needs a break — not the well-to-do.

CHARLOTTE HAGER



Special-interest groups control state

U.S. Representatives Tony Coelho and Jim Wright must take lessons from South Carolina legislators who are in bed with special-interest groups.

The result for the citizens of South Carolina is devastating. Political greed either for power or for wealth resulted in the highest auto insurance rates in the nation; among the highest utility rates in the nation; pollution among the highest in the nation from toxic industrial/chemical as well as nuclear waste; limited access to beaches by the general public because of real estate development; special waivers for development of wetlands; overhiring and underpaying of state employees for purposes of patronage; and last but not least, taxes per capita income, the highest in the nation.

Withholding of illegally collected taxes on veteran and federal pensions are going to be contested in the courts and, due to the delay, millions of dollars of interest penalties will be paid when the state loses, which is inevitable. More

taxes on the general public. Also, who is going to pay for the increase in state employees' pay which was raised to insure that federal and military retirees continue paying taxes on pensions?

Refusal of the Legislature to trim expenditures after receiving an enormous windfall due to the change in the federal tax law eliminated any hope of reducing the tax rate. Instead the present rate includes an additional hidden tax because South Carolina tax law does not recognize the elimination of certain tax deductions in the federal statute.

We have the lowest test scores, trashiest roads and byways; limited industry (I wonder why?) and now a seat-belt law which serves only to collect fines. This state insures drivers who couldn't obtain licenses in any other. It did, however, claim to be the first state to recognize the 65 mph speed limit. Isn't that wonderful?

JOSEPH H. KRESS

Taxpayers oppose local option sales tax

We hear and read about almost everybody being in favor of the local option sales tax, such as the Association of Counties, Chamber of Commerce, county officials, mayors, state officials and all who will collaborate in squandering the loot after the taxpayer has been ripped off. The only people against the proposal are the taxpayers.

I wonder what will be the next good cause for socking it to us by way of more taxes? It baffles me to think one person anywhere is naive enough to believe property taxes will be rolled back at all as they claim for this 1-cent local sales tax trade-off.

I would like to see the General Assembly (or Congress) convene one time without some kind of tax increase proposal. The General Assembly should remember taxpayers elected them, not just the groups lobbying for more tax money to squander.

SAM E. YOUNGBLOOD

Politicians want control of people

Politicians usually get what they want, one way or the other. In my opinion, they want control. Are we really too stupid to get our vehicles fixed when they need it, turn on lights when it's dark or buckle seat belts if we think it will save our lives?

I, for one, do not believe that if you drive 90 mph with your sticker in place, your lights on and seat belt buckled, leave the road and hit a tree, your life will be saved or your insurance will come down.

R. BOWMAN

Start using the word Libertarian in everything you write or say. Stick it on your car, pin it on your shirt, live it and breathe it. Become an ambassador to the country you want to live in.

—Wayne Harley
FLORIDA LIBERTY

Letters to the editor

Legalizing drugs a way out of crisis

By WILLIAM RASPBERRY

WASHINGTON

They are driving up the robbery and burglary rates, destroying neighborhoods, corrupting our officials, enticing our children into crime, and killing us at the rate of some 8,000 a year — and we haven't the will to get rid of them.

Make that the answer on the TV quiz show "Jeopardy!" and most of us would respond: "What are illegal drugs?"

And if James Ostrowski were the "Jeopardy!" host, many of us would go home broke. The right response, he would insist, is: "What are the laws against illegal drugs?"

Ostrowski, author of a new study from the libertarian Washington-based Cato Institute, argues that few of the drug-related problems that have produced the current "drug crisis" are the result of drug use. Virtually all of them, he says, stem from the black market spawned by our attempts to prohibit drugs.

"Since the black market in illegal drugs is the source of most drug-related problems," says Ostrowski, "that market must be eliminated to the greatest extent possible. The most efficient means of doing so is legalization. . . . The day after legalization went into effect, the streets of America would be safer. One year after prohibition was repealed, 1,600 innocent people who would otherwise have been dead at the hands of drug criminals would be alive."

The Ostrowski study, "Thinking about Drug Legalization," comprises some 60 pages of statistics, analysis, projections and well-reasoned argument. Is it persuasive? I doubt it. The study and a Cato-sponsored forum scheduled here for next Friday are unlikely to move anyone not already convinced that the legalization is the way out of our drug problem.

The reason is not that we will doubt the statistics, but that we will question the projections.

Suppose we accept Ostrowski's contention that the U.S. murder rate rose with the start of (alcohol) Prohibition, remained high during Prohibition, and then declined for 11 straight years after repeal of Prohibition. Does it necessarily follow that legalization of heroin, cocaine and other illegal drugs would make America a safer and healthier place?

Only if you assume that legalized drugs would be cheap enough to be within the means of both addicts and casual users and that legalization itself would not spawn a significant increase in the number of drug users.

The premise of most of the arguments in favor of legalization is that it would lower the cost of drugs and, therefore, take the profits out of drug trafficking. But would it? Did repeal of Prohibition

Ostrowski, looking for parallels, cites the case of marijuana legalization in Alaska and the Netherlands and notes that marijuana use seems to be lower in those places than in the continental United States. But neither Alaska nor the Netherlands began with a marijuana "crisis." I am not aware (and apparently neither is Ostrowski) of any place whose drug problem was solved through legalization.

Would legalization save lives? Again, perhaps. Surely it would impact on the 750 murders a year that are related to black-market drug transactions. But why does Ostrowski assume that it would also reduce the number of overdose deaths or drug-related AIDS deaths or the crimes committed by those seeking the money to buy drugs?

Ostrowski insists that opponents of legalization have the burden of proving that we'd be better off without it.

Thin line separates obscenity, personal right

Ahh, the air is ripe with the smell of politics and obscenity once again, or should I say obscene politics?

I am talking bumper stickers. I can't think of a more idiotic subject to come before our lawmakers. Here we go again with the dictating of individual freedoms. I am sure our good men who sit in the State House have better things to concentrate their limited brain power on

There's a thin line that separates obscenity and individual rights. No one will ever be happy, no matter what laws are passed. The citizens of South Carolina should balk at being led by the nose and told what they may or may not choose to put on their personal property (cars).

I am not going to be held hostage by the sheer fact that a child may read a bumper sticker on my car. I am not responsible for others' children, and I do not like irate parents telling me what is appropriate reading material for their precious little darlings.

Mothers and fathers who complain because little Suzy or Johnny snickers at a bumper sticker they've read should be glad the children read. If they can't read yet, then I don't see a problem, unless of course, parents read aloud certain bumper stickers to these innocent tots.

I've seen bumper stickers pertaining to the Gamecocks. I don't think they are in good taste, but so what?

It's not up to any one person or set of individuals to determine the cans and cannots, the shoulds and the should nots of individual expression in this case. It is between the individual and his conscience and no one else.

RISEE WINGATE

Gun control is merely people control

In regard to Boyd M. Jenkinson Jr.'s letter of April 11, I say amen! I'm also an NRA member and resent your remarks, cartoons and innuendos. To me, it says that most people who share your attitude and behavior have probably never held a firearm much less pulled the trigger on a live round.

This issue goes much further than gun control. We are in jeopardy of losing our Second Amendment rights. Anyone current on affairs has to look no further than our border to see what can happen to an unarmed populace. The next step will be to go after what seems dear to the media, our First Amendment rights. This isn't gun control; it's people control!

It's a shame that the media and some magazines will give time and space for pro-gay rights and abortion groups under the guise of public service, but deny pro-gun organizations their voice through paid advertisements or air time by labeling the 3 million-plus members as nuts, rednecks and Rambos.

Restrictive gun laws in our country can be traced back to the slave codes. These were initiated to keep firearms out of the hands of blacks. Need I say more? Gun control is people control!

C.E. ROBINETTE Jr.

Legislature preserves phenomenal profiteering

News reports indicate there will be little or no insurance premium relief this year. One reason for this is that the state legislators possibly have other interests at heart. It appears the constituencies they serve come after the profit-bearing insurance companies which may have a great influence.

If this is true, when the legislative session is ended, everyone will go out to celebrate having delayed the end of the phenomenal profiteering another year.

LAWRENCE BROTHERTON

GREY IS THE COLOR OF HOPE

by Irina Ratushinskaya
Translated by Alyona Kojevnikov

A young Russian poet's memoir of her years in a Soviet prison camp and her courageous struggle to remain free behind barbed wire. "Piercingly beautiful. Ratushinskaya writes like an angel trapped in hell"—*Publishers Weekly*.

Florida mother sues over her arrest for dancing at home

PALM SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) — A Palm Springs woman who rushed out of her shower to dance to a video and was arrested after neighbors peering through her window filed a complaint has sued the police.

Darleen Scott, who was jailed and lost custody of her two girls to the state for two days, sued the Palm

Springs Public Safety Department on Tuesday for false arrest, harassment and false imprisonment in the January 1988 incident.

"I was treated like a murderer, like I was no good. I was in my own house minding my own business," said Scott, a 31-year-old nurse's aide.

She said she had asked her daughters to call her out of the shower if a music video of the song "Love Overboard" by Gladys Knight and the Pips appeared on the television.

Neighbors peering through a window into her third-floor apartment thought she was nude when she rushed into her living room to dance to the song and filed a child abuse report with the police. She told officers she was wearing a brown towel.

CAUCASIAN SELF-HATRED

By Otto Scott

Several years ago Susan Sontag, darling of the intellectual Left, said, "The white race is the cancer of humanity."

A few years later, after God struck Ms. Sontag with cancer, her views of the use of that illness as a pejorative changed. But her disdain for her own race may, for all we know today, remain the same. If so, she has lots of company.

It is difficult for adults and impossible for students to escape descriptions of both historical and contemporary events without being told that it is all the fault of Caucasians — but not all Caucasians.

The slave traders of Islam are not psychoanalyzed or held aloft to scorn; the harem-masters of India and the evils of their caste system are barely recognized. The age-old indifference of the Orient to the value of individual life is seldom, if ever, the subject of indignation meetings; the sectarian wars of the Middle East are not eternally reviewed as evidences of religious fanaticism.

But Christian Caucasians are fair game. They are held uniquely responsible for the evils of the past. Their detractors are so numerous in contemporary Britain that *The Spectator* now refers to "the Race Industry" — in referring to professional monitors of behavior and association, whose livelihoods rely upon unearthing and prosecuting cases of discrimination and bias. Britain now has laws against openly prejudicial statements or actions — laws which might be beneficial if they were not applied only against Caucasians.

This peculiarity in British justice has been explained to students as only fair, because Britain is dominated by Caucasians. And, it is argued, since Caucasians are responsible for the condition of the realm, only Caucasians should be prosecuted, fined and jailed for discrimination. All Britain's minorities, in other words, are victims by definition — and cannot be held guilty of violating the human rights of others, because whatever they do is done in reaction to a basically evil system.

This argument, which is echoed in American elite circles, in our courts and by our government, is not limited to the United Kingdom and the United States: it has swept the English-speaking world and its allies. It takes a variety of forms — almost all invidious and reeking with Caucasian self-hatred. For instance, there has long been a campaign against apartheid in South Africa which holds that such a system is the greatest evil in the world. Certainly it is not a good system. It is to be regretted that the Afrikaners and the English settlers in South Africa ever instituted or allowed such a system to develop. But we are now witnessing a progressive dismantling of that system and there is every reason to believe that it will fall of its own weight as the majority of South Africans rise in terms of education and living standards — and in Christianity.

We say Christianity, because it is the only faith that accepts all men, of all races, from all geographical locations and from all walks of life — irrespective of lines of descent, language, color, culture and past behavior — as worthy of equal rights.

It was because of their faith that Caucasian Christians stopped the Amerindians of Central America from conducting their enormous human sacrifices, who ended the Hindu practise of forcing widows to sit in the midst of flames that consumed the cadavers of their husbands, who halted the slave practises of Black Africa, who lifted (though briefly) hideous despotisms in many parts of the Orient.

Even in the United States, where Christian Caucasians are subjected to seemingly endless sneers about their religion, their color, their forbears, their manners and appearance, their customs and rituals, hundreds of thousands of Caucasian Christians sacrificed their lives in a great Civil War to free black people from slavery.

Yet their descendants, and the descendants of other Christian Caucasians whose immigrant parents helped make this nation the most creative and altruistic so far seen on earth, are subjected to incessant charges that they are uniquely racist and unworthy of respect.

If such charges came only from non-Caucasians they could be more easily seen as prejudice. But the basic arguments were invented by Caucasians. And today we have many Christian Caucasians who pride themselves on loathing their own kind.

These intellectual masochists decry the Christian Caucasians of South Africa, while tacitly approving the black government of Zaire, headed by Mobutu. Mobutu is now one of the richest men in the world, with a fortune estimated at \$7 billion. The condition of the miners of Zaire is pathetic. Their wages are among the lowest; the dangers to which they are exposed among the highest. The people of Zaire are dirt-poor, and have little prospect of early improvement.

But neither our State Department nor our Christian Caucasian liberals are indignant over Zaire or Mobutu. They tacitly approve this horrid government because it is black. The blacks of South Africa may have the highest living standards of any black people in all black Africa — but they are governed by Christian Caucasians. And that is held to be unjust beyond words.

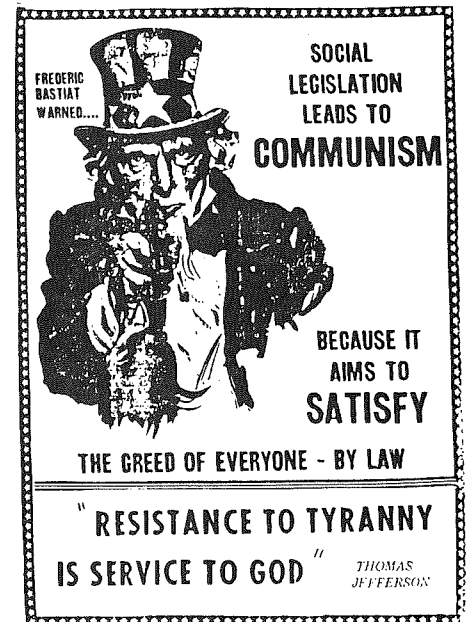
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of minorities in our midst.**

Much the same can be said for the rest of black Africa, which is on the edge of a great tragedy. Disease, starvation, tyranny, urban and rural collapse, desertification — every definition of catastrophe applies to independent black Africa. Yet no films appear, no fashionable novels decry, no musicals are mounted, no boycotts launched — for all the evils are committed by non-Christian non-Caucasians — and it is only Christian Caucasians who can be safely made targets of indignation.

The atrocities of Cambodia; the wholesale murders in China; the wreckage of Lebanon and the renewed burning of brides in India do not, singly or in the aggregate, call for condemnation. No groups hold special seminars; no college courses dwell upon the imperfections of other races in other times and climes. Other races can torture and rampage at will, without fear that their origins will be insulted by our professors, or agitate our high-minded into protest parades.

Only Caucasian Christians remain objects of contempt by their own intellectuals, and by the intellectuals of all other groups in this land. Some term this *Reverse Racism*, but there is no reverse about it: it is simple racism.

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Miguel de Unamuno
The Tragic Sense Of Life

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Will break for lack of love to give.
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Give all you have, or else your heart
Will wither. Set no wealth apart
For your own ease; be free and live.
Give all you have, or else your heart
Will break for lack of love to give.

**REVERSE
RACISM**

REVERSE RACISM, continued

The average Christian Caucasian does not, of course, believe such nonsense. Silence, in this instance, does not mean consent. But the elite, both Christian and non-Christian in the Caucasian-led societies of the West, appear adamant in pursuing the proposition that Caucasians are uniquely evil.

The root of the term suicide is in Latin, and means self-murder. Self-murder is murder. That is why suicide is both a sin and a crime in Christian theology. A self-murderer has succumbed to the unforgivable sin of despair, which means loss of faith in God.

A society that accepts suicidal beliefs about itself is, in effect, committing suicide; succumbing to despair. When such a mood overtakes an elite, it means that the elite is in the act of removing itself from leading in the future, for suicide ends the future.

Some non-Christians may welcome this prospect, in the belief that the world would be well rid of Christian Caucasians, but such a view would be to misread both history and our times. No race has brought more blessings to humanity than the Caucasian; none is more essential to the continued progress of world humanity. That Caucasian self-haters are not limited to Christians is proven by such persons as Susan Sontag and those for whom she writes.

Without Christians there would be no chance for long-range survival by minorities in our midst. The pre-Christian world of the ancients knew only conformity or death. The non-Christian societies of the Orient and the Marxists have restored similar tyrannies.

Stirring hatred against Christian Caucasians has had, however, unintended side-effects. It has envenomed our society and led to what Rushdoony has unforgettably called *The Politics of Guilt and Pity*. This has led to racial and ethnic quotas, "Affirmative Action" programs, vexatious litigation, unjust trials, dislocations, riots and ill-will. These are only some of the results of high-minded hatred against an entire race whose members are not, by any stretch of the term, Christians. But Ms. Sontag, for instance, is not immune from anti-Caucasian hatred simply because she shares it.

Self-hatred in our Academy, some mainline churches and parts of the cultural/governmental sector is a sign of intellectual senility at the top. Our elite looks forward to death rather than to life.

Fortunately millions, invisible to the media and government alike, are experiencing Christian rebirth. A generation is now visible on the horizon that will, in the foreseeable future, take the helm of our civilization. Composed of every race, assured by God of eternal life and eventual victory, it will lead all the world away from racism, despite the self-haters. ■

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In Armenia, all Gregorian churches (this is their national religion) except six have been destroyed by the Communists. In Nagorny Karabach not one was left.

The underground newspaper "Express Chronicle," which appears in Moscow, published details of last year's slaughter of Armenians under Gorbachev:

Raisa Melumian, killed with her husband and three children. She was brought naked to her gate and executed. Then the enemies molested the corpse, which shows many wounds.



an economy without trust

Things would come to a virtual halt if we couldn't trust each other, which is why breaches of trust must be taken seriously. Just think about it for a moment.

We pull in to a gas station, pump our 10 gallons of gas, and hand the attendant \$11; go into the supermarket and pay \$4 for a pound-and-a-half package of hamburger; put money into our account and accept the bank's word of our interest earnings. Many of us don't even bother to count our change. How do we actually know we, in fact, got 10 gallons of gas, or a pound-and-a-half of hamburger, or earned \$22.11 on our savings? For the most part we don't: we trust people.

Imagine an economy without trust. All transactions would be more costly. We'd have to carry around measuring instruments, learn to make on-the-spot interest-rate calculations; in a word, monitor everything. Promises and gentlemen's agreements, which govern thousands of activities from returning merchandise to stock transactions, would have to be substituted by cash transactions and costly contracts.

In some institutions, such as the family, trust is the only glue. When I bring home money from teaching, royalties and lec-

tures, my wife and I have this agreement whereby we toss the money in the air. All that stays up is mine; and all that comes down is hers. There's no effort to keep books and audit her spending. For all I know, she could have a secret Swiss bank account. Because of trust I don't have to undertake the costly job of monitoring inventories and auditing expenditures; we can spend the time we save by enjoying one another's company.

Whether it's family or employer/employee relationships, we have to be able to count on people not shirking their duty. Again, trust plays a vital role because monitoring is costly. This factor may help explain why some ethnic groups, with strong cultural roots and intra-group trust, succeed under business conditions where others fail. Thanks to mutual trust, they avoid some business costs.

Trust relationships, taken for granted in the past, have been seriously eroded, and we're paying the price. Because of hustling lawyers and ignorant judges, doctors see their patients as potential plaintiffs. The cost: Doctors order diagnostic tests not with the view of helping their patients, but with a view of what they might say on the witness stand.



Walter Williams

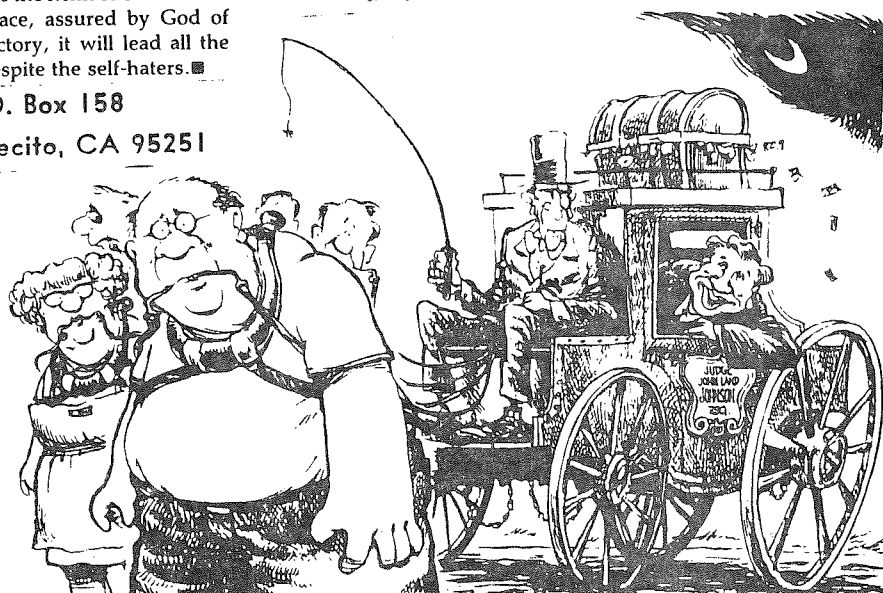
Businesses must limit themselves to very short planning horizons, thus restraining national growth, because they can't trust Congress and the courts. In other words, when you start a project with a 10-year payoff period, you'd like to be able to count on stable tax and business laws. Take, for example, Congress' recent tinkering wherein it prohibited adults-only housing projects on the grounds that they discriminate against families with children. Here you've built a development for adults and, with a stroke of the congressional pen, the value of your investment is reduced.

And it's not just business that suffers from distrust. Years ago, preparation for retirement was no more complicated than simply opening a savings account. You could trust that a dollar 10 to 20 years later would have roughly the same purchasing power. Congress, aided by the Federal Reserve Bank, has virtually destroyed long-term trust in our currency. As a result, preparation for retirement or for our children's needs is a riskier, more complicated proposition today.

Congress, through the Internal Revenue Service, requires taxpayers be notified in the case of underpayments, but IRS agents, under the threat of losing their jobs are not to notify taxpayers of overpayments — IRS just keeps the money. That's a great boost for taxpayer trust, honesty, and confidence.

Once lost, trust, like virginity, cannot be regained. But all these attacks on trust can be halted. Let's do it.

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"HOME, JAMES... AND DON'T SPARE THE TAXPAYERS!"

SOME REFLECTIONS ON THE PROBLEM OF DRUG USE AND DRUG ABUSE

COLIN BREWER



When I am in the mood for a little harmless and instructive amusement, I sometimes ask my alcoholic patients - having previously ascertained their usual daily consumption of alcohol and tobacco - "And do you use drugs?" The usual answer, and it is usually expressed with some vehemence, is to the effect that the patient most certainly does *not* take drugs, would never dream of doing so, and that drugs and those who use them are something close to the incarnation of evil. That kind of thing. Few patients seem aware of the irony or irrationality of their response. If I then put the obvious supplementary, "Do you not think that alcohol and tobacco are drugs?", some patients become a little angry while others, though sheepishly agreeing, indicate that they think the question rather unfair, which of course it isn't.

ONE MAN'S DRUG...

It actually goes to the root of attitudes to drug use in our society, where the characteristic sound of what passes for debate in most quarters is the sound of the users and pushers of conventional British recreational drugs deploring the habits and the users and pushers of slightly less conventional drugs with as little sense of irony as the most insightful of my patients. This is particularly true of the House of Commons whose licensing hours are by a considerable margin the most liberal in the country, whose members probably have rather more than their fair share of convictions for drunken driving and are sometimes manifestly under the influence of alcohol during debates on matters of national importance. This is not necessarily a bad thing, for alcohol can improve the flow of ideas as well as impair it. What is absurd, though highly symbolic of our irrational attitude to drugs, is the parliamentary convention that one may not accuse members either individually or in general of being drunk. Some MPs have so little sense of proportion - or contact with reality if you prefer - that when in a previous article I referred to this

state of affairs with almost oriental indirectness, I swear that the Honourable Members for Macclesfield and for Cheltenham - Mr. Nicholas Winterton and Mr. Charles Irving respectively - tried to have me dragged before the House, possibly in chains, for being in contempt of Parliament. Given that theirs was merely an extreme example of a common attitude, it is pointless to expect much in the way of sensible debate from our legislators. Let us try to do better in these pages.

A few inconvenient facts to begin with. Tobacco causes much more premature death and illness than all other drugs put together. The reply may correctly be made that at least tobacco doesn't cause people to go mad and beat their wives, as it were; but alcohol certainly does, and if by "drugs" are meant substances which affect the brain to an extent which can cause seriously unacceptable behaviour, then alcohol is far and away our most serious drug problem.

REAL VICTORIAN VALUES

In good Queen Victoria's golden days - which is how some members of the present Government apparently see them - official attitudes to drug-taking were relaxed to the point of invisibility. The Government's interest was almost entirely a fiscal one and, provided that the duty on dutiable drugs was paid promptly and in full, the great British public could get as drunk as it liked, and often did. There was a strong and quite effective temperance movement, but that was very much a private enterprise. Then as now, alcohol and tobacco were our main national drugs of use and abuse, but everything else could be had for the asking. When Marx referred to religion as the opium of the people, his metaphor was immediately understood because many people used opium. By no means all these users were addicted to it - in the sense of getting withdrawal symptoms if they discontinued it - because contrary to popular and, apparently, governmental belief, it is quite possible to use opiates, including heroin, on an occasional basis without developing physical dependence. Thomas de Quincey, author of *Confessions of an English Opium Eater*, used to take opium before taking a country walk or going to a concert. It is true that after about ten years of this occasional use he became physically addicted, but many of my alcoholic patients get physically addicted to alcohol in much less time than that. In any case, whatever harm opiates may do to one's social life, they are, unlike alcohol, without any lasting harmful effects on the organs of the body. Injection is naturally a more dangerous method of administration for any drug, but even injecting heroin causes no lasting physical damage provided that the heroin used is pure, and of known strength, and the equipment used to inject is properly sterilised.

Apart from opium, Victorians with a taste for the unusual

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FOR LIFE, LIBERTY AND PROPERTY



The things they'll say in Britain aren't like the Biased Media in this country; they tell the whole bloody truth, often!

could freely obtain almost as wide a range of drugs as is available today. Laughing gas was, after all, a product of early nineteenth-century technology, as was ether, and both of them were used for amusement - the Victorian equivalent of glue-sniffing - long before they were used for anaesthesia. They were the "designer drugs" of their day.

Like the present century, the nineteenth was one of exploration. The discovery and analysis of new plants meant in some cases the discovery of new drugs. Cocaine was one of these, as was marijuana. Both enjoyed a vogue in the last two or three decades of the nineteenth century and among those who testified to the virtues of Mariani's wine, which contained cocaine and was the Wincarnis of its day, was Queen Victoria herself. Another enthusiast was General - later President - Ulysses S. Grant, who is almost certainly not the only alcoholic to have reached the White House. Though not perhaps America's finest president, he gave us a few memorable phrases, including one which is very relevant to any discussion of illicit drug use: "I know of no method to secure the repeal of bad or obnoxious laws so effective as their stringent execution."

The end of the nineteenth century saw the modest epidemic of cocaine abuse but, like the earlier abuse of laughing gas and ether, the fad seems to have passed despite - or possible because of - the absence of the sort of screaming headlines which disfigure our newspapers today. Its disappearance was doubtless helped by legislation which made cocaine available only on prescription, but that merely put it in the same position as, say, Valium today. Few people seem to have stopped to consider why it was that most of the Indian inhabitants of the Andean states of South America use cocaine every day, and have done for hundreds of years, without much in the way of harm and indeed with considerable benefits. Similarly, those who insist that it is unreasonable to mention opium and alcohol in the same breath have to explain away the well-documented fact that even today, in several areas of South-East Asia, people smoke opium in the way that many people in Britain drink beer. That is to say that some do not use it at all, either because they disapprove of drug use or because they dislike the effects. Some use it occasionally. Many more use it regularly but in moderation. A few use it rather heavily and are undoubtedly physically addicted but manage to function quite well; while an even smaller number use it in a way which makes it difficult or impossible for them to carry out the necessary tasks of daily existence. Conversely, if alcohol is really such a harmless drug, how is it that it created so much social and physical havoc when it was introduced to societies such as the Polynesians and the North American Indians to whom it had previously been unfamiliar?

THE IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL CONTEXT

Although it is an oversimplification to say that one should talk about addictive drugs, the truth is that the addictive potential of a drug is usually very much less important than the context in which it is used. How else do we explain the fact that many hundreds of thousands of people in Britain every year receive injections of drugs whose effects are almost identical with those of heroin before or after surgical operations, with virtually no cases of subsequent addiction? One often hears patients say after receiving their pre-medication that the effects were delightful and that they can well understand how people can get addicted to things like that, yet virtually the only people in hospitals who actually do become addicted to

such drugs are doctors and nurses, who are tempted to use them in a different context and for different reasons.

There are so many reasons for deploring the legislative hysteria about "drugs", but one of the more ironic is that, with or without "treatment"⁷, most opiate addicts seem to grow out of their addiction some time in their twenties or thirties. Some stop or greatly reduce their abuse of all drugs including alcohol. A few transfer their allegiance to other illicit drugs. Many become dependent on alcohol instead which may be legally less hazardous but medically more dangerous.

THE IDIOCY OF THE LAW

None of this is to deny that the abuse of drugs other than alcohol is a significant problem which damages many people and destroys a few, though far fewer than the numbers destroyed by alcohol, let alone tobacco. If the truly draconian penalties inflicted on the users and pushers of illicit drugs had led to a major reduction in their availability and use, it might be possible to justify present national - and international - policies despite the obvious libertarian objections. In reality, there is a growing consensus that these measures have made little impact and at the cost of sucking tens of thousands of people into a penal system which hardly even pretends to rehabilitate them. This is particularly deplorable because the evidence from the United States is that, although all methods of helping heroin addicts have a rather high failure rate, the best results - or at any rate the least bad - are obtained by programmes which operate within a legal framework. Virtually nothing of this kind exists in Britain, and indeed the Probation Service here contains a surprisingly large minority of people who feel that it is quite wrong to apply any sort of pressure to their clients even if they have entered into a legally binding agreement to do or not to do certain things. While it remains true that "you cannot train men for freedom in conditions of captivity", treatment as a condition of probation or imprisonment which deprives people of their liberty only at night or at weekends, combines a useful therapeutic potential for drug-related offenders with minimal restriction of liberty. The British prison system is not merely brutalising, filthy, and over-crowded, it is also - and with only a few exceptions - disastrously deficient in imagination and the willingness to experiment. Drunk or sober, it is the Members of Parliament responsible for the laws which send people to prison who bear a heavy moral responsibility for the conditions which exist there.

HYPOCRISY

The suspension of Ian Botham from first-class cricket for his admission that he had smoked marijuana is a splendid example of the hypocrisy which is at the very heart of the "drug problem". Several people have pointed out that he was suspended by a board which included at least two members who had been convicted of drunken driving - a type of behaviour considerably more dangerous to the health of the nation than the smoking of marijuana. While this lunatic dichotomy continues to dominate official thinking, it is useless to expect any improvement. Any country which gives honours and riches to the pushers and manufacturers of alcohol and tobacco while giving heavy prison sentences to the manufacturers, pushers and consumers of other drugs deserves all the problems it gets. Once again, Margaret Thatcher has got it right. We need to look more closely at some of those Victorian values.

FLORENCE ASTONISHER



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What's good for the goose ...

Letters

By Walter Williams
Columnist

The last several years have seen an increase in racial incidents in our nation. Ironically, many of these have occurred in places known historically for being racially tolerant. Civil rights organizations have blamed the Reagan administration, but the blame for this reckless draining of our reservoir of ethnic goodwill lies elsewhere.

Let's look at the pattern. When anti-black graffiti showed up at the University of Pennsylvania, the charges were that white racism and insensitivity were the culprits. However, when blacks murdered an Oriental student, or when they seek out white students to assault, intimidate, and rob, no similar charges of racism emerge.

For example: When black students, and a few whites, invited Black Muslim Minister Louis Farrakhan to address students, the University of Pennsylvania guaranteed his \$10,000 speaking fee and provided an auditorium. In response to questions about inviting Farrakhan to air his racial views on campus, the president's assistant hid behind the shield of "academic freedom" and free speech. Okay, I buy that.

But what if a group of students invited the grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan or the head of the White Aryan Movement to speak? Do you think the univer-

sity would have guaranteed the speaking fee and provided an auditorium?

Then there's Dartmouth College, which retains a black music professor who frequently uses the term "honky" in his classroom, yet he keeps his job. What if there was a white professor who used the word "nigger" in class? You can bet there'd be charges of racism and calls for his dismissal.

At Vassar College, a white student told a black student, during a heated exchange, that Marxism is for losers. The black student responded with racist barbs like "dirty Jews," "stupid Jews," and "f***ing Jews." The Vassar Spectator, the campus conservative student newspaper, planned to carry the story as its regular "Hypocrite of the Month" feature when the school ordered it not to run the issue.

The newspaper refused to abide by the order, so the college took away its funding and evicted the staff from its campus offices. No disciplinary action was taken against the black student, however.

Frustrated by these and other instances of uneven-handed treatment, some whites, who may never have been racists, are responding in ugly racist ways. Spineless, guilt-ridden do-gooders are creating a fertile recruiting ground for avowed racists.

Racial goodwill is also being damaged by reflexive charges of

racism. Some blacks have charged that "whites are racist by definition."

Then there was the Tawana Brawley hoax, wherein a young black woman alleged that she had been raped by a group of white men. The allegations were subsequently found to be baseless by a New York grand jury. There have also been cases where blacks have written racial graffiti and said it had been done by whites. One would think civil rights organizations would come down hard on these individuals, if not in the name of decency and fair play, at least in the name of the "Little Boy Who Cried Wolf."

After all, there is no better way to racially desensitize people than by way of hoaxes and empty charges of racism.

Decent, fair-minded Americans — black and white — shouldn't sit around and watch our reservoir of racial goodwill recklessly drained. We must have the guts to repudiate racial demagoguery.

College presidents may not care about principles, but they do care about money. Alumni and foundation donors should cut their financial support for colleges engaged in despicable practices like those at Dartmouth, Vassar, and a host of others. And parents should get off their duffs and spend more time finding out

what goes on at a college before shelling out \$18,000 a year in tuition.

Just as important, a letter to the institution's president should accompany the cut-off of funds. All of us should demand fair play. Black attacks on whites are just as racist and ugly as those of the Howard Beach whites who attacked blacks.

Evil triumphs when decent people sit in silence. Decent Americans better get it together before racial harlots take over the agenda of public opinion.

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Shame, shame on South Carolina! South Carolina has been my state of residence for 69 years. Over 30 of these years were spent in military service, and I participated in three wars. I looked forward to retiring in my home state.

I find it hard to believe that the South Carolina Legislature could react so negatively to a U.S. Supreme Court decision granting federal retirees the same tax privileges as state retirees. This is evidenced by an article in *The State* (April 29) indicating that the Senate Finance Committee had approved a plan whereby state retirees would have their retirement increased by an amount even greater than the exemption granted federal retirees for tax purposes.

South Carolina has always fought tenaciously to gain and hold any military installation. We have many sizable military installations in South Carolina; therefore, the state gains a goodly portion of its income from military personnel.

It also appears strange that *The State* would place a front-page story on the Supreme Court decision that states that the intent of the law was for all government retirees to be treated equally, then place in Section B the S.C. Legislature's proposal to raise South Carolina retirees' pay to cover any taxes they might have to pay, plus a 3 percent increase in their retired pay. This type action is not only unethical, but it circumvents the intent of the Supreme Court decision.

What has happened to South Carolina lawmakers' ideas on ethics and fairness?

JOHN H. HARDEN

RUSTY WOOMER ESCAPES FROM S. C. SEAT-BELT

The only S. C. murderer required to wear a seat-belt in June, Rusty Woomer obtained a deal of his execution. July will require all SC drivers to wear seat belts however.

Taking a Stand

The President of the United States, feeling the need to protest stridently threats to freedom and democracy in foreign countries, cancelled his tennis match with a senior Chinese leader. Next, he'll be refusing golf with a gent named Adolph!

Susan Packie

Francois Villon should Meet the Bad, Sad, Mad Lads that are Running Misgovernment in Dixie !

Columbians should send State-run elections City Council packing not necessarily honest

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for the citizens of a city to dissolve the ties that bind them to their City Council, a proper respect for the opinion of mankind demands that we make our reasons known: Our Council is incompetent, unresponsive and utterly out of touch with the citizens of this city.

With its new set of insanities on animal licensing and control, our Council has declared war on man, cat and dog in this city.

I, along with thousands of others, want to keep my cats, love them and protect them from the death camps and the tattoos our leaders have given us; the only way to do it is to send this bunch of busy-bodies packing.

THAD W. DREHER

Bureaucracy will inspire good behavior

Recently, a friend and I went to the highway department to discuss his driving record. He had a problem with his record, and as he was on the road for over 50,000 miles per year, he needed some professional advice on what to do about his driving problem.

I took my friend to the highway department and discussed his problem with members of the Highway Patrol. They handled the problem in a very professional manner and, after giving us some much-needed advice, referred us to the Records Section which is located on the second floor. The elevator there was about the size of a small clothes closet and moved at the pace of an hourly worker returning to work after a heavy lunch. When the elevator door finally opened, we found people sitting, standing, praying and cursing in a limited space. We signed in with a pen whose ink faded after our name was written, leaving an illegible signature. This office was understaffed and had no game plan whatsoever.

The moral of the story is that if you have a young person in your family whom you are trying to impress to walk the straight and narrow path, don't take him or her to the penitentiary to watch the prisoners watch TV, play ball or lift weights. Take him to the second floor of the highway department and let him see what he will go through if he violates the driving laws. I promise his driving will be perfect.

JOHN EARL DENNIS

I would like to address Mr. Harold F. Eberle's letter (May 9) concerning state-supervised elections. On the surface his reasoning sounds good, but his doublespeak is quickly seen through. His honest election theme is the sweetener added to get South Carolinians to swallow a bitter party subsidy pill.

As I recall from Mr. John B. Heaton's letter (April 30), the proposed piece of legislation has provisions such that political parties can receive funds from tax revenue. I agree with Mr. Heaton in that taxpayers should not be forced to fund political parties. Those who desire to support a particular party are obligated to accept the responsibility for funding them. If there is mischief occurring during the elections, it is the responsibility of the parties involved to police the actions of their members.

Money from the state will not enhance the integrity level of certain members of any party. I am currently subsidizing the losing efforts of many a failed Presidential campaigner, and I highly resent it. I see no reason to pursue this policy on a local level, no matter what the reason.

Finally, I recommend that Mr. Eberle consider asking the people of Panama if their state-supervised elections are all that honest.

M.D. JOHNSON

New local tax would hurt in several ways

For the fourth straight year, the Libertarian Party is fighting the local option sales tax, also known to Libertarians as the local unnecessary sales tax (LUST). It is important for people to realize that this bill would only lower property taxes temporarily. Local governments will just turn around and raise property taxes again. The bill won't stop this from happening.

This tax will harm S.C. citizens in the following ways:

(1) It will increase federal income taxes paid by many South Carolinians, because a deductible tax on property will be decreased and a nondeductible tax on sales will be increased, thus send needless extra dollars out of state.

(2) It will lower our standard of living. If sales taxes go up, retail buying will go down a little bit. This will hurt both consumers and retail businesses.

(3) It will decrease the creation of new jobs. Since retail sales will go down, businesses will not be

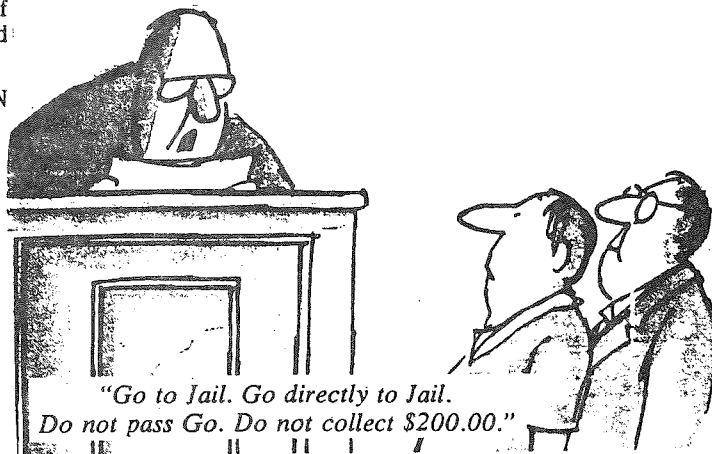
High Court Rejects Color Church's Zoning Suit

WASHINGTON(RNS)—A If any of your church's challenge to a county zoning ordinance has been rejected by the Supreme Court. The justices, without comment, turned down an appeal from Messiah Baptist Church in Jefferson County, Colo. friends are Baptist or any other sort of Christian, show them this story of how ZONING is used to destroy their religious rights to build in a so-called residence & agriculture zoo - I mean zone - in the U. S. !

In 1974, the congregation purchased an 80-acre parcel for the purpose of building new church facilities. But the property was in a zoning district that did not allow the construction of church buildings.

The county's board of commissioners rejected several requests by the church for an exemption from the zoning ordinance, which allowed only residential and agricultural use. If the zoners can get by with this; they can get by with almost any crime.

*The United States is one of the most
socialistic countries in the world.
It is not the freest country in the world
any longer.*



able to hire as many persons.

(4) It will hurt the poor and the elderly. Higher sales taxes will be a heavy blow to those with no money to spare.

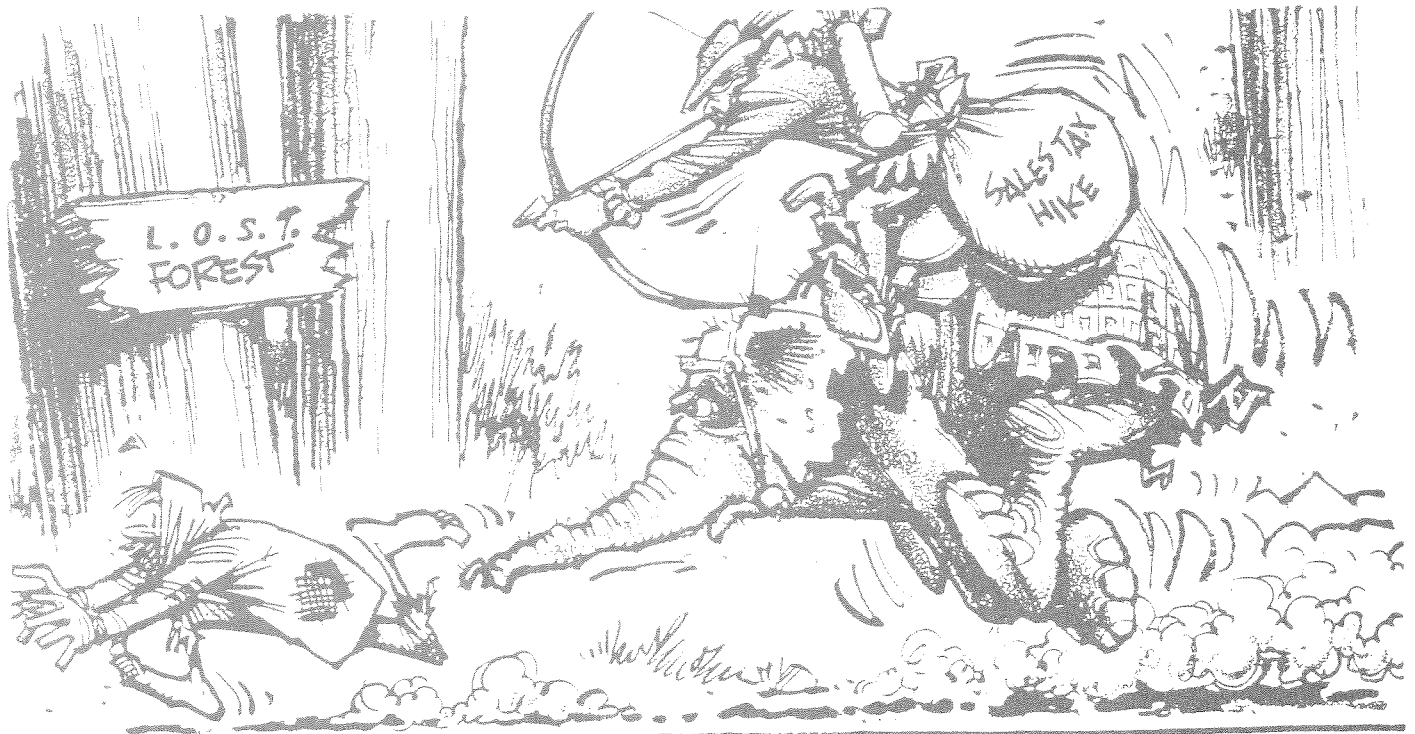
(5) It will encourage waste and discourage privatization. Local government should realize that private companies, competing in the free market, can offer better services at less cost. But most elected officials don't seem interested in frugality or efficiency. They would rather have more of our money to waste, and the worst thing we could do would be to give them more of it.

DAVID MORRIS

The Polish Communist press greatly praises Pope John Paul II for his encyclical "Solicitude in Social Matters" because "it offers a political line which must be followed by all spiritual leaders." ("Politeya")

"It shows a new attitude toward the realities of Socialist countries and the necessity of finding an agreement with Socialism, through renewing the social doctrine of the church."

Local Option Sales Tax - LOST - Robbing Hoods Take from TAXED PAYERS & Give to Tax-Eaters



Hood — He takes from the poor and gives to the rich!

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